

God's children can **speak** by the Spirit of God-ref 1 Cor 12:3; -ref Mk 12:36; Mk 13:11.
God's children should **speak** in the Words which the Holy Ghost (or Spirit) teaches-ref 1 Cor 2:13,14.
One can be **strengthened** by His Spirit-ref Eph 3:16.
One can be **strengthened** with might-ref Eph 3:16.
One can be **strengthened** by His Spirit in the inner man-ref Eph 3:16.
A person's conscience can bear them **witness** in the Holy Ghost (or Spirit)-ref Ro 9:1.
Through the Spirit we **wait**-ref Gal 5:5.
We **wait** for the hope through the Spirit by faith-ref Gal 5:5.
Mighty **wonders** are done through the power of the Spirit-ref Ro 15:19.
The **Word** comes to God's children in the Holy Ghost (or Spirit)-ref 1 Thes 1:5.
God's children receive the **Word** with joy of (or from) the Holy Ghost-ref 1 Thes 1:14.
Hold God's sound **Words** in faith, and love, and keep by the Holy Ghost (or Spirit)-2 Tim 1:13,14.

GOD'S CHILDREN WILL HAVE THE SPIRIT

The Comforter (or Holy Spirit) may **abide** with you forever-ref Jn 14:16.
That which is **born** of the Spirit is spirit-ref Jn 3:6.
One can be **born** after the Spirit-ref Gal 4:29.
A person cannot enter the kingdom of God unless he is **born** of the Spirit-ref Jn 3:5.
All that are **born** of the Spirit are like the wind. People cannot tell from where it comes or where it goes-ref Jn 3:8.
The **communion** (or fellowship) of the Holy Ghost be with you-2 Cor 13:14.
The Spirit of God **dwells** in the saints-ref Jn 14:17; Ro 8:9; 11; 1 Cor 3:16.
The Holy Ghost (or Spirit) **dwells** in God's Children-ref 2 Tim 1:14.
The Holy Spirit **dwells** with a born again Christian-ref Jn 14:17.
We know a person **dwells** in God and God in him because He has given us His Spirit-ref 1 Jn 4:13.
God gives us the **earnest** (or deposit) of the Spirit. This may be said to be like an engagement ring given-ref 2 Cor 5:5.
One is sealed by the **earnest** (or deposit) of the Spirit. This might be considered like an engagement ring-ref 2 Cor 1:22
The Spirit is the **earnest** (or deposit) of our inheritance until the purchased possession is redeemed. It can be considered like an engagement ring-ref Eph 1:13-14.
God has **given** us His Holy Spirit-ref Acts 15:8; 1 Thes 4:8.
The Spirit has been **given** to the saved-ref 1 Jn 3:24.
The Holy Ghost (or Spirit) is **given** to them that obey Him-ref Acts 5:32.
The saints **have** the firstfruits of the Spirit-ref Ro 8:23.
The Spirit was **in** them-ref 1 Pe 1:11.
A person can be **in the Spirit**-ref Rev 1:10.
The Spirit can be **in** our hearts-ref 2 Cor 1:22.
The Spirit can be **in** fleshly tables of the heart-ref 2 Cor 1:22.
If Christ is **in** a person, then the Spirit is life because of righteousness-ref Ro 8:10.
Any person that does not have the Spirit of Christ **in** him, he is not saved-ref Ro 8:9.
The Holy Spirit is that which they that believe should **receive**-ref Jn 7:39.
One might **receive** the Spirit through faith-ref Gal 3:2,14.
The saints have **received** the Spirit of adoption-ref Ro 8:15.
Upon repentance and baptism in the name of Jesus Christ one shall **receive** the gift of the Holy Ghost (or Spirit)-ref Acts 2:38.
The Spirit of God **rests** upon you-ref 1 Pe 4:14.
A person can be **sealed** with the Spirit-ref Eph 1:13-14.
Being **sealed** with the Spirit comes after believing-ref Eph 1:13-14.
Jesus **sends** the Comforter to you-ref Jn 15:26.
The Spirit is **sent** into your heart-ref Gal 4:6.

GOD'S CHILDREN ARE TO KNOW THE SPIRIT, BE FULL OF THE SPIRIT, LED BY, BE AFTER, WALK AFTER,
WALK IN, MIND THE SPIRIT
OTHER THINGS ABOUT THE SPIRIT

The Saints are to be **after** the Spirit-ref Ro 8:5.
 One can be **filled** with the Spirit-ref Eph 5:18.
 Men of honest report, **full** of the Holy Ghost (or Spirit)-ref Acts 6:3.
 Born again Christians **know** the Holy Spirit-ref Jn 14:17.
 The Saints are to be **led** by the Spirit of God-ref Ro 8:14.
 Children of God can be **led** of the Spirit-ref Gal 5:16-18.
 If a person is **led** of the Spirit, they are not under the law-ref Gal 5:16-18.
 A person can **live** in the Spirit-ref Gal 5:22-25.
 The Saints are to **mind** the things of the Spirit-ref Ro 8:5.
 God's children are made **partakers** of the Holy Ghost (or Spirit)-ref Heb 6:4.
 A person can **sow** to the Spirit-ref Gal 6:8.
 A person that **sows** to the Spirit shall reap life everlasting-ref Gal 6:8.
 A person can **walk** in the Spirit-ref Gal 5:16-18, 22-25.
 Saints are to **walk after** the Spirit-ref Ro 8:4, 9
 Those **walking in** the Spirit shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh-ref Gal 5:16-18.
 If a person lives in the Spirit, they should also **walk** in the Spirit-ref Gal 5:22-25.

RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST BY THE LAYING ON OF HANDS (SPIRITUAL GIFTS)

The Holy Ghost (or Spirit) **fell** on them-ref Acts 11:15.
 The Holy Ghost (of Spirit) **fell** on them all as Peter spake. They then spoke with tongues-ref Acts 10:44, 46.
 Elisabeth was **filled with the Holy Ghost** (or Spirit) and she prophesied-ref Lk 1:41.
 John the Baptist was **filled with the Holy Ghost** (or Spirit) even from his mother's womb-ref Lk 1:15.
 Paul was **filled with the Holy Ghost** (or Spirit)-Acts 9:17; Acts 13:9.
 Peter was **filled with the Holy Ghost** (or Spirit)-ref Acts 4:8.
 The disciples were **filled with the Holy Ghost** (or Spirit)-ref Acts 13:52.
 They that believed were all **filled with the Holy Ghost** (or Spirit)-ref Acts 4:31, 32.
 Zacharias was **filled with the Holy Ghost** (or Spirit) and prophesied-ref Lk 1:67.
 Barnabas was **full of the Holy Ghost** (or Spirit)-ref Acts 11:24.
 Stephen, a man **full of the Holy Ghost** (or Spirit)-ref Acts 6:5; 7:55.
 At the laying on of hands the Holy Ghost (or Spirit) was **given**-ref Acts 8:18.
 On the Gentiles was **poured out** the Holy Ghost (or Spirit)-ref Acts 10:45.
 Simon wanted the **power** of laying hands on people so they may receive the Holy Ghost (or Spirit)-Acts 8:19.
 Paul laid hands on them and they **received** the Holy Ghost (or Spirit) and spoke with tongues-ref Acts 19:6.
 The Gentiles **received** the Holy Ghost (or Spirit) and spoke with tongues-ref Acts 10:47, 47.
 They laid hands on them and they **received** the Holy Ghost (or Spirit)-ref Acts 8:15, 17.
 Have ye **received** the Holy Ghost (or Spirit) since ye believed? We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost (of Spirit)-ref Acts 19:2

MISC REGARDING THE WORD SPIRIT

God knows what is the mind of the Spirit-ref Ro 8:27.
 God was justified in the Spirit-ref 1 Tim 3:16.
 Ministering to another the Spirit is done by faith-ref Gal 3:5.
 Note the words: the love of the Spirit-ref Ro 15:30.
 One should work to keep the unity of the Spirit-ref Eph 4:3,4.
 The Father, the Word (or Jesus) and the Holy Ghost (or Spirit), these three are one-1 Jn 5:7.
 The Holy Ghost (or Spirit) came upon Mary...and as a result the Son of God was born-ref Lk 1:35.

The Holy Ghost (or Spirit) was upon Simeon-ref Lk 2:25.
The Kingdom of God is joy in the Holy Ghost (or Spirit)-ref Ro 14:17.
The Spirit has a mind-ref Ro 8:27.
The testimony of Jesus Christ is called the Spirit of prophecy-ref Rev 19:10.
The unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace-ref Eph 4:3,4.
There is a law of the Spirit of Life-ref Ro 8:2.
There is a supply of the Spirit-ref Phili 1:19.
There is a sword of the Spirit-ref Eph 6:17.
The Sword of the Spirit is God's Word-ref Eph 6:17.
There is fruit (or evidence) of the Spirit-ref Gal 5:22-25.
There is no law against the fruit of the Spirit-ref Gal 5:22-25.

PERSECUTIONS IN RELATION TO THE WORD SPIRIT

Unsaved people may persecute those born after the Spirit-ref Gal 4:29.

DIFFICULTIES IN RELATION TO THE WORD SPIRIT

The flesh lusts against the Spirit-ref Gal 5:16-18.
The Spirit lusts against the flesh-ref Gal 5:16-18.
The Spirit is contrary to the flesh-ref Gal 5:16-18.
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WE KNOW A PERSON IS OF GOD IF

We know a person (or spirit) (or prophet) is of the Spirit of God in that they confess that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh-ref 1 Jn 4:2.
We know a person dwells in God and God in him because He has given us His Spirit-ref 1 Jn 4:13.

COMMANDS IN RELATION TO THE WORD SPIRIT

Baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost (or Spirit)-ref Mt 28:19.

WARNING IN RELATION TO THE WORD SPIRIT

Ananias and Sapphira tempted the Spirit of the Lord by lying. They fell dead-ref Acts 5:9.
To lie to a servant of God is to tempt the Spirit of the Lord-ref Acts 5:9.
When one lies to God's children, he is not lying to men but to God. He lies to the Holy Ghost (or Spirit)-ref Acts 5:3, 4.
Don't quench the Spirit-ref 1 Thes 5:19.
The Bible warns people doing things despite unto the Spirit of Grace-ref Heb 10:29.
The Spirit of the Lord can depart from people-ref 1 Sam 16:14.
He that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost (or Spirit) hath never forgiveness-ref Mk 3:29.
The blasphemy against the Holy Ghost (or Spirit) shall not be forgiven unto men ref Mt 12:31; Lk 12:10
Whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come-ref Mt 12:32.
The natural (or unsaved or earthly) man does not receive or cannot know the things of the Spirit. This is because the unsaved man is spiritually discerned (or disconnected) -ref 1 Cor 2:14.
The natural man does not speak that which the Holy Ghost (or Spirit) teaches, but that which man's wisdom teaches-ref 1 Cor 2:13,14.

THE UNSAVED IN RELATION TO THE WORD SPIRIT

A spirit (or person) has a spirit of antichrist if they confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh-ref 1 Jn 4:3.
No one that speaks by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed-ref 1 Cor 12:3.
Those that are mockers in the last time do not have the Spirit-ref Jude 1:19.
Those that walk after ungodly lusts do not have the Spirit-ref Jude 1:19.

Those who separate themselves, sensual who do not have the Spirit-ref Jude 1:19.

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SPIRITS—VARIOUS KINDS

SPIRIT OF GOD

HOLY SPIRIT

SPIRITUAL REALM

MAN HAS A SPIRIT

KINDS OF SPIRITS

WHERE ARE THESE SPIRITS LOCATED? THEY ARE IN THE REALM WHICH OUR EYES CANNOT SEE.

THERE ARE VARIOUS KINDS OF SPIRITS.

This list is not complete. The various names for the Holy Spirit are in bold.

The list in the first row are evil. The list in the second row are miscellaneous. The list in the third row should be other names for the Holy Spirit

Some have many Scripture references in the Bible; not all have been included

Blind spirit-ref Mt 12:22.

Dumb spirits-ref Lk 11:14; Mk 9:17; Mt 12:22

Dumb spirits are also called devils-ref Mt 9:32

A Voice from Heaven-ref Rev 14:13.

Christ and the Spirit are combined together-ref Ro 8:10.

Contrite and humble spirit-ref Isa 57:15

Evil spirits-ref 2 Sam 23:2; Lk 7:21; 8:2

Familiar spirits-ref Lev 19:31; Lev 20:6; Deut 18:11; 1 Sam 28:3; 2 Ki 21:6; Isa 19:3

Foul spirits-ref Rev 18:2.

Four spirits of the heavens-ref Zech 6:1-5.

Holy Spirit of promise-ref Eph 1:13

My Spirit-ref Isa 42:1.

Seducing spirits-ref 1 Tim 4:1.

Spirit of a man-ref Pv 18:14

Spirit of a sound mind-ref 2 Tim 1:7

Spirit of Adoption-ref Ro 8:15

Spirit of an unclean devil-ref Lk 4:33

Spirit of angels-ref Heb 1:7

Spirit of antichrist-ref I Jn 4:3

Spirit of bondage...to fear-ref Ro 8:15

Spirit of bondage-ref Ro 8:15.

Spirit of Christ-ref Ro 8:9; 1 Pe 1:11.

Spirit of counsel and might-ref Isa 11:2

Spirit of deep sleep-ref Isa 29:10

Spirit of devils-ref Mt 8:16; Lk 8:2; Rev 16:14

Spirit of divination-ref Acts 16:16

Spirit of Egypt-ref Isa 19:3.

Spirit of error. The spirit of error is the devil-ref 1 Jn 4:6.

Spirit of faith-ref 2 Cor 4:13

Spirit of fear-ref 2 Tim 1:7.

Spirit of Glory-ref 1 Pe 4:14.
Spirit of God-ref Gen 1:2.
Spirit of Grace and of Supplications-ref Zech 12:10
Spirit of Grace-ref Heb 10:29.
Spirit of Him-ref Ro 8:11.
Spirit of His mouth-ref 2 Thes 2:8
Spirit of His Son-ref Gal 4:6.
Spirit of Holiness-ref Ro 1:4

Spirit of infirmity-ref Lk 13:11
Spirit of jealousy-ref Num 5:14

Spirit of Jesus Christ-ref Phili 1:19.

Spirit of judgment-ref Isa 4:4; Isa 28:6.

Spirit of Knowledge-ref Isa 11:2.
Spirit of Life-ref Ro 8:2,10; Rev 11:11.
Spirit of Love-ref 2 Tim 1:7.

Spirit of man-ref Ecc 3:21.

Spirit of meekness-ref 1 Cor 4:21.

Spirit of Might-ref Isa 11:2.

Spirit of my understanding-ref Job 20:3.

Spirit of our God-ref 1 Cor 6:11.
Spirit of Power-ref 2 Tim 1:7.
Spirit of promise-ref Eph 1:13-14.
Spirit of prophecy-ref Rev 19:10.

Spirit of prophets-ref 1 Cor 14:32.

Spirit of slumber-ref Ro 11:8.

Spirit of the beast (which is the antichrist) is an unclean spirit. It is the spirit of a devil-ref Rev 16:13,14.

Spirit of the dragon (which is Satan) is an unclean spirit. It is the spirit of a devil-ref Rev 16:13,14.

Spirit of the false prophet is an unclean spirit-ref Rev 16:13. It is the spirit of a devil-ref Rev 16:13,14.

Spirit of the fear of the Lord-ref Isa 11:2.

Spirit of the humble-ref Isa 57:15.

Spirit of the living creature-ref Ezek 1:20.

Spirit of the living God-ref 2 Cor 1:22.
Spirit of the Lord God-ref Isa 61:1.
Spirit of the Lord-ref 2 Cor 3:17, 18; Judges 3:10; Isa 11:2

Spirit of the Philistines-ref 2 Chr 21:16.

Spirit of the world-ref 1 Cor 2:12.

Spirit of Truth-ref; Jn 14:17; 15:26; 1 Jn 4:6; 1 Jn 5:6.
Spirit of Understanding-ref Isa 11:2.

Spirit of whoredoms-ref Hosea 4:12.

Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation-ref Eph 1:17.

Spirit of wisdom and understanding-ref Isa 11:2.

Spirit of wisdom-ref Ex 28:3.

Spirit of Wisdom-ref Ex 28:3; Isa 11:2.
Spirit of your Father-ref Mt 10:20,21.

Spirit of your mind-ref Eph 4:23.

The Comforter-ref Jn 15:26; 16:7
The Eternal Spirit-ref Heb 9:14.
The Holy Ghost-ref Jn 7:39.
The Lord is that Spirit-ref 2 Cor 3:17, 18.

The Spirit is called “HE” and “HIS”-ref Ro 8:11.

The Spirit is the Seven Spirits (or Sevenfold Spirit) ref Rev 1:4.

The Spirit-ref Jude 1:19.

Unclean spirits-ref Mt 10:1; Mk 1:27; Mk 3:11; Rev 16:13.

Wicked spirits-ref Mt 12:45.

ANGELS IN RELATION TO THE WORD SPIRIT

God’s angels are also spirits-ref Heb 1:7.

The angels are ministering spirits-ref Heb 1:14.

Ministering spirits are sent to minister for those that shall be saved-ref Heb 1:7,14.

DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

Discerning of spirits is a spiritual gift and a manifestation of the Spirit-ref 1 Cor 12:4,7,10.

WARNINGS IN RELATION TO THE WORD SPIRIT

A person is not to regard those that have familiar spirits-ref Lev 19:31.

The soul that turns after familiar spirits, God will be against them. They shall be cut off-ref Lev 20:6.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT SPIRITS

A consulter has a familiar spirit-ref Deut 18:11.

