

The end of all Religion!

Do you worship God in spirit and truth?^(Pg 14)

What did Jesus mean when he said you must be perfect?^(Pg 5)

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The "Holy Roman Church" of the dark ages is the religious group most notorious for burning and torturing many thousands of people to death.^(see insert) The reformation Protestant groups that broke free of that apostasy developed their own "new doctrines." Often, however, their new doctrine made them just as wicked as the sect they fled. The Anabaptists,^(VVV) for example, *chained* Maria Beckum to a stake in 1544 AD and burned her alive in the name of their new religion. Does your sect kill the people who disagree with them, or do they just judge them wicked and lost to God?^(L) Does being part of a more mature religious sect, one that claims to know all about the Bible and has learned to pretend not to judge and do harm to others, does that mean you are serving God and approved by him?^(N)

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Please understand this to be different from what you have previously heard said in the name of Jesus Christ. It is not, however, yet another or a new religion. We don't want you to follow us or put faith in "our" teachings.^(LLL) God spoke to mankind in many ways^(TT) before his son started the preaching work. Since Jesus started to teach, however, God has said only one thing to mankind: Listen to my son.^(TT – Mat 3:17) We repeat that command from God, and our encouragement to listen to his son is the only thing we want you to hear from us. Please do realize: The one and only way you can listen to the son of God in our day in time, is by reading the God inspired Bible record of his dealings with mankind from the Bible Books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

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If you don’t know the answer to the questions presented on the cover, it exposes your religious leaders. They have failed to provide you the basic teachings by Christ! Critics will assert this writing is simplistic and repetitive. They are right! Our simple repeating message is to help you recognize the blessings and comfort available in the short and simple teachings by Jesus Christ (in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). We don’t want anything from you; we want to give you something. Please do take time to read the included scriptural footnotes. Apart from that wisdom from God, the booklet would be just the opinions of men. Scriptural wisdom from God’s Word,^(GGGG – 2 Tim 3:16) however, means your life and will bring you happiness.^(EEEE)

Are you aware God prophesied the destruction of all religion?^A Do you understand why He has judged religion? It is easy for most people to see why groups that teach their followers to kill and maim those who disagree with their form of worship need to be done away with. Many can understand why God would destroy such groups (if the individual members *refuse* to change. Righteous individuals from among those groups may be saved, of course, by turning to Christ.) While recognizing the bad works done by many religions they are not connected with, few people seem able to sincerely and openly examine their own form of worship. They seem unable to examine whether their sect is really different from those who spread hate, or is just pretending to be better. Most individuals seem to have decided they like what their group is telling them, right or wrong.^{B & (GGGG)} The

^A Revelation 17:1-2 CEV One of the seven angels who had emptied the bowls came over and said to me, "Come on! I will show you how God will punish that shameless prostitute who sits on many oceans. (2) Every king on earth has slept with her, and her shameless ways are like wine that has made everyone on earth drunk."~

Revelation 17:7 CEV and the angel said: Why are you so amazed? I will explain the mystery about this woman and about the beast she is sitting on, with its seven heads and ten horns.~

Revelation 17:15 CEV The oceans that you saw the prostitute sitting on are crowds of people from all races and languages.~

Revelation 17:18 CEV The woman you saw is the great city that rules (by religion) over all kings on earth.~

Revelation 18:23-24 ESV (23) and the light of a lamp will shine in you (religion) no more, and the voice of bridegroom and bride will be heard in you no more, for your merchants were the great ones of the earth, and all nations were deceived by your sorcery. (24) And in her was found the blood of [God's] prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth."~

Revelation 17:16 CEV The ten horns and the beast (the governments) will start hating the shameless woman (religion). They will strip off her clothes and leave her naked. Then they will eat her flesh (her riches) and throw the rest of her body into a fire.

^B 2 Timothy 4:3-4 ESV For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to (tickle their ears) suit their own passions,

leaders of all sects, to be sure, warn their followers not to even consider what we say. They rather demand their followers “just trust them,” as they counsel them never to doubt “the faith”^{C & (P)} (held by their sect). Recognizing the harm done by so many religious groups should beg the question from all reasonable people: Are all forms of worship just more religion, or is there something better? The Bible (not what men say the Bible says, mind you) is worthy of your consideration as a source of the answer. In its pages, it makes clear what is available *besides religion*. The Bible teaches there is one true God,^D and that he sent his son to sacrifice his very life to save us from the sentence of death (which we inherited from the rebellion by our first parents). Because Adam made himself imperfect by his sin, all his sons and daughters are born imperfect and dying.^E Christ died to give us back our gift of life,^F and, *to teach us to know his Father.*^(S)

(4) and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths (doctrines of men).

^C John 7:46-49 GW The temple guards answered, "No human has ever spoken like this man." (47) The Pharisees asked the temple guards, "Have you been deceived too? (48) Has any ruler or any Pharisee believed in him? (49) This crowd is cursed because it doesn't know Moses' Teachings."

^D 1 Corinthians 8:5-6 GW People may say that there are gods in heaven and on earth-many gods and many lords, as they would call them. (6) But for us, "There is only one God, the Father. Everything came from him, and we live for him. There is only one Lord, Jesus Christ. Everything came into being through him, and we live because of him."

^E Visit: justbibletruth.com/HowCanFaithHelp.pdf

^F Hebrews 10:5-13 GNB For this reason, when Christ was about to come into the world, he said to God: "You do not want sacrifices and offerings, but you have prepared a body for me. (6) You are not pleased with animals burned whole on the altar or with sacrifices to take away sins. (7) Then I said, 'Here I am, to do your will, O God, just as it is written of me in the book of the Law.' " [Psalm 40:6-8] (8) First he said, "You neither want nor are you pleased with sacrifices and offerings or with animals burned on the altar and the sacrifices to take away sins." He said this even though all these sacrifices are offered according to the Law. (9) Then he said, "Here I am, O God, to do your will." So God does away with all the old sacrifices and puts the sacrifice

Jesus did mention why some people prefer to remain followers of men rather than of God's son. He warned some would seek teachers for themselves to "tickle their ears."^(B) Whatever it is you desire to do or believe, you can find a sect that will accept and approve you *right along with those beliefs*. Some people like that: By seeking their approval from other men and women, no matter what they did during the week, they can gather on Sunday and have those people pat them on the back and encourage them for being "in the truth" or "in the faith." When any person or group raises themselves up to pretend or even imagine they have ability and/or authority from God to approve and disapprove others,^(U) it also means they are people who are easily deceived themselves. That is because, having imagined themselves judges,^(L) & ^(DDD) they demonstrate they are not grounded in the truth of Jesus's words.^(U) Their followers can easily learn to say and do the things to gain the approval of such self-righteous and self-appointed judges. Then the group as a whole, having manipulated a favorable judgment for and among themselves, imagine they are approved by God. They are not approved by God if they have not listened to the son God sent to teach them!^(TT) & ^(S) Rather, most have bowed before mere humans by expressing faith in the approval of their own chosen judges.⁶ Members of such religions bless and approve each other,

of Christ in their place. (10) Because Jesus Christ did what God wanted him to do, we are all purified from sin by the offering that he made of his own body once and for all. (11) Every Jewish priest performs his services every day and offers the same sacrifices many times; but these sacrifices can never take away sins. (12) Christ, however, offered one sacrifice for sins, an offering that is effective forever, and then he sat down at the right side of God. (13) There he now waits until God puts his enemies as a footstool under his feet.

⁶ Colossians 2:20-23 GNB You have died with Christ and are set free from the ruling spirits of the universe. Why, then, do you live as though you belonged to this world? Why do you obey such rules as (21) "Don't handle this," "Don't taste that," "Don't touch the other"? (22) All these refer to things which become useless once they are used; they are only human rules and teachings. (23) Of course such rules appear to be based on wisdom in their forced worship of angels, and false humility, and severe treatment of the body; but they have no real value...

deceiving themselves to imagine the blessing by their group also means God's blessing.^(N) The opposite of the teachings of men,^(V) the actual teachings by Jesus give us the chance to be friends of God based on truth.^(QQ) Jesus teachings set us free of the lies and beliefs of men.^(Y) His teachings also make us accountable to God.^H Being accountable is a good thing! You must choose accountability before you can become God's friend. If you truly know Christ, you will know how to please his Father. Jesus put doing his Father's will above even his own life.^{I & (F)} Jesus set the example for us all!

In addition to providing the sacrifice for our eternal life, Jesus was sent to teach us what God wants us to know.^J *Please understand this simple truth: Obeying what you personally know Jesus Christ taught is the one and only form of worship acceptable to God.*

Following what Christ taught is the only thing that can keep you free of religion. Even having that knowledge, you must remain cautious: Jesus warned many people are being fooled.^(N) Just please realize how easy it is to examine whether you are one of those being deceived, or

^H John 15:22 GNB They would not have been guilty of sin if I had not come and spoken to them; as it is, they no longer have any excuse for their sin.~

Matthew 12:36-37 GNB "You can be sure that on the Judgment Day you will have to give account of every useless word you have ever spoken. (37) Your words will be used to judge you---to declare you either innocent or guilty."

^I John 4:34 CEV Jesus said: My food [*what sustains my life*] is to do what God wants! He is the one who sent me, and I must finish the work that he gave me to do.~

Matthew 26:39 CEV Jesus walked on a little way. Then he knelt with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, don't make me suffer by having me drink from this cup [*suffer his imminent death*]. But do what you want, and not what I want."

^J John 17:6-8 CEV [Father] You have given me some followers from this world, and I have shown them what you are like. They were yours, but you gave them to me, and they have obeyed you. (7) They know that you gave me everything I have. (8) I told my followers what you told me, and they accepted it. They know that I came from you, and they believe that you are the one who sent me.

are one of Jesus's true followers. Ask yourself this: Do you know what it requires on your part to be made perfect in the sight of God? It's a simple question. You should realize within yourself that if you don't know the answer, you have not been surrounding yourself with people teaching you to listen to Jesus. Could not knowing how you are made perfect be an indication you don't really know Jesus Christ at all, or probably more importantly, that you are not known by him?^(N) Being made perfect requires more than saying the words Jesus said, it means doing the simple things he taught.^(Y) Since Jesus came to tell us we must become perfect, and went on to explain how to do so, isn't that something you should know? Jesus said: **(Matthew 5:43-48) MWT 43** "You heard that it was said, 'You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴ However, I say to you: Continue to **love your enemies and to pray for those persecuting you;**⁴⁵ **that you may prove yourselves sons of your Father who is in the heavens,** since he makes his sun rise upon wicked people and good and makes it rain upon righteous people and unrighteous.⁴⁶ For if you love those loving you, what reward do you have? Are not also the tax collectors doing the same thing?⁴⁷ And if you greet your brothers only, what extraordinary thing are you doing? Are not also the pagans doing the same thing?⁴⁸ **You must accordingly be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect...** So then, if you claim to be a follower of Jesus Christ, doesn't his command (Mat 5:48) mean you should know you are made perfect in God's judgment by your choice to have love for other people, especially those who hate you? Jesus said the entire Bible actually exists to teach us how to love God and other people.^K So... Should you join or remain in a group who actually spreads hate by

^K Matthew 22:34-40 CEV After Jesus had made the Sadducees (religious leaders) look foolish, the Pharisees (a different sect's religious leaders) heard about it and got together. (35) One of them was an expert in the Jewish Law. So he tried to test Jesus by asking, (36) **"Teacher, what is the most important commandment in the Law?"** (37) **Jesus answered: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. (38) This is the first and most important commandment. (39) The second most important commandment is like this one. And it is, "Love others as much as you love yourself." (40) All the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets are based on these two commandments.**

judging non-members to be wicked and lost to God?^L Having love for all people is the simple and very distinct difference between all the many religions of this world, and the single and only non-religious and God approved form of worship: Christianity. *Simply follow Jesus Christ!* It's easy to say you love everyone, but actually doing so, day in and day out, is impossible apart from the influence of Christ in your life. Always remember this statement because it is how you can know we are not misleading you: Our only encouragement is to read what Jesus taught. Surely you can know that can't be bad counsel! As you sit at the feet of Jesus (by reading what is recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) you make yourself witness as he dealt with all kinds of people. That is the only thing that can teach you how to treat others; teach you how to love all people. Actually listening to Jesus is the singular way you can learn.

"I know God^(PP) and I call the name of his son on myself so I can know I have their blessing." Really? Are you sure it's that simple?^M About now you are likely thinking: "OK, I get what you're saying. What those people who kill others in the name of their God have is religion, but that's not true me." Please note the fore-warning given by Christ himself: Jesus said many people would come to him in the last day asserting they are saved by their expression of faith in him, only to have him tell them to get away because he didn't know them at all. He went on to explain he didn't know them because they had remained "workers of lawlessness."^N Each one he will reject probably belonged

^L **(Matthew 7:1-5) 7** "Stop judging that you may not be judged; ² for with what judgment you are judging, you will be judged; and with the measure that you are measuring out, they will measure out to you. ³ Why, then, do you look at the straw in your brother's eye, but do not consider the rafter in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Allow me to extract the straw from your eye'; when, look! a rafter is in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First extract the rafter from your own eye, and then you will see clearly how to extract the straw from your brother's eye.

^M **James 2:19 GW** You believe that there is one God. That's fine! The demons also believe that, and they tremble with fear.

^N **(Matthew 7:21-23) ²¹** "Not everyone saying to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but the one doing the will of my Father who is in

to some sect of men and women who were assuring them they were Christians. They clearly had not, however, been listening to *Jesus himself*. So, according to Jesus's own words, even if you know you should use his name, that does not mean you are one who is known by him.^(M) Jesus made clear why those people are unknown to him, and why they will be rejected.^O When Jesus explained they will be rejected because they remain "workers of lawlessness,"^(N) he convicts them that they either didn't really listen to his words, or they were not doing what he said. They had allowed themselves to be deceived by someone. And, it was likely someone who assured them they were following Jesus.^(P) There is danger here! Because some group is telling you Jesus said this thing or that, or promises you are being blessed by God for following them, does not mean it is true.

Jesus cautioned we must guard against false teachers and prophets. Just prior to telling us about the people he will reject,^(N) Jesus said we can recognize false teachers by the fruits they produce.^P

the heavens will. ²² Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and expel demons in your name, and perform many powerful works in your name?' ²³ And yet then I will confess to them: I never knew YOU! Get away from me, YOU workers of lawlessness.

^O **(Matthew 7:24-27)** ²⁴ "Therefore everyone that hears these sayings of mine and does them will be likened to a discreet man, who built his house upon the rock-mass. ²⁵ And the rain poured down and the floods came and the winds blew and lashed against that house, but it did not cave in, for it had been founded upon the rock-mass. ²⁶ Furthermore, everyone hearing these sayings of mine and not doing them will be likened to a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. ²⁷ And the rain poured down and the floods came and the winds blew and struck against that house and it caved in, and its collapse was great."

^P **(Matthew 7:13-20)** ¹³ "Go in through the narrow gate; because broad and spacious is the road leading off into destruction, and many are the ones going in through it; ¹⁴ whereas narrow is the gate and cramped the road leading off into life, and few are the ones finding it. ¹⁵ "Be on the watch for the false prophets that come to you in sheep's covering, but inside they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruits you will recognize them. Never do people gather grapes from thorns or figs from thistles, do they? ¹⁷ Likewise every good tree produces fine fruit, but every rotten tree produces worthless fruit; ¹⁸ a good tree cannot bear worthless fruit, neither can a rotten tree produce fine fruit.

What, then, is *religious fruitage*, and how can you tell it from the good fruit produced by Christians? The simplest and easiest to identify good fruitage is evident in whether someone *directs* you to read for yourself what Jesus Christ actually said, including, of course, his warnings against false prophets.^(P) Or, do they rather *misdirect* you to a study of the organizational written materials they have produced or to listening to their “preachers” and “teachers”?^(U) Each one of the many and varied religious sects call their doctrinal materials “Bible study aids,” or some similar nice sounding misrepresentation. Don’t be fooled by them. By the act of producing their own written doctrine, the doctrine which is then followed and taught by their sectarian elders and teachers, they are going beyond what is recorded in the inspired word of God.^Q (The thing that exempts this material from being just more foolish religious propaganda (more babel) is this simple fact: We [justbibletruth.com] always direct you, many times over, to read the Gospels of Christ. We also warn you to put his teachings above our understanding.) In reality, of course, having love for every person is the greatest identifying mark of Christians.^R You must be careful, however, because people are able to feign love to some degree. Pretending to have love is what makes fake Christians wolves in *sheep’s covering*.^(P) God knows (or is learning) who is good and who is bad. Not one person is fooling him! We, on the other hand, don’t have the ability to judge. So... We must love everyone as we wait on God to render judgment.^(DDD) People might be able to *pretend* they love you, but those who claim to worship God can never hide whether they are spreading the teachings of Jesus Christ, or are seeking glory for their

¹⁹ Every tree not producing fine fruit gets cut down and thrown into the fire.

²⁰ Really, then, by their fruits (lack of love)^(K) you will recognize those [men].

^Q **(1 Corinthians 4:6)** ⁶ Now, brothers, these things I have transferred so as to apply to myself and Apollos for your good, that in our case you may learn the [rule]: “**Do not go beyond the things that are written [Bible],**” in order that you may not be puffed up individually, favoring the one over the other.

^R **John 13:34-35 GW** "I'm giving you a new commandment: Love each other in the same way that I have loved you. (35) Everyone will know that you are my disciples because of your love for each other."

sect by directing you to their own doctrinal teachings.^(S – John 7:18) Each of them will, of course, proclaim their doctrine to be the truth of God. Just please note: If a group ties your salvation to their sect, and insist you must have them approve your life choices, you are being misled. Jesus actual followers will always encourage you to have a personal relationship with Christ that is built on familiarity with the Gospel recordings of what he said. *It is just that simple!* To be a Christian, you must spend time becoming part of Jesus’s family (by sitting at his feet). You must realize the only way to sit at Jesus’s feet in our day in time is by reading his words.^(YYY) That is the only thing that can make you happy;^(EEEE) and, give you purpose in life.

How, then, can we use these things Jesus said to be certain we are his true followers; and not just religious? And, how can we know if someone (including the writer of this booklet) is really directing us to Christ, or trying to mislead us to become part of their sect? Jesus gave another way to know! Just consider: Whose glory do they seek? Are they seeking their own glory, or the glory of the one who sent them? Jesus said people could know he was the son of God, and that they should believe and follow only him, because he was not seeking his own glory but the glory of the one who sent him.⁵ He told us to give glory to God.⁷ Jesus’s true followers can be identified in a similar way.

