

**GOSPEL**  
**SERVICES**

## Romans 12:1-2

I BESEECH YOU (Plead, urge, implore etc)

- 1 Cor 4:16 be ye followers of me
- 2 Cor 2:8 confirm your love (fornicator)
- 2 Cor 5:20 beg you, be reconciled to GOD
- 2 Cor 6:1 receive ye not the grace of GOD IN VAIN
- Eph 4:1 walk worthy of the calling ...
- 2 Th 2:1 by the coming and gathering of our LORD JESUS CHRIST

## BY THE MERCIES OF GOD

David enumerates the mercies of GOD in the O.T.  
Forget not all HIS benefits.

We look at the nature of these BENEFITS:

- 1) HE forgives ALL our iniquities
- 2) HE heals all our diseases
- 3) HE redeems our LIFE from destruction
- 4) HE crowns us with loving kindness and tender mercies
- 5) HE satisfies our mouth with good (things), (so that) your youth is renewed ...

David continues:

- The LORD is
- a) MERCIFUL
  - b) GRACIOUS
  - c) SLOW TO ANGER
  - d) PLENTEOUS IN MERCY
  - e) HIS MERCY IS FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING

Likewise PAUL in Romans lists the blessings GOD bestows on us:

- i) HE justifies us freely by HIS grace through the redemption in Christ JESUS.  
Rom 3:24
- ii) HIS love is shed abroad in our hearts by the HOLY SPIRIT. Rom 5:5
- iii) We receive ABUNDANCE of GRACE and the GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS from HIM. Rom 5:17
- iv) HE spares not HIS OWN SON, but delivered HIM up for us all. Rom 8:32

## PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE

Concerning the SIN offering, we read in Lev 4:4

- 1) The offerer was to bring the offering (a bullock) to the door of the tabernacle.
- 2) He was to lay his hands on the animal's head.
- 3) He was then required to kill the animal himself, NEVER was a LIVING animal subjected to what was to follow.

The offering was carved up, various things were done with the blood, the fat and the kidneys, and then the entire beast was carried outside the camp to a clean place and burnt. (vv 11-12).

But the LORD JESUS CHRIST, who fulfilled all the O.T. offerings was ALIVE when HE carried our sins.

HE was truly "A LIVING SACRIFICE" made on our behalf.

If ABRAHAM could be prepared to offer up ISAAC, can we withhold offering ourselves as LIVING SACRIFICES to GOD?

It is truly our REASONABLE or RATIONAL service.

## **ISRAEL REVIVED. Read Ezekiel 36:16-38**

God's promise to Abraham. Gen 17:1-8  
Repeated to Isaac. Gen 26:1-5  
Repeated to Jacob. Gen 28:10-15  
Repeated to Moses. Ex 33:1-3

Reason why a stiff-necked people were given Canaan. Deut 9:1-7 (Stiff-necked – 9 times)  
Sinful behaviour of the inhabitants.

### **GOD'S PROMISE**

The Lord thy God will set you on high above all nations of the earth. Deut 28:1  
OR  
(Thou) shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth. Deut 28:25b  
The Lord shall scatter thee ... Deut 28:64  
Carried away captive by Nebuchadnezzar. 2 Chr 36:20. B.C. 586 (2 586 years ago)

A SECOND TIME: The Lord shall set His hand a second time to recover the remnant of His people which shall be left. Isa 11:11-14  
Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation. Isa 45:17  
Israel regathered. Jer 31: 8 North esp. Isa 43:1-11 South  
Time of Jacob's trouble. Jer 30:7  
Anti-Semitism – Satan's hatred for Israel.  
York ... 1190 AD      Edward I ... 1290 AD  
Cromwell  
First Crusade ... Jews torched  
Spain ... Torquemada ... expelled  
Holocaust  
Russia ... Place of settlement. Pogroms, White Russian army  
I will give you the land of Israel ... Ezek 11:17-20  
Brought into the Wilderness of the people ... Rod ... Rebels. Ezek 20:33-41  
Israel flees into the Wilderness ... wings of an eagle ... Rev 12:14. See Ex 19:4  
He (antichrist) shall enter the glorious land ... these shall escape Edom, Moab...  
Ammon. Dan 11:41  
Nations gather against Jerusalem. Zech 12:1-10  
Fullness of the Gentiles. Rom 11:25  
Times of the Gentiles. Luke 21:24  
Tabernacle of David. Acts 15:13-18  
See Amos 9:11  
Last Days  
Micah 4:1-8  
Universal Peace

**THE FIVE "I WILL'S" OF THE LORD Exodus 3**

- a) **The Lord's Proposal**  
To Moses His Servant.  
I will send thee. (3:10)  
"My meat is to do the Will of Him that SENT ME, and to FINISH the work,"  
John 4:34.  
(Moses could not FINISH the WORK, that was left to Joshua.)
- b) **The Lord's Presence**  
I will be with you.  
"Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee  
into the place which I have prepared." Ex 23:20  
Jesus said,  
"And He that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I  
do always those things that please Him." John 8:29
- c) **The Lord's Purpose**  
I will bring you out. (Ex 3:17)  
This was REDEMPTION from Egypt.  
"Thou in THY MERCY hast led forth the people which THOU has REDEEMED:  
THOU has guided them in THY STRENGTH unto THY HOLY HABITATION."  
Exodus 15:13 (The Song of Moses)  
JESUS, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you,  
I will come again, and receive you unto MYSELF; that where I am, there ye may  
be also." John 14:2-3  
"That by TWO immutable things, in which it was impossible for GOD to lie, we  
might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the  
hope set before us: which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and  
steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; whither the forerunner is  
for us entered, JESUS, made an High Priest for ever after the order of  
Melchisedek." Hebrews 6:18-20
- d) **The Lord's Power**  
"I will stretch out MY hand." (Ex 3:20)  
The TEN PLAGUES sent upon Egypt.  
The parting of the RED SEA.  
JESUS' HANDS were stretched out upon the CROSS. Those NAIL-SCARRED  
HANDS lift us up out of our sin and place us upon the SOLID ROCK.  
"HE set my feet upon A ROCK" Psalm 40:2  
"The LORD is my ROCK, and my FORTRESS, and my DELIVERER, my GOD,  
my STRENGTH, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the HORN of my  
SALVATION, and my HIGH TOWER." Psalm 18:2
- e) **The Lord's Provision**  
"I will give this people favour." (Ex 3:21)  
We have found FAVOUR with GOD because the LORD JESUS has washed us  
and cleansed us from all our sin.  
"Whoso findeth ME (WISDOM which is JESUS CHRIST) findeth LIFE, and shall  
obtain FAVOUR of the LORD." Prov 8:35

## **Luke**

1. Supplication. Petition. Luke 23:34
2. Salvation. Pardon. Luke 23:43
3. Security. Provision. John 19:26-27
4. Separation. Mt 27:46, Mk 15:34
5. Suffering. John 19:28
6. Satisfaction. John 19:30
7. Surrender. Luke 23:46

### **Supplication - Petition**

Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. Luke 23:34.

Father: Communion unbroken.

Special relationship "My father, your father".

The Word was with God, and He was God. The Father hath not left me alone.  
John 8:29.

I and my Father are one. John 10:30

I am in the Father – Father in me. John 14:13

Forgive Jesus forgave

Palsied man. Mark 2:5-7

Her sins which were many ... forgiven. Luke 7:47-48

Why pray the Father?

Them – for they ...

The Jewish rulers. (Differing charges)

Pilate – knew – deliver for envy. Mk 15:10

Multitude – 4 days before – Hosannas, now crucify him.

They desire Bar-abbas rather than Jesus.

Know not what (they) do

Through ignorance they and their rulers delivered him. Acts 3:17

### **Salvation - Pardon**

Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in Paradise. Luke 23:43

The thieves ... cast in his teeth. Mt 27:44

One ... railed on him. Luke 23:39

Dost thou not fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? v 40

We indeed justly for we receive due reward of our deeds. v 41a

But this man hath done nothing amiss. v 41b

He said to Jesus:

Remember me v 42

When thou comest into thy kingdom. v 42

Samson ... Judges 16:28, Heb 11:32

Kingdom ... He recognised the majesty of Jesus Christ.

Jesus replied

Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

The robber:

Knew no doctrine

Hadn't been baptised

Filled with the spirit

He was a new born babe less than 3 hours old

## **Security – Provision**

Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy mother! John 19:26-27

Woman – no disrespect. Mary

Mother of God

Queen of Heaven. See Jer 44:17-19

But Mary was blessed.

Mary consulted.

A virgin to conceive – a sign. Almah not Bethulah.

"Be it unto me according to thy word." Luke 1:38

A sword shall pierce through thy own soul also. Luke 3:35

From that hour that disciple took her unto his own (home). John 19:27

## **Separation**

"ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI? Mt 27:46

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

His trust – My God

Why?

He was made sin.

See Isa 53

- 1) Despised and rejected of men.
- 2) A man of sorrows acquainted with grief.
- 3) He bore our griefs (sickness) and carried our sorrows.
- 4) We esteemed him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted.
- 5) Wounded for our transgressions.
- 6) Bruised for our iniquities.
- 7) The chastisement of our peace was upon him.
- 8) With his stripes we are healed.
- 9) The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- 10) For the transgression of my people was he stricken.
- 11) Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him.
- 12) He poured out his soul unto death.

- 1) Bruising
- 2) Laceration
- 3) Penetration
- 4) Perforation
- 5) Incision
- 6) Bursting

Read Ps 69:8-9, 19-21

Reproaches of them – reproaches thee.

Reproach hath broken my heart.

Ps 22:6 A reproach of men.

1. Sin – God's hatred, its awful wages.
2. God's Holiness – the only way of satisfying it.
3. The anguish of Gethsemane – the cup – trembling. Isa 51:17, 22.
4. Utmost faith against all odds.
5. The only way of salvation  
"If it be possible." – Kinsman not obliged to redeem  
See Matt 26:52-54

- 5) **Suffering**  
"I thirst."  
His wounds, his loss of blood, his nakedness, the heat of the sun, sunburn,  
physical and spiritual exhaustion.  
Spiritual thirst.  
Separation from the father.  
Dives Luke 16:19-31 "Send Lazarus that he may dip his finger in water and cool  
my tongue."  
Spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us. Rom 8:32.
- 6) **Satisfaction**  
**It is finished** John 19:30  
TETELESTAI  
God's plan was complete.  
But this man.
- 7) **Surrender**  
Father into Thy hand I commend my spirit. Luke 23:46  
Father – restored communion  
Thy hands – no safer place to be  
My spirit – tasted death, now life  
He dismissed his spirit. Mt 27:50]  
Augustine "He gave up His life  
Because He willed it  
When He willed it  
As He willed it."

**But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son. Gal. 4:4**

**1. BETRAYED**

“Yea, MINE own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of MY bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.”

“Have I not chosen you TWELVE, and one of you is a DEVIL? HE spake of JUDAS ISCARIOT the son of SIMON: for it was he that should betray HIM, being one of the TWELVE.” John 6:70-71

Constantly JUDAS is associated with BETRAYAL. Judas sought an opportunity to BETRAY HIM. Matt 26:14-16

He gave them a token by which they would know which was JESUS ... A KISS. Mark 14:43-45.

(BETRAYEST thou the SON OF MAN with a KISS? Luke 22:48)

What will ye GIVE ME, and I will deliver HIM unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of SILVER. Matt 26:15 (See Zech 11:12-13)

When JESUS was anointed with pure NARD in the house of Lazarus, Mary and MARTHA (John 12:1-8) it was JUDAS who complained of the WASTE. He was a THIEF, stealing from the common BAG.

**2. BRUTALISED**

JEWS:- THEN DID THEY SPIT IN HIS FACE Mt 26:67  
AND BUFFETED HIM.  
OTHERS SMOTE HIM WITH THE PALMS OF THEIR HANDS  
PROPHECY unto us, thou CHRIST, who is he that SMOTE  
THEE? Mt 26:68

SOLDIERS:- Plaited a CROWN OF THORNS, and put it upon HIS HEAD.  
Matt 27:29  
PUT A REED IN HIS RIGHT HAND. v 29  
THEY SPIT UPON HIM. v 30  
TOOK THE REED AND SMOTE HIM v 30  
ON THE HEAD. (Upon the C. of THORNS)  
MOCKED HIM. v 30  
AND THEY CRUCIFIED HIM. Mt 27:35

HEROD:- AND HEROD WITH HIS MEN OF WAR SET HIM AT NOUGHT,  
AND MOCKED HIM, AND ARRAYED HIM IN A GORGEOUS  
ROBE, AND SENT HIM AGAIN UNTO PILATE. Luke 23:11

PILATE:- WHEN HE HAD SCOURGED JESUS, HE DELIVERED HIM TO  
BE CRUCIFIED. Matt 27:26



OLD TESTAMENT:

THE PLOWERS PLOUGHED UPON MY BACK: THEY MADE LONG THEIR FURROWS. Psalm 129:3

I GAVE MY BACK TO THE SMITERS, AND MY CHEEKS TO THEM THAT PLUCKED OFF THE HAIR: I HID NOT MY FACE FROM SHAME AND SPITTING. Isaiah 50:6

SCOURGE

A Roman implement for severe bodily punishment. Horace calls it HORRIBLE FLAGELLUM. It consisted of a handle, to which several cords or leather thongs were affixed, which were weighed with jagged pieces of bone or metal, to make the blow more painful and effective. It is comparable, in its horrid effects, only to the Russian knout. The victim was tied to a post (Acts 22:25) and the blows were applied to the back and loins, sometimes even, in the wanton cruelty of the executioner, to the face and the bowels. In the tense position of the body, the effect can easily be imagined. So hideous was the punishment that the victim usually fainted and not rarely died under it. I.S.B.E. Page 2704

3. DIED

CRUCIFIXION. Phoenicians originated it.  
Fulness of TIME.  
Right PLACE.  
Right manner of DEATH.

For this reason the FATHER loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it again. No one has to take it away from me, but I lay it down on my own initiative. John 10:17-18

## THE LOVE OF GOD

from: THE SALVATION OF GOD (O. Smith. Pg 120)

About a thousand years ago now, a Jewish song writer, Meir Ben-Isaac Nehoric, wrote a stanza about the LOVE of GOD, which was later published in 'A Book of Jewish Thoughts', compiled by Joseph Herman Hertz, Chief Rabbi of the British Empire. But no one ever heard of it until one day it was found pencilled on the wall of an insane asylum by an inmate who had died. How he had found it no one will ever know. In my mind it is the greatest poem on the love of GOD ever written. Here it is:-

Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the skies of parchment made;  
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill,  
And ev'ry man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of GOD above  
Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole.  
Though stretched from sky to sky.

When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, seek no other sense, but take every word at its PRIMARY, LITERAL meaning unless the facts of the immediate CONTEXT clearly indicate otherwise. (David L. Cooper)

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Pointed Word**

Message is CLEAR. SIN is revealed in all its UGLINESS.  
Constitutes us all as SINNERS.  
Reveals GOD'S remedy for SIN.

### **Purifying Word**

Bride cleansed by the washing of the WATER of the WORD. Eph 5:26  
(CHRIST loved the CHURCH and gave HIMSELF for it. v 25)

Receive with meekness the engrafted WORD, which is able to save your souls.  
James 1:21

Being BORN AGAIN, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the WORD OF  
GOD, which liveth and abideth forever. 1 Peter 1:23

### **Powerful Word**

The WORD of GOD is living, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword,  
piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and  
is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Ps 4:12

### **Precious Word**

Reveals our salvation through the PRECIOUS blood of CHRIST. 1 Pet 1:19

THY WORD have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee. Ps 119:11

My eyes stay open through the watches of the night that I might meditate on thy WORD.  
Ps 119:148

**THE WISE MEN – MAGI Matt 2:1-12**

THOU BETHLEHEM EPHRATHAH ... Mic 5:2

“For ye know the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.” 2 Cor 8:9

“I shall see Him, but not now: I shall behold Him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.” Num 24:17

BAR-KOCHEA - SON OF THE STAR (130-135 A.D.)

The Wise Men (Magi) came to Jerusalem.

But Bethlehem was the appointed place for His birth. (Micah 5:2)

“Where is HE that is born KING of the JEWS?” Matt 2:2

WE HAVE COME TO WORSHIP HIM!

Their offerings which they brought:

**Gold** MIDAS, JASON, ALASKA, YUKON, KNYSNA, PILGRIMS REST, TABERNACLE  
**SOVEREIGN**

The GOLD speaks of His DEITY.

“GOD was in CHRIST reconciling the world unto HIMSELF.” 2 Cor 5:19

“Being in the form of GOD, thought it not robbery to be equal to GOD.” Phil 2:6

“For in HIM dwelleth all the fullness of the GODHEAD bodily.” Col 2:9

“But unto the SON HE saith, ‘THY throne, O GOD, is for ever and ever...’”. Heb 1:8

WE “were eyewitnesses of HIS MAJESTY.” 2 Pet 1:16

**Frankincense ... What HE was**  
**SANCTIFIER**

(Hebrew – Lebonah ... Whiteness)

Frankincense – 17 times in Bible (15 OT, 2 NT)

Used in sweet incense burned on golden altar – Ex 30:34.

Burned with meal offering Lev. 2:1-16

Placed on Shew bread

Not to be used in Sin Offering (Lev 5:11) or Jealousy Offering Num 5:15

This speaks of the absolute PURITY of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When the FATHER saw HIM HE could say, “This is MY BELOVED SON in whom I am well pleased.” Matt 3:17; 17:5

Mountain of Myrrh, Hill of Frankincense S of S 4:6-7 (Calvary)

HE “knew no sin.” 2 Cor 5:21

A HIGH PRIEST “without sin”. Heb 4:15

“Who did no sin, neither was guile found in HIS mouth.” 1 Peter 2:22

“HE was manifested to take away our sins; and in HIM is no sin.” 1 John 3:5

## **Myrrh ... Why HE came**

### **SAVIOUR**

(Distilled in drops, also bitter)

(17 times in Bible – OT 14, NT 3)

Smyrna now called IZMIR derives from MYRRH.

It was used to embalm the dead. John 19:39-42

Wine and Myrrh ... An anaesthetic

Aloes and Myrrh ... Burial (John 19:39-42)

JESUS CHRIST came into this world to die for us.

“Even as the SON OF MAN came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give HIS LIFE a RANSOM for many.” (Matt 20:28)

“Therefore doth MY FATHER love ME, because I lay down MY life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from ME, but I lay it down of MYSELF. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.” John 10:17-18

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that CHRIST died FOR OUR SINS according to the scriptures.” 1 Cor 15:3

Ingredient of Holy anointing oil – Ex 30:23.

### **Hymn by J.N. Darby**

Hark! ten thousand voices crying,  
“Lamb of God!” with one accord;  
Thousand thousand saints replying  
Wake at once the echoing chord.

“Praise the Lamb!” - the chorus waking,  
All in heav’n together throng;  
Loud and far, each tongue partaking,  
Rolls around the endless song.

Grateful incense this, ascending  
Ever to the Father’s throne;  
Every knee to Jesus bending,  
All the mind in heav’n is one.

All the Father’s counsels claiming  
Equal honours to the Son,  
All the Son’s effulgence beaming,  
Makes the Father’s glory known.

By the Spirit all pervading,  
Hosts unnumbered round the Lamb,  
Crowned with light and joy unfading,  
Hail Him as the great “I AM”.

Joyful now the wide creation  
Rests in undisturbed repose,  
Blest in Jesu’s full salvation  
Sorrow now nor thralldom knows.

Hark! still louder swell the singing,  
As the notes are heard again;  
Through creation’s vault is ringing  
Joy’s response, Amen! Amen!

(John Newton Darby)

## **PREPARATION FOR HIS COMING**

Unto them that LOOK FOR HIM shall HE APPEAR a SECOND TIME without sin unto salvation. Heb 9:28

1. Ye turned to GOD from idols to SERVE the LIVING and TRUE GOD; and to WAIT for HIS SON from HEAVEN. (1 Thess 1:10)
2. To the end he may stablish your hearts UNBLAMEABLE in HOLINESS before GOD, even OUR FATHER, at the COMING of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST with all HIS SAINTS. (1 Thess 3:13)
3. I (pray God) your whole spirit and soul and body be PRESERVED BLAMELESS unto the COMING of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. (1 Thess 5:23). (This verse starts, "The very GOD of PEACE sanctify you wholly".)
4. Concerning the coming of the Lord "When HE COMES to be GLORIFIED in HIS SAINTS" Paul writes, "Wherefore also we pray always for you, that OUR GOD would count you worthy of (this) calling, and fulfil all the GOOD PLEASURE of (his) GOODNESS, and the WORK OF FAITH with POWER." (2 Thess 1:10-12)
5. "That thou keep (this-the) commandment without SPOT, UNREBUKEABLE, until the APPEARING of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST." (1 Tim 6:12-14) (The commandment is stated in the previous verse, i.e. "Fight the GOOD FIGHT" ...etc.)
6. " Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live SOBERLY, RIGHTEOUSLY, AND GODLY, in this present world; LOOKING for that BLESSED HOPE, and the GLORIOUS APPEARING of the GREAT GOD and OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST ..." (Titus 2:11-14)
7. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting (one another): and so much the more, as ye see THE DAY APPROACHING." (Heb 10:25)
8. "So that ye come behind in no GIFT; waiting for the COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST: Who shall also CONFIRM YOU unto the END, (that ye may be BLAMELESS in the DAY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST." (1 Cor 1:7-8)
9. "Being confident of this very thing, that HE which hath begun a GOOD WORK in you will perform it until the DAY OF JESUS CHRIST. (Phil 1:6)
10. "That ye may approve (prove) things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and WITHOUT OFFENCE till the DAY OF CHRIST." (Phil 1:10)
11. "And now, little children, ABIDE IN HIM; that, when HE SHALL APPEAR, we may have CONFIDENCE, and NOT BE ASHAMED BEFORE HIM AT HIS COMING." (1 John 2:28)
12. "Herein is OUR LOVE made PERFECT, that we may have BOLDNESS in the DAY OF JUDGEMENT: because as HE IS, so are we in this world." (1 John 4:17)

**THE FLOOD AND THE NEW BIRTH**    **Read 1 Pet 3:12-22**

**1.    The Pre-Flood or ANTIDILUVIAN World**

- a.    It was a wicked civilization.
- b.    It was likened by JESUS to the world in the last days. Luke 17:26-27. This refers to the suddenness of its judgement.
- c.    The judgement was by means of a universal flood. Read Psalm 104:6-9 NASB.
- d.    The world before the flood was not the backward civilization many suppose it to have been. Ooparts.

**2.    Flood Waters signified DEATH not LIFE**

- a.    The Flood was caused by the collapse of the water canopy above the firmament.
- b.    Thus the FLOOD brought DEATH to all FLESH.
- c.    LIFE was preserved through and within the ARK.
- d.    But the WATERS of the FLOOD carried the ARK to safety in the POST-FLOOD World.
- e.    The WATERS would have destroyed NOAH and his family EXCEPT for the ARK.
- f.    BAPTISM thus SAVES us (in type) – We are brought through JUDGEMENT by means of the intermediate agency of water. Thus Peter writes, “The like FIGURE whereunto BAPTISM doth also now save us...” Here the Greek word “ANTITUPON” translated figure means “Counterpart of Reality”. Thus, “Water as a Counterpart of reality now saves us...” In other words, “The waters of baptism are the counterpart of the reality which is salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ.”

**3.    The ARK is a TYPE OF CHRIST**

- a.    It is the ARK which was divinely provided for the salvation of Noah and his family.
- b.    The waters brought death and destruction to the entire globe.
- c.    Thus all life outside the ARK was doomed. Dedicated to destruction.
- d.    In like manner all who are in ADAM will DIE (the SECOND DEATH) while all who are in CHRIST shall be made alive again with God’s promise of EVERLASTING LIFE.

ANTITUPON (twice in NT)  
Also Heb 9:24 which are the figures of the true

## **LAW OF PROBABILITY ... Dr Peter Stoner**

### **Prophecies concerning JESUS CHRIST:**

(See Page 246 in Thompson's Chain Reference where he lists 38 fulfilled prophecies.)

Peter Stoner writes concerning 48 fulfilled prophecies:

The chance of one man fulfilling 48 prophecies is one in  $10^{181}$ .

The electron in an atom is extremely small.

It would take  $2.5 \times 10^{15}$  of them, laid side by side to make one inch or 2.5 cms.

To count these electrons, counting at the rate of 250 each minute would take 19 000 000 years.

A cubic inch (2.5 cubic cms) would thus take 19 million times 19 million times 19 million years to count. ( $6.9 \times 10^{21}$  years)

Now make a sphere of these electrons, leaving no space between them, with a radius of 6 billion light years. (Diameter 12 billion light years.)

(Light year = 6 million miles) [9.6 km]

Let us make 500 of these spheres or balls.

It would take us  $6 \times 10^{43}$  years to use up our electrons.

There are many more prophecies in the O.T. concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.

John wrote, "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." John 21:25

Let us look at THREE of these prophecies. The apostle Paul wrote:-

1. How that CHRIST died for OUR SINS according to the SCRIPTURES.  
Isaiah in his 53<sup>rd</sup> chapter describes how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself took our SINS and died on our behalf.
2. And that HE WAS BURIED 1 Cor 15:4  
"HE made HIS grave with the wicked, and with the RICH in HIS DEATH."  
Isa 53:9
3. And that HE rose again the THIRD DAY according to the scriptures.  
"For THOU wilt not leave MY soul in Hades; neither wilt THOU suffer THY HOLY ONE to see corruption." Psalm 16:10

The apostle John records the words of Jesus Christ who said, "... the SCRIPTURE cannot be broken..." John 10:35

Ought we not to trust the word which is given to us in order that we might be partakers of eternal life?