A prophet’s spirit is subject to the prophets-ref 1 Cor 14:32.

An unclean spirit like a frog comes out of the mouth of the false prophet-ref Rev 16:13.

An unclean spirit like a frog comes out of the mouth of the beast (which is the antichrist)-ref Rev 16:13.

An unclean spirit like a frog comes out of the mouth of the dragon (which is Satan)-ref Rev 16:13.

Babylon which is fallen is become a place of devils-ref Rev 18:2.

Babylon which is fallen is become a place of every foul spirit-ref Rev 18:2.

Beelzebub is the prince of the devils-ref Mt 12:24.

Devils are called spirits-ref Mt 8:16.

Devils have doctrines-ref 1 Tim 4:1.

Devils have spirits-ref Rev 16:14.

God did not give us a spirit of fear-ref 2 Tim 1:7.

Spirits appear to know that there is a time coming when they will be tormented, and that it is not yet-Mt 28:29.

Spirits are called devils-ref Mt 8:16.

The devils believe in God and tremble-ref Ja 2:19.

The four spirits are called four chariots. They go forth from standing before the Lord of the earth-ref Zech 6:1-5.

There are degrees of wickedness among spirits-ref Mt 12:45; Lk 11:26.

There are workers with familiar spirits-ref 2 Ki 23:24.

Unclean spirits are afraid of being sent out of the country-Mk 5:9.

Unclean spirits are afraid of being tormented-Mk 5:7.

Unclean spirits are afraid of Jesus.-Mk 5:7.

Unclean spirits have a certain amount of authority at this time by God-Mk 5:7.

Unclean spirits have names-Mk 5:9.

Unclean spirits recognize Jesus-Mk 5:7.

When unclean spirits enter into animals, the animals can have a violent reaction-ref Mk 5:13.

WHAT EVIL SPIRITS CAN DO

A large number of unclean spirits can possess one person-Mk 5:9,13; Lk 8:2

Devils can possess people-ref Mt 4:24.

Devils have doctrines-ref 1 Tim 4:1.

Devils can speak through the person they possessed-ref Lk 4:41.

People can be possessed with devils-ref Mk 1:32.
Spirits can also enter animals-ref Mk 5:13.
Spirits can cause a person to fall into fire-ref Mt 17:15.
Spirits can cause a person to fall into water ref Mt 17:15.
Spirits can cause a person to fall on the ground and wallow foaming-ref Mk 9:20.
Spirits can increase a person's power physically-ref Acts 19:14-16.
Spirits can make a person be a lunatic-ref Mt 17:15.
Spirits can overcome the unsaved-ref Acts 19:14-16.
Spirits can take other spirits places-ref Mt 12:45.
Spirits can take others-ref Lk 11:26.
Spirits can talk through people to this realm-ref Mk 3:11.
Spirits can tare a person-ref Mk 9:20.
Spirits can vex a person-ref Mt 17:15; Lk 6:18; Acts 5:16.
Spirits fall down before Christ-ref Mk 3:11.
Spirits of devils can persuade people to go places-ref Rev 16:14.
Spirits of devils can work miracles-ref Rev 16:14.
Spirits or devils can cause a person not to be in their right mind-ref Mk 5:15.
The spirit of a devil (Satan) goes to gather the world to the battle of the great day-ref Rev 16:14.
The spirit of a devil (Satan) goes to the kings of the earth-ref Rev 16:14.
The spirit of a devil (Satan) works miracles-ref Rev 16:14.
The spirit of a devil (the antichrist) goes to gather the world to the battle of the great day-ref Rev 16:14.
The spirit of a devil (the antichrist) goes to the kings of the earth-ref Rev 16:14.
The spirit of a devil (the antichrist) works miracles-ref Rev 16:14.
The spirit of a devil (the false prophet) goes to gather the world to the battle of the great day-ref Rev 16:14.
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The spirit of a devil (the false prophet) works miracles-ref Rev 16:14.
Unclean spirits can cause a person to be very strong-Mk 5:3,4.
Unclean spirits can cause a person to be wild-Mk 5:3,4.
Unclean spirits can cause a person to cry-Mk 5:5.
Unclean spirits can cause a person to harm themselves-Mk 5:5.
Unclean spirits can cry with a loud voice-ref Acts 8:7.
Unclean spirits can speak through people-ref Acts 8:7.
Very wicked spirits can enter into a person-ref Lk 11:26.
When unclean spirits enter into a person they can control them to a certain degree and cause them harm-ref Mk 5:13.
Wicked spirits can enter into a person-ref Mt 12:45.

JESUS IN RELATION TO THE WORD SPIRIT

JESUS HAD POWER OVER SPIRITS

Jesus had a spirit-ref Lk 23:46.
Devils knew that He was Christ-ref Lk 4:41.
Jesus cast out devils-ref Mk 1:34.
Jesus casts out devils with the Finger of God-ref Lk 11:20.
Jesus had power over unclean spirits-ref Lk 4:36.
Jesus could command unclean spirits and they had to obey-ref Lk 4:36.
Jesus has power over evil spirits-ref Lk 7:21.
Jesus would not let some devils speak-ref Mk 1:34; Lk 4:41.
Jesus could heal people of evil spirits-ref Lk 8:2.
Jesus can heal a person of unclean spirits-ref Acts 5:16.
Jesus commanded the twelve to cast out devils-ref Mt 10:8.
Jesus was falsely accused of casting out devils by Beelzebub-ref Mt 12:24.

Devils are to be cast out in the name of Jesus-ref Mk 9:38.
 Jesus had cast 7 devils out of Mary Magdalene-ref Mk 16:9.

CASTING OUT SPIRITS

Born again Christians can have power over unclean spirits through power which He gives-ref Mk 6:7.
 Devils can be cast out with His Word-ref Mt 8:16.
 Do not rejoice that spirits are subject to you-ref Lk 10:20.
 Evil spirits can be commanded to come out of people-ref Acts 19:12.
 It takes power to cast out unclean spirits-ref Mt 10:1.
 Jesus gave his twelve disciples power over unclean spirits-ref Mt 10:1.
 Judas was given power over unclean spirits by Jesus-ref Mt 10:1.
 Spirits are subject to the power Jesus gives to His born again followers-ref Lk 10:20.
 Spirits need to be cast out by born again followers of Jesus-ref Acts 19:14-16.
 To cast out a foul, dumb and deaf spirit, it must be done by belief, faith, prayer, and fasting-ref Mt 17:20,21; Mk 9:29.
 Unclean spirits can be cast out-ref Mt 10:1.
 Unclean spirits can be commanded to come out of a person-ref Mk 1:27.
 Unsaved people can try to cast out evil spirits in the name of the Lord Jesus but may get beat up-ref Acts 19:13.

PEOPLE IN RELATION TO SPIRITS

There are people that have familiar spirits-ref 1 San 28:3; Isa 8:19. Women can have a familiar spirit-ref 1 Sam 28:9.
 People can be possessed with an unclean spirit-Mk 5:2. People shall seek to them with familiar spirits-ref Isa 19:3.
 People may tempt you to seek familiar spirits-ref Isa 8:19. Many spirits can enter into a person-ref Lk 11:26.
 Very wicked spirits can enter into a person-ref Lk 11:26.
 In the latter days some people depart from the faith of Jesus Christ and follow seducing spirits-ref 1 Tim 4:1.
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Jn 4:25. THE WOMAN (SAID) (TO) HIM, I KNOW THAT (MESSIAH) (IS COMING). The woman knew of the Messiah. She believed that the Messiah was coming. But her life up to this time reflected absolutely no fear of God, no denying oneself, and no fear of eternal judgment. Those of Samaria also expected from Deut 18:15 that the Messiah was coming—

WHICH IS CALLED CHRIST (that is, “the One Who has been anointed”-JNT). The Woman also knew that He was called Christ. The verse continues—

WHEN HE IS COME, HE WILL (EXPLAIN TO) US

ALL THINGS. The woman of Samaria had some knowledge of the first 5 books of what we call the Old Testament. However, one might wonder if she had additional knowledge, perhaps of Daniel which gives the time that Messiah should come. Israel was expecting the Messiah to arrive soon. It appears she was also.

She may have attended what we call church services. She even sounds a bit religious. She even believed in the Messiah and that He was coming as mentioned above. Yet, her statement that Messiah will explain to us all things may indicate a hunger and thirst to know more. She had tried 5 husbands. Now she was living with a man that was not her husband. Was she happy and content? It appears not. She certainly had not repented.

People can be religious on the outside, but in reality they live in sin and rebellion to God’s Word. They can believe in

Jesus Christ, but they will not repent, obey the Gospel, or do the will of God. They believe they will go to heaven, but they will perish. They have a knowledge of God, but it is not the type of knowledge that produces faith which brings about a life changing repentance. Many churches are nothing more than ceremonies and entertainment centers, with perhaps a couple of scriptures thrown in. There is no conviction for sin. There is no push for people to repent. There is no preaching on God's judgments, the wrath of God, the fear of God, the Revelation and the latter days we are in, and the lake of fire. The Gospel as it was taught by Jesus and the apostles is not in most churches. They preach what unrepentant sinners want to hear. They allure to the flesh and send people out confident they will be in heaven. But in reality, their people go to hell.

Jn 4:26. JESUS (SAID) (TO) HER, I THAT SPEAK (TO) (YOU) AM HE.

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Jn 4:26. JESUS (SAID) (TO) HER, I THAT SPEAK (TO) (YOU)

AM HE. First Jesus had told her of all things that ever she did according to her words in Jn 4:29. Now, Jesus did something incredible, that he had never done up to this time. He declared to a woman, a Samaritan woman that He is the Messiah, the Christ.

Later, he also declared that He was the Son of God to the blind man whom He had healed—ref Jn 9:37.

He also admitted He was the Christ when being judged by the high priest, chief priests, elders, and scribes-ref Mk 14:62 before being crucified.

He admitted that He was a king to Pilate in Jn 18:37.

Usually, however, Jesus would not even let the demons speak as they knew that He was Christ. He might just tell people that He was the Son of Man. The people would not understand and might ask Him: Who is this Son—of Man?—ref Jn 12:34. Jesus, later in His ministry, answered the people that: While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light-ref Jn 12:35. But He normally would not tell them that He was the Messiah, except in ways that those called would understand but to others they would not understand. He would often speak in parables so that those that were not called of God would not understand.

PARABLES. WHY

Jesus was asked by His disciples in Mt 13:10-Why speakest thou unto them in parables? Mt 13:11,13,15-He answered,...Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Mk 4:12-That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. Lk 8:10-Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

LOVE MUCH. LOVE LITTLE WHO IS CALLED

It seems Jesus usually avoided doing this with the Jews. This woman was a very sinful Samaritan, not proud, that seemed to be seeking truth. Jesus came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. As a result of what Jesus did, as we should note, there would be others that would come to Jesus also. She was not ashamed of Jesus.

Why then did Jesus do so with this woman. Let us examine God's Word to see who he does not call and who he does.

Who may not be called? Mt 19:16, 17, 20-24-And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? (Jesus said)...If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. The young man saith,...All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? ...go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Who may not be called? Ja 1:11-For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the

flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

Who may not be called? Mt 13:15-This people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed

Who may not be called? Mt 13:19-He that has a wayside heart.

Who may not be called? Jn 12:35-He that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. 1 Jn 2:11-...He that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. 1 Jn 4:20- If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

Who may not be called? 1 Jn 4:8,20-He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Who may not be called? Matt 6:23-But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

Who may or may not be called? 1 Pe 5:5-Be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Who may or may not be called? The clergy that are unsaved but think they are saved. Matt 21:23,31-The chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? ...Jesus saith...Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

Who may or may not be called? 1 Cor 1:26-28-For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are.

Who may or may not be called? Lk 7:40-50-Jesus...said unto...Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven...Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

Who may or may not be called? Mt 11:25-...Jesus...said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent (or learned), and hast revealed them unto babes.

Who may be called? Lk 4:18-The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

Who may be called? Mt 19:14-24-Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Who may be called? Mt 11:28-Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Summary: who may not be called? The clergy that are not saved, the rich men, the righteous, the wise, the prudent, the wise men after the flesh, the mighty men, the noble men, the well educated, the proud, those with a wayside heart, those that do not believe they sin, those with an evil eye, those that hate their brother, those that do not love their brother, and those that believe they are saved (they have light) when in fact they are not (the light in them is really darkness).

Summary: who might Jesus call? Those that are humble, repentant, and childlike to correction, the unlearned, the foolish things, the hurting, the heavy laden, the weak, the unnoticed, the poor, the brokenhearted, the captives, the blind, the bruised, the sinner, the harlots, the tax collectors, and babes.

The more righteous a person considers himself, the less likely God will reveal himself to them.

The verses continue—

Jn 4:27. AND (AT THIS POINT) CAME HIS DISCIPLES, AND (they) (WERE SURPRISED) THAT HE TALKED WITH THE WOMAN: YET NO MAN SAID, WHAT (DO YOU WANT)? OR, WHY (SPEAK) (YOU) WITH HER?

Jn 4:27. AND (AT THIS POINT) CAME HIS DISCIPLES. They had gone away into the country to buy food-ref Jn 4:8—
AND (they) (WERE SURPRISED)

THAT HE TALKED WITH THE WOMAN. Most of Jesus' dealings were with the Jews. His disciples were surprised that He talked with a Samaritan it appears. Also the fact that he was talking with a woman, alone, in a public area, may have surprised them. It has been said that even the Rabbi did not talk with women in public, not even to instruct them. Jesus ignored the laws laid down by the religious community. He obeyed His Father. This was another reason he was hated.

Women, in much of the world, even today are 2nd class citizens. In Moslem nations they are even lower than that. Jesus, Who is God, elevated women. Women followed him, and helped them with their substance. They followed Jesus to the cross and were the first that seen Him after He was raised from the dead. From the Scriptures it appears that more men left him than women, and more men persecuted Him than women.

For those on the mission field, it can seem like this in India. There seems to be more women in the Christian churches, and more women that are faithful. The verses continue—

**YET NO MAN SAID,
WHAT (DO YOU WANT)?**

OR, WHY (SPEAK) (YOU) WITH HER? If the disciples had returned earlier, they might have interfered with Jesus' conversation with the woman. They would have also heard his declaration that He was the Messiah. As noted in many Scriptures, God can control the places people go and the timing of when they arrive. The closer a born again Christian walks with God, the more he should be able to understand this.

The world, in these latter days, is going away from God more and more. Wickedness shall increase and increase, as birth pangs of a woman. Those that live Godly can expect to be persecuted more and more. The brighter a person's light shines for Jesus, the more problems they can expect. Many of the things that are happening in the world were prophesied. But know this, God is in control. There is a day coming when the rapture of God's people will happen. There will be an antichrist that shall come forth. There will be a tribulation period. There will be a battle of Armageddon. Jesus Christ will return to reign and rule. Not one prophecy in the Bible pertaining to past events has ever been wrong. And not one prophecy in the Bible as to what is happening and will happen will fail. Are you ready to meet Christ as the Samaritan woman was?

The verses continue—

Jn 4:28. THE WOMAN THEN LEFT HER WATERPOT, AND WENT HER WAY INTO THE (TOWN), AND (SAID) TO THE (PEOPLE),

**Jn 4:28. THE WOMAN
THEN LEFT HER WATERPOT,
AND WENT HER WAY INTO THE (TOWN),
AND (SAID) TO THE MEN.**

(Another translation uses the word people). The woman must have been astonished. Here was a man telling her things about herself that he could not have known. He was a Jew. Then He tells her He is the Messiah, the Christ. Now she goes into the town to tell others, whom she had probably avoided because of her life style and bad reputation. If she went to the men, then it may have been to the elders of the city.

She had received the living water. She left her waterpots and probably ran indicating her intentions were to return. It seems she had forgot why she came to the well in the first place. In a moment, in an instant of time, her life had changed. She found the Christ. The Scriptures never indicate that she served Jesus a drink as He had originally asked-note Jn 4:7. When a person finds the Christ, they want to tell others as Andrew went to find Simon-ref Jn 1:41.

Any fear that she had regarding talking to the town's people was overcome by her faith.
How unfortunate it is today, that when most people learn about Jesus, their attitude is apathetic or negative.
Thus a woman, a Samaritan woman perhaps became the first evangelist or missionary to the Gentiles.
When she went into the town she said—

Jn 4:29. COME, SEE A MAN, WHICH TOLD ME ALL THINGS THAT EVER I DID: IS NOT THIS THE CHRIST (or Messiah)?

Jn 4:29. COME. The first thing she said to the people was "Come". Then she explained the reason. She said—
SEE A MAN,

WHICH TOLD ME ALL THINGS

THAT EVER I DID. She did not say that He had said that He was the Christ. Rather the thing that astonished her the most was that Jesus had told her all things that she had done. She then follows this up with—

IS NOT THIS THE CHRIST (or Messiah)? She did not state that He was the Messiah, but rather asked it in a question. The way she put it, obviously created within the people that heard her, a curiosity.

Christ had asked her to call her husband. She did not have a husband, but only a man living with her. But now, she appears to call all the town. Her life indeed, has changed. She had left the town, being what some would call a tramp. She returned to the town a renewed person who now believed in Christ.

If a person claims that they are a Christian, but they do not have that desire to share the Gospel and tell others about Christ, then something is very, very wrong. We might say that they think they have found Christ, but perhaps Christ does not know them—ref Mt 7:20-23, 26,27; Mt 25:11; Lk 6:46; Lk 13:25. Christianity is not centered in a church, a denomination, a feeling. It is centered in one thing—the person of Jesus Christ Who is come in the flesh. If Jesus is not the center of your universe, then you had better repent, and receive Him into your heart through trust.

