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How Can Faith Help?

Six thousand years ago in the Garden of Eden, by their deliberate choice to disobey our Creator, mankind set themselves on the path to destruction. The tribulation*^B of our day is the direct result of that bad choice. God knew where our disobedience would lead. He has been organizing our rescue during those six millennia. The Bible is a simple book provided by God to explain how to take advantage of his provision for life. The Bible gives hope by teaching you can build a faith that will preserve you alive.^(Heb 10:38-39 on pg 27) The complicated philosophies of men have made the Bible seem difficult. Jesus said his easy words would set you free of the worry of being deceived.^{(131) & (95)} Take the opportunity to learn and appreciate the value of faith in truth!

*A **Daniel 6:1-26 Literal Version (LITV)** It pleased Darius [*the Median king of Babylon shortly after Babylon was conquered by the Medes and Persians about 539 BCE*] to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty satraps [*governors*], that they might be over the kingdom. (2) And over them *were* three presidents (Daniel *was* one of them), so that these satraps might give account to them, and the king should have no loss. (3) Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and satraps, because an excellent spirit *was* in him. And the king was planning to set him over all the kingdom. (4) Then the presidents and satraps sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom. But they could find no occasion or fault because he *was* trustworthy. And no error or fault *was* found in him. (5) Then these men said, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel unless we find *it* against him concerning the Law of his God. (6) Then these presidents and satraps gathered together to the king and said this to him, King Darius, live forever. (7) All the presidents of the kingdom, the prefects, and the satraps, the officials and the governors, have planned together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, except from you, O king, he shall be thrown into the den of lions. (8) Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the document, so that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not pass away. (9) All on account of this, King Darius signed the document and the decree. (10) And when he had learned that the document was signed, Daniel went to his house. And his windows were open in his roof room toward Jerusalem. He knelt on his knees three times in the day, and prayed and praised before his God, as he did before. (11) Then these men met together and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. (12) Then they came near and spoke before the king concerning the king's decree, *saying*, Have you not signed a decree that every man who shall ask of any god or man within thirty days, except of you, O king, *that he* shall be thrown into the lions' den? The king answered and said, The thing is certain, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not pass away. (13) Then they answered and said before the king, Daniel, who *is* of the sons of the exile of Judah, has not set attention on you, O king, or the decree that you have signed, but he makes his prayer three times in the day. (14) Then the king, when he heard the word, was very displeased with himself, and he set *his* heart on Daniel, to deliver him. And he labored until the going of the sun to deliver him. (15) Then these men met before the king and said to the king, O king, know that the law of the Medes and Persians *is* that every decree or law which the king enacts may not be changed. (16) And the king commanded. And they brought Daniel, and *they* threw *him* into the lions' den. The king spoke and said to Daniel, Your God whom you constantly serve will deliver you. (17) And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den. And the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his nobles, that the affair may not change concerning Daniel. (18) Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and diversions were not brought before him; and his sleep fled from him. (19) Then the king rose up in the dawn, in the daylight, and hurried to the lions' den. (20) And when he came to the den, he cried with a grieved voice to Daniel. The king spoke and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, your God whom you always serve, is He able to deliver you from the lions? (21) Then Daniel said to the king, O king, live forever. (22) My God has sent His Angel, and He has shut the mouths of the lions. And they have not harmed me, because in His sight innocence was found in me. And also before you, O king, I have done no harm. (23) Then the king was exceedingly glad over him. And *he* commanded to bring up Daniel from the den. And Daniel was brought out of the den, and no harm was found on him, because he trusted in his God. (24) And the king commanded, and they brought those

men who had accused Daniel. And they threw *them* into the lions' den, them, their sons and their wives. And the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones before they reached to the bottom of the den. (25) Then King Darius wrote to all the peoples, the nations, and the languages who were living in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. (26) A decree was given from before me that in all the domain of my kingdom *there* shall be trembling and fear before the God of Daniel. For He *is* the living God and endures forever, and His kingdom *is* the one which shall not be destroyed. And His rule *shall be* to the end.