## **A PERFECT SACRIFICE 1 John 4**

### **1. A Loving Sacrifice**

God so loved the WORLD that He gave. John 3:16.  
God commendeth His LOVE toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners,  
CHRIST died for us. Rom 5:8  
And to know the LOVE of CHRIST, which passeth knowledge. Eph 3:19  
And walk in love, as CHRIST also hath LOVED us, and hath GIVEN HIMSELF  
for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour. Eph 5:2  
Husbands, LOVE your wives, even as CHRIST also LOVED the Church, and  
GAVE HIMSELF for it. Eph 5:25  
God's love manifested in 1 John 4:9-11  
Unto HIM that LOVES us, and washed (loosed) us from our sins in HIS OWN  
BLOOD. Rev 1:5

### **2. A Living Sacrifice**

We are told to present our BODIES as a LIVING SACRIFICE to God. Rom 12:1  
In the Old Testament the Israelite brought his offering to the tabernacle. He was  
to lay his hands upon the animal and he was to kill it. Lev 4:4  
The skin, flesh, head, legs, innards and dung were to be burned without the  
camp. Lev 4:11-12, Heb 13:10-12  
This beast was a substitute for the sins of the person making the offering.  
But it was KILLED before it was exposed to the fire which signifies God's  
judgement and wrath upon sin.  
Our SAVIOUR was ALIVE on the CROSS as HE bore the FULL PENALTY of our  
sins.  
See Isaiah 53 particularly for the fact that he bore our sins in HIS BODY on the  
TREE. 1 Peter 2:24

### **3. A Lasting Sacrifice**

The sacrifices which were made according to the law were repeated many times  
for they could not take away sin. There was a constant REMEMBRANCE of sin  
in those sacrifices. Heb 10:1-4  
CHRIST, by HIS OWN BLOOD, obtained ETERNAL REDEMPTION for us.  
Heb 9:12  
ONCE ... HE put away SIN by the SACRIFICE of HIMSELF. Heb 9:26  
So CHRIST was ONCE OFFERED to bear the SINS of many ... Heb 9:28  
So also we are told the same in Heb 10:10, 12, 14  
JESUS said, "My sheep hear MY VOICE, and I know them, and they follow ME;  
And I give unto them ETERNAL LIFE; and they shall NEVER PERISH, neither  
shall any pluck them out of MY HAND. John 10:27-28  
HE KEEPS HIS PROMISES. PRAISE THE LORD.

## **THE CROSS OF CHRIST**

## **Luke 23:26**

(Read Psalm 69)

The CROSS of CHRIST is the CENTRE of the GOSPEL.

PAUL said:-

“The preaching of the CROSS is FOOLISHNESS to them that PERISH.” 1 Cor 1:18

He speaks of the “OFFENCE OF THE CROSS.” Gal 5:11

Preaching the CROSS will bring opposition.

However, PAUL writes, “BUT GOD FORBID THAT I SHOULD GLORY SAVE IN THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.” Gal 6:14

This is because CHRIST has reconciled us to GOD by the CROSS.” Eph 2:16

CHRIST has made PEACE for us through the BLOOD of HIS CROSS.” Col 1:20

### **THE CROSS IS:**

1. **A Place of Reproach (Insult or Scorn)**

“The reproaches of them that reproached THEE, are fallen on ME.” Psalm 69:9

Reproach has BROKEN MY HEART.” Psalm 69:20

2. **A Place of Revenge**

“For he (Pilate) knew that for ENVY they had delivered HIM.” Matt 27:18

“HE trusts in GOD. Let HIM rescue HIM IF HE wants HIM.” Matt 27:43

JESUS said, “THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.” John 15:25.

(Quoting from Psalm 35:19; 69:4)

3. **A Place of Rejoicing (For SATAN AND HIS OWN)**

“After the sop SATAN entered into him.” John 13:27

“SECRET WISDOM ... none of the RULERS of this AGE understood it, FOR IF THEY HAD, THEY WOULD NOT HAVE CRUCIFIED THE LORD OF GLORY.”

1 Cor 2:7-8

4. **A Place of Reprieve (For BARABBAS)**

“Away with this man and release unto us BARABBAS” Luke 23:18

(BAR-ABBAS was in prison with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the UPRISING.” Mark 15:7)

If BAR-ABBAS could be reprieved so could all.

5. **A Place of Remorse (For PETER)**

At the trial of JESUS “PETER went out and wept bitterly”, after his betrayal.

Luke 22:62

6. **A Place of Revelation (For the ROMAN CENTURION)**

“Truly, this was the SON OF GOD.” Matt 27:54

(Literally – “GOD’S SON”)

7. **A Place of Redemption and Reconciliation**

First of all the ROBBERS INSULTED CHRIST. Matt 27:44; Mark 15:32

ONE REPENTED. “LORD, REMEMBER ME WHEN THOU COMEST INTO THY KINGDOM.” Luke 23:42.

JESUS answered him and said, “VERILY I SAY UNTO THEE, TODAY SHALT THOU BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.”

## **THE CHURCH ... THE BODY OF CHRIST**      Eph 1:22-23

A Living Organism ... NOT an Organisation

(GOD) "Gave Him to be the HEAD over all (things) to the CHURCH." Eph 1:22

Thus in the REVELATION we see:

1. The ASCENDED CHRIST our HEAD ... Chapter 1
2. The SEVEN-FOLD CHURCH ... HIS BODY Chapters 2-3

HEAD: 1 Cor 11:3-10, 12:21. Eph 1:22, 4:15, 5:23. Col 1:18, 2:10, 2:19

As the HEAD and the BODY are an ORGANIC UNITY, so the CHURCH and CHRIST are an ORGANIC SPIRITUAL UNITY, we have a LIVING RELATIONSHIP to CHRIST.

We are SUBJECT to HIM

ANIMATED by HIM and

EMPOWERED by HIM.

It is not an EXTERNAL relationship with HIM for HE is the ONE who walks in the MIDST of the SEVEN GOLDEN LAMPSTANDS. Rev 2:1

HE WALKS, not simply as LORD directing HIS subjects, but in a VITAL, LIVING UNION with the BODY ... and "When CHRIST WHO IS OUR LIFE, shall APPEAR, then shall ye also appear with HIM in GLORY." Col 3:4

We then are HIS BODY, the FULNESS of HIM that FILLETH all in all. Eph 1:23

(or "Being FILLED by HIM who FILLS EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE.")

As he said to HIS followers in Matt 18:20, "Where TWO or THREE are gathered in MY NAME, there am I IN THE MIDST."

### **AS HEAD THEN WE SEE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. HE KNOWS our spiritual condition. (7 times)
2. HE COMMENDS ... I KNOW THY WORKS. Rev 2:2
3. HE CENSURES ... somewhat against thee
4. CALLS for REPENTANCE. (7 times)
5. Of one HE says "She REPENTED NOT" Rev 2:21
6. Calls for the CHURCHES as follows, "He that hath an ear, LET HIM HEAR what the SPIRIT saith unto the CHURCHES." (7 times)
7. Promise to those who overcome. Rev 12:11

### **Ephesians 4:4, 14-16**

Paul declares that there is only ONE BODY. This statement follows after having called on the Ephesians to

- a. ENDEAVOUR(ing) to keep the UNITY OF THE SPIRIT in the bond of peace. (4:3)
- b. Our ultimate goal is to continue "TILL we all come in the UNITY OF THE FAITH..." (4:13)

To this end are given the FIVE-FOLD MINISTRIES OF THE ASCENDED CHRIST.

FIVE-FOLD MINISTRIES ... Like the Blood in the BODY

## CHRIST GAVE THE MINISTRIES:

1. PERFECTING (EQUIPPING) ... (Setting a bone fitting a ship)
2. SAINTS ... (Local FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS)
3. To the WORK OF MINISTRY ... (Rendering of SERVICE)  
(Each part of the BODY serves the other ... 1 Cor 12:17-18)
4. To the EDIFYING (Building up) of the BODY of CHRIST
5. UNITY OF THE FAITH ... Speak the same thing. (No divisions 1 Cor 1:10)
6. PERFECT KNOWLEDGE of the SON OF GOD.  
(Epignosis not Gnosis. PERSON not THEORY. Ps 103:7)
7. Unto a PERFECT MAN (MATURE)  
Not only LEGALLY SAFE ... JUSTIFIED but also MORALLY SOUND ...  
SANCTIFIED  
PAUL: "Whom we preach, WARNING EVERY MAN, and TEACHING EVERY MAN in all wisdom, that we may PRESENT EVERY MAN perfect in CHRIST."  
Col 1:28
8. TO A PERFECT MEASURE OF CHRIST'S MORAL FULNESS or STATURE.  
(Williams)  
FULNESS ... PLEEROMA ... See Eph 3:19 'F. of GOD'  
CONFORMED to the IMAGE of HIS SON. Rom 8:29
  - a. No more infants (children ... KJV)
  - b. Being blown and carried around by every wind
  - c. GROW UP INTO HIM
  - d. Under HIS DIRECTION the WHOLE BODY is PERFECTLY adjusted
  - e. Proper functioning of each particular part there is brought about the growing of the body for its building up in love. (Williams) See Col 3:14

## PRAYER

FIVE OUTLETS OF POWER:           What we are )  
  What we say ) Limited  
Genealogy traced to            What we do )  
David and Abraham            What we give )  
  
  Our Prayer life - Unlimited

### The Prayer Life of Jesus

18 passages occur in the four gospels  
10 of them are found in Luke

### Matthew ... King

Kings shall come out of thy loins. Gen 35:11  
The sceptre shall not depart from Judah. Gen 49:10  
A sceptre of righteousness. Ps 45:6, Heb 1:8

### Mark ... Servant

No genealogy  
Straightway ... Eutheos ... 40 times in Mark  
81 times in the New Testament  
Straightway (32), Immediately (35), Forthwith (7), Anon (1), By and by (2), Shortly (1)

### Luke ... Man

Genealogy traced back to Adam  
75 Generations from Jesus to Adam  
42 Generations from Jesus to David  
(Average Generation = 53.33 years)

### John ... God

No genealogy for the WORD  
"Goes forth from of old, from everlasting." Micah 5:2  
John alone records the "I AM'S" of Jesus.

"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking." Matt 6:7

See Daniel 10:13 for opposition to prayer.

### Prayer Life of the Lord Jesus Christ in Luke

1. At His Baptism by John. Luke 3:21
2. Habitual Prayer in lonely places. Luke 5:16 (imp.)
3. Prayed all night – Apostles chosen. Luke 6:12
4. Caesarea Philippi – Praying – who am I? Luke 9:18-27
5. After 8 days – Mt of Trans. – Praying. Luke 9:28-36
6. Prayed when 70 returned. Luke 10:17-21
7. Praying – Teach us to pray – "Our Father". Luke 11:1-4
8. Prayer for Peter – Satan sifting. Luke 22:21
9. Prayed 3 times in Gethsemane. Luke 22:39-46
10. On the Cross – Father forgive them. Luke 23:34

(Matthew – twice – 14:23; 26:39-44)

(Mark – three – 1:35; 6:46; 14:35-39)

(John – three – 11:41-42; 12:27-28; 17:1-26)

Luke alone records 3 parables concerning prayer.

**Luke 11:5-13**

Verse 8 ... Importunity ... ANAIDIA ... only here in N.T.

(pronounced ... an-ah-ee-die-ah)

(From a-negative and aidòs – shame, modesty)

Thus: shameless persistence

- SO:    1. Keep Asking    )            Effort in INQUIRY    ) Present  
          2. Keep Seeking    )            Effort in DESIRE    ) Imperitive  
          3. Keep Knocking    )            Effort in ACTION    )

**Luke 18:1-8 Men ought always to pray, not faint**

Avenge me ... Shall not God avenge?

Adversary ... (Greek – Antidikos – Five times so in 1 Pet 5:8 “Your adversary the devil”)

Unjust Judge ... As opposed to A LOVING CARING GOD

Widow ... Helpless ... Visit fatherless and widows in their affliction ... Jas 1:27

Weary me (Greek – HUPOPIAZO – Hoop – opee-ad-zo) to hit under the eye – buffet or  
disable an antagonist as a pugilist) See 1 Co 9:27 Buffet my body

(Wyclif ... strangle me)

**Luke 18:9-14**

Pharisee and Publican

**NAAMAN THE SYRIAN 2 Kings 5**

**A GENERAL ... Naaman (verse 1)**

Great ... with his master the king of Syria.

Honourable ... him deliverance.

Victorious in battle ... The LORD had given ...

Brave ... A might man of Valour.

**BUT BUT BUT**

**HE WAS A LEPER**

**A JEWESS ... A Little Captive (verses 2 & 3)**

A Child ... A Little Maid

Captive ... Carried out of the land of Israel

A Slave ... waited on Naaman's wife

She witnessed ... The prophet ... would cure him

**A KING ... Disobedient (verse 7)**

He Read ... the letter

He Rent ... his garments

He Raved ... Am I GOD, to kill and make alive

**BUT BUT BUT HE DIDN'T**

**REPENT**

**A PROPHET ... Elisha (verse 8-10)**

A Man of God ... Wonderful description

A Prophet in Israel

A Remedy ... Foolish. So we see the foolishness of the CROSS of Calvary.

**BUT BUT BUT BUT BUT**

**BOTH are effective. Naaman cleansed, sinners cleansed. Blessed be the LORD.**

**A RUSSIAN DOCTOR**

Boris Nicolayevich Kornfeld ... A JEW

Probably "HASKALAH" ... Enlightened JEWS

Communist but probably sent to prison for some political crime.

Sent to Ekibastuz.

**BUT BUT BUT**

**He became a Christian.**

Through the witness of a devout Christian many of whom can be found in Soviet prisons.

Reported an orderly for stealing food from the sick.

Danger of being murdered for being a stoolie.

Operated on a young man for cancer of the intestines.

Witnessed to him about his conversion as he was half conscious carrying on late into the night.

Patient, when he regained his senses, found out that, that night, the doctor had been murdered.

The young man became a Christian.

**HIS NAME?**

**Alexander Solzhenitsyn**

## **THE RICH YOUNG RULER**

### **WHAT SHALL I DO THAT I MAY INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE?**

#### **Matthew 19:16-26, Mark 10:17-22, Luke 18:18-27**

This incident took place as JESUS was on HIS way to JERUSALEM to die on the CROSS. Many had come to HIM (storm at sea, Legion, returned, met by Jairus, woman with issue, all in quick succession are examples).

#### **LET US TAKE A LOOK AT THIS ENCOUNTER:**

- a. **A Life Desired**            **Mt 19:16**  
He DESIRED ETERNAL LIFE.            **DO YOU?**  
He asked the RIGHT PERSON.            **ONLY SAVIOUR**  
He wanted to do SOME GOOD THING.    **FREE GIFT**
  
- b. **A Law Kept**  
All these (COMMANDMENTS have I KEPT ... LAST 6 COMMANDMENTS relating to Man's relationship with man. EXODUS 20:12-17.  
Then JESUS beholding him loved him, (AGAPEO) and said unto him, ONE THING THOU LACKEST ... Mark 10:21
  
- c. **A Lack Revealed**  
**WHAT LACK I YET?            AWARENESS OF LACK**  
JESUS HAD NOT MENTIONED THE COMMANDMENTS RELATING TO LOVE FOR GOD. Ex 20:1-11.  
JESUS NOW TOUCHES ON THE REAL PROBLEM.  
JAMES says that if we fail in ONE THING, we fail in ALL. James 2:10  
"The FIRST of all the COMMANDMENTS is, "Hear, O ISRAEL; The LORD our GOD is ONE LORD: And thou shalt LOVE the LORD thy GOD with all thy HEART, and with all thy SOUL, and with all thy STRENGTH ..." Mark 12:29
  
- d. **A Lesson Taught**  
Go sell all that thou hast  
And COME (Take up the CROSS Mark 10:21) follow ME  
THOU SHALT HAVE TREASURE IN HEAVEN.
  
- e. **A Love Revealed**  
HE HEARD  
HE WENT AWAY  
HE HAD GREAT POSSESSIONS  
"What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the WHOLE WORLD, and lose his OWN SOUL? Or what shall a man GIVE in EXCHANGE for HIS SOUL?"  
Mark 8:36-37
  
- f. **A Loss Eternal?**  
CHILDREN, how HARD is it for them that TRUST in RICHES to enter into the KINGDOM OF GOD.



WE "Have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us." Heb 6:18

**THE CITIES OF REFUGE** (Ex 21:13; Num 35:6; Deut 4:42; 19:3; Jos 20:2, 9; 1 Chron 6:67)

- a. **I WILL APPOINT THEE A PLACE ... Ex 21:13**  
It is GOD who determines the method through which deliverance is provided.
- b. **YOUR REFUGE FROM THE AVENGER ... Jos 20:3**  
We have fled for a REFUGE ...
- c. **DWELL THERE ... UNTIL THE DEATH OF THE HIGH P.**  
The Death of the LORD JESUS CHRIST ensures our safety.

There were 6 cities of refuge, three on either side of the river Jordan.

1. **KEDESH** (Naphtali ... Wrestling)  
Near Hatzor (Water of Merom)  
The Hebrew meaning is "Holy".  
Thus we are SANCTIFIED by the Lord JESUS. Heb 13:12
2. **SHECHEM** (Ephraim ... Fruitful)  
Between Mt Ebal and Mt Gerizim  
The Hebrew means "Shoulder" which typifies strength. The Government will be on His shoulder. Isa 9:6  
Be STRONG in the LORD, and in the POWER of His MIGHT. Eph 6:10
3. **HEBRON** (Judah ... Praise)  
The Hebrew means "Fellowship".  
God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Cor 1:9
4. **BEZER** (Reuben ... See a Son)  
Southern Trans-Jordan  
The Hebrew means "Fortified Place" or "Stronghold".  
Called "Bezer in the Wilderness" three out of five times in the Bible.  
The Name of the LORD is a STRONG tower ... Prov 18:10
5. **RAMOTH** (Gad ... Fortune)  
The Hebrew means lifted up.  
So we are seated in heavenly places in Christ. Eph 2:6
6. **GOLAN** (Manasseh ... Forgetting)  
The meaning in the Hebrew is "Joy" according to Arthur Pink.  
What JOY is set before us in CHRIST.

1. Law concerning MURDER
2. Law concerning SLAVERY
3. Law concerning PROPERTY
4. Law concerning PROGENY

**THE GOSPEL Mark 16:15**

Good tidings from the O.E. "Godspell".

(Greek ... Euaggelion ... Yoo-ang-ghel'-ee-on ... Noun)

(Greek ... Euaggelizo ... Yoo-ang-ghel-id'-zo ... Verb)

Noun occurs 76 times in the N.T. (Always GOSPEL)

Verb occurs 55 times in the N.T.

Scripture declares the following about the GOSPEL.

- a. **THERE IS ONLY ONE GOSPEL Gal 1:6-9**  
The apostle Paul declares that there is no other gospel than that which he preached and said that any who preached another gospel were accursed.
- b. **IT IS THE GOSPEL OF GOD Rom 1:1, 15:16**  
Paul says that GOD promised the gospel by His prophets in the (O.T.) scriptures.  
Rom 1:2  
So the Lord Jesus said, "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken ..." Luke 24:25
- c. **IT IS, PARTICULARLY, THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST**  
Paul writes to the Corinthians and he refers to their "professed subjection to the gospel of Christ." 2 Cor 9:13. He says, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."  
Rom 1:16
- d. **IT IS A GOSPEL OF GRACE Acts 20:24**  
Paul refers to his ministry, received from the Lord Jesus Christ and says he must "testify to the gospel of the Grace of God."
- e. **IT IS A GOSPEL OF PEACE**  
In Ephesians 6:15, the apostle Paul speaks of the "Preparation of the gospel of peace."
- f. **IT IS A GLORIOUS GOSPEL 2 Cor 4:4**  
It is a glorious gospel because it brings light in this world of darkness. So the light of the gospel has shone into our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- g. **IT IS THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION**  
It is the Word of Truth, the gospel of our salvation. Eph 1:13

## **CHRIST IN HEBREWS**

1. **A CONSECRATED SAVIOUR**      **Heb 7:28**
  - i      Holy
  - ii     Harmless
  - iii    Undefined
  - iv     Higher than the Heavens
  
2. **A CONTINUING SAVIOUR**      **Heb 7:3, 24**
  - i      Able to save to the Uttermost
  - ii     Them that come unto God BY HIM
  - iii    Seeing He ever liveth to make INTERCESSION
  
3. **A COMPASSIONATE SAVIOUR**    **Heb 4:15, 5:2**
  - i      He is touched with the feeling of our infirmity
  - ii     Tempted in all points like as we are
  - iii    Yet without sin

We can rejoice because HE IS NOT
  
4. **COMPASSED WITH INFIRMITY**
  - i      Conquered sin
  - ii     Offered Himself without SPOT ... Heb 9:14

Those who submit to HIM find that HE is:
  
5. **THE CAPTAIN OF OUR SALVATION**    **Heb 2:10**
  - i      He brings many SONS to GLORY
  - ii     He declares the FATHER'S NAME to His brethren (Heb 2:12)

Because:
  
6. **HIS BLOOD** cleanses us from all (every) sin. 1 John 1:7

## **JOSHUA THE HIGH PRIEST CLEANSED**

## **Zechariah 3:1-10**

### **JOSHUA ... YEHOSHUA ... YAHWEH SAVES**

JOSHUA was the High Priest after the return from Babylon.

As such, he stands before the "Angel of the LORD" as the representative of the people.

SATAN stands of JOSHUA'S right hand to RESIST HIM. (Resist ... Satan)

The LORD said unto SATAN, "The LORD rebuke thee, O SATAN, even the LORD that hath chosen JERUSALEM rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?"

THE LORD ... YAHWEH ... TWICE

REBUKE ... TWICE ... Emphatic.

#### **1. God had chosen Israel ... (Jerusalem)**

So also He has chosen the CHURCH. Jesus calls it MY CHURCH. (Matt 16:18)

Ye have not CHOSEN Me, but I have CHOSEN you. (John 15:16)

#### **2. Charred**

BRAND plucked out of the fire?

"Others save with fear, pulling (them) out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh." Jude 23

#### **3. Clothed**

Joshua was CLOTHED with 'FILTHY GARMENTS'.

"But we are all as an unclean (thing), and all our righteousnesses (are) as filthy rags; and our iniquities ... have taken us away." Isa 64:6

#### **4. Cleansed**

I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee.

"Unto HIM that loves us, and washed us from our sins in HIS own BLOOD."

Rev 1:5

#### **5. Changed**

"I will CLOTHE thee with CHANGE of raiment."

"To her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen of the righteousness of saints." Rev 19:8

#### **6. Crowned**

"Let them set a fair mitre upon his head."

"A CROWN of righteousness, which the LORD, the RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that LOVE HIS APPEARING." 2 Tim 4:8

#### **7. Command**

a) If thou wilt walk in MY WAYS.

b) Keep my CHARGE. (Requirements)

#### **8. Consummation**

"I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by."

That is, a place in the presence of the angels of GOD.

**PSALM 25**

The Psalm has 22 verses, each verse beginning with the next letter of the Hebrew alphabet. (A Mnemonic device.)

- a. **DAVID'S ATTITUDE TO GOD**  
Unto Thee do I lift up my SOUL v 1  
O my GOD, I trust in THEE  
Let me not be ASHAMED  
Let not my enemies TRIUMPH over me
  
- b. **DAVID'S PLEE TO GOD**  
SHOW ME ... THY WAYS v 4 )  
TEACH ME ... THY PATHS ) For THOU art the GOD of my SALVATION  
LEAD ME ... IN THY TRUTH )
  
- c. **REMEMBER: O LORD**  
THY tender mercies (Compassion)  
THY loving kindness  
For they have been from of old
  
- d. **REMEMBER NOT:**  
The SINS of my youth  
My TRANSGRESSIONS v 7
  
- e. **REMEMBER:**  
Remember THOU me for THY GOODNESS sake v 7  
According to THY MERCY (LOVING KINDNESS)
  
- f. **GOD AS DAVID SEES HIM**  
GOOD  
UPRIGHT
  
- g. **THEREFORE:**  
Therefore will HE TEACH sinners in the WAY v 8  
HE leads the humble (afflicted) in JUSTICE  
HE teaches the humble (afflicted) HIS WAY
  
- h. **DAVID'S PETITION TO GOD**  
For THY NAME'S SAKE, O LORD  
PARDON MINE INIQUITY  
FOR IT IS GREAT
  
- i. **GOD'S FRIENDSHIP**  
The SECRET (Friendship, Intimacy) of the LORD is for those who FEAR HIM.  
HE will make them to KNOW HIS COVENANT.  
My eyes are continually toward the LORD.  
HE will pluck my feet out of the NET.

## **A WIFE OF WHOREDOMS**

### **HOSHEA THE PROPHET**

The name means "Help, Deliverer, Salvation".

It was the name of "Joshua" before Moses changed it, "And Moses called Oshea the son of Nun Jehoshua." Num 13:16

Also the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hoshea prophesied during the reigns of four of Judah's kings, namely, Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah. Hoshea 1:1

Hoshea is the son of Beerai ... A Well or Pit.

"Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." Isa 12:3

### **HOSHEA MARRIES A WIFE (1:2)**

What a joyous occasion a wedding is.

But the people of the northern kingdom had become a very sinful people.

Perhaps it was impossible to find a good woman.

Perhaps God was warning the prophet as to what his wife would become.

God also took Israel as his WIFE.

Israel was in the same relationship according to Ezekiel 23:4

GOMER means "Completion" and, in this case, refers to the COMPLETE failure of Hoshea's wife.

So Israel failed to be true to her vows to serve the LIVING GOD.

HOSHEA'S wife, GOMER bears him three children and they speak of the backsliding of ISRAEL.

JEZREEL ... GOD WILL SOW or SCATTER (To sow it is necessary to scatter.)

LO-ruhamah ... NOT HAVING OBTAINED MERCY

LO-AMMI ... NOT MY PEOPLE

### **GOMER LEAVES HOSHEA**

She leaves her home and follows after her lovers.

ISRAEL has done likewise.

SAMARIA ... AHOLAH ... An IDOLATROUS TENT

JUDAH ... AHOLIBAH ... same as above.

It is interesting to note that Samaria and Judah are said to have committed "WHOREDOMS" seventeen times in Ez 23. They are also said to have "Played the harlot" and to have committed "Adulteries".

### **HOSHEA SEEKS OUT HIS ERRING WIFE**

GOD sends the prophet to bring his erring wife back home. Hoshea 3:1-3

He buys her back for 15 pieces of silver and eight bushels of barley.

So the LORD has bought back erring humanity having paid for us with his own precious blood.

To Israel the LORD would open a "DOOR OF HOPE" in the "VALLEY OF ACHOR".

(2:15 ... ACHOR – TROUBLE)

(ACHOR ... see Joshua 7:24, 26; Isa 65:10; Hos 2:15)

(Also Josh 15:7)

## **GOD SPARED NOT HIS OWN SON BUT DELIVERED HIM UP FOR US ALL Rom 8:32**

### **WHAT HAS TO BE REDEEMED?**

Man Lost:

1. His Life ... Spiritual ... Immediately  
Physical ... Eventually
2. His Liberty
3. His Dominion
4. His ability to bring forth SEED in the IMAGE and LIKENESS of GOD.