⁵ **(John 7:14-18)** ¹⁴ When by now the festival was half over, Jesus went up into the temple and began teaching. ¹⁵ Therefore the Jews fell to wondering, saying: “How does this man have a knowledge of letters, when he has not studied at the schools?” ¹⁶ Jesus, in turn, answered them and said: “What I teach is not mine, but belongs to him that sent me. ¹⁷ If anyone desires to do His will, he will know concerning the teaching whether it is from God or I speak of my own originality. ¹⁸ He that speaks of his own originality is seeking his own glory; but he that seeks the glory of him that sent him, this one is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

⁷ **Romans 15:7 GW** Therefore, accept each other in the same way that Christ accepted you. He did this to bring glory to God.~

Luke 18:18-19 CEV An important man asked Jesus, "Good Teacher, what must I do to have eternal life?" (19) Jesus said, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good.~

Christians seek the glory of Christ (as our God appointed savior and teacher) by directing everyone to read his teachings (the Gospels) for themselves. That is the only safe way to learn what Jesus taught, and to understand what his Father wants us to know.⁽⁵⁾ If you don't get anything else we say in this booklet, please understand this: The only way you can be certain you are being taught what the son of God actually said is by reading his words in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It is not hard to understand or do! Other men and women can help you realize your need to listen to Christ, and to see how important that need is, but that's all they have to offer. Once you actually recognize your need to listen to Jesus, you are set free of being dependent on other humans. Jesus cautioned against depending on men and women as he made clear he must be your only guide!^U If other people want to join with you in a study of the Gospels, that's

Matthew 19:16-17 CEV A man came to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to have eternal life?" (17) Jesus said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? Only God is good. If you want to have eternal life, you must obey his commandments."

^U **(Matthew 23:1-15) 23** Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying: ² "The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the seat of Moses. ³ Therefore all the things they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds, for they say but do not perform. ⁴ They bind up heavy loads and put them upon the shoulders of men, but they themselves are not willing to budge them with their finger. ⁵ **All the works they do they do to be viewed by men; for they broaden the [scripture-containing] cases that they wear as safeguards, and enlarge the fringes [of their garments].** ⁶ **They like the most prominent place at evening meals and the front seats in the synagogues,** ⁷ **and the greetings in the marketplaces and to be called Rabbi by men.** ⁸ **But YOU, do not YOU be called Rabbi, for one is YOUR teacher, whereas all YOU are brothers.** ⁹ **Moreover, do not call anyone YOUR father on earth, for one is YOUR Father, the heavenly One.** ¹⁰ **Neither be called 'leaders,' for YOUR Leader is one, the Christ.** ¹¹ But the greatest one among YOU must be YOUR minister. ¹² Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. ¹³ "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because YOU shut up the kingdom of the heavens before men; for YOU yourselves do not go in, neither do YOU permit those on their way in to go in. ¹⁴ _____ ¹⁵ "Woe to YOU, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because YOU traverse sea and dry land to make one proselyte, and when he becomes one YOU make him a subject for Gehenna twice as much so as yourselves.

great... Just don't let them misdirect you by trying to teach you from other books and materials. The way to study what Jesus taught is simply by reading one of the Gospel records of his teachings through from beginning to end.^(GGG)

So... Where do all these sectarian religious groups come from; they and their teachings? The answer is simple: They are all dreamt up and created by humans^V (under the influence of Satan).^W Anything men make the choice to worship becomes their God.^X Even when they claim Christ is a part of their made up religion, that does not make them Christians. Christians are defined to *be Christians* by the simple

^V **(Matthew 15:7-9)** ⁷ You hypocrites, Isaiah aptly prophesied about you, when he said, ⁸ 'This people honors me with their lips, yet their heart is far removed from me. ⁹ It is in vain that they keep worshipping me, because they teach commands of men as doctrines.'"

^W **1 John 5:19-21 GNB** We know that we belong to God even though the whole world is under the rule of the Evil One. (20) We know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we know the true God. We live in union with the true God--in union with his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and this is eternal life. (21) My children, keep yourselves safe from false gods!

^X **Isaiah 44:13-20 CEV** Some woodcarver measures a piece of wood, then draws an outline. The idol is carefully carved with each detail exact. At last it looks like a person and is placed in a temple. (14) Either cedar, cypress, oak, or any tree from the forest may be chosen. Or even a pine tree planted by the woodcarver and watered by the rain. (15) Some of the wood is used to make a fire for heating or for cooking. One piece is made into an idol, then the woodcarver bows down and worships it. (16) He enjoys the warm fire and the meat that was roasted over the burning coals. (17) Afterwards, he bows down to worship the wooden idol. "Protect me!" he says. "You are my god." (18) Those who worship idols are stupid and blind! (19) They don't have enough sense to say to themselves, "I made a fire with half of the wood and cooked my bread and meat on it. Then I made something worthless with the other half. Why worship a block of wood?" (20) How can anyone be stupid enough to trust something that can be burned to ashes? No one can save themselves like that. Don't they realize that the idols they hold in their hands are not really gods?

act of remaining in [*following, or "living in"*] the teaching of Jesus.^Y The sad fact is, many religious people are sincere and actually do believe in the sect they ~~follow~~ *worship*. (An example of such credulity is the young apostle Paul when he murdered Stephen. Paul killed Stephen because Paul was deceived and misled by his religious leaders.^(AA) Until Christ personally taught him better, Paul remained a "worker of iniquity" and a Doeg.^Z [A Doeg is a thoughtless and unquestioning follower of some man or group because of the human prominence or popularity of those men.])^{AA} Many who read this material may say

^Y John 8:31-32 CEV Jesus told the people who had faith in him, "If you [*remain in my teachings*] keep on obeying what I have said, you truly are my disciples. (32) You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

^Z Visit: justbibletruth.com/BeingADoeg.html and/or read 1 Samuel 21:1-22:23.

^{AA} Acts 6:8-15 GNB Stephen, a man richly blessed by God and full of power, performed great miracles and wonders among the people. (9) But he was opposed by some men who were members of the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), which had Jews from Cyrene and Alexandria. They and other Jews (religious people) from the provinces of Cilicia and Asia started arguing with Stephen. (10) But the Spirit gave Stephen such wisdom that when he spoke, they could not refute him. (11) So they bribed some men to say, "We heard him speaking against Moses and against God!" (12) In this way they stirred up the people, the elders, and the teachers of the Law. They seized Stephen and took him before the Council. (13) Then they brought in some men to tell lies about him. "This man," they said, "is always talking against our sacred Temple and the Law of Moses. (14) We heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will tear down the Temple and change all the customs which have come down to us from Moses!" (15) All those sitting in the Council fixed their eyes on Stephen and saw that his face looked like the face of an angel.~

Acts 7:1-2 GNB The High Priest asked Stephen, "Is this true?" (2) Stephen answered, "Brothers and fathers, listen to me...~ In the omitted verses, Stephen gives a beautiful and thorough witness, based on their Jewish history, as to why the religious leaders should put faith in Christ.~

Acts 7:51-60 GNB "How stubborn you are!" Stephen went on to say. "How heathen your hearts, how deaf you are to God's message! You are just like your ancestors: you too have always resisted the Holy Spirit! (52) Was there any prophet that your ancestors did not persecute?"

“amen” to our words when they hear us expose the bad in the religious groups they are not associated with. Few, however, seem able to apply Jesus’s words to examine their own religious beliefs. Refusal to examine your faith in the light of what Jesus said can be an indication you have religion and not Christianity. It can keep Jesus from knowing you and from being able to help you. It might even mean you don’t really know him.^{BB} If your religious leaders aren’t directing you to read the Gospels, and to view them as your only source of doctrine, they are wolves in sheep’s covering.^(P) Expecting you to follow their doctrine, by demanding you accept their religious

They killed God's messengers, who long ago announced the coming of his righteous Servant. And now you have betrayed and murdered him. (53) You are the ones who received God's law, that was handed down by angels---yet you have not obeyed it!" (54) As the members of the Council listened to Stephen, they became furious and ground their teeth at him in anger. (55) But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw God's glory and Jesus standing at the right side of God. (56) "Look!" he said. "I see heaven opened and the Son of Man standing at the right side of God!" (57) With a loud cry the Council members covered their ears with their hands. Then they all rushed at him at once, (58) threw him out of the city, and stoned him. **The witnesses left their cloaks in the care of a young man named Saul. (This one overseeing the murder of Stephen was they young apostle Paul.)** (59) They kept on stoning Stephen as he called out to the Lord, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" (60) He knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord! Do not remember this sin against them!" He said this and died.

^{BB} **(John 8:42-47)** ⁴² Jesus said to them: "If God were your Father, you would love me, for from God I came forth and am here. Neither have I come of my own initiative at all, but that One sent me forth. ⁴³ **Why is it you do not know what I am speaking [why do you not understand what I say]?** Because you cannot listen to my word. ⁴⁴ You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of YOUR father. That one was a manslayer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of [the lie]. ⁴⁵ Because I, on the other hand, tell the truth, you do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Who of you convicts me of sin? If I speak truth, why is it YOU do not believe me? ⁴⁷ He that is from God listens to the sayings of God. This is why YOU do not listen, because YOU are not from God." (We are all born under the influence of Satan. We must each one make the conscious decision and effort to follow Christ.)

books, magazines and teachings as a source of spiritual food (in addition to the Bible, or even in place of it), is always bad fruit. If they assert you must be and remain an approved member of their cult to gain life, that's bad fruit. This ain't rocket science! Just open your eyes to the evidence. When you meet together with any group, do you actually read and study what Jesus said by using the Bible? Or, does your sect rather consume your time and energy studying publications their organization has produced and blessed? Does your group sit and listen to some person drone on about what they or their leaders believe, while those who are listening try and abdicate their responsibility to know Christ personally? Don't continue to be deceived by them.

[Jesus came to explain a new way of worshiping God: In Spirit and Truth!](#) Jesus set the world on its end by his teachings. Our world calendar system is based on his birth. Most everyone alive on this planet has heard of Jesus Christ. That Jesus came to sacrifice his life to buy ours^{CC} is what is more commonly known about him. [Jesus also](#)

^{CC} Hebrews 9:28 LITV so Christ having been once offered "to bear *the* sins of many," Christ shall appear a second *time* without sin to those expecting Him for salvation. *Isa. 53:12~*

Isaiah 53:1-12 CEV Has anyone believed us or seen the mighty power of the LORD [**יהוה**] in action? (2) Like a young plant or a root that sprouts in dry ground, the servant grew up obeying [**יהוה**]. He wasn't some handsome king. Nothing about the way he looked made him attractive to us. (3) He was hated and rejected; his life was filled with sorrow and terrible suffering. No one wanted to look at him. We despised him and said, "He is a nobody!" (4) He suffered and endured great pain for us, but we thought his suffering was punishment from God. (5) He was wounded and crushed because of our sins; by taking our punishment, he made us completely well. (6) All of us were like sheep that had wandered off. We had each gone our own way, but [**יהוה**] gave him the punishment we deserved. (7) He was painfully abused, but he did not complain. He was silent like a lamb being led to the butcher, as quiet as a sheep having its wool cut off. (8) He was condemned to death without a fair trial. Who could have imagined what would happen to him? His life was taken away because of the

came to teach us what God wants us to know.^(S) & ^(TT) That includes *teaching us a new way to worship his Father*. For our day (as it has been for the last 2000 years), you must make the choice to believe and follow what Jesus said if you want God's blessing and help. You also need to think about where we live in the stream of time in order to appreciate what God is doing for our day. If you were to read in the Bible that God is building an ark today, you'd need to grab a hammer and pitch in. For our day, however, we are not building arks. *One thing we do need to do* is learn the new way of worshipping God which Jesus taught. Even though it is easy and simple, it is not well recognized. It is not well understood because it has been kept hidden by religion. The way Jesus taught us to worship God is now being revealed because *it is God's due time* for it to be *employed!* It is time for it to be revealed because we have arrived at the end of this old world system^{DD} and the

sinful things my people had done. (9) He wasn't dishonest or violent, but he was buried in a tomb of cruel and rich people. (10) [יהוה] decided his servant would suffer as a sacrifice to take away the sin and guilt of others. Now the servant will live to see his own descendants (all those he bought life for). He did everything [יהוה] had planned. (11) By suffering, the servant will learn the true meaning of obeying [יהוה] . Although he is innocent, he will take the punishment for the sins of others, so that many of them will no longer be guilty. (12) [יהוה] will reward him with honor and power for sacrificing his life. Others thought he was a sinner, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us.

^{DD} Matthew 24:3-14 GNB As Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him in private. "Tell us when all this will be," they asked, "and what will happen to show that it is the time for your coming and the end of the age." (4) Jesus answered, "Watch out, and do not let anyone fool you. (5) Many men, claiming to speak for me, will come and say, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will fool many people. (6) You are going to hear the noise of battles close by and the news of battles far away; but do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but they do not mean that the end has come. (7) Countries will fight each other; kingdoms will attack one another. There will be famines and earthquakes everywhere. (8) All these things are like the first pains of childbirth. (9) "Then you will be arrested and handed over to be punished and be put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. (10) Many will give up their faith at that time; they will betray one

restoration^{EE} of paradise under Christ's kingdom rule.^{(MMMM) & (XX)} It is time for God's servants to know how to properly worship him, in part, because people need to know how to survive.^{(OOOO) & (E)} Today, salvation does not present itself in your building an ark, but in exercising faith in what Jesus was sent to teach. Jesus taught us how to draw on his Father's spirit to help ourselves.^{FF} That means you have

another and hate one another. (11) Then many false prophets will appear and fool many people. (12) Such will be the spread of evil that many people's love will grow cold. (13) But whoever holds out to the end will be saved. (14) And this Good News about the Kingdom will be preached through all the world for a witness to all people; and then the end will come.

^{EE} Acts 3:18-23 ALT "But what [*things*] God announced beforehand by [*the*] mouth of all His prophets, [*that*] the Christ [*would*] suffer, He fulfilled in this manner. (19) Therefore, repent and turn back [*to God*] in order for your sins to be blotted out, in order that times of refreshing shall come from [*the*] face [*fig., presence*] of the Lord [*God*] (20) and [*that*] He shall send the One having been appointed for you—Jesus Christ, (21) whom it is necessary [*for*] heaven indeed to receive until [*the*] times of restoration of all [*things*] of which God spoke by [*the*] mouth of all His holy prophets from [*the earliest*] age. (22) "For Moses indeed said to the fathers, 'The LORD [*יהוה*] our God will raise up for you a Prophet like to me from your brothers; Him you will hear [*or, pay attention to*] in all [*things*], as many [*things*] as He shall speak to you. (23) 'And it will be [*that*] every soul who does not hear [*or, pay attention to*] that Prophet will be utterly destroyed [*or, completely cut off*] from the people.' [*Deut 18:15,18,19*]~

Deuteronomy 18:15 & 18-20 MKJV (15) Jehovah [*יהוה* ^(PP)] your God will raise up to you a Prophet from the midst of you, of your brothers, One like me [*Moses*]. To Him you shall listen... (18) I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brothers, *one* like you, and will put My words in His mouth. And He [*Christ*] shall speak to them all that I shall command Him. (19) And it shall happen, whatever man will not listen to My Words which He shall speak in My name, I will require *it* [*responsibility for his sins*] of him. (20) But the prophet who shall presume to speak a word in My name which I have not commanded him to speak or who shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

^{FF} Luke 8:43-48 CEV In the crowd was a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years. She had spent everything she had on doctors,

to begin by learning what Jesus ~~taught~~ *is teaching*. Sadly, many of the people who know Jesus's name still don't comprehend the important and life giving change he made to our way of worship: Prior to Jesus, people worshiped God as groups. That was true even of the Jews who worshiped the true God יהוה^(PP) according to the directions (the Law Code) He gave them. The ancient Jews were God's chosen nation of people. They were not chosen as his personal group because of their goodness,^{GG} however, but because it was his purpose to use them to

but none of them could make her well. (44) As soon as she came up behind Jesus and barely touched his clothes, her bleeding stopped. (45) "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. While everyone was denying it, Peter said, "Master, people are crowding all around and pushing you from every side." (46) But Jesus answered, "Someone touched me, because I felt power going out from me." (47) The woman knew that she could not hide, so she came trembling and knelt down in front of Jesus. She told everyone why she had touched him and that she had been healed right away. (48) Jesus said to the woman, "You are now well because of your faith. May God give you peace!"

^{GG} Deuteronomy 9:1-6 LITV Hear, O Israel, you shall cross over the Jordan today, to go in to expel nations greater and mightier than yourself, cities great and walled up to the heavens; (2) a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom you know, and of whom you have heard it said, Who can stand before the sons of Anak? (3) And know today that Jehovah [יהוה ^(PP)] your God *is* He who passes over before you as a consuming fire; He will destroy them, and He will bring them down before you; so you shall dispossess them and make them to perish quickly, as Jehovah [יהוה] has spoken to you. (4) **Do not say in your heart, when Jehovah [יהוה] your God thrusts them out from before you, saying, Jehovah [יהוה ^(PP)] has brought me in to possess this land for my righteousness.** But say, Jehovah [יהוה] dispossesses them from before you because of the wickedness of those nations. (5) **It is not for your righteousness or for the uprightness of your heart that you go to possess their land. But Jehovah [יהוה] your God is dispossessing them from before you because of the wickedness of these nations; and in order to establish the Word which Jehovah [יהוה ^(PP)] has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.** (6) And you shall know that Jehovah [יהוה] your

produce the Savior He promised immediately after the first sin in the Garden of Eden.^{HH & (E)} God later expanded and clarified that Edenic promise by saying the one to crush Satan's head would come through the seed of Abraham.^{II} The Jewish nation was made up of the

God is not giving you this good land, to possess it, for your righteousness; for you *are* a stiffnecked people.