*B Please realize: The tribulation Jesus warned us about,¹ and which is overwhelming our world in these last days, is not an act of God. It is the result of our sustained and determined course in disobedience to the directions of our Creator. Rather than being the cause of the tribulation, God is helping those who will listen.² The Bible explains how He is helping. It is God's gift... You need to understand what it says if you are to exercise faith in God's promised deliverance.

¹ **Matthew 24:7-14 CEV** Nations and kingdoms will go to war against each other. People will starve to death, and in some places there will be earthquakes. (8) But this is just the beginning of troubles. (9) You will be arrested, punished, and even killed. Because of me, you will be hated by people of all nations. (10) Many will give up and will betray and hate each other. (11) Many false prophets will come and fool a lot of people. (12) Evil will spread and cause many people to stop loving others. (13) But if you keep on being faithful right to the end, you will be saved. (14) When the good news about the kingdom has been preached all over the world and told to all nations, the end will come.

² **Matthew 24:3 Darby** And as he was sitting upon the mount of Olives the disciples came to him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be, and what is the sign of thy coming and *the* completion of the age?~

Matthew 24:21-28 Darby for then shall there be great tribulation, such as has not been from *the* beginning of *the* world until now, nor ever shall be; (22) and if those days had not been cut short, no flesh had been saved; but on account of the elect those days shall be cut short. (23) Then if any one say to you, Behold, here is the Christ, or here, believe *it* not. (24) For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall give great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. (25) Behold, I have told you beforehand. (26) If therefore they say to you, Behold, he is in the desert, go not forth; behold, *he is* in the inner chambers, do not believe *it* . (27) For as the lightning goes forth from the east and shines to the west, so shall be the coming of the Son of man. [*The Bible has illuminated the earth for 2000 years since Christ came to mankind. Christ is alive⁽⁷⁷⁾ in the Gospel accounts of his teachings. Don't be fooled to look elsewhere.*] (28) For wherever the carcass is, there will be gathered the eagles. [*The remains of Christ, or his body or carcass, are his teachings.*]

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What you are reading is the most important message you have ever considered.³ Even if you are a long time Bible student, you might not have thought about the meaning of all the scriptures presented.

Please consider if... These scriptures demonstrate why it is not arrogant to draw attention to the importance of this message. After all, it's not important because it is *our* message. It is the message of Christ Jesus.

The reason you might not have gleaned this insight, even if you have already read the Bible, is *because it is only now being more fully understood* as the light from the scriptures grows brighter and brighter⁴ (or, put another way, as mankind's understanding of the Bible becomes clearer in these last days). To get the full sense of the Scriptures, you must begin with an understanding that it matters where we live in the stream of the time it covers. If you had lived 3000 years ago, for example, you would have been living

³ Matthew 13:44-48 BBE The kingdom of heaven is like a secret store of wealth 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.

⁴ Proverbs 4:18-22 BBE But the way of the upright is like the light of early morning, getting brighter and brighter till the full day. (19) The way of sinners is dark; they see not the cause of their fall. (20) My son, give attention to my words; let your ear be turned to my sayings. (21) Let them not go from your eyes; keep them deep in your heart. (22) For they are life to him who gets them, and strength to all his flesh.

among those still having to wait another thousand years for the Christ (or Messiah) to appear. The only acceptable way to worship God would have been through the Jewish Law Code and their Priesthood. You would have needed to be born a Jew, or to have become a Jewish proselyte.⁵ It was the Jewish nation to whom many of the Messianic promises were made. Being a Jew or proselyte were the only two acceptable choices for pleasing God 3000 years ago, even as the Bible explains.⁶ Also, you must really *understand*⁷ the Bible if you are to truly believe (have faith) in it. It

⁵ Exodus 12:48-49 MWT (With God's divine name restored.) If anyone who isn't an Israelite wants to celebrate the Passover to יהוה⁽¹⁷⁾ with you, every man and boy in that family must first be circumcised. Then they may join in the meal, just like native Israelites. No uncircumcised man or boy may eat the Passover meal! (49) One law exists for both native Israelites and to those foreigners who live among you [*and express faith by being circumcised – Jewish proselytes*].~

Those foreigners or alien residents later came to be called proselytes:

Matthew 23:15 MWT "How horrible it will be to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you travel over sea and the dry land to make one proselyte [or, convert to Judaism], and whenever it happens, you make him twice as much a son of Gehenna as you are. [*Gehenna was the Valley of Hinnom – a trash dump outside ancient Jerusalem where trash and refuse was thrown. Fires were kept burning to consume the refuse. Being thrown there represented eternal destruction by God.*]

⁶ John 4:20-23 CEV My [*Samaritan*] 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 [*or, salvation originates with the Jews*]. (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 [*individual followers of Christ*] are the ones the Father is seeking to worship him.