### **WHAT WAS REQUIRED OF A REDEEMER?**

Man's Redeemer needed to be:

1. Able to Redeem ... GOD
2. Have the Right ... Man
3. Be Willing ... No Coercion
4. Have to right Price

### **THE HEBREW WORD GAAL (GAW-AL)**

This word occurs 105 times in the Old Testament.

Redeem ..... 69 times )

Deliver, Purchase, Ransomed ... 4 times ) 73 times

Kinsman ... 15 times

Avenge ..... 13 times

Used by Isaiah 24 times. (See Job 19:25)

### **THE MOSAIC LAW CONCERNING MURDER ... (1)**

Read Deut 19:1-12

Manslaughter not subject to the death penalty.

Murderers to forfeit their lives.

This pre-dates the law of Moses and is part of the Everlasting Covenant. (Gen 9:5-6)

The person who slew accidentally could flee to one of the SIX cities of refuge and had to remain there until the death of the High Priest. (Num 35:6-34; Josh 20:1-9 and 21:13-38)

These SIX cities were six out of the 48 Levitical towns.

The punishment of the murderer was the responsibility of the dead person's KINSMAN.

### **MURDER DESCRIBED:**

1. HATE his neighbour ... Deut 19:11
2. Lie in WAIT for him
3. RISE up AGAINST him
4. SMITE him MORTALLY
5. That he DIE

All this SATAN did to our first parents.

6. Deliver him into the hand of the AVENGER OF BLOOD ... Deut 19:12
7. Thine EYE shall not PITY him ... Deut 19:13

Thus MAN DIED (1) SPIRITUALLY (2) PHYSICALLY

JESUS said of Satan, "He was a MURDERER from the BEGINNING ..." John 8:44  
So JESUS came to PUNISH our MURDERER.

1. STRONG MAN BOUND ... Matt 12:25-29
2. Shall not GOD AVENGE HIS ELECT ...? Luke 18:7-8
3. Prince of this world CAST OUT ... John 12:31
4. That THROUGH DEATH HE might DESTROY him that had the power of DEATH, that is, the DEVIL. Heb 2:4
5. MANIFESTED ... DESTROY the works of the DEVIL. 1 John 3:8
6. EVERLASTING FIRE Matt 25:41 Lake of FIRE Rev 20:10

BUT UNLIKE HUMAN AVENGERS, CHRIST JESUS RENEWS THOSE DEAD IN TRESPASSES.



## **A VINEYARD IN JEZREEL**

**1 Kings 21:1-20; 25-29; Matt 21:33-41**

### **NABOTH HAD A VINEYARD**

Naboth had a Vineyard in Jezreel.

Jezreel means "God sows".

Land remained in a family in perpetuity in Israel. "The land shall not be sold forever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me." Lev 25:23

So also the LORD JESUS was in a WORLD which belonged to HIM. John 1:10

### **AHAB COVETED NABOTH'S VINEYARD**

"Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it." v 2

Pilate wanted to release JESUS "For he knew that for ENVY they had delivered HIM."

Matt 27:18

"If we let HIM thus alone, all will believe on HIM: and the Romans shall come and take away both OUR PLACE AND NATION." John 11:48

"This is the HEIR; come, let us kill HIM, and let us seize on HIS INHERITANCE."

Matt 21:38

### **NABOTH WAS TEMPTED BY AHAB BUT REFUSED**

The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee. v 2

So also the LORD JESUS CHRIST was tempted to part with HIS INHERITANCE.

But HE came to REDEEM HIS INHERITANCE which man had delivered to the DEVIL.

### **BOTH NABOTH AND THE LORD FALSELY ACCUSED**

"Thou didst BLASPHEME GOD and the KING." v 13

"We have a law, and by our law HE ought to die, because HE made HIMSELF the SON of GOD." John 19:7

"If thou let this man go, thou art not CAESAR'S friend; whosoever maketh HIMSELF a KING speaketh against CAESAR." John 19:12

"Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witnesses against JESUS, to put HIM to DEATH ..." Matt 26:59

### **EACH DIED VIOLENTLY OUTSIDE THE CITY**

"Then they carried him forth out of the city (Naboth), and stoned him with stones that he died." v 13

With JESUS death by stoning was out.

HE had to DIE in a manner where HE was in absolute control.

CRUCIFIXION was a method of execution devised by the PHOENICIANS, not the ROMANS. The ROMANS inherited it from CARTHAGE.

But the CARTHAGINIANS never controlled the HOLY LAND.

"When the FULNESS OF THE TIME was COME, GOD sent forth HIS SON, made of a woman, made under the LAW..." Gal 4:4

"HE DISMISSED HIS SPIRIT." Matt 27:50

AUGUSTINE said, "HE GAVE UP HIS LIFE BECAUSE HE WILLED IT, WHEN HE WILLED IT, AS HE WILLED IT."

### **EACH VINDICATED**

Naboth by ELIJAH. CHRIST'S enemies yet to be HIS FOOTSTOOL. Acts 2:35

## **THE IMMUTABILITY OF THE LORD JESUS**

Jesus Christ, the same, Yesterday, and Today, and Forever ... Hebrews 13:8

### **1. JESUS CHRIST ... The Person**

We live in a changing world, a changing universe.

We see that nations and kingdoms change.

History testifies to the fact.

We change, in fact, "Change and decay in all around I see" is so evident that we often take it for granted.

But JESUS remains the same. "I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." Malachi 3:6

### **2. THE SAME ... His Immutability**

#### **(i) His Nature is always the SAME**

GOD from EVERLASTING. (Micah 5:2)

IMMANUEL ... GOD with us. (Isaiah 7:14)

HE existed in the FORM of GOD. (Phil 2:6)

#### **(ii) His Disposition is always the SAME**

Compassionate. (Legion ... Mark 5:19)

Grace of Lord Jesus. (2 Cor 8:9)

CHRIST also hath LOVED us, and hath given Himself for us.

(Ephesians 5:2)

A BRUISED REED He shall not BREAK. (Isa 42:3)

#### **(iii) His POWER is always the SAME**

Sickness (Lepers, Limbs, Sight, Ears)

Demons (Legion)

Death (Jairus, Widow of Nain, Lazarus)

Nature (Elements ... Storm)

#### **(iv) His POWER to SAVE is always the SAME**

HE is able to SAVE to the UTTERMOST

(Greek ... Panteles ... Uttermost)

Them that come unto GOD

BY HIM

Seeing HE ever liveth

To MAKE INTERCESSION

For THEM ... Hebrews 7:25

### **3. HE CAME TO SAVE MEN**

(i) Thou shalt call HIS NAME JESUS: for HE shall SAVE HIS PEOPLE from their sins. Matt 1:21

(ii) The Son of Man is come to save that which was LOST. Matt 18:11

(iii) Samaritan village ... "The Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." Luke 9:56

(iv) "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10 (When Zacchaeus was saved.)

(v) "And if any man hear My words and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world." (Last public testimony ... John 12:47)

(vi) "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is NONE OTHER NAME under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12  
THE SAME, YESTERDAY, AND TODAY, AND FOREVER.

## **THE PRINCIPLE OF SECONDS**

### **Read 1 Cor 15:39-58**

“Howbeit that (was) not FIRST which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.” 1 Cor 15:46

FIRST there was DARKNESS, then LIGHT. Gen 1:3-5  
 THIS IS A BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE WHICH NEVER CHANGES.  
 The FIRST man, ADAM (15:45) and the LAST ADAM (v 45)  
 The FIRST MAN (Earthy v 47), the SECOND MAN (Heavenly v 47)  
 IN ADAM ALL DIE, IN CHRIST MADE ALIVE ... 15:22  
 FIRST, we are ALL SINNERS, but, afterwards, by FAITH, declared to be SAINTS.  
 So, THE FIRST MAN, by his OFFENCE, causes DEATH to REIGN. Romans 5:17  
 So, THE SECOND MAN, JESUS CHRIST, causes us to receive ABUNDANCE OF GRACE and of the GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS shall REIGN in LIFE. Rom 5:17  
 ONE MAN'S DISOBEDIENCE made many SINNERS (Rom 5:19) so BY THE OBEDIENCE OF ONE many are made RIGHTEOUS. (Rom 5:19)  
 So, FIRST SIN REIGNS unto DEATH, and THEN, GRACE REIGNS through RIGHTEOUSNESS unto ETERNAL LIFE by JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Rom 5:21 (Either ADAM or CHRIST is our FEDERAL HEAD.)  
 LEPER ... TWO BIRDS ... One slain, one freed. (Lev 14)  
 YOM KIPPUR ... TWO GOATS ... Lev 16.  
 CAIN rejected, ABEL accepted. Genesis 4.  
 ISHMAEL rejected, ISAAC accepted.  
 “JACOB have I loved, but ESAU have I hated.” (Rom 9:13)  
 VASHTI cast out, ESTHER takes her place. (Esther)  
 SAUL rejected, DAVID takes his place.

In Gen 3:15 we see THE WOMAN AND HER SEED  
 THE DEVIL AND HIS SEED.

In Lev 10:10, GOD differentiates between the UNCLEAN and the CLEAN.  
 So the BELIEVER is not to be YOKED to the UNBELIEVER. 2 Cor 6:14  
 In Luke we read of TWO masters, MAMMON, and GOD. (16:13)  
 There is the FIRST (NATURAL) BIRTH which needs to be followed by the NEW BIRTH.  
 We must be BORN AGAIN. That which is FLESH is FLESH, that which is SPIRIT is SPIRIT. John 3  
 FIRST we see the LAW which made NOTHING PERFECT, but the bringing in of a BETTER HOPE (did); by the which we draw nigh unto GOD. Heb 7:19

In Matthew we see:

- a. TWO GATES ... ONE WIDE ... ONE NARROW
- b. TWO WAYS ... DESTRUCTION ... LIFE
- c. TWO TREES ... EVIL TREE ... GOOD TREE
- d. TWO FRUITS ... EVIL FRUIT ... GOOD FRUIT
- e. TWO MEN ... FOOLISH ... WISE
- f. TWO FOUNDATIONS ... SAND ... ROCK
- g. TWO RESULTS ... HOUSE FALLS ... HOUSE STANDS
- h. TWO DESTINIES ... DEPART ... ENTER

WOOD. HAY. STRAW ... BURNS (1 Cor 3:12)  
 GOLD, SILVER, PRECIOUS STONES ... ENDURES FIERY TRIAL  
 TWO BODIES ... EARTHY ... HEAVENLY. 1 Cor 15  
 TWO DESTINIES ... HELL ... HEAVEN  
 At FIRST we were on the road to HELL but, by GOD'S GRACE, we are HEAVEN BOUND.

**ALL THINGS NEW**

**John 3**

1. **A NEW TEACHER**

The Prophets had spoken at sundry times and in divers manners. Heb 1:1  
JOHN the Baptizer had prepared the way, "Behold I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." Mark 1:2  
JESUS said, "Had ye believed MOSES, ye would have believed me, for he wrote of me." John 5:46  
Nicodemus: "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from GOD." John 3:2

2. **A NEW SEEKER**

Two disciples of John ... "What seek ye?" John 1:38  
Nicodemus ... "Came to JESUS by night." John 3:1  
Samaritans ... "Went out of the city and came unto him." John 4:30  
Greeks ... "Sir, we would see JESUS." John 12:21

3. **A NEW BIRTH**

New wine into fresh wineskins ... Luke 5:36-39  
Born again ... from above (Greek ... Another) John 3:3  
Not of Blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, BUT OF GOD ...  
John 1:13

4. **A NEW KINGDOM**

Flesh and Blood cannot inherit it. 1 Cor 15:50  
Translated into the Kingdom of his dear Son. Col 1:13  
K. cannot be moved. Heb 12:28

5. **A NEW WAY**

Not by WORKS lest any should boast. Eph 2:9  
By GRACE through FAITH. Eph 2:8  
Not by works of RIGHTEOUSNESS which we have done, but according to his mercy HE SAVED us. Tit 3:5

6. **A NEW CREATION**

If any man be in CHRIST he is a NEW CREATURE. 2 Cor 5:17  
In CHRIST JESUS neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a NEW CREATURE. Gal 6:15  
We are his workmanship CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS unto good works.  
Eph 2:10

7. **A NEW DISCIPLE ... NICODEMUS**

A WARY ENQUIRER ... John 3:1  
A SECRET FOLLOWER ... John 7:50  
A LOVING DISCIPLE ... John 19:39

**THE GOOD SAMARITAN**      **Luke 10:25-37**

The story begins with a LAWYER TEMPTING the LORD. Luke 10:25  
 The Greek word trans. "TEMPT" is "EKPIRAZO" and it occurs 4 times in the N.T.  
 It is a very strong word used of the Devil in Matt 4:7 and Luke 4:12, (Thou shalt not tempt the LORD thy GOD), and in 1 Cor 10:9, (Neither let us TEMPT CHRIST...) (MEANS: Try out thoroughly in a BAD sense.)

**THE QUESTION**

What shall I DO to inherit ETERNAL LIFE? (v 25)

A question that many ask and have and will ask.

JESUS says to the man, "What is written in the LAW? How readest thou?" (v 26)

The man was a LAWYER so JESUS refers him to the LAW, and the man quotes Deut 6:5 (Love for GOD) and Lev 19:18 (Love for neighbour).

**REACTION**

JESUS said, "This do, and thou shalt live." (Forever)

The man however, willing to JUSTIFY himself answers "And WHO is my neighbour?"

**THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN**

In this parable we have seen, first those who were not neighbours to the unfortunate wayfarer.

**THE THIEVES ... CRUELTY**      **Luke 10:30**

Fell among THIEVES

Stripped him of his CLOTHING

They WOUNDED him

DEPARTED, leaving the man half-dead.

**THE PRIEST ... CONTEMPT**      **Luke 10:31**

The priest saw the wounded man

PASSED BY on the other side

**THE LEVITE ... CURIOSITY**      **Luke 10:32**

Came and LOOKED at the man

PASSED BY on the other side

**THE SAMARITAN ... COMPASSION** (SPLANKNIZOMAI)      **Luke 10:33-36**

Came where he WAS (LYING WOUNDED)

Had COMPASSION on the man

WENT to him

CARED for him ... v 34

CATERED to his need ... Oil, Wine, Donkey, Inn

CONTINUITY ... Made provision for the aftercare, Two denarius, When I come again I will repay you ... v 35

**COMPASSION OF JESUS** (SPLANKNIZOMAI 12)

On various multitudes: Matt 9:36, 14:14, 15:32; Mark 6:34, 8:2

Two Blind men: Matt 20:34

A Leper: Mark 1:41

Legion (Demonic): Mark 5:19

Widow of Nain: Luke 7:13

Prodigal Son (Father): Luke 15:20

(See also Matt 18:27; Mark 9:22)

**THIS MAN HAS SOMETHING TO OFFER**      Heb 8:3

1.      **I WILL MAKE ... A NEW COVENANT ... Heb 8:8**

The OLD COVENANT could not save.  
It could only CONDEMN.

NEW COVENANT IS:

- a.      A BETTER Covenant ... Heb 8:6
- b.      FAULTLESS Covenant ... Heb 8:7
- c.      EVERLASTING Covenant ... Heb 13:20

The OLD COVENANT:

- a.      DECAYETH ... Heb 8:13
- b.      WAXETH OLD ... Heb 8:13
- c.      READY TO VANISH ... Heb 8:13

BUT both COVENANTS were BLOOD COVENANTS.  
The FIRST was based on animal sacrifices.  
The SECOND on the SACRIFICE of the LAMB of GOD.

2.      **I WILL PUT MY LAWS ... A NEW MIND ... Heb 8:10**

FIRST COVENANT:	TABLES OF STONE BOOKS OF THE LAW
SECOND COVENANT:	IN THEIR MIND WRITTEN IN THEIR HEARTS I WILL BE TO THEM A GOD THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE NO NEED FOR A TEACHER THEY SHALL ALL KNOW ME FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST

3.      **I WILL BE ... A NEW RELATIONSHIP ... Heb 8:12**

MERCIFUL TO THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.  
GOD who is RICH in MERCY ... Eph 2:4  
According to his MERCY he saved us ... Titus 3:5  
The LORD is pitiful and of TENDER MERCY ... Jas 5:11  
According to his ABUNDANT MERCY ... 1 Peter 1:3

THEIR SINS AND THEIR INIQUITIES WILL I REMEMBER NO MORE Heb 8:12

OLD COVENANT ... ATONEMENT  
NEW COVENANT ... REMOVED

“Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.” Micah 7:19

“I have blotted out, as a thick CLOUD, thy transgressions, and, as a CLOUD, thy sins; return unto ME, for I have REDEEMED thee.” Isa 44:22

## **WHERE ARE THOSE THINE ACCUSERS? John 8:1-11**

There are three parties in this story recorded by John, namely, the Scribes and Pharisees, the sinful woman and JESUS.

### **1. THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES**

The WOMAN was CAUGHT in adultery, and she was BROUGHT to Jesus. Taken in the very act, she needed to have had a partner as this is not a solitary sin.

We read in Lev 20:10, "And the man that commiteth adultery with (another) man's wife, even he that commiteth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and adulteress shall surely be put to death."

Her accusers CONDEMNED the woman, but where was the man?

They CLAMoured for a decision from the LORD.

Let the one without sin, CAST the first stone said the LORD.

CONVICTED by their own CONSCIENCES they CREPT away.

### **2. THE WOMAN**

What a CALAMITY to be found out in your SIN, and then to be brought before JESUS, so it would seem ... but NO...

JESUS did not deal with the woman first, but with the accusers.

Unlike the accusers, JESUS did not CONDEMN the woman. However, HE does not CONDONE sin either. He came to CALL sinners to repentance. Matt 9:13. HE provides for the CLEANSING of the sinner by shedding HIS blood on Calvary.

JESUS says, "NEITHER do I CONDEMN thee, go, and sin no more."

HE COMMANDS her to forsake her sinning.

### **3. THE LORD JESUS**

HE was CALM in the face of the CUNNING of the woman's accusers.

She surely could not have COMMITTED adultery on her own.

HIS COUNSEL to the Scribes and Pharisees was, "Let him that is without sin among you cast the first stone."

We see here the COMPASSION of the LORD.

HE did not come to destroy us but

HE came to DELIVER us from EVIL.

"Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the LORD GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live? Ezekiel 18:23

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**THE MESSAGE BROUGHT:**

- a. **To Joseph ... by an angel in a dream**  
FEAR NOT to take MARY to WIFE.  
CONCEIVED by the HOLY GHOST.  
She shall have a SON.  
Thou shalt call HIS NAME JESUS.  
HE shall SAVE HIS people from their SINS.  
**SAVIOUR Matt 1:18-25**
- b. **To Mary ... the angel Gabriel sent from God**  
THOU hast found FAVOUR with GOD  
THOU shalt CONCEIVE  
And bring forth a SON  
And shalt call HIS NAME JESUS  
HE shall be GREAT  
CALLED the SON of the HIGHEST  
The LORD GOD shall give HIM the THRONE of DAVID  
HE shall REIGN  
Of HIS KINGDOM there shall be no end  
With GOD NOTHING shall be IMPOSSIBLE (1:37)  
**KING Luke 1:26-38**

**THE BIRTH REVEALED:**

- a. **To Jewish Shepherds**  
The ANGEL of the LORD came unto them  
FEAR NOT, I bring you GOOD TIDINGS of GREAT JOY, which shall be unto  
ALL PEOPLE  
For UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY a SAVIOUR  
Which is CHRIST the LORD  
GLORY to GOD in the HIGHEST  
PEACE on EARTH, GOOD WILL toward MEN  
**SAVIOUR Luke 2:8-20**
- b. **To Gentle Magi**  
Where is HE?  
BORN KING  
Of the JEWS  
We have SEEN HIS STAR  
Come to WORSHIP HIM  
**KING Matt 2:1-12**

**TESTIMONY OF SIMEON**

SPIRIT revealed that HE would not see DEATH until the CHRIST was BORN  
Came to the TEMPLE by the SPIRIT  
Let your SERVANT depart for MY EYES have seen THY SALVATION  
Which THOU HAST PREPARED  
A LIGHT to lighten the GENTILES  
And the GLORY of THY PEOPLE ISRAEL



**YOU HAVE TAKEN AWAY THE KEY OF KNOWLEDGE 2 Chron 28: 16-27**

**TOOK AWAY A PORTION OUT OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD 28:21**

What AHAB took away from the LORD he gave to the king of Assyria.  
So men have taken AWAY from the WORD of the LORD and given to the RULER of this EVIL AGE.

A FAMINE ... of the HEARING of the WORDS of the LORD ... Amos 8:11

VIRGIN BIRTH:	Methodists	60%	NO	
	Presbyterians	49%	NO	(No. 1)
	Episcopalians	44%	NO	
	Lutherans	19%	NO	

SON OF GOD:	Methodists	82%	NO	
	Presbyterians	81%	NO	(No. 2)
	Episcopalians	89%	NO	
	Lutherans	57%	NO	

BIBLE INSPIRED: Same as above (No. 2)

SATAN EXISTS:	Methodists	62%	NO
	Presbyterians	47%	NO
	Episcopalians	37%	NO
	Baptists	33%	NO
	Lutherans	14%	NO

JESUS' RES.:	Methodists	51%	NO
	Presbyterians	35%	NO
	Episcopalians	30%	NO
	Baptists	33%	NO
	Lutherans	13%	NO

**VESSELS GATHERED - CUT IN PIECES v 24**

Jehoiakim cuts up the scroll and burns it ... it is rewritten and added to ... Jer 36  
This is DESTRUCTION. But DESTROYING the LORD'S vessels, or word, will not change that which the LORD has said will come to pass.

**SHUT THE DOORS OF THE HOUSE OF THE LORD v 24**

So the LORD JESUS said, "Ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in." Matt 23:13

**MADE HIM ALTARS IN EVERY CORNER OF JERUSALEM**

Science

Money

Spurgeon ... Defend the word of GOD? I would sooner defend a lion.

## **THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST**

**“Gave His life a ransom for many” 1 Tim 2:6; Matt 20:28; Mark 16:45**

### **1. HIS BLOOD REDEEMS US**

“This is MY BLOOD of the NEW TESTAMENT, which is shed for many for the REMISSION of sins.” Matt 26:28  
In WHOM we have REDEMPTION through HIS BLOOD.” Eph 1:7  
“Ye were not REDEEMED with corruptible things, as silver and gold ... but with the PRECIOUS BLOOD of CHRIST ...” 1 Peter 1:19  
“THOU hast REDEEMED us to GOD by THY BLOOD.” (Rev 5:9)

### **2. HIS BLOOD PROVIDES MERCY FOR US**

“Whom GOD hath set forth to be a PROPITIATION (HILASTEERION) through FAITH in HIS BLOOD.” Rom 3:25 (MERCY SEAT ... Heb 9:5)  
“He is the PROPITIATION for our SINS” 1 John 2:2  
“... GOD ... LOVED US, and sent HIS SON to be the PROPITIATION for our SINS.” 1 John 4:10 (Here in 1 John the word is HILASMOS.)  
“GOD be MERCIFUL to ME, a SINNER.” Luke 18:13  
JESUS was made like us in all things, that HE might be a MERCIFUL and FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST “IN THINGS PERTAINING TO GOD, TO MAKE RECONCILIATION FOR THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE.” (In Luke and Hebrews we have HILASKOMAI ... these THREE WORDS, HILASTEERION, HILASMOS and HILASKOMAI, 6 times in the N.T.)  
So then “BEING NOW JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD, WE SHALL BE SAVED FROM WRATH THROUGH HIM.” Rom 5:9  
(Let us remember that no TRANSGRESSION is TRIVIAL it is against an infinite GOD, and may have consequences immeasurable. No grain of sand is small on the mechanism of a watch. (Quote)

### **3. HIS BLOOD BRINGS US NEAR TO GOD**

“But now in CHRIST JESUS ye who sometimes were far off are made NIGH by the BLOOD of CHRIST.” Eph 2:13  
“Having therefore, brethren, BOLDNESS to enter the HOLIEST by the BLOOD OF JESUS, by a NEW and LIVING way ...” Heb 10:19-20  
(NEW ... PROSPHATOS ... Lately slaughtered or NEWLY SLAIN.)

### **4. HIS BLOOD WASHES US FROM OUR SINS (Rev 1:5)**

“HE ... washed us from our SINS by HIS OWN BLOOD.”  
“They ... washed their robes and made them WHITE in the BLOOD OF THE LAMB.” Rev 7:14

### **5. HIS BLOOD BRINGS OTHER BLESSINGS TO US**

HIS BLOOD CLEANSSES US (CHRISTIANS) FROM SIN ...  
“The BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST cleanses us from EVERY SIN.” 1 John 1:7  
HIS BLOOD GIVES US (BELIEVERS) PEACE ...  
“Having made PEACE by the BLOOD OF HIS CROSS.” Col 1:20  
HIS BLOOD GIVES US (CHRISTIANS) VISTORY IN THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD ... “THEY OVERCAME HIM (SATAN) BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB ...” Rev 12:11

## **GOD DEALS WITH NEBUCHADNESSAR**

### **INTRODUCTION**

First KING of the Neo-Babylonian Kingdom

Son of Nabopolassar

(Throne Name of Nebuchadnezzar ... Hatusillis).

Destroyed Egyptian army of Pharaoh Necho at the battle of Carchemish 605 B.C.

Slew Jehoiakim ... "He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of JERUSALEM" Jer 22:19

"Slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes ... put out Zedekiah's eyes..." Jer 39:6-7

(Usurped the throne from his older brother and nephew according to Velikovsky.)

Daniel's request ... Endanger my head. Dan 1:10

Dream ... the King was ANGRY and FURIOUS, and commanded to DESTROY all the wise (men) of Babylon. Dan 2:12

#### **1. A DREAM**

GOD caused the king to dream.

He demanded to KNOW the dream and its meaning.

Had he really forgotten what he had dreamt?

DANIEL interprets the dream.

"OF A TRUTH IT IS, THAT YOUR GOD IS A GOD OF GODS, AND A LORD OF KINGS, AND A REVEALER OF SECRETS ..." Dan 2:47

Here he did not acknowledge GOD as the only TRUE GOD, but rather as one better than the other supposed gods.