^{HH} Genesis 3:15 BBE And there will be war between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed: by him will your head be crushed and by you his foot will be wounded. (God here gave his first Bible promise: A descendant of Eve would destroy Satan.)^(SS)

^{II} Genesis 12:1-3 LITV And Jehovah [יהוה ^(PP)] had said to Abram, Go out from your land and from your kindred, and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you. (2) And I will make of you a great nation. And I will bless you and make your name great; and you will be a blessing. (3) And I will bless those who bless you, and curse the one despising you. And in you all families of the earth shall be blessed.~

Acts 3:25 ALT "You, are sons [*and daughters*] of the prophets and of the covenant which God covenanted to our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your Seed all the families of the earth will be blessed.' [*Gen 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; cp. Gal 3:16*]~

Galatians 3:6-16 CEV The Scriptures say that God accepted Abraham because Abraham had faith. (7) And so, you should understand that everyone who has faith is a child of Abraham. (8) Long ago the Scriptures said that God would accept the Gentiles because of their faith. That's why God told Abraham the good news that all nations would be blessed because of him. (9) This means that everyone who has faith will share in the blessings that were given to Abraham because of his faith. (10) Anyone who tries to please God by obeying the Law is under a curse. The Scriptures say, "Everyone who doesn't obey everything in the Law is under a curse." (11) No one can please God by obeying the Law. The Scriptures also say, "The people God accepts because of their faith will live." (12) The Law isn't based on faith. It promises life only to people who obey its commands. (13) But Christ rescued us from the Law's curse, when he became a curse in our place. This is because the Scriptures say that anyone who is nailed to a tree is under a curse. (14) And because of what Jesus Christ has done, the blessing that was promised to Abraham was taken to the Gentiles. This happened so that by faith we would be given the promised Holy Spirit. (15) My friends, I will use an everyday example to explain what I mean. Once someone agrees to something, no one else can change or

descendants of Abraham, and so were used by God to produce the promised Messiah. About 4000 years after the creation and sin of Adam, and about 2000 years after God extended and refined the Edenic promise by saying the deliverer would be born through Abraham, the savior appeared as the man Jesus Christ.^(see insert) Jesus was born of Eve, was the Jewish descendant of King David and of God’s friend Abraham;^{JJ} and, miraculously, he was the son of God. During his ministry, Jesus explained and introduced the new way for us to worship his Father: When he spoke with a woman at a well, she asked him about the proper way to worship God. The woman was concerned because her religious group’s worship was different from his Jewish ways.^(YY) Jesus explained he had come to bring a new way of worshiping the true God, and that people would no longer worship as groups by following either her sect *or his*. Each person would instead worship as an individual by means of spirit and truth.^{KK} Even though the Jews worshipped יהוה ^(PP) by following directions given by the true God through Moses for them to do so, God had something better in mind for mankind through Christ.^(EE) (The Jewish “group” form of worship was perfect to accomplish what God needed from that ancient Jewish nation. God provided the laws necessary to direct and protect the Jews [the descendants of Abraham] during the hundreds

cancel the agreement. (16) That is how it is with the promises God made to Abraham and his descendant. The promises were not made to many descendants, but only to one, and that one is Christ.

^{JJ} **(Matthew 1:1)** 1 The book of the history of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham:

^{KK} **(John 4:19-26)** ¹⁹ The woman said to him: “Sir, I perceive you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our forefathers worshiped in this mountain; but YOU people say that in Jerusalem is the place where persons ought to worship.” ²¹ Jesus said to her: “Believe me, woman, The hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will YOU people worship the Father. ²² YOU worship what YOU do not know; we worship what we know, because salvation originates with the Jews. ²³ **Nevertheless, the hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshipers will worship the Father with spirit and truth, for, indeed, the Father is looking for suchlike ones to worship him.** ²⁴ God is a Spirit, and those worshiping him must worship with spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to him: “I know that Mes-si’ah is coming, who is called Christ. Whenever that one arrives, he will declare all things to us openly.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her: “I who am speaking to you am he.”

of years they were being used to produce the Messiah. Group worship, however, even by means of the perfect law given through Moses, was lacking in its ability to produce perfect people.¹⁴ Also, when one member of the Jewish nation sinned against God, the whole

¹⁴ Hebrews 10:1-22 CEV The Law of Moses is like a shadow of the good things to come. This shadow isn't the good things themselves, because it cannot free people from sin by the sacrifices that are offered year after year. (2) If there were worshipers who already have their sins washed away and their consciences made clear, there would not be any need to go on offering sacrifices. (3) But the blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sins. It only reminds people of their sins from one year to the next. (4) (SEE 10:3) (5) When Christ came into the world, he said to God, "Sacrifices and offerings are not what you want, but you have given me my body. (6) No, you are not pleased with animal sacrifices and offerings for sin." (7) Then Christ said, "And so, my God, I have come to do what you want, as the Scriptures say." (8) The Law teaches that offerings and sacrifices must be made because of sin. But why did Christ mention these things and say that God did not want them? (9) Well, it was to do away with offerings and sacrifices and to replace them. That is what he meant by saying to God, "I have come to do what you want." (10) So we are made holy because Christ obeyed God and offered himself once for all. (11) The priests do their work each day, and they keep on offering sacrifices that can never take away sins. (12) But Christ offered himself as a sacrifice that is good forever. Now he is sitting at God's right side, (13) and he will stay there until his enemies are put under his power. (14) By his one sacrifice he has forever set free from sin the people he brings to God. (15) The Holy Spirit also speaks of this by telling us that the Lord said, (16) "When the time comes, I will make an agreement with them. I will write my laws on their minds and hearts. (17) Then I will forget about their sins and no longer remember their evil deeds." (18) When sins are forgiven, there is no more need to offer sacrifices. (19) My friends, the blood of Jesus gives us courage to enter the most holy place [*into God's very presence by or in prayer*] (20) by a new way that leads to life! And this way takes us through the curtain that is Christ himself. (21) We have a great high priest who is in charge of God's house. (22) So let's come near God with pure hearts and a confidence that comes from having faith. Let's keep our hearts pure, our consciences free from evil, and our bodies washed with clean water.

nation was responsible.^{MM} That was and remains a problem with any form of group worship. So... One thing Jesus came to do was to set us free of group worship, along with its associated group responsibility.^{NN} Each person is now accountable for their own personal worship, and that based on their individual faith in Jesus's teachings.)^{OO} If you make the choice to return to or to remain in, some form of *group worship*, you take responsibility for what *the individual members of that group* do and teach. Jesus thus came to teach us יהוה's^{PP} new and better

^{MM} Joshua 6:17-18 LITV And the city shall be devoted to Jehovah [יהוה ^(PP)], it and all that are in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. (18) And you shall certainly keep clear of the devoted things, that you not become accursed by taking from the devoted things, and shall make the camp of Israel become accursed, and trouble it.~

Joshua 7:1 MKJV But the sons of Israel committed a sin in the cursed thing. For Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the thing which was cursed. And the anger of Jehovah [יהוה] was kindled against the sons of Israel.

^{NN} Deuteronomy 24:16 GNB "Parents are not to be put to death for crimes committed by their children, and children are not to be put to death for crimes committed by their parents; people are to be put to death only for a crime they themselves have committed.

^{OO} Hebrews 6:1-6 ESV Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, (2) and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. (3) And this we will do if God permits. (4) For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, (5) and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, (6) and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

^{PP} (יהוה is God's Hebrew Name as used over 6000 times in the original Hebrew Old Testament... It sounds like Yea•Vah – that's yea as in "yea-go-team" followed by Vah, like the first two letters of "vault." יהוה

way of worshipping him: As individuals through *spirit and truth*.^{QQ} All who express faith in Jesus Christ (which must, of course, be preceded by actually learning what Jesus taught) thus worship God in spirit: They can rightly be said to worship in spirit because each one of them must first be drawn to Jesus by God's holy spirit. God starts that process as He is watching to identify every righteous person^(QQQ) in all the earth, and then, to help them.^{RR} At that point, when God takes note we are someone who is looking for him,^(QQQ) we become sons (or daughters) of God.^{SS} The primary way God then helps his sons and

is variously translated as LORD, Jehovah, or Yahwey by those who translated the Hebrew into English.) Jeremiah 33:1-3 Darby And the word of Jehovah [יהוה] came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the prison, saying, (2) Thus saith Jehovah the doer of it, Jehovah that formeth it to establish it, Jehovah is his name: (3) Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and I will shew thee great and hidden things, which thou knowest not.~
Psalms 83:18 BBE So that men may see that you only, whose name is Yahweh [יהוה], are Most High over all the earth.~

Isaiah 12:2 CEV I trust you to save me, LORD [יהוה] God, and I won't be afraid. My power and my strength come from you, and you have saved me." Visit: JustBibleTruth.com/DoesGodHaveAName.html
^{QQ} John 18:37 GW Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus replied, "You're correct in saying that I'm a king. I have been born and have come into the world for this reason: to testify [*bear witness*] to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to me."

^{RR} 2 Chronicles 16:9 Darby (9) For the eyes of Jehovah [יהוה ^(PP)] run to and fro through the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward him...^(PP)

^{SS} 1 John 3:7-24 CEV Children, don't be fooled. Anyone who does right is good, just like Christ himself. (8) Anyone who keeps on sinning belongs to the devil. He has sinned from the beginning, but **the Son of God came to destroy all that he [*the devil*] has done.** (9) God's children cannot keep on being sinful. His life-giving power lives in them and makes them his children, so that they cannot keep on sinning. (10) You can tell God's children from the devil's children, because those who belong to the devil refuse to do right or to love each other. (11) From the beginning you were told that we must love each other. (12) Don't be like Cain, who belonged to the devil and murdered his own brother. Why did he murder him? He did it because

daughters is by applying his spirit to direct each of us to the teachings of his son.^{TT} In that way, God actually makes a gift to his son^(J) of each

his brother was good, and he was evil. (13) My friends, don't be surprised if the people of this world hate you. (14) Our love for each other proves that we have gone from death to life. But if you don't love each other, you are still under the power of death. (15) If you hate each other, you are murderers, and we know that murderers do not have eternal life. (16) We know what love is because Jesus gave his life for us. That's why we must give our lives for each other. (17) If we have all we need and see one of our own people in need, we must have pity on that person, or else we cannot say we love God. (18) Children, you show love for others by truly helping them, and not merely by talking about it. (19) When we love others, we know that we belong to the truth, and we feel at ease in the presence of God. (20) But even if we don't feel at ease, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything. (21) Dear friends, if we feel at ease in the presence of God, we will have the courage to come near him. (22) He will give us whatever we ask, because we obey him and do what pleases him. (23) God wants us to have faith in his Son Jesus Christ and to love each other. This is also what Jesus taught us to do. (24) If we obey God's commandments, we will stay one in our hearts with him, and he will stay one with us. The Spirit that he has given us is proof that we are one with him.

^{TT} Hebrews 1:1-2 ESV Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, (2) but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things...~ Before Christ, as recorded by the Old Testament, God spoke to mankind in many ways. He gave dreams and visions. He spoke from a burning bush, from a cloud mass, and He had angels speak for him. In each case, he told them what they needed to do in their day in time. **Since the day Christ started preaching, however, God has said only one thing to mankind: That Jesus is his son and that we *must* listen to him.**~

Matthew 17:5 GNB While he was talking, a shining cloud came over them, and a [God's] voice from the cloud said, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased---listen to him!"~

Mark 9:7 CEV The shadow of a cloud passed over and covered them. From the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to what he says!"~

:35 GW A voice came out of the cloud and said, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen. Listen to him!"~

person He finds to be searching for him.^{UU & (QQQ)} Jesus said no man can come to him unless they are drawn by his Father's spirit.^{VV} So, those drawn to Jesus can be said to worship in spirit because we are *drawn by God's spirit* to his son Jesus. We also worship in truth because Jesus brought us the truth he learned from his Father.^{WW & (TT)} In this perfect

Matthew 3:16-17 GW After Jesus was baptized, he immediately came up from the water. Suddenly, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down as a dove to him. (17) Then a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love-my Son with whom I am pleased."

^{UU} John 17:6-9 GNB "I have made you known to those **you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me.** They have obeyed your word, (7) and now they know that everything you gave me comes from you. (8) I gave them the message that you gave me, and they received it; they know that it is true that I came from you, and they believe that you sent me. (9) "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those you gave me, for they belong to you.~

John 17:14 GNB I gave them your message, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

^{VV} John 6:44 ALT "No one is able to come to Me unless the Father having sent Me draws [*or drags*] him...

^{WW} John 7:16 GNB Jesus answered, "**What I teach is not my own teaching, but it comes from God,** who sent me.~

Matthew 16:6 GNB Jesus said to them, "Take care; **be on your guard against the yeast of the [*religious leaders*]** Pharisees and Sadducees."~

Matthew 16:11-12 GNB How is it that you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread? Guard yourselves from the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees!" (12) **Then the disciples understood** that he was not warning them **to guard themselves** from the yeast used in bread but **from the teaching of the [*religious leaders*]** Pharisees and Sadducees.~

Matthew 16:13-17 CEV When Jesus and his disciples were near the town of Caesarea Philippi, he asked them, "What do people say about [who] the Son of Man [is]?" (14) The disciples answered, "Some people say you are John the Baptist or maybe Elijah or Jeremiah or some other prophet." (15) Then Jesus asked them, "But who do you say I am?" (16) **Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."** (17) Jesus told him: Simon, son of

way, Jesus is returning all teachable creation to submission to his Father.^{xx} Jesus is thereby helping every person (who will listen)^(TT) to

Jonah, you are blessed! You didn't discover this on your own. It was shown to you by my Father in heaven.~

John 12:46-50 CEV I am the light that has come into the world. No one who has faith in me will stay in the dark. (47) I am not the one who will judge those who refuse to obey my teachings. I came to save the people of this world, not to be their judge. (48) But everyone who rejects me and my teachings will be judged on the last day by *[the words that I have spoken]* what I have said. (49) I don't speak on my own. I say only what the Father who sent me has told me to say. (50) I know that his commands will bring eternal life. **That is why I tell you exactly what the Father has told me.**~

John 8:25-32 CEV "Who are you?" they asked Jesus. Jesus answered, "I am exactly who I told you at the beginning. (26) There is a lot more I could say to condemn you. But **the one who sent me is truthful, and I tell the people of this world only what I have heard from him.**" (27) No one understood that Jesus was talking to them about the Father. (28) Jesus went on to say, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, you will know who I am. You will also know that **I don't do anything on my own. I say only what my Father taught me.**" (29) The one who sent me is with me. I always do what pleases him, and he will never leave me." (30) After Jesus said this, many of the people put their faith in him. (31) Jesus told the people who had faith in him, "If you keep on obeying what I have said, you truly are my disciples. (32) You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

^{xx} **1 Corinthians 15:12-28 GNB** (12) Now, since our message is that Christ has been raised from death, how can some of you say that the dead will not be raised to life? (13) If that is true, it means that Christ was not raised; (14) and if Christ has not been raised from death, then we have nothing to preach and you have nothing to believe. (15) More than that, we are shown to be lying about God, because we said that he raised Christ from death---but if it is true that the dead are not raised to life, then he did not raise Christ. (16) For if the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised. (17) And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins. (18) It would also mean that the believers in Christ who have died are lost. (19) If our hope in Christ is good for this life only and no more, then we deserve more pity than anyone else in all the world. (20) But the truth is that Christ has been raised from death, as the guarantee that those who sleep in death will also be raised. (21) For just as death

worship יהוה^(PP) by means of “spirit and truth.” That arrangement is important for everyone to understand because it is the new and God approved way of worship. It is the way Jesus introduced when he explained it to the woman at the well.^{YY} And, it is the only thing that

came by means of a man [*Adam's sin*], in the same way the rising from death comes by means of a man. (22) For just as all people die because of their union with Adam, in the same way all will be raised to life because of their union with Christ. (23) But each one will be raised in proper order: Christ, first of all; then, at the time of his coming, those who belong to him. (24) Then the end will come; Christ will overcome all spiritual rulers, authorities, and powers, and will hand over the Kingdom to God the Father. (25) For Christ must rule until God defeats all enemies and puts them under his feet. (26) The last enemy to be defeated will be death. (27) For the scripture says, "God put *all* things under his feet." It is clear, of course, that the words "all things" do not include God himself, who puts all things under Christ. (28) But when all things have been placed under Christ's rule, then he himself, the Son, will place himself under God, who placed all things under him; and God will rule completely over all.

^{YY} John 4:5-26 CEV and on his way he came to the town of Sychar. It was near the field that Jacob had long ago given to his son Joseph. (6) The well that Jacob had dug was still there, and Jesus sat down beside it because he was tired from traveling. It was noon, and after Jesus' disciples had gone into town to buy some food, a Samaritan woman came to draw water from the well. Jesus asked her, "Would you please give me a drink of water?" (7) (SEE 4:6) (8) (SEE 4:6) (9) "You are a Jew," she replied, "and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink of water when Jews and Samaritans won't have anything to do with each other?" (They wouldn't share cups and bowls.) (10) Jesus answered, "You don't know what God wants to give you, and you don't know who is asking you for a drink. If you did, you would ask me for the water that gives life." (11) "Sir," the woman said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where are you going to get this life-giving water? (12) Our ancestor Jacob dug this well for us, and his family and animals got water from it. Are you greater than Jacob?" (13) Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again. (14) But no one who drinks the water I give will ever be thirsty again. The water I give (faith in truth) is like a flowing fountain that gives eternal life." (15) The woman replied, "Sir, please give me a drink of that water! Then I won't get thirsty and have to come to this well again." (16) Jesus told her, "Go and bring your

can set us free of group worship (set us free of religion). Please understand: Jesus is teaching us how to live forever.^(OOO) The proper worship of his Father is a part of our doing that.^(E) Do you see how really simple it all is? Do you understand why you need to listen to the son of God^(TT) as he explains how to worship his Father acceptably? *Will you become one who realizes* the four short Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) contain the teachings of the son of God (in only about 200 pages for all 4 books)? Now ask yourself this: Since this is all so simple, why haven't you heard and understood it before. Why haven't one of the many churches taught you this simple truth? It is because the truth has actually been hidden by religion. None of them really want to direct you to follow Christ because Jesus warned you about *them and who they really are*. If they can even understand the truth, as false prophets,^(P) they all want to keep you following *after them* as a member of their sectarian religious group.^{ZZ} How can religion be so bad?

husband." (17) The woman answered, "I don't have a husband." "That's right," Jesus replied, "you're telling the truth. You don't have a husband. You have already been married five times, and the man you are now living with isn't your husband." (18) *(SEE 4:17)* (19) The woman said, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. (20) My ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews say Jerusalem is the only place to worship." (21) **Jesus said to her: Believe me, the time is coming when you won't worship the Father either on this mountain or in Jerusalem.** (22) You Samaritans don't really know the one you worship. But we Jews do know the God we worship, and by using us, God will save the world. (23) **But a time is coming, and it is already here! Even now the true worshipers are being led by the Spirit to worship the Father according to the truth. These are the ones the Father is seeking to worship him.** (24) **God is Spirit, and those who worship God must be led by the Spirit to worship him according to the truth.** (25) The woman said, "I know that the Messiah will come. He is the one we call Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." (26) "I am that one," Jesus told her, "and I am speaking to you now."

