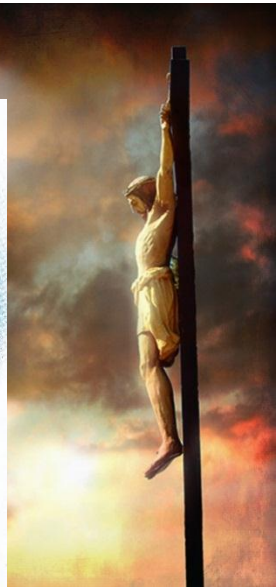
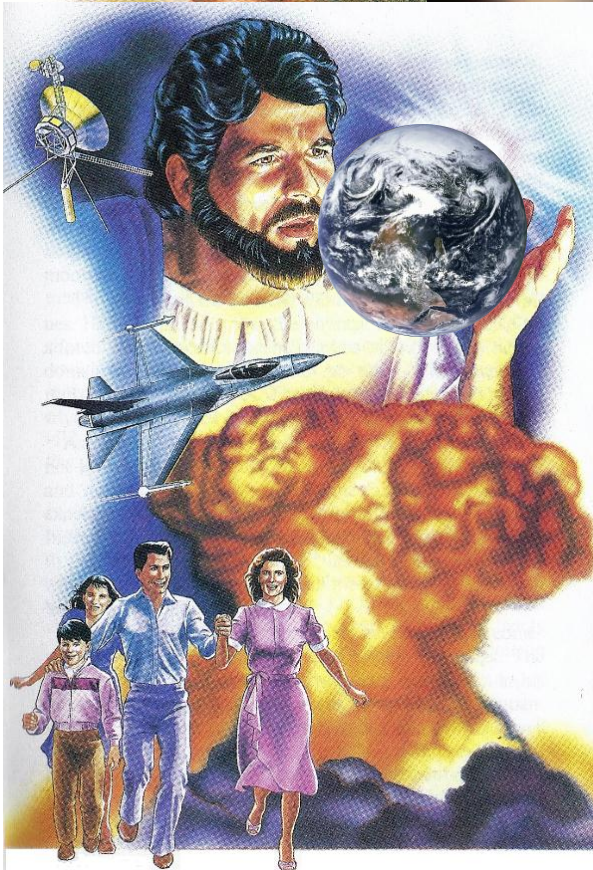


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The world is full of people encouraging you to have faith in Jesus Christ. Most every one of them will also try to make you believe you need to join their group to be a Christian. That leads to recognizing a terrible lie most of the world has been let to believe: That we need to be part of some group formed by men to find the necessary support for our faith. Jesus said some things that should make you cautious about religious group memberships.<sup>(GG)</sup> One thing he said is: **(John 16:1-4)** “I have spoken these things to YOU that YOU may not be stumbled. <sup>2</sup> Men will expel YOU from the synagogue (their religious groups). In fact, the hour is coming when everyone that kills YOU will imagine he has rendered a sacred service to God. <sup>3</sup> But they will do these things because they have not come to know either the Father or me. <sup>4</sup> Nevertheless, I have spoken these things to YOU that, when the hour for them arrives, YOU may remember I told them to YOU. Please take note Jesus was talking about religious people expelling those who loved him from their sect.

Have you ever been coerced to take some action under threat of horrible and/or eternal punishment, or in the promise of some great reward? We see many proclaim in Christ’s name that they are religious leaders, as they busily involve themselves in political or racial movements. Some promote violence! That is terrorism. Their belief always seems to be: If you believe in Christ, you will join their cause and/or their sect. This booklet is in part for those people who would like to know (or know more about) what Jesus taught, while still believing that before they make any decision about faith in Christ, they need to first know if what Jesus said is worthy of faith. They would like to learn and consider what Jesus taught without pressure being applied to join some sect, or to make some blind commitment in the name of Christ. If you feel that way, this booklet is for you. If you want to better understand the Bible, this booklet is for you. Please notice it is two thirds comprised of scriptures as footnotes.

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## Did you ever wish you could *truly believe* you have the answers to life's important questions?

Where did we come from? Why are we here? What hope can we have for the future? Is there someone responsible for creation that we can depend on? What good is it all, really? And important to most people, what will make you truly happy – and, can it be forever?

Many offer differing opinions about the answers to those questions. It is obvious many people believe they have the answers, when their actions betray they do not. A person who chooses to kill others in the name of the God he has chosen to worship, while possibly a sincere believer, is obviously not a servant of the true God or even rational. By now, you likely perceive we are suggesting the Bible as the solution to provide answers to life's questions. But, you are perhaps skeptical! If you have heard some of what people say about the Bible, and seen what they do in the name of God, you know there are also many theories on what the Bible teaches and what it means. All that confusion about the Bible, along with its sheer size, can make the Bible appear hard to understand. So... Why do *we think and make assurance* the Bible can help? We believe it can help *you* because **we are revealing a simple secret that makes the Bible easy to understand.** The Bible teaches our secret openly, so it's not *really* a secret, yet in the midst of all the confusion about the Bible, it is obvious it does remain a secret for many (or even most) people. Before we disclose our secret, however, we should advise you: The ability to understand the Bible seems first tied to sincerity on the part of the hearer.<sup>A</sup> God is

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<sup>A</sup> [Mark 4:10-21 CEV](#) When Jesus was alone with the twelve apostles and some others, they asked him about these stories. (11) He answered: I have explained the [*sacred*] secret about God's kingdom to you, but for others I can use only stories. (12) The reason is, "These people will look and look, but never see. They will listen and listen, but never understand. If they did, they would turn to God, and he would forgive them." (13) Jesus told them: If you don't understand this story, you won't understand any others. (14) What the farmer is spreading is really the message about the kingdom. (15) The seeds that fell along the road are the people who hear the message. But Satan

looking throughout the earth for every single person who is also looking for him.<sup>(U)</sup> If you seek to know the true God, you should surely evaluate the Bible to see if it is worthy of your faith. The teachings of Jesus amount to the sacred secret sent us by God. (Please recognize: That secret of God is not the secret we are revealing. Jesus already brought us God's secret 2000 years ago.) Jesus Christ is the manifestation and revelation of that sacred secret of God.<sup>B</sup> God's

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soon comes and snatches it away from them. (16) The seeds that fell on rocky ground are the people who gladly hear the message and accept it right away. (17) But they don't have any roots, and they don't last very long. As soon as life gets hard or the message gets them in trouble, they give up. (18) The seeds that fell among the thornbushes are also people who hear the message. (19) But they start worrying about the needs of this life. They are fooled by the desire to get rich and to have all kinds of other things. So the message gets choked out, and they never produce anything. (20) The seeds that fell on good ground are the people who hear and welcome the message. They produce thirty or sixty or even a hundred times as much as was planted. (21) Jesus also said: You don't light a lamp and put it under a clay pot or under a bed. Don't you put a lamp on a lampstand? - Jesus was declaring his message openly but he used illustrations so only for those who were sincere would understand.

<sup>B</sup> **Colossians 1:25-26 GNB** And I have been made a servant of the church by God, who gave me this task to perform for your good. It is the task of fully proclaiming his [Christ's] message, (26) which is the [sacred] secret he hid through all past ages from all human beings but has now revealed to his people.~

**Colossians 1:3-4 ESV** We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, (4) since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,~

**Colossians 1:5-6 GNB** When the true message, the Good News, first came to you, you heard about the hope it offers. So your faith and love are based on what you hope for, which is kept safe for you in heaven. (6) The gospel [*teachings of Christ*] keeps bringing blessings and is spreading throughout the world, just as it has among you ever since the day you first heard about the grace of God and came to know it as it really is.~

**Colossians 1:9-15 GNB** For this reason we have always prayed for you, ever since we heard about you. We ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will, with all the wisdom and understanding that his Spirit gives. (10) Then you will be able to live as the Lord wants and will always do what pleases him. Your lives will produce all kinds of

sacred secret, then, comprises the sum total of the knowledge wrapped up in Christ Jesus. Knowing that about Jesus, and to understand the Bible theme, we must begin with a sincere desire to learn or at least consider what God sent his son to teach.<sup>(EE)</sup> We must avoid simply seeking a religion that makes us happy. If you are only looking for some form of religion or worship *to please you*, and that *you will be comfortable with*, there are many people anxious to offer that service. The real truth, however, will only be recognized by people who are sincerely searching for the one true God.<sup>C</sup> By listening and asking questions, Jesus's honest hearted disciples were helped to gain the full meaning of the truth he brought them. You can gain that same benefit: If you simply read what Jesus said, you are not only listening to what he told the crowds, but you also hear the answers to

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good deeds, and you will grow in your knowledge of God. (11) May you be made strong with all the strength which comes from his glorious power, so that you may be able to endure everything with patience. And with joy give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to have your share of what God has reserved for his people in the kingdom of light. (12) (SEE 1:11) (13) He rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us safe into the kingdom of his dear Son, (14) by whom we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. (15) Christ is the visible likeness of the invisible God. He is the first-born Son, superior to all created things.~

Luke 10:23-24 GNB Then Jesus turned to the disciples and said to them privately, "How fortunate you are to see the things you see! (24) I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see [*the sacred secret*], but they could not, and to hear what you hear, but they did not."

<sup>C</sup> 2 Timothy 4:1-5 CEV When Christ Jesus comes as king, he will be the judge of everyone, whether they are living or dead. So with God and Christ as witnesses, I command you (2) to preach God's message (share what Jesus taught). Do it willingly, even if it isn't the popular thing to do. You must correct people and point out their sins. But also cheer them up, and when you instruct them, always be patient. (3) The time is coming when people won't listen to good [healthful] teaching. Instead, they will look for teachers who will please them [tickle their ears] by telling them only what they are itching to hear. (4) They will turn from the truth and eagerly listen to senseless stories. (5) But you must stay calm and be willing to suffer. You must work hard to tell the good news [*of Christ*] and to do your job well.

the questions Jesus was asked (often in private). It is unlikely you would have a question for Jesus that one of his followers or opposers didn't ask.

So, then, considering that Christ is the revelation of God's sacred secret, we finally come to *the secret we want to give you*: If you are a person who is sincere about learning what the Bible teaches, **our simple secret is you must make the choice to become intimately familiar with what Jesus Christ taught in the four short Gospel books by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John**. Those Gospels contain the sacred secret God sent Jesus to bring you.<sup>(B)</sup> And our secret then, is simply for you to recognize the importance of having a personal knowledge of what God sent Jesus to teach. **Everything before and after the Gospels serves as a tutor leading to (or to encourage faith in) the Christ.**<sup>(E)</sup> Within those Gospel recordings, Jesus often makes reference to the men and women who are recounted in the other books of the Bible. He references Moses, for example, among many others.<sup>D</sup> **The**

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<sup>D</sup> **Matthew 8:1-4 CEV** As Jesus came down the mountain, he was followed by large crowds. (2) Suddenly a man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus. He said, "Lord, you have the power to make me well, if only you wanted to." (3) Jesus put his hand on the man and said, "I want to! Now you are well." At once the man's leprosy disappeared. (4) Jesus told him, "Don't tell anyone about this, but go and show the priest that you are well. Then take a gift to the temple just as Moses commanded, and everyone will know that you have been healed." ~

**Matthew 23:1-13 LITV** Then Jesus spoke to the crowd and to His disciples, (2) saying, The scribes and the Pharisees (religious leaders) have sat down on Moses' seat (appointed themselves judges of the people). (3) Then all things, whatever they tell you to keep, keep and do. But do not do according to their works, for they say, and do not do. (4) For they bind heavy and hard to bear burdens, and lay *them* on the shoulders of men, but they do not desire to move them with their finger. (5) And they do all their works to be seen by men. And they make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their robes. (6) And they love the first couch in the suppers, and the first seats in the synagogues, (7) and the greetings in the markets, and to be called by men, Rabbi, Rabbi. (8) But do not you be called Rabbi, for One is your Leader, the Christ, and you are all brothers. (9) And call no one your father on earth, for One is your Father, the *One* in Heaven. (10)

**trick to understanding the Bible must begin with being focused on what Jesus taught. One thing that means is you must exert effort to avoid getting too caught up in the small stories that make up the Bible as it exists outside the Gospels.** Always remember: It is those Gospels that reveal the sacred secret sent by God.<sup>(B)</sup> When we are learning about the Bible, we will read many short accounts like that of Moses from the book of Exodus. It was not, of course, a short story for Moses! We there note that Moses's whole life amounted to his leading the Jews out of slavery in Egypt (and also demonstrated his faithful worship of the true God of course). As we read the account about Moses, and what he did and endured, we can easily start to think that the Bible is about him. We can easily imagine there must be some grand meaning for us to gain from considering the life of Moses. Always be meditating on this simple fact: The Bible recounts 6000 years of time from the creation of Adam until our day.<sup>(G)</sup> That is important because it is all the Bible's characters combined, the whole record of that 6000 years, that reveal its story. And, the record of the life of each of those individuals serves only to focus light on one central character: Jesus. The purpose of the entire Bible, remember, is to act as a tutor to reveal the truth of God wrapped up in Christ.<sup>E</sup> We thus need to appreciate the Bible's many short accounts as one large

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Nor be called leaders, for One is your Leader, the Christ. (11) But the greater of you shall be your servant. (12) And whoever will exalt himself shall be humbled, and whoever will humble himself shall be exalted. (13) But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of Heaven before men; for you do not enter, nor do you allow those entering to go in.

<sup>E</sup> Galatians 3:23-29 ALT But before faith came, we were being guarded [*or, being kept in protective custody*] under [*the*] Law, having been confined to the faith about to be revealed. (24) Therefore, the Law has become our tutor [*to lead us*] to Christ, so that by faith we should be justified [*or, declared righteous*]. (25) But since faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. (26) For you are all sons [*and daughters*] of God by means of faith in Christ Jesus. (27) For as many as were baptized [*or, immersed*] into Christ put on [*or, clothed yourselves with*] Christ. (28) There is no Jew nor Greek, there is no slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (29) Now since you [*are*] Christ's, consequently, you are seed [*fig., descendants*] of Abraham and heirs according to promise.

truth. Viewing the Bible as a whole is the only way we can isolate and understand the theme of the Bible to be our deliverance by means of our faith in what Christ taught.<sup>(FFFF)</sup> Only then can we see how the many accounts of the men and women over that 6000 years fit together to paint one beautiful picture of God providing the Messiah to deliver us. When you understand enough of the Bible to see how the pictures on the cover of this booklet blend to produce one wonderful story, you will know! When you see how the whole of the Bible fills in around the simple Bible theme highlighting our need to rely completely on what Jesus taught,<sup>(B)</sup> you will be well on your way to having the answers to everything of importance.