#### **2. A DEMAND**

The king's IMAGE was proof that there was no turning to GOD as the only TRUE GOD.

He demanded that all worship this IMAGE.

Daniel's three companions refused.

FULL OF FURY ... VISAGE CHANGED ... Dan 3:19

WHO IS THAT GOD THAT SHALL DELIVER YOU OUT OF MY HANDS?

Dan 3:15

Our GOD WHOM we SERVE is ABLE to DELIVER us ... out of thine hand, O king." Dan 3:17

The form of the FOURTH is like the SON OF GOD. Dan 3:25

No one to speak against the GOD of S and M and A ... because there is no other GOD that can deliver after this sort. Dan 3:29

#### **3. A DOOM**

The DECREE of the watchers ...

a. Drive thee from men

b. Dwelling with beasts

c. Eat grass as oxen

d. Wet with dew

e. SEVEN times pass Dan 4:25

See Dan 4:1-3, 4:36-37

NEBUCHADNEZZAR had come to KNOW the only TRUE GOD.

See Daniel 5:17-24

**“SIR, WE WOULD SEE JESUS”**

John 12:21 (Read 12:20-28)

**1. PARDON**

“I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Matt 9:13

Zacchaeus ... Luke 19:1-10

Adulterous Woman ... John 8:1-11

**2. PEACE**

“PEACE I leave with you, MY PEACE I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

John 14:27

“For HE is our PEACE, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition.” Ephesians 2:14

**3. PRESENCE**

“Lo, I am with you always, (even) unto the END of the world.” Matt 28:20

“... He hath said, ‘I will never leave thee, not FORSAKE thee.’” Heb 13:5

(Quoted from Deut 31:6 ... Moses speaking to ISRAEL as they are about to conquer Canaan.)

**4. PURITY**

“For it was fitting that we should have such a HIGH PRIEST, HOLY, INNOCENT, UNDEFILED, SEPARATED from sinners and EXALTED above the heavens.”

Heb 7:26

“Beloved, now are we the SONS of GOD, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when HE shall appear, we shall be like HIM; for we shall see HIM as HE is. And every man that hath this hope in HIM PURIFIETH himself, even as HE IS PURE.” 1 John 3:2-3

**5. POWER**

“Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the POWER of CHRIST may rest on me.” 2 Cor 12:9

“I give unto you POWER to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the POWER of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:19

**6. PROMISE**

“If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself.” John 14:3

In His spotless soul's distress,  
I have learned my guiltiness,  
Oh, how vile my low estate,  
Since my ransom was so great.” R.C. Chapman

<b><u>JESUS:</u></b>	<b>GOSPELS:</b>	Mark	13 times
		Matthew	151 times
		Luke	88 times
		John	<u>247</u> times
		Total	<u>499</u> times

## **THE CROSS OF CHRIST**

### **a. THE FOOLISHNESS OF THE TREE 1 Cor 1:18**

1. Foolish things to confound the wise
2. Weak things to confound the mighty
3. Base things )
4. Despised things ) Bring to naught the things that are
5. Non-existent things )

### **b. THE FRUITFULNESS OF THE TREE Sin-Sins**

1. Far ... made nigh by the blood of Christ Eph 2:13
2. Reconciled unto God ... by the Cross
3. Made peace through the blood of His Cross Col 1:20
4. A great multitude ... Rev 7:9 ... washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb Rev 7:14

### **c. THE FINALITY OF THE TREE**

1. Sundry times ... many parts
2. Divers manners ... many ways  
Enoch ... 7<sup>th</sup> from Adam  
Noah ... Preacher of righteousness  
Spake ... to the fathers  
Hath spoken to us ... in a son  
The cross is God's last word to man.  
How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation. Heb 2:3  
Say among the heathen, the Lord reigneth from the tree. Ps 96:10

## **THE LORD'S VINEYARD Isaiah 5**

### **THE LORD FOUNDED IT**

There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard. Matt 21:33; Mark 12:1; Luke 20:9

Now the LORD had said unto ABRAM, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto the land which I will show thee: and I will make of thee a great nation... Gen 12:1-2

ISRAEL is the only nation which GOD called into being.

Concerning ISRAEL'S EXODUS from EGYPT we read, "I will bring you unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to ABRAHAM, to ISAAC, and to JACOB; and I will give it you for an HERITAGE: I AM THE LORD. Exodus 6:8

### **THE LORD FENCED IT**

GOD protected them from their enemies.

So SATAN said to GOD concerning JOB, "HAST THOU NOT MADE A HEDGE ABOUT HIM?" Job 1:10

HEDGED IT ROUND ABOUT ... Matt 21:33

SET AN HEDGE ABOUT IT ... Mark 12:1

### **HE FAVOURED IT**

Gathered out the STONES. Isa 5:2

Planted it with the choicest VINE

Built a TOWER in the midst of it

Also made a WINEPRESS therein

### **FRUITFULNESS AND FRUITLESSNESS**

It was a VERY FRUITFUL (FERTILE) HILL. v 1

GOD then asks a question.

"WHAT MORE WAS THERE TO DO FOR MY VINEYARD THAT I HAVE NOT DONE IN IT?" v 4

GOD ASKS, "WHEREFORE, WHEN I LOOKED THAT IT SHOULD BRING FORTH GRAPES, BROUGHT IT FORTH WILD GRAPES?"

Wild Grapes are what Israel brought forth.

"For their vine is from the vine of SODOM,

And from the fields of GOMORRAH,

Their grapes are grapes of poison,

Their clusters, bitter.

Their wine is the venom of serpents, (Dragons)

And the deadly (cruel) poison of asps. (Cobras)

Deut 32:32 (Also read Psalm 106:34-40)

### **GOD'S FURY**

I will take away the hedge

I will break down the wall thereof

I will lay it waste

The clouds will not distil their rain upon it.

AND THE ANGEL THRUST IN HIS SICKLE INTO THE EARTH, AND GATHERED THE VINE OF THE EARTH, AND CAST IT INTO THE GREAT WINEPRESS OF THE WRATH OF GOD. Rev 15:19

However, when the SON OF MAN comes, will HE find THE FAITH on the EARTH?

Luke 18:8

JESUS said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and KNOCK: if any man hear MY voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with ME." Rev 3:20

## **HOW WICKED CAN YOU GET AND YET FIND MERCY?**

HEZEKIAH granted another FIFTEEN YEARS. 2 Ch 32:24  
Three years later a son, MANASSEH, was born.  
HEZEKIAH MEANS ... JEHOVAH HAS STRENGTHENED.  
There was a GREAT REVIVAL under HEZEKIAH.  
Truly, ISRAEL was STRENGTHENED during his REIGN.  
BUT THEN CAME MANNASEH, AGED TWELVE TO THE THRONE.

### **MANNASEH FORGOT GOD**

His name means "ONE WHO FORGETS".

Psalm 103 tells us NOT TO FORGET:

**FORGET NOT** all HIS benefits.

**FORGET NOT** HIS forgiving all our INIQUITIES.

**FORGET NOT** that HE heals all our DISEASES.

**FORGET NOT** HE redeems our SOUL from DESTRUCTION.

**FORGET NOT** that HE CROWNS us with LOVING KINDNESS and TENDER MERCIES.

**MANNASEH FORGOT ... how GOD had dealt with his father, HEZEKIAH.**

### **MANNASEH PROVOKED GOD**

FORGETFULNESS begets SINFULNESS.

He committed the abominations of the heathens.

Turned from GOD to idols.

Trafficked with FAMILIAR SPIRITS.

DESECRATED the TEMPLE.

Offered HUMAN SACRIFICES.

SHED INNOCENT BLOOD. (ISAIAH?)

"He wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to PROVOKE HIM to anger." 2 Ch 33:6

Influenced others to SIN, and "DO WORSE THAN THE HEATHEN." (v 9)

(Seers spoke to him ... 33:18)

### **MANNASEH HUMBLED BY GOD**

THE LORD SPOKE UNTO MANNESEH, AND TO HIS PEOPLE (v 10)

THEY WOULD NOT HEARKEN.

"He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." Prov 29:1

Mannaseh, taken among the THORNS, was carried, bound with fetters, to BABYLON.

v 11

WHEN HE WAS IN AFFLICTION, HE BESOUGHT THE LORD HIS GOD ... 2 Ch 33:12

HE HUMBLED HIMSELF GREATLY BEFORE THE GOD OF HIS FATHERS.

AND PRAYED UNTO HIM. v 13

### **MANNASEH FORGIVEN AND RESTORED BY GOD**

GOD WAS MOVED BY MANNASEH'S ENTREATY. (PRAYER)

GOD HEARD HIS SUPPLICATION.

GOD BROUGHT HIM AGAIN TO JERUSALEM TO HIS KINGDOM.

THEN MANNASEH KNEW THAT THE LORD WAS GOD.

HE: Removed the strange gods and idols from the HOUSE OF THE LORD. v 15

Repaired the ALTAR of the LORD. v 16

Ordered JUDAH to serve the LORD GOD OF Israel.

Sacrificed PEACE offerings and THANK offerings upon the ALTAR.

## **THE TRAIL OF BLOOD**

The Book of Genesis starts with God creating LIFE upon the Earth and ends with a COFFIN in EGYPT.

### **ADAM Gen 3:21**

COATS OF SKIN provided for Adam and Eve in place of fig leaves.

### **ABEL Gen 4:4**

One of his flock, fat thereof.

By faith Abel offered a more excellent (acceptable) sacrifice. Heb 11:4

RIGHTEOUS ABEL ... JESUS Matt 23:35

### **NOAH Gen 8:20**

Took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

### **ABRAM Gen 12:6-7; 12:8-9**

Altar. Canaanite in the land.

Altar. Between HAI and BETHEL. RUIN and the HOUSE OF GOD.

Here is where we all stand and must choose.

### **EGYPT ... PASSOVER Exodus 12:13**

When I see the BLOOD, I will PASS OVER YOU.

Beginning ... FIRST ... Ex 12:2

TAKE

EVERY MAN

A LAMB

MALE OF THE FIRST YEAR ... YEARLING (Gen 4)

WITHOUT BLEMISH

FROM THE SHEEP ... LAMB OF GOD. (LAMB 28 times in Rev.)

OR THE GOATS ... IDENTIFIED WITH SINNERS

TENTH DAY ... PALM SUNDAY

FOURTEENTH DAY ... PREPARATION OF THE PASSOVER

THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY SHALL KILL IT

IN THE EVENING ... (BETWEEN THE EVENINGS, i.e. between 3 and 6 o'clock)

OFFERINGS UNDER THE LAW ... vast numbers.

### **SOLOMON 2 Chron 7:5**

DEDICATION of the Temple.

22,000 OXEN

120,000 SHEEP.

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER IS SACRIFICED FOR US 1 Cor 5:7

Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this HE did once, when HE offered up HIMSELF.

Heb 7:27

BY HIS OWN BLOOD HE ENTERED IN ONCE INTO THE HOLY PLACE, HAVING OBTAINED ETERNAL REDEMPTION FOR US. Heb 9:12

"... Once in the end of the world hath HE appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of HIMSELF." Heb 9:26

CHRIST WAS ONCE OFFERED TO BEAR THE SINS OF MANY. Heb 9:28



**REVIVAL IN JERUSALEM (HEZIKIAH)**

**2 Chronicles**

**THE PEOPLE 2 Chron 30:12**

The HAND of GOD was also  
UPON JUDAH (as on the other tribes who HUMBLLED themselves)  
TO GIVE THEM ONE HEART  
TO DO  
WHAT THE KING AND THE PRINCES COMMANDED (Nineveh)  
BY THE WORD OF THE LORD.

**THE KING 2 Chron 31:20-21**

Ahaz – nailed doors of temple shut. 2 Chron 28:24  
First month first year of his reign – reopened temple, repaired them. 2 Chron 29:3  
Thus did HEZIKIAH:  
HE DID WHAT WAS GOOD  
RIGHT  
AND TRUE, **BEFORE THE LORD HIS GOD**  
AND EVERY WORK WHICH HE BEGAN IN THE SERVICE OF THE HOUSE OF GOD  
IN LAW AND COMMANDMENT, SEEKING HIS GOD,  
HE DID IT WITH ALL HIS HEART AND PROSPERED.

**THE LORD 2 Chron 32:31**

AND EVEN IN THE MATTER OF THE ENVOYS OF THE RULERS OF BABYLON,  
WHO SENT TO HIM TO INQUIRE OF THE MERODACH BALADAN (ISA 39:1-7)  
**WONDERS THAT HAD HAPPENED IN THE LAND**  
**GOD LEFT HIM ALONE**  
**ONLY TO TEST HIM**  
**THAT HE MIGHT KNOW ALL THAT WAS IN HIS HEART.**

**GOD HATH CHOSEN      1 Sam 17:38-54; 1 Cor 1:26-29**

ISRAEL was at war with the PHILISTINES. v 1

They trembled because of the CHAMPION of the PHILISTINES, namely, GOLIATH. v 4  
DAILY, he defied the ARMY of ISRAEL, and the LIVING GOD. (vv 10, 25, 26, 36 45)  
BACKSLIDDEN KING SAUL, and ALL ISRAEL, were dismayed and GREATLY AFRAID.  
v 11

DAVID came from BETHLEHEM (House of BREAD), sent by his FATHER (JESSE) to  
take BREAD to his BRETHREN. v 17

Sizing up the situation, DAVID said, "LET NO MAN'S HEART FAIL BECAUSE OF  
(GOLIATH), THY SERVANT WILL GO AND FIGHT WITH THIS PHILISTINE." v 32

So SATAN has defied the LIVING GOD and kept MANKIND in BONDAGE.

"AND HE SAW THAT THERE WAS NO MAN, AND WONDERED THAT THERE WAS  
NO INTERCESSOR ... NO ONE TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF TRUTH AND  
RIGHT; THEREFORE HIS OWN ARM BROUGHT HIM VICTORY, AND HIS  
RIGHTEOUSNESS SUSTAINED HIM." Isa 59:16

DAVID refused the armour of KING SAUL, choosing FIVE SMOOTH STONES from the  
brook. v 40

**SO GOD HAS CHOSEN FIVE THINGS TO DESTROY SATAN.**

**1.      THE FOOLISH THINGS ... TO CONFOUND THE WISE**

## **NOW ARE WE THE SONS (CHILDREN) OF GOD**

### **OUR RELATIONSHIP**

Called (Named) the SONS (of CHILDREN) of GOD.

Now are we THE SONS (CHILDREN) of GOD.

JOHN deals with TWO FACTS:

WHAT WE ARE

WHAT WE WILL BE

From all the SCRIPTURES we see what our RELATIONSHIP to GOD is, through JESUS CHRIST:

GOD is our FATHER

WE are HIS CHILDREN

Our SONSHIP is a PRESENT FACT

We have a PRESENT TESTIMONY to the fact in that "THE SPIRIT ITSELF BEARETH WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD." Rom 8:17

Our RELATIONSHIP to GOD is based upon our being SEPARATE from the WORLD.

GOD says, "WHEREFORE COME YE OUT FROM AMONG THEM AND BE YE SEPARATE, SAITH THE LORD, AND TOUCH NOT THE UNCLEAN THING; AND I WILL RECEIVE YOU. AND WILL BE A FATHER UNTO YOU, AND YE SHALL BE MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS, SAITH THE LORD ALMIGHTY." 2 Cor 6:17-18

### **WE ARE HIS CHILDREN BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE**

WHAT MANNER OF LOVE

Here is a LOVE that is different from all other kinds of LOVE.

IT is LOVE which caused GOD, in CHRIST, to become one of US, in order that HE, GOD, might die for our SINS.

"GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT A MAN LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS." John 15:13

### **HATH BESTOWED UPON US**

SONSHIP is a GIFT of GOD, given to those who put their trust in the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

### **THE FUTURE**

Although we ARE THE SONS OF GOD, it doth not APPEAR WHAT WE SHALL be.

WE ARE ... WE WILL BE

GOD'S PROGRAMME is not finished yet.

HE has only begun.

WE WILL BE very different from what WE NOW ARE, even though we ARE GOD'S CHILDREN NOW.

PHYSICAL CHANGE ... A GLORIOUS BODY Phil 3:20-21

SPIRITUAL CHANGE ... ADAMIC NATURE DISCARDED.

So, WE KNOW THAT, WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM, FOR WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS."

THIS HOPE ... THE HOPE OF HIS RETURN TO CHANGE US INTO HIS LIKENESS.

PURIFIETH HIMSELF EVEN AS HE IS PURE.

ABSTAIN from FLESHY LUSTS which WAR AGAINST THE SOUL 1 Peter 2:11

LET US CLEANSE OURSELVES 2 Cor 7:1

CLEANSE YOUR HANDS, YE SINNERS James 4:8

It is NOT ENOUGH to KNOW that, ONE DAY, we will be like HIM.

**Practical**  
**PREPARED FOR HIS COMING**

**RESPONSIVENESS**

MANY BIDDEN Matt 22:1-14  
MANY REFUSE  
MAN WITHOUT A WEDDING GARMENT  
**MANY ARE CALLED, FEW ARE CHOSEN**

**WHAT MANNER OF MEN?**

What manner of persons ought ye to be. 2 Pet 3:11  
HOLY CONVERSATION  
GODLINESS

**WAKEFULNESS**

CHILDREN OF LIGHT 1 Thess 5:1-11  
CHILDREN OF THE DAY  
LET US NOT SLEEP  
BE SOBER  
PUTTING ON: BREASTPLATE OF FAITH AND LOVE  
FOR AN HELMET, THE HOPE OF SALVATION

**WATCHFULNESS**

WATCH THEREFORE Matt 24:42  
FAITHFUL  
WISE  
TEN VIRGINS Matt 25:1-13  
SERVANT ... DILIGENT  
VIRGIN ... PROVIDENT  
LOINS GIRDED, LIGHTS BURNING, WAIT FOR THEIR LORD Luke 12:35  
  
MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY. Eph 5:16  
WALK circumspectly, redeeming the time.

**LOOKING FOR THAT BLESSED HOPE** Titus 2:11-15

TEACHING US (THE GRACE OF GOD)  
DENYING: UNGODLINESS  
WORLDLY LUST

WE SHOULD LIVE: SOBERLY  
RIGHTEOUSLY  
GODLY

**IN THIS PRESENT WORLD**  
**LOOKING FOR THAT BLESSED HOPE, AND THE GLORIOUS APPEARING OF THE**  
**GREAT GOD AND OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST**

## **THE CHURCH – MINISTER OF GOD OR CONSCIENCE OF THE STATE?**

### **THE CHURCH ... IT'S CALLING SEPARATENESS**

CHURCH ... EKKLESIA ... from EK (out of ) and KALEO (to call).

The principles of our CALLING are set forth in the prayer of JESUS recorded in John 17. It is passing strange that, in a passage dealing with the people of GOD, that we should find the WORLD (KOSMOS) mentioned NINETEEN TIMES.

**WE ARE IN A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT RULED BY THE GOD OF THIS WORLD.  
(2 Cor 4:4, John 12:31, John 14:30, John 16:11, Eph 2:2)**

Let us look at some important verses in John 17:

- Verse 6 I have manifested THY NAME unto the men which THOU gavest Me OUT OF THE WORLD ...
- Verse 11 And now I am no more in the WORLD, but these are in the WORLD, and I come to THEE...
- Verse 14 The WORLD hath hated them, because they are not of the WORLD ... (James 4:4 Know ye not that the friendship of the WORLD is ENMITY with GOD? Also 1 John 2:15 LOVE not the WORLD ... IF ANY MAN LOVE THE WORLD, THE LOVE OF THE FATHER IS NOT IN HIM)
- Verse 15 I pray not that THOU shouldest take them OUT OF THE WORLD, but that THOU shouldest keep them from THE EVIL (ONE).
- Verse 16 They are not of the WORLD, even as I am not of the WORLD.
- Verse 18 As THOU hast sent ME into the WORLD, even so have I also sent them into the WORLD.

### **THE CHURCH ... ITS CHARACTER**

ISRAEL ...Ye shall be unto ME a KINGDOM of PRIESTS, and a HOLY NATION. Ex 19:6  
A PECULIAR TREASURE unto ME above all PEOPLE. Ex 19:5

THE CHURCH ... Ye are a CHOSEN GENERATION (Elect Race), a ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, a HOLY NATION, a PECULIAR PEOPLE. 1 Peter 2:9

THEREFORE I SAY UNTO YOU, THE KINGDOM OF GOD SHALL BE TAKEN FROM YOU, AND GIVEN TO A NATION BRINGING FORTH THE FRUITS THEREOF, AND WHOSOEVER SHALL FALL ON THIS STONE SHALL BE BROKEN: BUT ON WHOMSOEVER IT SHALL FALL, IT WILL GRIND HIM TO POWDER. Matt 21:43-44

We of the CHURCH are SOJOURNERS here, even as ABRAHAM who, BY FAITH, "SOJOURNED IN THE LAND OF PROMISE, AS IN A STRANGE COUNTRY, DWELLING IN TABERNACLES" Hebrews 11:9

So PETER exhorts, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as STRANGERS and PILGRIMS, abstain from FLESHY LUSTS, which war against the SOUL. 1 Peter 2:11

OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN. Phil 3:20

**WE RELATE TO CHRIST AS A BODY RELATES TO ITS HEAD.**

**THUS, CHRIST is HEAD OVER ALL to the CHURCH. Eph 1:22**

We must GROW UP into HIM in ALL THINGS, which is the HEAD, even CHRIST.

HE is the HEAD and we must HOLD THE HEAD. Col 1:18-19

Union of the CHURCH and STATE wrong.

Render unto CAESAR. Matt 22:21

Runaway slave ... Onesimus sent back

Slaves obey your master. Eph 6:5

## **HAS GOD ABDICATED?**

GOD created the WORLD and all that is in it. Psalm 24:11; Psalm 115:15-16

(ALL THE EARTH IS MINE. Exodus 19:5)

I WILL DESTROY MAN WHOM I HAVE CREATED FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH.  
Gen 6:7

TOWER OF BABEL ... MEN SCATTERED. Gen 11

PHAROAH ... THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL, "LET MY PEOPLE GO..."  
Ex 5:1

THE LAND OF ISRAEL ... "THE LAND IS MINE". Lev 25:23

... THE LAND WHICH I DO GIVE THEM. Josh 1:2

GOD SPEAKS OF HIS OWNERSHIP. Psalm 50, 89:1-

BUT ISRAEL SIN BRINGS IN GENTILE DOMINION.

I HAVE MADE THE EARTH, THE MAN AND THE BEAST THAT ARE UPON THE  
GROUND, BY MY GREAT POWER AND MY OUTSTRETCHED ARM, AND HAVE  
GIVEN IT UNTO WHOM IT SEEMED MEET TO ME. AND NOW HAVE I GIVEN ALL  
THESE LANDS INTO THE HAND OF NEBUCHADNEZZAR THE KING OF BABYLON,  
MY SERVANT. Jer 7:5 et seq

SEVENTY YEARS SERVITUDE. Jer 29:10

THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES. SEE DANIEL  
CHAPTER TWO. (606 B.C.)

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM

... THE GOD OF HEAVEN HATH GIVEN THEE A KINGDOM. Dan 2:37

...AND IN THE DAYS OF THESE KINGS SHALL THE GOD OF HEAVEN SET UP A  
KINGDOM, WHICH SHALL NEVER BE DESTROYED. Dan 2:44

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S TESTIMONY. Dan 4:1-3

WATCHER'S DECREE. Dan 4:17

I PRAISE AND HONOUR HIM THAT LIVETH FOR EVER AND EVER. Dan 4:34-37

... THE KINGDOM SHALL BE GIVEN TO THE SAINTS OF THE MOST HIGH.  
Dan 7:27

SATAN  
THE CHURCH  
THE WORLD  
THE FAMILY  
THE INDIVIDUAL

## **CAN A JUST SOCIETY BE ACHIEVED ON EARTH TODAY?**

The WILL OF GOD is not done on EARTH today.

SATAN is still the PRINCE of THIS WORLD.

PAUL speaks of the WORLD-RULERS (KOSMOKRATOS) of the DARKNESS of this AGE. Eph 6:12

JOHN says, "We know that we are of GOD, and the WHOLE WORLD lieth in WICKEDNESS." 1 John 5:19.

So then we see that EVIL POWERS exercise GREAT AUTHORITY here on the EARTH.

But there is another factor to consider, and that is the FACT that MAN himself is sinful and WICKED.

JESUS said, "A GOOD TREE cannot bring forth EVIL FRUIT, neither can a CORRUPT TREE bring forth GOOD FRUIT." Matt 7:18

LORD ACTON said, "All POWER corrupts, and ABSOLUTE POWER corrupts ABSOLUTELY."

But that is only because man is a FALLEN being.

Let us look at the testimony of the SCRIPTURES.

GOD destroyed men from off the face of the EARTH at the time of the FLOOD.

The EARTH also was CORRUPT before GOD. Gen 6:11

ALL FLESH had CORRUPTED his way upon the EARTH – 12

(See Gen 8:21 ... MAN'S HEART EVIL)

This was soon manifest at the TOWER OF BABEL.

Let US make US a NAME lest we be scattered ... this they begin to do: now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do." Gen 11:4-6.

See ROMANS 1:24, 26, 28 :-

GOD gave MEN up to **UNCLEANNES** (IMPURITY)

GOD gave MEN up to **VILE AFFECTIONS** (DEGRADING PASSIONS)

GOD gave MEN over to a **REPROBATE MIND** (DEPRAVED)

NEBUCHADNEZZAR dreamt of the WORLD EMPIRES as an IMAGE of GOLD, SILVER, BRASS, IRON, CLAY.

BUT DANIEL saw them as TERRIBLE BEASTS, the last being the worst. (As in the IMAGE GOLD is more NOBLE than PORCELAIN or baked CLAY.)

### **DICTATORSHIPS**

DEMOCRACY ... Ferdinand LUNEBERG ... 150 families

Rise of SOVIET RUSSIA ... Trotskie left NEW YORK ... detained in CANADA ... forced to release him. (275 Revolutionaries)

LENIN ... Sealed Train with much GOLD.

BOLSHEVIK revolution financed from the WEST.

It is a FACT that the WORLD is heading for the very worst government it will ever have. So it is impossible for a JUST GOVERNMENT or JUST SOCIETY to exist in the WORLD.

It is a FACT that almost every government that has taken over from the colonial powers has been infinitely worse.