SAMARITIAN WOMAN AT THE WELL. LIST. Observations and things Jesus had said to her in various ways:

He had asked her to: Give Me to drink.

She didn't know who she was talking to.

She didn't know the gift of God.

She didn't understand about Living Water.

She didn't understand where to get Living Water.

Regular water will not satisfy a person.

Living water will cause a person to never thirst.

Jesus is the one that could give the Living Water.

Living water would be a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.

She "asked" for the Living Water.

Jesus then showed her, her sin:

She had 5 husbands.

She was now living with someone that was not her husband, and perhaps many other things based on Jn 4:29.

He told her she had been truthful on one thing.

She then perceived he was a prophet.

Jesus then told her that worship will be changing, and

that she didn't know what she worshipped.

The Jews did know what they worshipped, and

salvation is of the Jews.

Yet for all this she did not seem to be offended or run away.

Jesus now tells her that true worship shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, and that is what the Father seeks.

He told her God is a Spirit, and

they that worship Him must do it in spirit and in truth.

She then mentions she knew that the Messiah was going to come, and

when He came He would tell all things.

Jesus told her: I am He.

The disciples arrived, and she left. The beginning of a revival is at hand.

Jesus had told her of eternal life.

Jesus had confronted her with her sin.

She went to the town to get others so they could come, see and hear.

The towns people—

Jn 4:30. THEN THEY WENT OUT OF THE (TOWN),

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- Page 453** AND CAME (TO) HIM. **OF THE (TOWN),**
AND CAME (TO) HIM (which is Jesus). As Jesus had raised her curiosity, so she raises the curiosity of the people in town. They must have believed the woman or they would not have come. They must have been open and looking for the Messiah or they would not have come—
- Jn 4:31.** IN THE MEAN WHILE HIS DISCIPLES (WERE REQUESTING) HIM, SAYING, MASTER (or Rabbi), EAT (something). **Jn 4:31. IN THE MEAN WHILE HIS DISCIPLES (WERE REQUESTING) HIM, SAYING, MASTER (or Rabbi), EAT (something).** This indicates that it had been quite a long period since He had eaten. They had probably had a long journey
- Jn 4:32.** BUT HE SAID (TO) THEM, I HAVE (FOOD) TO EAT THAT (YOU) KNOW (NOTHING ABOUT). **Jn 4:32. BUT HE SAID (TO) THEM, I HAVE (FOOD) TO EAT THAT (YOU) KNOW (NOTHING ABOUT).** Jesus never seemed concerned about eating food as most people do. He knew His Father in heaven would provide. The food He is speaking of is explained in verse 34. The disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying.
 Spiritual born again people know that if they have to choose between worldly food, or witnessing to someone that might get saved—their choice will always be a person’s soul first. There is plenty of time to eat afterward.
 When he had sat down at the well, he was weary from his journey-ref verse 6. Yet, His purpose for being there was to seek and to save that which was lost. Drinking and eating can wait.
 Jesus had told Satan soon after He was baptized: Mt 4:4-MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDETH OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.
 The lack of spiritual in site of the disciples at this time seems apparent. The Holy Spirit had not yet been given-note Jn 7:39.
- Jn 4:33.** THEREFORE SAID THE DISCIPLES ONE TO ANOTHER, (HAS) ANY MAN BROUGHT HIM (ANYTHING) TO EAT? **Jn 4:33. THEREFORE SAID THE DISCIPLES ONE TO ANOTHER, (HAS) ANY MAN BROUGHT HIM (ANYTHING) TO EAT?** Not understanding what Jesus meant, the disciples appeared to wonder that while they had been gone if somebody might have brought him something to eat.
 The disciples response is what might be expected out of today’s lukewarm church. They seem insensitive to the mission of Jesus and the wonderful work that Jesus had accomplished.
 Jesus begins to explain to them what he meant—
- Jn 4:34.** JESUS (SAID) (TO) THEM, MY (FOOD) IS TO DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME (or to do what the One Who sent Me wants-JNT), AND TO FINISH HIS WORK. **Jn 4:34. JESUS (SAID) (TO) THEM, MY (FOOD) IS. TO DO THE WILL OF HIM THAT SENT ME (or to do what the One Who sent Me wants-JNT), AND TO FINISH HIS WORK.** Two things are included here. One is present, and one is future.
 1-His food was to do His Father’s will and
 2-to finish His Father’s work which would include the cross. Jesus said as He hung on the cross in Jn 19:30- IT IS FINISHED: AND HE BOWED HIS HEAD, AND GAVE UP THE GHOST. That was the finished work of Jesus. Every Christian’s spiritual desire and satisfaction should be to being to completion the Work God has given them to do, for to live is Christ. Seek and save that which is lost. Feed God’s lambs. Feed God’s sheep. Live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, not by bread alone-ref Mt 4:4. Finish the course God has given you to do-ref 2 Tim 4:7. That sir, if you follow Jesus, should be your one and only goal.
 At that present time, His work was to finish what he had started with the woman. The disciples probably did not know that there was more souls coming that needed to be harvested as a result of the woman’s testimony, however Jesus would have known.

Jesus said, not long before he was crucified:

Jn 17:14-I HAVE GIVEN THEM THY WORD; AND THE WORLD HATH HATED THEM, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT OF THE WORLD, EVEN AS I AM NOT OF THE WORLD. AND I HAVE DECLARED UNTO THEM THY NAME, AND WILL DECLARE IT: THAT THE LOVE WHEREWITH THOU HAST LOVED ME MAY BE IN THEM, AND I IN THEM-JN 17:14,17.

Jn 17:4-I HAVE GLORIFIED THEE ON THE EARTH: I HAVE FINISHED THE WORK WHICH THOU GAVEST ME TO DO-JN 17:4.

Paul said before he was killed:

2 Tim 4:5-7-BUT WATCH THOU IN ALL THINGS,
ENDURE AFFLICTIONS,
DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST,
MAKE FULL PROOF OF THY MINISTRY.

FOR I AM NOW READY TO BE OFFERED, AND THE TIME OF MY DEPARTURE IS AT HAND. I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT, **I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE**, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.

Again, let it be said: If you follow Jesus, this should be your one and only goal.

The road that Jesus will lead you on is one of hearing, studying, and obeying His Word. It is a road of learning to obey God and conforming to His image. It is a road of brokenness, self denial-dying to yourself, giving up, humbleness, meekness, childlikeness to correction, hating sin, and hating every evil way. It is a road of learning to fear God, and loving Him with all your heart, soul, mind (or understanding), and strength, and also learning to love thy neighbour as thyself. One learns to love the brethren in Christ.

It is a road of being as a sheep for the slaughter. It is a road of submission. It is a road that leads you to decrease and He is to increase. It is a road where you are no longer the center of your own universe. It is a road where He is the center of your universe. It is a road that says that God is right and I am wrong. It is a road that says God's Word is right and I am wrong. It is a road of daily repentance.

It is a road of following Jesus. It is a road of learning to trust in Jesus and Jesus alone for salvation. It is a road of learning to trust in Jesus for all things, in all situations, and at all times—in both the good times and the worst of times, in sickness and health, in prosperity and in prison facing death. It is a road where one learns to distinguish between the voice of God and the voice of the devil (which is also called the voice of the stranger). It is a road that is full of spiritual warfare. It is a road where one learns to fight the good fight of faith. It is a road of many tears but yet great joy. It is not a road of denominationalism

It is a river that flows contrary to the World of sin and worldliness. It is a road that leads to obedience unto righteousness unto holiness. It is a road that the world does not and cannot understand. It is a road that the world thinks is strange. It is a road that the world despises, hates, and wishes to destroy.

For it is written:

Mt 7:21-27-NOT EVERY ONE THAT SAITH UNTO ME, LORD, LORD, SHALL ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN; BUT HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.

As you follow Jesus, Satan will put all sorts of obstacles and road blocks in your path to hinder you, to discourage you, to scare you, and to try to cause you to turn aside to a road which he has for you to take. This road looks like it is the Lord's road, but in reality it is a road to destruction. It is such a good counterfeit of God's road, that many experts have not been able to tell the difference. Satan's road to destruction often begins with such a slight turn, that it is not recognizable to most. It is a little deviation from God's road that goes undetected. It is a road that when a person's minister, being led by the Spirit of God, tries to tell them they are going a wrong way, that their emotions often flare up and they refuse to believe what they are being told.

Many will make excuses at the judgment, even as they make excuses and justify themselves right now by stating that they have done many wonderful works in the name of Jesus, yet they will perish because the works they did, were their own works. The places they served Jesus was the places they choose, not the places Jesus choose. It is like the football player that played football real good, but he refused to be part of the team that God had chosen for Him to be on. It is like the baseball player that could have been real good, but refused to learn to swing the bat the way his coach told him to do. He

was eventually cut from the team.

Many begin following Jesus, but then as the storms of problems, afflictions, persecutions, hardships, and hurts come; the floods of distractions, temptations, money, success, fame, or lusts come; and the fears and cares of this world come like a hurricane, they get off the road that is lighted with truth that God choose for them to follow. They begin following a road that is lighted with their own headlights. They think they are still following God's will, but the light they follow is their own light, not the Lord's light. They were a wise man, but now have become a foolish man. And as they ignore the warning signs God sends to correct them, they travel further and further into darkness. Yet they think they see because they have their own headlights to light the way, and their own map which they now follow. The fruits of God's Spirit, the fruits of their attitude, and the fruits of their works are not right. Their love for God and the brethren is not Godly love. They are no longer as one with the brethren. Their softness and childlikeness for correction is no longer present as reflected by their lack of repentance. An attitude of finding fault, and accusing certain of God's children often sets in. They become sure they are right even when they are wrong according to God's Word.

They confess that Jesus is their Saviour. They do works in His name, but God tells them at the judgment to depart. They did not continue to obey God. They did not continue to depart from iniquity. They did not finish the course that God gave them, in the way God tried to lead them. They did not continue on the road that God ordained for them. They did not continue to do the will of God. They followed the wrong light, and the wrong road

Jn 6:27-29 tells us what the food of Jesus is. Jesus said: LABOUR NOT (or we may say "Work not" FOR THE MEAT (or we may say "food") WHICH PERISHETH, BUT FOR THAT MEAT WHICH ENDURETH UNTO EVERLASTING LIFE, WHICH THE SON OF MAN SHALL GIVE UNTO YOU: ...That food is to WORK THE WORKS OF GOD. That food includes works intended to give people the opportunity to believe on Jesus Christ as their only hope of salvation, also to feed His lambs and to feed His sheep-ref Jn 21:15,16. Regarding food and clothing Jesus said in Mt 6:25-Mt 6:25.33-TAKE NO THOUGHT FOR YOUR LIFE, WHAT YE SHALL EAT, OR WHAT YE SHALL DRINK; NOR YET FOR YOUR BODY, WHAT YE SHALL PUT ON. BUT SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED UNTO YOU. How hard that command is for people that do not trust in Jesus as they ought. To put it plainly, Jesus was saying, Don't do work for the purpose of providing yourself food to eat and cloths to wear, but rather do work that leads people to eternal life. And if you do work that the Father gives you to do faithfully, He will make sure you have worldly food to eat and cloths to put on. Let God direct your life. Give up the control of your life to Jesus, and He will take care of the rest. Walk by faith, not by sight. This is hard teaching for most as Satan will try to put doubts in your mind as to whether God will really provide. This is also hard teaching for most as people do not want to give up the control of their own lives to someone they cannot see. They have their own plans, objectives, desires and they do not want to give these up. People have lusts. They desire certain comforts, pleasures, and money. They have certain cares of this life and responsibilities. They do not want to yield the control of their life to the unknown.

To walk by faith involves being able to read God's Word and believe what He says, He will do, despite doubting thoughts that bombard them continually. People, however, want the good things of this life now coupled with no problems, persecutions, or hardships. People want more delicious foods, a better house, a newer car, more money, and pleasures. Many also want a better job, a different spouse, and more love and friends. The list is almost endless. The non-Christian life is a life of living for self now, and hoping it will all turn out ok later—but the end thereof is eternal damnation.

Man's very nature is that he will let himself be deceived and sell his soul to get what he wants now, rather than being willing to wait to receive an eternal, glorious inheritance later.

The Bible teaches many problems, persecutions, various hardships, temptations, and surprises await the true born again Christian. The Christian life is a life of sacrifice now, and receiving an eternal inheritance later. Indeed, 1 Cor 2:9 says: Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Man is not to live by bread alone, but by every Word of the Bible. Jesus obeyed His Father. He learned obedience by the things which He suffered-ref Heb 5:8. Now He says to *you*: "FOLLOW ME" and do not look back. What will you do? Learn God's Word. 2 Tim 2:15-STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.

The bottom line is: serve God with a right attitude now and be with God for eternity, or serve your self now, stay deceived, and receive eternal damnation later.

Mt 7:13,14,20-28-Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied IN THY NAME? and IN THY NAME have cast out devils? and IN THY NAME done MANY WONDERFUL WORKS? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Therefore whosoever HEARETH these sayings of mine, and DOETH THEM, I will liken him unto a WISE MAN, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that HEARETH these sayings of mine, and DOETH THEM NOT, shall be likened unto a FOOLISH MAN, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

CORRECTION
SERVE ONLY GOD

In these latter days, the Scriptures tell us that a falling away will take place-ref 2 Thes 2:3. A falling away also indicates that people will not be valiant for Biblical correction.

The Scriptures tell us that two are better than one...for if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow, but woe to him that is alone when he falleth for he hath not another to help him up.

This is telling us—that when you follow Jesus, if you begin to fall, and if you have no one to correct you-woe to you, you will spiritually die. And in the same way, if two of you both fall together, and there is none to correct you and help you up, you will both spiritually die.

It is also saying that when you fall, and you refuse correction, that you are indeed refusing to take hold of the life rope that God is trying to give you to pull you up again. As a result you fall spiritually and perish to hell.

If you don't understand God's Word as it applies to you when you examine yourself, which is the case when a person falls, and you refuse to grab hold of the life saving rope of correction which God gives you through the person that corrects you, whose feet are planted solidly on solid ground—if you won't receive the correction, you are doomed to fall to your death. Your body may be alive, but you are spiritually dead and darkness is your understanding.

When a person is falling, they often do not recognize it because the darkness blinds them as they fall. So then, the person God has put over you according to His Word, whose feet are solidly planted on Jesus, is there to throw you a rope to save your life spiritually. But if you will not take hold of the rope of correction that God is trying to give you, you can expect to fall to your death spiritually. It needed repeating.

Correction is grievous or annoys someone that is going in a direction away from Jesus, but it should be a joy to someone whose heart wants to be more like Jesus.

As I recall, certain people were asked: “Do you want to have a closer walk with Jesus?” Most replied by raising their hands that they did. Then it was said, “This you must do”. Whatever you feel, you must ignore. Whatever you think, you must ignore.

We tend to go by our feelings. Following what we think and feel MUST STOP. We must obey God's Word which usually disagrees with what we think and what we feel.

It is written: HIM ONLY SHALT THOU SERVE-ref Mt 4:10. These words were told TO SATAN by Jesus as Satan tempted Jesus to serve him. These words are for you as Satan tempts you to follow the world and serve the world. Satan uses all sorts of temptations, fears, cares of this world, money, love you have for relatives, love for other things, other emotions, and many devices to lead you astray from serving God with a Biblical attitude as you are called to do.

Mal 3:18-THEN SHALL YE RETURN, AND DISCERN BETWEEN THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED, BETWEEN HIM THAT SERVETH GOD AND HIM THAT SERVETH HIM NOT. The evidence of your true faith is by what you do, say, and think. It is written that if ANY MAN DRAW BACK, MY SOUL SHALL HAVE NO PLEASURE IN

HIM-ref Heb 10:38.

We all have two choices. Serve God or serve the world. Many people try to compromise. They serve the World, their friends, their relatives, themselves, and then they try to fit God into their schedule here and there. That is lukewarm, and the lukewarm perish.

As a Christian we are to have the attitude of Christ. We are to follow Him. Our fruits are to be those of Christ. Our works are to be those of Christ. Our thinking is to be like the thinking of Christ. What we say is to be what Christ would say. What we feel is to be what Christ would feel. When we are corrected we are to be obedient to that correction for it is written Jesus learned obedience-ref Heb 5:8. How you act-it should be like Christ in all situations.

To go toward Christ is to go contrary to the world and its circumstances. To go toward Christ is often contrary to your emotions and thoughts

Do you try to fit serving God into the time you have available from your worldly obligations? or do you fit your worldly obligations into the time you have left after serving God?

God gets a person out of their difficult circumstances to serve him. If a person needs a vehicle, or some other item to fulfill His purpose, He will provide. But woe to that person that God provides these things to, and they do not use than as God's Word directs. Each born again Christian is on this earth for His purpose, not their own purpose.

Is your focus mainly on Jesus or on self? Is your focus mainly on your difficult worldly situation (as was Martha's), or on Jesus (as was Mary's)?

Is serving relatives, your job, or other things first and Jesus second, or is Jesus first and everything else second? What is most of your thoughts centered on? Where is most of your time spent? What schedule best fits into your schedule. Is it a schedule centered on serving God, or is it a schedule centered on serving other things? And do you love correction when it tells you that you are going in a wrong direction and points you more toward Jesus, or does it annoy you? Is your focus mainly on yourself and your world. Correction can annoy or bother or make a person uptight that is going in a wrong direction. Correction is grievous to him that forsakes God's way.