^{ZZ} John 12:42-43 GW Many rulers believed in Jesus. However, they wouldn't admit it publicly because the Pharisees [*religious leaders*] would have thrown them out of the synagogue. (43) They were more

The Great Apostasy: After Jesus died and was resurrected to heaven, God allowed a great apostasy to take control of the whole earth.^{AAA} The apostasy was Satan's activity, of course, but God did allow it. A part of the church Jesus left behind joined with the Roman state to create an apostate world religion that brought about what we now know and refer to as the Dark ages.^(see insert) That unholy alliance was born as the church wanted protection from its enemies and the state wanted legitimacy with its subjects. That Roman state church (of the Dark Ages) was a world religion which dominated and suppressed all of mankind for about a thousand years (from about 300 or 400 AD, to about 1300 or 1400 AD). It did so in part by keeping people in ignorance of Bible teachings. The apostate church destroyed its religious enemies as it spread what it claimed was Christianity, doing it all at the point of a Roman sword. Using power granted by the state, the church leaders burned at the stake or in other horrendous ways murdered everyone who dared disagree with their interpretation of the Bible (some say hundreds of thousands but no records were kept). They made publicly killing their enemies a science, sometimes taking days for them to die. They crushed the testicles of choir boys so their voice would not change. On and on the list of their abuses go. The centuries of religious abuse is unfathomable except to God. Religion

concerned about what people thought of them than about what God thought of them.

^{AAA} 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 ALT (3) Let no one deceive you by any means, because *[the Day (of Christ's return) will not come]* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of destruction *[or, the one destined to be lost]*, (4) the one being in opposition *[or, being hostile]* and puffing himself up with pride over every *[thing]* being called god or *[every]* object of worship, with the result that he *[composite religion]* sits down in the sanctuary of God as God, displaying himself that he is God.~

Matthew 13:24-25 CEV Jesus then told them this story: The kingdom of heaven is like what happened when a farmer scattered good seed in a field. (25) But while everyone was sleeping, an enemy came and scattered weed seeds in the field and then left *[religion is comprised of the weeds (lies) planted by Satan]*.

actually hid the Bible in a dead language (Latin) which could only be read or even spoken by those trained by the Church. Their only interest in the Bible was in using it to control and manipulate the masses. They had no interest in teaching it. Translating the Bible into English (or other common language), or even owning a personal copy, was punishable by death. Still... Many righteous men and women faced the threat of a fiery death to study and/or translate the Bible. Most modern churches are thus remnants of that “great apostasy,” first embodied in the so called Holy Roman Church of the dark ages. **William Tyndale**, for example, was killed for his English translation of the Bible. Tyndale, and the others who gave the Bible back to mankind, risked their life in doing so because they recognized the value and power of the teachings of the son of God.^{BBB} After more than a thousand years of world domination by the (so called) Holy Roman Church,^(see insert) enlightenment started returning as individuals broke away from that apostasy. All those who broke free (of the apostate “Holy Roman Church”) were labeled Protestants (protestors and heretics) by the church. “Protestant” soon became a badge of pride and honor among dissenters, however, because they understood it applied mostly to sincere Bible students. What, though, would the new Protestants believe as they left religion behind? The sad thing that often happens when a man or woman leaves a religious group, using what they learn from the Bible to escape those doctrinal lies, is they begin to form (or they join) another religious group. Where can

^{BBB} Hebrews 4:12-16 CEV What God has said isn't only alive and active! It is sharper than any double-edged sword. His word can cut through our spirits and souls and through our joints and marrow, until it discovers the desires and thoughts of our hearts. (13) Nothing is hidden from God! He sees through everything, and we will have to tell him the truth. (14) We have a great high priest, who has gone into heaven, and he is Jesus the Son of God. That is why we must hold on to what we have said about him. (15) Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin! (16) So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved kindness, and we will find help.

they go and what can they become? History shows most of them have followed the same similar pattern: Some picked one scripture and used it to call themselves Baptists, while others picked another scripture to call themselves Nazarenes, or יהוה's Witnesses, or Calvinists, or Anabaptists,^(VV) and on the list of unscriptural names go.^{CCC} All modern Christendom religions thus have the same history and origin: They are, or were, all Protestants who broke from the lone church of the dark ages. Most or all Protestants meant well when they broke free (of apostasy). That's why God helped them escape. Sadly, as they pick and choose scriptures to identify their new sect, what they are also doing is forming their own new doctrine; a doctrine to govern their new religion. That doctrine then becomes their faith, and, is what actually leads them away from the freedom they obtained in turning to the truth in Christ. When persons meet and discuss *their own faith*, they are discussing their doctrine. That are abandoning the teachings of Christ which is the only thing that can help them remain free. Men and women should never teach what *they* personally believe simply because all of us make mistakes. The only doctrine for true Christians, then, must be the Gospel records of the teachings of Jesus Christ. Jesus never make any mistakes. When in a group, reading the Gospels is the only thing that can keep that group free of the inclination to debate (and thereby build faith in) their own doctrine (by promoting their own personal or group beliefs). Do you begin to see why God hates religion, and why He has referred to it as a harlot (disloyal to his teachings) and decreed its destruction?^(A) The destruction of religion is actually happening right now, before our eyes. It has been happening for hundreds of years: Religion is being destroyed in that none of the sects in existence today have the power and/or wealth the church of the dark ages had. When Rome fell as

^{CCC} Acts 11:26 YLT and having found him, he brought him to Antioch, and it came to pass that they a whole year did assemble together in the assembly, and taught a great multitude, the disciples also were divinely called first in Antioch Christians. ~ You note the only scriptural name for the followers of Christ is "Christian."

world power, it left the State Church exposed and naked. Religious groups who splintered from that apostate church still require some form of organization and funding to continue to exist. That is true because most only exist to gain wealth and power. As member support, along with its associated financial aid dwindles and dries up, so does the religion. As they continue to be exposed in the light of the teachings by Jesus Christ, the churches (religion) have a harder and harder time keeping “sheep” who truly believe in their cult. They have trouble finding people who are ready to blindly sacrifice to fund and support them. Christianity, on the other hand, is comprised of all the individuals who simply express faith in the teachings of Jesus. They are not motivated by love of money, and they don’t need any group of men to approve their faith; nor do they believe such approval by men has any value with God.^(DDD) When all the religious sects are destroyed or fade away, *individual Christians will remain*. Their membership roll exists only in heaven.^(FFF) They do their best to follow Christ. They judge no other man or woman as wicked, *or good*, and they await their approval from God.^{DDD} The great apostasy which has manifested itself in the many forms of religion, was brought by Satan; but, it has been tolerated by God. It has been endured because it has allowed for individuals among mankind to decide and demonstrate what is in their heart. It has allowed them to show whether they truly seek God, as evidenced by whether they listen to his son.^(TT) The time of God’s

^{DDD} 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 GNB (1) You should think of us as Christ’s servants, who have been put in charge of God’s secret truths. (2) The one thing required of such servants is that they be faithful to their master. (3) Now, I am not at all concerned [*I consider it a trivial matter*] about being judged by you or by any human standard; I don’t even pass judgment on myself. (4) My conscience is clear, but that does not prove that I am really innocent. The Lord is the one who passes judgment on me. (5) So you should not pass judgment on anyone before the right time comes. Final judgment must wait until the Lord comes; he will bring to light the dark secrets and expose the hidden purposes of people’s minds. And then all will receive from God the praise they deserve.

patience toward Satan's forms of worship, however, is drawing to its close.^{EEE} Break yourself free of religion!

Every religious sect has convinced themselves they are the lone keepers of truth. They express self-righteous sectarian judgment that non-members are lost to God. We see people come out of one religious sect, only to run immediately into another. Then, they begin to repudiate and condemn what they at one time expressed faith in. Their actions demonstrate they were just followers of men in their old religious group. Usually, we see them start to hook up with and give glory to the leaders of the new group, just like they did in the previous one. They begin to drop names of the prominent men and women of the group they have joined in order to curry favor with them. They surely understand they were not following Christ in their previous sect; why can't they see they are just making the switch to follow other men when they join a different cult?^(BB) Such converts often assert people who reject their newly chosen form of worship have rejected "everything." Actually, Christians have only rejected apostasy and badness. They have turned to Christ. Real Christians never change the group they belong to because they are followers of Jesus as his Bible students. They realize the only membership list that has any value is the one kept in heaven.^{FFF} Those switching from group to

^{EEE} Acts 17:30-31 GNB God has overlooked the times when people did not know him, but now he commands (through Christ) all of them everywhere to turn away from their evil ways. (31) For he has fixed a day in which he will judge the whole world with justice by means of a man he has chosen. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising that man from death!"

^{FFF} Luke 10:17-24 GW The 70 disciples came back very happy. They said, "Lord, even demons obey us when we use the power and authority of your name!" (18) Jesus said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like lightning. (19) I have given you the authority to trample snakes and scorpions and to destroy the enemy's power. Nothing will hurt you. (20) However, don't be happy that evil spirits obey you. Be happy that your names are written in heaven." (21) In that hour the Holy Spirit filled Jesus with joy. Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for hiding these things from wise

group appear like rats running from one mound of dirt to another as they try to hide themselves. They don't seem to realize the old tom cat (Satan) can pounce and dig them out anytime he wants (while they remain lost to truth). Mostly, though, he doesn't want to do that. Satan doesn't care which religious sect he can get you to be part of, as long as he can keep you from realizing your simple need to feed within the Gospels (recording the words of God's son).^(TT) You must build your house on the rock mass of the truth brought by Christ.^(QQ) The teachings of Jesus warn you about, and then set you free of, all the religious groups with their varied divisive teachings. After you read this booklet, read one of the Gospels^{GGG} through to see if what we say isn't exactly what Jesus taught. Even if it were not, you would still know much more about what Jesus does teach. Read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John over and over until you become an intimate friend of Jesus Christ. Give glory to Jesus and to his Father יהוה.^(RR) Christians seek the glory of our leader Christ, who in turn seeks the glory of his Father.^{HHH} Don't put your trust in any man or group. Do not imagine the fact some sect calls the name of God or Christ on their group

and intelligent people and revealing them to little children. Yes, Father, this is what pleased you. (22) "My Father has turned everything over to me. Only the Father knows who the Son is. And no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son is willing to reveal him." (23) He turned to his disciples in private and said to them, "How blessed you are to see what you've seen. (24) I can guarantee that many prophets and kings wanted to see and hear what you've seen and heard, but they didn't."

^{GGG} Visit: JustBibleTruth.com/biblejohn.pdf

^{HHH} Matthew 5:16 ESV In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.~

(Matthew 5:7-9) ⁷ "Happy are the merciful, since they will be shown mercy.

⁸ "Happy are the pure in heart, since they will see God. ⁹ "Happy are the peaceable, since they will be called 'sons of God.'~

(Matthew 5:14-16) ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city cannot be hid when situated upon a mountain. ¹⁵ People light a lamp and set it, not under the measuring basket, but upon the lampstand, and it shines upon all those in the house. ¹⁶ Likewise let your light shine before men, that they may see your fine works and give glory to your Father who is in the heavens.

means they are righteous.^(CCC) Don't join them as they develop faith in the doctrinal material produced by their sect. Attain the one and only, simple and perfect, protection for yourself: Read Jesus's words!

Jesus specifically warned about the danger of group worship^(V) because building doctrine is what we all have a tendency to do. Groups tend to magnify that weakness. It is the doctrine they create that defines and segregates their group worship! When such people gather, one reads about Jesus washing the feet of his disciples and wants his group to start washing each other's feet. (An Anabaptist told me his group is resolute in requiring a show of love by washing each other's feet.) Another person says Jesus said we should show humility and love for even our enemies, and that his illustration of washing feet is only symbolic of such love. So, a rift develops about washing feet while creating their sectarian doctrine to define their specific form of worship. One person says he believes Jesus died on a stake, while another says he died on a cross, and a disagreement arises about what Jesus was hung upon to be killed. That confusion originates in part because some translations of the Bible say Jesus died on a cross while others say stake. Some translations say he died on a tree, probably to acknowledge they didn't know. History documents the Romans used both methods of execution. (The Roman state was manipulated by Jesus's religious leaders to kill him.)^{III} So, religious people argue and bicker about these and many other topics as they establish a doctrine of belief approved by their sect. That doctrine is then used to judge those who don't "belong" (as well as who does, of course). Those who don't go along with group doctrine are invited to leave, or worse... In any case, non-members are judged lost to God for abandoning the group (and its doctrine). In reality, of course, a doctrine *is* (and must

^{III} John 19:12-13 GW When Pilate heard what Jesus said, he wanted to free him. But the Jews shouted, "If you free this man, you're not a friend of the emperor. Anyone who claims to be a king is defying the emperor." (13) When Pilate heard what they said, he took Jesus outside and sat on the judge's seat in a place called Stone Pavement. (In Hebrew it is called Gabbatha.)

be) held by each one of us personally: Each of us reads the Bible, or sadly, we listen to men tell us what the Bible says and/or means. Then, based on what knowledge we have (or believe we have), we make the choice for ourselves about what *we believe* the Bible says. That becomes our doctrine or our faith. That is also the limit of what we have to teach. Any defect in our faith would also be a defect in our teaching. That can't work! The Bible is not open to interpretation, but there will be variations of faith because we progress to Christian maturity^(OO) at different times and rates. Also, none of us are perfect and so our doctrine can never be perfect. We all have things we have not yet learned that will help further refine our faith. Most of us have lies we have believed over the years that we don't yet know are lies. The only one who has ever had a perfect doctrine of faith, and who is therefore qualified to teach us what our Creator wants us to know, is Christ Jesus his son.^(RRR) So... Jesus is the only one we can depend on as our source of truth.^(TT) Understanding our own limitations dictates that we must be patient in our dealing with other individuals. If they express faith in Jesus and his Father, they are taking responsibility for themselves^(H) and we probably do well not to pass our judgment over their faith^{JJ} simply because they don't agree with some doctrine of *ours*. For example: You likely believe one way or the other about whether Jesus died on a stake or cross. That is your faith. Do you really need to be dogmatic about your personal faith on such a matter? Is it really even significant whether Jesus died on a cross member of wood or an upright stake? Would you judge someone lost to God if they

^{JJ} Romans 14:1-5 CEV Welcome all the Lord's followers, even those whose faith is weak. Don't criticize them for having beliefs that are different from yours. (2) Some think it is all right to eat anything, while those whose faith is weak will eat only vegetables. (3) But you should not criticize others for eating or for not eating. After all, God welcomes everyone. (4) What right do you have to criticize someone else's servants? Only their Lord can decide if they are doing right, and the Lord will make sure that they do right. (5) Some of the Lord's followers think one day is more important than another. Others think all days are the same. But each of you should make up your own mind.

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Luke 2:41-52 GNB Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. (42) When Jesus was twelve years old, they went to the festival as usual. (43) When the festival was over, they started back home, but the boy Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. His parents did not know this; (44) they thought that he was with the group, so they traveled a whole day and then started looking for him among their relatives and friends. (45) They did not find him, so they went back to Jerusalem looking for him. (46) On the third day they found him in the Temple, sitting with the Jewish teachers, listening to them and asking questions. (47) All who heard him were amazed at his intelligent answers. (48) His parents were astonished when they saw him, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been terribly worried trying to find you." (49) He answered them, "Why did you have to look for me? Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?" (50) But they did not understand his answer. (51) So Jesus went back with them to Nazareth, where he was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. (52) Jesus grew both in body and in wisdom, gaining favor with God and people.

Genesis 3:15 GNB I will make you and the woman hate each other; her offspring and yours will always be enemies. Her offspring will crush your head, and you will bite her offspring's heel."

Genesis 22:15-18 LITV And the Angel of Jehovah called to Abraham out of the heavens a second time. (16) And He said, I have sworn by Myself, declares Jehovah, that on account of this thing you have done, and have not withheld your son, your only son, (17) that blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which *is* on the shore of the sea. And your Seed shall possess the gate of His enemies. (18) And in your Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed because you have obeyed My voice.

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Abraham to Christ

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Some basic Bible history is helpful to understand many of the things people said to Jesus, and how he responded.* God used the nation descended from Abraham to produce the Messiah. Jesus grew up being trained by the Jewish religious leaders. (Luke 2:41-52)

Isaac (Abraham's son)

Jacob (Renamed Israel)

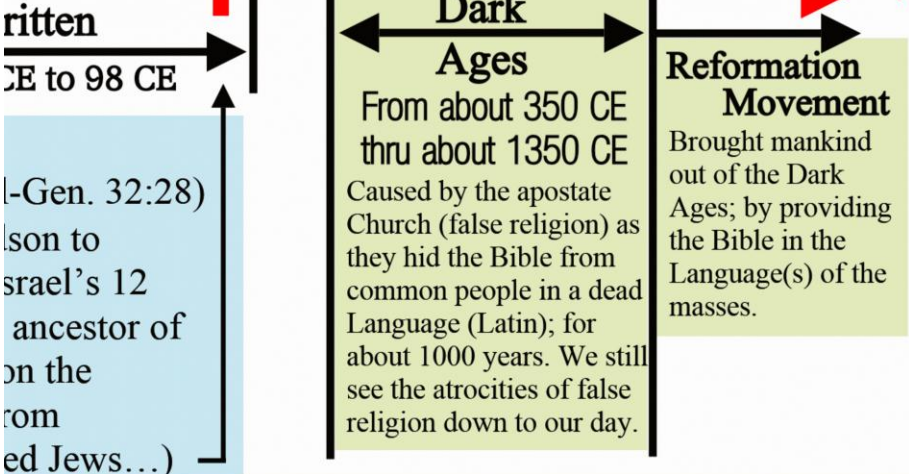
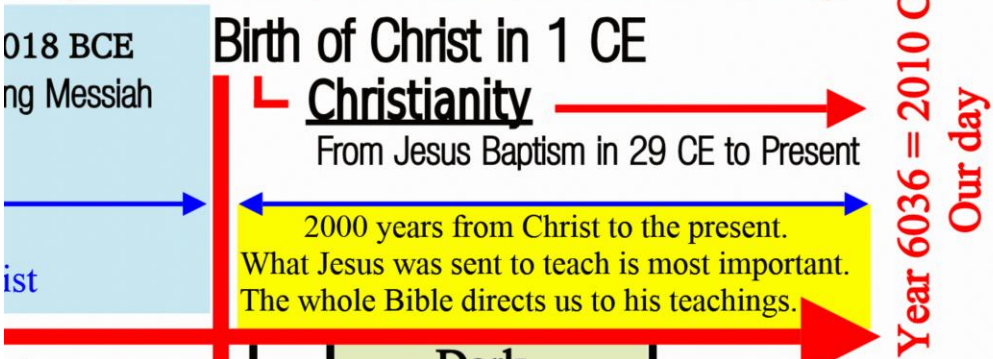
Judah (Great-grandson of Abraham. One of Isaac's sons. Judah was an ancestor of Christ and the nation descended from him were called Jews.)