But there is a government, that of JESUS CHRIST, which will bring in a JUST SOCIETY. Isa 9:6-7; Isa 11:1-5

## **FOUR SCRIPTURAL CONCEPTS    Read John 8:1-11**

### **FORGIVENESS**

Blessed is the man whose transgression is FORGIVEN, whose sin is covered.

Psalms 32:1 (Rom 4:7)

For THOU, LORD, art good, and ready to FORGIVE; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon THEE. Psalm 86:5

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, FORGIVING one another, even as GOD for CHRIST'S SAKE hath FORGIVEN you. Eph 4:32

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath HE quickened together with HIM, having FORGIVEN you all trespasses. Col 2:13

THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS Eph 1:7; Col 1:14

If we confess our sins, HE is faithful and just to FORGIVE us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Proverbs 28:13

LET NOT MAN COVER HIS SINS... but ... where there is repentance ... GOD WILL COVER OUR SINS.

### **GRACE**

For by GRACE are ye saved through FAITH; and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT OF GOD: not of WORKS, lest any man should boast. Eph 2:8

The word GRACE not found in Matt, Mark, 2 John.

Found in the Greetings of all the other N.T. books except Hebrews, James and Jude.

For ye know the GRACE of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, that, though HE was rich, yet for your sakes HE became poor, that ye through HIS poverty might be rich. 2 Cor 8:9

(GRACE ... CHARIS occurs nearly 150 times in N.T.)

### **REPENTANCE**    (Verb ... 34 times.    Noun ... 24 times)

Or despisest thou the riches of HIS goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of GOD leadeth thee to REPENTANCE? Rom 2:4

Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, GOD is now declaring to men that all EVERYWHERE should REPENT, because HE has fixed a day in which HE will judge the world in righteousness through a MAN whom HE has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising HIM from the dead. Acts 17:30-31

### **FAITH**

The means whereby we appropriate the GRACE of GOD after true REPENTANCE thus ensuring our forgiveness.

Blessed be the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, who according to HIS great mercy has caused us to be BORN AGAIN to a living hope through the resurrection of JESUS CHRIST from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable ...

1 Peter 1:3



## **THE WRATH OF GOD OR THE FOLLY OF MAN? 2 Peter 3**

For, behold, the LORD cometh out of HIS PLACE to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity ... Isa 26:21

### **THE WORLD THAT THEN WAS**

Overflowed with water  
Perished  
Men are "Willingly Ignorant"

### **THE PRESENT WORLD ... "Kept in Store"**

The "DAY OF THE LORD"

Great signs before that day comes. Acts 2:19-20

Moses and Elijah return. Mal 4:5

This TIME does not CONCERN the CHURCH ... OLD TESTAMENT DAYS when the 70<sup>th</sup> WEEK of Daniel's Prophecy is FULFILLED.

The CHURCH in HEAVEN.

Will there be NUCLEAR WAR? People quote Zech 14:12. (This is Armageddon)

GOD'S WRATH IS MANIFEST in Terrible JUDGEMENTS. These will affect the WHOLE EARTH and SINNERS will be completely DESTROYED from off the FACE of the earth.

Shake TERRIBLY the EARTH. Isa 2:19, 21

EARTH moved out of its place. Isa 13:13

Earth reels like a DRUNKARD. Isa 24:19

Heaven's rolled together like a SCROLL. Isa 34:4

EARTH turned UPSIDE DOWN. Isa 24:1 (See Rev 6:14)

"For BY FIRE and by HIS SWORD will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many. Isa 66:16

Joel 2:30-31 quoted in Acts 2

The heavens and the Earth shall shake. Joel 3:16

SUN goes down at NOON. Amos 8:9

Luke 21

## **CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES**

### **1 Cor 15:3**

#### **TROUBLED**

Now is MY SOUL TROUBLED; and what shall I say? FATHER, save me from this hour: but for this CAUSE came I unto THIS HOUR." John 12:27

(Lit: Save ME out of THIS HOUR – Ek.)

GETHSEMANE ... OIL PRESS

HE began to be SORROWFUL and VERY HEAVY

(Lit: Grieve and be DISTRESSED)

MY SOUL is EXCEEDING SORROWFUL even unto DEATH

(Lit: DEEPLY GRIEVED)

O MY FATHER, IF IT BE POSSIBLE, let this CUP pass from ME, NEVERTHELESS, **NOT AS I WILL, BUT AS THOU.** Matt 27:37-39

Again,

"O MY FATHER, IF THIS CUP MAY NOT PASS AWAY FROM ME, EXCEPT I DRINK IT, THY WILL BE DONE." 27:42

(Verse 44 ... Third time ... Prayed saying same words)

SORE AMAZED AND VERY HEAVY. Mark 14:33

ABBA, FATHER, **all things are possible unto THEE**; TAKE AWAY THIS CUP FROM ME: nevertheless not what I WILL, but WHAT THOU WILT. Mark 14:36

FATHER, if THOU BE WILLING, remove THIS CUP from ME: nevertheless not MY WILL, BUT THINE, be done. Luke 22:42

And being in an AGONY HE PRAYED MORE EARNESTLY: and HIS SWEAT was as it were GREAT DROPS OF BLOOD falling down to the ground. And there appeared an ANGEL unto HIM from heaven strengthening HIM. Luke 22:42, 44, 43

Put up thy sword into the sheath: THE CUP which MY FATHER hath given ME, shall I not DRINK it? John 18:11

What the LORD had purposed to DO, as GOD, before HIS INCARNATION, HE now RATIFIED, as MAN, in the garden of GETHSEMANE.

NO GREATER DEMAND CAN BE MADE UPON THE RESOURCES OF GOD THAN THAT WHICH REDEMPTION MADE. GOD WAS EXTENDED TO SUCH A DEGREE BY THE PRICE THAT WAS REQUIRED TO REDEEM US THAT, HAD HE NOT COME AND DIED TO SAVE US, SALVATION WOULD HAVE BEEN AN IMPOSSIBILITY.

"But none of the ransomed ever knew,  
How deep were the waters crossed,  
Nor how dark was the night that the LORD passed through,  
Ere HE found HIS sheep that was lost,  
Out in the desert HE heard its cry,  
Sick, and helpless, and ready to die.  
LORD whence are those blood drops all the way  
That mark out the mountains track?  
They were shed for one who had gone astray  
Ere the Shepherd could bring him back:  
LORD, whence are THY hands so rent and torn?  
They are pierced tonight by many a thorn.

### **THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE**

The last 24 hours of JESUS' life can be summarised as follows:-

1. CELEBRATION Communion, Condescension
2. ANTICIPATION Instruction, Intercession
3. INTERROGATION Interrogation
4. HUMILIATION Humiliation
5. EXPIATION Expiation
6. EXALTATION Exaltation (Resurrection)

We are concerned with the ANTICIPATION of the CROSS.

The following scriptures relate to the LORD in the Garden of GETHSEMANE:

Matthew 26:36-46

Mark 14:32-42

Luke 22:39-46

John 18:1

Hebrews 5:7

### **JESUS TROUBLED**

Now is MY SOUL TROUBLED; and what shall I say? FATHER, save ME from this hour: but for this CAUSE came I unto THIS HOUR. John 12:27

Then cometh JESUS with them unto a place called GETHSEMANE. Matt 26:36, Mark 14:32

GETHSEMANE ... Hebrew ... OILPRESS

JESUS left the EIGHT and took Peter, James and John, whom HE left also, about a stone's cast away from HIMSELF.

Began to be SORROWFUL and very HEAVY. Matt 26:37

MY soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death. Matt 26:38

HE began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy. Mark 14:33

MY soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death. 14:34

### **MATTHEW**

Fell on HIS face, saying, "O MY FATHER, if it be possible, let this cup pass from ME: nevertheless not as I will, but as THOU wilt." Matt 27:39

(HE prayed a SECOND time), "O MY FATHER, if this cup may not pass away from ME, except I drink it, THY WILL BE DONE." Matt 26:42

HE ... prayed the THIRD TIME, saying the same words. Matt 26:44

### **MARK**

HE ... fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from HIM. Mark 14:35

HE said, "ABBA, FATHER, all things are possible unto THEE; take away this cup from ME: nevertheless not what I will, but what THOU wilt." Mark 14:36

HE went away and prayed, and spake the same words. 39

### **LUKE**

FATHER, if THOU be willing, remove this cup from ME: nevertheless not MY will, but THINE, be done. Luke 22:42

(AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN STRENGTHENED HIM ... v 43)

And being in AN AGONY HE prayed more earnestly: and HIS sweat was as it were GREAT DROPS OF BLOOD falling down to the ground. Luke 22:44

### **JOHN**

Put up thy sword into the sheath: THE CUP which MY FATHER hath given ME, shall I not drink it? John 18:11

## **HE WAS NUMBERED WITH THE TRANSGRESSORS    Isaiah 53:12**

- a.    **AT HIS BIRTH        Luke 2:1-7**  
 Now it came to PASS in THOSE DAYS ... (Nothing happens accidentally)  
 That a DECREE went out from CAESAR AUGUSTUS ... (Even RULERS are subject to HIM)  
 That a CENSUS be taken of all the INHABITED EARTH ...  
 (CENSUS ... APOGRAPHEE ... only here and Acts 5:37  
 A Written copy, then a Register, A Census, an Enrollment)  
 Had this CENSUS not been ordered by TIBERIUS, Joseph and Mary, who lived in NAZARETH, would not have needed to go to Bethlehem. See Micah 5:2  
 QUIRINIUS was GOVERNOR (LEGATE) of the ROMAN PROVINCE of SYRIA.  
 It was the JEWS CUSTOM to register citizens for the purpose of TAXATION at the FAMILY SEAT. Thus, JOSEPH and MARY had to go to BETHLEHEM because JOSEPH was of the HOUSE and LINEAGE of DAVID. Luke 2:4  
 Thus, the LORD JESUS CHRIST entered this world at the very time that men were being numbered, and HE was born in time to be NUMBERED with them.
- b.    **AT HIS BAPTISM        Matt 3:13**  
 Then cometh JESUS to John to be BAPTISED OF HIM.  
 JOHN forbad HIM.  
 Let us remember that JOHN'S BAPTISM was a BAPTISM UNTO REPENTANCE.  
 JOHN said, "I have need to be BAPTISED by YOU, and do you come to me?"  
 Matt 3:14  
 JESUS answered, "PERMIT IT AT THIS TIME; FOR IN THIS WAY IT IS FITTING FOR US TO FULFILL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS." (First recorded words)  
 John here bears WITNESS to the FACTS of his own SINFULNESS and JESUS' SINLESSNESS, and this is the VERY REASON why JOHN ought to BAPTISE HIM.  
 The BAPTISM of JESUS was thus a BAPTISM OF IDENTIFICATION WITH SINNERS who were being BAPTISED themselves with a view to REPENTANCE.
- c.    **DURING HIS MINISTRY        Matt 11:19; Luke 7:34**  
 "Why does your TEACHER eat with the tax-collectors and sinners?" (See also Mark 2:15, Luke 5:30)  
 "It is not those who are healthy who need a Physician, but those who are ill."  
 Matt 9:10-13  
 "This MAN receives sinners, and eats with them..." Luke 15:2 (This caused the LORD to tell the three stories of (1) The Lost Sheep (2) The Lost Coin and (3) The Lost Son)
- d.    **AT HIS DEATH**  
 Numbered with the TRANSGRESSORS    Isa 53:12  
 Two Malefactors    Luke 23:32  
 "The REPROACHES of those who REPROACH THEE have FALLEN on ME..."  
 Psalm 69:9  
 REPROACH has BROKEN MY HEART ... Psalm 69:20  
 "This is GOOD and ACCEPTABLE in the SIGHT of GOD our SAVIOUR ... who GAVE HIMSELF a RANSOM for all." 1 Tim 2:3-6

**SAVED BY GRACE**      Eph 2:1-9

a.      **GOD'S GRACE SAVES US ... BY GRACE**

We are JUSTIFIED FREELY by HIS GRACE. Rom 3:24  
HIS GRACE brings SALVATION. Titus 2:11  
HIS THRONE a THRONE of GRACE. Heb 4:16  
GRACE of our LORD ... RICH ... POOR. 2 Cor 8:9

b.      **CONDITION OF RECIPIENTS OF GOD'S GRACE ... ARE YE**

WE ARE:

1.      DEAD (Spiritually) in TRESPASSES and SINS v 1
2.      DEPRAVED (Fulfilling the DESIRES of the FLESH and of the MIND 2:3)
3.      DELUDED (WALKED according to the PRINCE of the POWER of the AIR 2:2)
4.      DISOBEDIENT (CHILDREN of DISOBEDIENCE 2:2)
5.      DEFILED (By NATURE CHILDREN of WRATH 2:3)
6.      DARKENED (In whom the GOD of this WORLD hath BLINDED the MINDS of them that BELIEVE not 2 Cor 4:4)
7.      DOOMED (VESSELS of WRATH FITTED TO DESTRUCTION Rom 9:22  
**See HOWEVER v 23 ... That HE might make known THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY ON THE VESSELS OF MERCY, which HE hath afore PREPARED UNTO GLORY, EVEN US...)**

c.      **OUR STATE ON RECEIVING HIS GRACE ... SAVED**

From SIN'S PENALTY  
From SIN'S POWER  
From SIN'S PRESENCE

d.      **THE MEANS BY WHICH WE ARE SAVED ... THROUGH FAITH**

Whosoever shall CALL upon the NAME of the LORD shall be SAVED.  
It is GOD'S GRACE that SAVES us.  
FAITH is the means whereby we appropriate the GRACE OF GOD.

**LAY HOLD ON ETERNAL LIFE 1 Tim 6:12, 19**

**WILL RUSSIA RULE THE WORLD?**

Nebuchadnezzar had a DREAM.

Daniel interpreted the dream for him. Dan 2:36

John, the Revelator, speaks of SEVEN KINGS, five fallen, ONE RULING, ONE TO COME. Rev 17:10

	<u>DANIEL</u>	<u>JOHN</u>	<u>THERE ARE 7 KINGS</u>
1.		EGYPT	)
2.		ASSYRIA	)
3.	BABYLON	BABYLON	) FIVE ARE FALLEN
4.	PERSIA	PERSIA	) Rev 17:10
5.	GREECE	GREECE	)
6.	ROME	ROME	) ONE IS Rev 17:10
7.	TEN-TOED EMPIRE Dan 2:44	TEN-TOED EMPIRE	) The other is not yet come; and when he cometh he must continue a short space Rev 17:10
8.	LITTLE HORN	ANTICHRIST	) And the beast that was and is not, even he is the 8 <sup>th</sup> , and is of the SEVEN, and goeth into PERDITION. Rev 17:10-12

**WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THIS?**

DANIEL: The GOD of HEAVEN (shall) set up a KINGDOM, which shall NEVER be DESTROYED. Dan 2:44

JOHN: These shall make WAR with the LAMB and the LAMB shall overcome them: for HE is LORD of lords, and KING of kings. Rev 17:14; 19:19

So we see that RUSSIA finds no place as the ANTICHRIST will lead the nations into battle against CHRIST.

Scripture makes it clear that he comes, not out of RUSSIA, but out of the REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE. It is evident that this is WESTERN EUROPE.

Where then does RUSSIA fit in, in the END-TIME scenario?

As one of the TWO SUPER POWERS is not RUSSIA important at this stage in history?

What does the BIBLE say about RUSSIA?

**RUSSIA AND HER RISE TO POWER**

Descended from MAGOG, TUBAL and MESHESH. Gen 10:3

Ezekiel 38:2-3 reads, "Son of man, set your face toward GOG of the land of MAGOG, the prince of ROSH, MESHESH and TUBAL, and prophesy against him, and say, thus saith the LORD GOD, 'Behold, I am against thee, O GOG, prince of ROSH, MESHESH and TUBAL...'

GOG Leader of the Confederacy.  
CAUCASES ... "STRONGHOLD OF GOG" according to 'BOCHART'.

MAGOG Josephus regarded them as the SCYTHIANS of the Crimea.

ROSH Translated RHOS in the Septuagint. RUSS in the Latin Bible. Gesenius regarded it as RUSSIA. Tenth Century BYZANTINE writers referred to the RUSSIANS as RHOS. IBN FOSLAN (10<sup>th</sup> Century) refers to RUSSIANS as RUS, saying that they lived on the banks of the river RHA (VOLGA)

MESHESH & TUBAL The TIBARENI and MOSCHI of the classical writers. The ASSYRIANS refer to the TABALI and MUSHKI. MOSCOW and TOBOLSK are the latter day renderings of these names. Originally RUSSIA was known as MUSKOVY.

Perhaps the best testimony to the fact that this is RUSSIA, is verse 6 of Ezek 38, "... from the remote parts of the north ..." (Also v 15)

PENCILS GOG, MAGOG  
STAMP CLOUD. Ezek 38:16

**GOD IS OUR REFUGE**

**Isaiah 22:1-4, Psalm 62, 1 Samuel 22:1-2**

**GOD IS OUR REFUGE**

The LORD also will be a REFUGE for the oppressed, a REFUGE in time of trouble.  
Ps 9:9

God is our REFUGE and our STRENGTH, a very PRESENT HELP in time of TROUBLE. Ps 46:1

GOD is known in her palaces for a REFUGE. Ps 48:3

In the SHADOW of thy WINGS will I make my REFUGE. Psalm 57:1

READ PSALM 62:6-8

I will say of the LORD HE is my REFUGE and my FORTRESS: my GOD; in HIM will I trust. Ps 91:2

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the REWARD of the WICKED, because thou hast made the LORD, which is my REFUGE, even the MOST HIGH, thy habitation, there shall no evil befall thee. Psalm 91:8-10

**CAVE OF ADULLAM**

ADULLAM ... REFUGE or RETREAT

DAVID ... root "TO BOIL" LOVE ... LORD JESUS

When his brethren and all his FATHER'S house heard, they went down thither to him ... THINE THEY WERE AND THOU GAVEST THEM ME. John 17:6

Also, All that the FATHER giveth ME shall come to ME, and him that cometh to ME, I will in no wise cast out. John 6:37

**EVERYONE IN DISTRESS**

In my distress I called upon the LORD and cried unto my GOD,  
HE heard my voice out of HIS TEMPLE,  
My cry came before HIM into HIS EARS. Ps 18:6

**EVERYONE IN DEBT**

Forgive us our DEBTS. Matt 6:12

HE is faithful and just to FORGIVE us our SINS and to CLEANSE us from ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. 1 John 1:9

**EVERYONE WHO WAS DISCONTENTED**

Discontented with DEFEAT?

Discontented with SINNING?

Discontented with FAILURE?

**CHRIST CAN AND WILL MEET YOUR NEED**



**WHY WILL YE DIE?      Ezekiel 18:31**

Old Testament is the foundation of the Doctrine of the New Testament.

Habakkuk 2:4    The JUST shall LIVE by his FAITH

Romans 1:17    The JUST shall LIVE by FAITH

Galatians 3:11    The JUST shall LIVE by FAITH

Hebrews 10:38    The JUST shall LIVE by FAITH

**a.    RESPONSIBILITY    v 19**

Whosoever hath SINNED against ME, him will I BLOT OUT OF MY BOOK.

Exodus 32:33

Everyone shall die for his own INIQUITY: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.    Jeremiah 31:30

The SOUL that SINNETH, it SHALL DIE.    Ezek 18:20

**b.    RIGHTEOUSNESS    v 20**

The RIGHTEOUSNESS of the RIGHTEOUS shall be upon him.    Ezekiel 18:20

Who will render to every man according to his deeds.    Romans 2:6-11

Abraham believed GOD and it was counted to him as RIGHTEOUSNESS

Rom 4:3, Gal 3:6, Jas 2:23

(See Gen 15:6 ... And he (Abraham) believed in the LORD; and HE counted it to him for RIGHTEOUSNESS)

**c.    RESTORATION      vv 21-22, 27**

If the WICKED will TURN from all his SINS

Keep MY STATUTES

DO that which is LAWFUL and RIGHT

HE shall surely LIVE

HE SHALL NOT DIE

(Repentance ... METANOIA ... Change of MIND)

**d.    REJOICING    vv 23, 32**

Have I any pleasure at all that the WICKED should DIE ... and not that he should return from his ways and LIVE?

There is joy before the ANGELS of GOD over ONE SINNER REPENTING.

Luke 15:7, 10

**e.    REJECTION    vv 24, 26**

TURNS ... COMMITS INIQUITY ... SHALL HE LIVE?

HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL NOT BE MENTIONED

**f.    REASON (For Pardon)      v 28**

Considereth ... Turneth ... Liveth

**g.    REPENT**

REPENT, and turn from all your TRANSGRESSIONS; so INIQUITY shall not be your RUIN.    18:30

CAST AWAY from you all your TRANSGRESSIONS, whereby ye have transgressed.

(Romans 13:12 ... The NIGHT is far spent, the DAY is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the ARMOUR of light.)

MAKE YOU (RECEIVE YOU) a NEW HEART and a NEW SPIRIT.

NO PLEASURE IN THE DEATH OF HIM THAT DIETH

TURN ... AND ... LIVE

## **THE WINGS OF THE ALMIGHTY**

The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD GOD of ISRAEL, under whose WINGS THOU ART COME TO TRUST. Ruth 2:12

1. **PSALM 36:7 ... REFRESHING (RESTORATION)**  
How excellent is THY loving kindness, O GOD! Therefore the children of men put their TRUST under the SHADOW OF THY WINGS.
2. **PSALM 57:1 ... REFUGE**  
Be merciful to me O GOD, be merciful unto me: for my soul TRUSTETH in THEE: yea, in the SHADOW OF THY WINGS will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.
3. **PSALM 63:7 ... REJOICING (JOY)**  
Because THOU hast been my HELP, therefore in the SHADOW OF THY WINGS will I REJOICE.
4. **PSALM 91:4 ... REST (REPOSE)**  
HE shall cover thee with HIS feathers (PINIONS) and UNDER HIS WINGS shalt thou TRUST: HIS TRUTH shall be thy shield and buckler.  
(HIS faithfulness is a shield and bulwark ... N.A.S.B.)
5. **PSALM 61:4 ... REFUGE**  
I will abide in THY tabernacle forever: I will trust in the COVERT of THY WINGS.  
("Let me take REFUGE in the SHELTER OF THY WINGS ... NASB)
6. **PSALM 17:8 ... REFUGE**  
Keep me as the APPLE of the EYE, HIDE me under the SHADOW OF THY WINGS.

### **ISAIAH 40:31**

They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

### **MATTHEW 23:37; LUKE 13:34**

**CHRIST OUR PASSEVER IS SACRIFICED Exodus 12**

The LORD spake ... Divine Revelation v 1  
In the land of EGYPT ... Speaks of BONDAGE v 1  
This MONTH the Beginning ... New Birth v 2  
Take EVERY MAN a LAMB ... Personal FAITH v 3  
Tenth DAY ... Completeness (10 Commandments ...)  
(Noah ... 10<sup>th</sup> ...REST ... etc.)  
They shall take ... We must appropriate ... v 3  
LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH ... CHRIST Sinless (2 Cor 5:21, Heb 4:15, 7:26,  
1 Pet 1:19, 2:22, 1 John 3:5)  
Whole ASSEMBLY shall KILL it ... All guilty v 6  
DOORPOSTS and LINTEL ... Not trampled Heb 10:29  
LAMB slain "IN THE EVENING" ... Hebrew reads, "Between the TWO EVENINGS" v 6  
ROAST WITH FIRE ... Judgement v 8  
UNLEAVENED BREAD ... HOLINESS v 8  
BITTER HERBS ... Mortify the flesh Rom 8:13 & Col 3:5  
EAT IT NOT RAW ... SIN must be judged v 9  
(ROAST WITH FIRE ... Mentioned TWICE)  
LOINS GIRDED ... Watchfulness v 11  
SHOES ... A New WALK v 11  
IN HASTE ... SALVATION is a matter of URGENCY v 11  
SMITE ... JUDGMENT v 12  
DEATH in all EGYPT ... Either the FIRST BORN or else the LAMB  
BLOOD in the LAMB ... INCARNATION  
BLOOD in the BASIN ... DEATH (12:22)  
BLOOD on the DOORPOSTS ... APPLICATION  
HYSSOP ... FAITH (12:22)  
None shall go until morning ... Abide in CHRIST 12:22

The LORD will PASS over the door and not suffer the DESTROYER to come in unto  
your houses to SMITE you. v 23

WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD I WILL PASS OVER YOU v 13  
Without the shedding of BLOOD there is no REMISSION Hebrews 9:22

**FATHER, FORGIVE THEM; FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO**  
**Luke 23:34**

1. **FATHER**

JESUS had a relationship with GOD, which was different to ours.  
HE ALONE knew the FATHER. John 1:18  
He that hath seen ME hath seen the FATHER. John 14:9  
That they all may be ONE; as THOU, FATHER, art in ME, and I in THEE, THAT  
they also may be ONE in US. John 17:21

2. **FORGIVE THEM**

FORGIVENESS is a prerogative of GOD. "Who can FORGIVE sins but GOD  
only?" Mark 2:7  
"SON OF MAN hath authority on earth to FORGIVE sins." v 10  
"I write unto you, little children, because your sins are FORGIVEN you for HIS  
NAME'S SAKE." 1 John 2:12  
"Blessed is the man whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity." Ps 32:1  
STEPHEN ... "LORD, lay not this sin to their charge." Acts 7:60

3. **FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO**

JESUS was delivered up according to the determinate counsel and  
foreknowledge of GOD. Acts 2:23  
HE also was willing to lay down HIS LIFE for HIS people. John 10:18  
SATAN also had a HAND in the DEATH of JESUS.  
"Which none of the PRINCES of this WORLD knew: for had they KNOWN IT,  
they would not have CRUCIFIED the LORD of GLORY." 1 Cor 2:8  
(HEGEMON, ARKEEGOS ... 4 times... always of JESUS Acts 3:15, 5:31 ...  
PRINCE, Heb 2:10 ... CAPTAIN, Heb 12:2 ... AUTHOR ... ARKON ... used of  
BEELZEBUB in Matthew, Mark and LUKE. Also of SATAN ... Eph 2:2)

**Then the JEWISH RULERS desired his DEATH.**

FINALLY, we are all partakers of this crime.