Our future is in God's hands. If what we do and think is not inline with a spiritual mind, then how can we be pleasing God? And if we want God's favor, let us not be found to be walking or running in a direction away from God. If we walk contrary to God, he will walk contrary to us. If we draw closer to God, He will draw closer to us.

We all need to examine ourselves and our thinking and attitude. Which is really more important to us? Is our job, our family, our friends, our relatives, the center of our universe, or is it Jesus? Where are our thoughts most of the time. Where do we spend most of our time? If we spend most of our time, indeed if most of our thoughts are on carnal or worldly things, then our thoughts cannot be on Jesus most of the time. If you choose to deceive yourself, you may perish.

Your life is to be hid with Christ in God-Col 3:3. To live is Christ-Phili 1:21. Fear God and depart from worldliness. You will be judged and all your excuses that you make to justify why you did not follow Him as you ought to have, will do you no good. You are either following Jesus or you are not. You may not be following Jesus as you ought because of fear, or compassion for your relatives or friends, or your concern over some situation. You may be in a difficult situation. Nevertheless, all your seemingly good excuses now, will do you no good at the judgment. Paul had extremely difficult circumstances in following Jesus, but it did not deter him. He counted everything lost, even his life, for Jesus. Do you?

You either follow Jesus and serve Him with a right attitude according to God's Word or you don't. You will be found innocent or guilty according to God's Word, not according to your self justification.

Paul would truly say that to be beaten and in prison in the will of God is better than to be a free man and out of the will of God. Do you see it this way?

Jesus would truly say that it is better to be crucified and die a horrible death and thus be in the will of His Father, than to follow the adversary and gain all the kingdoms of this world. Would you say that of yourself?

Fight the good fight of trust and faith, lest you fall by the wayside and be found guilty by God's Word and before a holy God. Fight the good fight of faith is a command, not a suggestion. A person's difficult circumstances and obstacles are put in your way to test you, to see if you will follow Jesus. Those that pass these tests will have eternal glory. Those that fail, will have eternal damnation for it is those that overcome all things that shall inherit eternal life. A person's difficult circumstances will not help you to be found innocent on the day of judgment. If anyone loves that which God creates more than God himself, they are in great, great danger spiritually.

Jn 4:31-As has been said previously to some extent: Jesus had said I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Jesus' meat

which gave him spiritual nourishment and satisfaction was to do the will of the Father and to finish or complete His work.

Jesus talking to Peter said the following (para): Peter, do you truly love me? Peter was grieved. For Jesus had said in retrospect three times: if you love me feed my lambs/or sheep. Finish the course that God has for you to do and do not be entangled in the affairs of this life. You are being warned right now by God's Word. Do not be entangled in the affairs of this life. Be only entangled in the affairs of Jesus for Jesus is your life.

Paul spent much time in jail. To the best of our knowledge, many of the apostles spent time in jail. Jesus was put in jail. As we understand, 11 of the 12 apostles died a violent death. Now ask yourself, which is better? To be in jail and be in the will of God, or to be in the world to do as you want but to perish in the end. If you had to make that choice, what would be your answer??? Don't work for the meat which perishes but rather work for the meat that endures unto everlasting life-ref Jn 21:15, etc.

The verses continue—

Jn 4:35. (DO YOU NOT SAY-NIV), THERE ARE (STILL) FOUR MONTHS (more), AND THEN (COMES) (the) HARVEST? BEHOLD, I SAY (TO) YOU, (OPEN) UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE (or ripe) ALREADY TO HARVEST.

Jn 4:35. (DO YOU NOT SAY-NIV), THERE ARE (STILL) FOUR MONTHS (more), AND THEN (COMES) (the) HARVEST? Farmers know there is a time between sowing the seed and the harvest. Jesus uses a term that would be understood clearly in Israel: four months and then comes the harvest. In other words to not delay or make excuses. The time is right now. Jesus often uses figurative language that the common people can understand but the proud do not understand. Jesus continues—

BEHOLD, I SAY (TO) YOU. Jesus is making it clear that He is personally telling His disciples to—
(OPEN) UP YOUR EYES. In other words wake up, look, and understand. Open your eyes and see—
AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS. Jesus is using this easy to understand language in telling his disciples to look at the people that are coming to be harvested as a farmer would look at the crops to be harvested. Don't delay—
FOR THEY ARE WHITE (or ripe)

ALREADY TO HARVEST. In other words, the time is at hand, right now. The harvest has come quickly. The people are ripe or ready to harvest. They are ready to hear God's Word and respond so they might be saved or harvested, right now. The Samaritans would be coming as a result of the what the woman had told them happened to her at the well. Jesus knew they were coming and ready. His priority was not food, it was doing the work which His Father had set before Him. One wonders, that as He spoke these words if perhaps the disciples could see the multitude of people coming to be harvested. The verses continues—

Jn 4:36. AND HE THAT (REAPS) (RECEIVES) WAGES, AND (HARVESTS THE CROP) (FOR) LIFE ETERNAL: (so) THAT BOTH HE THAT (SOWS) AND HE THAT (REAPS) MAY (BE GLAD) TOGETHER.

Jn 4:36. AND HE THAT (REAPS) (RECEIVES) WAGES. Those that serve the Lord have a promise of rewards or wages.
AND (HARVESTS THE CROP). The person that reaps and harvests the crop receives wages—
(FOR) LIFE ETERNAL. The harvested crop is for eternal life—
(so) THAT BOTH HE THAT (SOWS) AND HE THAT (REAPS)

MAY (BE GLAD) TOGETHER. There are two involved. There is one that sows the seed (which is the Word of God). Then there is one that brings in the harvest when it is ripe which is souls for eternal life. Harvest time is a time of great joy. Both the person that sows the Word of God and the person that reaps the harvest may be glad together.

When harvesting, much work needs to be done in a short time. If the harvest is done too late, much of the crop can be lost. If the harvest is done too soon, when the crop is not ready, then much of the crop is no good. There is a time for sowing the seed. There is a time for harvesting the crop.

Jesus is the Lord of the harvest-ref Mt 9:38.

Lk 12:2 tells us: THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW: PRAY YE THEREFORE THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THAT HE WOULD SEND FORTH LABOURERS INTO HIS HARVEST.

The following you should read:

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WAGES
GROWING IN THE LORD
PROBLEMS FOR THOSE THAT FOLLOW JESUS

STRONG MEATPAUL'S DEATHCRUCIFIXION OF JESUS-OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

There can be times when the wages come in slowly. For the individual, there may be times of famine, little food, and difficult times. It is a test to see if you will follow Jesus, or turn back. It may go on for several week, or a couple years.

For ministries, there can be times when the mail sits on the shelf for months because there is not enough postage money to send it out. There can be times when certain equipment is needed, and the means to get it is very slow in coming. One learns to trust the Lord. One learns patience, to wait upon the Lord. All this does happen according to God's time table, not mans. Then there are things that break down. It is not uncommon for brand new items to be defective when purchased for the Lord's use. It is not uncommon for repairmen to have to repair equipment more than once. It is not uncommon that some books you publish, may get destroyed, or lost in the mail.

Then there are other times when surprises happen. Unexpected blessings come in. God may tell someone to get ready to go overseas, yet there is no money. Then in an instant God has made a way. There may be times when a person is in a third world country preaching the Gospel, and the money is down to just a few dollars. There is not even enough for bus ticket. Then at the last moment of the last day, a miracle happens and God makes a way. There may be times when missiles are coming down around you. You may be going through mine fields to preach the Gospel to terrorists, not knowing if you will be blown up. These are the people guarding you. They have weapons but yet they want you to bring them the Gospel. As one walks with the Lord, one learns to trust in Him for all things. Total and complete trust does not come the instant a person asks Jesus to be their Lord and Saviour. It is a growing process and there are growing pains. One has to learn obedience. One has to learn patience. By believing the Scriptures and by reason of use a born-again Christian matures as it is written: Heb 5:14-But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Through many set backs, unsuspecting wolfs coming in among you, temptations, obstacles, persecutions, threats, and detours that Satan throws at us, and the unexpected, as one keeps their eyes on Jesus, prays, fasts, cries, and stays in God's Word they survive the onslaught from Satan. Then for some, in the middle of the worst storm, there comes unexpected injuries, or the death of some loved one. Yes, there is great, great joy and peace in following Jesus. But there are also times of great fears and many tears.

A born again Christian, that lets their light so shine before men, needs to understand—the World hates Jesus. The world hates the Bible. The world is going down stream at a rapid rate, while the Christian tries to paddle against the current going up stream. Yet the Lord is with us, every step of the way, even though there seems like times when He is not.

Paul said: We are **troubled** on every side, yet not distressed; we are **perplexed**, but not in despair; **Persecuted**, but not forsaken; **cast down**, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had **no rest**, but we were **troubled on every side**; without were **fightings**, **within were fears**-2 Cor 4:8-11, 2 Cor 7:5. As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; **we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter**-Ro 8:36

As problems come, others fall by the wayside but the darkness that comes on them blinds them to the fact that they have fallen.. Of those that fall by the wayside, only a few return, and of those that do return, most never seem to reach the level of faith that they once had.

There are exceptions. Satan is a master at deceiving people in their hearts and thoughts-ref Rev 12:9.

We might compare the journey God has called us to take in the following manner.

A person has a car, ready to race. The race is 1000 miles long. The race starts. There are good roads and bumpy roads. There are unexpected detours. Some are good detours, some are obstacles that leads to bridges out. As the race continues, the fenders get scratched up. The car gets some dents. The motor starts to malfunction. The breaks begin to fail. There are great storms the car goes through. The battery begins to fail and the lights dim. The driver gets tired and wants to quit. But he endures to the end, finishes the race.

When Paul finished his race, he must have been very frail. His body must have been scared from the many beatings he endured. He must have been in constant pain. His journey is outlined in 2 Cor 11:23-33. As the day of his death drew near, one can hear him saying: 2 Tim 4:7,8-I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH: HENCEFORTH THERE IS LAID UP FOR ME 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.

Then the blade comes down. His head rolls in the dust. That sir is faith.

Then there is Jesus. As the end approaches He said in Jn 17:4-I HAVE GLORIFIED THEE ON THE EARTH: I HAVE FINISHED THE WORK WHICH THOU GAVEST ME TO DO. Jesus was asked by the high priest, ART THOU THE CRIEST THE SOM OF THE BLESSED? AND JESUS SAID, I AM. THEY ANSWERED...HE IS GUILTY OF DEATH-Mk 14:61, Mt 26:66. AND THE MEN THAT HELD JESUS MOCKED HIM AND SMOTE HIM-Lk 22:63. They SPIT IN HIS FACE AND STRUCK HIM WITH THEIR FISTS and OTHERS SLAPPED HIM AND SAID, PROPHECY TO US, CHRIST. WHO HIT YOU-Mt 26:67. And then THE...SOLDIERS TWISTED TOGETHER A CROWN OF THORNS AND PUT IT ON HIS HEAD...AND STRUCK HIM IN THE FACE-Jn 19:3. AGAIN AND AGAIN THEY STRUCK HIM ON THE HEAD WITH A STAFF AND SPIT ON HIM...AND...MOCKED HIM-Mk 15:19. Then Pilate HE HAD JESUS FLOGGED AND HANDED HIM OVER TO BE CRUCIFIED-Mk 15:15 NIV.

HE WAS TAKEN FROM PRISON AND FROM JUDGMENT AND WHO SHALL DECLARE HIS GENERATION. FOR HE WAS CUT OUT OF THE LAND OF THE LIVING. FOR THE TRANSGRESSION OF MY PEOPLE WAS HE STRICKEN-Isa 53:8.

As Jesus went to the cross he had been beaten severely. He had been spit upon, hit, mocked, laughed at. Blood undoubtably covered his face from the crown of thorns. He was too weak to carry his cross. His beard had been ripped off his face. As you should see ahead, his appearance was so bad, it was beyond human likeness.

AND **THEY CRUCIFIED HIM** AND PARTED HIS GARMENTS CASTING LOTS THAT IT MIGHT BE FULFILLED WHICH WAS SPOKEN BY THE PROPHET-Mt 27:35. THEY DIVIDE MY GARMENTS AMONG THEM AND CAST LOTS FOR MY CLOTHING Ps 22:18 NIV.

HE IS DESPISED AND REJECTED OF MEN. A MAN OF SORROWS AND ACQUAINTED WITH GRIEF. AND WE HID AS IT WERE OUR FACES FROM HIM. HE WAS DESPISED, AND WE ESTEEMED HIM NOT-Isa 53:3. SURELY HE HAS BORN OUR GRIEFS AND CARRIED OUR SORROWS. YET WE DID ESTEEM HIM STRICKEN, SMITTEN OF GOD, AND AFFLICTED-Isa 53:4. BUT HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS. HE WAS BRUISED FOR OUR INIQUITIES. THE PUNISHMENT THAT BROUGHT US PEACE WAS UPON HIM. AND WITH HIS STRIPES (or wounds) WE ARE HEALED-Isa 53:5 KJV, NIV.

THUS SAITH THE LORD, THE REDEEMER OF ISRAEL AND HIS HOLY ONE. TO HIM WHOM MAN DESPISETH, TO HIM WHOM THE NATION ABHORRETH...-Isa 49:7. I GAVE MY BACK TO THE SMITTERS (to those who beat me-NIV) MY CHEEKS TO THOSE WHO **PULLED OUT MY BEARD**-Isa 50:6 NIV. I HID NOT MY FACE FROM SHAME AND SPITTING-KJV. BUT I AM A WORM AND NO MAN. A REPROACH OF MEN AND DESPISED OF THE PEOPLE-Ps 22:6. ALL WHO SEE ME MOCK ME. THEY HURL INSULTS SHAKING THEIR HEADS SAYING-Ps 22:7 NIV. HE TRUSTED ON THE LORD THAT HE WOULD DELIVER HIM. LET HIM DELIEVER HIM SEEING HE DELIGHTED IN HIM-Ps 22:8. YET THOU BROUGHT ME OUT OF THE WOMB. YOU MADE ME TRUST IN YOU, EVEN AT MY MOTHER'S BREAST-Ps 22:9 NIV. I WAS CAST UPON THEE FROM THE WOMB. THOU ART MY GOD FROM MY MOTHER'S BELLY-Ps 22:10. BE NOT FAR FROM ME FOR TROUBLE IS NEAR, FOR THERE IS NONE TO HELP-Ps 22:11.

MANY BULLS HAVE COMPASSED ME. STRONG BULLS OF BASHAM HAVE BESET ME ROUND-Ps 22:12. THEY GAPED UPON ME WITH THEIR MOUTHS, AS A RAVENING AND A ROARING LION-Ps 22:13. I AM Poured OUT LIKE WATER, AND ALL MY BONES ARE OUT OF JOINT. MY HEART IS LIKE WAX. IT IS MELTED IN THE MIDST OF MY BOWLS-Ps 22:14. MY STRENGTH IS DRIED UP LIKE A POTSHERD, AND MY TONGUE CLEAVETH TO MY JAWS AND THOU HAST BROUGHT ME INTO THE DUST OF DEATH-Ps 22:15. FOR DOGS HAVE COMPASSED ME. THE ASSEMBLY OF THE WICKED HAVE ENCLOSED ME. THEY PIERCED MY HANDS AND MY FEET-Ps 22:16. I MAY TELL ALL MY BONES. THEY LOOK AND STARE UPON ME-Ps 22:17.

THEY GAVE ME ALSO GALL FOR MY MEAT AND IN MY THIRST THEY GAVE ME VINEGAR TO DRINK-Ps 69:21. AND WHEN HE HAD TASTED THEREOF, HE WOULD NOT DRINK-Mt 27:34. MANY WERE APPALLED AT HIM. **HIS APPEARANCE WAS DO DISFIGURED BEYOND THAT OF ANY MAN, AND HIS FACE MARRED BEYOND HUMAN LIKENESS**-Isa 52:14 NIV.

And Jesus said: MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAST THOU FORSAKEN ME. WHY ART THOU SO FAR FROM HELPING ME AND SO FAR FROM THE WORDS OF MY (GROANING-NIV) PS 22:1. Jesus said, IT IS FINISHED-Jn

19:30. AND WHEN JESUS HAD CRIED WITH A LOUD VOICE, HE SAID, FATHER INTO THY HANDS I COMMEND MY SPIRIT AND HAVING SAID THUS, HE GAVE UP THE GHOST-Lk 23:46.

THEN CAME THE SOLDIERS AND BREAK THE LEGS OF THE FIRST AND OF THE OTHER WHICH WAS CRICIFIED WITH HIM-Jn 19:22. BUT WHEN THEY CAME TO JESUS AND SAW THAT HE WAS DEAD ALREADY, THE BREAK NOT HIS LEGS-Jn 19:33. THAT THE SCRIPTURE SHOULD BE FULFILLED-Jn 19:36. HE KEEPEETH ALL HIS BONES. NOT ONE OF THEM IS BROKEN-Ps 34:24. And also THEY SHALL LEAVE NONE OF IT UNTIL THE MORNING, NOR BREAK ANY BONE OF IT-Num 19:12. BUT ONE OF THE SOLDIERS WITH A SPEAR PIERCED HIS SIDE AND FORTHWITH CAME THERE OUT BLOOD AND WATER-Jn 19:34. For ANOTHER SCRIPTURE SAITH-Jn 19:37, THEY SHALL LOOK UPON ME WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED-Zech 12:10.