Abraham were called

*(John 4:19-26) ¹⁹ The [Samaritan] woman said to him: "Sir, I perceive you are a prophet. Jerusalem is the place where persons ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her: "Believe that Jerusalem will YOU people worship the Father. ²² YOU worship what YOU do not know. ²³ Nevertheless, the hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship him... ²⁵ The woman said to him: "I know that Messiah is coming, who will do all these things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her: "I who am speaking to you am he." [Jesus was the seed of Abraham]

The Bible Theme: The creation of Adam and Eve is important because after they sinned, God promised He would raise up a "seed of Abraham" who would bless all nations of the earth. The promised "seed" was magnified in Abraham's seed all nations of the earth would be blessed. (Genesis 22:18) Jesus presented himself as the long anticipated "seed" (Messiah) of Abraham. The Bible of the Ages is important because they illustrate the power of the Bible. The exposure to the Bible. When the Bible was reintroduced, the Bible is the only book that has such power. As Jesus said, who

History: Adam's Creation until today.



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Luke 2:41-52 GNB Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. (42) When Jesus was twelve years old, they went to the festival as usual. (43) When the festival was over, they started back home, but the boy Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. His parents did not know this; (44) they thought that he was with the group, so they traveled a whole day and then started looking for him among their relatives and friends. (45) They did not find him, so they went back to Jerusalem looking for him. (46) On the third day they found him in the Temple, sitting with the Jewish teachers, listening to them and asking questions. (47) All who heard him were amazed at his intelligent answers. (48) His parents were astonished when they saw him, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been terribly worried trying to find you." (49) He answered them, "Why did you have to look for me? Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?" (50) But they did not understand his answer. (51) So Jesus went back with them to Nazareth, where he was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. (52) Jesus grew both in body and in wisdom, gaining favor with God and people.

Genesis 3:15 GNB I will make you and the woman hate each other; her offspring and yours will always be enemies. Her offspring will crush your head, and you will bite her offspring's heel."

Genesis 22:15-18 LITV And the Angel of Jehovah called to Abraham out of the heavens a second time. (16) And He said, I have sworn by Myself, declares Jehovah, that on account of this thing you have done, and have not withheld your son, your only son, (17) that blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which *is* on the shore of the sea. And your Seed shall possess the gate of His enemies. (18) And in your Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed because you have obeyed My voice.

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Some basic Bible history is helpful to understand many of the things people said to Jesus, and how he responded.* God used the nation descended from Abraham to produce the Messiah. Jesus grew up being trained by the Jewish religious leaders. (Luke 2:41-52)

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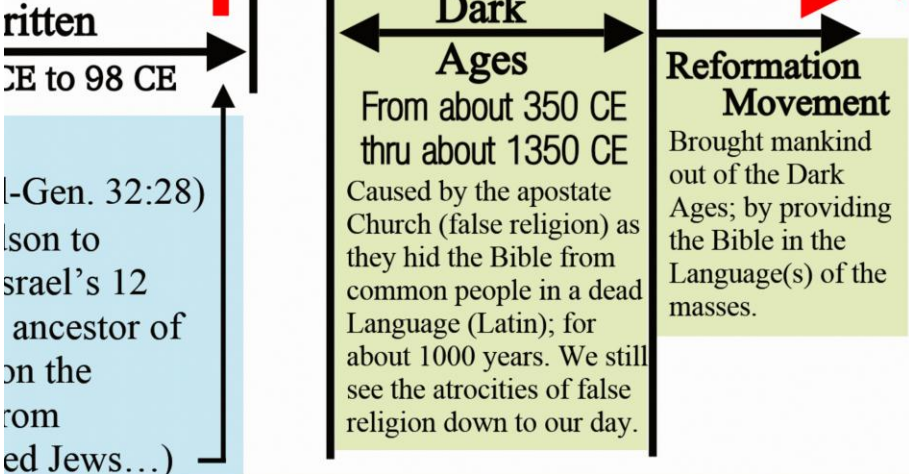
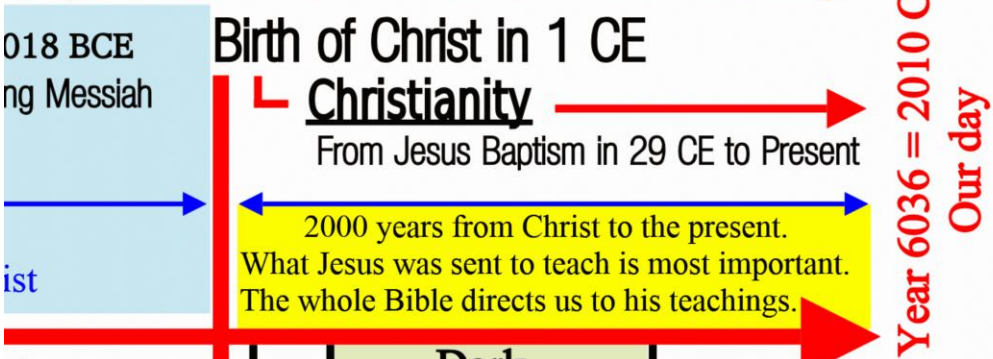
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*(John 4:19-26) ¹⁹ The [Samaritan] woman said to him: "Sir, I perceive you are a prophet. Jerusalem is the place where persons ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her: "Believe that Jerusalem will YOU people worship the Father. ²² YOU worship what YOU do not know. ²³ Nevertheless, the hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such to worship him... ²⁵ The woman said to him: "I know that Messiah is coming, who will do all these things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her: "I who am speaking to you am he." [Jesus was the seed]

The Bible Theme: The creation of Adam and Eve is important because after they sinned, God promised He would raise up a "seed of Abraham" who would bless all nations of the earth. The promised "seed" was magnified in Abraham's seed all nations of the earth would be blessed. (Genesis 22:18) Jesus presented himself as the long anticipated "seed" (Messiah) of the Old Testament Ages is important because they illustrate the power of the Bible. The exposure to the Bible. When the Bible was reintroduced, the Bible is the only book that has such power. As Jesus said, who

History: Adam's Creation until today.



prophet. ²⁰ Our forefathers worshiped in this mountain; but YOU people say that in ve me, woman, The hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in now; we worship what we know, because salvation originates with the Jews. ship the Father with spirit and truth, for, indeed, the Father is looking for suchlike ho is called Christ. Whenever that one arrives, he will declare all things to us d of promise looked for by mankind since the Garden. (Gen. 3:15)]

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express faith in Christ but disagreed with *your own* faith about what he died nailed to? Do you think his Father would be pleased if we wasted time arguing and failing love for each other over such an issue, an issue that none of us can really even be sure about? Consider now, in stark contrast, a group involved in a study of the Gospel recordings of Jesus Christ (in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). When people sit together and read Jesus's words, we spiritually join ourselves to those who gathered around him 2000 years ago. No one needs to express his or her opinion, because each person is getting the same truth directly from Jesus's own lips. There are different translations of the Bible, which use different words and phrases, but the overall message is exactly the same. Whether Jesus died on a cross, a stake, or a tree, the point is this: He died in sacrifice,^{KKK} and he did it for you and for me. The Gospels, while we avoid allowing ourselves to be derailed by insignificant details, must be the only doctrine for those who are actually followers of Christ.^(TT) Jesus emphatically warned about the

^{KKK} John 10:11 LITV I am the Good Shepherd! The Good Shepherd lays down His life on behalf of the sheep.~

Romans 5:1-11 CEV By faith we have been made acceptable to God. And now, because of (faith in) our Lord Jesus Christ, we live at peace with God. (2) Christ has also introduced us to God's undeserved kindness on which we take our stand. So we are happy, as we look forward to sharing in the glory of God. (3) But that's not all! We gladly suffer, because we know that suffering helps us to endure. (4) And endurance builds character, which gives us a hope (5) that will never disappoint us. All of this happens because God has given us the Holy Spirit, who fills our hearts with his love. (6) Christ died for us at a time when we were helpless and sinful. (7) No one is really willing to die for an honest person, though someone might be willing to die for a truly good person. (8) But God showed how much he loved us by having Christ die for us, even though we were sinful. (9) But there is more! Now that God has accepted us because Christ sacrificed his life's blood, we will also be kept safe from God's anger. (10) Even when we were God's enemies, he made peace with us, because his Son died for us. Yet something even greater than friendship is ours. Now that we are at peace with God, we will be saved by his Son's life. (11) And in addition to everything else, we are happy because God sent our Lord Jesus Christ to make peace with us.

danger of appointing other men to teach, judge, govern and/or lead us.^(U) Humble men and women will not allow themselves to be glorified by accepting fantasy titles and appointments from other humans.^{LLL} This is all simple and easy to understand:^{MMM} You only need read the words of Christ while you encourage others to do the same. Always keep in mind the very real danger posed by people who are trying to compel you to go along with their faith (their doctrine). The Bible, with emphasis on the words of Christ,^{NNN} provide your one and only reliable source of truth. Jesus warned you it is so.^{OOO}

^{LLL} Revelation 19:9-10 CEV Then the angel told me, "Put this in writing. God will bless everyone who is invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb (possibly, the gathering of eagles)."^(OOO) The angel also said, "These things that God has said are true." (10) I knelt at the feet of the angel and began to worship him. **But the angel said, "Don't do that! I am a servant, just like you and everyone else who tells about Jesus. Don't worship anyone but God. Everyone who tells about Jesus does it by the power of the Spirit."**

^{MMM} (Matthew 19:13, 14) ¹³ Then young children were brought to him, for him to put his hands upon them and offer prayer; but the disciples reprimanded them. ¹⁴ Jesus, however, said: "Let the young children alone, and stop hindering them from coming to me, for the kingdom of the heavens belongs to suchlike ones."~

(Matthew 18:2-4) ² So, calling a young child to him, he set it in their midst ³ and said: "Truly I say to YOU, Unless YOU turn around and become as young children, YOU will by no means enter into the kingdom of the heavens. ⁴ Therefore, whoever will humble himself like this young child is the one that is the greatest in the kingdom of the heavens;

^{NNN} (Galatians 3:23-25) ²³ However, before the faith arrived, we were being guarded under law, being delivered up together into custody, looking to the faith that was destined to be revealed. ²⁴ Consequently the Law has become our tutor leading to Christ, that we might be declared righteous due to faith. ²⁵ But now that the faith has arrived, we are no longer under a tutor.

^{OOO} (Matthew 24:23-28) ²³ "Then if anyone says to YOU, 'Look! Here is the Christ,' or, 'There!' do not believe it. ²⁴ **For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will give great signs and wonders so as to mislead, if possible, even the chosen ones.** ²⁵ **Look! I have forewarned YOU.**

²⁶ Therefore, if people say to YOU, 'Look! He is in the wilderness,' do not go out; 'Look! He is in the inner chambers,' do not believe it. ²⁷ For just as the lightning comes out of eastern parts and shines over to western parts, so the presence of the Son of man will be. ²⁸ **Wherever the carcass [body] is,**

Do you understand the essence of what Jesus taught? His Father sent him to bring you the chance for life. It will not be, however, as a result of your membership in any of the many and varied religious sects of men. You must escape religion along with their judgment^(L) against non-members. The only way you can do that is by reading what the son of God taught. That is God's one and only organization to worship him.^{PPP} You might fully agree with, and even say "amen" to the things we say. When we say it, however, it does not prove within your heart it is true. Only by reading the Gospels can you hear Jesus Christ say it, and, in that way, know it is true.^(J) That's the only way you can build faith in what is real. That might even allow you to help some of the people who are willing to listen as you encourage them toward

there the eagles will be gathered together. – Jesus's body, or his remains, exist in his teachings. That's where his true followers gather.

^{PPP} Luke 9:35 ESV And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!"~

Acts 3:22 ALT "For Moses indeed said to the fathers, 'The LORD our God will raise up for you a Prophet like to me from your brothers; Him you will hear [*or, pay attention to*] in all [*things*], as many [*things*] as He shall speak to you. [*Deuteronomy 18:15*]~

Deuteronomy 18:15 LITV Jehovah [יהוה ^(PP)] your God shall raise up to you a prophet from among you, of your brothers, one like me; you shall listen to him,~

Peter and other early Christians gave their very life in faith to what they had seen and heard. You can join them in being in association with Jesus by reading the Gospels: **2 Peter 1:16-19 GW** When we apostles told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we didn't base our message on clever myths that we made up. Rather, we witnessed his majesty with our own eyes. (17) For example, we were eyewitnesses when he received honor and glory from God the Father and when the voice of our majestic God spoke these words to him: "This is my Son, whom I love and in whom I delight." (18) We heard that voice speak to him from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain. (19) So we regard the words of the prophets as confirmed beyond all doubt. You're doing well by paying attention to their words. Continue to pay attention as you would to a light that shines in a dark place [*Jesus's words are the light shining in a dark place*] as you wait for day to come and the morning star to rise in your hearts. *Psa. 2:7; Gen. 22:2; Isa. 42:1; Matt. 17:5*

Christ. Only those individuals who are being drawn to the truth by God,^(VV) however, will be able to hear and understand your encouragement. They, and you, must start with belief in a God who is good.^{QQQ} God is looking for each and every individual who is looking for him in that same way; searching for our Good Creator.^(RR) When He finds a person looking for him, He directs them to the teachings He sent his son to bring.^{(TT) & (S)} Even Jesus himself couldn't help people who were determined to continue to listen to Satan as their father (those who were not being drawn to Jesus by God, because they had no sincere interest in knowing God).^{RRR} So... Those not drawn to Jesus by his Father were unable to really hear what Jesus said to them.^{SSS & (BB)} Jesus did understand that was the way it should be. You

^{QQQ} Hebrews 11:6 BBE And without faith it is not possible to be well-pleasing to him [God], for it is necessary for anyone who comes to God to have the belief that God is [exists], and that he is a rewarder of all those who make a serious search for him.

^{RRR} (John 8:38-47) ³⁸ What things I have seen with my Father I speak; and YOU, therefore, do the things YOU have heard from [YOUR] father." ³⁹ In answer they said to him: "Our father is Abraham." Jesus said to them: "If YOU are Abraham's children, do the works of Abraham." ⁴⁰ But now YOU are seeking to kill me, a man that has told YOU the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. ⁴¹ YOU do the works of YOUR father." They said to him: "We were not born from fornication; we have one Father, God." ⁴² Jesus said to them: "If God were YOUR Father, YOU would love me, for from God I came forth and am here. Neither have I come of my own initiative at all, but that One sent me forth. ⁴³ **Why is it YOU do not know what I am speaking? Because YOU cannot listen to my word.** ⁴⁴ **YOU are from YOUR father the Devil, and YOU wish to do the desires of YOUR father.** That one was a manslayer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of [the lie]. ⁴⁵ Because I, on the other hand, tell the truth, YOU do not believe me. ⁴⁶ Who of YOU convicts me of sin? If I speak truth, why is it YOU do not believe me? ⁴⁷ He that is from God listens to the sayings of God. This is why YOU do not listen, because YOU are not from God."

^{SSS} Matthew 13:10-17 GW The disciples asked him, "Why do you use stories as illustrations when you speak to people?" (11) Jesus answered, "Knowledge about the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you. But it has not been given to the crowd. (12) Those who understand these mysteries will be given more knowledge,

should know that as well. Like Jesus, we must honor God's judgment! Those who are drawn to Jesus in order to learn from him, and who then build faith in his teachings,^(PPP) are being saved together with Jesus by his Father.^{TTT}

and they will excel in understanding them. However, some people don't understand these mysteries. Even what they understand will be taken away from them. (13) This is why I speak to them this way. They see, but they're blind. They hear, but they don't listen. They don't even try to understand. (14) So they make Isaiah's prophecy come true: 'You will hear clearly but never understand. You will see clearly but never comprehend. (15) These people have become close-minded and hard of hearing. They have shut their eyes so that their eyes never see. Their ears never hear. Their minds never understand. And they never return to me for healing!' (16) "Blessed are your eyes because they see and your ears because they hear. (17) I can guarantee this truth: Many prophets and many of God's [ancient] people longed to see what you see but didn't see it, to hear what you hear but didn't hear it.

^{TTT} Romans 8:5-23 GW Those who live by the corrupt nature have the corrupt nature's attitude. But those who live by the spiritual nature have the spiritual nature's attitude. (6) The corrupt nature's attitude leads to death. But **the spiritual nature's attitude leads to life and peace.** (7) This is so because the corrupt nature has a hostile attitude toward God. It refuses to place itself under the authority of God's standards because it can't. (8) Those who are under the control of the corrupt nature can't please God. (9) But if God's Spirit lives in you, you are under the control of your spiritual nature, not your corrupt nature. Whoever doesn't have the Spirit of Christ doesn't belong to him.*¹ (10) However, if Christ lives in you, your bodies are dead because of sin, but your spirits are alive because you have God's approval. (11) Does the Spirit of the one who brought Jesus back to life live in you? (The spirit of God lives in you as you exert yourself to learn what his son taught, and then live accordingly.) **Then the one who brought Christ back to life will also make your mortal bodies alive by his Spirit who lives in you.**^(OOOO - Job:33:24-29) (12) So, brothers and sisters, we have no obligation to live the way our corrupt nature wants us to live. (13) If you live by your corrupt nature, you are going to die. But **if you use your spiritual nature to put to death the evil activities of the body, you will live.** (14) Certainly, all who are guided by God's Spirit are God's children. (15) You haven't received the spirit of slaves that leads you into fear again.