**TAKE NOW THY SON, THINE ONLY SON ISAAC, WHOM THOU LOVEST**  
**Gen 22:2**

- A.** This is the FIRST MENTION of LOVE in the OLD TESTAMENT.  
 ISAAC alone REMAINED, as the SON OF THE BOND-WOMAN had been cast out. Gen 21:9-11, Gal 4:30  
 (By FAITH ABRAHAM, when he was tried, offered up ISAAC: and he that had received the promises offered up his ONLY BEGOTTEN (son). Heb 11:17)
1. Let us look at the FIRST MENTION of LOVE in the GOSPELS:
    - a. "This is MY BELOVED SON in whom I am well pleased."  
 Matt 3:17 (First mention in the N.T.)
    - b. "THOU art MY BELOVED SON, in whom I am well pleased."  
 Mark 1:11
    - c. "THOU art MY BELOVED SON; in THEE I am well pleased."  
 Luke 3:22
    - d. BUT, the FIRST mention in the gospel of JOHN reads, "For GOD so LOVED the WORLD, that HE gave HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON..." John 3:16
- B. ISAAC WAS PROMISED**  
 First definite promise, "This (Eliezer) shall not be thy heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir." Gen 15:4  
 "... thou shalt call his name ISAAC: and I will establish MY COVENANT with him for and EVERLASTING COVENANT, and with his seed after him." 17:19  
 See Gen 18:10-14, Fulfilled Gen 21:1-4
2. So the BIRTH OF CHRIST WAS PROMISED: Isa 7:14, 9:6, Micah 5:2 ...  
 Fulfilled Matt 1:18
- C. ISAAC'S BIRTH WAS SUPERNATURAL**  
 Now ABRAHAM and SARAH were OLD and well stricken in AGE (99 years Abraham, 90 years Sarah) and it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women Gen 18:11  
 IS ANY THING TOO HARD FOR THE LORD? Gen 18:14
3. Here was an even more IMPOSSIBLE situation ... A VIRGIN CONCEIVING, A VIRGIN BIRTH  
 See the IMPOSSIBILITIES: A DEAD WOMB (SARAH)  
 A VIRGIN ... How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? Luke 1:34  
 ANGEL: "The HOLY GHOST shall come upon thee, and the POWER of THE HIGHEST shall OVERSHADOW thee." Luke 1:35
- D. ISAAC ONLY BEGOTTEN Heb 11:17**  
 In ISAAC shall thy seed be called. Gen 21:12
4. "Now WE, BRETHREN, as ISAAC was, are the CHILDREN OF PROMISE." Gal 4:28  
 "If ye be CHRIST'S, then are ye ABRAHAM'S SEED, and HEIRS according to the promise." Gal 3:29

**E. 5. FIRST MENTION OF LOVE ... FATHER FOR SON**

**F. LOVE FOR ISAAC MENTION IN CON. WITH SACRIFICE**

Take ... ISAAC whom thou LOVEST ... OFFER HIM THERE FOR A BURNT OFFERING Gen 22:2

6. LOVE OF GOD for CHRIST also mention in con. with SACRIFICE ...  
"FOR THIS REASON THE FATHER LOVES ME, BECAUSE I LAY  
DOWN MY LIFE." John 10:17

**G.** ABRAHAM complied believing that GOD would raise him from the dead.  
GOD SPARED NOT HIS OWN SON, BUT DELIVERED HIM UP FOR US  
ALL. Rom 8:32

## **WHERE GOD MEETS MAN**

The CROSS is the ONLY PLACE where a HOLY GOD can meet with a SINFUL MAN.  
But, at the CROSS HE does meet with us to restore us to FELLOWSHIP with HIMSELF.  
The idea of a "LONELY CROSS" upon a HILL is incorrect.  
The CROSS was erected beside a BUSY HIGHWAY, at the foot of GOLGOTHA. "THEY THAT PASSED BY REVILED HIM." Matt 27:39

## **FOR THE LORD JESUS CHRIST THE CROSS WAS:**

### **a. A PLACE OF PAIN**

All MY bones are out of joint. Psalm 22:14  
There was profuse perspiration caused by intense suffering. (C.I. Schofield)  
MY heart is like WAX; it is melted within ME.  
MY strength is EXHAUSTED. 22:15  
MY tongue cleaves to MY jaws.  
LAID in the dust of DEATH.  
They pierced MY hands and MY feet. 22:16  
I can count all MY bones. 22:17  
They divide MY garments among them. 22:18 NUDE  
HIS appearance was marred more than any man. Isa 52:14

### **b. A PLACE OF PURGING**

When HE had, BY HIMSELF, PURGED our sins. Heb 1:3  
Willing to die for our sins ... "I SET MY FACE LIKE A FLINT ..." Isa 50:5-7  
The REPROACHES OF THOSE THAT REPROACHED THEE ARE FALLEN ON ME. Psalm 69:9 and  
REPROACH HAS BROKEN MY HEART. Psalm 69:20  
It PLEASED the LORD to bruise HIM. Isa 53:10  
By HIS knowledge shall MY righteous servant justify many; for HE shall bear their iniquities. v 11  
HE offered HIMSELF ONCE for us. Heb 7:27, 10:12  
For by one offering HE hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.  
Heb 10:14  
Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, NAILING IT TO HIS CROSS. Col 2:14

## **FOR MAN THE CROSS WAS A PLACE OF:**

### **a. PENITENCE**

All the fabric of our self-righteousness is torn away at the CROSS.  
It is at the CROSS that the dying ROBBER cries out "REMEMBER ME ..."  
Luke 23:42  
Here we fall down and cry out, "GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER."  
Luke 18:13  
(MERCIFUL ... HILASKOMAI ... used in SEPT and N.T. of the MERCY SEAT.  
(Schofield ... Paraphrase ... 'Be towards me as thou art when thou lookest upon the atoning BLOOD.')

**b. PURIFYING**

From the Cross flows the means of purification.

“Without the shedding of BLOOD is no REMISSION.”

Thus, we can have BOLDNESS to enter the HOLIEST OF ALL by the BLOOD of JESUS. Heb 10:19

NOTICE:

1. Purchased with HIS BLOOD. Acts 20:28
2. Justified by HIS BLOOD. Rom 5:9
3. Conscience PURGED (CLEANSED) by the BLOOD OF CHRIST. Heb 9:14
4. Redeemed by BLOOD of CHRIST. 1 Peter 1:18
5. BLOOD cleanses from all SIN. 1 John 1:7
6. Washed in HIS BLOOD. Rev 1:5, 7:14

AUGUSTINE: “HE GAVE UP HIS LIFE BECAUSE HE WILLED IT, WHEN HE WILLED IT, AS HE WILLED IT.”

**DEATH BY CRUCIFIXION**

Amongst the Romans, crucifixion was preceded by scourging, undoubtedly to hasten impending death. The victim then bore his own cross, or at least the upright beam, to the place of execution. If he was nailed to the cross, at least in Judea, a stupefying drink was given to him to deaden the agony. A tablet, on which the feet rested, or on which the body was partly supported, seems to have been a part of the cross, to keep the wounds from tearing through the transfixed members. The suffering of death by crucifixion was intense, especially in hot climates. Severe local inflammation, coupled with an insignificant bleeding of the jagged wounds produced traumatic fever, which was aggravated by the exposure to the heat of the sun, the strained position of the body, and insufferable thirst. The wounds swelled about the rough nails, and the torn and lacerated tendons and nerves caused excruciating agony. The arteries of the head and stomach were surcharged with blood, and a terrific throbbing headache ensued. The mind was confused and filled with anxiety and dread foreboding. The victim of crucifixion literally died a thousand deaths. Tetanus was not rarely supervened, and the rigours of the attending convulsions would tear at the wounds and add to the burden of pain, till, at last, the bodily forces were exhausted and the victim sank to unconsciousness and death. Death was sometimes hastened by breaking the legs of the victims, and by a hard blow delivered under the armpit before crucifixion. The sudden death of Christ was evidently a matter of astonishment. (Mark 15:44) The peculiar symptoms mentioned by John 19:34 would seem to point to the rupture of the heart of which the Saviour died, independent of the cross itself, or, perhaps, hastened by its agony.

Before it came CHRIST saw it all,  
The CROSS, GOD’S answer to the FALL,  
HE saw the SCOURGE, the THORNY CROWN,  
The rugged NAILS that held HIM down,  
And, yet, HE faltered not.

HE knew the awful PAIN there’d be,  
When cruel men raised up the TREE,  
And dropped it in the hole prepared,  
And left HIM hanging there, UNBARED,  
And, yet, HE faltered not.

But, keener than one’s tongue can tell,  
CHRIST knew that HE would suffer HELL,  
That ere REDEMPTION’S act was done,  
HE’D be the GOD-FORSAKEN SON,  
And, yet, HE faltered not.



**REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE**      **Luke 17:32**  
**Genesis 19:15-17, 19:24-26**

**1. REMEMBER HER DWELLING PLACE**

She DWELT in SODOM.

SODOM'S SINS:

- a. Pride (Ezekiel 16:48-49)
- b. Fullness of Bread
- c. Abundance of Idleness
- d. Neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy

But the MEN of SODOM were WICKED and SINNERS before the LORD exceedingly. (Mentioned TEN TIMES in the N.T. ... Matt 10:15, 11:23, 24; Mark 6:11; Luke 10:12, 17:29; Rom 9:29, 2 Pet 2:6; Jude 7; Rev 9:29)  
[Underlined – more tolerable]

**2. REMEMBER HER DESIRE**

Her reluctance to leave SODOM.

She was DISOBEDIENT to the ANGEL.

She looked back with DESIRE.

“No man, having put his hand to the PLOUGH, and LOOKING BACK, is FIT for the KINGDOM of GOD. Luke 9:62 (Look up ... REDEMPTION ... Luke 21:28)

**3. REMEMBER HER DANGER**

SODOM was under sentence of “VENGEANCE of ETERNAL FIRE.” Jude 7

All associated with SODOM was DOOMED to PERISH.

So, likewise, the WORLD is DOOMED to suffer a FIERY JUDGMENT.

Heb 12:27, 2 Peter 3:10

GALILEANS ... Blood mingled with their SACRIFICES

TOWER OF SILOAM ... EIGHTEEN perished

“EXCEPT YE REPENT ... LIKewise PERISH.” Luke 13:1-5

**4. REMEMBER HER DISOBEDIENCE**

LOT LINGERED ... 19:16

TOOK THEM BY HAND ... 19:16

THE LORD BEING MERCIFUL UNTO HIM ... 19:16

**WARNING:**

Escape for thy LIFE ... 19:17

LOOK NOT behind thee ... 19:17

STAY NOT in the plain ... 19:17

BUT HIS WIFE LOOKED BACK FROM BEHIND HIM, AND SHE BECAME A PILLAR OF SALT ... 19:26

**5. REMEMBER HER DOOM**

She PERISHED with the people of SODOM.

(At the southwest corner of the Dead Sea is a great mountain of rock salt 700 feet high and 5 miles long ... Arabic ... Jebel Usdum.)

(Lot's wife had SIX CHILDREN of whom TWO were married, making EIGHT, PLUS LOT, this made TEN SOULS in all ... “I WILL NOT DESTROY IT FOR TEN'S SAKE” ... Gen 18:32)

Memory ... not only brain ... after death ... Abraham to dives ... ‘Son remember’ ... Luke 16:25

God remembers

Samson – remember me



**THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME JESUS      Isaiah 9:1-7**

“For unto us a CHILD is born, unto us a SON is given: and the GOVERNMENT shall be upon HIS SHOULDER: and HIS NAME shall be called WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE.” v 6.

**A.      A WONDERFUL BIRTH ... A CHILD BORN**

1.      A VIRGIN shall conceive, and bear a SON, and shall call HIS NAME IMMANUEL. Isa 7:14, Matt 1:23
2.      WISE MEN saw a STAR ... come to WORSHIP HIM. Matt 2:2
3.      HIS BIRTH heralded by an ANGELIC CHOIR. Luke 2:8-15
4.      JOSEPH and MARY marvelled at those things which were spoken of HIM. Luke 2:33

**B.      A WONDERFUL GIFT ... A SON IS GIVEN**

1.      GOD GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON. John 3:16
2.      GOD hath given us ETERNAL LIFE, and this LIFE is in HIS SON. 1 John 5:11

**C.      A WONDERFUL PERSON ... WONDERFUL IN PERSON**

1.      We see HIS GRACE ... RICH ... POOR. 2 Cor 8:9
2.      LOVED US ... GAVE HIMSELF FOR US. Eph 5:2
3.      COMPASSIONATE ... I would have GATHERED ... Ye would not. Luke 13:34
4.      MERCIFUL ... I will have MERCY, and not SACRIFICE ... come to call sinners ... Matt 9:13

**D.      WONDERFUL IN COUNSEL ... COUNSELLOR**

1.      The SHEEP HEAR HIS VOICE. John 10:3, 27
2.      The SHEEP KNOW HIS VOICE. John 10:4
3.      They FOLLOW ME. John 10:27

**E.      WONDERFUL IN POWER ... THE MIGHTY GOD**

1.      IMMANUEL ... God with us.
2.      GOD was in CHRIST reconciling the WORLD unto HIMSELF. 2 Cor 5:19
3.      HE is ABLE also to SAVE them to the UTTERMOST that come unto GOD by HIM, seeing HE EVER LIVETH to make INTERCESSION for them. Heb 7:25

**F.      WONDERFUL PROVIDER ... FATHER OF ETERNITY**

1.      He that believeth on the SON hath EVERLASTING LIFE. John 3:36
2.      They (MY SHEEP) shall never PERISH. John 10:28
3.      I go to PREPARE a PLACE for YOU. John 14:2

**G.      WONDERFUL PEACE ... PRINCE OF PEACE**

1.      My PEACE give I unto you. John 14:27
2.      For HE is our PEACE. Eph 2:14

## **SAMSON ... SUNLIGHT OF ISRAEL Judges 13 to 16**

Samson was born in a period of Philistine oppression, lasting 40 years.

A time of spiritual declension.

The book of JUDGES ends with these words, "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes."

SAMSON WAS: (FATHER – MANOAH – REST)

1. Born to a barren woman. 13:2 (ZORAH – A WASP)
2. He was an Israelite of the tribe of DAN.
3. He was raised up to JUDGE (deliver) ISRAEL.
4. He was the only JUDGE who was a NAZARITE.

As a NAZARITE, HE WAS BOUND BY THREE VOWS:

- a. He was NEVER to touch anything connected with the VINE. Num 6:3-4  
BROKEN ... He came to the VINEYARDS of Timnath.
  - b. No RAZOR to come upon his head. Num 6:5  
BROKEN, as we shall see later.
  - c. Never to come to or touch a DEAD BODY, even that of his parents. Num 6:6-7
- In addition to this, we see his weakness for Philistine women, even consorting with their harlots. Judges 16:1

We see:

### **A. SAMSON PLAYING**

His disregard for his NAZARITE VOWS.

Going to the VALLEY OF CHOICE VINES, on TWO occasions. (Wife & Delilah ... SOREK ... Vine and TIMNATH ... Choice.)

Touching dead LION to obtain HONEY. (14:8-9)

Using the JAWBONE of an ASS to slay a THOUSAND Philistines.

With the jawbone of an ass I have made asses of them

With the jawbone of an ass have I slain 10 000 men.

He ASS-certained that the 3 000 men of JUDAH would only hand him over to the Philistines after using 300 FOXES to fire their corn.

WITH THE JAWBONE OF AN ASS, I ASS-AILED my ASS-AILANTS. (15:16)

He M-ASS-ACRED the Philistines.

### **B. SAMSON PAYING**

1. His BINDING: Seven green THONGS, New ROPES, SEVEN LOCKS of hair, woven with a WEB, HAIR SHORN, and finally, FETTER OF BRASS. (Judges 16:7, 11, 13, 17, 21)

2. His BLINDING: "HE WIST NOT THAT THE LORD WAS DEPARTED FROM HIM." (16:20)

"PUT OUT HIS EYES." (16:21)

Satan blinds mankind. 2 Cor 4:4

3. His GRINDING: "He did GRIND in the prison house." He, who slew a THOUSAND with the JAWBONE OF AN ASS, now performed the work ASS-SIGNED to an ASS.

### **C. SAMSON PRAYING**

Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

And SAMSON called unto the LORD, and said, O LORD GOD,

1. REMEMBER ME, I pray thee, and
2. STRENGTHEN ME, I pray thee, only this once,
3. AVENGE ME Judges 16:28

"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell ... of SAMSON ... who through FAITH subdued KINGDOMS ..." Heb 11:32

**THE BLESSING OF MOSES      Deut 33:1****A.      THE LORD CAME FROM SINAI (33:2)**

(Root ... to SHINE ... I.S.B.E.)  
GOD accompanies HIS people.)

**B.      HE ROSE UP FROM SEIR UNTO THEM**

SEIR ... from a primitive root meaning "TO SHUDDER" i.e. in fear ...  
Mount SEIR ... home of the EDOMITES, who descended from ESAU ...  
REMEMBER JACOB'S fear of ESAU when he returned from PADAN-ARAM.  
But the LORD defends HIS people. HE comes with TEN THOUSAND of HIS  
HOLY ONES. See 2 Kings 6:17 ... Elisha and her servant and the LORD'S  
protective hosts.

**C.      HE SHINED FORTH FROM MOUNT PARAN**

PARAN ... A desert in SINAI.  
(PARAN ... Ornamental)  
HE illuminates the way of HIS people.  
PILLAR OF FIRE by DAY. "The pathway of the JUST is as a SHINING LIGHT,  
that shineth MORE and MORE unto the PERFECT DAY." Prov 4:18

**D.      HE LOVES HIS PEOPLE (33:3)**

A PLACE IN HIS HEART ... Seat of LOVE

**E.      ALL THY HOLY ONES ARE IN THY HANDS (33:3)**

A PLACE IN HIS HANDS  
None shall pluck them out of MY HANDS. John 10:29  
"Who shall separate us from the LOVE of CHRIST?" Rom 8:35  
"I KNOW whom I have believed, and am persuaded that HE is able to keep that  
which I have committed unto HIM against that day." 2 Tim 1:12

**F.      THEY SAT DOWN AT THY FEET (33:3)**

A PLACE AT HIS FEET.  
COME UNTO ME ... TAKE MY YOKE ... LEARN OF ME ... Matt 11:29  
MARY AND MARTHA ... "... MARY, which also SAT at JESUS' feet, and  
HEARD HIS WORD." Luke 10:39  
MOSES commanded us a LAW ... 33:4  
So CHRIST COMMANDS HIS disciples as well.

**G.      HE WAS KING IN JESHURAN**

JESHURAN ... THE UPRIGHT ONE.  
JESHURAN ... A poetic description of ISRAEL.

In ISAIAH 33:13-19 we see the destiny of HIS UPRIGHT ONES.  
(Those in HIS HEART, in HIS HANDS, and AT HIS FEET.)

1.      He will dwell on the HEIGHTS, his refuge will be the IMPREGNABLE ROCK."  
        v 16
2.      Your eyes shall see the KING IN HIS BEAUTY ... Isa 33:17
3.      They will BEHOLD a FAR-DISTANT land. v 17

## **THE BRIDE OF CHRIST**

### **1. HER CREATION Read Gen 2:18-25**

Creation of ADAM ... FIRST ADAM

EVE created as a HELP meet for ADAM.

GOD said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." Gen 2:18

So JESUS CHRIST was alone ... LAST ADAM

ADAM ... A DEEP SLEEP .... Gen 2:21

GOD took one of his ribs ... Hebrew is "TSELA" and only here is it translated "RIB".

Over 20 times it is just "SIDE".

A BRIDE WAS BORN.

So with the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

A DEEP SLEEP ... CALVARY ... THREE DAYS and THREE NIGHTS IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH. (Matt 12:40)

ADAM ... Bone of my BONE, flesh of my FLESH (23)

So with the LORD JESUS ... "PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE..."

2 Peter 1:4

### **2. HER CLEANSING Ephesians 5:24-33**

CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR HER

a. THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY HER

b. HAVING CLEANSED HER BY THE WASHING OF WATER WITH THE WORD

c. THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT TO HIMSELF THE CHURCH IN ALL HER GLORY, HAVING NO SPOT NOR WRINKLE OR ANY SUCH THING

d. BUT THAT SHE SHOULD BE HOLY AND BLAMELESS

### **3. HER CHARACTER 2 Cor 11:1-3**

Betrothed to ONE HUSBAND

A CHASTE (PURE) VIRGIN.

(I am afraid, says PAUL, "Lest as the serpent deceived EVE by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to CHRIST.)

ADAM NOT DECEIVED ... EVE DECEIVED (1 Tim 2:13-14)

CHRIST not DECEIVED ... SATAN attacks the CHURCH.

(Be sober, be vigilant ... 1 Peter 5:8 also

We are not ignorant of his DEVICES ... 2 Cor 2:11

NOEEMA ... 6 times in N.T. ...2 Cor 2:11, 3:14, 2 Cor 4:4, 10:5, 11:3, Phil 4:7)

### **4. HER CALLING ... TO GLORIFY CHRIST**

"GOD MUST ALWAYS BE FIRST. THE GOSPEL PUTS THE GLORY OF GOD FIRST AND THE SALVATION OF MEN SECOND." (Quote)

"WHAT IS THY BELOVED MORE THAN ANOTHER BELOVED, O THOU FAIREST AMONG WOMEN?" Song of Songs 5:9-16

Man was CREATED to GLORIFY GOD and to ENJOY HIM forever.

(Westminster Confession?)

5. **HER CONFIDENCE**

"Being confident of this very thing, that HE which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the DAY OF JESUS CHRIST. (Rapture) Phil 1:6  
Let us be glad and rejoice and give honour unto HIM: for the MARRIAGE of the LAMB is come and HIS WIFE hath made herself ready ... Rev 19:7-9

2 Cor	2:11	Devices
	3:14	Minds (blinded)
	4:4	Blinded the minds
	10:5	Thoughts (captive)
	11:3	Minds (corrupted)
Phil	4:7	Minds (kept)

## **THE MOUNTAINS OF FAITH**

### **MOUNT SINAI (HOREB) ... MT. OF THE LAW**

Read Exodus 19:16-25; Hebrews 12:18-21.

Horeb (Chorabe – from charab ... to desolate, kill, destroy ...) For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.” Rom 7:11)

(SINAI ... Uncert. Deriv ... Strong)

SINAI ... “Thou shalt not ...” (Ex 20, Deut 5)

### **MOUNT CALVARY ... MOUNT OF RECONCILIATION**

Read Luke 23:33

(Calvary from Greek ... KRANION ... A Skull)

(Golgotha ... Chaldean origin ... A Skull)

Dying Robber ... “Remember me ...” (Luke 23:42)

### **HIGH MOUNTAIN ... MOUNT OF TEMPTATION**

Read Luke 4:5-6

This mountain, traditionally, is near Jericho.

Satan to JESUS ... “Worship me ...”

### **MOUNT CARMEL ... MOUNT OF RE-CONSECRATION**

“And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me, ... and he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.” (1 Kings 18:30)

(Hebrew ... Karmel ... fruitful)

### **MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION ... MOUNT OF CHANGE**

Read Luke 9:28-36

(Transfigured ... Greek ... “Metamorphoomai, only in Matt 17:2, Mark 9:2, Rom 12:2, 2 Cor 3:18)

Traditionally Mt. Tabor ... from Hebrew “Tabowr” ... Broken

### **MOUNT PISGAH ... MOUNT OF VISION**

“And Moses went up from the plains of Moab, unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead.” Deut 34:1

(Nebo ... Also a Babylonian deity)

(Pisgah ... A Cleft ... fig ... to contemplate, to consider)

### **MOUNT ZION ... MOUNT OF REALISATION**

Read Hebrews 12:22-24

(Hebrew ... conspicuousness)

Our final destination ... the presence of God.



**Where is HE that is BORN KING of the JEWS? (Christmas message)**

(Child – Paidion)

Gold

The SCEPTRE shall not depart from JUDAH, nor a LAWGIVER from between HIS feet, until SHILOH come; and unto HIM shall the gathering of the people be ... Gen 49:10 (SHILOH ... PEACE ???)

**SCEPTRE**

STAFF born as a symbol of personal SOVEREIGNTY

ROYAL or IMPERIAL (Oxford Dictionary)

BALAAM prophesies about CHRIST in Numbers 24:17 "... a SCEPTRE shall rise out of ISRAEL ..."

"Thy THRONE, O GOD, is for ever and ever: the SCEPTRE of thy kingdom is a RIGHT SCEPTRE ..." Psalm 45:6

(A SCEPTRE of RIGHTEOUSNESS is the SCEPTRE of thy kingdom ... Heb 1:8)

REIGNS on David's THRONE ... Isa 9:6-7

Behold, thy KING cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass ... Matt 21:5

(See Zech 9:9 also 14:9 ... the LORD shall be KING over all the EARTH)

The JEWS accused JESUS before PILATE ... "We found this fellow perverting the nation ... saying that he himself is CHRIST a KING." Luke 23:2

PILATE asks CHRIST, "Art thou the KING of the JEWS?" He answers, "Thou sayest it." Luke 23:1-3

The Roman soldiers mocked him, "HAIL, KING of the JEWS." Matt 27:29

PILATE wrote, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS." Matt 27:37

Priests ... "If he be the KING of ISRAEL, let him now come down from the CROSS ..." Matt 27:42

But he will return as KING of KINGS and LORD of LORDS ... Rev 19:16

As KING he will judge the NATIONS (Gentiles) Matt 25:34, 40

**FRANKINCENSE ... SINLESSNESS (PURITY)**

From the Hebrew Lebōwnah (Leb-o-naw) which is derived from Lâbân (Law-bawn) meaning WHITE.

Used in the Sweet incense burned upon the GOLDEN ALTAR ... Ex 30:34

Used in the MEAL OFFERING (Lev 2:1-16) and it speaks of CHRIST offering himself as a sweet savour.

Used on the SHEWBREAD in the Holy Place.

NO FRANKINCENSE TO BE USED IN A SIN OR JEALOUSY OFFERING. Lev 5:11, Num 5:15

We are told of the FATHER'S pleasure in beholding the LORD JESUS ... Matt 3:17, 17:5 Knew no sin 2 Cor 5:21, Heb 4:4, 1 Pet 2:22, 1 John 3:5

**MYRRH**

One of its meanings is "BITTER".

We think of the BITTERNESS of DEATH.

Used to embalm the dead ... John 19:39

SMYRNA derives its name from MYRRH.

JESUS says to the assembly at Smyrna, "I am the first and the last, which was DEAD AND IS ALIVE AGAIN." Rev 2:8

So this GIFT speaks of the PASSION of the LORD.