HE SHALL SEE THE (SUFFERING-NIV) OF HIS SOUL AND SHALL BE SATISFIED. BY HIS KNOWLEDGE SHALL MY RIGHTEOUS SERVANT JUSTIFY MANY, FOR HE SHALL BEAR THEIR INIQUITIES-Isa 53:11. ALL WE LIKE SHEPP HAVE GONE ASTRAY. WE HAVE TURNED, EVERYONE TO HIS OWN WAY, AND THE LORD HATH LAID UPON HIM THE INIQUITY OF US ALL-Isa 53:6. YET IT PLEASED THE LORD TO (CRUSH-NIV) HIM. (TO CAUSE HIM TO SUFFER-NIV). WHEN THOU SHALT MAKE HIS SOUL AN OFFERING FOR SIN. HE SHALL SEE HIS (OFFSPTING-NIV). HE SHALL PROLONG HIS DAYS AND THE WILL OF THE LORD WILL PROSPER IN HIS HAND-Isa 53:10. THEREFORE WILL I DIVIDE HIM A PORTION WITH THE GREAT AND HE SHALL DIVIDE THE SPOIL WITH THE STRONG BECAUSE HE HATH Poured OUT HIS SOUL UNTO DEATH. AND HE WAS NUMBERED WITH THE TRANSGRESSORS AND HE BEAR THE SINS OF MANY, AND MADE INTERCESSION FOR THE TRANSGRESSORS-Isa 53:12. AND HE MADE HIS GRAVE WITH THE WICKED, AND WITH THE RICH IN HIS DEATH BECAUSE HE HAD DONE NO VIOLENCE, NEITHER WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH-Isa 53:9.

(And) JOSEPH...LAID HIM IN A SEPULCHRE-Mk 15:43.

Are you ready to follow Jesus. Are you ready to go through what He did?

Are you ready to go through what Paul went through?

Many are called, but only a few chosen. Which will you be?

Ro 8:18-FOR I RECKON THAT THE SUFFERINGS OF THIS PRESENT TIME ARE NOT WORTHY TO BE COMPARED WITH THE GLORY WHICH SHALL BE REVEALED IN US.

The verses continue—

Jn 4:37. AND (IN THIS) IS THAT SAYING TRUE, ONE (SOWS), AND ANOTHER (REAPS).

Jn 4:37. AND (IN THIS) IS THAT SAYING TRUE, ONE (SOWS),

AND ANOTHER (REAPS). There is one that sows the seed (the Word of God) and another that reaps the harvest which is souls. The town’s people were coming. The disciples had the rewarding experience of leading others to Jesus Christ. Others had done the work of sowing. Jesus had sowed the Word. The woman had sowed her testimony.

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SEED IS THE WORD
SEED IS NOT MONEY

In this latter day, lukewarm, deceived generation, there are many preachers, radio and television evangelists that are telling their listeners to sow their seed which is money. They are doing this to raise funds for their ministries. This is happening a great deal and is often intense. Some evangelists even go so far as to make extravagant promises of health, wealth, and other things to those that give money (or seed) to their ministry. In some cases a person may begin to feel guilty if they do not give their seed or money to a certain ministry. One might find that people are so deceived by this that if a person would ask them what the word “seed” means in relation to the Word of God, they would answer that seed means money.

In most cases, they talk far more about money than they do about repentance. Some may try to make a person feel guilty if they don’t contribute to their ministry by indicating that if the person doesn’t give, they have no faith. They may ask them to make a faith promise of giving money.

Some may call your home phone and ask you to make a promise of giving so much money. If you fail to do so, they can become quite overbearing.

Yet others may ask the people to wave their money in the air in a crusade before they give it in the offering. They believe

the people will give more money this way.

The information provided here is not to judge any ministry, if it is of God. It is to help a person understand what the words *seed* and *seeds* mean according to God's Word.

Let us examine the word *seed* or *seeds* as it is used in the New Testament and see if they mean money.

The word "seed" appears in the New Testament approximately 55 times. The word seeds appears about 4 times.

The Strong's exhaustive concordance of the Bible lists these words under 4 categories: #4687, 4690, 4701, and 4703.

#4687. To scatter, i.e. sow—sow (er), receive seed. There is no indication here that it means money.

#4690. Something sown, i.e. seed (includ. The male "sperm" by impl offspring; spec a remnant (fig, as if kept over for planting):—issue, seed. There is no indication here that it means money.

#4701. A sowing, i.e. (by impl.) parentage:—seed. There is no indication here that it means money.

#4703. A scattering (of seed), i.e. (concr.) seed (as sown):—seed (X sown). There is no indication here that it means money. *Which is preached **more** on television—in this wretched, miserable, and blind church age generation? Is it repentance, or is it asking for your money?*

THE BIBLE TELLS US THE FOLLOWING IN RELATION TO THE WORD SEED

THE WORD **SEED** MEANS THE WORD OF GOD.

Mt 13:19, 20; 22, 23—WHEN ANY ONE HEARETH THE WORD OF THE KINGDOM, AND UNDERSTANDETH IT NOT, THEN COMETH THE WICKED ONE, AND CATCHETH AWAY THAT WHICH WAS SOWN IN HIS HEART. THIS IS HE WHICH RECEIVED **SEED** BY THE WAY SIDE. BUT HE THAT RECEIVED THE **SEED** INTO STONY PLACES, THE SAME IS HE THAT HEARETH THE WORD, AND ANON WITH JOY RECEIVETH IT; HE ALSO THAT RECEIVED **SEED** AMONG THE THORNS IS HE THAT HEARETH THE WORD; AND THE CARE OF THIS WORLD, AND THE DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES, CHOKETH THE WORD, AND HE BECOMETH UNFRUITFUL. BUT HE THAT RECEIVED **SEED** INTO THE GOOD GROUND IS HE THAT HEARETH THE WORD, AND UNDERSTANDETH IT; WHICH ALSO BEARETH FRUIT, AND BRINGETH FORTH, SOME AN HUNDREDFOLD, SOME SIXTY, SOME THIRTY.

Lk 8:5. A SOWER WENT OUT TO SOW HIS **SEED**: AND AS HE SOWED, SOME FELL BY THE WAY SIDE; AND IT WAS TRODDEN DOWN, AND THE FOWLS OF THE AIR DEVoured IT.

Lk 8:11. NOW THE PARABLE IS THIS: THE **SEED** IS THE WORD OF GOD.

Note that the seed is not money.

THE **GOOD SEED** ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM

Mt 13:24, 27—ANOTHER PARABLE PUT HE FORTH UNTO THEM, SAYING, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKENED UNTO A MAN WHICH SOWED GOOD **SEED** IN HIS FIELD: SO THE SERVANTS OF THE HOUSEHOLDER CAME AND SAID UNTO HIM, SIR, DIDST NOT THOU SOW GOOD **SEED** IN THY FIELD? FROM WHENCE THEN HATH IT TARES?

Mt 13:28-30. The good seed is the wheat that is gathered into God's barn at harvest time which are the born against Christians.

Mt 13:38. Jesus said: THE GOOD **SEED** ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM.

The seed does not represent money.

FAITH AS A GRAIN OF MUSTARD **SEED**

Mt 17:20—AND JESUS SAID UNTO THEM, BECAUSE OF YOUR UNBELIEF: FOR VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, IF YE HAVE FAITH AS A GRAIN OF MUSTARD **SEED**, YE SHALL SAY UNTO THIS MOUNTAIN, REMOVE HENCE TO YONDER PLACE; AND IT SHALL REMOVE; AND NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE UNTO YOU.

The seed does not represent money. Note the words FAITH AS A GRAIN OF MUSTARD **SEED**.

Lk 17:6—AND THE LORD SAID, IF YE HAD FAITH AS A GRAIN OF MUSTARD **SEED**, YE MIGHT SAY UNTO THIS SYCAMINE TREE, BE THOU PLUCKED UP BY THE ROOT, AND BE THOU PLANTED IN THE SEA; AND IT SHOULD OBEY YOU.

The seed does not represent money.

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE TO A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED

Mt 13:31; ref Lk 13:19-ANOTHER PARABLE PUT HE FORTH UNTO THEM, SAYING, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE TO A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED, WHICH A MAN TOOK, AND SOWED IN HIS FIELD.

Mk 4:30-AND HE SAID, WHEREUNTO SHALL WE LIKEN THE KINGDOM OF GOD? OR WITH WHAT COMPARISON SHALL WE COMPARE IT? IT IS LIKE A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED, WHICH, WHEN IT IS SOWN IN THE EARTH, IS LESS THAN ALL THE SEEDS THAT BE IN THE EARTH.

The mustard seed does not represent money.

SEED MEANS SEED TO CONCEIVE A CHILD

Heb 11:11-THROUGH FAITH ALSO SARA HERSELF RECEIVED STRENGTH TO CONCEIVE SEED, AND WAS DELIVERED OF A CHILD WHEN SHE WAS PAST AGE, BECAUSE SHE JUDGED HIM FAITHFUL WHO HAD PROMISED.

The seed does not represent money.

SEED MEANS OFFSPRING

Mt 22:24; ref Mk 12:19, ref Lk 20:28-SAYING, MASTER, MOSES SAID, IF A MAN DIE, HAVING NO CHILDREN, HIS BROTHER SHALL MARRY HIS WIFE, AND RAISE UP SEED UNTO HIS BROTHER.

Lk 1:55-AS HE SPAKE TO OUR FATHERS, TO ABRAHAM, AND TO HIS SEED FOR EVER.

Jn 7:42-HATH NOT THE SCRIPTURE SAID, THAT CHRIST COMETH OF THE SEED OF DAVID, AND OUT OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, WHERE DAVID WAS?

Jn 8:33, 37-THEY ANSWERED HIM, WE BE ABRAHAM'S SEED, AND WERE NEVER IN BONDAGE TO ANY MAN: HOW SAYEST THOU, YE SHALL BE MADE FREE? Jn 8:37-I KNOW THAT YE ARE ABRAHAM'S SEED; BUT YE SEEK TO KILL ME, BECAUSE MY WORD HATH NO PLACE IN YOU.

Acts 3:25-YE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE PROPHETS, AND OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD MADE WITH OUR FATHERS, SAYING UNTO ABRAHAM, AND IN THY SEED SHALL ALL THE KINDREDS OF THE EARTH BE BLESSED.

Acts 7:5-AND HE GAVE HIM NONE INHERITANCE IN IT, NO, NOT SO MUCH AS TO SET HIS FOOT ON: YET HE PROMISED THAT HE WOULD GIVE IT TO HIM FOR A POSSESSION, AND TO HIS SEED AFTER HIM, WHEN AS YET HE HAD NO CHILD.

Acts 7:6-AND GOD SPAKE ON THIS WISE, THAT HIS SEED SHOULD SOJOURN IN A STRANGE LAND; AND THAT THEY SHOULD BRING THEM INTO BONDAGE, AND ENTREAT THEM EVIL FOUR HUNDRED YEARS.

Ro 1:3-CONCERNING HIS SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHICH WAS MADE OF THE SEED OF DAVID ACCORDING TO THE FLESH.

Ro 9:7-NEITHER, BECAUSE THEY ARE THE SEED OF ABRAHAM, ARE THEY ALL CHILDREN: BUT, IN ISAAC SHALL THY SEED BE CALLED.

Ro 9:8-THAT IS, THEY WHICH ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE FLESH, THESE ARE NOT THE CHILDREN OF GOD: BUT THE CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE ARE COUNTED FOR THE SEED.

Gal 3:16-NOW TO ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED WERE THE PROMISES MADE. HE SAITH NOT, AND TO SEEDS, AS OF MANY; BUT AS OF ONE, AND TO THY SEED, WHICH IS CHRIST.

Other verses using the word seed denoting offspring are: Acts 13:23; Ro 4:13, 16, 18; Ro 9:29; Ro 11:1; 2 Cor 11:22; Gal 3:29; 2 Tim 2:8.

SEED MEANS OFFSPRING OR CHILDREN

Rev 12:17-AND THE DRAGON WAS WROTH WITH THE WOMAN, AND WENT TO MAKE WAR WITH THE REMNANT OF HER SEED, WHICH KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, AND HAVE THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST.

SEED MEANS PROMISED OFFSPRING

Heb 11:17-18-BY FAITH ABRAHAM, WHEN HE WAS TRIED, OFFERED UP ISAAC: AND HE THAT HAD RECEIVED THE PROMISES OFFERED UP HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, OF WHOM IT WAS SAID, THAT IN ISAAC SHALL THY **SEED** BE CALLED.

SEED MEANS THE ONE THAT SHOULD COME

Gal 3:19-WHEREFORE THEN SERVETH THE LAW? IT WAS ADDED BECAUSE OF TRANSGRESSIONS, TILL THE **SEED** SHOULD COME TO WHOM THE PROMISE WAS MADE; AND IT WAS ORDAINED BY ANGELS IN THE HAND OF A MEDIATOR.

SEED MEANS A PERSON OR PEOPLE

1 Cor 15:37-38-AND THAT WHICH THOU SOWEST, THOU SOWEST NOT THAT BODY THAT SHALL BE, BUT BARE GRAIN, IT MAY CHANCE OF WHEAT, OR OF SOME OTHER GRAIN: BUT GOD GIVETH IT A BODY AS IT HATH PLEASSED HIM, AND TO EVERY **SEED** HIS OWN BODY.

SEED CAN MEAN FLESH AND BLOOD OR PHYSICAL NATURE.

Heb 2:16-FOR VERILY HE TOOK NOT ON HIM THE NATURE OF ANGELS; BUT HE TOOK ON HIM THE **SEED** OF ABRAHAM.

SEED MEANS SEED THAT CAN DECAY: CORRUPTIBLE SEED ALSO INCORRUPTIBLE SEED-THAT WHICH CANNOT DECAY

1 Pe 1:22-25-SEEING YE HAVE PURIFIED YOUR SOULS IN OBEYING THE TRUTH THROUGH THE SPIRIT UNTO UNFEIGNED LOVE OF THE BRETHREN, SEE THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER WITH A PURE HEART FERVENTLY: BEING BORN AGAIN, NOT OF CORRUPTIBLE **SEED**, BUT OF INCORRUPTIBLE, BY THE WORD OF GOD, WHICH LIVETH AND ABIDETH FOR EVER. FOR ALL FLESH IS AS GRASS, AND ALL THE GLORY OF MAN AS THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERETH, AND THE FLOWER THEREOF FALLETH AWAY: BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOR EVER. AND THIS IS THE WORD WHICH BY THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED UNTO YOU.

SEED MEANS SEED PLANTED IN A GARDEN

MK 4:26, 27-AND HE SAID, SO IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AS IF A MAN SHOULD CAST **SEED** INTO THE GROUND; AND SHOULD SLEEP, AND RISE NIGHT AND DAY, AND THE **SEED** SHOULD SPRING AND GROW UP, HE KNOWETH NOT HOW.

SEED MEANS SEED PLANTED BY GOD. IT CAN CARRY THE MEANING OF GOD'S WORD

1 Jn 3:9-WHOSOEVER IS BORN OF GOD DOTH NOT COMMIT SIN; FOR HIS **SEED** REMAINETH IN HIM: AND HE CANNOT SIN, BECAUSE HE IS BORN OF GOD.

A born again person should not practice sin. His repentant life should be committed to God. Being defensive and making excuses for sin is wrong as it is sin itself. Confessing, humbling oneself, forsaking and renouncing sin should be the ways of the true born again person.

SEED MEANS THAT WHICH A MAN PLANTS IN HIS FIELD OR THAT WHICH YOU NEED (OR CHARITABLE GIVING TO THE POOR)

Some misuse these verses in trying to pressure people to give money to their ministries.

Some misuse these verses by indicating that giving money to their ministries is an indicator of a person's faith. Some misuse these and other verses by indicating a person shall receive back what they give and even more money than they give. They seem to use a person's desire for financial gain and wealth (or covetousness) to try and entice a person to give more money to their ministries.

Some seem to go so far as to indicate that a person will not be able to get healed by God unless they give money to their

ministry or pay for some object.

Some try to get a person to make a promise or oath that they will give certain amounts of money to their ministries.

Some even misuse these and other verses by using the term-seed faith.

The misuse of Scripture in this lukewarm, blind generation seems to get worse and worse each year.

A few even go so far as to have people hold up money in a service so all can see what they will give. Then they ask the people to bring up the money publicly to the front.

In no way are we trying to imply that a person should not give to ministries **that are being led of God.**

A person should indeed give as verse 7 states.

2 Cor 9:4-15-LEST HAPLY IF THEY OF MACEDONIA COME WITH ME, AND FIND YOU UNPREPARED, (THAT WE SAY NOT, YE) SHOULD BE ASHAMED IN THIS SAME CONFIDENT BOASTING.

5-THEREFORE I THOUGHT IT NECESSARY TO EXHORT (or urge) THE BRETHREN, THAT THEY WOULD GO BEFORE UNTO YOU (or go ahead of me), AND MAKE UP BEFOREHAND YOUR BOUNTY (or promised gift), WHEREOF YE HAD NOTICE BEFORE, THAT THE SAME MIGHT BE READY, AS A MATTER OF BOUNTY (or a genuine gift), AND NOT AS OF COVETOUSNESS (or not something extracted by pressure).

6-BUT THIS I SAY, HE WHICH SOWETH (or plants) SPARINGLY SHALL REAP (or harvest) ALSO SPARINGLY; AND HE WHICH SOWETH BOUNTIFULLY SHALL REAP ALSO BOUNTIFULLY.

7-EVERY MAN ACCORDING AS HE PURPOSETH (or decided) IN HIS HEART, SO LET HIM GIVE; **NOT GRUDGINGLY, OR OF NECESSITY (or under compulsion): FOR GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER.**

8-AND GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE ALL GRACE ABOUND TOWARD YOU (or provide you with every gracious gift); THAT YE, ALWAYS (IN EVERY WAY WILL HAVE ALL YOU NEED YOURSELVES AND BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ABUNDANTLY FOR EVERY GOOD CAUSE-JNT).