The reason you can know you can trust what we say is because we do not seek glory for ourselves. We encourage you to read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John for yourself, and then, through *your* faith in Christ, to give glory to God.^(xx) When you have read the Gospels through once, begin again. Make it your life's choice to sit at the feet of the son of God in that way. Please know, that is your only source of happiness,^(EEEE) and, it means eternal life for you.^{UUU} All of us pick a scripture, or some group of them, and then build a faith in those

Instead, you have received the spirit of God's adopted children by which we call out, "Abba! Father!" (16) The Spirit himself (through our knowledge of Christ's words) testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. (17) If we are his children, we are also God's heirs. If we share in Christ's suffering in order to share his glory, we are heirs together with him. (18) I consider our present sufferings insignificant compared to the glory that will soon be revealed to us. (19) All creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal who his children are. (20) Creation was subjected to frustration but not by its own choice. The one who subjected it to frustration did so in the hope (21) that it would also be set free from slavery to decay in order to share the glorious freedom that the children of God will have. (22) We know that all creation has been groaning with the pains of childbirth up to the present time. (23) **However, not only creation groans. We, who have the Spirit as the first of God's gifts, also groan inwardly. We groan as we eagerly wait for our adoption, the freeing of our bodies from sin.**~

*1 (John 14:15-17)¹⁵ "If YOU love me, YOU will observe my commandments; ¹⁶ and I will request the Father and he will give YOU another helper to be with YOU forever, ¹⁷ the spirit of the truth, . . .

^{UUU} Deuteronomy 30:17-20 MWT ¹⁷ "But if your heart turns away and you do not listen, and you are actually seduced and bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I do tell YOU today that YOU will positively perish. YOU will not lengthen YOUR days on the ground to which you are crossing the Jordan to go to take possession of it. ¹⁹ **I do take the heavens and the earth as witnesses against YOU today, that I have put life and death before you, the blessing and the malediction; and you must choose life in order that you may keep alive, you and your offspring, ²⁰ by loving יהוה your God, by listening to his voice and by sticking to him; for he is your life and the length of your days, that you may dwell upon the ground that יהוה swore to your forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to give to them."**

scriptures. That's OK. That's the reason God gave us the Bible. That learning process is how we attain Christian maturity.^(OO) What we choose to believe then becomes our own personal doctrine. If that doctrine is based on truth, it is good and means life for us. If it is based on lies, it means death.^(TTT) The problem for each of us is this, it takes time to learn. And, we can't hold the scriptures all in mind. We must continually study. Most of us remain spiritual infants and are ignorant beyond the few scriptures we have learned as the basis of our faith. Even so, the first thing most of us want to do when we start to learn what the Bible teaches is group together with other people who come the closest we can find to having the same doctrine (the same faith). Someone recently said to me: "I believe in the trinity. What do you think about that?" I replied that since I don't find the word trinity in the Bible, I won't express faith in it. That is simply because I some time ago determined I will base my faith on the Bible alone. I went on to explain: "I do believe in God, and in his son Jesus Christ, and in the holy spirit." Based on that, he implied he felt my faith was close enough to his that we could continue our discussion. He said even if I don't use the word trinity, it sounds like I share his faith. I could have fueled the debate, but to what profit. We rather went on to discuss (share) what Jesus said! So then... We must understand that each one of us has a doctrine. The trick is not to become so grandiose in our own eyes *we use our personal faith (or doctrine) to judge others.* While it is natural for those who believe in the Bible to want to share their faith, there is danger: An Anabaptist^{VVV} recently talked about his

^{VVV} Anabaptists were one of the early protestant groups who broke away from the apostate church of the dark ages because they didn't believe in infant baptism. They have today splintered into several groups who reject the baptism of infants (Mennonites, Amish, Jehovah's Witnesses and some others). They believe, as the Bible teaches, baptism is a decision made in faith that requires knowledge infants can't possibly have. The Bible says baptism is a request made to God, through faith in Christ, for a good conscience.* Water immersion is only a symbol some choose to make to indicate publicly that have taken that step.~

doctrine as he walked about in a large crowd carrying a big sign trying to justify and spread his faith. Justifying our faith is a good thing. We all should be ready to make a defense of our hope.^{www} As the Anabaptist explained his beliefs, and answered questions, however, he admitted he didn't really believe strongly in some of his sect's teachings. He said he goes along with those he doesn't fully support because he *does* want to support the good work he believes his group is doing. He further stated he goes along because he wants to keep peace and remain a part of the group. He probably didn't realize what he was saying, but he described in his own words how he has been misled to follow a doctrine of faith he is not convinced is scriptural. He did give the impression he believes in the Bible. So... If he truly believed his group's beliefs were scriptural teachings, his faith in the Bible would make those beliefs his own. He thus admitted he is following (going along with) the doctrine of his religious sect and not the Bible. *He is not alone!* That's what religion does to people. That's what group worship does to people. That's why Jesus taught us to worship his Father as individuals, in spirit and truth.^(KK) No matter how hard they try to believe it isn't so, when 2 or more people sit together and discuss *their* faith, what they are really doing is debating and teaching their own personal doctrine. When they sit and listen to some preacher or elder or priest explain the Bible, they are choosing to be influenced by his doctrine. The only way people can set themselves free of debating or being taught the doctrine of other

* 1 Peter 3:20-22 GW They are like those who disobeyed long ago in the days of Noah when God waited patiently while Noah built the ship. In this ship a few people-eight in all-were saved by water. (21) Baptism, which is like that water, now saves you. Baptism doesn't save by removing dirt from the body. Rather, **baptism is a request to God for a clear conscience. It saves you through [faith in] Jesus Christ**, who came back from death to life. (22) Christ has gone to heaven where he has the highest position that God gives. Angels, rulers, and powers have been placed under his authority.^(XX)
^{www} 1 Peter 3:15 GNB But have reverence for [dedicate your live to] Christ in your hearts, and honor him as Lord. Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you,

humans, as they gather in faith, is when they join to read the words of Christ. Jesus is, and must be, the only authority for Christians. Reading what he said is the only way we can be set free^(Y) of our own misbeliefs, along with the well-intended misdirection by (or of) others.

To summarize this booklet (and the message of Christ), there are three things you need to know about becoming a Christian. We begin by noting many people pick a scripture, for example Acts 16:31,^{xxx} where, after being asked by a man what he needed to do to be saved, Paul and Silas told him he must believe on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. People will pick that scripture (or some other) and build their faith around it. They go on to convince themselves that, based on that scripture, if they use and tell others Jesus's name, they are saved. The **first** of the three things you need to know about becoming a Christian is Jesus gave clear warning faith in his name alone is not enough.^(M) & ^(ZZZ) (No faith built on a few scriptures is plenty. If that could work, that's all Jesus would have said.) To make it clear knowing his name is not enough, Jesus said many people will come to him in the last day seeking protection and saying they prophesied and cast out demons in his name.^(N) For them to approach Jesus expecting his help, they must believe they really did serve him. Jesus explained why he will tell them to get away from him. Even though they claim they served him, he said what they really remain is "workers of lawlessness." So... They hadn't really listened to Jesus. **Second:** You must understand, we are all born as workers of lawlessness. The only way you can stop being a worker of unrighteousness is by actively learning and "remaining in" Jesus teachings.^(Y) **Third:** Please realize... To "remain in" Jesus teachings, you must become part of his family. Jesus said we become a part of his

^{xxx} Acts 16:29-31 ESV And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. (30) Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" (31) And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

family by sitting at his feet and listening:^{YYY} Today, we can sit at the feet of Jesus by reading what the Bible records he did and said in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. What Paul and Silas said about our need to believe on the name of Jesus is true, of course;^(XXX) but simple knowing Jesus's name does not make you his follower. Even the demons know and use Jesus's name!^{ZZZ & (M)} Becoming a Christian means a lifetime dedicated to listening to Jesus, drawing our very life from his words,^{(I) & (OOOO - Job 33:15-30)} doing so because that is the most important and only truly good thing in life. It is the only way you can be happy. If you think you will get bored reading those four small books over and over, rest assured, you will not. There is more information contained in the Gospels than we can comprehend. Also, do not believe Satan's lie that following Christ is hard or is some huge sacrifice.^(WWWW) It is a blessing in every way! What Jesus taught is the only source of real happiness^(EEEE) and provides you eternal life.^{AAAA} Reading what he said is the only way you can become his intimate friend, and, the only way you can become one who is known by him.

^{YYY} **(Mark 3:31-35)** ³¹ Now his mother and his brothers came, and, as they were standing on the outside, they sent in to him to call him. ³² As it was, a crowd was sitting around him, so they said to him: "Look! Your mother and your brothers outside are seeking you." ³³ But in reply he said to them: "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴ And having looked about upon those sitting around him in a circle, he said: "See, my mother and my brothers!" ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God, this one is my brother and sister and mother."

^{ZZZ} **Luke 4:33-34 GNB** In the synagogue was a man who had the spirit of an evil demon in him; he screamed out in a loud voice, (34) "Ah! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Are you here to destroy us? I know who you are: you are God's holy messenger!"

^{AAAA} **Matthew 4:4 ALT** But answering, He said, "It has been written, 'A person will not live on bread alone, but on every word coming out through [*the*] mouth of God.'" (The ALT reference tells us Jesus here quoted from or referenced [*Deut 8:3*]~

Deuteronomy 8:3 Darby And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with the manna, which thou hadst not known, and which thy fathers knew not; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread alone, but by everything that goeth out of the mouth of Jehovah^(PP) [יהוה] doth man live.

You must make yourself perfect in God's sight^(Mat 5:43 – 48 on pg 5) by loving your enemies as yourself. Never forget, though, becoming a follower of Christ benefits *you more so than anyone*. The only "sacrifice" is your free will praise of our Grand Creator.^{BBBB} We hear people say they love some person but they don't like them. That's not what Jesus said. If you love someone, there is no room for dislike. God is watching how you treat people when you are angry with or don't like them. That's part of his way of coming to know who you really are.^{CCCC} Everyone is kind to people they like and are not upset with.^(Mat 5:47 on pg 5) Hearing this, many people will say: "Even Jesus Christ got mad. He was angry when he drove people out of the temple."^{DDDD} Well... Yes, he was! Jesus is also perfect, is the son of God, and, is God's appointed judge.^(EEE) You are none of those things. The people Jesus drove from the temple were breaking God's law by selling animals and carrying on business in his Father's house of worship. They had turned God's temple into a barn and/or stockyard. Even so, Jesus didn't hurt anyone and there is no evidence he used a

^{BBBB} Hebrews 13:15 CEV Our sacrifice is to keep offering praise to God in the name of Jesus.

^{CCCC} Luke 6:35-38 GW Rather, love your enemies, help them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then you will have a great reward. You will be the children of the Most High God. After all, he is kind to unthankful and evil people. (36) Be merciful as your Father is merciful. (37) "Stop judging, and you will never be judged. Stop condemning, and you will never be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. (38) Give, and you will receive. A large quantity, pressed together, shaken down, and running over will be put into your pocket. The standards you use for others will be applied to you."

^{DDDD} John 2:13-17 GNB It was almost time for the [*Jewish*] Passover Festival, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. (14) There in the Temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and pigeons, and also the moneychangers sitting at their tables. (15) So he made a whip from cords and drove all the animals out of the Temple, both the sheep and the cattle; he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and scattered their coins; (16) and he ordered those who sold the pigeons, "Take them out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" (17) His disciples remembered that the scripture says, "My devotion to your house, O God, burns in me like a fire."

whip except on *the animals* he drove out. Afterward, he likely treated those he ran from the temple just like everyone else. He still loved them and he still tried to help them. Jesus didn't command and doesn't need you to help him judge other people.^(L) *Instead, he told you to be kind to everyone.* You don't have the ability to judge, nor do you even know when someone needs to be treated harshly. What that means is you must have no enemies, because you make the choice not to judge them to be so in the first place.^(L) Refusing to be judgmental allows place for you to love everyone. (That would seem to exclude your taking part in group demonstrations that can lead to riots and violence. You are responsible for what you, and what group you choose to join, do to others.) Christians do, of course, realize they will have enemies in those individuals or groups who refuse to accept Christ's direction for their lives. What Christians don't presume to do is judge who is rejecting *has rejected* Christ, or, who is following him. It's the followers of the religious sectarian teachings by men that judge and segregate other people^(AA) (even children). The followers of Christ understand they are not judges. We use the teachings of Jesus to judge ourselves, but that's our only judgment.^{EEEE} We can also know all other persons are also in the act of judging *themselves*, by how they respond to the words of God's son.^(WW - John 12:48) That's what this whole toleration (by God) of Satan's influence has been about. Judging "*ourselves*" is what we all are doing. Because you refuse to realize you are judging yourself (by whether you reject the world and build faith in Christ) does not change the fact you are doing so. It is a very personal

^{EEEE} **(James 1:22-25)** ²² However, become doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves with false reasoning. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word, and not a doer, this one is like a man looking at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself, and off he goes and immediately forgets what sort of man he is. ²⁵ But he who peers into the perfect law that belongs to freedom and who persists in [it], this [man], because he has become, not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, will be happy in his doing [it].

matter. No man or group can approve you as a follower of Christ.^{FFFF}
Your praise must come to you from God.^(DDD)

***** The word “religion” is used inconsistently in the different translations of the Bible. We (justbibletruth.com) use “religion” to represent all the people Jesus said were: “Workers of lawlessness” or “workers of iniquity,”^(N) were “false prophets” and/or “wolves in sheep’s covering.”^(P) We use “religion” to define those who, as Paul said, have a form of godly devotion but prove false to the power of *true godly devotion*.^{GGGG} The Bible teaches Christianity to be the only

^{FFFF} (John 5:39-44) ³⁹ “YOU are searching the Scriptures, because YOU think that by means of them YOU will have everlasting life; and these are the very ones that bear witness about me. ⁴⁰ And yet YOU do not want to come to me that YOU may have life. ⁴¹ I do not accept glory from men, ⁴² but I well know that YOU do not have the love of God in YOU. ⁴³ I have come in the name of my Father, but YOU do not receive me; if someone else arrived in his own name, YOU would receive that one. ⁴⁴ How can YOU believe, when YOU are accepting glory from one another and YOU are not seeking the glory that is from the only God?”

^{GGGG} 2 Timothy 3:1-4:5 CEV You can be certain that in the last days there will be some very hard times. (2) People will love only themselves and money. They will be proud, stuck-up, rude, and disobedient to their parents. They will also be ungrateful, godless, (3) heartless, and hateful. Their words will be cruel, and they will have no self-control or pity. These people will hate everything that is good. (4) They will be sneaky, reckless, and puffed up with pride. Instead of loving God, they will love pleasure. (5) **Even though they will make a show of being religious [have a form of godly devotion but prove false to its power], their religion won't be real. Don't have anything to do with such people.** (6) Some men fool whole families, just to get power over those women who are slaves of sin and are controlled by all sorts of desires. (7) These women always want to learn something new, but they never can discover the truth. (8) Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, these people are enemies of the truth. Their minds are sick, and their faith isn't real. (9) But they won't get very far with their foolishness. Soon everyone will know the truth about them, just as Jannes and Jambres were found out. (10) Timothy, you know what I teach and how I live. You know what I want to do and what I believe. You have seen how patient and loving I am, and how in the past I put up with (11) trouble and suffering in the cities of Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra.

acceptable form of godly devotion. We work to make the distinction between religion and Christianity clear! Christians^(CCC) follow the teachings of Jesus Christ, and of him alone. Everything besides Christianity is religion. We warn about religion because it exists as Satan's tool^{HHHH} to confuse and mislead God's creation. Jesus warned

Yet the Lord rescued me from all those terrible troubles. (12) Anyone who belongs to Christ Jesus and wants to live right will have trouble from others. (13) But evil people who pretend to be what they are not will become worse than ever, as they fool others and are fooled themselves. (14) Keep on being faithful to what you were taught (by Christ) and to what you believed. After all, you know who taught you these things. (15) Since childhood, you have known the Holy Scriptures that are able to make you wise enough to have faith in Christ Jesus and be saved. **(16) Everything in the Scriptures is God's [inspired] Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live. (17) The Scriptures train God's servants to do all kinds of good deeds.** 2 Timothy 4:1-5 CEV When Christ Jesus comes as king, he will be the judge of everyone, whether they are living or dead. So with God and Christ as witnesses, I command you (2) to preach God's message (what Jesus taught).^(WW) Do it willingly, even if it isn't the popular thing to do. You must correct people and point out their sins. But also cheer them up, and when you instruct them, always be patient. (3) The time is coming when people won't listen to good teaching. Instead, they will look for teachers who will please them by telling them only what they are itching to hear. (4) They will turn from the truth and eagerly listen to senseless stories. (5) But you must stay calm and be willing to suffer. You must work hard to tell the good news and to do your job well. * Many of the letters by the apostles (like 2 Timothy) were written before the Gospels records of what Jesus said were preserved by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Their letters always encourage faith in Christ. Today, since we have the Gospels completed, the best way to learn what Jesus taught is by reading Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

^{HHHH} 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 ESV (3) And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. (4) In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. [Isaiah 42:6, 7, 16] (5) For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. (6) For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in

those deceived include many people who imagine and claim they are Christians, but don't really know Christ at all.^(N) *****

A great need among, and God's gift to, humankind: The opportunity to gather with Eagles.^(KKKK) There is something new and wonderful ~~that needs to happen~~ *happening* in the earth in our day in time: Every person is gaining the opportunity to become part of a non-denominational group Bible study. (Please don't confuse non-denominational with inter-denominational. We read inside the cover of Bibles distributed by the Gideons their group is comprised of individuals from many religions. They have joined to distribute Bibles under the Gideon name. While it cannot be argued that spreading God's word is a good thing, those trying to cling to faith in one of the sects that are doctrinally opposed to each other, while they also try to serve God, is certainly not a non-denominational effort. It would seem they are trying to be inter-denominational. For our purpose, non-denominational means not being a part of or supporting any sectarian "group form of worship.") Many people understand mankind needs help learning what Jesus actually taught. What many don't grasp is we also need help to avoid any and all sectarian doctrinal influence,

our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.~

Isaiah 42:6-9 & 16-17 **Darby** I, Jehovah [יהוה ^(PP)], have called thee in righteousness, and will take hold of thy hand; and I will preserve thee (Jesus Christ), and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the nations, (7) to open the blind eyes, to bring forth the prisoner from the prison, them that sit in darkness out of the house of restraint. (8) I am Jehovah [יהוה], that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. (9) Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth will I cause you to hear them.~

Isaiah 42:16-17 **Darby** And I will bring the blind by a way that they know not, in paths that they know not will I lead them; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. (17) They shall be turned back, they shall be covered with shame, that confide in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods.