That HE came to this world to DIE for our SINS.

The CROSS was the reason for his BIRTH in Bethlehem.

**THIS JESUS Acts 2:32**

**A MAN:**

**1. SENT BY GOD**

- a. God sent His only begotten Son. 1 John 4:9
- b. God sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10
- c. Father sent the son to be the Saviour of the world. 1 John 4:14
- d. God sent forth His Son. Gal 4:4

**2. APPROVED BY GOD (APODIKNUMI)**

By Miracles

By Signs

By Wonders

Nicodemus said, "No man can do these miracles that THOU doest, except GOD be with him." John 3:2

What manner of MAN is this, that even the wind and the sea obey HIM?

Mark 4:41

**3. DELIVERED UP BY GOD Acts 2:23**

Determinate Counsel. (Fixed purpose.)

Foreknowledge.

I lay down MY life ... this commandment have I received of MY FATHER.

John 10:17-18

JESUS therefore, KNOWING all things that should come upon HIM. John 18:4

After this, JESUS KNOWING that all things were now accomplished. John 19:28

**4. RAISED UP BY GOD 2:24**

Not possible for DEATH to hold HIM

David's Prophecy. Acts 2:31

THIS JESUS HATH GOD RAISED UP

EMPTY TOMB

STONE ROLLED AWAY for the disciples to ENTER

NOT for the LORD to exit from the tomb.

For LAZARUS the STONE had to be rolled away and he came out, bound hand and foot with GRAVECLOTHES. JESUS passed through HIS.

**5. EXALTED BY GOD 2:33**

Set HIM at HIS right hand.

GLORIFIED HIS SON JESUS. Acts 3

Set at the FATHER'S right hand in heavenly places ... far above ALL ...

Eph 1:19-23

GOD hath highly exalted HIM, and given HIM a NAME which is above every name. Phil 2:9

**6. MADE LORD AND SAVIOUR 2:36**

YOU CRUCIFIED ... GOD GLORIFIED.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

**REPENT**

**The LORD also hath put away thy SIN; Thou shalt not die. 2 Samuel 12:13**

1. **DAVID'S DESIRE 2 Sam 11:4**  
 DAVID ... A Believer, A Good Man.  
 We do not expect such kinds of failure in such  
 DESIRE is not necessarily SINFUL.  
 We can DESIRE with LOVE ... the OBJECT must be LEGITIMATE.  
 We can DESIRE with LUST ... with IMPURE motives, that which is  
FORBIDDEN.  
 "EVERY MAN IS TEMPTED, WHEN HE IS DRAWN AWAY OF HIS OWN LUST,  
 AND ENTICED. THEN WHEN LUST HATH CONCEIVED, IT BRINGETH  
 FORTH SIN: AND SIN, WHEN IT IS FINISHED, BRINGETH FORTH DEATH."  
 Jas 1:14  
 GOD DESIRES us ... because HE LOVES us (LOVE)  
 SATAN DESIRES us ... to DESTROY us (LUST)
  
2. **DAVID'S DECEITFULNESS 2 Sam 11:8, 13, 15**  
 "He that COVERETH his SINS shall not PROSPER: but whoso CONFESSETH  
 and FORSAKETH them shall have MERCY." Proverbs 28:13  
 We all like to HIDE our WRONGDOINGS ... David was very HUMAN in what he  
 did ... (A KING)  
 GO DOWN TO THY HOUSE ... Shall I LIE with my wife? HE (DAVID) made him  
 drunk ... went not to his house.  
 "Set ye URIAH in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he  
 may be smitten, and die." (verse 15)  
 In Leviticus God made provision for offerings to be made for some sins.  
 No offerings availed for some sins, among them, Witchcraft, Adultery and  
 MURDER
  
3. **GOD'S DISPLEASURE 2 Sam 11:27**  
 "But the thing that DAVID had done DISPLEASED the LORD."  
 SIN always DISPLEASES GOD.  
 DAVID ... "O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger, neither chasten me in thy hot  
 displeasure." Ps 6:1 (Also Ps 38:1)  
 When GOD is DISPLEASED, HE lets us know it.  
 This is why HE sent the PROPHETS to make HIS DISPLEASURE known to  
 ISRAEL (Also Nineveh)  
 So GOD sends NATHAN to DAVID who is told NATHAN'S Parable.  
 2 Sam 12:1-6  
 DAVID responds, and his sense of JUSTICE, leads him to CONDEMN himself.  
 We notice how, when NATHAN says, "THOU ART THE MAN" (v 7) David does  
 not seek to excuse himself. He says, "I HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE LORD."  
 (v 13)
  
4. **GOD'S DISCIPLINE 2 Sam 12:10-12**  
 DAVID had DESPISED the COMMANDMENT of the LORD. 2 Sam 12:9  
 GOD'S DISCIPLINE is always corrective.  
 It is, for us, that we might be partakers of HIS holiness. Heb 12:10  
 So Church DISCIPLINE should always be RESTORATIVE and not PUNITIVE.  
 Gal 6:1  
 We may ask, WHAT DOES GOD require of us?  
 MICAH 6:8 ... "HE hath showed thee, O man, what is GOOD: and what doth the  
 LORD require of thee but to do JUSTLY, and to LOVE MERCY, and to WALK  
 HUMBLY WITH THY GOD?"

**GOD HATH CHOSEN THE FOOLISH THINGS ...****1 Sam 17:38-54; 1 Cor 1:26-29**

The Israelites were at WAR with the Philistines. But the PHILISTINES had an advantage ... they had a CHAMPION – GOLIATH of GATH.

DAILY he defied the ARMY of ISRAEL.

“GIVE ME A MAN, THAT WE MIGHT FIGHT TOGETHER.” v 10

RESULT? ... FEAR and DISMAY.

King SAUL was BACKSLIDDEN ... 16:14

DAVID, sent by his father, is AMAZED and says, “LET NO MAN’S HEART FAIL BECAUSE OF HIM; THY SERVANT WILL GO AND FIGHT WITH THIS PHILISTINE.”

For FOUR THOUSAND years GOLIATH’S master, SATAN, roared out his defiance against GOD and HIS people ... then JESUS CAME.

“And HE saw that there was no MAN, and wondered that there was no INTERCESSOR ... no one to intervene on behalf of TRUTH and RIGHT; therefore HIS own arm brought HIM victory, and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS sustained HIM.” Isaiah 59:16

DAVID refused the KING’S ARMOUR ... so JESUS did not raise an ARMY or use the ARM of FLESH.

DAVID took 5 SMOOTH STONES from the BROOK and SLEW GOLIATH with the help of one of them.

So the LORD JESUS conquered SATAN by means of the CROSS. John 12:31

DAVID’S FIVE STONES speak of the FIVE principles enunciated in First Corinthians whereby the WORLD and its PRINCE are confounded and defeated.

**1. THE FOOLISH THINGS ... TO CONFOUND THE WISE**

Foolish ... Moria (MORON from Moros ... DULL)

DAVID’S FOOLISHNESS ... No ARMOUR, No Weapon (GOD’S foolishness in the O.T. ... A Rod, A Brazen Serpent, 13 Marches round Jericho, 300 men with torches and pitchers, Four Lepers, A Singing Army ... 2 Chron 20:22)

JESUS ... The FOOLISHNESS of the CROSS.

**2. THE WEAK THINGS ... TO CONFOUND THE THINGS THAT ARE MIGHTY**

(ASTHENE)

DAVID’S WEAKNESS ... A LAD with a SLINGSHOT

THE LORD JESUS ... A BRUISED BODY on a CROSS

**3. THE BASE THINGS ... OPPOSED TO WELLBORN**

(BASE ... AGENE)

DAVID used a STONE from the BROOK.

(Philistines were workers in IRON)

Many such water worn stones in the river.

JESUS CHRIST set us FREE, as DAVID delivered ISRAEL, by the shedding of HIS BLOOD, such a universal commodity amongst men.

**4. THE THINGS THAT ARE DESPISED ... ESTEEMED?**

(EXOUTHENEMENA ... Rated as Nothing)

DAVID, a SHEPHERD, not a TRAINED SOLDIER, even his brothers berated him

JESUS ... Born of FORNICATION, a NAZARENE, CARPENTER

Such were the accusations levelled against HIM.

**5. THE THINGS THAT ARE NOT ... UNKNOWN TO UNGODLY**

What can this be but FAITH?

The LORD delivered me ... DAVID 1 Sam 17:37

The LORD JESUS ... HE TRUSTED IN GOD Matt 27:43

## **DAVID'S KINDNESS TO MEPHIBOSHETH**

**1 Sam 18:1-4; 2 Sam 9**

Then JONATHAN and DAVID made a COVENANT, because he loved him as his own soul. 1 Sam 18:3.

IS THERE NOT YET ANY OF THE HOUSE OF SAUL, THAT I MAY SHEW THE KINDNESS OF GOD UNTO HIM? 2 Sam 9:3

### **JESUS CHRIST**

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding RICHES of HIS GRACE in HIS KINDNESS towards us IN CHRIST JESUS ... Eph 2:7

"BUT AFTER THE KINDNESS AND LOVE OF GOD OUR SAVIOUR TOWARD MAN APPEARED ... Titus 3:5

It was common to SLAY any who posed a THREAT to an EASTERN ruler. Thus Mephibosheth could have feared when DAVID sought him out.

(See ABIMELECH who slew his 70 half brothers except JOTHAM, the youngest. Also Athaliah's Massacre ... destroyed all the royal seed except JOASH. Judges 9:5, 2 Kings 11:1)

1. JONATHAN, SAUL'S SON HAD A SON, MEPHIBOSHETH WHO WAS LAME ON BOTH HIS FEET. 2 Sam 4:4

We too, are crippled so that we cannot walk in the ways of the LORD.

M's dwelt in the house of MACHIR, the son of AMMIEL from LO-DEBAR. 2 Sam 9:4

AMMIEL ... GOD is my KINSMAN

MACHIR ... SOLD (Sold under SIN Rom 7:14)

LO-DEBAR ... NO PASTURE (BARREN, UNPRODUCTIVE)

JESUS became our KINSMAN

We are BOUGHT WITH A PRICE (1 Cor 6:20, 7:23, 2 Peter 2:1)

THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD ... WE SHALL NOT WANT.

DAVID sought out MEPHIBOSHETH, not the other way round.

So CHRIST seeks HIS SHEEP till HE finds them. Luke 15:4

M. fell on his face and did reverence. 2 Sam 9:6

"GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME, A SINNER." Luke 18:19

MEPHIBOSHETH means "IDOL BREAKER."

There can be no divided allegiance in our hearts.

Every IDOL must go if we are to serve CHRIST.

MEPHIBOSHETH had a young son named "MICHA". 2 Sam 9:12

KINDNESS shown to his father was "THE KINDNESS OF GOD". 2 Sam 9:3

Thus "MICHA" means "WHO IS LIKE YAHWEH?"

"THE LORD IS MERCIFUL AND GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER, AND PLENTIFUL IN MERCY. HE WILL NOT ALWAYS CHIDE: NEITHER WILL HE KEEP HIS ANGER FOR EVER. HE HATH NOT DEALT WITH US AFTER OUR SINS; NOR REWARDED US ACCORDING TO OUR INIQUITIES ... Psalm 103:8-12

M. dwelt in JERUSALEM the CITY of PEACE.

We have PEACE with GOD ... Rom 5:1

ATE continually at the KING'S table.

FEED on the WORD OF GOD ... Deut 8:3, Matt 4:4

LAME ON BOTH HIS FEET ... 2 Sam 9:13

So we wait the day when we will be like the LORD JESUS. We have not yet become what we one day will be by HIS GRACE.

**THE MESSENGER OF THE LORD Mal 3:1**

BEHOLD, I WILL SEND MY MESSENGER, AND HE SHALL PREPARE THE WAY BEFORE ME:

**A. THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD ... Luke 1:15 ... in him.**

We see the LAW of the Nazarite in Numbers 6:2-8.

Perhaps the most famous NAZARITE in the O.T. was SAMSON. Judges 13:2-5 His GREAT STRENGTH depended upon the HOLY SPIRIT who empowered him. Judges 13:25, 14:6, 14:19, 15:14

When his hair was cut off, "HE WIST NOT THAT THE LORD WAS DEPARTED FROM HIM." Judges 16:20

Of JOHN THE BAPTIZER we read:

1. He shall be GREAT in the SIGHT OF THE LORD. Luke 1:15  
Yet he said of JESUS, "HE MUST INCREASE, BUT I must DECREASE."  
John 3:30
2. He shall be FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, even from his mother's womb. Luke 1:15  
Said of none other in the BIBLE.
3. MANY of the children of ISRAEL shall he turn to the LORD THEIR GOD.  
Luke 1:16
4. HE shall ... make ready a PEOPLE PREPARED FOR the LORD.  
Luke 1:17

**B. THE HAND OF THE LORD WAS WITH HIM Luke 1:66**

We read of others of whom the same was said.

1. And the KING (ARTAXERXES) granted him (EZRA) all he requested because the HAND of the LORD HIS GOD was upon him. Ezra 7:6
2. He came to JERUSALEM because the GOOD HAND of his GOD was upon him. Ezra 7:9
3. Thus I was strengthened according to the HAND of the LORD my GOD upon me. Ezra 7:28
4. The HAND of our GOD is upon (is favourably disposed) to all those who SEEK HIM, but HIS POWER and HIS ANGER are against all those who FORSAKE HIM. Ezra 8:22

**C. THOU SHALT GO BEFORE THE FACE OF THE LORD v 76**

1. ("When THOU saidst), SEEK ye MY FACE; my heart said unto THEE, 'THY FACE, LORD, will I seek. Hide not THY FACE far from me."

Psalm 27:8-9

(SIN CAUSES GOD TO HIDE HIS FACE FROM US.)

DAVID, when he repented could pray, "HIDE THY FACE FROM MY SINS." Psalm 51:9

Thus JOHN could go with GOD'S blessing on him to prepare the WAY for HIM. His task was

- a. To give KNOWLEDGE of SALVATION to HIS people. v 77
- b. To give LIGHT to them that sit in DARKNESS. v 79
- c. To GUIDE our feet in the way of PEACE. v 77

**GIVING DILIGENCE TO KEEP THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE. Eph 4:3**

1. DILIGENCE ... SPOUDAZO ... TO MAKE HASTE.
2. KEEP ... VERB MEANS KEEPING AS THE RESULT OF GUARDING
3. UNITY OF THE SPIRIT ... UNITY BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE SPIRIT – UNITY NOT UNIFORMITY. DIVERSITY IS ESSENTIAL
4. BOND OF PEACE ... THE BOND WHICH IS PEACE

SATAN WILL DO HIS BEST TO SOW DISCORD AND TO CAUSE DIVISION.  
FORGIVENESS IS ESSENTIAL ... THAT NO ADVANTAGE BE GAINED OVER US BY SATAN FOR WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF HIS DEVICES. 2 Cor 2:10-11

GRIEVE NOT THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD IN WHOM YE WERE SEALED UNTO A DAY OF REDEMPTION. LET ALL:  
BITTERNESS, AND  
WRATH, AND  
CLAMOUR, AND  
RAILING, BE PUT AWAY FROM YOU, WITH ALL MALICE  
AND BE KIND ONE TO ANOTHER  
TENDERHEARTED,  
FORGIVING EACH OTHER, EVEN AS GOD ALSO IN CHRIST FORGAVE YOU.  
Eph. 4:31-32

**MARKS OF A CARNAL CHRISTIAN**

ENVYING )  
STRIFE ) 1 Cor 3:1-4  
DIVISIONS )

STRIFE )  
ENVYING ) Rom 13:13                      WORKS OF DARKNESS v 12

SIX THINGS THE LORD HATES – DISCORD AMONG BRETHREN. Prov 6:19

ROOT OF BITTERNESS. Heb 12:15

**UNTO THEM THAT LOOK FOR HIM Heb 9:23-28**

**1. HE HATH APPEARED TO PUT AWAY SIN BY THE SACRIFICE OF HIMSELF**

SIN IS THE GREAT OBSTACLE BETWEEN MAN AND GOD.  
YOUR INIQUITIES HAVE SEPARATED BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR GOD,  
AND YOUR SINS HAVE HID HIS FACE FROM YOU. Isa 59:1  
THOU ART OF PURER EYES THAN TO BEHOLD EVIL, AND CANST NOT  
LOOK OF INIQUITY. Hab 1:13  
SO SIN NEEDS TO BE PUT AWAY OR REMOVED.  
AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST, SO FAR HATH HE REMOVED  
OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US. Psalm 103:12  
HE WILL TURN AGAIN, HE WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON US; HE WILL  
SUBDUE OUR INIQUITIES; AND THOU WILT CAST ALL THEIR SINS INTO  
THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA. Micah 7:19  
SIN CAN ONLY BE PUT AWAY BY THE SACRIFICE OF HIMSELF.  
SO ON THE DAY OF ATONEMENT TWO GOATS WERE TAKEN. Lev 16:7  
LOTS WERE CAST. ONE GOAT WAS SLAIN.  
THE OTHER AARON CONFESSED THE SINS OF PEOPLE AFTER LAYING  
HANDS ON IT. Lev 16:21  
THE GOAT SHALL BEAR UPON HIM ALL THE INIQUITIES OF THE PEOPLE.  
Lev 16:22

**2. NOW TO APPEAR IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD FOR US.**

A MERCIFUL AND FAITHFUL HIGH PRIEST. Heb 2:17  
AN UNCHANGING PRIESTHOOD ... ABLE TO SAVE TO THE UTTERMOST  
THOSE WHO COME TO GOD BY HIM ... EVER LIVETH. Heb 7:24-25  
AN ADVOCATE WITH THE FATHER. 1 John 2:1  
THE ACCUSER OF THE BRETHREN. Rev 12:10  
A SEATED PRIEST. Heb 10:11

**3. HE SHALL APPEAR A SECOND TIME.**

UNTO THEM THAT LOOK FOR HIM.  
I WILL COME AGAIN. John 14:3  
THIS SAME JESUS. Acts 1:11  
THE LORD HIMSELF. (AUTOS) 1 Th 4:16  
THEM THAT LOOK FOR HIM. (AUTON) Heb 9:28

THE ANGELS SHALL COME FORTH, AND SEVER THE WICKED FROM  
AMONG THE JUST, AND SHALL CAST THEM INTO THE FURNACE OF FIRE.  
Matt 13:49-50



**GOD LEFT HIM, TO TRY HIM, THAT HE MIGHT KNOW ALL THAT WAS IN HIS HEART. 2 Chron 32:31**

**THE TRIAL OF OUR FAITH 1 Peter 1:7**

GENUINENESS.

USED FOR THE ACT OF EXAMINING CANDIDATES FOR M.D. DEGREE.

WHAT MAN IS NOT TRIED?

NOAH

ABRAHAM

WHO HAS NOT FAILED?

EVEN MOSES STRUCK THE ROCK WHEN HE WAS TOLD TO SPEAK TO IT.

SPEAK TO THE ROCK BEFORE THEIR EYES. Num 20:8

NOTE: BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOT BELIEVED ME ... Num 20:12

**THE BESETTING SIN**

UNBELIEF

ABRAHAM CONSIDERED NOT THE DEADNESS OF SARAH'S WOMB NOR HIS OWN BODY (100 YEARS). Rom 4:19

HEBREWS TELLS US THAT THE WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE OF ISRAEL FOR 40 YEARS WAS THE DIRECT RESULT OF THEIR UNBELIEF.

DAVID, ANOINTED BY SAMUEL ON GOD'S INSTRUCTION, AS KING OF ISRAEL SPENT MANY YEARS AS A FUGITIVE. HE WENT AND HID AMONGST HIS ENEMIES THE PHILISTINES.

NOTE THOSE WHO FOLLOWED DAVID:

IT IS ONE THING TO BELIEVE THAT I AM WITHOUT STRENGTH AND WISDOM, IT IS ANOTHER TO KNOW IT THROUGH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES. (PINK)

## **THE POWER OF GOD TO KEEP HIS OWN**

### **THE PURPOSE OF FAITH**

FAITH IS THE MEANS WHEREBY GOD DELIVERS AND KEEPS US DELIVERED FROM SIN.

FAITH DOES NOT SAVE US. GOD'S GRACE SAVES, BUT FAITH IS THE MEANS OR VEHICLE WHICH EFFECTIVELY CONVEYS GOD'S GRACE TO US.

THUS: BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH. Eph 2:8

THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS (IS) ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE.

Eph 1:7

WE ARE 'JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS GRACE'. Rom 3:24

SO ALSO 'THE GRACE OF GOD THAT BRINGETH SALVATION HATH APPEARED TO ALL MEN.' Titus 2:11

THE WORD FOR KEEP (PHROURED) MEANS 'GUARD' OR PROTECT.

SO WE HAVE:

THE FACT ..... WE ARE GUARDED

THE MEANS ..... THE POWER OF GOD OPERATING THROUGH FAITH

THE OBJECTIVE ..... A SALVATION READY TO BE REVEALED AT THE LAST TIME

### **THE TRIAL OF FAITH**

OUR FAITH MUST BE TRIED TO DETERMINE (SEE) IF IT IS A REAL OR A SPURIOUS FAITH.

SO THE WORD TRIAL (DOKIMAZO) MEANS 'TESTING WITH A VIEW TO APPROVING.' (MOTIVE IS THE INTENTION TO APPROVE.)

HOW IS OUR FAITH TESTED?

THROUGH MANIFOLD TEMPTATIONS v 6

SO JAMES WRITES 'COUNT IT ALL JOY WHEN YE FALL INTO DIVERS TEMPTATIONS, KNOWING THIS THAT THE TRIAL OF YOUR FAITH WORKETH PATIENCE (ENDURANCE)' James 1:2-3

SEE ABRAHAM AS OUR EXAMPLE. 'BY FAITH, ABRAHAM, WHEN HE WAS TRIED, OFFERED UP ISAAC.' Heb 11:17

WE ALL MUST FACE TEMPTATION BUT WILL NOT BE TRIED ABOVE WHAT WE ARE ABLE TO BEAR. 1 Cor 10:13

BUTTERFLY ... CRYSLIS ... DEFORMED.

WE MUST THROUGH MUCH TRIBULATION ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Acts 14:22

(NOTICE HERE 'CONTINUE IN THE FAITH ... MUCH TRIBULATION')

### **CONSUMMATION OF FAITH**

THE END OR CONSUMMATION OF OUR FAITH IS THE SALVATION OF OUR SOULS.

TAKE HEED, BRETHREN, LEST THERE BE IN ANY OF YOU AN EVIL HEART OF UNBELIEF IN DEPARTING FROM THE LIVING GOD. Heb 3:12

PISTIS ... APISTIS

WE ARE MADE PARTAKERS OF CHRIST IF WE HOLD THE BEGINNING OF OUR CONFIDENCE STEADFAST UNTO THE END. Heb 3:14

PATIENCE (WHICH COMES FROM A FAITH THAT IS TRIED) CAN MAKE US PERFECT AND ENTIRE, LACKING NOTHING. Heb 1:4

## **JONAH AND NINEVEH**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

CAME TO JONAH (JONAH – DOVE)  
SON OF AMITTAI (FAITHFUL)  
SAYING (WORD OF GOD SPEAKS, INSTRUCTS, WARNS)

### **THE WORK OF GOD**

ARISE (COMMAND)  
GO (INSTRUCTS)  
TO NINEVEH (SPECIFIC)  
CRY AGAINST IT  
FOR THEIR WICKEDNESS IS COME UP BEFORE ME  
NINEVAH ... NATIVE NAME WRITTEN 'WATER ENCLOSURE' WITH CHAR. FOR  
'FISH' INSIDE.  
TARSHISH ... DELIGHTSOMENESS  
FROM PRIM. ROOT ... 'TO BE PLEASED'.

### **THE WILL OF GOD**

JONAH ROSE UP TO FLEE  
PAID THE FARE  
LORD SENT A MIGHTY TEMPEST  
(ISRAEL ... HE GAVE THEM THEIR REQUEST, BUT SENT LEANNESS INTO THEIR  
SOUL. Ps 106:15)

### **BUT**

JONAH'S ANGER 4:3-4

### **THE WARNING OF GOD**

TO NINEVEH ... YET 40 DAYS  
TO ALL BELIEVERS ...  
SO THE PEOPLE OF NINEVEH BELIEVED GOD (3:5)

### **THE WAYS OF GOD ... I KNEW**

THOU ART A GRACIOUS GOD. (4:2)  
MERCIFUL  
SLOW TO ANGER  
GREAT KINDNESS  
REPENTEST THE OF THE EVIL

**AND HE, CASTING AWAY HIS GARMENT, ROSE, AND CAME TO JESUS.  
Mark 10:46-52**

JESUS WAS ON HIS WAY TO JERUSALEM FOR THE LAST TIME – THE CROSS LAY BEFORE HIM.

THE SON OF TIMAEOS SAT BEGGING BY THE ROADSIDE.

A DISTINCTIVE GARMENT MARKED HIM AS A BEGGAR – OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS AS FILTHY RAGS OR A POLLUTED GARMENT. Isa 64:6

BARTIMAEUS ROSE. LITERALLY HE LEAPED OR SPRANG UP.

CASTING AWAY HIS GARMENT HE CAME TO CHRIST – CAST OFF THE WORKS OF DARKNESS.

CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. Romans 13:12-14

**GARMENTS MEN WEAR**

**1. THE GARMENT OF UNBELIEF**

AN EVIL HEART OF UNBELIEF. Heb 3:12

**2. SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS**

THE PHARISEES AND LAWYERS REJECTED THE COUNSEL OF GOD AGAINST THEMSELVES. Luke 7:30

**3. PRIDE**

A PROUD LOOK (Prov 6:16 – 6 THINGS GOD HATES)

EVERYONE THAT IS PROUD IN HEART IS AN ABOMINATION TO THE LORD.