9-(HE GAVE GENEROUSLY TO THE POOR; HIS TZEDAKAH [or righteousness or charitable giving] LASTS FOREVER-JNT).

10-HE (which is God) WHO PROVIDES BOTH **SEED** FOR THE PLANTER AND BREAD FOR FOOD WILL SUPPLY AND MULTIPLY YOUR **SEED** AND INCREASE THE HARVEST OF YOUR TZEDAKAH [or righteousness or charitable giving]-JNT)

11-BEING ENRICHED IN EVERY THING (SO YOU CAN BE GENEROUS IN EVERYTHING-JNT). (AND THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY WILL CAUSE PEOPLE TO THANK YOU-JNT).

12-FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SERVICE NOT ONLY SUPPLIETH THE WANT OF THE SAINTS, BUT IS ABUNDANT ALSO BY MANY THANKSGIVINGS UNTO GOD;

13-WHILES BY THE EXPERIMENT OF THIS MINISTRATION THEY GLORIFY GOD FOR YOUR PROFESSED SUBJECTION UNTO THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, AND FOR YOUR LIBERAL DISTRIBUTION UNTO THEM, AND UNTO ALL MEN;

14-AND BY THEIR PRAYER FOR YOU, WHICH LONG AFTER YOU FOR THE EXCEEDING GRACE OF GOD IN YOU.

15-THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS UNSPEAKABLE GIFT.

As I recall, a certain incident happened to one of the authors of this site. Said person received a phone call from an employee at a large well known ministry in the United States that he or his wife had been giving to. The person wanted the author to make a commitment to give a certain amount of money each month to their ministry. The author replied something to the effect that they would seek God through prayer on the matter. This answer did not seem to satisfy the caller. The caller started using some pressure tactics and intimidation. He seemed determined to try and get a financial promise. Finally after much persistence, the caller gave up.

Such intimidating pressure tactics on the part of some ministries may get promises from certain people, but they can also have a reverse effect. As was done before the call, they continue to do. They seek God through prayer and through His Word and give as they believe He directs. Do not give in such a manner as to be seen by people so people will think you are spiritual. Do not give in such a manner that your name will be exalted before people by announcements or having your name put on some public display.

The verses continue—

Jn 4:38. I SENT YOU TO REAP THAT WHEREON

Jn 4:38.

I SENT YOU TO REAP. Note the words, “I sent you”. Those that belong to Christ, when they go

(YOU) BESTOWED NO LABOR: (for) OTHER MEN (have) (DONE THE HARD WORK-NIV), AND (YOU) (HAVE BENEFITED FROM) THEIR (LABORS).

forth should be sent by Jesus. Jesus sends some to sow, others to reap. Jesus sent them to reap—

THAT WHEREON (YOU) BESTOWED NO LABOR: (for) OTHER MEN

(have) (DONE THE HARD WORK-NIV). First the writings of Moses did the work as it has been passed down to us. Then the writings of the prophets of the Old Testament did the work as the Scriptures have been passed down to us. Then John the Baptist did the work and prepared the way for the coming of the Christ.

Afterward his disciples had done hard work, plus others, some of them giving us the New Testament. The verse continues—

AND (YOU) (HAVE BENEFITED FROM) THEIR (LABORS).

Jn 4:39. AND MANY OF THE SAMARITANS OF THAT (TOWN) BELIEVED (or put their trust) (IN) HIM (BECAUSE) (of) THE (WORD) OF THE WOMAN, WHICH TESTIFIED, HE TOLD ME ALL (the things) THAT (I HAVE DONE).

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THAT (I HAVE DONE). Because of the woman's testimony many of the Samaritans believed on Jesus. As the towns people came out, there was a true revival that took place, yet there were no miracles done. The verses continue—

Jn 4:40. SO WHEN THE SAMARITANS WERE COME (TO) HIM, THEY (URGED) HIM THAT HE WOULD (STAY) WITH THEM: AND HE (STAYED) THERE TWO (more) DAYS.

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TWO (more) DAYS. Jesus had pointed out the woman's sin. The people then wanted the LIVING WORD to stay there. They received the Word.

This is in great contrast to many people today that despise their sins being exposed. They despise God's Word. Many today will not come to the light because the evil things they do would be exposed-ref Jn 3:20. The verses continue—

Jn 4:41. AND MANY MORE BELIEVED (or came to trust) BECAUSE OF HIS OWN WORD;

Jn 4:41. AND MANY MORE BELIEVED (or came to trust) BECAUSE OF HIS OWN WORD. As they heard the Words of Jesus, many more also believed. It is God's Word that a person needs to believe and receive to be saved-ref Acts 11:1, Ro 10:17.—

Verse 42 is the last verse in the series about the Samaritan woman. All that had happened at the well had the purpose of saving people's souls. Verse 42 states—

Jn 4:42. AND (they) SAID (TO) THE WOMAN, NOW WE BELIEVE (or trust), NOT BECAUSE OF (WHAT YOU SAID): FOR WE HAVE HEARD HIM OURSELVES, AND KNOW THAT THIS (Man) IS INDEED THE CHRIST, THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.

Jn 4:42. AND (they) SAID (TO) THE WOMAN. The word *woman* is used 13 times in these verses. They said—

NOW WE BELIEVE (or trust), NOT BECAUSE OF (WHAT YOU SAID):

FOR WE HAVE HEARD HIM OURSELVES AND. When the people came to Jesus He spoke to them the Words of Life. As a result the people said that they—

KNOW THAT THIS (Man) IS INDEED THE CHRIST,

THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD. They had to overcome all their wrong, deceived ideas about the Old Testament, about the Jews, and about the coming of the Christ.

Jesus performed miracles among the Jews. In some instances they drove Him from them.

Jesus performed no reported miracles to the Samaritans, and they asked Him to stay longer.

God's Word can overcome prejudices, deceptions, customs, even all things to those that have a good and honest heart. As time progressed in Samaria, things changed.

Jesus set his face to go to Jerusalem. He sent messengers into a village of the Samaritans, but they did not receive Him-ref Lk 9:51-55.

Several years later Philip went to a city of Samaria and preached. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. There was great joy in that city. Simon, the sorcerer was there and bewitched the people. When Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent Peter and John. The Samaritans received the Holy Ghost. They preached the Gospel in many villages of the Samaritans-ref Acts 8:5-25.

To be saved a person must believe that Jesus is the Christ and is the only begotten Son of God. They must believe that He is the Saviour of the world. They must put their trust in Him and Him alone as their only hope of being saved. It is written Heb 11:6-BUT WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM: FOR HE THAT COMETH TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS, AND THAT HE IS A REWARDER OF THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM.

As Jesus Christ has pointed out—a person must be born-again-ref Jn 3:3. As John the Baptist had pointed out—a person's *actions, fruits, life and thinking* must reflect repentance and conversion.

Jesus went to the Samaritans. Unto them also was the Word of salvation sent. Jesus is not the Saviour of the Jews only, but is the Saviour of the world as stated in the last 5 words of verse 42. It is also repeated in 1 Jn 4:14-AND WE HAVE SEEN AND DO TESTIFY THAT THE FATHER SENT THE SON TO BE THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD.

Jesus is the saviour of the Jews, of the Samaritans, and the Gentiles. He is the saviour of people from every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation-Rev 5:9.

WITNESSING

Note the lesson taught here about witnessing.

1. *Contact* was made in verse 7.
2. *Conditions were right*. In this case, there did not seem to be other people around to interfere with the conversation.
3. Jesus used something that was available to open the conversation, which was a need He had for He had nothing to draw water from the well with in verses 7 and 12.
4. *Respond*. The woman was willing to respond. There was interest on her part. She didn't run away or become combative when the name of God was mentioned in verse 10.
5. *Focus*. Jesus kept the conversation centered on the water, while the woman tried to divert the conversation to other subjects in verses 9 and 12.
6. *Interest*. The woman showed interest in verse 15.
7. *Sin*. Jesus confronted the woman with her sin in verse 18. She still did not become combative or run away.
8. *A Revelation*. Jesus told her that He was the Messiah in verse 26. This was not something He normally did. The verses continue—

**FROM SAMARIA, JESUS RETURNED
INTO GALILEE**

30 YEARS PLUS 8 MONTHS

Jn 4:43 (pt 1).

**NOW AFTER TWO DAYS HE DEPARTED
(FROM THERE).**

Jn 4:43 (pt 1). NOW AFTER TWO DAYS HE (which is Jesus)—
DEPARTED (FROM THERE). Jesus delayed in leaving there. They had a hunger to hear the Word of God. It is expected that He taught them many things during the days that He remained.

GERGSENES

This is in great contrast to when Jesus went into the country of the Gergesenes-ref Mt 8:28 and Mk 5:1 at a later date. The devils named Legion went out of a man and into the swine. Afterwards the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts-ref Mt 8:34. Jesus and His disciples left there. Jesus said to he that had been possessed with the devil, "Go home *to thy friends*, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis (a Roman area

consisting of a league of ten cities) how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

It is never mentioned that He returned to the Gergesenes, yet He did leave a witness. Approximately 7 months later He did go through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis and they brought to Jesus one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech and Jesus healed him-ref Mk 7:32, 35. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak-ref Mk 7:37. Although people from Decapolis did follow Him previously-ref Mt 4:25, it is possible that this fruit was the result of the witness of the person (that had the legion) which Jesus had left there to be a witness.

Can a person understand, in this latter day generation, that a whole town would stop doing what they were doing for two days and stand at the feet of Jesus to hear His Word. Can we imagine that a whole town might repent and believe on Jesus?

The verses continue—

Lk 4:14 (pt 1). AND JESUS RETURNED IN THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

Lk 4:14 (pt 1). AND JESUS RETURNED (from Samaria)—
IN THE POWER

OF THE SPIRIT. The “power” of the Spirit enabled Jesus to do as He was called to do. He was constantly being led by the Spirit—

Jn 4:43 (pt 2). AND WENT IN

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**Lk 4:14 (pt 2),
ref Jn 4:43 (pt 3).** (TO) GALILEE:

Lk 4:14 (pt 2), ref Jn 4:43 (pt 3). (TO) GALILEE:
Galilee is where Jesus spent much of His time.

Lk 4:14 (pt 3). AND THERE WENT OUT A FAME (or news, or reports) OF HIM THROUGH ALL THE (SURROUNDING) (COUNTRYSIDE).

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Lk 4:15. AND HE (BEGAN TEACHING) IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES, BEING GLORIFIED (or praised, or respected) OF ALL.

Lk 4:15. AND HE (BEGAN TEACHING)
IN THEIR SYNAGOGUES. There was a synagogue located in most villages. As Jesus taught He was—
BEING GLORIFIED (or praised, or respected)
OF ALL. This initial response to the teaching of Jesus in the Galilee was positive. Jesus taught in all sorts of locations. He taught at a well, in synagogues, from a boat, and many others.

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WHO WILL RECEIVE THE GOSPEL?

As Jesus traveled during His ministry, areas such as Nazareth and the Gergesenes responded very negatively to His teaching, however He was glorified in some areas. They wanted Him to leave the Gergesenes. They tried to kill him in Nazareth, and they did kill Him in Jerusalem. And of Capernaum, Jesus said in Mt 11:23-AND THOU, CAPERNAUM, WHICH ART EXALTED UNTO HEAVEN, SHALT BE BROUGHT DOWN TO HELL: FOR IF THE MIGHTY WORKS, WHICH HAVE BEEN DONE IN THEE, HAD BEEN DONE IN SODOM, IT WOULD HAVE REMAINED UNTIL THIS DAY.

He also said of Chorazin and Bethsaida in Mt 11:21, WOE UNTO THEE, CHORAZIN! WOE UNTO THEE, BETHSAIDA! FOR IF THE MIGHTY WORKS, WHICH WERE DONE IN YOU, HAD BEEN DONE IN TYRE AND SIDON, THEY WOULD HAVE REPENTED LONG AGO IN SACKCLOTH AND ASHES.

It seems that the Gospel is received much more in the towns and countryside.

People in large, busy cities, are often so caught up in the world’s affairs, that there is little time or room in their heart for the message of the Gospel and eternal life.

People that are busy planning their future with business, buying, and getting married usually have little room for the Gospel-ref Lk 4:18.

The rich usually have little room for the Gospel-ref Mk 10:23.

Older people that have much possessions and live comfortably, and are set in their ways usually have little room for the Gospel.

Gospel.

The older a person is, the less likely it is that they will repent, be willing to change, deny themselves, and surrender their life to Jesus. Statistically, the majority of people that receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, do so before the age of 30. As a person's age progresses, their heart usually grows harder and harder. They learn to trust in themselves more and more. From the age of 50 and on, there are very few that will receive Jesus Christ as their only hope of salvation.

In the cities the poor, the maimed, the halt, and the blind will sometimes receive the Gospel. Also some of those in the countryside along the highways and hedges will sometimes receive the Gospel-ref Lk 14:21-23.

PRESSURE COOKER

BATTLE INSIDE US

TEMPTATIONS

CORRECTION

SATAN DECEIVES YOU

WHAT IS WISDOM?

EMOTIONS

STUPIDITY

It may be said—the more a person is led by emotions, the less they are being led by God.

The more a person is led by the world or their own personal thoughts and desires, the less they are being led by God

As a person begins to walk toward Jesus, he will often feel like a human pressure cooker.

There is a battle going on inside of a person between obedience to God (God's Word) and obedience to other things. This continues off and on throughout his life.

A **pressure cooker** is a heavy metal pot with a lid that fastens on and has a release valve on top. The pressure builds inside the pot from the heat of a burner or fire. It builds and builds. The food, under pressure, is suppose to cook faster. If there would be no release valve, it might eventually explode.

It all usually starts with wrong thinking, with some thought or desire that contradicts sound Bible teaching and rightly dividing God's Word. The wrong thought or desire, which is a temptation, is from the demonic realm. Often times when Satan puts a wrong thought into a person's mind, he makes the person think the thought is really from God when it is not. The wrong thought is often in line with something already in our heart, some desire, some fear, or some emotional hurt such as rejection or loneliness.

Once the thought hits us, the pressure begins to build inside us, as we think more and more on the wrong thought, which our heart agrees with. Satan understands how to tempt all of us in our weakest areas and at our weakest times.

Our emotions become involved, promoted by more wrong thinking. If we do not recognize the wrong thought as being wrong and cast it down, the wrong thought or desire, begins to overcome us-ref 2 Cor 10:5; 2 Pe 2:19-20.

We begin to draw away from God in various ways.

Finally, we are enticed to do something wrong according to God's Word. Our wrong thinking, left unchecked, leads to wrong action. We do something stupid. We sin. It may only be something minor, but it is still wrong. We begin going in a wrong direction.

Then God may do something to get our attention to try to get us to repent. But we do something else stupid. We ignore God's warning as He attempts to correct us. Satan puts in our mind that it is not God trying to correct us at all. Our heart again chooses to believe Satan's voice rather than God's Word.

Therefore, God may send a spiritually-minded, love-filled, born-again Christian to correct us before it is too late (a lifeline of correction). Then we do something else stupid. We refuse to receive the correction, because too much darkness has already set in, which clouds our understanding of God and His Word. The fallen person may make accusations against God's servant, as his thinking has become so corrupt. The bottom line is that our heart no longer wants to repent. Sin deceives. We have been overcome by Satan's devices and deceptions. We want our own way.

Then the sin, when it is finished, brings forth spiritual death. Physically, we are still alive, but our future is now eternal death. God may still attempt to correct us for a period of time, but as He does, we may grow harder and harder.

Our love for the brethren, who love us with the love of Christ, may grow thinner and thinner.

Finally, God may pull back. We have grieved the Spirit too much. Some will become reprobate.

The servant of God draws back from serving God. What once seemed right to him, now seems wrong. What once seemed wrong to him, now seems right. He can no longer remember what kind of a person he was when he was purged from his sins-ref Ja 1:24. Some may still do works that look like they are of God. Some may still witness. Some may still preach. Some may still work at a church, but spiritually they are dead-ref Mt 7:22,23. God no longer reigns over them. They reign over themselves. Actually, it is Satan that is reigning over them, but their wrong thinking is such that they can't see it.

The fallen do not know they are spiritually dead, because the darkness has blinded their eyes. The light that is now in them is really darkness, and how great that darkness is! They are now destined for hell and then the great white throne judgment and then the eternal lake of fire. However, most are absolutely positive they are really going to heaven and no human being, not even an angel, not even God's Word can convince them they are wrong. The "pressure cooker" has accomplished its job-ref Ja 1:13-16, and many other Scriptures.

Does the Bible mention anything about pressure?

As we begin this message, let us hear the words of Paul on this subject. 2 Cor 1:8-We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under **GREAT PRESSURE**, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life (NIV).

2 Cor 11:23-28-Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. Besides everything else, **I FACE DAILY THE PRESSURE** of my concern for all the churches (NIV). Did Paul feel like he was in a **pressure cooker**? The answer is yes.

And beside all of this, he was given a thorn in the flesh. It bothered him. It was to keep him from becoming conceited, because of these surpassingly great revelations. It was a messenger of Satan to torment him. Paul said: Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong-ref 2 Cor 12:7-10 NIV.

Paul endured what we call a "**great pressure cooker**" as a good soldier of Christ, casting his cares upon Jesus who was with him. He finished the course and the work that God had given him to do, despite the enormous **pressures** he was under.