and/or, having religious doctrine become part of what we believe. Perhaps most importantly, we need help to realize how easy it is to learn from Jesus. So then... To put it in the Bible's vernacular: Every person is, in these last days, having the opportunity to "gather with Eagles;" and, of course, to understand what that even means.^(KKKK) Please just realize: It is easy to become a disciple (a taught one, a learner, a pupil or student) of Christ. You can gather with eagles simply by joining with at least one other person^{lIII} who has a desire to learn what Jesus taught. Christians must start any such group effort (two or more)^(lIII) with a simple shared understanding: The only safe way to learn from Jesus is by reading the Gospel records of what he said and did. The foundation necessary to be an "eagle" is simply an interest in learning what the son of God was sent to teach;^{(TT) & (S)} along with a constant awareness of the danger of being infected by the teachings of men.^(WW - Mat 6:12) Part of any attempt at a group study must also include an awareness and understanding that each person joining will already have their own faith. Their *personal doctrine* will be based on what they already believe to be true. Some of what they believe may, of course, be wrong. They will not want, nor do they deserve, to be attacked using any [*imagined*] "group wisdom." If they are among those turning to Christ, they will hear what they need in *his* teachings. Everyone in the study will need to be open minded about what others believe, as each person also tries to avoid promoting their own "personal" beliefs. Promoting personal doctrine only produces arguments that lead to hate. Humility, as each person realizes and acknowledges they are joined for the sole purpose of learning from Christ, should help prevent individuals from trying to teach what *they* believe. Humility should help protect everyone from feeling any desire to teach *their* own faith. Any potential dispute should be resolved by simply returning to the reading of the words of Christ. The resolve of the group should always be to meet so as to learn from Jesus, without rendering judgment against those who don't agree with every single

^{lIII} Matthew 18:20 **ALT** "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

notion any individual, or even the majority of the group, may be convinced is correct. *Effort should be made to avoid* trying to convert other members to a group faith. Remember always: *We want to avoid starting yet another religion!* The persistent effort must be to join and be involved in the form of worship Jesus started 2000 years ago. What he taught can't be improved upon by our logic and/or judgments. Everyone should remain determined to let Jesus do the talking.^(TT) Then, responsibility for personal beliefs (and actions) rests with each hearer. Everyone should understand and share a belief (faith) in this one scriptural fact: We are each one of us, as individuals, judging ourselves by our response to Jesus's words.^(WW - John 12:48) The intent should endure to gather and be in association^{JJJ} with individuals who share a desire to listen to and to be molded by Christ Jesus, and by him alone: That, is what the Bible means by the term "gathering with the eagles"^(OOO) (a gathering with others who desire to feed on the words of Christ). Some limited discussion of what is read might be appropriate. Each individual, however, should have the right (and should always feel free and comfortable) to request the study be returned to the reading of Jesus's words. That should help avoid group discussions becoming too sectarian, thereby making some among the group feel they are being pushed to accept "group faith." The only "group doctrine" should be a pride that each individual feel completely free in asking to return the group's focus to the words of Jesus. That should also keep conversations from wandering too far from the intended and determined purpose of the assembly: To read and learn what Jesus taught. Personal discussion can be carried on by those who desire to do so after the assembly for study has concluded. No member should view themselves, or be viewed by others, as the leader or teacher of the group. Those who try to lead and control the group should rightly be looked down on as ignorant of Jesus's

^{JJJ} **(Hebrews 10:24, 25)** ²⁴ And let us consider one another to incite to love and fine works, ²⁵ not forsaking the gathering of ourselves together, as some have the custom, but encouraging one another, and all the more so as YOU behold the day drawing near.

teachings. ^(u) They should not be looked up to. Jesus should be the only teacher while the group attempts to join figuratively with those gathered around him 2000 years ago. ^(YYY) There will, of course, need to be someone in charge of the meeting place(s) and times. The sole intent of the assembly should be to feed on the remains of Christ Jesus as each person understands those remains to be his teachings (or what is left of him on earth).^{KKKK} If you don't have someone else you

^{KKKK} Matthew 24:28 BBE **Wherever the dead body is, there will the eagles come [be gathered] together.** – The Bible calls Jesus the “Word of God”^{*1} and Jesus said we need to feed on him as the bread of life.^{*2} His teachings are his remains, and wise and far sighted individuals will gather to feed on those remains of Christ. Jesus’s teachings (his remains) are recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.~

^{*1} Revelation 19:11-13 CEV (11) I looked and saw that heaven was open, and a white horse was there. Its rider was called Faithful and True, and he is always fair when he judges or goes to war. (12) He had eyes like flames of fire, and he was wearing a lot of crowns. **His name was written on him,** but he was the only one who knew what the name meant. (13) The rider wore a robe that was covered with blood, **and he was known as "The Word of God."**~

^{*2} John 6:48-51 ALT "I am the bread of life! (49) "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. (50) "This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that anyone shall eat from it and shall not die. (51) "**I am the living bread,** the One having come down from heaven. **If anyone eats from this bread he will live into the age [fig., forever],** and indeed the bread which I will give is My flesh, which I will give on behalf of the life of the world..." John 6:63 ALT "The Spirit is the One giving life; the flesh does not accomplish [or, benefit] anything. **The words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life!**~

Luke 17:20-30 & 37 BBE And when the Pharisees put questions to him about when the kingdom of God would come, he gave them an answer and said, The kingdom of God will not come through observation: (21) And men will not say, See, it is here! or, There! for the kingdom of God is among you. (22) And he said to his disciples, The time will come when you will have a great desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, but you will not see it. (23) And if they say to you, See, it is there! or, It is here! do not go away, or go after them. (24) For as in a thunderstorm the bright light is seen from one end of the sky to the

can study with, you can still become a disciple of Christ by reading this booklet: That is *if, and only if*, you follow up by reading one of the Gospels to verify this really is what Jesus said.

If you do join in a study the Gospels, you should not be shocked if some of those you join decide to develop their own doctrine and begin to follow themselves. That is the common failing of religious people. If that happens, sincere Christians should continue their study of Christ's teachings, even if they have to do so alone. For years I never accepted contributions to support this website (justbibletruth.com). I do now ask your help, but still not with money. Videos demonstrating examples of nondenominational group Bible studies will be posted on justbibletruth.com when available. If you have training that allows you to produce such a video, please help by submitting a recording of any such study of one of the Bible books of Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. (Please do not submit material endorsing any sect you are, or have been, part of.) We will consider your video production for posting on the site. It would be nice if the video (in several segments no doubt) records the completion of a study of one of the Gospels. That is not

other, so will the Son of man be when his time comes. (25) But first, he will have to undergo much and be put on one side by this generation. (26) And as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the day of the Son of man. (27) They were feasting and taking wives and getting married, till the day of the overflowing of the waters, when Noah went into the ark, and they all came to destruction. (28) In the same way, in the days of Lot; they were feasting and trading, they were planting and building; (29) But on the day when Lot went out of Sodom, fire came down from heaven and destruction came on them all. (30) **So will it be in the day of the revelation of the Son of man...** Luke 17:37 BBE And they, answering him, said, Where, Lord? And **he said to them, Where the body is, there will the eagles come together.**

required for consideration. It would also be nice if the Gospel used for the study (and video) is the *Modern World Translation* of the book of John available free on the website.^(GGG) Using that translation will make it easy for anyone who later watches the video, and wishes to follow along with the study, to do so: They can simply download and print (or view on an e-reader) that Bible book (of John) from the website,^(GGG) and then read along as they watch the video recording of your Bible study. The intent of the video should be to help everyone realize how really simple it is for two or more people to join in sitting at the feet of Jesus Christ: Doing so by reading one of the parallel accounts of his life; while being careful not to become involved in sectarian religious worship. If you are part of a religious sect, they may condemn you if you choose to help us spread what Jesus taught. Just ask yourself this: What could really be wrong with promoting the teachings by Jesus Christ? That is all we are asking you to do. You can also help by directing others people to JustBibleTruth.com.

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Remember: Assuming you follow up by reading one of the Gospels, you have actually joined with a gathering of eagles^(OOO) by reading this booklet! It is comprised of more than 70% scriptures. If you have read and considered all the scriptural footnotes, you can join with others who are getting the sense of the Bible by choosing to be among God's eagles.^(KKKK) If that is your desire, then right this minute, start reading the book of John^(GGG) (or one of the other Gospels) to confirm what you have read in this booklet. You must be careful to use only the words of Jesus Christ for that confirmation. In doing that way, you join yourself to Christ's army.^{LLLL} You become a member of the group who

^{LLLL} Psalms 110:1-7 GW A psalm by David. The LORD [יהוה] said to my Lord [Jesus], "Sit in the highest position in heaven until I make your enemies your footstool." (2) The LORD [יהוה] will extend your

are prepared to live, and if necessary to die, having faith in our Grand Creator and in what is good. Each of those warriors has been personally selected^(RR) by our God. After that selection, each one is directed by God to be personally trained by his son.^(QQ) Each of God's children then knows who he or she is by way of their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Know Jesus, know his Father, and be known and helped by them. A wondrous and eternal future in paradise awaits!^{MMMM} All you need do to join God's army (of eagles) is

powerful scepter from Zion. Rule your enemies who surround you. (3) **Your people will volunteer when you call up your army. Your young people will come to you in holy splendor like dew in the early morning.** (4) The LORD [**יהוה**] has taken an oath and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the way Melchizedek was a priest." (5) The Lord is at your right side. He will crush kings on the day of his anger. (6) He will pass judgment on the nations and fill them with dead bodies [*of those who refuse to accept Christ as King*]. Throughout the earth he will crush their heads. (7) He will drink from the brook along the road. He will hold his head high.

^{MMMM} **(Psalm 37:27-29)** ²⁷ Turn away from what is bad and do what is good, And so reside to time indefinite. ²⁸ For **יהוה** ^(PP) is a lover of justice, And he will not leave his loyal ones. To time indefinite they will certainly be guarded; But as for the offspring of the wicked ones, they will indeed be cut off. ²⁹ The righteous themselves will possess the earth, And they will reside forever upon it.~

(Isaiah 11:1-12) 11 And there must go forth a twig out of the stump of Jesse; and out of his roots a sprout will be fruitful. ² And upon him the spirit of **יהוה** ^(PP) must settle down, the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of mightiness, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of **יהוה** ^(PP); ³ and there will be enjoyment by him in the fear of **יהוה** ^(PP). And he will not judge by any mere appearance to his eyes, nor reprove simply according to the thing heard by his ears. ⁴ And with righteousness he must judge the lowly ones, and with uprightness he must give reproof in behalf of the meek ones of the earth. And he must strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; and with the spirit of his lips he will put the wicked one to death. ⁵ And righteousness must prove to be the belt of his hips, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶ **And the wolf will actually reside**

to learn and apply what Jesus taught, and then, to do your best to share his teachings with others. Your doing so helps you as well as all other individuals you know who are seeking truth. It also exposes and destroys the effort by those who try and hide the truth (by papering it over with their own doctrines).^(V) It makes you one among the most

for a while with the male lamb, and with the kid the leopard itself will lie down, and the calf and the maned young lion and the well-fed animal all together; and a mere little boy will be leader over them. ⁷ And the cow and the bear themselves will feed; together their young ones will lie down. And even the lion will eat straw just like the bull. ⁸ And the sucking child will certainly play upon the hole of the cobra; and upon the light aperture of a poisonous snake will a weaned child actually put his own hand. ⁹ They will not do any harm or cause any ruin in all my holy mountain; because the earth will certainly be filled with the knowledge of

יהוה ^(PP) as the waters are covering the very sea. ¹⁰ And it must occur in that day that there will be the root of Jesse that will be standing up as a signal for the peoples. To him even the nations will turn inquiringly, and his resting-place must become glorious.

¹¹ And it must occur in that day that יהוה ^(PP) will again offer his hand, a second time, to acquire the remnant of his people who will remain over from Assyria and from Egypt and from Pathros and from Cush and from Elam and from Shinar and from Hamath and from the islands of the sea. ¹² And he will certainly raise up a signal for the nations and gather the dispersed ones of Israel; and the scattered ones of Judah he will collect together from the four extremities of the earth.~

(Isaiah 12:1-5) ¹² And in that day you will be sure to say: "I shall thank you, O יהוה ^(PP), for [although] you got incensed at me, your anger gradually turned back, and you proceeded to comfort me. ² Look! God is my salvation. I shall trust and be in no dread; for Jah יהוה ^(PP) is my strength and [my] might, and he came to be the salvation of me."

³ With exultation YOU people will be certain to draw water out of the springs of salvation. ⁴ And in that day YOU will certainly say: "Give thanks to יהוה ^(PP), YOU people! Call upon his name. Make known among the peoples his dealings. Make mention that his name is put on high. ⁵ Make melody to יהוה ^(PP), for he has done surpassingly. This is made known in all the earth.

powerful warriors men and women can ever become.^{NNNN} Such *meaning of life* is what mankind aspires to when they join the different religious sects and political movements they are part of. The only ones who actually achieve such glory and happiness, however, are those who turn to Jesus Christ.^{OOOO} By turning to Christ, they rid themselves

^{NNNN} Ephesians 6:10-17 ALT Finally my brothers [*and sisters*], continue becoming strong in [*the*] Lord and in the might of His strength. (11) Put on the full armor of God in order [*for*] you to be able to stand firm against the tricks [*or, cunning schemes*] of the Devil. (12) Because our struggle is not against blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of the darkness of this age, against the spiritual [*forces*] of the wickedness in the heavenlies [*or, heavenly [realms]*]. (13) For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you shall be able to resist in the day of evil, and having accomplished [*or, overcome*] everything, to stand firm. (14) Therefore, stand firm, 'having wrapped your waist around with truth,' and 'having put on the breastplate of righteousness,' [*Isaiah 11:5; 59:17*] (15) and having 'put on your feet as shoes the preparation of the Gospel of peace,' [*Isaiah 52:7*] (16) above all [*or, in addition to all [these things]*], having taken up the shield of faith, by which you will be able to extinguish all the arrows, the ones having been set on fire, [*fig., the flaming arrows*] of the evil [*one*], (17) and to receive [*or, take*] 'the helmet of salvation,' and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, [*Isaiah 59:17; Isaiah 11:4 (LXX); Isaiah 49:2; Hos. 6:5*]

^{OOOO} John 6:32-40 CEV Jesus then told them, "I tell you for certain that Moses wasn't the one who gave you bread from heaven. My Father is the one who gives you the true bread from heaven. (33) And the bread that God gives is the one who came down from heaven to give life to the world." (34) The people said, "Lord, give us this bread and don't ever stop!" (35) Jesus replied: I am the bread that gives life! No one who comes to me will ever be [*spiritually*] hungry. No one who has faith in me will ever be thirsty. (36) I have told you [*those not drawn to Jesus by his Father, because they had no real interest in God*]^(QQQ) already that you have seen me and still do not have faith in me. (37) Everything and everyone that the Father has given me will come to me, and I won't turn any of them away. (38) I didn't come from heaven to do what I want! I came to do what the Father wants me to do. He sent me, (39) and he wants to make certain that none of the ones he has given me will be lost. Instead, he wants me to raise them to life on the last day. (40) My Father wants everyone who sees the Son to have

of the influence of mere humans, along with all their imaginations about what is good.^(v)

faith in him and to have eternal life. Then I will raise them to life on the last day.~

Those alive in the last (those alive in our day) won't need to be resurrected, but will simply continue alive (like Noah).^(KKKK – Luke 17:26) ~

John 11:21 - 26 MWT Then Martha said to Jesus, Lord, if you had been here my brother would not be dead. (22) But I am certain that, even now, whatever request you make to God, God will give it to you. (23) Jesus said to her, Your brother will come to life again. (24) Martha said to him, I am certain that he will come to life again when all come back from the dead at the last day. (25) Jesus said to her, I am myself that day and that life; he who has faith in me will have life even if he is dead; (26) **And no one who is living [in the last day] and has faith in me will ever see death. Is this your faith [or, do you believe this]?~**

~ Well, do you believe this? ~

Job 33:15-30 MWT At night when people are asleep, God speaks in dreams and visions. *[God did that way with the ancient prophets and priests. Today, He speaks to us through Christ.]*^(NNN) (16) He makes them listen to what he says, and they are frightened at his warnings. (17) God speaks to make them stop their sinning and to save them from becoming proud. (18) He will not let them be destroyed; he saves them from death itself. (19) God corrects us by sending sickness and filling our bodies with pain *[by allowing to continue what is already happening to those who are unrepentant and reject Christ]*. (20) Those who are sick lose their appetites, and even the finest food looks revolting. (21) Their bodies waste away to nothing; you can see all their bones; (22) they are about to go *[down]* to the *[pit]*. (23) Perhaps an angel may come to their aid--- one of God's thousands of angels, who remind us of our duty. (24) In mercy the angel will say, "Release them! They are not to go down to the *[pit]*. Here is the ransom to set them free." (25) Their bodies will grow young and strong again; (26) when they pray, God will answer; they will worship God with joy; God will set things right for them again. (27) Each one will say in public, "I have sinned. I have not done right, but God spared me. (28) He kept me from becoming dead, and I am still alive." (29) God does all this again and again; (30) each one saves another person's life *[by telling them what they have learned from Christ]*, and gives him the joy of living.