Let's consider a simplistic outline of the Bible, and then fill it in with a few of the stories Jesus referenced: Stories that combine to create the whole. The Bible describes early in Genesis that God created everything we can see and know. He created us as well.<sup>F</sup> The Bible

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<sup>F</sup> [Genesis 1:1-31 GNB](#) In the beginning, when God created the universe, (2) the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God was moving over the water. (3) Then God commanded, "Let there be light"---and light appeared. (4) God was pleased with what he saw. Then he separated the light from the darkness, (5) and he named the light "Day" and the darkness "Night." Evening passed and morning came---that was the first day. (6) Then God commanded, "Let there be a dome to divide the water and to keep it in two separate places"---and it was done. So God made a dome, and it separated the water under it from the water [*vapor*] above it. (7) (*SEE 1:6*) (8) He named the dome "Sky." Evening passed and morning came---that was the second day. (9) Then God commanded, "Let the water below the sky come together in one place, so that the land will appear"---and it was done. (10) He named the land "Earth," and the water which had come together he named "Sea." And God was pleased with what he saw. (11) Then he commanded, "Let the earth produce all kinds of plants, those that bear grain and those that bear fruit"---and it was done. (12) So the earth produced all kinds of plants, and God was pleased with what he saw. (13) Evening passed and morning came---that was the third day. (14) Then God commanded, "Let lights appear in the sky to separate day from night and to show the time when days, years, and religious festivals [*and seasons*] begin (*Literal*



teaches that about 6000 years ago,<sup>6</sup> and immediately following the creation of our first parents, a powerful spirit creature made himself God's enemy. Speaking through a serpent as a ventriloquist might do, Satan led Adam and Eve into rebellion against God. He tricked *the humans* into being disobedient to God. Satan lied to Adam and Eve,

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translations make no reference to "religious" festivals in this Bible verse. This addition no doubt reflects the "religious" beliefs of the translators. That is why it is sometimes good to consider different translations. "Literal" translations are normally harder to read, but usually more accurate.); (15) they will shine in the sky to give light to the earth"---and it was done. (16) So God made the two larger lights, the sun to rule over the day and the moon to rule over the night; he also made the stars. (17) He placed the lights in the sky to shine on the earth, (18) to rule over the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God was pleased with what he saw. (19) Evening passed and morning came---that was the fourth day. (20) Then God commanded, "Let the water be filled with many kinds of living beings, and let the air be filled with birds." (21) So God created the great sea monsters, all kinds of creatures that live in the water, and all kinds of birds. And God was pleased with what he saw. (22) He blessed them all and told the creatures that live in the water to reproduce and to fill the sea, and he told the birds to increase in number. (23) Evening passed and morning came---that was the fifth day. (24) Then God commanded, "Let the earth produce all kinds of animal life: domestic and wild, large and small"---and it was done. (25) So God made them all, and he was pleased with what he saw. (26) Then God said, "And now we will make human beings; they will be like us and resemble us. They will have power over the fish, the birds, and all animals, domestic and wild, large and small." (27) So God created human beings, making them to be like himself. He created them male and female, (28) blessed them, and said, "Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the earth and bring it under their control. I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals. (29) I have provided all kinds of grain and all kinds of fruit for you to eat; (30) but for all the wild animals and for all the birds I have provided grass and leafy plants for food"--and it was done. (31) God looked at everything he had made, and he was very pleased. Evening passed and morning came---that was the sixth day.

<sup>6</sup> See the insert in the booklet or visit: [justbibletruth.com/InsertTimeLine.pdf](http://justbibletruth.com/InsertTimeLine.pdf) ~  
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but he himself didn't directly disobey. There was no law against lying. There had never been a lie, so there was no reason for a law against it. Satan is the creator of the lie.<sup>h</sup> He used that first lie to manipulate the humans so *they disobeyed God*; by taking fruit from a tree God had kept for himself.<sup>l</sup> This wicked spirit, this self-defined enemy of God,

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<sup>h</sup> **John 8:42-51** ESV Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. (43) Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. (44) You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (45) But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. (46) Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? (47) Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God." (48) The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" (49) Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. (50) Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. (51) Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

<sup>l</sup> **Genesis 3:1-13** CEV The snake was sneakier than any of the other wild animals that the LORD God had made. One day it came to the woman and asked, "Did God tell you not to eat fruit from any tree in the garden?" (2) The woman answered, "God said we could eat fruit from any tree in the garden, (3) except the one in the middle. He told us not to eat fruit from that tree or even to touch it. If we do, we will die." (4) "No, you won't!" the snake replied. (5) "God understands what will happen on the day you eat fruit from that tree. You will see what you have done, and you will know the difference between right and wrong, just as God does." (6) The woman stared at the fruit. It looked beautiful and tasty. She wanted the wisdom that it would give her, and she ate some of the fruit. Her husband was there with her, so she gave some to him, and he ate it too. (7) Right away they saw what they had done, and they realized they were naked. Then they sewed fig leaves together to make something to cover themselves. (8) Late in the afternoon a breeze began to blow, and the man and woman heard the LORD God walking in the garden. They were frightened and hid behind some trees. (9) The LORD called out to the man and asked, "Where are you?" (10) The man answered, "I was naked, and when I heard you walking through the garden, I was frightened and hid!" (11)

would later reveal it was the worship of God's creation that he desired.<sup>J</sup> Satan likely imagined he could have Adam and Eve for himself after he had separated them from God. What use could God really have for them once they had turned their back on him? Even if he could only have Adam and Eve's worship for a short time before they died, Satan didn't care. He probably imagined he had put God in a corner. If God destroyed Adam and Eve, and recreated new humans to replace them, it would seem to imply there was something wrong with his creative works in those first humans. So... What would God actually do in response to what Satan and Adam and Eve did? The first thing God did was allow time for his sovereignty (his goodness and his right to rule) to be vindicated. After 6000 years, we now live in a world that gives witness to what happens when Satan's will (or any will other than God's) ~~has control~~ *is tolerated*. The problems overwhelming mankind demonstrates our absolute need to obey our Creator. (Everything God does is perfect, so any deviation from his way is bad and causes harm.) All creation, then, has been watching ever since that original lie (and the sin it brought) to see how God would fix what the rebels had done.<sup>K</sup> That wonderful drama is what the whole of the

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"How did you know you were naked?" God asked. "Did you eat any fruit from that tree in the middle of the garden?" (12) "It was the woman you put here with me," the man said. "She gave me some of the fruit, and I ate it." (13) The LORD God then asked the woman, "What have you done?" "The snake tricked me," she answered. "And I ate some of that fruit."

<sup>J</sup> **Matthew 4:8-10 GNB** Then the Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their greatness. (9) "All this I will give you," the Devil said, "if you kneel down and worship me." (10) Then Jesus answered, "Go away, Satan! The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!'"

<sup>K</sup> **1 Peter 1:10-12 GNB** It was concerning this salvation that the prophets made careful search and investigation, and they prophesied about this gift which God would give you. (11) They tried to find out when the time would be and how it would come. This was the time to which Christ's Spirit in them was pointing, in predicting the sufferings that Christ would have to endure and the glory that would follow. (12) God revealed to these prophets that their work was not for their own benefit, but for yours, as they spoke about those things which you have now heard from the messengers who announced the Good News (the

Bible reveals to us. Helping you understand that truth is the whole purpose of the Bible, and Jesus is God's method of telling you!<sup>(TT)</sup>

God made his first (Bible recorded) promise immediately following the sin of Adam and Eve (and while they were still in the Garden of Eden). In Genesis 3:15, **God said would raise up a "seed of the woman" who would crush the head of Satan.**<sup>L</sup> **Recognizing and understanding that first promise by God, then, is a key to understanding the whole of the Bible. Ever since God uttered that prophecy, He has been moving forward to provide that promised deliverer.** Producing and revealing that promised "seed of the woman" has taken 6000 years, and the Bible is our window onto the lives of many of the men and women who have supported that activity of God. It also affords us a look at some of those people who fought against what God has been doing. Because our current life span is only about seventy or eighty years, 6000 years can seem like a very long time. Remember though, that's only a brief period of time for God.<sup>M</sup> All the men and women who have served God over the years, then, have been playing out their role to help God provide the promised "seed of the woman" who would destroy Satan.<sup>N & (L)</sup>

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teachings of Christ) by the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. These are things which even the angels would like to understand.

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

<sup>M</sup> **2 Peter 3:8-9 ESV** But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (9) The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

<sup>N</sup> **1 John 3:8-11 ESV** Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. (9) No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. (10) By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. (11) For this is the

For the first 2000 years after they were expelled from Eden, God used dreams and visions to deal with righteous individuals from among mankind.<sup>(G)</sup> He also spoke to some of them through angels.<sup>(GGGG)</sup> As men started to grow in numbers, while being exposed to the influence of Satan and the demons (fallen angels who had followed him), the earth became filled with violence. About 1500 years after Adam, then, God selected righteous Noah to build an ark to preserve the righteous potential of his human creation, while he destroyed the wicked world that had developed.<sup>o</sup> God in that way saved the lives of Noah and his family, and those of the yet unborn future righteously inclined humanity.<sup>p</sup> God was still working to fulfill his promise made in the

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message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

<sup>o</sup> **Genesis 6:9-14 ESV** These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. (10) And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (11) Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. (12) And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. (13) And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. (14) Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch.

<sup>p</sup> **2 Peter 3:2-9 GW** I want you to remember the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and what the Lord and Savior commanded you through your apostles. (3) First, you must understand this: In the last days people who follow their own desires will appear. These disrespectful people will ridicule God's promise (4) by saying, "What's happened to his promise to return? Ever since our ancestors died, everything continues as it did from the beginning of the world." (5) They are deliberately ignoring one fact: Because of God's word, heaven and earth existed a long time ago. The earth appeared out of water and was kept alive by water. (6) Water also flooded and destroyed that world. (7) By God's word, the present heaven and earth are designated to be burned. They are being kept until the day ungodly people will be judged and destroyed. (8) Dear friends, don't ignore this fact: One day with the Lord is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. (9) The Lord isn't slow to do what he promised, as some people think. Rather, he is patient for your sake. He doesn't want to

Garden, and mankind could now know the “seed of the woman” would come through Noah. True to God’s promise, Jesus was born about 2500 years after the flood and announced himself as that promised seed of the woman.<sup>Q & (EE)</sup> As part of Jesus’s teachings, he referred to the days of Noah as being similar to his (Jesus’s) second coming: The time when he would return to crush Satan’s head<sup>(N)</sup> and to once again save mankind from destruction.<sup>R</sup> Jesus thus drew a parallel between his activity and what Noah had done.

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destroy anyone but wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to him and change the way they think and act.

<sup>Q</sup> **Matthew 16:12-17 GNB** Then the disciples understood that he was not warning them to guard themselves from the yeast used in bread but from the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees (religious leaders). (13) Jesus went to the territory near the town of Caesarea Philippi, where he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man [*seed of the womsn*] is?" (14) "Some say John the Baptist," they answered. "Others say Elijah, while others say Jeremiah or some other prophet." (15) "What about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say I am?" (16) Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (17) "Good for you, Simon son of John!" answered Jesus. "For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my Father in heaven.~

**John 3:16-21 GNB** For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. (17) For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its savior. (18) Those who believe in the Son are not judged; but those who do not believe have already been judged [*have judged themselves*], because they have not believed in God's only Son. (19) This is how the judgment works: the light has come into the world, but people love the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds are evil. (20) Those who do evil things hate the light and will not come to the light, because they do not want their evil deeds to be shown up. (21) But those who do what is true come to the light in order that the light may show that what they did was in obedience to God.

<sup>R</sup> **Matthew 24:1-8 ALT** And having gone out, Jesus was departing from the temple, and His disciples approached Him to point out to Him the buildings of the temple. (2) But Jesus said to them, "You are looking at all these, are you not? Positively, I say to you, by no means shall [*there*] be left here a stone upon a stone which will not be torn down." (3) Then as He is sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples

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approached Him privately, saying, "Tell us when these *[things]* will be? And what *[is]* the sign of Your Arrival and of the conclusion of the age?" (4) And answering, Jesus said to them, "Be watching lest anyone leads you astray *[fig., deceives you]*. (5) "For many will come in My Name, saying, 'I am the Christ'—and they will lead many astray *[fig., will deceive many]*. (6) "But you will begin to be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. Take care! Stop being alarmed! For it is necessary *[for]* all *[these things]* to take place, but the end is not yet. (7) "For nation will be raised up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and *[there]* will be famines and plagues and earthquakes in *[various]* places. (8) "But all these *[things are the]* beginning of birth pains *[fig., of great sufferings]*.~

**Matthew 24:24-39 BBE** For there will come up false Christs, and false prophets, who will do great signs and wonders; so that if possible even the saints might be tricked. (25) See, I have made it clear to you before it comes about. (26) If, then, they say to you, See, he is in the waste land; go not out: See, he is in the inner rooms; put no faith in it. (27) Because as in a thunderstorm the bright light coming from the east is seen even in the west; so will be the coming of the Son of man. (28) Wherever the dead body is, there will the eagles come together. (29) But straight away, after the trouble of those days, the sun will be made dark and the moon will not give her light and the stars will come down from heaven and the powers of heaven will be moved: (30) And then the sign of the Son of man will be seen in heaven: and then all the nations of the earth will have sorrow, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. (31) And he will send out his angels with a great sound of a horn, and they will get his saints together from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (32) Now take an example from the fig-tree: when her branch has become soft and puts out its leaves, you are certain that the summer is near; (33) Even so, when you see all these things, you may be certain that he is near, even at the doors. (34) Truly I say to you, This generation will not come to an end till all these things are complete. (35) Heaven and earth will come to an end, but my words will not come to an end. (36) But of that day and hour no one has knowledge, not even the angels in heaven, or the Son, but the Father only. (37) And as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of man. (38) Because as in those days before the overflowing of the waters, they were feasting and taking wives and getting married, till the day when Noah went into the ark, (39) And they had no care till the waters came and took them all away; so will be the coming of the Son of man.

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In Noah's day, the Bible recounts that after Noah and his family came out of the ark and started having sons and daughters (repopulating the earth), their descendants joined together in some sort of religious building activity. It would soon have had a wicked influence on the freshly preserved human race, as it united them to work together to achieve their own (bad) goals. God said regarding their activity that soon nothing would be impossible for them, so he caused different languages in order to spread mankind throughout the earth.<sup>5</sup> After the flood, then, and the mixing of their languages, God once again had humankind spreading themselves through the earth as He originally intended.<sup>†</sup> (Does it seem like mankind has once again reached a time when nothing is impossible to us. We can now create life; not from scratch, but by altering or combining the blueprints of life forms created by God. Who really knows what we might unleash? Most of us have no choice but to eat foods other men have genetically modified. We can't even know when we are buying such food.)

As mankind again grew in numbers, and about 2000 years after Adam (and 500 years after Noah), God chose a righteous man named

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<sup>5</sup> **Genesis 10:32 CEV** This completes the list of Noah's descendants. After the flood their descendants became nations and spread all over the world.~

**Genesis 11:1-8 CEV** At first everyone spoke the same language, (2) but after some of them moved from the east and settled in Babylonia, (3) they said: Let's build a city with a tower that reaches to the sky! We'll use hard bricks and tar instead of stone and mortar. We'll become famous, and we won't be scattered all over the world. (4) (*SEE 11:3*) (5) But when the LORD came down to look at the city and the tower, (6) he said: These people are working together because they all speak the same language. This is just the beginning. Soon they will be able to do anything they want. (7) Come on! Let's go down and confuse them by making them speak different languages--then they won't be able to understand each other. (8) So the people had to stop building the city, because the LORD confused their language and scattered them all over the earth. That's how the city of Babel got its name.

<sup>†</sup> **Genesis 1:27-28 CEV** So God created humans to be like himself; he made men and women. (28) God gave them his blessing and said: Have a lot of children! Fill the earth with people and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and every animal on the earth.