As the end drew near, Paul brought forth the following. 2 Tim 4:6-8, 10-For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me 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. ...Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world.

One can picture Paul at the end about to have his head cut off. He had been falsely accused and was innocent, yet he was about to die. There was no worldly glory. Yes, there would be glory, but it was ahead. He was old, undoubtedly very thin and weak. He probably suffered continual pain as a result of all he went through. Yet through it all, **he remained faithful**. As the command was given the blade fell swiftly, severing his head. Paul's earthly body was dead. This, my friend, is faith.

How many people on this earth have suffered very little compared to Jesus or the apostles, and yet they have forsaken God and been overcome with wrong thinking or wrong desires or temptations such as Demas.

Each of us are created with or acquire certain characteristics that can annoy us.

Impatience can make us feel like a **pressure cooker**, with thoughts like, "I've got to get this done right now."

The desire or pressure for a sexual outlet can also be like a pressure cooker—especially for teenage boys and men.

So can being a perfectionist, feelings of rejection, the desire for something in particular, or feeling inferior.

Money, or the lack of it, cares of this life, lusts of other things, desires for pleasures, desires for more or better things,

jealousy, resentments, covetousness, can all create pressure inside of a person.

Pressure in a person's life can become so intense that they may get sick or even go mentally insane. The list is almost endless.

Satan knows how to use nearly everything conceivable against us. He knows how and when to tempt us. Our attitude, when we are faced with certain situations, may become offensive. We may become mean and angry toward those we love. If we do not find some way to vent the enormous steam building inside us, we are in danger of saying or doing something stupid, which we may regret later.

When we sin, because of the pressure inside, darkness can begin to set in. Satan knows how to turn born-again people against born-again people. He knows how to turn our love and good deeds into anger, resentment, and even hate. Satan knows how to fill our thoughts with accusations against the brethren and against God. Satan understands the emotions and desires of a person's heart. He understands the things that are of men, the ways of mankind's carnal nature. He has the knowledge on how to deceive you. Satan does not have in mind the knowledge or the things that be of God-ref Mt 16:23, Mk 8:33.

He has this great power of deception to blind people from trusting in God's Word and in God. He has been given this great power so you can be tested. You will be tempted to go astray. Satan is an expert, the master of masters regarding deception. He is a master at distracting a person with other things. He is an expert at causing division between the brethren. He is an expert at hindering God's children. He is an expert at getting God's children to look at situations rather than at Jesus. He is an expert at getting people to trust in themselves rather than in God. He is a master at getting people to trust in worldly institutions rather than in God. He is a master at getting people to dwell on the "what ifs?" "What if this or that happens?" Then we get uptight. We feel like we are in a pressure cooker. We get angry. We get upset. We get headaches. We get depressed. We may think, "How can I get this done?" "How can I get that done?" "I've got to hurry, hurry, hurry." He knows how to ruin the best of days. He knows how to make us want to give up. He is an expert at making us believe there is no hope. He knows how to make the work-a-holic work himself almost to death. He knows how to make the lazy become even more lazy. He knows how to make the fearful become even more fearful.

Satan knows how to cause division in the church. Satan is the pressure cooker and knows just what evil thoughts to put in the minds of both carnal people and those that mislead themselves into thinking they are spiritual.

"The pastor preaches too much." "He preaches too little." Then someone complains and begins to sow discord. "The services begin too early." "They begin too late." Someone complains and begins to sow discord. People have thoughts about how the preacher should dress, and if he dresses some other way, someone may complain, accuse, and sow discord.

People have thoughts that the preacher should or should not say something. Who made the lay person the judge of a minister being led by God's Spirit?-ref Ja 4:11. The answer is—Satan. Who made the lay person the judge of how God has ordained the services to be run? Satan. The problem is not the pastor. The problem is with the heart of the complainer, the accuser, the discord sower. Should a preacher have to check with every person in the congregation on how things should be run, or what should or should not be said? God forbid!

What Jesus did and said did not please most people. People challenged Him in various ways. They accused Him. They mocked Him. They tried to trap Him in His words. Some one in the congregation may say, "I don't think this or that is right." "I don't like this or that being done the way it is." "I don't agree with this or that." Division, division, division. A person that has such a heart is in danger of falling, unless they purify their heart and repent. When they speak against their preacher, they speak against God, but they don't see it that way. For if they could see themselves as God sees them, they should repent. Such people often leave God's calling and go elsewhere and bring no fruit to perfection. But no matter where they go, they can always find something to be critical about, because the problem is within themselves.

Often this critical attitude dates back to their childhood. They have not repented of thinking about or looking back at some troubling, bad memories. By not forgetting those things that are behind and by looking back, they are in sin according to God's Word-ref Phil 3:13. Remember Lot's wife?-Lk 17:32. Sin gives a place for Satan to attack them. The pressure

cooker is at work.

The devil has had thousands of years of practice and billions of people to deceive. He deceived Eve, then Adam. He deceived the children in the wilderness that saw God's miracles. He deceived the religious leaders that knew Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. He deceived the guards at the tomb of Jesus that knew Jesus was raised from the dead, and he knows exactly how to stir up your emotions like a pressure cooker and deceive you.

He understands how to make us think right is wrong and wrong is right. He knows how to make us feel we are right and everyone else is wrong. Satan knows how to make us feel we have treated others perfectly and they have all treated us badly in return. Satan knows how to make us point fingers at others, while refusing to point fingers at our own selves. Satan knows how to completely blind your thoughts, your eyes, and your ears so you cannot Biblically understand what is right and what is wrong. He knows exactly how to take God's Word out of your heart. He knows how to distort Scripture in your thoughts, so you can justify to yourself and feel you are 100% right and all of God's servants that try to correct you are 100% wrong. Satan knows exactly how to stir up your emotions and your blood pressure. He knows exactly how to make you get angry and make you afraid. He knows exactly how to make you feel that absolutely no one can understand your situation, no one cares, no one loves you, and no one can be trusted. He knows how to make you clam up, be secretive, and hide things. He knows how to deceive you, and then you perish for eternity.

Satan is the father of lies and the author of confusion-ref 1 Cor 14:33; Jn 4:44,45. Therefore, even if Jesus Himself stood before most people and told them the truth, they will not believe, because the stranger's voice (Satan's voice) in their heart and thoughts is stronger than the voice of truth (God's Word)-ref Jn 8:44,45; Jn 10:4,5.

Satan is a master at mixing some truth with lies, so the lies are not perceived. When a person listens, they become confused, then deceived, then can fall to their death spiritually.

Satan's deceptions are like a bed of beautiful flowers and when a person steps into it, they fall to their death, into a pit the flowers were concealing.

Satan's deceptions are like a fragrant rose garden, alluring one to take a sniff. But as they take hold, they are scratched by the thorns, which may lead to an infection.

Satan's deceptions are like the green grass on the other side of the fence, but when the unsuspecting Christian crosses over, they find the green grass was merely covering the bottomless pit.

Many good looking women, laden with sin, have led men to a spiritual death by way of their house and bed-ref Pv 7:27; 2 Tim 3:6.

Many handsome and wealthy men have led women to their spiritual death with the promise of love and a wonderful life.

Pressure, pressure, pressure in your thoughts, heart, and emotions **is a tool that Satan uses.**

Deception, deception, deception in your thoughts and heart is a tool that Satan uses.

Confusion, confusion, confusion in your thoughts and heart is a tool that Satan uses.

Division, division, division in your thoughts and heart is a tool that Satan uses. Satan is an expert at deceiving and dividing the brethren and then conquering them with lies and deception.

Discontented with yourself, with your preacher, with your church, with your situation, with your surroundings in your thoughts and heart, this is a tool that Satan uses.

Lies that sound like truth in your thoughts and heart are a tool that Satan uses.

Lies that sound like the best way to go in your thoughts and heart are a tool that Satan uses.

To follow pride is spiritual death.

Situations and circumstances that seem to force you to go away from God's will are tools that Satan uses.

Satan is the **master among all masters** that causes you to have wrong thinking about yourself, about things, about situations, about people, about the Bible, and about God.

Sin deceives you. Sin blinds you to the truth.

Are you in one of those rare, Bible-believing and Bible-teaching churches? Expect Satan to put every lying thought possible in your mind and heart to pressure you to leave. Satan can be expected to make you uptight when you attend, because it teaches about things like you are reading or hearing right now. **Beware of the pressure cooker.**

Are you in a lukewarm Christian church that teaches nice things that your itching ear wants to hear? Expect Satan to put lies in your thoughts and heart that you should stay there.

Are you in the deceived church? God says to come out of her My people. Satan can be expected to tell you to stay there to help them see the truth. Two voices. Which will you follow?

The Adversary knows how to give you false hope by putting lies in your thoughts. He knows how to make you depressed by putting lies in your mind.

Satan knows how to turn what appears to be a perfect day into a disaster.

The pressure cooker knows how to persuade you to do his will while you think you are doing God's will.

He knows how to make you want to leave the place and calling where God has placed you. He has a multitude of lies in his flip book to deceive you and pressure you to depart.

He knows how to turn your heart against your preacher, your wife, your husband, your children, your friends, your job, your employer.

Satan is an expert at making you uptight and dissatisfied no matter what your situation is or where you are, for the eyes of man are never satisfied-Pv 27:20. Even if you were in the Garden of Eden, you would sin and find some reason to complain and be dissatisfied.

The human race complains. The human race accuses. People speak nice to your face, but what do they say behind your back? What do you say behind other people's backs?

God's answer is—follow Jesus, deny yourself and put on God's love.

But beware of any form of covetousness. It is a spiritual killer. Don't be covetous with your money, your possessions, with anything. Be a cheerful giver. Give, but give in accordance with God's Word, not according to the deceptions of the pressure cooker.

God's advice is, 1 Pe 5:7-9-Casting all your care upon Him; for he careth for you. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions (or same kind of sufferings) are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world KJV, NIV. Let us not forget—faith works, but it works by love. Without Biblical love for the brethren and for God, you are nothing and all your good works are meaningless.

If you do not fear God and love the truth and want correction, you are in danger.

If you are really seeking God, then do not be afraid to ask for counsel from God-fearing, spiritually-minded servants of God. Those that are spiritually ignorant, that choose deception will usually not seek Godly counsel, but will follow their own ways which seem right to them-ref Pv 14:12.

In some way, right now, Satan has undoubtedly deceived you, and you cannot recognize it. Satan is the greatest master at confusing people and creating delusions and deceptions. You are no match for the devil and his seemingly limitless powers to deceive and even do certain miracles. Every person on this earth has been and will be deceived in some way. The only exception was Jesus.

A person's only hope of surviving this intense "pressure cooker-type" spiritual battle they are engaged in is through the following: love God and love the brethren no matter what. Be humble, meek, obey the Gospel, fear God, tremble at His Word, and be very, very childlike toward receiving the lifeline of correction from the Holy Spirit and, when necessary, from those God has put over you.

Satan knows how to deceive the whole world, and that includes YOU. And if you have an attitude that Satan can't deceive you, then you are already in deep spiritual darkness. You are acting contrary to God's Word.

You may say, "It would seem from all this that only a very few people will inherit eternal life." That is correct-Mt 7, and many other Scriptures.

Every person will be tempted and enticed by the devil in many ways. As stated near the beginning of this message, Ja 1:14-16-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. Do not err, my beloved brethren.

People, both believers and unbelievers, are very, very naïve when it comes to understanding how easily Satan can deceive them.

The devil makes the unsaved believe they are saved, so they do not seek to repent.

He causes the saved to think they are unsaved.

He is the power of darkness, the prince of the power of the air. He is the spirit that works in the children of disobedience—ref Lk 22:53; Eph 2:2. He is the master of masters at putting lies in your thoughts and heart. The world goes about business as usual and does not know the times we are in, neither does it know that hell is opening its mouth wider and wider to welcome most people.

When a person is tempted—those that overcome all things through faith, which works by love, will live forever by the grace of God. **However, those that give in to the pressure they feel** and go into intentional sin, disobeying God's Word, are in danger.

The children in the wilderness were tempted, and they sinned. They were no strangers to what a pressure cooker is like. Many were not pleased with the way God was doing things. Some made an idol as their god. Some had sinful sexual encounters. Some complained about the food God gave them to eat. Some were not satisfied with the position God had given them. They wanted more authority. They wanted to rule over themselves. Some wanted to return to the bondage of Egypt. How quickly they forgot that God had destroyed Egypt. Some were fearful and brought bad reports about the Promised Land. Some were impatient. Some lusted after sinful things. They ate and drank and rose up to play. Some doubted Christ. As they were tempted, they murmured and complained. God got so angry with them and their ungodly attitude that He wanted to destroy them, but Moses persuaded God not to do so—ref Ex 32:10. God was not pleased with them.

God's Word tells us: Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall—1 Cor 10:12. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry—ref 1 Cor 10:4-14. **In other words, when you become like a pressure cooker, be patient.** God will make a way for you to escape the temptation. Obey the Gospel, be patient, wait upon the Lord. **You must go through all kinds of tests to prove your faith genuine.** You have a need to be poured out from bottle to bottle. You need to grow in the Lord. A person does not grow stronger spiritually without growing pains. Each person that follows Jesus needs to have their senses exercised to Biblically and correctly discern good and evil in the eyes of God. Each of us need to allow our mind to be transformed, to be as the mind of Christ.

When a person sins, God's Word gives Satan an open door to attack them in all kinds of ways. We are warned not to give any place to the devil—Eph 4:27.

God tries to correct a person with His Word. If this fails, He may use other methods. If this fails, He may send a lifeline to the falling person. That **lifeline is a lifeline of correction.** It is often sent by God through someone that is spiritually over the falling person. The problem is that usually a falling person does not want to admit they are falling. Thus, they refuse to take the lifeline of correction. As they fall to their spiritual death, more and more darkness sets in, which blinds them. They forget what manner of person they once were in Christ. As the line of correction reaches their ears, they may accuse and ridicule the very person God sent to help them. Instead of humbly grasping the line of correction, they mock it. As their sin is being pointed out, they harden themselves and try to point out the sins of the person with the lifeline, thus, refusing to admit that they have done anything wrong. They may become angry and emotional toward the one that has his feet planted on solid ground with the lifeline of correction in love. They may think that God's servant himself has fallen. They may believe that God's servant just doesn't understand their situation, when it is actually they—that do not understand or fear God as they ought. The falling person looks at things in a **worldly way.** The person with the lifeline of correction looks at things in a **spiritual way.** **Thus, there is not harmony,** unless the worldly person is repentant.

The falling person may appear to be serving God, but they serve God **in their own convenient way.** They will not allow God to reign over them in accordance with the Bible. **They will not submit to the authority** of the person God has put over

them, because Satan has put wrong thoughts in their hearts, which make them positive they are right. They may consider themselves very spiritual and close to God, as they do their good deeds in the name of Jesus; yet they fall to their spiritual death-ref Mt 7. They do not recognize that the voice they are listening to is not God's voice at all, but the devil's voice deceiving their rocky or thorny heart.

The one God sends to correct the falling person knows he will probably be accused, mocked and ridiculed when he tries to help them up. The Bible instructs the one God sends to the spiritually-blind and falling person: Do not strive, but be gentle, apt to teach, in meekness **instructing** (or correcting) **those that oppose themselves**; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will-ref 2 Tim 2:24-26.

Regretfully, **those that make the very serious mistake of accusing, mistreating and contending with those God sends to them with the lifeline of correction, seldom recover themselves** or return from being spiritually deceived or dead. Perhaps it is because they are not really accusing or contending with the person God sends, but they are accusing and contending with Jesus Himself-ref Ro 15:7; although they would not see it this way. Some that are fallen still name the name of Christ as their Saviour. They still do what appears to be good works in the name of Jesus-ref Mt 7, but they will not allow Him to reign over them according to the Scriptures. Hell opens her mouth to receive them when they die-ref Isa 5:15.

It appears that all faithful ministers have many scars given to them by carnal brethren and falsely so-called brethren, whom they loved and tried to help.

Many are called, but only a few are chosen. Many start to run the race, but break down and fall along the way. Those few that have a humble and meek ear to hear, and recognize Biblical truth, and fear God, let him hear. There are many more that perish than those that will repent and obey God's Word.

Do you feel more comfortable fellowshiping with and being around unbelievers and lukewarm Christians, than you do being around spiritually-minded, self-denying Christians that may correct you when you go astray? Your truthful, self-examination to this question might tell you something about your walk or lack of walk with Jesus. Do you say you desire to be around the spiritual Christians more, but in deed you make excuses and don't do it?

Which do you love more in deed, in word, and in truth? Is it your unbelieving family and lukewarm Christians, or is it those that have totally surrendered to Christ, whose commitment to Jesus might make you feel uncomfortable?

Satan's power to deceive can be expected to increase as birth pangs of a woman, as we get closer and closer to the time of Jesus' return. It is going to become harder and harder to follow Jesus. Persecutions and hatred against born-again Christians and God's Word is going to increase. Beware of deception and the pressure cooker.

The pressure cooker can make us meet (or fit) for the master's use-ref 2 Tim 2:21,22. It can produce a purified heart-ref Ja 4:8, if the following verse is obeyed. Obey the Bible, so that you have sincere love for your brothers in Christ. Love one another deeply from the heart-ref 1 Pe 1:22,23 (NIV, KJV).

What is Godly wisdom? Where shall it be found? It cannot be gotten for gold. The price of wisdom is above rubies. All things that may be desired are not to be compared to it. Wisdom is the principle thing. Get wisdom and get understanding.

The fear of the Lord, that is wisdom. To depart from evil is understanding.