There remains, however, the one same problem we all face: Doubt! When we watch a nature show and see huge schools of fish in a variety of colors as they move and glide on the currents, like they were following an unseen conductor in a symphony of color and light, we are simply amazed. Most of us give credit to our Grand Creator for the beauty and wisdom manifest in his creation. Then, they show us beautiful fur seals swimming and jumping out of the water as if they were in a race. In the midst of the seals, a great White Shark breaks the water chewing and devouring alive one of the seals. We feel sorry for the seal. Next, we see penguins as they support their tiny featherless chicks on their feet while they shelter them next to their body in the warmth of their feathers. As the chicks grow, one of the parent penguins must go down to the sea to feed themselves and their chicks. Next to the water, we see those same fur seals waiting to devour the penguins. We watch as a seal chases down and grabs a penguin by the neck, giving it a violent shake. The penguin goes limp as its neck breaks and it is devoured alive. We now wonder if the sharks should maybe eat *all* the seals. How can the God who created such beauty have created such violence? The violence we witness is not just among animals either. We humans have (spiritual) predators trying to devour us as well. Many people are killed or in other ways harmed by other men and women who have a religion those harmed are not part of. Even if we are favored to be exempt from such horrors, we still have old age and disease in constant pursuit. It leaves many to wonder: Is God *really* good? Do you believe, within the secret person of your heart, God is good? *That secret belief* is the root of your faith, and, *that* is what God knows about you. The Bible can help us believe in God's goodness in ways observing creation cannot. The Bible was written over a period of about 1600 years by 40 different men. It covers the 6000 years from Adam to our day^(see insert) and it says much about our future as well. Throughout, however, it is consistent and conveys one simple theme as it narrates how that theme has unfolded. Jesus Christ, and what he came to do for mankind, is the Bible's theme. In its pages it explains the violence we see today is not

part of God's original creation. Pain and suffering was introduced by God's selfish and wicked enemy.^(AAA – Mat 13:25) This world is brutal beyond words and there is nothing any of us can do to end badness. Jesus Christ, however, is appointed by God to destroy his enemy and to do away with all the harm he has caused.^(SS) The Bible says even the animal kingdom will be at peace when paradise is restored.^(MMMM) Many people believe the teachings Jesus left us indicate we are now living in the revelation of that restoration. If we are, you will most surely require faith in what God is doing in order to survive.^(FF) The faith of Noah and many other righteous people sustained them alive, or healed them.^(FF) The same question we all face then, is simple: Is what the Bible says true, or is the God who created what has resulted in so much pain and suffering really bad, thus leaving us without hope? It's not the same to learn what the Bible promises, and to thereby know what we *should* have faith in, as it is to actually have faith in the good promises by God (including the promise we can live forever).^(E) As for me, I want to have true faith in what God promises. I claim and believe I have such faith. I pray for more faith^{PPPP} and that I am not deceiving myself.^(N) My true faith will be shown up in what happens to me, just as it will for you. You will likely not know, however, what is happening to me. Even what happens to you, assuming you are one being helped by God, will likely be gradual and nearly imperceptible: The reverse of getting old.^(OOOO – Job 15:33) It seems

^{PPPP} [Mark 9:21-27 GNB](#) "How long has he been like this?" Jesus asked the father. "Ever since he was a child," he replied. (22) "Many times the evil spirit has tried to kill him by throwing him in the fire and into water. Have pity on us and help us, if you possibly can!" (23) "Yes," said Jesus, "if you yourself can! Everything is possible for the person who has faith." (24) **The father at once cried out, "I do have faith... Help me have more!"** (25) Jesus noticed that the crowd was closing in on them, so he gave a command to the evil spirit. "Deaf and dumb spirit," he said, "I order you to come out of the boy and never go into him again!" (26) The spirit screamed, threw the boy into a bad fit, and came out. The boy looked like a corpse, and everyone said, "He is dead!" (27) But Jesus took the boy by the hand and helped him rise, and he stood up.

it needs to be that way, because: If people could see God's sons and daughters returning to their strength of youth, they would flock to God just to be healed^{QQQQ} rather than because they love him and it is what is right.^{RRRR} May we all have peace through faith in Christ!^{SSSS} Rest assured, if you have hate for other people, you are the one being most harmed by that hate. You must turn to Christ and set your mind and heart free, by expressing love for others.^(Y)

Please realize: No one can be happy with life, nor can they have the clarity of mind to make wise decisions for their future,^{TTTT} if they don't first feel settled in their relationship with their Creator. Even if they

^{QQQQ} John 6:26-27 GNB Jesus answered, "I am telling you the truth: you are looking for me because you ate the bread and had all you wanted, not because you understood my miracles. (27) Do not work for food that spoils; instead, work for the food that lasts for eternal life. This is the food which the Son of Man will give you, because God, the Father, has put his mark of approval on him."

^{RRRR} John 20:29 CEV Jesus said, "Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!"

^{SSSS} Acts 10:34-36 GNB Peter began to speak: "I now realize that it is true that God treats everyone on the same basis. (35) Those who fear him and do what is right are acceptable to him, no matter what race they belong to. (36) You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, proclaiming the Good News of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

^{TTTT} (Psalm 119:97-107) ⁹⁷ How I do love your law! All day long it is my concern. ⁹⁸ Wiser than my enemies your commandment makes me, Because to time indefinite it is mine. ⁹⁹ More insight than all my teachers I have come to have, Because your reminders are a concern to me. ¹⁰⁰ With more understanding than older men I behave, Because I have observed your own orders. ¹⁰¹ From every bad path I have restrained my feet, For the purpose that I may keep your word. ¹⁰² From your judicial decisions I have not turned aside, For you yourself have instructed me. ¹⁰³ How smooth to my palate your sayings have been, More so than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ Owing to your orders I behave with understanding. That is why I have hated every false path. ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my foot, And a light to my roadway. ¹⁰⁶ I have made a sworn statement, and I will carry it out, To keep your righteous judicial decisions. ¹⁰⁷ I have been afflicted to a great extent. O יהוה (PP), preserve me alive according to your word.

have everything this world has to offer, and yet don't feel loved by God, they can never be happy. Please comprehend: Religion exists to make ~~people~~ you feel unworthy and unloved by God, so you will seek their group's religious approval. All religious people want to make you believe you must be approved by them to be loved by God. It is all just a continuation of the lies of Satan.^{UUUU} Even if you are a person who has decided you just can't believe God even exists, He still loves you. Even if you know you are not a good person, God still loves you. That's actually OK, and probably even wise on your part, because no person can be upright unless Christ teaches them to be so. Even when both you and God know you are not righteous, He still wants to help you if you will just give him a chance. What have you really got to lose by making an evaluation of truth? It only costs a little effort (reading what Christ said) and common sense, and the reward is beyond comprehension. Just give place to the notion that turning to God is

^{UUUU} Satan believes all God's creation is bad and they will all abandon God, especially when under pressure. (Pressure will never again be experienced in the coming paradise, because God will care for each of us.)^(MMMM) Even if Satan actually and truly believes all God's creation will choose to follow him by rejecting God, it is still a lie. God knows his work of creation was perfect. He knows those who have faith in him,^(QQQ) and who learn the truth, will reject Satan's lies. - Job 1:7-12

LITV And Jehovah [**יהוה** ^(PP)] said to Satan, From where have you come? And Satan answered Jehovah and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. (8) And Jehovah [**יהוה** ^(PP)] said to Satan, Have you set your heart on My servant Job because *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, fearing God and turning away from evil? (9) And Satan answered Jehovah [**יהוה** ^(PP)] and said, Does Job fear God for nothing? (10) Have You not made a hedge for him, and for his house, and for all that is his all around? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his livestock have increased in the land. (11) But put out Your hand now, and touch against all that is his, *and see* if he will not *then* curse You to Your face. (12) And Jehovah [**יהוה** ^(PP)] said to Satan, Behold, all that is his is in your hand! Only, do not lay your hand on him. And Satan went out from the face of Jehovah [**יהוה** ^(PP)].

only a benefit in every way.^{vvvv} If you still believe it will cost you some great sacrifice, you have believed Satan's greatest lie: That worshipping God costs something.^{wwwww} Please don't imagine I am asserting your turning to God (by learning what He sent his son to teach) will not change you. It certainly will!^{xxxx} What I am telling you is

^{vvvv} 2 Chronicles 26:4-5 YLT (4) And he doth that which is right in the eyes of Jehovah [יהוה ^(PP)], according to all that Amaziah his father did, (5) and he is as one seeking God in the days of Zechariah who hath understanding in visions of God: and in the days of his seeking Jehovah [יהוה ^(PP)], God hath caused him to prosper.

^{wwwww} Genesis 3:1-6 MKJV Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which Jehovah [יהוה ^(PP)] God had made. And he said to the woman, *Is it* so that God has said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden? (2) And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden. (3) But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the middle of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. (4) And the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die, (5) for God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God, knowing good and evil. (6) And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it was pleasing to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make wise, she took of its fruit, and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. *[Adam and Eve both died!]*

^{xxxx} 1 Corinthians 6:9-12 GW (9) Don't you know that wicked people won't inherit the kingdom of God? Stop deceiving yourselves! People who continue to commit sexual sins, who worship false gods, those who commit adultery, homosexuals, (10) or thieves, those who are greedy or drunk, who use abusive language, or who rob people will not inherit the kingdom of God. (11) That's what some of you were! But you have been washed and made holy, and you have received God's approval in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. (12) Someone may say, "I'm allowed to do anything," but not everything is helpful. I'm allowed to do anything, but I won't allow anything to gain control over my life *[and rob away happiness].~*

1 Timothy 1:9-16 GNB It must be remembered, of course, that laws *[the Jewish Law Code]* are made, not for good people, but for lawbreakers and criminals, for the godless and sinful, for those who are not religious or spiritual, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, (10) for the immoral, for sexual perverts, for kidnappers, for those who lie and give false testimony or who do anything else

the changes you make will be because you want to make them. You will want to make those changes because you will recognize doing so will make *you* happy. Even if the things you choose to give up, at this time seem the most important things in life, you will consider them garbage:^{YYYY} A young and ignorant child (ignorance is just a lack of experience and knowledge, and we are all born ignorant) may feel

contrary to sound doctrine. (11) That teaching is found in the gospel [*the teachings of Jesus in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John*] that was entrusted to me to announce, the Good News from the glorious and blessed God. (12) I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength for my work. I thank him for considering me worthy and appointing me to serve him, (13) even though in the past I [*Paul*] spoke evil of him and persecuted and insulted him. But God was merciful to me because I did not yet have faith and so did not know what I was doing.^(AA) (14) And our Lord poured out his abundant grace on me and *gave me the faith and love which are ours in union with Christ Jesus*. (15) This is a true saying, to be completely accepted and believed: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I am the worst of them, (16) but God was merciful to me in order that Christ Jesus might show his full patience in dealing with me, the worst of sinners, as an example for all those who would later believe in him and receive eternal life.

^{YYYY} **Philippians 3:4-9 GNB** I could, of course, put my trust in such things. If any of you think you can trust in external ceremonies [*religion or worldly prominence and desires*], I have even more reason to feel that way. (5) I was circumcised when I was a week old. I am an Israelite by birth, of the tribe of Benjamin, a pure-blooded Hebrew [*a Hebrew born of Hebrews*]. As far as keeping the Jewish Law is concerned, I was a Pharisee, (6) and I was so zealous that I persecuted the church [*followers of Christ*]. As far as a person can be righteous by obeying the commands of the Law, I was without fault. (7) But all those things that I might count as profit I now reckon as loss for Christ's sake. (8) Not only those things; I reckon everything as complete loss for the sake of what is so much more valuable, the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have thrown everything away; I consider it all as mere garbage, so that I may gain Christ (9) and be completely united with him. I no longer have a righteousness of my own, the kind that is gained by obeying the Law. I now have the righteousness that is given through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God and is based on faith.

angry when its parent stops it from “playing” with the shiny pretty pan cooking their dinner on the stove. Later, when the grown child can remember and understand it grew up without the scars of pouring boiling food into its face, it will appreciate its loving parent’s restraint. Any belief that God’s direction is anything but a protection is ignorance and/or a belief in Satan’s lies.^(WWWW) God sent Christ to give only the instruction that will make you happy.^(EEEE) Religion wants to give you rules of restraint to control every aspect of your life: Walk this way, dress this way, talk this way, show love for God and others in the ways demanded by them. They want you to judge and bicker with others about whether Jesus died on a cross or a stake, or about whether he is part of a trinity (a word not even found in the Bible). On and on the list of their rules go. We however, contradicting what they say, caution you never to follow us or our rules. Don’t follow theirs either. Listen to God!^(TT) If you become a friend of Christ, through familiarity with what he taught, you will know the answers to the questions religionists bicker about endlessly. Often, however, like Christ Jesus, you will know those doctrinal questions are not even worthy of your consideration.^{ZZZZ} Having heard that God has said *to listen to his son*^(TT) and then choosing to read the Gospels, please note as you make the effort to listen, that Jesus isn’t giving you rules which force you to change who you are. He is teaching you principles of love^(see back page) that make you want to reform yourself. It will make you happy as you make the personal choice to do so.^{AAAA} Take the

^{ZZZZ} Mark 9:38-40 CEV John said, "Teacher, we saw a man using your name to force demons out of people. But he wasn't one of us, and we told him to stop." (39) Jesus said to his disciples: Don't stop him! No one who works miracles in my name will soon turn and say something bad about me. (40) Anyone who isn't against us is for us.

^{AAAA} **(Hosea 11:3, 4)** ³ But as for me, I taught Ephraim (Ephraim was the son of Joseph by his Egyptian [Gentile] wife. Ephraim was adopted as a son of Joseph’s father Jacob to become father one of the 12 tribes of Israel.^(Numbers 1:2-4) Ephraim is likely used symbolically here to reference all mankind, both Jews and Gentiles.) to walk, taking them upon [my] arms; and they did not recognize that I had healed them. ⁴ With the ropes of earthling man I kept drawing them, with the cords of love, so that I became to them as

opportunity to see for yourself the wisdom and life changing power in the counsel of God's son.^{BBBBB}

Do not believe in, or more accurately do not be addicted to, the lies of men [*lies of Satan*]. What does it really mean when someone is addicted, for example, to drugs or alcohol? It means the addicted person has come to believe the lie that they can find happiness in

those lifting off a yoke on their jaws, and gently I brought food to [each] one. (God here speaks of his love for mankind as expressed through the Jewish nation by his using them to produce the seed of promise from Genesis 3:15.^(HH) God expressed love and brought food to each one of us through the teachings of his son.)^{(QQQQ) & (OOO)}

^{BBBBB} 2 Corinthians 10:3-14 GNB (3) It is true that we live in the world, but we do not fight from worldly motives. (4) The weapons we use in our fight are not the world's weapons but God's powerful weapons [*what God's son taught us*], which we use to destroy strongholds. We destroy false arguments; (5) we pull down every proud obstacle [*religion*] that is raised against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey Christ. (6) And after you have proved your complete loyalty, we will be ready to punish any act of disloyalty [*will fully approve God's judgment*]. (7) You are looking at the outward appearance of things. Are there some there who reckon themselves to belong to Christ? Well, let them think again about themselves, because we belong to Christ just as much as they do. (8) For I am not ashamed, even if I have boasted somewhat too much about the authority that the Lord has given us---authority to build you up, not to tear you down. (9) I do not want it to appear that I am trying to frighten you with my letters. (10) Someone will say, "Paul's letters are severe and strong, but when he is with us in person, he is weak, and his words are nothing!" (11) Such a person must understand that there is no difference between what we write in our letters when we are away and what we will do when we are there with you. (12) Of course we would not dare classify ourselves or compare ourselves with those who rate themselves so highly. How stupid they are! They make up their own standards to measure themselves by, and they judge themselves by their own standards! (13) As for us, however, our boasting will not go beyond certain limits; it will stay within the limits of the work which God has set for us, and this includes our work among you. (14) And since you are within those limits, we were not going beyond them when we came to you, bringing the Good News about Christ.

those addictions. Most of us realize such a belief is ignorance or stupidity. Most people understand alcoholism and drug abuse has never made anyone happy. Still, all the evidence to the contrary doesn't stop a large portion of humanity from continuing to seek that non-existent happiness. They continue believing the lie. The reality is, however, most all of us are addicts. We grow up believing wealth, power, money, popularity, marriage, sex and on the list goes, will make us happy. Those things might actually be more dangerous than drugs and alcohol. Abuse of drugs and alcohol is easier to identify as bad because it very clearly harms people and makes them *unhappy*. The evidence is irrefutable. The other things mentioned, however, can actually be gifts from our Creator. Having those gifts, then, is not bad and it is reasonable to seek them. It is having love for them, however, that is dangerous.^{CCCC} Love for even what can be good can push away or overwhelm our love for God. If you believe there is anything in life that can make you happy, without putting a good relationship with our Creator first, you have believed a lie; *and, that faith makes you an addict*. Believing you can be made happy apart from God's blessings is an addiction to Satan's lies. Please realize and know: You can't! Trying to find happiness in the pursuit of even what can be one of the gifts of life, is no less an illusion than seeking it in drugs and alcohol. Only the

^{CCCC} 1 Timothy 6:9-12 GW But people who want to get rich keep falling into temptation. They are trapped by many stupid and harmful desires which drown them in destruction and ruin. (10) Certainly, the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people who have set their hearts on getting rich have wandered away from the Christian faith and have caused themselves a lot of grief. (11) But you, man of God, must avoid these things. Pursue what God approves of: a godly life, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. (12) Fight the good fight for the Christian faith. Take hold of everlasting life to which you were called and about which you made a good testimony in front of many witnesses.

teachings of Christ can set you free^(Y) and help you find real happiness!^(EEEE)

You should never disagree with the Bible. Any scripture that contradicts your faith should generate a change in that faith. The word of God is inspired and all the scriptures together construct and define what truth is.^(GGGG) If you disagree with the things I say, that is entirely different from disagreeing with the Bible. If you can justify your faith before God, I will be most happy for you. I must warn that making use of your own faith, a faith that is based in knowledge of the teachings of Jesus (and without contradicting any part of the scriptures), is the only way you can please God.^(Q) & ^(GGGG) What I say, or what any other human says, has no value apart from our directing you to Christ. Having understood the simple command from God to listen to his son,^(TT) then, choose life and live!^(UUU) You can listen to God's son only by reading Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

So... If you are seeking God, where does knowing you are not to judge any other person leave you? Helpless? Never may that be so... The Bible says a righteous person's prayer has much force when it is at work.^(DDDD) While we don't judge anyone, we can know God is right now doing that necessary judging. Soon, all those who do harm to others: Rapists, murderers, child abusers, sexual perverts (as defined by God),^(EEEE) violent gangs, liars and all hateful people, will be gone;

^(DDDD) James 5:16b ALT ... *[The] petition [prayer] of a righteous [person] itself has very powerful [or, many supernatural] effects.*

^(EEEE) 1 Timothy 1:8-11 GW We know that Moses' Teachings are good if they are used as they were intended to be used. (9) For example, a person must realize that laws are not intended for people who have God's approval. Laws are intended for lawbreakers and rebels, for ungodly people and sinners, for those who think nothing is holy or sacred, for those who kill their fathers, their mothers, or other people. (10) Laws are intended for people involved in sexual sins, for homosexuals, for kidnappers, for liars, for those who lie when they take an oath, and for whatever else is against accurate teachings. (11) Moses' Teachings were intended to be used in agreement with the Good News that contains the glory of the blessed God. I was entrusted with that Good News (the teachings Christ brought).