Abraham so as to separate a group and to insulate them from Satan's influence. He had determined to use Abraham and his descendants to produce the promised seed of the woman,<sup>(LLL - John 4:22)</sup> thus helping and protecting not only them, but the rest of mankind as well (all who would allow themselves to be helped).<sup>(G)</sup> God was determined to protect truth and true worship for the sake of his promise, and for those individuals who were inclined to be drawn to listen to him.<sup>U</sup> To protect his creation, which He knew all along was good, God gave the Law Code through Moses.<sup>V</sup> In that way He began using the seed of faithful Abraham to become a nation of his People. Through Abraham, then, God both continued and expanded the promise he made at Genesis 3:15.<sup>(L)</sup> God promised Abraham that by means of his seed all

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<sup>U</sup> **2 Chronicles 16:9a Darby (9)** For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro through the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of those whose heart is perfect [*complete*] toward him... (This Darby Bible translation, along with many others, uses Jehovah to represent יהוה, which is the original Hebrew language name of God. Some other translations use "LORD" in all caps to designate where יהוה (God's self-proclaimed personal name) existed in the original text, so as to distinguish it from "Lord," which actually was the word Lord in the original text. When you see "LORD" in those Bibles, it means יהוה existed in the original text. You should likely know this: God had his personal name יהוה [Jehovah in English] recorded over 6000 times in the original Hebrew text of the Old Testament. It is likely important! You can verify this in the Darby, The American Standard Version, The Young's Literal Translation, The Modern King James Version and some others.)<sup>(X)</sup>)

<sup>V</sup> **Deuteronomy 13:4 MKJV** You shall walk after Jehovah your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments, and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.~

**Deuteronomy 28:1-4 MKJV** (1) And it will be, if you shall listen carefully to the voice of Jehovah your God, to observe *and* to do all His commandments (the Law Code) which I command you today, Jehovah your God will set you on high above all nations of the earth. (2) And all these blessings shall come on you and overtake you, if you will listen to the voice of Jehovah your God. (3) You *shall be* blessed in the city, and be blessed in the field. (4) The fruit of your body *shall be* blessed, and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your cows, and the flocks of your sheep.

nations of the earth would be able to bless themselves.<sup>w</sup> The “seed of the woman,” also referred to as “the son of man,” would be from Eve, and then through the line of Noah, and then Abraham and his descendants. God’s chosen nation came to be called Jews after the name of Abraham’s great-grandson Judah. The Christ would come through the tribe of Judah. God made provision for any righteous person, from any nation, to join themselves to the Jews and to receive the protection He afforded his nation. Please do not imagine, however, the Jews were chosen by God because they were a group of all good people.<sup>x</sup> They were simply the nation being separated by God in their day in time according to *his needs*. They were simply being used to accomplish his purpose to produce the seed of the woman. As Abraham’s descendants, they were chosen so as to fulfill God’s promises to Abraham (as well as his original promise in the Garden).<sup>x</sup> During one period in the recorded history of God’s Jewish

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<sup>w</sup> [Genesis 22:16-18 GW](#) and said, "I am taking an oath on my own name, declares the LORD [**יהוה** - *Jehovah in English*], that because you have done this and have not refused to give me your son, your only son, (17) I will certainly bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of their enemies' cities. (18) Through your descendant all the nations of the earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

<sup>x</sup> [Deuteronomy 9:1-6 GNB](#) "Listen, people of Israel! Today you are about to cross the Jordan River and occupy the land belonging to nations greater and more powerful than you. Their cities are large, with walls that reach the sky. (2) The people themselves are tall and strong; they are giants, and you have heard it said that no one can stand against them. (3) But now you will see for yourselves that the LORD [*Jehovah*] your God will go ahead of you like a raging fire. He will defeat them as you advance, so that you will drive them out and destroy them quickly, as he promised. (4) "After the LORD [*Jehovah*] your God has driven them out for you, do not say to yourselves that he brought you in to possess this land because you deserved it. No, the LORD [*Jehovah*] is going to drive these people out for you because they are wicked. (5) It is not because you are good and do what is right that the LORD [*Jehovah*] is letting you take their land. He will drive them out because they are wicked and because he intends to keep the promise that he made to your ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (6) You can be sure that the LORD [*Jehovah*] is not giving you

nation, they had to travel to Egypt to survive a famine. That afforded God's nation time to grow and prosper.<sup>Y</sup> Over time, however, the Egyptians abused the Jews and turned them into slaves. It was then that Moses was born and used by God to free his nation from slavery. The whole of the story of the descendants of Abraham, remember, including Moses, is only a continuation of the outworking of God's promise to produce the seed of the woman.<sup>(L)</sup> The Jewish born "Messiah" (or the "Christ" in Greek – both meaning "anointed one") came through Eve and through Noah, and then through Abraham and the Jewish nation of his descendants.<sup>Z</sup> Moses's story, then, simply reveals how he was used by God to free God's chosen nation from Egypt and to give them the Law Code. It was all so they could be used

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this fertile land because you deserve it. No, you are a stubborn [*stiff necked and hard hearted*] people.

<sup>Y</sup> **Genesis 46:26-27 MKJV** All the souls that came with Jacob (Abraham's grandson) into Egypt, who came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls *were* sixty-six. (27) And the sons of Joseph, who *were* born to him in Egypt, *were* two souls. All the souls of the house of Jacob, who came into Egypt, *were* seventy.~

**Deuteronomy 10:20-22 MKJV** (20) You shall fear Jehovah your God. You shall serve Him, and you shall hold fast to Him, and swear by His name. (21) He *is* your praise, and He *is* your God, who has done for you these great and terrible things which your eyes have seen. (22) Your fathers went down into Egypt with seventy persons. And now Jehovah your God has made you as the stars of the heavens for multitude.

<sup>Z</sup> **Luke 3:23-38 CEV** When Jesus began to preach, he was about thirty years old. Everyone thought he was the son of Joseph. But his family went back through Heli (Mary's father), (24) Matthat, Levi, Melchi, Jannai, Joseph, (25) Mattathias, Amos, Nahum, Esli, Naggai, (26) Maath, Mattathias, Semein, Josech, Joda; (27) Joanan, Rhesa, Zerubbabel, Shealtiel, Neri, (28) Melchi, Addi, Cosam, Elmadam, Er, (29) Joshua, Eliezer, Jorim, Matthat, Levi; (30) Simeon, Judah, Joseph, Jonam, Eliakim, (31) Melea, Menna, Mattatha, Nathan, David, (32) Jesse, Obed, Boaz, Salmon, Nahshon; (33) Amminadab, Admin, Arni, Hezron, Perez, Judah, (34) Jacob, Isaac, Abraham, Terah, Nahor, (35) Serug, Reu, Peleg, Eber, Shelah; (36) Cainan, Arphaxad, Shem, Noah, Lamech, (37) Methuselah, Enoch, Jared, Mahalaleel, Kenan, (38) Enosh, and Seth. The family of Jesus went all the way back to Adam and then to God [*to Adam, the son of God*].

by God as He continued the Bible's theme of producing the promised Messiah.

King David is another character you will hear mentioned often in the Bible. At one point in their history, the Jews demanded to have Kings like the nations around them.<sup>AA</sup> So, God anointed men to serve him as earthly Kings over his nation. David was the second of those Kings and is well known for his faithfulness to God. David's rule, along with that of his son Solomon, represented the best it had been for the men and women who loved God since the paradise existed in the Garden of Eden. God then promised faithful King David He would appoint one to sit on David's throne forever<sup>BB</sup> (David committed serious sins but he remained a lover of God all his life). So... The promised "seed of the woman" was more clearly identified as mankind could now know Jesus would come through the line of King David as well.<sup>CC</sup> If you always

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<sup>AA</sup> **1 Samuel 8:4-8 GNB** Then all the leaders of Israel met together, went to Samuel in Ramah, (5) and said to him, "Look, you are getting old and your sons don't follow your example. So then, appoint a king to rule over us, so that we will have a king, as other countries have." (6) Samuel was displeased with their request for a king; so he prayed to the LORD, (7) and the LORD said, "Listen to everything the people say to you. You are not the one they have rejected; I am the one they have rejected as their king. (8) Ever since I brought them out of Egypt, they have turned away from me and worshiped other gods; and now they are doing to you what they have always done to me.

<sup>BB</sup> **2 Samuel 7:12-16 ESV** When your (King David's) days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. (13) He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. (14) I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, (15) but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. (16) And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

<sup>CC</sup> **Matthew 22:41-46 GNB** When some Pharisees gathered together, Jesus asked them, (42) "What do you think about the Messiah? Whose descendant is he?" "He is David's descendant," they answered. (43) "Why, then," Jesus asked, "did the Spirit inspire David to call him

remember the Bible's theme to be the birth of Jesus, and his presenting himself as the promised "seed of the woman" (from Genesis 3:15),<sup>(L)</sup> all the rest of the Bible stories become easy to understand and make perfect sense. Jesus came to bring us teachings from his Father that free us from the tunnel vision that tends to overwhelm us because of our short life span.<sup>DD</sup> Most of the world seek to make religion about them, and then to keep other people convinced they need to continually look to them and to their sect for enlightenment. The truth is not ever really about any person except Jesus Christ.<sup>(B) & (E)</sup> **The whole point of this booklet is to help you realize your need to read and re-read what Jesus was sent by his Father to teach you.**<sup>EE</sup>

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'Lord'? David said, (44) 'The Lord said to my Lord: Sit here at my right side until I put your enemies under your feet.' (45) If, then, David called him 'Lord,' how can the Messiah be David's descendant?" (46) No one was able to give Jesus any answer, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

<sup>DD</sup> **John 8:31-32 GNB** So Jesus said to those who believed in him, "If you obey [*or remain in*] my teaching, you are really my disciples; (32) you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

<sup>EE</sup> **Matthew 11:25-30 CEV** At that moment Jesus said: My Father, Lord of heaven and earth, I am grateful that you hid all this from wise and educated people and showed it to ordinary people. (26) Yes, Father, that is what pleased you. (27) My Father has given me everything, and he is the only one who knows the Son. The only one who truly knows the Father is the Son. But the Son wants to tell others about the Father, so that they can know him too. (28) If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. (29) Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. (30) This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.~

**John 18:37 ESV** Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world--to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."~

**John 5:19-30 ESV** So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. (20) For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. (21) For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so

**If you are a person sincerely seeking to know our Creator, there is need to warn you about a danger you face; along with encouraging you to learn all you can about the details of the promises Christ made to us. The great danger to all who seek the truth takes the form of “religion.”** Please now recognize and understand our use of the term “religion” to mean something different from “Christianity.” Religion amounts to the worship and/or political activities by anti-Christians (or pagans) who only imagine (pretend) they are Christian.<sup>FF</sup>

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also the Son gives life to whom he will. (22) The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, (23) that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. (24) Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. (25) "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. (26) For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. (27) And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man (seed of the woman from Genesis 3:15).<sup>(L)</sup> (28) Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice (29) and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. (30) "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

<sup>FF</sup> **1 John 2:18-29 CEV** Children, this is the last hour. You heard that the enemy of Christ (antichrist) would appear at this time, and many of Christ's enemies (antichrists) have already appeared. So we know that the last hour is here. (19) These people came from our own group, yet they were not part of us. If they had been part of us, they would have stayed with us. But they left, which proves that they did not belong to our group. (20) Christ, the Holy One, has blessed you (with his teachings), and now all of you understand. (21) I did not need to write you about the truth, since you already know it. You also know that liars do not belong to the truth. (22) And a liar is anyone who says that Jesus isn't truly Christ (meaning: the “anointed” of God). Anyone who says this is an enemy of Christ and rejects both the Father and the Son. (23) If we reject the Son, we reject the Father [also]. But if we say that we accept the Son, we have the Father. (24) Keep thinking about the message you first heard (the teachings of Jesus – contained in the Gospels), and you will always be one in your heart with the Son and

**Christians are the class of people made up of all the *individuals* who are followers of what they personally know Jesus taught in the Gospels. Individuals worship God through Christ, not organizations.** There is no formal earthly/sectarian group organizing Christians.<sup>(ZZ)</sup> They just are! **Religion is any other effort that lays claim to worship of God.** Religions are without number! The simple difference between religion and Christianity is this: Religionists always follow other men, and those other men usually claim to follow and represent God and/or Christ. True Christians, on the other hand, follow only Christ Jesus who actually does follow God.<sup>GG & (EE)</sup>

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with the Father. (25) The Son has promised us eternal life. (26) I am writing to warn you about those people who are misleading you (by claiming they are your teachers).<sup>(D)</sup> (27) But Christ has blessed you with the Holy Spirit.<sup>(DDDD)</sup> Now the Spirit stays in you (to help us as Christ watches over us), and you don't need any (other) teachers. The Spirit is truthful and teaches you everything (as we read Jesus's words). So stay one in your heart with Christ, just as the Spirit has taught you to do. (28) Children, stay one in your hearts with Christ. Then when he returns, we will have confidence and won't have to hide in shame. (29) You know that Christ always does right and that everyone who does right is a child of God.

<sup>GG</sup> [Matthew 7:12-24 CEV](#) Treat others as you want them to treat you. This is what the Law and the Prophets are all about. (13) Go in through the narrow gate. The gate to destruction is wide, and the road that leads there is easy to follow. A lot of people go through that gate. (14) But the gate to life is very narrow. The road that leads there is so hard to follow that only a few people find it. (15) Watch out for false prophets! They dress up like sheep, but inside they are wolves who have come to attack you. (16) You can tell what they are by what they do. No one picks grapes or figs from thornbushes. (17) A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. (18) A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. (19) Every tree that produces bad fruit will be chopped down and burned. (20) You can tell who the false prophets are by their deeds (fruitage). (21) Not everyone who calls me their Lord will get into the kingdom of heaven. Only the ones who obey my Father in heaven will get in. (22) On the day of judgment many will call me their Lord. They will say, "We preached in your name, and in your name we forced out demons and worked many miracles." (23) But I

## Christ is the only one we can rely on to be our leader<sup>HH</sup> and/or our teacher.<sup>I</sup> & (D)

There are several ways we can recognize religion and be able to distinguish it from Christianity. The simplest might be by what they call

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will tell them, "I will have nothing to do with you! Get out of my sight, you evil people!" (24) Anyone who hears and obeys these teachings of mine is like a wise person who built a house on solid rock.

<sup>HH</sup> [John 10:1-11 ESV](#) "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. (2) But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. (3) To him the gatekeeper (Jesus's Father) opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. (4) When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. (5) A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." (6) This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. (7) So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. (8) All who came before me (false Christs) are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. (9) I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. (10) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (11) I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

<sup>I</sup> [Acts 4:5-12 CEV](#) The next morning the leaders, the elders, and the teachers of the Law of Moses (the religious leaders) met in Jerusalem. (6) The high priest Annas was there, as well as Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and other members of the high priest's family. (7) They brought in Peter and John and made them stand in the middle while they questioned them. They asked, "By what power and in whose name have you done this?" (8) Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and told the nation's leaders and the elders: (9) You are questioning us today about a kind deed in which a crippled man was healed. (10) But there is something we must tell you and everyone else in Israel. This man is standing here completely well because of the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth. You put Jesus to death on a cross, but God raised him to life. (11) He is the stone that you builders thought was worthless, and now he is the most important stone of all. (12) Only Jesus has the power to save! His name is the only one in all the world that can save anyone.



themselves. The Bible says Jesus's followers were called Christians under inspiration by God.<sup>JJ</sup> So... You are likely in danger if you are in association with any group that calls themselves by any name other than "Christian." Someone read, for example, that John the Baptist came to announce the Christ. So... They decided they wanted to start a group and call themselves Baptists.<sup>KK</sup> Another group read how Jesus would be called a Nazarene and they selected the name Nazarenes for their group.<sup>LL</sup> On and on the list goes. Many of such people likely had good intentions. When any group picks a scripture different from Acts 11:25-26,<sup>(JJ)</sup> however, and then uses that scripture to name and identify their group, they always start to develop rules to define their named sect and to show themselves special. They have given themselves their own name, of course they need to show how or why they are different! By that act of sectarianism, they seem to have left Christ. Even if they mean well, no man or group can be our leaders or our teachers except Christ.<sup>(D – Note: Mat 23:8-12)</sup> The one and only doctrine for any true Christian, then, must be the teachings of Jesus himself. Religion is everywhere. You can't drive down a road for any distance without seeing one of their meeting places, each with its own named group and its own sectarian doctrine. They ride bicycles or drive to your front door, or they approach you in parking lots. They build grand edifices and develop community programs to entice you in. They seek your money to help them in their ~~evangelizing work~~ *recruitment*

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<sup>JJ</sup> **Acts 11:25-26 YLT** And Barnabas went forth to Tarsus, to seek for Saul, (26) and having found him, he brought him to Antioch, and it came to pass that they a whole year did assemble together in the assembly, and taught a great multitude, the disciples also were divinely called first in Antioch Christians.

<sup>KK</sup> **Mark 1:6-7 GNB** John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. (7) He announced to the people, "The man who will come after me is much greater than I am. I am not good enough even to bend down and untie his sandals.