Wisdom is to have God's understanding of what Scripture means as it applies to you personally, so that you can, in truth, examine yourself by all of His Word.

Wisdom is being able to rightly divide the Word of Truth as it applies to you.

Wisdom is being able to cast down imaginations—that is, those lying thoughts put in your mind and heart by Satan. It is being able to cast down every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ-ref 2 Cor 10:5.

Pv 13:10-Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.

The softer you are to the lifeline of correction, the closer you should be to God. The harder you are to the lifeline of correction, the further to are from God.

Examine yourself by God's Word to see where you are really at with God.

Change your attitude and thinking through God’s help. Not only should you follow Christ, you should put on Christ. Only a few will hear: WELL DONE THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT. THOU HAST BEEN FAITHFUL-ref Mt 25.

Some reference verses on wisdom. Job 28:12-22, Job 28:28, Pv 4:7, 8:11, Jere 8:9. The end of the message on the pressure cooker. The verses continue—

**JESUS PREACHED REPENTANCE,
REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL
(TO GALILEE)**

30 YEARS PLUS 8 MONTHS

Mt 4:17 (pt 1). FROM THAT TIME (on) JESUS BEGAN TO PREACH,

It is now approximately 8 months after Jesus had been baptized—

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Mk 1:14 (pt 3) PREACHING THE GOSPEL (or Good News) OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD. Note the words, “THE GOSPEL...OF GOD.” The “kingdom” of God is a term that can reflect the millennium kingdom, when Jesus Christ will reign. However, Jesus himself was now present.

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Mk 1:15 (pt 1). AND SAYING, THE TIME IS FULFILLED (or has come). Many Scriptures prophesied of the coming of the Christ. Daniel had prophesied of the time-ref Dan 9:24-26. People were waiting and expecting-ref Lk 3:15; Mk 15:43; Lk 23:51; Lk 2:25-38. Jesus was now telling the people that the time is fulfilled. However, what the people expected was the Christ would come and establish the kingdom back to Israel. They did not understand there would be two comings. The first where Jesus would be crucified, then the second as Jesus returns at the time of Armageddon to set up the millennium kingdom and Satan is bound, and the Antichrist and false prophet are cast into the lake of fire.

Then he goes on—

Mt 4:17 (pt 2). AND TO SAY, REPENT (or turn from your sins to God-JNT):

Mt 4:17 (pt 2). AND TO SAY, REPENT (or turn from your sins to God-JNT). Repentance was the message John the Baptist preached. Now the same message is proclaimed by Jesus Christ.

The very foundation of inheriting eternal life is the finished work that Jesus did on the cross and the resurrection. There is no everlasting life for anyone that does not put their faith in the Jesus Christ of the Bible as their only hope of salvation. There is no salvation for anyone that will not repent and turn away from their sins to God. There are numerous excuses that lay people, elders, missionaries, evangelists, and ministers use to justify not telling people that they must repent. As the devil told Eve in the garden “HATH GOD SAID?” so he tells excuse-makers that fail to tell people to repent today. God commands His servants to tell people to “Repent.” If you have not repented, do it. If you do not tell others to repent, then repent of neglecting to tell people to repent.

Hell has billions of people that thought they could enter heaven another way.

The number of people that inherit eternal life by obeying God’s way are few in comparison. The verses continue—

Mk 1:15 (pt 3). REPENT YE (or turn to God from your sins-JNT), AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL (or Good News).

Mk 1:15 (pt 3). REPENT YE (or turn to God from your sins-JNT), AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL (or Good News). The Bible warns in Gal 1:8-that even if an angel from heaven preaches any other Gospel, let him be accursed. It may be said that the essence of the Gospel is Jesus, repentance, fear God, and give God glory-ref Rev 14:6,7. The angels in heaven would appear to be terrified change this in any way. Where is the fear of God in the church today? How is it that many ministers do not fear God and ignore this mandate of preaching these things and others also such as the Revelation and latter days.

**REPENTANCE
BELIEVE THE GOSPEL**

The word *repent* offends some people. It infers that they are doing something wrong. It tells people they are a sinner and they must change. It tells people that all their good works can’t save them. It tells sinful people that think they are saved,

that they are not.

It is a word that can drive some people away from a church, while it will pull others to salvation. The end result of stressing repentance in this lukewarm generation is that the church might be smaller in number, but many of those that are left should be growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus.

A person needs to turn from trusting in oneself. He needs to turn the control of his life over to Jesus, deny self, and place his trust in Him and Him alone for eternal life, for daily direction, even for all things. A person needs to place his trust completely in Jesus and in God's Word. This kind of trust (or being strong in faith) is lacking in most people that claim they are saved. To put off the old man and put on the new man is not understood by most Bible school teachers, ministers, and people. Born again means exactly what it says. To be "born" "again". To start from the beginning all over again. A new life begins. The old life is put off. A person usually has many plans for their own life. When one comes to Jesus, he is saying, "Not my will be done, but thine will".

These two essentials are absolutes for salvation. A person **must** repent. This message is not heard in many churches in today's generation. It offends the ungodly. It offends those that do not believe they sin. There is no fellowship with God without repentance. Repentance does not mean to just forsake all willful sin. It means to forsake one's own life and turn the control of one's life over to God. It means a person's focus is to learn more and more of Jesus. Bible study and obedience to God's Word (to Jesus) is the very foundation.

The second essential is believe the Gospel. Few people including Bible school teachers, ministers, elders, priests and church goers in today's generation truly believe ALL the Gospel is God breathed. Few truly believe that man is to live by every word of God-ref Mt 4:4. If a person does not believe all 66 books of the Bible, he does not believe the Bible. If a person does not believe all of the Bible, he is still in his sins for he does not believe all of what God says is true.

There have always been attacks against the Bible, but as we near the tribulation, these attacks can be expected to increase as birth pangs of a woman.

Note: a certain author spent a great deal of time examining numerous prophecies of the Bible and doing much research as to whether they had come to pass as they were written. Every single prophecy that he was able to get documentation on, proved to have been exactly true, yet they had been written hundreds or in some cases thousands of years before they ever happened. This extensive research, eventually led him to repentance and receiving Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. He stated he may have been the biggest skeptic in the world, but now knows the Bible has to be the Word of God. How about you?

Mt 4:17 (pt 3), ref Mk 1:15 (pt 2). FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND (or is near).

Mt 4:17 (pt 3), ref Mk 1:15 (pt 2). FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. This can denote "a kingdom, kingship, or a royal rule.

IS AT HAND (or is near). The Kingdom of God is mentioned by Mark, but the Kingdom of heaven is used by Matthew.

The kingdom of God and the kingdom of Heaven (heaven) are sometimes used interchangeably. In some cases they can be referring to the air or sky, paradise, rulership of God. Note Study on this subject a bit further on.

Jesus is not telling those listening to prepare for the kingdom of God.. He is stating that it is at hand. Jesus was there, now. The first coming of Jesus Christ was at hand. He performed miracles and wonders which were signs of the kingdom and that the Christ, the King, Who came in the flesh was at hand. Just before Jesus was crucified, Pilate asked Jesus, "Art Thou a King then?" Jesus answered, "To this end was I born-ref Jn 18:37.

He preached the Gospel, gave perfect prophecies, healed the sick, raised the dead, and cast out devils by speaking the Word or by a mere touch. People were in expectation that the Messiah was to come because of Daniel's prophecies. They did not understand that there would be two comings, and that the Christ must suffer and die on the cross, then be raised from the dead, ascend up to be with His Father, and then return to set up His kingdom, as the Lord's prayer said, "Thy Kingdom come". But before Jesus returns, the worst time on earth since man has existed must come to pass. It is called the tribulation and it is near, very near.

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Five things Jesus stated.

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| 1. The Gospel of the kingdom of God. | This is what He preached. |
| 2. The time is fulfilled. | This is a reason He preached certain things. |
| 3. Repent (or turn from your sins) | This is a command |
| 4. Believe the Gospel | This is a command |

5. For the kingdom of heaven is at hand. This is a reason He preached certain things. Following are Bible studies on the subjects of repent, the kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven.

The Words “REPENT FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND” is the message that

1. John Baptist preached-ref Mt 3:2, and that
2. Jesus also preached ref Mt 4:17.
3. When Jesus sent forth the twelve, He commanded them to preach, “THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.”-ref Mt 10:7.

Why then doesn't many church preach repentance? And if you go to one that does not, why do you go there?

KINGDOM OF GOD IN YOU

Lk 17:20-21-When Jesus was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. Jesus is the Kingdom of Heaven/the Kingdom of God. Jesus had said the Kingdom of heaven is at hand because He was at hand. Once a person is born again, Jesus dwells in them. The Holy Spirit dwells in them. Thus, it may be said that the Kingdom of God is within you.

RECEIVING THE HOLY GHOST

In regards to receiving the Holy Spirit, the following Scriptures are given.

BUT THIS SPEAK HE OF THE SPIRIT WHICH THEY THAT BELIEVE SHOULD RECEIVE
THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE THE SPIRIT OF GOD BY FAITH
HOW MUCH MORE SHALL YOUR HEAVENY FATHER GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THEM THAT ASK HIM
REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED EVERYONE OF YOU...AND YE SHALL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY
GHOST.

SO IT THE HOLY GHOST WHICH THE LORD HATH GIVEN TO THEM THAT OBEY HIM
KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS AND I WILL PRAY THE FATHER AND HE SHALL GIVE YOU ANOTHER
COMFORTER THAT HE MAY ABIDE WITH YOU FOREVER-Jn 14:15.

IN YOU BORN AGAIN PERSON-WHAT DWELLS IN THEM?

What indwells a true born again Christian? Grace, God, Holy Ghost, hope, Jesus, Kingdom, life, mind of Christ, Name glorified, Spirit of God, temple, Word, and ye are in Jesus.

You may say that this or that person shows no signs of Jesus being in them. It is written: YE SHALL KNOW THEM BY THEIR FRUITS-Mt 7:16.

Col 3:16-(Grace in your hearts) GRACE IN YOUR HEARTS.

1 Cor 14:25-(God in you) GOD IS IN YOU OF A TRUTH.

2 Cor 9:14-(God in you) GOD IN YOU.

Eph 4:6-(God in you) ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL,...IN YOU ALL.

Heb 13:20-21-(God in you) THE GOD OF PEACE,...WORKING IN YOU THAT WHICH IS WELL PLEASING IN HIS SIGHT.

Col 1:27-(Hope in you) IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY:

1 Pe 3:15-(Hope in you) THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU.

Jn 14:20-(Jesus in you) I AM IN MY FATHER, AND YE IN ME, AND I IN YOU.

Col 1:27-(Jesus in you) CHRIST IN YOU.

Jn 15:4-I (Jesus in you) ME...(ABIDE) IN YOU.

Ro 8:10-(Jesus in you) CHRIST BE IN YOU.

2 Cor 13:5-(Jesus in you) JESUS CHRIST IS IN YOU, EXCEPT YE BE REPROBATES?

Gal 4:19-(Jesus in you) UNTIL CHRIST BE FORMED IN YOU.

Lk 17:21-(Kingdom in you) THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU.

2 Cor 4:12-(Life in you) LIFE IN YOU.

Phili 2:5-(Mind of Christ in you) THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS.

2 Thes 1:12-(Name glorified in you) THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST MAY BE GLORIFIED IN YOU.

Jn 14:17-(Spirit in you) EVEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH;...HE DWELLETH WITH YOU, AND SHALL BE IN YOU.

Ro 8:9-(Spirit in you) THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELL IN YOU. NOW IF ANY MAN HAVE NOT THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST, HE IS NONE OF HIS.

Ro 8:11-(Spirit in you) HIS SPIRIT...DWELLETH IN YOU.

1 Cor 3:16-(Spirit in you) THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLETH IN YOU?

1 Jn 4:4-(Spirit in you) GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU, THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD.

1 Cor 3:16-(Temple in you) YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD.

1 Cor 6:19-(Temple in you) YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST WHICH IS IN YOU, WHICH YE HAVE OF GOD, AND YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN?

Jn 15:7-(Word in you) MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU.

1 Thes 2:13-(Word in you) WORD OF GOD, WHICH EFFECTUALLY WORKETH ALSO IN YOU THAT BELIEVE.

Col 3:16-(Word in you) WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU.

1 Jn 2:14-(Word in you) THE WORD OF GOD ABIDETH IN YOU.

Jn 14:20-(Ye in Jesus) AND YE IN ME.

Jn 15:4-(Ye in Jesus) ABIDE IN ME.

Jn 15:7-(Ye in Jesus) YE ABIDE IN ME.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Some other references in the Bible that use the words, "THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN is as follows.

Mt 13:24-The kingdom of heaven is **likened unto a man** which sowed good seed in his field.

Mt 13:31-The kingdom of heaven is **like to a grain of mustard seed**, which a man took, and sowed in his field.

Mt 13:33-The kingdom of heaven is **like unto leaven**, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Mt 13:44-Again, the kingdom of heaven is **like unto treasure** hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Mt 13:45-Again, the kingdom of heaven is **like unto a merchant man**, seeking goodly pearls.

Mt 13:47-Again, the kingdom of heaven is **like unto a net**, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

Mt 13:52-Every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is **like unto a man** that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

Mt 20:1-For the kingdom of heaven is **like unto a man** that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

Mt 22:2-The kingdom of heaven is **like unto a certain king**, which made a marriage for his son,

Mt 25:14-For the kingdom of heaven is **as a man** travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

REPENT

FEAR GOD

List Scriptures.

(Note, pages 122; 124; 125; 126; 135; 148; 270; 283 should also covers repentance)

The word *repent* can be said to mean the following: To change your mind, to turn from your sins, to turn to God.

Note that 3 actions are involved. To change, to turn from, and to turn to.

Note that 3 items are involved. Your mind, your sins, and God.

The foundation is believing the Gospel. It may be said that the amount of faith or trust that a person has in God is equal to the degree that a person believes all of the Gospel.

It may be said that the degree that a person believes all of the Gospel reflects the type of heart that a person has.

The end result is the degree that a person may repent.

The foundation is Jesus. If God does not grant a person repentance and enable a person understand the Gospel, there is no hope. He must open a person's understanding. God's grace must be involved.

Without God being involved, a person is only turning from one set of sins to another. He is doing nothing more than turning over a near leaf which means nothing. He must turn to God. He must put off the old man and put on the new man. There is true Biblical fruit or evidence when a person really repents. Serving God is not evidence of repentance. A changed attitude is what is needed which begins with the way a person thinks and is reflected by what a person says and does.

Every single writer of the Bible feared God. All the apostles feared God. Those that stand firm and overcome all things do so by faith and fearing God.

BEHOLD, THE *FEAR OF THE LORD*, THAT IS WISDOM; AND TO DEPART FROM EVIL IS UNDERSTANDING-ref Job 28:28

The Gospel teaches clearly that by the fear of God (not the love of God) men depart from evil. It is written Pv 16:6-BY THE *FEAR OF THE LORD* MEN DEPART FROM EVIL.

There is no fear of God before the eyes of the wicked-ref Ps 36:1; ref Ro 3:18.

God's children should CLEANSE THEMSELVES FROM ALL FILTHINESS OF THE FLESH AND SPIRIT, PERFECTING HOLINESS IN THE *FEAR OF GOD*-2 Cor 7:1. Further, it is written:

BE NOT WISE IN THINE OWN EYES: *FEAR THE LORD*, AND DEPART FROM EVIL-Pv 3:7

THE HIGHWAY OF THE UPRIGHT IS TO DEPART FROM EVIL (or *repent*): HE THAT KEEPETH HIS WAY PRESERVETH HIS SOUL-PV 16:17

DRAW NIGH TO GOD, AND HE WILL DRAW NIGH TO YOU. CLEANSE YOUR HANDS, YE SINNERS; AND PURIFY YOUR HEARTS, YE DOUBLE MINDED. BE AFFLICTED, AND MOURN, AND WEEP: LET YOUR LAUGHTER BE TURNED TO MOURNING, AND YOUR JOY TO HEAVINESS. *HUMBLE YOURSELVES* IN THE *SIGHT OF THE LORD*, AND HE SHALL LIFT YOU UP-Ja 4:8-10.

LET US HEAR THE CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER: *FEAR GOD*, AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS: FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN-ref Ecc 12:13.

Following are some of the Scriptures from the Bible that contain the word **repent**.

PEOPLE REPENT (AS MEANING TURNING BACK TO THE RIGHT WAY-TO GOD)

PEOPLE COMMANDED TO REPENT

I Ki 8:47-YET IF THEY SHALL BETHINK THEMSELVES IN THE LAND WHITHER THEY WERE CARRIED CAPTIVES, AND *REPENT*, AND MAKE SUPPLICATION UNTO THEE IN THE LAND OF THEM THAT CARRIED THEM CAPTIVES, SAYING, WE HAVE SINNED, AND HAVE DONE PERVERSELY, WE HAVE COMMITTED WICKEDNESS (Solomon's prayer).

Job 42:6-WHEREFORE I ABHOR MYSELF, AND *REPENT* IN DUST AND ASHES.

Ezek 18:30-THEREFORE I WILL JUDGE YOU, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL, EVERY ONE ACCORDING TO HIS WAYS, SAITH THE LORD GOD. *REPENT*, AND TURN YOURSELVES FROM ALL YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS; SO INIQUITY SHALL NOT BE YOUR RUIN.

Mt 3:2-AND SAYING, *REPENT* YE: FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.

Mt 4:17-FROM THAT TIME JESUS BEGAN TO PREACH, AND TO SAY, *REPENT*: FOR THE KINGDOM OF

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