Prov 16:5

THIS WAS THE INIQUITY OF THY SISTER SODOM, PRIDE, FULNESS OF BREAD, ABUNDANCE OF IDLENESS. Ezek 16:49

**4. WORLDLINESS**

STRIVE TO SAVE OTHERS, SNATCHING THEM OUT OF THE FIRE; AND ON OTHERS TAKE PITY BUT WITH FEAR, LOATHING EVEN THE GARMENT SPOTTED BY THE FLESH AND POLLUTED BY THEIR SENSUALITY. Jude 23

**5. LUST**

BUT EVERY PERSON IS TEMPTED WHEN HE IS DRAWN AWAY, ENTICED AND BAITED BY HIS OWN EVIL DESIRE (LOST, PASSIONS). THEN THE EVIL DESIRE WHEN IT HAS CONCEIVED GIVES BIRTH TO SIN, AND SIN WHEN IT IS FULLY MATURED BRINGS FORTH DEATH. James 1:14-15

**6. DISOBEDIENCE**

PAUL – NOT DISOBEDIENT TO HEAVENLY VISION. Acts 26:19

ADAM – EVE ... DISOBEYED, SO SIN ENTERED.

GOD COMMANDS REPENTENCE. Acts 17:30

**7. COMPLACENCY**

NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME; BEHOLD, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION.

2 Cor 6:2

THE HARVEST IS PAST, THE SUMMER IS ENDED, AND WE ARE NOT SAVED. Jer 7:20

**CLEANSING - CLOTHING**

TAKE AWAY THE FILTHY GARMENT FROM HIM – I WILL CLOTHE THEE. Zech 3:3

HE HATH CLOTHED ME WITH THE GARMENTS OF SALVATION, HE HATH

COVERED ME WITH THE ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. Isa 61:10

SEE REV 7 GREAT MULTITUDE

**PSALM 119:9-16**

**A. WHERE WITHAL SHALL A YOUNG MAN CLEANSE HIS WAY? v 9**  
BY LIVING ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.

**B. WITH MY WHOLE HEART HAVE I SOUGHT YOU v 10**  
DO NOT LET ME WANDER (STRAY) FROM YOUR COMMANDS.  
(YE SHALL SEEK ME, AND FIND ME, WHEN YE SHALL SEARCH FOR ME  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART. Jer 29:13)

**C. THY WORD HAVE I HIDDEN IN MY HEART, THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN  
AGAINST THEE v 11**

1. QUERY
2. DECLARATION
3. DETERMINATION

BLESSED ART THOU O LORD  
(DECREES)

1. THY STATUTES - TEACH ME  
(LAWS)
2. THY JUDGEMENTS - RECOUNT  
(STATUTES)
3. THY TESTIMONIES - REJOICE
4. THY PRECEPTS - MEDITATE  
(DECREES)
5. THY STATUTES - I WILL DELIGHT IN THEM

**THE REDEMPTION OF OUR SOUL IS COSTLY. Psalm 49:8**

- A. NONE CAN BY ANY MEANS REDEEM HIS BROTHER v 7**  
AND HE SAW THAT THERE WAS NO MAN AND WONDERED THAT THERE WAS NO INTERCESSOR. Isa 59:16  
FOR THOUGH THOU WASH THEE WITH NITRE, AND TAKE THEE MUCH SOAP, YET THINE INIQUITY IS MARKED BEFORE ME, SAITH THE LORD.  
Jer 2:22
- B. OR GIVE A RANSOM FOR HIM TO GOD**  
WE ALL NEED TO BE REDEEMED, WHO THEN CAN RANSOM US?  
WHAT SHALL IT PROFIT A MAN TO GAIN THE WHOLE WORLD AND LOSE HIS OWN SOUL? Mark 8:36
- C. FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THEIR SOUL IS PRECIOUS**  
NO EARTHLY WEALTH CAN REDEEM OUR SOULS.  
IT IS COSTLY.  
KJV. AND IT CEASETH FOREVER – AND HE SHOULD CEASE TRYING FOREVER (NASB)
- D. BUT GOD WILL REDEEM MY SOUL FROM SHEOL v 15**  
GOD ALONE CAN PROVIDE THE REDEMPTION PRICE.  
NEITHER IS THERE SALVATION IN ANY OTHER, FOR THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN GIVEN AMONG MEN WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED. Acts 4:12  
WE NEED A RANSOM PRICE AND GOD PAID IT.  
JESUS SAID:  
THE SON OF MAN CAME ... TO GIVE HIS LIFE A RANSOM FOR MANY.  
Matt 20:28  
THE LIFE IS IN THE BLOOD. “FOR THE LIFE OF ALL FLESH IS THE BLOOD THEREOF.” Lev 17:14  
WITHOUT SHEDDING OF BLOOD IS NO REMISSION. Heb 9:22  
SO GOD COMMANDS ALL MEN EVERYWHERE TO REPENT. Acts 17:30  
WHY?  
GOD ... WILL HAVE ALL MEN TO BE SAVED AND TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH FOR THERE IS ONE GOD AND ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN  
THE MAN CHRIST JESUS  
WHO GAVE HIMSELF A RANSOM FOR ALL. 1 Tim 2:4-6

**THE REDEMPTION IS COSTLY**

FOR GOD BUT NOT FOR US.  
REDEEMED, NOT WITH CORRUPTIBLE THINGS AS SILVER AND GOLD  
BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST. 1 Peter 1:18-19

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INDEED, THERE IS NOT A RIGHTEOUS MAN ON EARTH WHO CONTINUALLY DOES GOOD AND WHO NEVER SINS. Eccl 7:20

YOU SHALL CALL HIS NAME JESUS, FOR IT IS HE WHO WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS. Matt 1:21

**A. GOD'S DILEMMA**

ALL MEN HAVE SINNED

GOD, BEING HOLY, MUST PUNISH SIN

EVEN ONE SIN ESTABLISHES US AS SINNERS.  
FOR WHOEVER KEEPS THE WHOLE LAW AND YET STUMBLES IN ONE POINT, HE HAS BECOME GUILTY OF ALL. James 2:10

MAN HIMSELF HAS NO SOLUTION. HE IS NOT ABLE TO BANISH SIN THROUGH EDUCATION.

C.S. LEWIS SAID, 'HISTORY DEMONSTRATES THAT EDUCATION HAS ONLY MADE MAN A MORE CLEVER DEVIL.'

**B. GOD'S DECISION**

THERE WAS ONLY ONE HOPE FOR MEN. GOD HIMSELF WOULD HAVE TO COME TO OUR RESCUE.

HE SAW NO ONE WAS HELPING YOU, AND WONDERED THAT NO ONE INTERVENED. THEREFORE HE HIMSELF STEPPED IN TO SAVE YOU THROUGH HIS MIGHTY POWER AND JUSTICE. Isa 59:16

SO GOD CAME, IN THE PERSON OF CHRIST TO SAVE US.

THOMAS RECOGNISED JESUS AS GOD. John 20:28

ANGELS RECOGNISE HIM AS GOD. Heb 1:6

THE FATHER ADDRESSES HIM AS GOD, "OF THE SON HE SAYS, 'THY THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER.'" Heb 1:8

DEMONS LIKEWISE RECOGNISED HIM. Mark 1:24, Luke 4:34  
(TORMENT US BEFORE THE TIME. Matt 8:29)

SCRIPTURE DECLARES HIM TO BE GOD. 2 Cor 5:19; Col 2:9

**C. GOD'S DEATH?**

HE TOOK OUR GUILT.

THE LORD HAS CAUSED THE INIQUITY OF US ALL TO FALL ON HIM.  
Isa 53:6

WAS MADE SIN FOR US. 2 Cor 5:21

DIED TO BRING US TO GOD. 1 Pet 3:18

THIS IS THE ONE WHO WAS BORN THE BABE OF BETHLEHEM.

**A TALE OF FIVE SERVANTS 2 Kings 5:1-27**

1. **THE ARMY CHIEF AND HIS SERVANT**

NAAMAN

A LITTLE CAPTIVE JEWISH GIRL

HER CONFIDENCE IN ELISHA

HER FAMILY TRUE BELIEVERS

GOD PUT IT IN THE HEART OF NAAMAN TO GO TO THE KING

2. **BEN-HADED AND HIS SERVANT NAAMAN**

NAAMAN WENT TO HIS LORD

HE REPEATED THE MAID'S STORY

THE KING HELD NAAMAN IN HIGH REGARD – GREAT, HONOURABLE,

VALOUROUS – BUT – HE WAS A LEPER

SENT HIM TO THE KING OF ISRAEL

3. **GOD AND HIS SERVANT**

ELISHA – GOD IS SALVATION

HE WAS GOD'S MAN

BELONGED TO HIM ENTIRELY

LET HIM COME TO ME

4. **ELISHA THE PROPHET AND HIS SERVANT**

GEHAZI - MEANS DENIER

SENT BY ELISHA WITH A MESSAGE TO NAMAAN

NAMAAN ANGRY – PRIDE

DISMOUNT, WASH IN JORDAN

I THOUGHT

GO WASH – 7 TIMES

JORDAN – DESCENDER OR WATER JUDGES

5. **NAAMAN AND HIS SERVANTS**

IF TOLD TO DO A GREAT WOULD YOU NOT DO IT?

HOW MUCH RATHER WHEN HE SAID, WASH, AND BE CLEAN

WISE SERVANTS

HE LISTENED

NOW I KNOW THERE IS NO GOD BUT IN ISRAEL.



## **HOW DO YOU ASSESS JESUS CHRIST?**

### **HIS ENEMIES**

1. A FRIEND OF PUBLICANS AND SINNERS. (BIRDS OF A FEATHER ...?)  
Matt 11:19
2. A DECEIVER. Matt 27:63
3. A SAMARITAN POSSESSED BY A DEMON. John 8:44
4. A BLASPHEMER. (WHO IS THIS WHICH SPEAKETH BLASPHEMIES?  
Luke 5:21)

### **THE UNCOMMITTED (GLORIFIED GOD)**

1. THE CENTURION – A RIGHTEOUS MAN. Luke 23:47
2. THE SOLDIERS – NEVER MAN SPOKE LIKE THIS MAN. John 7:46
3. A GREAT TEACHER  
LEADER  
HEALER  
EXAMPLE

### **THE GODLY**

THOU ART THE CHRIST THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD. Matt 16:16  
THE DYING ROBBER ... LORD, REMEMBER ME WHEN THOU COMEST INTO THY  
KINGDOM. Luke 23:42  
THOMAS ... MY LORD AND MY GOD. John 20:28

### **GOD**

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. Matt 3:17; 17:5  
THE HOLY SPIRIT ... **NO MAN CAN SAY THAT JESUS IS THE LORD BUT BY THE  
HOLY GHOST. 1 Cor 12:3**

## **PSALM 27**

### **THE LORD IS MY LIGHT**

FOR WITH THEE IS THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE: IN THY LIGHT SHALL WE SEE LIGHT. Psalm 36:9

O SEND OUT THY LIGHT AND THY TRUTH: LET THEM LEAD ME; LET THEM BRING ME UNTO THY HOLY HILL AND TO THY TABERNACLES (DWELLING PLACE) Psalm 43:3

THE ENTRANCE OF THY WORDS GIVETH LIGHT, IT GIVETH UNDERSTANDING UNTO THE SIMPLE. Psalm 119:130

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, HE THAT FOLLOWETH ME SHALL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS BUT SHALL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE. John 8:12

LIGHT OF THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST. 2 Cor 4:3-6 (READ)

### **THE LORD IS MY SALVATION**

NOW LORD GOD ARISE INTO THY RESTING PLACE, THOU, AND THE ARK OF THY STRENGTH: LET THY PRIESTS, O LORD GOD, BE CLOTHED WITH SALVATION AND LET THY SAINTS REJOICE IN GOODNESS. 2 Ch 6:44

RESTORE UNTO ME THE JOY OF THY SALVATION. Psalm 51:12

DELIVER ME THOU GOD OF MY SALVATION. Psalm 51:14

TRULY MY SOUL WAITETH UPON GOD: FROM HIM COMETH MY SALVATION. Psalm 62:1 ... HE ONLY IS MY ROCK AND MY SALVATION. Psalm 62:2

LET ALL THOSE THAT SEEK THEE REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN THEE: AND LET SUCH AS LOVE THY SALVATION SAY CONTINUALLY **LET GOD BE MAGNIFIED.** Psalm 70:3

I WILL TAKE THE CUP OF SALVATION, AND CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD. Psalm 116:13

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THY SALVATION, WHICH THOU HAST PREPARED BEFORE THE FACE OF ALL PEOPLE, A LIGHT TO LIGHTEN THE GENTILES ... Luke 2:30

GOSPEL ... POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERYONE THAT BELIEVETH. Rom 1:16

TITUS GRACE OF GOD THAT BRINGETH SALVATION HATH APPEARED TO ALL MEN. Titus 2:11

## **THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH**

TRUST IN THE LORD FOR EVER, FOR IN THE LORD JEHOVAH IS EVERLASTING STRENGTH. Isa 26:1-4

IT IS GOD THAT GIRDETH ME WITH STRENGTH, AND MAKETH MY WAY PERFECT. Psalm 18:32

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TIME OF TROUBLE. Psalm 46:1

STRENGTHENED WITH MIGHT BY HIS SPIRIT IN THE INNER MAN. Eph 3:16

STRENGTHENED WITH ALL MIGHT BY HIS GLORIOUS POWER. Col 1:11

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENETH ME. Phil 4:13

THE LORD STOOD WITH ME AND STRENGTHENED ME. 2 Tim 4:17

## **A MAN OF SORROWS Isaiah 53:3**

### **THE PLACE**

HE KNEW NO SORROW WHERE HE CAME FROM.  
BUT HERE IT WAS DRY GROUND – ARID. A DESERT  
THOUGH HE WAS RICH YET HE BECAME POOR. 2 Cor 8:9  
A LITTLE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS. Heb 2:9  
TOOK THE FORM OF A SLAVE. Phil 2:7

### **THE PERSON**

NO FORM OF COMLINESS ... THAT WE SHOULD LOOK AT HIM.  
(HIS FORM, DISFIGURED, LOST ALL THE LIKENESS OF A MAN. N.E.B.)  
NO BEAUTY ... THAT WE SHOULD DESIRE HIM.  
(HIS BEAUTY CHANGED BEYOND HUMAN SEMBLANCE. N.E.B.)  
HE WAS DESPISED AND REJECTED BY MEN.  
A MAN OF SORROWS.  
ACQUAINTED WITH GRIEF. (DISEASE, SICKNESS)

### **THE PURPOSE**

HE BECAME A MAN OF SORROWS IN ORDER THAT:

1. HE MIGHT BEAR OUR GRIEFS (SICKNESSES, DISEASES)
2. CARRY OUR SORROWS (SINS)

### **THE PENALTY**

AS THE MAN OF SORROWS WHO BORE OUR SINS HE WAS 'STRICKEN TO  
DEATH FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS.' N.E.B. Isa 53:8  
WOUNDED ... FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS (CHÂLAL ... KHAN-LAL)  
BRUISED ... FOR OUR INIQUITIES. (DÂKÂ ... DAW-KAW ... BRUISE, CRUSH)  
CHASTISEMENT ... THAT MADE US WHOLE WAS UPON HIM  
STRIPES ... BY HIS SCOURGING WE ARE HEALED  
1 Peter 2:24 ... BY WHOSE BRUISES YE WERE CURED

### **THE PRIZE**

HE SHALL SEE HIS SEED (OFFSPRING)  
HE SHALL SEE THE FRUIT OF THE TRAVAIL OF HIS SOUL. v 11  
JUSTIFY MANY (NOT ALL ALTHOUGH HE DIED FOR ALL)  
(HE SHALL MAKE MANY TO BE ACCOUNTED RIGHTEOUS)

## **THE BRANCH**

THE BRANCH REFERS TO CHRIST WHO CAME AS A:

### **A SERVANT – THE BRANCH. Zech 3:8**

TOOK UPON HIM THE FORM OF A SERVANT Phil 2:7 (FORM OF GOD Phil 2:6)

BEHOLD MY SERVANT SHALL PROSPER. Isa 52:13

MY SERVANT WILL JUSTIFY MANY. Isa 53:11

MY SERVANT THE BRANCH – I WILL REMOVE THE INIQUITY OF THAT LAND IN ONE DAY. Zech 3:8

JESUS, THE BRANCH, AS SERVANT OF THE LORD WAS OBEDIENT UNTO DEATH.

Phil 2:8

SERVANT OBEYS.

### **A SAVIOUR Isa 4:2**

THE BRANCH

BEAUTIFUL

GLORIOUS

EVERY ONE LEFT SHALL BE CALLED HOLY. Isa 4:3

THE LORD – WASHED AWAY THE FILTH OF THE DAUGHTERS OF ZION. Isa 4:4

IN THAT DAY A FOUNTAIN WILL BE OPENED ... FOR SIN AND IMPURITY.

Zech 13:1

UNTO HIM THAT LOVES US AND WASHES US FROM OUR SINS IN HIS OWN

BLOOD. Rev 1:5

WASHED THEIR ROBES AND MADE THEM WHITE IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB.

Rev 7:14

### **A SOVEREIGN Jer 23:5**

A KING SHALL REIGN AND PROSPER. Jer 23:5

KING OF THE EARTH. Zech 14:9

THE BRANCH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS EXECUTE JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE EARTH. Jer 33:15

BEHOLD THE MAN WHOSE NAME IS THE BRANCH.

HE SHALL BUILD THE TEMPLE

HE SHALL BEAR THE GLORY

HE SHALL SIT AND RULE UPON HIS THRONE

HE SHALL BE A PRIEST UPON HIS THRONE. Zech 6:12

**GOD'S WORK FOR US Rom 8:31-33**

**HOW DARE GOD FORGIVE?**

**IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US. Rom 8:31 (SPURGEON)**

1. SPARED NOT HIS OWN SON.
2. DELIVERED HIM UP FOR US ALL.
3. WITH HIM FREELY GIVE US ALL THINGS. Rom 8:32
4. WHO SHALL BRING A CHARGE AGAINST GOD'S ELECT? v 32
5. WHO IS THE ONE WHO CONDEMNS?

**GOD'S WORK IN US Heb 13:21**

1. MAKE YOU PERFECT IN EVERY GOOD WORK
2. TO DO HIS WILL
3. WORKING IN YOU THAT WHICH IS WELL PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT
4. BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS VERY THING, THAT HE WHICH HATH BEGUN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL PERFORM IT UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST. Phil 1:6
5. BEING MADE CONFORMABLE TO HIS DEATH. Phil 3:10
6. PRESENT YOU HOLY, UNBLAMEABLE ... IF YE CONTINUE IN THE FAITH, GROUNDED AND SETTLED AND BE NOT MOVED AWAY FROM THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL. Col 1:22-23
7. HOLINESS IS A WALK, NOT A FIXED STATE.

**GOD'S WORK WITH US Mark 16:20, Heb 2:4**

## **THE TRUTH CONCERNING JESUS CHRIST**

### **A. THE FIRST TRUTH – WHAT HE IS TO US**

#### **1. HE IS THE FAITHFUL WITNESS**

A WITNESS IS A PERSON WHO FURNISHES PROOF OR EVIDENCE. SO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS THE WITNESS TO ALL THE ETERNAL TRUTH CONCERNING GOD AND THAT WHICH PERTAINS TO HIM.

#### **GOD'S POWER**

HE REVEALS TO US THE INFINITE POWER OF GOD. THIS IS SEEN IN THE MIRACLES HE WROUGHT e.g. FEEDING OF 4 000 Matt 15:32; Mark 8:1

FEEDING OF 5 000 Matt 14:15; Mark 6:35; Luke 9:12; John 6:5  
FISH FROM EGGS WHICH WERE NEVER LAID, HATCHED OR GREW TO MATURITY AND WERE CAUGHT.

GRAIN THAT NEVER GREW, WAS NEVER REAPED, CRUSHED AND BAKED.

#### **GOD'S PURITY**

GOD'S HATRED OF SIN. HE WHO SPOKE THE UNIVERSE INTO EXISTENCE HAD TO COME AND DIE TO PUT AWAY SIN. BY THE SACRIFICE OF HIMSELF HE HAS FOREVER PUT AWAY SIN. NOW HE WILL BY NO MEANS CLEAR THE GUILTY BUT THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS.

#### **GOD'S PROVISION**

- 1) THE PAST ... FORGIVENESS OF SINS THROUGH HIS BLOOD
- 2) THE PRESENT ... HIS ABILITY TO KEEP US FROM FALLING AND PRESENT US FAULTLESS. Jude
- 3) THE FUTURE ... AN INHERITANCE THAT IS INCORRUPTIBLE AND UNDEFILED, RESERVED FOR US IN HEAVEN

1 Peter 2:20 LONGSUFFERING ... DAYS OF NOAH

2 Peter 2:9 ... NOT WILLING ANY SHOULD PERISH

#### **GOD'S PATIENCE**

NOT COME TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT TO SAVE

#### **GOD'S PERSON**

HE THAT HATH SEEN ME HATH SEEN THE FATHER

#### **2. HE IS THE FIRST BEGOTTEN FROM THE DEAD**

**GOD'S PLEDGE** Psalm 16:9-11; Acts 2:27-32

NOT SUFFER HIS BODY TO SEE CORRUPTION  
NOR SUFFER HIM TO REMAIN IN HADES

#### **3. THE RULER OF THE KINGS OF THE EARTH**

ONLY BLESSED POTENTATE. 1 Tim 6:15, Rev 19:16  
KING OF KINGS, LORD OF LORDS

**B. THE SECOND TRUTH ... WHAT HE DOES FOR US**

1. HE LOVETH US (NOT LOVED US) ... LOVES US
2. WASHES US FROM OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BLOOD... LOOSES US

**C. THE THIRD TRUTH ... WHAT HE MAKES US**

1. A KINGDOM. Rev 1:6; 5:10; 20:6; See Ex 19:6; Isa 61:6
2. PRIESTS. Rev 1:6; 5:10  
BUT YE ARE
  - (a) A CHOSEN GENERATION (RACE)
  - (b) A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD
  - (c) A HOLY NATION
  - (d) A PECULIAR PEOPLE. 1 Peter 2:9-10

(WYCLIFFE ... A PEOPLE OF PURCHASING  
CRAWMER ... A PEOPLE WHICH ARE WON  
GOD'S OWN POSSESSION)  
THIS PEOPLE HAVE I FORMED FOR MYSELF. Isa 43:21



## A WORLD HIJACKED

ALL THINGS CREATED BY HIM AND FOR HIM. Col 1:16

THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD – NOT TWO – SATAN IS A CREATED BEING.

WHENCE THIS INTRUDER?

MAN GIVEN FREE WILL. IF GOD CAN COMPEL SOME TO BE SAVED, COULD HE NOT COMPEL ALL? (RATHER – SHOULD HE NOT?)

SO, IN GIVING MAN FREE WILL, GOD ALSO INTRODUCED THE POSSIBILITY OF USING FREE WILL WRONGLY (ANGELS AND MEN)

SATAN AND FALLEN ANGELS CHOSE TO REBEL.

MAN WAS INDUCED TO REBEL.

THE WOMAN INVOLUNTARY )

THE MAN VOLUNTARY ) 1 Tim 2:14

BECAUSE DOMINION HAD BEEN ENTRUSTED TO MAN (GEN), EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF THE WORLD SYSTEM PASSED FROM MAN TO SATAN.

KNOW YE NOT, THAT TO WHOM YE YIELD YOURSELVES SERVANTS TO OBEY, HIS SERVANTS YE ARE TO WHOM YE OBEY; WHETHER OF SIN TO DEATH, OR OF OBEDIENCE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS? Rom 6:16

ALL KINGDOMS ... DELIVERED UNTO ME; AND TO WHOMSOEVER I WILL I GIVE IT. Luke 4:5 (PRINCE OF PERSIA Dan 10:13, P. OF GRECIA Dan 10:20)

NOT WHOLLY TRUE ... Dan 4:3, 34

NEBUCHADNEZZAR DEPOSED FROM HIS KINGLY THRONE ... Dan 5:20

... TILL HE KNEW THAT THE MOST HIGH GOD RULED IN THE KINGDOM OF MEN, AND THAT HE APPOINTED OVER IT WHOMSOEVER HE WILL. Dan 5:20

SEE ALSO WORD OF DARIUS ... Dan 6:26-28

SAUL – SPIRIT OF THE LORD DEPARTED.

EVIL SPIRIT FROM THE LORD TROUBLED HIM. 1 Sam 16:14

AHAB ... LYING SPIRIT 1 Kings 22:19-23

PRAY FOR GOD'S KINGDOM )

PRAY FOR GOD'S WILL TO BE DONE ) Matt 6:10

STRONG MAN (IN RELATION TO US) Matt 12:29, Mark 3:27

GOD OF THIS WORLD (PRINCE) ... John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11; 2 Cor 4:4; Eph 2:2

PRINCE OF THE WORLD SYSTEM ... THE EARTH IS GOD'S

GOD INTERPOSES FOR MAN BUT SATAN HAS CERTAIN PREROGATIVES

BEGOTTEN OF GOD – WICKED ONE

TOUCHETH HIM NOT

THE WHOLE WORLD LIETH IN THE WICKED ONE ... 1 John 5:18, 19

## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

**SCRIPTURE READING:**     JOB 14:13-17

### **IF A MAN DIE, SHALL HE LIVE AGAIN?**

JOB – VERY ILL ASKS THIS QUESTION AND ANSWERS IT

MANY ASK THE QUESTION BUT DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER, OR GIVE THE WRONG ANSWER I.E. RE-INCARNATION DUE TO THE INFLUENCE OF ORIENTAL RELIGIONS.

#### **CERTAINTY OF DEATH**

DUST THOU ART, AND UNTO DUST THOU SHALT RETURN.   Gen 3:19  
ALL ARE OF THE DUST, AND ALL TURN TO DUST AGAIN.   Eccl 3:20  
FLESH DESTROYED ... SEE GOD PHYSICALLY.   Job 19:26

#### **CERTAINTY OF THE RESURRECTION**

THY DEAD SHALL LIVE, THE BODIES OF THE DEAD SHALL RISE.   Isa 26:19  
IN MY FLESH I SHALL SEE GOD.   Job 19:26  
I SHALL SEE HIM FOR MYSELF.   Job 19:27  
MY DEAD BODY SHALL RISE.   Isa 26:26  
DEAD SHALL COME FORTH AT THE COMMAND OF JESUS CHRIST.   John 5:28-29

#### **TIME OF DEATH**

UNCERTAIN AS CERTAIN AS DEATH ITSELF IS.  
APPOINTED ONCE TO DIE.   Heb 9:27  
THOU FOOL THIS NIGHT THY SOUL SHALL BE REQUIRED OF THEE.   Luke 12:20

#### **RESULT OF DEATH**

REWARDS FOR GODLY.  
PUNISHMENT FOR WICKED.