<sup>LL</sup> **Matthew 2:23 ESV** And he (Joseph and his family) went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

activities, or ostensibly, to help the poor. Have you ever seen even one of such religious groups actually study the Gospel teachings of Jesus with anyone, doing so by simply reading a Gospel through while you were in their midst? Not a ten minute per week Bible reading broken up by hours of doctrinal study, but an actual reading of the Gospels. They all claim to study the Bible, of course, but what they actually study are materials produced by their sect with a few scriptures scattered through those publications. *That isn't Bible study!* What they are doing is picking and choosing scriptures in support of organizational doctrine. And yes, you are wise if you realize that is precisely what this booklet could be doing. The very great difference between this booklet and religious brainwashing propaganda is this simple fact: We encourage you to first read the booklet, along with its supporting scriptural footnotes, and then read one of the four short Gospels of Christ (Matthew, Mark, Luke or John).<sup>MM</sup> When you do so, read the whole Bible book through from beginning to end (broken over more than one day if necessary. There is only about 50 pages in each of the Gospels in most Bibles.) As you read the Gospel, consider if what we say isn't precisely what Jesus taught. If it isn't, your effort will only serve to help you better learn what Jesus does say. Knowing for yourself what Jesus taught is the one and only way you can be confident in your faith. Once you realize your need to rely solely on what Jesus Christ taught, you have no further need of these booklets. Our only purpose ([justbibletruth.com](http://justbibletruth.com)) is to direct you to what God's son taught.

Probably the most important way to distinguish between religion and Christianity is by whether they demonstrate true love for others.<sup>NN</sup> All

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<sup>NN</sup> **John 13:34-35 BBE** I give you a new law: Have love one for another; even as I have had love for you, so are you to have love one for another. (35) By this it will be clear to all men that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.~

**Matthew 26:51-54 CEV** One of Jesus' followers pulled out a sword. He struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. (52) But Jesus told him, "Put your sword away. Anyone who lives by *[the sword]*

religious people pretend and claim to show love for others.<sup>(GG)</sup> Most of them probably imagine they really do! What they always display, however, is judgment. Many will freely admit they are sometimes hateful toward nonmembers. They will always assert (and likely imagine) the judgment they render against non-members (or disapproved members) is actually an act of love. They justify their hatred by claiming (and sometimes believing) the people they judge to be unworthy of life have no hope if they don't cower before them to become approved members of their sect. In that way, they try to convince themselves their wicked judgment against those not approved by their cult is a loving effort to drive individuals toward membership. They actually imagine they are doing good.<sup>OO</sup> Don't be fooled.<sup>(GG)</sup> By trying to get you to rely on an approved membership in their sect, and to join with them in their judgments, what religious groups are really doing is trying to replace Christ in your life: They are trying to coerce you into worshipping them or their sect. Don't be confused about this: Who you look to and rely on for your spiritual food (and thus for your salvation) is who you worship! Sectarian religious groups actually believe you need them to *interpret* the Bible for you: That you need to look to them instead of (or in addition to) Christ for approval. The judgment against non-members, then, by each sect, is that the rest of us must be blessed by them. Jesus did not

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fighting will die by [*the sword*] fighting. (53) Don't you know that I could ask my Father, and right away he would send me more than twelve armies of angels? (54) But then, how could the words of the Scriptures come true, which say that this must happen?"

<sup>OO</sup> [John 16:1-3 ESV](#) "I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. (2) They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. (3) And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me.

teach judgment.<sup>PP</sup> Jesus also said if you just observe, you can easily recognize whether people really do have love for others.<sup>QQ & (GG)</sup>

We all wonder how we can avoid being deceived by some smooth talking silly person. Jesus said we can recognize true Christians by what they say.<sup>(GG)</sup> John learned from Jesus and taught that all those who confess Jesus Christ as the son of God have God's spirit.<sup>RR</sup>

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

**John 8:2-11 GNB** Early the next morning he went back to the Temple. All the people gathered around him, and he sat down and began to teach them. (3) The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees brought in a woman who had been caught committing adultery, and they made her stand before them all. (4) "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. (5) In our Law Moses commanded that such a woman must be stoned to death. Now, what do you say?" (6) They said this to trap Jesus, so that they could accuse him. But he bent over and wrote on the ground with his finger. (7) As they stood there asking him questions, he straightened up and said to them, "Whichever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone at her." (8) Then he bent over again and wrote on the ground. (9) When they heard this, they all left, one by one, the older ones first. Jesus was left alone, with the woman still standing there. (10) He straightened up and said to her, "Where are they? Is there no one left to condemn you?" (11) "No one, sir," she answered. "Well, then," Jesus said, "I do not condemn you either. Go, but do not sin again."

<sup>QQ</sup> **John 5:39-44 ESV** You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, (40) yet you refuse to come to me (have faith in my teachings) that you may have life. (41) I do not receive glory from people. (42) But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. (43) I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. (44) How can you believe, when you receive glory from (accept the blessings of) one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

<sup>RR</sup> **1 John 4:12-15 GNB** No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in union with us, and his love is made perfect in us.

According to that scripture, you can accept any person as a brother or sister if they express faith in Jesus as the son of God. They take responsibility to themselves if they lie claiming that hope. Be careful, however, that they actually do say they follow Jesus as the son of God. False Christians always pervert the truth by using partial truth in their manmade doctrine. Following are some examples of what appear to be scriptural failings among sects of men: ♦ Jesus said the Jews were rejected because they tried to continue to worship יהוה *[the Jewish name for Jesus's Father – pronounced Jehovah in English]* while they refused to express faith in the son יהוה sent to them.<sup>55</sup> They had worshiped and been protected by יהוה God for 2000 years from Abraham, and then rejected the Messiah they had been waiting for most of that time.<sup>(H)</sup> They chose rather to follow the doctrines of men.<sup>(FFF)</sup> ♦ Taking nearly the opposite stand, there are many groups who call themselves Trinitarians. (The word Trinity is not found in the Bible. The word was coined [or borrowed from pagan religion] and established as a religious doctrine about 300 years after Christ. When groups must create or use unscriptural words to define their faith, they exhibit the very definition of sectarianism.) The many different Trinitarian groups all claim to be Christians, but also assert belief in the trinity doctrine is a basic requirement of salvation. Trinitarians thus

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(13) We are sure that we live in union with God and that he lives in union with us, because he has given us his Spirit. (14) And we have seen and tell others that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. (15) If we declare that Jesus is the Son of God, we live in union with God and God lives in union with us.

<sup>55</sup> Luke 13:34-35 ALT "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the *[city]* killing the prophets and stoning the ones having been sent to her! How often I wanted to gather together your children *[by]* which manner *[fig., just as]* a hen *[gathers]* her brood *[of chicks]* under her wings, and you did want *[to]*. (35) "Look! Your house *[religion]* is being left to you desolate. But, I say to you, by no means shall you see Me until *[the time]* comes when you shall say, 'Having been blessed *[is]* the One coming in *[the]* name of the LORD *[Jehovah]*.'" *[Jesus was here quoting Psalm 118:26]\*~*

\* Psalms 118:26 ASV Blessed be he that cometh in the name of Jehovah: We have blessed you out of the house of Jehovah.

appear to worship Jesus as God, instead of worshiping Jesus's Father through their faith in what He sent his son to teach.<sup>(EE) & (LLLL) & (H)</sup> Jesus plainly said we must know he and his Father as well.<sup>TT & (EE) & (OO)</sup> ♦ True Catholics must exalt the Pope and accept him as Peter's successor and a stand in for Christ. They are required to accept that the Pope's word is law as he interprets the Bible for them. The Catholics are the oldest Christendom religion and can trace their history almost back to Christ. The problem that creates for them is it means they were the group that hid the Bible from common people, and thus brought about the Dark Ages.<sup>(G)</sup> Most or all other Christendom religions (all the groups mentioned herein except the Jews) came into existence as they broke away from the Catholic Church by making themselves protestants (protestors against the church). The protestant movement brought mankind out of the dark ages by returning access to the Bible to those

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<sup>TT</sup> **John 17:1-4 CEV** After Jesus had finished speaking to his disciples, he looked up toward heaven and prayed: Father, the time has come for you to bring glory to your Son, in order that he may bring glory to you. (2) And you gave him power over all people, so that he would give eternal life to everyone you give him. (3) Eternal life is [means] to know you, the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ, the one you sent. (4) I have brought glory to you here on earth by doing everything you gave me to do (by telling the world the truth).~

**John 16:23-30 CEV** When that time comes, you won't have to ask me about anything. I tell you for certain that the Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name. (24) You have not asked for anything in this way before, but now you must ask in my name. Then it will be given to you, so that you will be completely happy. (25) I have used examples to explain to you what I have been talking about. But the time will come when I will speak to you plainly about the Father and will no longer use examples like these. (26) You will ask the Father in my name, and I won't have to ask him for you. (27) God the Father loves you because you love me, and you believe that I have come from him. (28) I came from the Father into the world, but I am leaving the world and returning to the Father. (29) The disciples said, "Now you are speaking plainly to us! You are not using examples. (30) At last we know that you understand everything, and we don't have any more questions. Now we believe that you truly have come from God.~ **Matthew 26:29 CEV** From now on I am not going to drink any wine, until I drink new wine with you in my Father's kingdom."

who longed for it. Sadly, most protestant groups soon abandoned their search for Bible truth and turned aside to create their own new sectarian group and doctrine. ♦ The Mormons claim their religion is built on the Bible but view the writings of Joseph Smith (The Book of Mormon from the late 1800's) as equal to or above the *inspired* word of God.<sup>(KKK)</sup> They claim the Book of Mormon to be an extension of the Bible but there are clear differences. The Bible needs no extension. (The Bible does say new scrolls will be opened at some future date. When they are, they will be clearly identified as coming from God; as were the teachings of Christ and Moses; both of whom performed miracles to show they had God's support. The new scrolls will also be in complete harmony with the Bible. Truth is eternal.) ♦ Jehovah's Witnesses are a sect who claim to worship Jehovah (the God who used the Jewish nation to produce the Messiah), and they claim to worship him through faith in Jesus as God's son. They have, however, used Matthew 24:45<sup>UU</sup> to select a subgroup of their sect whom they identify as the "faithful and discrete slave" class. They have elevated and built a faith around that small group of men who are alive in our day. They believe their "slave" stands in for Christ in their behalf. While they claim their faith is in the Bible, they actually go beyond Jesus's teachings by claiming the writings of "the slave" are also spiritual food (and thus beyond question). Their sect has produced several erroneous prophecies in their writings over the years, but they continue to place the writings of their sect above or equal to the Bible. When their ruling "slave class" needs to gloss over one of the prophecies they made in God's name that did not come true, they just say they are "getting brighter light." Getting brighter light means

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<sup>UU</sup> [Matthew 24:45-47 CEV](#) Who are faithful and wise servants [*slaves*]? Who are the ones the master will put in charge of giving the other servants their food supplies at the proper time? (46) Servants are fortunate [*will be happy*] if their master comes and finds them doing their job. (47) You may be sure that a servant who is always faithful will be put in charge of everything the master owns.

getting a clearer understanding of what the Bible does teach.<sup>VV</sup> It is not a get out of jail free card for having run beyond the Bible and teaching what it does not say.<sup>WW</sup> They define apostasy for their sect as any act that two or three of their local congregation elders<sup>(D)</sup> judge to be a “standing away” *from their organization*. Like all these other sects having a Doeg mentality (please see Doeg on page 38), they believe everyone should go along with the group and help hide wrongdoing (pedophile priests or elders or...). They are thus misleading *their sheep* about their personal responsibility before God when they become Doegs by following men instead of God. They actually believe Jehovah condemns all who speak against the sins of their sect. They also teach all who are blessed by them are blessed by God. JW’s take great pride in believing they have more Bible knowledge than other sects. What they really have, however, is watchtower knowledge. Even if they have 90% truth and 10% poison (lies), while the sects they condemn have 10% truth and 90% poison, what does it matter? All who feed on lies (anything besides the words of Christ) are dying. ♦ Do you see the apparent weaknesses shared by all these religious cults? (We state they are apparent weaknesses because we do not assert ourselves as judges. These are some of their teachings we would not place faith in

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<sup>VV</sup> **Psalms 36:9 CEV** The life-giving fountain belongs to you, and your light gives light to each of us.~

**Psalms 27:1 YLT** By David. Jehovah is my light and my salvation, Whom do I fear? Jehovah is the strength of my life, Of whom am I afraid?~

**Psalms 43:3 CEV** Send your light and your truth to guide me. Let them lead me to your house on your sacred mountain.~

**Proverbs 4:18 GNB** The road the righteous travel is like the sunrise, getting brighter and brighter until daylight has come.

<sup>WW</sup> **Deuteronomy 18:20-22 MKJV** (20) But the prophet who shall presume to speak a word in My name which I have not commanded him to speak or who shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. (21) And if you say in your heart, How shall we know the word which Jehovah has not spoken? (22) When a prophet speaks in the name of Jehovah, if the thing does not follow nor come to pass, that is the thing which Jehovah has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You shall not be afraid of him.



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

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

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

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

↳ Isaac (Abraham's son)

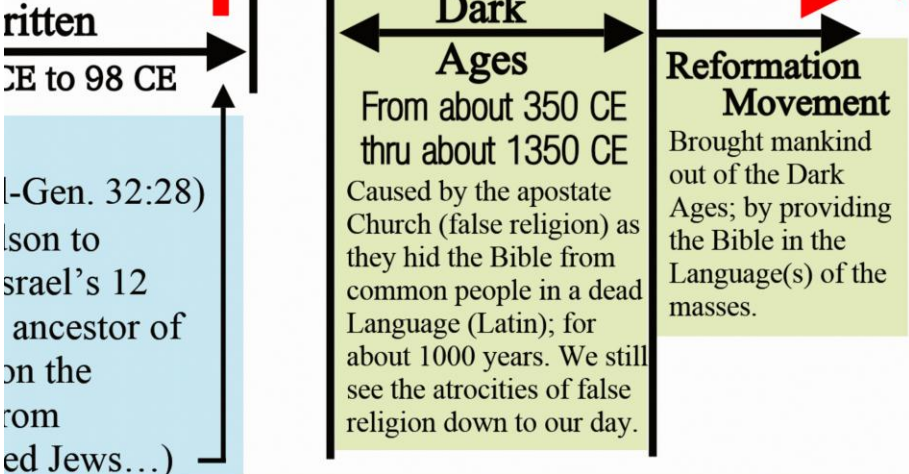
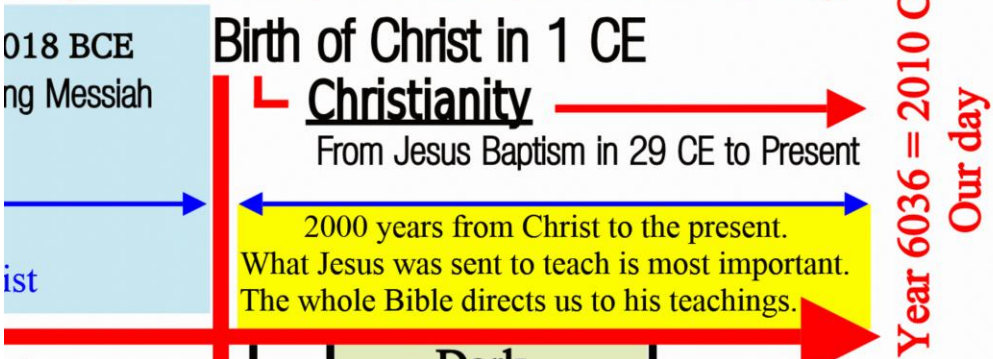
↳ Jacob (Renamed Israel)

↳ Judah (Great-grandson of Abraham. One of Isaac's sons. Judah was an ancestor of Christ and the nation descended from him. The 12 tribes of Israel were called after the sons of Abraham were called.

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

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

# History: Adam's Creation until today.



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at he taught will set us free. (John 8:31-32)

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

**Genesis 32:28 CEV** The man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob. You have wrestled with God and with men, and you have won. That's why your name will be Israel."

because cannot know them to be scriptural. If, however, these groups can be approved in their beliefs [their faith] by God and Christ, it is certainly fine with us. If, however, they are following men instead of Christ, they make themselves tools of Satan. Satan seems to have mankind in what is similar to a whack-a-mole maze: People who recognize one of the religious sects is spreading lies, flee to another, only to be beat down by a different set of lies [religious doctrine]. Only the truth of Christ can set you free.)<sup>(DD)</sup> So then, following are reasons why their shared beliefs *appear to us* to be unworthy of faith. *First:* They have all un-scripturally adopted names beyond "Christian."<sup>(JJ)</sup> *Second:* None of them appear able to prove their faith using the Bible alone.<sup>(DDD)</sup> They can't prove their faith using the Bible because they have left the teachings of our lord in favor of new and possibly unscriptural teachings – doctrines of men.<sup>(FFF)</sup> Once you allow yourself to be led to accept anything beyond the inspired word of God<sup>(KKK)</sup> [*the Bible*] as your source of spiritual food, you can't rely on your faith any longer. *And third:* These groups all manifest the same judgmental spirit. If you explain to any one of them that you have a relationship with God through your personal faith in the teachings of Jesus as God's son, each will proclaim you must also join their group and follow their doctrine to avoid being lost.<sup>XX</sup> Since each of those doctrines

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<sup>XX</sup> [Luke 9:49-50 CEV](#) John said, "Master, we saw a man using your name to force demons out of people. But we told him to stop, because he isn't one of us." (50) "Don't stop him!" Jesus said. "Anyone who isn't against you is for you."~

[Luke 18:10-14 GNB](#) "Once there were two men who went up to the Temple to pray: one was a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. (11) The Pharisee stood apart by himself and prayed, 'I thank you, God, that I am not greedy, dishonest, or an adulterer, like everybody else. I thank you that I am not like that tax collector over there. (12) I fast two days a week, and I give you one tenth of all my income.' (13) But the tax collector stood at a distance and would not even raise his face to heaven, but beat on his breast and said, 'God, have pity on me, a sinner!' (14) I tell you," said Jesus, "the tax collector, and not the Pharisee, was in the right with God when he went home. For those who make themselves great will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be made great."

appear to include faith in writings beyond the inspired word of God (or excluding parts of it), you can't really know if they are from God. Most true followers of any one of these sects will freely admit that what we say about all the others is true. None will, however, examine their own cult in the same scriptural light. When any person or group expresses faith in teachings beyond those of Christ,<sup>yy</sup> you can safely suspect (but not judge) they are not from God. Your one and only doctrine should be that you have no doctrine beyond the teachings of Jesus Christ. Jesus told us there would be a time when people would no longer worship God through groups, but through individual and personal knowledge of truth.<sup>zz</sup> Isn't that the only way it could really be? He said

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<sup>yy</sup> [1 Corinthians 4:5-6 ESV](#) (5) Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God. (6) I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another.

<sup>zz</sup> [John 4:6-26 CEV](#) The well that Jacob (Abraham's grandson – renamed Israel by God) had dug was still there, and Jesus sat down beside it because he was tired from traveling. It was noon, and after Jesus' disciples had gone into town to buy some food, a Samaritan woman came to draw water from the well. Jesus asked her, "Would you please give me a drink of water?" (7) (*SEE 4:6*) (8) (*SEE 4:6*) (9) "You are a Jew," she replied, "and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink of water when Jews and Samaritans won't have anything to do with each other?" (Jews looked down on Samaritans because they were mixed race and not fully Abraham's descendants.) (10) Jesus answered, "You don't know what God wants to give you, and you don't know who is asking you for a drink. If you did, you would ask me for the water that gives life." (11) "Sir," the woman said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where are you going to get this life-giving water? (12) Our ancestor Jacob dug this well for us, and his family and animals got water from it. Are you greater than Jacob?" (13) Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again. (14) But no one who drinks the water I give will ever be thirsty again. The water I give is like a flowing fountain that gives eternal life." (15) The woman replied, "Sir, please give me a drink of that water! Then I won't get thirsty and have to come to this well again." (16) Jesus told her, "Go and bring your husband." (17) The

we must all become his faithful slaves [*servants*]. We demonstrate we are slaves of Christ by showing love in working to feed our fellow slaves; doing so by directing each person we can to what Jesus said.<sup>AAA</sup> One final thing these sects all share: They all berate this booklet (and [justbibletruth.com](http://justbibletruth.com)) as the work of a fool or fools; or even as demonic.<sup>BBB & (OO)</sup> Don't be led along in their sectarian judgment. Be

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

<sup>AAA</sup> *Matthew 24:42-47 GW* "Therefore, be alert, because you don't know on what day your Lord will return. (43) You realize that if a homeowner had known at what time of the night a thief was coming, he would have stayed awake. He would not have let the thief break into his house. (44) Therefore, you, too, must be ready because the Son of Man will return when you least expect him. (45) "Who, then, is the faithful and wise servant [*slave*]? The master will put that person in charge of giving the other servants their food at the right time. (46) That servant will be blessed if his master finds him doing this job when he comes. (47) I can guarantee this truth: He will put that servant in charge of all his property.

<sup>BBB</sup> *John 8:48-55 GW* The Jews replied to Jesus, "Aren't we right when we say that you're a Samaritan and that you're possessed by a demon?" (49) Jesus answered, "I'm not possessed. I honor my Father, but you dishonor me. (50) I don't want my own glory. But there is someone who wants it, and he is the judge. (51) I can guarantee this truth: Whoever obeys what I say will never see death." (52) The Jews told

happy! Express your faith in God and Christ, and rejoice with others who do the same. If you do not express faith in both our Creator and his son, and in them alone (based in your personal knowledge of Jesus's teachings), you are in danger of being part of the antichrist.<sup>CCC</sup> Jesus is the only one you can rely on (and yes, that does include us). If you want to claim Christianity, you should be able to prove your faith based in your own knowledge of what Jesus said.<sup>DDD</sup>

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Jesus, "Now we know that you're possessed by a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets, but you say, 'Whoever does what I say will never taste death.' (53) Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets have also died. Who do you think you are?" (54) Jesus said, "If I bring glory to myself, my glory is nothing. My Father is the one who gives me glory, and you say that he is your God. (55) Yet, you haven't known him. However, I know him. If I would say that I didn't know him, I would be a liar like all of you. But I do know him, and I do what he says.

<sup>CCC</sup> **1 John 2:20-25 BBE** And you have the Spirit from the Holy One and you all have [*or by means of your*] knowledge. (21) I have not sent you this letter because you have no knowledge of what is true, but because you have knowledge, and because that which is false has nothing in common with that which is true. (22) Who is false but he who says that Jesus is not the Christ? He is the Antichrist who has no belief in the Father or the Son. (23) He who has no belief in the Son has not the Father: he who makes clear his belief in the Son has the Father. (24) But as for you, keep in your hearts the things which were made clear to you from the first. If you keep these things in your hearts you will be kept in the Father and the Son. (25) And this is the hope which he gave you, even eternal life.

<sup>DDD</sup> **1 Peter 3:15-18 GNB** But have reverence for Christ in your hearts, and honor him as Lord. Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you, (16) but do it with gentleness and respect. Keep your conscience clear, so that when you are insulted, those who speak evil of your good conduct as followers of Christ will become ashamed of what they say. (17) For it is better to suffer for doing good, if this should be God's will, than for doing evil. (18) For Christ died for sins once and for all, a good man on behalf of sinners, in order to lead you to God. He was put to death physically, but made alive spiritually,~

**Luke 21:10-19 GNB** He went on to say, "Countries will fight each other; kingdoms will attack one another. (11) There will be terrible



*That is not hard. Read the Gospels!*<sup>EEE</sup> As you do so, please note that Jesus gave all the same warnings we have given. That's the only way we can know to give them. You must be on guard against groups who were once Christian but chose to develop their own doctrine,<sup>FFF</sup> thereby leaving the Christ.<sup>GGG</sup> All true Christians worship our heavenly Father through faith in his son, recognizing Jesus as the prophetic seed

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earthquakes, famines, and plagues everywhere; there will be strange and terrifying things coming from the sky. (12) Before all these things take place, however, you will be arrested and persecuted; you will be handed over to be tried in synagogues and be put in prison; you will be brought before kings and rulers for my sake. (13) This will be your chance to tell the Good News. (14) Make up your minds ahead of time not to worry about how you will defend yourselves, (15) because I will give you such words and wisdom (based on our having learned what Jesus said to us) that none of your enemies will be able to refute or contradict what you say. (16) You will be handed over by your parents, your brothers, your relatives, and your friends; and some of you will be put to death. (17) Everyone will hate you because of me. (18) But not a single hair from your heads will be lost. (19) Stand firm, and you will save yourselves.

<sup>EEE</sup> The book of John: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/biblejohn.pdf>

<sup>FFF</sup> **Matthew 15:7-9 ESV** (Jesus was here speaking to the Jewish religious leaders.) You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: (8) "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; (9) in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

<sup>GGG</sup> **1 John 2:18-20 CEV** Children, this is the last hour. You heard that the enemy of Christ [*antichrist*] would appear at this time, and many of Christ's enemies have already appeared. So we know that the last hour is here. (19) These people came from our own group, yet they were not part of us. If they had been part of us, they would have stayed with us. But they left, which proves that they did not belong to our group. (20) Christ, the Holy One, has blessed you [*by teaching them the truth and leaving his spirit to help them understnad*], and now all of you understand [*have knowledge*].

of the woman<sup>HHH</sup> and the promised Messiah.<sup>III</sup> They recognize Jesus as the theme of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. The one and only safe way we can learn to have that kind of faith is by reading what Jesus taught over and over. If you know what Jesus said, you are able to prove your faith from the Bible. If you know Jesus, no man or woman or group can ever mislead you.

**We must all guard against developing a Doeg mentality.** Doeg was a man mentioned only briefly in the Bible. He lived in the days of King Saul, who was the first king of Israel. As God's chosen nation of people, the Jews were the only true form of worship in Saul's day; and, Saul was their king. While Saul started out as a good king, he let his heart lead him to become bad. Young David, who would later become Israel's second king, served faithfully in Saul's Army. As Saul abandoned his faith in God, he became jealous of young David's success in military conquests over the pagan enemies of God. (In those days, it was sometimes necessary for those who loved God to kill his enemies. He told them when to do that. Now that our King Christ Jesus has arrived, he has given us a new command for us to love others and rely on him to execute God's enemies.<sup>NN</sup> Jesus is the prince of peace in his rule over those who have chosen to become his slaves.<sup>LLLL</sup> He is a warrior prince to all who reject him, or try to replace him.) Finally then, wicked King Saul started trying to kill David, forcing David to flee for his life. As he ran away, David went to the priestly city of Nob (the city was likely in sight of or in easy walking distance from God's temple in Jerusalem) and obtained food and the sword of Goliath from Jewish High Priest Ahimelech. The Bible's first mention of Doeg is that he was present to witness Ahimelech help David. Later, in a fit of rage, Saul accused his servants of conspiring against him with

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<sup>HHH</sup> [John 5:26-27 ESV](#) For [just] as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. (27) And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man (seed of the woman).<sup>(L)</sup>

<sup>III</sup> [Colossians 3:17 Murdock](#) (17) And whatever ye do in word or act, do it in the name of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, and give thanksgiving through him to God the Father.

David. The Bible accounts that Doeg was again present, and he was quick to volunteer he had seen Ahimelech help David. Saul was king of God's people while Ahimelech was head of the nation's priesthood. Ahimelech dealt with God in behalf of the nation and had responsibility for their spiritual wellbeing. When Saul heard Doeg's accusation against Ahimelech, showing no respect for who Ahimelech was, he had the high priest brought before him. Though Ahimelech explained he only helped David thinking of him as a servant of the King, Saul ordered Ahimelech and the other priests to be put to death. All the servants of Saul refused his unholy command, risking their very lives by doing so. All refused, that is, except Doeg. Doeg was not only pleased to put Ahimelech to death, he went on to destroy all the priests (save one who escaped) and the city of Nob, including their families.<sup>JJ</sup> Saul was King of God's nation but his action was very

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<sup>JJ</sup> [1 Samuel 21:1-9 ESV](#) Then David came to Nob to Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech came to meet David trembling and said to him, "Why are you alone, and no one with you?" (2) And David said to Ahimelech the priest, "The king has charged me with a matter and said to me, 'Let no one know anything of the matter about which I send you, and with which I have charged you.' I have made an appointment with the young men for such and such a place. (3) Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever is here." (4) And the priest answered David, "I have no common bread on hand, but there is holy bread--if the young men have kept themselves from women." (5) And David answered the priest, "Truly women have been kept from us as always when I go on an expedition. The vessels of the young men are holy even when it is an ordinary journey. How much more today will their vessels be holy?" (6) So the priest gave him the holy bread, for there was no bread there but the bread of the Presence, which is removed from before the LORD, to be replaced by hot bread on the day it is taken away. (7) Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD. His name was Doeg the Edomite, the chief of Saul's herdsmen. (8) Then David said to Ahimelech, "Then have you not here a spear or a sword at hand? For I have brought neither my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste." (9) And the priest said, "The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you struck down in the Valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod. If you will take

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that, take it, for there is none but that here." And David said, "There is none like that; give it to me."~

**1 Samuel 22:7-23 LITV** And Saul said to his servants who were standing by him, Now hear, Benjamites. Will the son of Jesse also give to any of you fields and vineyards? Will he make each of you commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, (8) that all of you have conspired against me, and no one was revealing *in* my ear when my son cut *a covenant* with the son of Jesse? And not one of you is sorry for me, even *to* reveal in my ear that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day. (9) And Doeg the Edomite, even he was set over Saul's servants, answered and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. (10) And he asked for him of Jehovah, and gave provisions to him, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine. (11) And the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests in Nob. And they came, all of them, to the king. (12) And Saul said, Now hear, son of Ahitub. And he said, I *am* here, my lord. (13) And Saul said to him, Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse by your giving bread and a sword to him, and to ask of God for him, to rise up against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? (14) And Ahimelech answered the king and said, And who among all your servants *is* as David *the* faithful, and son-in-law of the king; *who* does your bidding, and is honorable in all your house? (15) Have I today begun to ask of God for him? Far be it from me! Do not let the king lay anything against his servant, against any of my father's house, for your servant has known nothing of this, more or less. (16) And the king said, dying you shall die, Ahimelech, you and your father's house. (17) And the king said to the runners that stood by him, Turn and kill the priests of Jehovah, because their hand also *is* with David, and because they knew that he was fleeing, and did not reveal *it in* my ear. But the king's servants were not willing to put forth their hand to fall on the priests of Jehovah. (18) And the king said to Doeg, You turn and fall on the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned and fell on the priests and killed eighty five men bearing a linen ephod in that day. (19) And he struck Nob, the city of the priests with the mouth of the sword, from man even to woman, from child even to suckling, and ox, and ass, and sheep, with the mouth of the sword. (20) And one son escaped of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. And his name *was* Abiathar, and he fled after David. (21) And Abiathar told David that Saul had killed the priests of Jehovah. (22) And David said to Abiathar, I knew on that day when Doeg the Edomite *was* there, that he certainly would tell Saul. I am turned *to grief* for every life of the house of your father.

obviously wicked. He was, after all, only a man. Doeg demonstrated he did not care about pleasing God, but was only concerned with pleasing King Saul as head of God's organization (his real concern was, no doubt, the benefits he imagined to gain at Saul's hand). Doeg thus stands as the supreme example of how very wrong it is to allow yourself to be led into following a man or a group of them. Don't let their proclaimed or previous (or apparent) righteousness mislead you.

There is seldom any need to fight or fuss about the truth. Others may want to fight with you, but dismiss them when possible. Simply tell people what Jesus said, and then encourage them to read it for themselves from the Gospels. In that way, you caution them to protect themselves from being misled by any misunderstanding you might have; even if you are very sincere in being wrong. You also help them take responsibility for their own faith *and future*. Some people develop faith after hearing (reading) just a few words falling from Jesus's lips. Such faith still needs to mature. Other people need more time to express faith. In any case, those who are true Christians will always encourage you to read and learn what Jesus taught as recorded in the Gospels.<sup>KKK</sup> That encouragement is probably the easiest to identify expression of true love. If people entice you to read their sectarian religious material, and assert those teachings are also

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(23) Stay with me. Do not fear. For he who seeks my life seeks your life. For with me you *will be under* protection.

<sup>KKK</sup> **2 Timothy 3:12-17 GW** Those who try to live a godly life because they believe in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. (13) But evil people and phony preachers will go from bad to worse as they mislead people and are themselves misled. (14) However, continue in what you have learned and found to be true (the teachings of Jesus). You know who your teachers were (those who directed them to Christ). (15) From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures. They have the power to give you wisdom so that you can be saved through faith in Christ Jesus. (16) Every Scripture passage is inspired by God. All of them are useful for teaching, pointing out errors, correcting people, and training them for a life that has God's approval. (17) They equip God's servants so that they are completely prepared to do good things.

spiritual food and drink<sup>LL</sup> (which only the Bible actually is),<sup>(KKK)</sup> you can know what they are offering you is religion. It really is not difficult.

There are lots of people who believe in God but don't attend church. Many of them don't fully understand why, and are made sad with a longing for spiritual encouragement. One woman expressed that she

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<sup>LL</sup> **1 Corinthians 10:1-4 Murdock** (1) And, my Brethren, I would have you know, that our fathers were all of them under the cloud, and they all passed through the sea; (2) and they were all baptized by Moses, in the cloud and in the sea; (3) and they all ate the same spiritual food; (4) and they all drank the same spiritual drink (the Law Code given through Moses); for they drank from the spiritual rock that attended them, and that rock was [*for meant*] the Messiah (the Law and the prophets were a tutor leading to Christ).<sup>(E)</sup>~

**John 4:10 CEV** Jesus answered, "You don't know what God wants to give you, and you don't know who is asking you for a drink. If you did, you would ask me for the water that gives life."~

**John 4:22-26 CEV** You Samaritans don't really know the one you worship. But we Jews do know the God we worship, and by using us, God will save the world. (23) But a time is coming, and it is already here! Even now the true worshipers are being led by the Spirit to worship the Father according to the truth. These are the ones the Father is seeking to worship him. (24) God is Spirit, and those who worship God must be led by the Spirit to worship him according to the truth. (25) The woman said, "I know that the Messiah will come. He is the one we call Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." (26) "I am that one," Jesus told her, "and I am speaking to you now."~

**John 7:37-43 CEV** On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and shouted, "If you are thirsty, come to me and drink! (38) Have faith in me, and you will have life-giving water flowing from deep inside you (their faith in the teachings of Jesus), just as the Scriptures say." (39) Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit, who would be given to everyone that had faith in him. The Spirit had not yet been given to anyone, since Jesus had not yet been given his full glory. (40) When the crowd heard Jesus say this, some of them said, "He must be the Prophet!" (41) Others said, "He is the Messiah!" Others even said, "Can the Messiah come from Galilee? (42) The Scriptures say that the Messiah will come from the family of King David. Doesn't this mean that he will be born in David's hometown of Bethlehem?" (43) The people started taking sides against each other because of Jesus.

wakes up in the night with her heart aching because she doesn't attend church. She also exclaimed later (and possibly without tying the two statements together in her mind) the churches are surely going to be held accountable for all the people they have driven away from the Bible. Anyone who has been around these sectarian groups for any length of time has seen them harm or chase away seemingly kind and loving people; because those people don't follow their doctrine. Religionists all want to demand that you walk this way, talk this way, act this way and on the list goes. Do this and don't do that, they command, as they constantly look to find fault with those not adhering to their doctrine.<sup>MMM</sup> They retain the witch-hunter spirit of the dark ages (when the false church murdered hundreds of thousands of people in the name of God).<sup>(G)</sup> Members of some of these sects can be identified simply seeing them walking down the street; because of their sectarian activity and/or way of dress. What you never find any of them doing, however, is encouraging people to use the Bible as a mirror to judge themselves alone:<sup>NNN</sup> Encouraging

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<sup>MMM</sup> **Mark 7:1-9 CEV** Some Pharisees and several teachers of the Law of Moses (religious leaders) from Jerusalem came and gathered around Jesus. (2) They noticed that some of his disciples ate without first washing their hands. (3) The Pharisees and many other Jewish people obey the teachings of their ancestors. They always wash their hands in the proper way before eating. (4) None of them will eat anything they buy in the market until it is washed. They also follow a lot of other teachings, such as washing cups, pitchers, and bowls. (5) The Pharisees and teachers asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples obey what our ancestors taught us to do? Why do they eat without washing their hands?" (6) Jesus replied: You are nothing but show-offs! The prophet Isaiah was right when he wrote that God had said, "All of you praise me with your words, but you never really think about me. (7) It is useless for you to worship me, when you teach rules made up by humans." (8) You disobey God's commands in order to obey what humans have taught. (9) You are good at rejecting God's commands so that you can follow your own teachings!

<sup>NNN</sup> **James 1:22-27 CEV** Obey God's message! Don't fool yourselves by just listening to it. (23) If you hear the message and don't obey it, you are like people who stare at themselves in a mirror (24) and forget what they look like as soon as they leave. (25) But you must never

them to do so by learning the teachings of Jesus Christ for themselves. You will never see them encourage that by simply reading the Gospels as a group. Rather than read Jesus's words, they only want to share (enforce) their organizations literature and rules.<sup>(FFF)</sup> Anyone who has chosen to leave or been driven from<sup>000</sup> these self-proclaimed

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stop looking at the perfect law that sets you free. God will bless you in everything you do, [*you will be happy*] if you listen and obey, and don't just hear and forget. (26) If you think you are being religious, but can't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and everything you do is useless. (27) Religion that pleases God the Father must be pure and spotless. You must help needy orphans and widows and not let this world make you evil.

<sup>000</sup> [Matthew 10:24-40 CEV](#) Disciples are not better than their teacher, and slaves are not better than their master. (25) It is enough for disciples to be like their teacher and for slaves to be like their master. If people call the head of the family Satan, what will they say about the rest of the family? (26) Don't be afraid of anyone! Everything that is hidden will be found out, and every secret will be known. (27) Whatever I say to you in the dark, you must tell in the light. And you must announce from the housetops whatever I have whispered to you. (28) Don't be afraid of people. They can kill you, but they cannot harm your soul. Instead, you should fear God who can destroy both your body and your soul in hell [*gr., gehenna*]. (29) Aren't two sparrows sold for only a penny? But your Father knows when any one of them falls to the ground. (30) Even the hairs on your head are counted. (31) So don't be afraid! You are worth much more than many sparrows. (32) If you tell others that you belong to me, I will tell my Father in heaven that you are my followers. (33) But if you reject me, I will tell my Father in heaven that you don't belong to me. (34) Don't think that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came to bring trouble, not peace (those who hate the truth will always hate those who love it).<sup>(H)</sup> (35) I came to turn sons against their fathers, daughters against their mothers, and daughters-in-law against their mothers-in-law. (36) Your worst enemies will be in your own family. (37) If you love your father or mother or even your sons and daughters more than me, you are not fit to be my disciples. (38) And unless you are willing to take up your cross and come with me, you are not fit to be my disciples. (39) If you try to save your life, you will lose it. But if you give it up (or are willing to give it up) for me, you will surely find it. (40) Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me. And anyone who welcomes me also welcomes the one who sent me.



churches (groups of self-appointed lords over others)<sup>(D)</sup> should realize: Your leaving is probably a good thing. If you long for association with others who love our lord, share the words of Christ with someone. Not doing so in an attempt to drive them to commit to what you think is the right thing for them to do, but just to let them hear what Jesus Christ said (so they will desire to learn more). Have humility to remember, you don't have a clue what they should do beyond listening to Christ.<sup>PPP</sup> Many who have been made to hate religion by the lies told in God's name still appreciate the actual teachings of Jesus. Remember too: Jesus himself promised he is present where two or more are gathered in his name.<sup>QQQ</sup> So... Take joy in the small spiritual assemblies of those who are sharing what Jesus taught. Continue praying for those who express faith in Jesus as the son of

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<sup>PPP</sup> **Romans 14:1-8 GW** Welcome people who are weak in faith, but don't get into an argument over differences of opinion. (2) Some people believe that they can eat all kinds of food. Other people with weak faith believe that they can eat only vegetables. (3) People who eat all foods should not despise people who eat only vegetables. In the same way, the vegetarians should not criticize people who eat all foods, because God has accepted those people. (4) Who are you to criticize someone else's servant? The Lord will determine whether his servant has been successful. The servant will be successful because the Lord makes him successful. (5) One person decides that one day is holier than another. Another person decides that all days are the same. Every person must make his own decision. (6) When people observe a special day, they observe it to honor the Lord. When people eat all kinds of foods, they honor the Lord as they eat, since they give thanks to God. Vegetarians also honor the Lord when they eat, and they, too, give thanks to God. (7) It's clear that we don't live to honor ourselves, and we don't die to honor ourselves. (8) If we live, we honor the Lord, and if we die, we honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

<sup>QQQ</sup> **Matthew 18:19-20 ESV** Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. (20) For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

God, without imagining you are judge of who they are or who they are not.<sup>RRR</sup>

You should also be cautious that politics can become a religion for many people.<sup>SSS</sup> God has purposed his Kingdom by Christ as the solution to (lifeboat for) mankind's problems.<sup>(LLLL)</sup> When Jesus compared his return to the work of Noah by saying: "as in the days of Noah," he proclaimed that by his hand this old wicked world system is being destroyed while the righteous are preserved alive. They are

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<sup>RRR</sup> **James 5:16 ALT** You yourselves be confessing your transgressions to one another, and be praying for one another, in order that you shall be healed [*or, restored*]. [*The*] petition of a righteous [*person*] itself has very powerful [*or, many supernatural*] effects.~  
**Psalms 17:1-13 MKJV** *A Prayer of David.* Hear the right, O Jehovah; listen to my cry; Give ear to my prayer, *for it is not in lips of deceit.* (2) Let my judgment go out from Your presence; let Your eyes behold uprightly. (3) You have proved my heart; You have visited *me* in the night; You have tried me, and You will find nothing; my thoughts do not pass beyond my mouth [*I have made up my mind never to tell a lie or speak beyond God's teachings*]. (4) Concerning the works of men, by the Words of Your lips, I am kept *from* the paths of the destroyer. (5) My steps have been held in Your paths, *so that* my footsteps have not slipped. (6) I have called on You, for You will hear me, O God; bow down Your ear to me; *hear* my speech. (7) Set out Your wonderful loving-kindness, O Savior of those seeking refuge *in You*, by Your right hand, from those who rise up against *me*. (8) Keep me as the pupil, the daughter of the eye; hide me under the shadow of Your wings, (9) from the face of the wicked who strip me. *Those against my soul, My foes, encircle me.* (10) They are enclosed in their own fat; with their mouth they speak proudly, (11) they have now hemmed in our steps, they have set their eyes to bow *me* to the earth, (12) their likeness is like a lion *that* longs to tear, and like a young lion lurking in secret places. (13) Arise, O Jehovah, disappoint him, bow him down; deliver my soul from the wicked by Your sword,

<sup>SSS</sup> **Mark 8:15 ESV** And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."~

**Matthew 16:12 ESV** Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees (religions leaders) [and Herod].

being kept alive this time by faith in Christ's Kingdom.<sup>TTT</sup> Just like the churches, many politicians promise *they* will solve our problems. They can't and they won't. If you look to them as your hope, you should consider if that might indicate you are abandoning hope in Christ. Appreciate your government for the fact they temporarily stand placed by God<sup>UUU</sup> as our protection against anarchy. Realize also, they cannot solve our problems. God is looking for and helping all the people who are sighing and groaning about the terrible things happening in this world.<sup>VVV</sup> He might not be helping those who want,

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<sup>TTT</sup> **Acts 17:29-31 GW** So if we are God's children, we shouldn't think that the divine being is like an image made from gold, silver, or stone, an image that is the product of human imagination and skill. (30) "God overlooked the times when people didn't know any better. But now he commands everyone everywhere to turn to him and change the way they think and act. (31) He has set a day when he is going to judge the world with justice, and he will use a man [*Christ Jesus whom*] he has appointed to do this. God has given proof to everyone that he will do this by bringing that man back to life."~

**2 Peter 3:10-13 MWT** The day of the Lord's return will surprise us like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a loud noise, and the heat will expose the whole universe. Then the earth and everything on it will be seen for what they are. (11) Everything that is bad will be destroyed. So you should serve and honor God by the way you live. (12) You should look forward to the day when God judges everyone, and you should try to make it come soon (by spreading truth). On that day the heavens will be destroyed by fire, and everything else will melt in the heat. (13) But God has promised us a cleansed heaven and earth, where justice will rule. We are really looking forward to that!

<sup>UUU</sup> **Romans 13:1-2 MWT** Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been placed in their relative positions by God. (2) Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has allowed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

<sup>VVV</sup> **Ezekiel 9:1-6 ESV** Then he cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, "Bring near the executioners of the city, each with his destroying weapon in his hand." (2) And behold, six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with his weapon for slaughter in his hand, and with them was a man clothed in linen, with a writing case at his waist. And they went in and stood beside the bronze altar. (3) Now the glory of the God of Israel had

or who are working, to keep this old wicked system going. The Bible says that which has been made crooked cannot be made straight.<sup>www</sup> It must be torn down and rebuilt – but by God, not by men. Only God’s Messiah can destroy all the wicked while preserving alive every single righteous person. Before the Titanic hit the iceberg, it might have been possible to do something to save the ship. No matter what “unsinkable” promises the crew might have been making after the ship’s side was gashed open, however, the only hope for anyone was a lifeboat. The side of this old world system has been gashed open. Don’t get caught polishing the brass on a sinking ship. Save yourself! Your personal faith in Christ and his kingdom is your only hope.<sup>(LLLL)</sup>

A note to the leaders (and members) of the Churches: We note some of the “preachers” (priests, elders, deacons, etc.)<sup>(D)</sup> of this world have been reading the website ([justbibletruth.com](http://justbibletruth.com)) and are better appreciating their need to return to the simple and clear teachings provided us by God’s son (and recorded in the Gospels). We are pleased and we encourage you to continue in your effort to rely on Christ and on him alone. Please also direct those you have influence over to the website ([justbibletruth.com](http://justbibletruth.com)) so they can personally understand the importance of the simple and beautiful hope contained in the teachings by Jesus. All of them can, in turn, direct others to the website and to Jesus’s teachings. That is the sole

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gone up from the cherub (in the ancient temple) on which it rested to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writing case at his waist. (4) And the LORD said to him, "Pass through the city, through Jerusalem (the ancient representation of God’s kingdom and influence on earth), and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations [detestable things] that are committed in (the earth) it." (5) And to the others he said in my hearing, "Pass through the city after him, and strike. Your eye shall not spare, and you shall show no pity. (6) Kill old men outright, young men and maidens, little children and women, but touch no one on whom is the mark. And begin at my sanctuary." So they began with the (religious) elders who were before the house.<sup>www</sup> **Ecclesiastes 1:15 ESV** What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be counted.

purpose of the website: To direct every person alive on this earth to the importance of what Jesus was sent by his Father to teach.<sup>(EE)</sup> The good news for mankind, and the secret we offer, is that every single person needs to have the knowledge to rely on what they personally know Jesus Christ promised. That is not gloom and doom or pacifism. That is the truth that gives light and life!<sup>XXX</sup> By helping people understand that simple truth, you can personally help God speed us<sup>YYY</sup> to the end of this old system<sup>ZZZ</sup> and into the coming paradise.<sup>(QQQQ)</sup> Truth is a good thing! Faith in the teachings of Christ amounts to the ark of salvation for our day in time.<sup>AAAA</sup> If you persist in trying to keep people vested in you or in your sect, imagining yourself some kind of spiritual shepherd, you are putting yourself (and them) in grave danger.<sup>(D)</sup> As that scripture points out, none of us can help others beyond directing and encouraging them to read what Jesus Christ taught. That is so because each and every one of us are just trying to learn the truth for ourselves (we are all just sinners). We all need to understand our own weakness: When we tell someone what we think Jesus said, the message they get is distorted by our own imperfection

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<sup>XXX</sup> [John 8:12 ESV](#) Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

<sup>YYY</sup> [Isaiah 60:21-22 GNB](#) Your people will all do what is right, And will possess the land forever. I planted them, I made them, To reveal my greatness to all. (22) Even your smallest and humblest family Will become as great as a powerful nation. When the right time comes, I will make this happen quickly. I am the LORD!"

<sup>ZZZ</sup> [Matthew 24:14 GW](#) "This Good News about the kingdom (or Christ) will be spread throughout the world as a testimony to all nations. Then the end will come.

<sup>AAAA</sup> [Luke 17:26-30 GW](#) "When the Son of Man comes again, the situation will be like the time of Noah. (27) People were eating, drinking, and getting married until the day that Noah went into the ship. Then the flood destroyed all of them. (28) "The situation will also be like the time of Lot. People were eating, drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. (29) But on the day that Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from the sky and destroyed all of them. (30) The day when the Son of Man is revealed will be like that.

and by our own beliefs or faith. If we encourage them to read what Jesus Christ said for themselves (or we read it to them), however, that is perfect and is precisely what they need.<sup>BBBB</sup> For that and many reasons, Jesus must be our one and only teacher.<sup>(D)</sup>

To express true faith in Christ, then, you must start with personally learning what he taught. You must also understand you cannot depend on other men and women (except those who simply direct you to read Jesus's teachings for yourself, or who read them with you). You must not allow anyone to stand in for Christ in your behalf.<sup>CCCC</sup> We don't need any other person as a replacement for Christ. Jesus himself promised he would leave us a helper, the spirit of truth.<sup>DDDD</sup> You will note from what Jesus said in those verses that we gain that spirit by reading and putting forth effort to understand what he came to teach (if we love him, we will always do as he commands). One part of having faith in Christ entails realizing our obedience to him is not a burden, as Satan would like you to believe. Obedience to Christ is always a blessing.<sup>EEEE & (EE)</sup>

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<sup>BBBB</sup> **Romans 10:17 BBE** So faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

<sup>CCCC</sup> **Matthew 24:23-25 GNB** "Then, if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Messiah [*Christ*]' or 'There he is!'---do not believe it. (24) For false Messiahs [*Christs*] and false prophets will appear; they will perform great miracles and wonders in order to deceive even God's chosen people [*or, the ones being chosen*], if possible. (25) Listen! I have told you this [*warned you*] ahead of time.

<sup>DDDD</sup> **John 14:15-17 CEV** Jesus said to his disciples: If you love me, you will do as I command. (16) Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you. (17) The Spirit will show you what is true. The people of this world cannot accept the Spirit, because they don't see or know him. But you know the Spirit, who is with you and will keep on living in you.

<sup>EEEE</sup> **1 John 5:1-5 GW** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah has been born from God. Everyone who loves the Father also loves his children. (2) We know that we love God's children when we love God by obeying his commandments. (3) To love God means that we obey his commandments. Obeying his commandments isn't difficult (4) because everyone who has been born from God has won the victory

**As to better understanding what Jesus promised, and thus being able to know what we can have faith in, it will be a great benefit to think about where we live in the Bible's timeline.**<sup>FFFF</sup> Realize what an exciting time to be alive this really is. We are the generation favored to be alive during the revelation of the Bible's promised salvation by God; as the seed of the woman destroys Satan and returns the human creation to what God intended it to be when He placed them in Eden.<sup>(LLLL)</sup> The Bible does say no man knows the day or the hour. Jesus gave us the signs to watch for to indicate the period of the last days:<sup>(R)</sup> Not the precise day and hour, but to generally identify the days of his presence in kingdom power. We are witness to those signs. (Some people will actually want to fight about whether the indicators Jesus mentioned are individual signs, or make up one composite sign. Don't get caught up in foolish doctrine.) **There is every reason to have faith in what God has promised. You cannot, however, express faith in what you don't know.** The Bible says **the return of Christ parallels the days of Noah and of Lot.**<sup>(R)</sup> **In both those cases, people were preserved alive by God during times of the destruction of the wicked.** That destruction was a good thing because it protected righteous people from being destroyed by those who will not obey God and Christ. Our day is similar. The Bible book of Job prophesied about

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over the world. Our faith is what wins the victory over the world. (5) Who wins the victory over the world? Isn't it the person who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>FFFF</sup> Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/HowCanFaithHelp.pdf>

it.<sup>GGGG</sup> Jesus promised it.<sup>HHHH & (R)</sup> There can be no peace as long as the wicked are tolerated.<sup>IIII</sup> The history of our world (with its terrible

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<sup>GGGG</sup> **Job 33:14-30 GW** "God speaks in one way, even in two ways without people noticing it: (15) In a dream, a prophetic vision at night, when people fall into a deep sleep, when they sleep on their beds, (16) he opens people's ears and terrifies them with warnings. (17) He warns them to turn away from doing wrong and to stop being arrogant. (18) He keeps their souls from the pit and their lives from crossing the River of Death. (19) In pain on their sickbeds, they are disciplined with endless aching in their bones (20) so that their whole being hates food and they lose their appetite for a delicious meal. (21) Their flesh becomes so thin that it can't be seen. Their bones, not seen before, will be exposed. (22) Their souls approach the pit. Their lives come close to those already dead. (23) "If they have a messenger for them, a spokesman, one in a thousand, to tell people what is right for them, (24) then he will have pity on them and say, 'Free them from going into the pit. I have found a ransom.' (25) Then their flesh will become softer than a child's. They will go back to the days of their youth. (26) They will pray to God, who will be pleased with them. They will see God's face and shout for joy as he restores their righteousness. (27) Each one sings in front of other people and says, 'I sinned and did wrong instead of what was right, and it did me no good. (28) The messenger has freed my soul from going into the pit, and my life will see the light.' (29) Truly, God does all this two or three times with people (30) to turn their souls away from the pit and to enlighten them with the light of life.

<sup>HHHH</sup> **John 11:26 BBE** And no one who is living (when Jesus returns) and has faith in me will ever see death. Is this your faith?

<sup>IIII</sup> **2 Chronicles 15:3 & 5 ESV** (3) For a long time Israel was without the true God, and without a teaching priest and without law... (5) In those times there was no peace to him who went out or to him who came in, for great disturbances afflicted all the inhabitants of the lands.~

**Jeremiah 6:13-19 Darby** For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them, every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest, every one dealeth falsely. (14) And they have healed [*pretended to heal*] the breach of the daughter of my people lightly, saying, Peace, peace! when there is no peace. (15) Are they ashamed that they have committed abomination? Nay, they are not at all ashamed, neither know they what it is to blush. Therefore they shall fall among them that fall; at the time that I visit them they shall stumble, saith Jehovah. (16) Thus saith Jehovah: Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the ancient paths [*God's teachings*], which is



suffering) will stand as an everlasting proof to that fact.<sup>(R)</sup> Part of the reason God has tolerated the last 6000 years is to give witness to what disobedience to him always brings. We are now "living that dream." We are now living that nightmare is more accurate. Humanity is in the process of destroying themselves. If God did not cut these days short, no flesh would be left alive.<sup>JJJ</sup> Mankind has become so vile that some men offer their own children up to their war machines (to their Gods of war as suicide bombers). They actually imagine they are made

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the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *therein*. (17) Also I have set watchmen over you: --Hearken ye to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken. (18) Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O assembly, what is among them. (19) Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, the fruit of their thoughts; for they have not hearkened unto my words, and as to my law, they have rejected it.<sup>JJJ</sup> **Matthew 24:15-23 CEV** Someday you will see that "Horrible Thing" [*that causes desolation standing*] in the holy place (The horrible thing that causes desolation represents the religious groups who say peace and love and claim to teach what God says, but actually spread hatred by means of their own sectarian teachings.), just as the prophet Daniel said.\* Everyone who reads this must try to understand! (16) If you are living in Judea at that time, run to the mountains. (17) If you are on the roof of your house, don't go inside to get anything. (18) If you are out in the field, don't go back for your coat. (This prophecy had a minor fulfillment when ancient Jerusalem was destroyed. It is not a suggestion to flee to some literal place in the major fulfillment of our day. Today, we flee inside our faith in what Jesus taught.) (19) It will be a terrible time for women who are expecting babies or nursing young children. (20) And pray that you won't have to escape in winter or on a Sabbath. (21) This will be the worst time of suffering [*the great tribulation*] since the beginning of the world, and nothing this terrible will ever happen again. (22) If God doesn't make the time shorter, no one will be left alive. But because of God's chosen ones (or, the ones being chosen), he will make the time shorter. (23) Someone may say, "Here is the Messiah!" or "There he is!" But don't believe it. (The Messiah is present unseen in the heavens, and within the teachings he left us.)~

\* **Daniel 11:31 CEV** He (Satan) will send troops to pollute the temple and the fortress, and he will stop the daily sacrifices. Then he will set up that "Horrible Thing" that causes destruction.

righteousness by such demonic behavior.<sup>KKKK</sup> Please recall: Such wickedness is the reason God destroyed the world of Noah's day. Over the 6000 years since Adam, we have lay waste and polluted our home. We have pumped out and burned billions of barrels of oil, all the while spreading hatred among men (Irish Catholics and Protestants still hate each other over disputes that arose during the dark ages).<sup>(G)</sup> We have thus brought our destruction by our own hand.<sup>(JJJJ)</sup> Faith in Christ is your way out! It is your only hope. Read your Gospels!

**Please realize what is happening: Christ has been enthroned in the heavens as King of God's kingdom.**<sup>LLLL</sup> We can see him by means of

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<sup>KKKK</sup> [2 Chronicles 28:3-5 ESV](#) (3) and he (bad King Ahaz) made offerings in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom and burned his sons as an offering, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel. (4) And he sacrificed and made offerings on the high places and on the hills and under every green tree. (5) Therefore the LORD his God gave him into the hand of the king of Syria, who defeated him and took captive a great number of his people and brought them to Damascus. He was also given into the hand of the king of Israel, who struck him with great force.

<sup>LLLL</sup> [Daniel 7:13-14 CEV](#) As I continued to watch the vision that night, I saw what looked like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven, and he was presented to the Eternal God. (14) He was crowned king and given power and glory, so that all people of every nation and race would serve him. He will rule forever, and his kingdom is eternal, never to be destroyed.~

[1 Corinthians 15:21-28 CEV](#) (21) Just as we will die because of Adam, we will be raised to life because of Christ. (22) Adam brought death to all of us, and Christ will bring life to all of us. (23) But we must each wait our turn. Christ was the first to be raised to life (eternal life – others were resurrected before Christ, but they all died again), and his people will be raised to life when he returns. (24) Then after Christ has destroyed all powers and forces, the end will come, and he will give the kingdom to God the Father. (25) Christ will rule until he puts all his enemies under his power, (26) and the last enemy he destroys will be death. (27) When the Scriptures say that he will put everything under his power, they don't include God. It was God who put everything under the power of Christ. (28) After everything is under the power of God's Son, he will put himself under the power of God,

Bible knowledge through eyes of faith. God made Christ's presence to be invisible in the clouds<sup>MMMM</sup> (heaven) because: If the Messiah were physically visible to all of mankind, everyone would flock to him. They would not come, however, because they are repentant<sup>NNNN</sup> and want to change to become obedient,<sup>(H)</sup> but only to seek the reward.<sup>OOOO</sup> Then, they would go right back to their damaging and hateful old ways. Their need to recognize Jesus's presence through eyes of faith makes certain only people who actually love God are helped; that they love what he represents and want to be obedient. We must recognize we are sinners and we must want to change. Under the pressure from the tribulation mankind has caused, and then **by our individual reaction to the teachings Jesus brought us, Christ is separating you (and all of us) into one of two groups.**<sup>PPPP</sup> **If you express faith in**

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who put everything under his Son's power. Then God will mean everything to everyone.

<sup>MMMM</sup> **Matthew 24:30-31 GNB** Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky; and all the peoples of earth will weep as they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. (31) The great trumpet will sound, and he will send out his angels to the four corners of the earth, and they will gather his chosen people from one end of the world to the other.

<sup>NNNN</sup> **Matthew 3:2 MKJV** and saying, Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.~

**Luke 3:3 MKJV** And he came into all the country around Jordan, proclaiming the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins,

<sup>OOOO</sup> **John 6:24-27 ESV** So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. (25) When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" (26) Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs (and believed my message), but because you ate your fill of the loaves. (27) Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the (spiritual food – the teachings of Jesus) food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."

<sup>PPPP</sup> **Matthew 25:31-34 ESV** "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. (32) Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

**Christ, you can live on forever** into the paradise being restored.<sup>QQQQ & (GGGG)</sup> If you choose to continue without faith in Christ,

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(33) And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.  
(34) Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'

<sup>QQQQ</sup> **Isaiah 11:1-12 GNB** The royal line of David is like a tree that has been cut down; but just as new branches sprout from a stump, so a new king [*Christ Jesus*] will arise from among David's descendants.<sup>(CC)</sup> (2) The spirit of the LORD [*Jehovah*] will give him wisdom and the knowledge and skill to rule his people. He will know the LORD's [*Jehovah's*] will and honor him, (3) and find pleasure in obeying him. He will not judge by appearance or hearsay; (4) he will judge the poor fairly and defend the rights of the helpless. At his command the people will be punished, and evil persons will die. (5) He will rule his people with justice and integrity. (6) Wolves and sheep will live together in peace, and leopards will lie down with young goats. Calves and lion cubs will feed together, and little children will take care of them. (7) Cows and bears will eat together, and their calves and cubs will lie down in peace. Lions will eat straw as cattle do. (8) Even a baby will not be harmed if it plays near a poisonous snake. (9) On Zion, God's sacred hill (the earth), there will be nothing harmful or evil. The land will be as full of knowledge of the LORD [*Jehovah*] as the seas are full of water. (10) A day is coming when the new king from the royal line of David will be a symbol to the nations. They will gather in his royal city and give him honor. (11) When that day comes, the Lord will once again use his power and bring back home those of his people who are left in Assyria and Egypt, in the lands of Pathros, Ethiopia, Elam, Babylonia, and Hamath, and in the coastlands and on the islands of the sea. (12) The Lord will raise a signal flag to show the nations that he is gathering together again the scattered people of Israel and Judah and bringing them back from the four corners of the earth.~

The previous verses from Isaiah mention Israel and Judah (descendants of Abraham) as those who will receive blessings, but please know: All who express faith in Christ are adopted and sons and daughters of Abraham:~

**Galatians 3:26-29 GNB** It is through faith that all of you are God's children in union with Christ Jesus. (27) You were baptized into union with Christ, and now you are clothed, so to speak, with the life of Christ himself (clothed by your faith in his teachings). (28) So there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles, between slaves and free people, between men and women; you are all one in union with Christ

you will also continue to die in your sins.<sup>RRRR</sup> Choose life, then, and live!<sup>SSSS</sup> Jesus promised we would find happiness forever if we follow his teachings.<sup>(UU)</sup> & <sup>(NNN)</sup> That means you must ignore all the many sects of well-meaning religious persons, and build faith יהוה<sup>(U)</sup> is keeping you alive through your personal faith in the promises He sent his son to bring you.<sup>TTTT</sup>

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ALT - Analytical Literal Translation (1999-2001 by Gary F. Zeolla)

ASV - American Standard Version (by the American revision committee in 1897).

Darby - 1884, 1889 Darby Bible (John Nelson Darby)

DRB - 1899 Douay-Rheims Bible

BBE - 1949, 1964 Bible in Basic English (Cambridge Press)

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Jesus. (29) If you belong to Christ, then you are the descendants of Abraham and will receive what God has promised.

<sup>RRRR</sup> **John 8:24 CEV** That is why I said you will die with your sins unforgiven [*will die in your sins*]. If you don't have faith in me for who I am, you will die, and your sins will not be forgiven."

<sup>SSSS</sup> **Deuteronomy 30:19-20 ESV** (19) I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, (20) loving the LORD [*Jehovah*] your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD [*Jehovah*] swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."<sup>(QQQQ- Note: Gal 3:26-29)</sup>

<sup>TTTT</sup> **John 6:35-40 CEV** Jesus replied: I am the bread that gives life! No one who comes to me will ever be [*spiritually*] hungry. No one who has faith in me will ever be thirsty. (36) I have told you already that you have seen me and still do not have faith in me. (37) Everything and everyone that the Father has given me [*or draws to me*]<sup>(U)</sup> will come to me, and I won't turn any of them away. (38) I didn't come from heaven to do what I want! I came to do what the Father wants me to do. He sent me, (39) and he wants to make certain that none of the ones he has given me will be lost. Instead, he wants me to raise them to life on the last day. (40) My Father wants everyone who sees the Son to have faith in him and to have eternal life. Then I will raise them to life on the last day.~

**John 6:44 CEV** No one can come to me, unless the Father who sent me makes them want to come. But if they do come, I will raise them to life on the last day (or keep them alive if they are living during the last day).<sup>(HHHH)</sup>

LITV - Literal Translation of the Holy Bible (1976-2000 by J. P. Green)

KJV - King James Version (1769)

MKJV - Modern King James Version (1962-1998 by J. P. Green Sr.)

Murdock – James Murdock Translation (1851)

MWT - Modern World Translation

Webster - 1833 Webster Bible (Noah Webster)

RV - Revised Version (King James Revised Version)

YLT - Young's Literal Translation (1862, 1898)

The title of this booklet, "The Explanation of Everything," is not a proclamation of our great wisdom or ability. We boast only in the lord.<sup>UUUU</sup> We always direct everyone to the teachings of Jesus Christ.<sup>(BBBB)</sup> It is thus Jesus who provides the explanation of everything! His explanation is the source of life and freely available to you.<sup>(SSSS)</sup> It is the single most valuable thing in life.<sup>VVVV</sup> You can't buy it, steal it, coerce

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<sup>UUUU</sup> **1 Corinthians 1:26-31 GNB** (26) Now remember what you were, my friends, when God called you. From the human point of view few of you were wise or powerful or of high social standing. (27) God purposely chose what the world considers nonsense in order to shame the wise, and he chose what the world considers weak in order to shame the powerful. (28) He chose what the world looks down on and despises and thinks is nothing, in order to destroy what the world thinks is important. (29) This means that no one can boast in God's presence. (30) But God has brought you into union with Christ Jesus, and God has made Christ to be our wisdom. By him we are put right with God; we become God's holy people and are set free. (31) So then, as the scripture says, "Whoever wants to boast must boast of what the Lord has done."

<sup>VVVV</sup> **Matthew 13:36-49 BBE** Then he went away from the people, and went into the house; and his disciples came to him, saying, Make clear to us the story of the evil plants [*weeds*] in the field. (37) And he made answer and said, He who puts the good seed in the earth is the Son of man; (38) And the field is the world; and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom; and the evil seeds are the sons of the Evil One; (39) And he who put them in the earth is Satan; and the getting in of the grain [*harvest*] is the end of the world; and those who get it in are the angels. (40) As then the evil plants are got [*bundled*] together and burned with fire, so will it be in the end of the world. (41) The Son of man will send out his angels, and they will take out of his kingdom everything which is a cause of error, and all those who do wrong, (42) And will put them into the fire; there will be weeping and cries of sorrow. (43) Then will the upright be shining as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him give ear. (44) The kingdom of heaven (the teachings of Jesus) is like a secret store of wealth [*a great treasure*

it or be granted it by powerful men or their sectarian groups. Simply read your gospels and build faith in the son of God! Remember though: If you love the teachings of Christ, you will not be liked by religionists. Some of them are prominent and powerful. They will tell lies about you.<sup>www</sup> You will, however, be loved by all who love righteousness.<sup>xxx</sup> If you desire to be in association with others who love Christ Jesus, start a Bible reading with someone. If you have read this booklet, you know some of the warnings Jesus gave us about religion.<sup>(G)</sup> He also said, however, where two or more are gathered in his name, he is there.<sup>(QQQ)</sup> Start a Bible study with one other person, reading from the Gospels. Don't jump around in the Bible book you select. Simply read it through from beginning to end. Feel free to use this booklet (or others that can be printed from [justbibletruth.com](http://justbibletruth.com)) as an aid. Start by reading the booklet together, and then read one of the Gospels through. Then, invite others to join you as you do it again. Take turns reading one chapter or page, and then talk about what you learned. Never imagine yourself starting a new group. Try to become and remain disciples of Christ: Try to join and remain part of the group Jesus started 2000 years ago. Reading what Jesus taught, without allowing yourself to be misled by some man or woman whose desire is to take charge of your group, seems the only safe way to be "gathered in Christ's name." You can always know you are safe when you rely on what Jesus taught in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Don't ever be misled to imagine yourself some glorious leader of men.<sup>(D)</sup> Just work to learn

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*hidden*] in a field, which a man came across and put back again; and in his joy he goes and gives all he has, to get that field. (45) Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a trader searching for beautiful jewels. (46) And having come across one jewel of great price, he went and gave all he had in exchange for it. (47) Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net, which was put into the sea and took in every sort of fish: (48) When it was full, they took it up on the sands; and seated there they put the good into vessels, but the bad they put away. (49) So will it be in the end of the world: the angels will come and take out the bad from the good,

<sup>www</sup> **Mark 3:21-22 Darby** And his (Jesus's) relatives having heard of it (about the crowds gathering listening to him) went out to lay hold on him, for they said, He is out of his mind.

(22) And the scribes (religious leaders) who had come down from Jerusalem said, He has Beelzebub, and, By the prince of the demons he casts out demons.

<sup>xxx</sup> **Mark 10:29-30 GW** Jesus said, "I can guarantee this truth: Anyone who gave up his home, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, or fields because of me and the Good News (30) will certainly receive a hundred times as much here in this life. They will certainly receive homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields, along with persecutions. But in the world to come they will receive eternal life.

and share what Jesus taught. In that way, choose life for yourself and for those you can direct to the words of Christ!<sup>(SSSS)</sup>

This is likely the last in this series of Bible studies in booklet form. There are several of them on the website by now, and there are only so many ways you can encourage people to listen to (read) what Christ Jesus said. It feels like I have by now said that in every way I know. I will, of course, keep the website displaying the studies ([justbibletruth.com](http://justbibletruth.com)) active as long as I have ability. Of course, too, if someone helps me see a better way of directing people to Christ, I will certainly try to tell it. For now, however, I continue to recognize I am just like everyone else. That is to say: I understand my recognizing the truth is not the same as displaying wisdom by taking advantage of that Bible knowledge in having faith in (reliance on) truth. Now is the time to find out if my understanding is actually what God's word is teaching. Is it really the end of this old system? Is Christ's kingdom ruling from heaven? Is he separating those who love him for survival? Even if *it is time* for the preservation of life, I am still left to find out if I have the faith to help myself, or just a head full of knowledge gained in seeking to impress or please other men.<sup>(D)</sup> Like everyone else, it is time to rely on my faith to begin the process of living forever into paradise, or, to continue on the same course as the billions of people who have come before. If you want life, remembering how Jesus said he was the bread of life and that we need to feed on his flesh and drink his blood, read and meditate on what he taught in John, chapter 6: We eat his flesh and drink his blood by learning what he came to teach. His flesh (the gift of his sacrifice) is life for all who have faith!<sup>Yyyy</sup>

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<sup>Yyy</sup> **John 6:29-38 ALT** Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you be believing [*or, trusting*] in Him whom that One sent." (30) So they said to Him, "What sign then do You do so that we shall see and believe You? What are You working? (31) "Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it has been written, 'He gave to them bread out of heaven to eat.'" [*Exod 16:4; Neh 9:15; Ps 78:24*] (32) So Jesus said to them, "Most positively, I say to you, Moses has not given to you the bread out of heaven, but My Father gives to you the true bread out of heaven. (33) "For the bread of God is the One coming down out of heaven and giving life to the world." (34) Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give to us this bread." (35) But Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life! The one coming to Me shall by no means hunger, and the one believing [*or, trusting*] in Me will by no means thirst at any time! (36) "But I said to you that you have both seen Me and you do not believe. (37) "All that the Father gives to Me will come to Me, and the one coming to Me I shall by no means cast out. (38) "Because I have come down out of heaven, not so that I shall be doing My will, but the will of the One having sent Me.~

**John 6:41-42 ALT** Therefore, the Jews were grumbling about Him, because He said, "I am the bread having come down out of heaven." (42) And they said, "Is this not Jesus, the Son of Joseph, whose father



Because I have exposed their sectarian nature, some religious leaders of this world have condemned me to death as an enemy of God.<sup>zzzz</sup> They have spread lies about

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and mother we know? How then says this One, "I have come down out of heaven?"~

**John 6:45-53 ALT** "It has been written in the prophets, 'And they will all be taught of God.' Therefore, every [one] hearing from the Father and having learned comes to Me. [Isaiah 54:13] (46) "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One being from God, He has seen the Father. (47) "Most positively, I say to you<sup>p</sup>, the one believing in Me has eternal life. (48) "I am the bread of life! (49) "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. (50) "This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that anyone shall eat from it and shall not die. (51) "I am the living bread, the One having come down from heaven. If anyone eats from this bread he will live into the age [fig., forever], and indeed the bread which I will give is My flesh, which I will give on behalf of the life of the world." (52) Therefore, the Jews began disputing with one another, saying, "How is this One able to give to us His flesh to eat?" (53) So Jesus said to them, "Most positively, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Humanity and drink His blood, you do not have life in yourselves.~

**John 6:55-63 ALT** "For My flesh truly is food, and My blood truly is drink. (56) "The one eating My flesh and drinking My blood remains in Me, and I in him. (57) "Just as the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, also the one feeding on Me, that one will also live because of Me. (58) "This is the bread having come down out of heaven, not as your fathers ate the manna and died. The one eating this bread will live into the age [fig., forever]!" (59) These things He said in a synagogue, teaching in Capernaum. (60) Therefore, many having heard from His disciples, said, "This word is harsh. Who is able to be hearing it?" (61) But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples are grumbling about this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble [fig, offend you]? (62) "Then [what] if you shall be watching the Son of Humanity ascending where He was before? (63) "The Spirit is the One giving life; the flesh does not accomplish [or, benefit] anything. The words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life!

<sup>zzzz</sup> **1 Corinthians 4:1-5 CEV** (1) Think of us as servants of Christ who have been given the work of explaining God's mysterious ways. (2) And since our first duty is to be faithful to the one we work for, (3) it doesn't matter to me if I am judged by you or even by a court of law. In fact, I don't judge myself. (4) I don't know of anything against me, but that doesn't prove that I am right. The Lord is my judge. (5) So don't judge anyone until the Lord returns. He will show what is hidden in the dark and what is in everyone's heart. Then God will be the one who praises each of us.

me. Speaking both of me and of them, the Bible says it is what comes out of our mouth that judges and exposes who we truly are.<sup>AAAAA</sup> In spite of their judgment, I pray and I hope, I have chosen life.<sup>(SSSS)</sup> To the best of my ability, then, this final booklet exposes who I am.<sup>BBBBB</sup> As my best expression of my faith, it is all I know to say. Please don't imagine you might watch what happens to me, or to any other individual, or that you might have any sign other than the teachings of Christ to witness whether this is all true. It will probably be similar to the way it was when the ancient and partially unfaithful nation of Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years. (On their way to the Promised Land, they had to wander forty years while the unfaithful among them died off [Numbers 13:1-14:45 & Deuteronomy 8:15-18].) Our modern day salvation will likely be gradual and unperceived to those who are not being preserved alive. If Jesus's teachings are not true, things may continue as they have for thousands of years.<sup>CCCCC</sup> If they are true, however, the race of mankind is in

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<sup>AAAAA</sup> **Matthew 15:11 CEV** The food that you put into your mouth doesn't make you unclean and unfit to worship God. The bad words that come out of your mouth are what make you unclean."~

**Matthew 12:33-34 CEV** A good tree produces only good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. You can tell what a tree is like by the fruit it produces. (34) You are a bunch of evil snakes, so how can you say anything good? Your words show what is in your hearts.

<sup>BBBBB</sup> **Colossians 4:3-6 CEV** Be sure to pray that God will make a way for us to spread his message and explain the mystery about Christ, even though I am in jail for doing this. (4) Please pray that I will make the message as clear as possible. (5) When you are with unbelievers, always make good use of the time. (6) Be pleasant and hold their interest when you speak the message. Choose your words carefully and be ready to give answers to anyone who asks questions.

<sup>CCCCC</sup> **2 Peter 3:1-14 ESV** This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, (2) that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, (3) knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. (4) They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." (5) For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, (6) and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. (7) But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. (8) But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as

for drastic change (that will bless every righteous person and destroy all the wicked): The tribulation born of mankind's hate and abuse will continue to escalate and consume our world, while those with faith in what Jesus taught will be preserved alive.<sup>(JJJ)</sup> The world we have made is a sinking ship that has had its side gashed open and is already listing as it fills with water. The religious and political leaders (the soothsayer crew) of this old world system will continue to promise the ship of mankind is unsinkable. They will continue to encourage you to listen to them for protection and guidance. They are dead wrong! Accept for yourself a seat on God's lifeboat, by learning and building unshakeable faith in what יהוה<sup>(U)</sup> sent his son to teach you. The final word I know to say: May you be directed to the teachings of Christ Jesus and have peace.<sup>DDDD</sup>

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one day. (9) The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (10) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. (11) Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, (12) waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! (13) But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells (a new earth in a similar sense that there was a new earth in Noah's day – wickedness will be gone)<sup>(QQQQ)</sup>. (14) Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

<sup>DDDD</sup> **Luke 10:5-6 CEV** As soon as you enter a home, say, "God bless this home with peace." (6) If the people living there are peace-loving, your prayer for peace will bless them. But if they are not peace-loving, your prayer will return to you.



Do you look forward to peace and paradise? Do you long for a day when no person will say, I am sick or hungry?<sup>eeeee</sup> Build faith in Christ Jesus!

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<sup>eeeee</sup> **Isaiah 33:10-24 CEV** But the LORD says, "Now I will do something and be greatly praised. (11) Your deeds are straw that will be set on fire by your very own breath (by whether you express faith). (12) You will be burned to ashes like thorns in a fire. (13) Everyone, both far and near, come look at what I have done. See my mighty power (displayed in Christ)!" (14) Those terrible sinners on Mount Zion tremble as they ask in fear, "How can we possibly live where a raging fire never stops burning?" (15) But there will be rewards for those who live right and tell the truth, for those who refuse to take money by force or accept bribes, for all who hate murder and violent crimes. (16) They will live in a fortress high on a rocky cliff, where they will have food and plenty of water. (17) With your own eyes you will see the glorious King (Christ Jesus); you will see his kingdom reaching far and wide. (18) Then you will ask yourself, "Where are those officials who terrified us and forced us to pay such heavy taxes?" (19) You will never again have to see the proud people who spoke a strange and foreign language you could not understand. (20) Look to Mount Zion where we celebrate our religious festivals. You will see (new) Jerusalem (the Kingdom of Christ), secure as a tent with pegs that cannot be pulled up and fastened with ropes that can never be broken. (21) Our wonderful LORD will be with us! There will be deep rivers and wide streams safe from enemy ships. (22) The LORD is our judge and our ruler; the LORD is our king and will keep us safe. (23) But your (present) nation is a ship with its rigging loose, its mast shaky, and its sail not spread. Someday even you that are lame will take everything you want from your enemies. (24) The LORD will forgive your sins, and none of you will say, "I feel sick."

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