⁷ <http://www.justbibletruth.com/Faith.html#KnowledgeUnderstandingWisdom>

is difficult to understand the Bible if you don't consider its message from *God's perspective or viewpoint* on the time period it recounts.

Taking another example of the importance of the [Bible timeline](#): If you had lived 2000 years ago, you could have witnessed Jesus Christ when he presented himself as the Jewish Messiah (the Messiah promised to mankind by the Bible for 4000 years before his birth). That Messianic hope was first promised in the Garden of Eden, the Messiah being identified at that time only as "the seed of the woman."⁸ The rest of the Old Testament (OT) (everything after Gen. 3:15 [on about page 3 of the Bible]) provides additional promises and information regarding that coming Messiah. To prove Jesus was God's son (the Messiah) and had authority from God⁽¹⁷⁾ to abolish (or to fulfill) the Law so as to establish Christianity,⁽⁶⁾ you could have seen the miracles Christ performed. Jesus helped all those persons who came to him in *faith*.⁹ Had you lived then, you might have been healed by him

⁸ Genesis 3:13-15 MWT And יהוה' ⁽¹⁷⁾ God said to the woman, What is this you have done? And the woman said, The serpent deceived me and so I ate. (14) And יהוה' God said to the serpent, Because you have done this, you *are* cursed above all beasts, and above every animal of the field. You shall go on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. (15) And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He will crush your head, and you shall bruise His heel.

⁹ Luke 6:17-19 GW Jesus came down from the mountain with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples and many other people were there. They had come from all over Judea, Jerusalem, and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon. (18) They wanted to hear him and be cured of their diseases. Those who were tormented by evil spirits were cured. (19) The entire crowd was trying to touch him because power was coming from him and curing all of them.~

Matthew 8:13 BBE And Jesus said to the captain [*centurion*], Go in peace; as your faith is, so let it be done to you. And the servant was made well in that hour.~

yourself; or had a loved one who was. Jesus required a change, however, on the part of the Jews who wanted to express faith in him. If you had been a Jew or proselyte when Jesus appeared, you would have needed to abandon the form of worship you had previously followed, and put faith in Jesus and his teachings.^{10 & (6)} Even though your forefathers had worshiped God acceptably for 1500 years through their Jewish religion and law code, you would have had to abandon their faith and convert to Christianity.¹¹ You could have had a measure of pride in knowing your nation, and their form of worship, had been used by God to produce the Savior of mankind (Jesus was born as a child of the Jewish nation).⁽⁶⁾ You would still, however, have needed to abandon faith

Matthew 13:55-58 CEV Isn't he the son of the carpenter? Isn't Mary his mother, and aren't James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas his brothers? (56) Don't his sisters still live here in our town? How can he do all this?" (57) So the people were very unhappy because of what he was doing. But Jesus said, "Prophets are honored by everyone, except the people of their hometown and their own family." (58) And because the people did not have any faith, Jesus did not work many miracles there.

¹⁰ Acts 2:36 ALT Therefore, let all the house of Israel know securely [*fig., without a doubt*] that God made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified!"

¹¹ Acts 13:16-23 CEV Paul got up. He motioned with his hand and said: People of Israel, and everyone else who worships God, listen! (17) The God of Israel chose our ancestors, and he let our people prosper while they were living in Egypt. Then with his mighty power he led them out, (18) and for about forty years he took care of them in the desert. (19) He destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan and gave their land to our people. (20) All this happened in about 450 years. Then God gave our people judges until the time of the prophet Samuel, (21) but the people demanded a king. So for forty years God gave them King Saul, the son of Kish from the tribe of Benjamin. (22) Later, God removed Saul and let David rule in his place. God said about him, "David the son of Jesse is the kind of person who pleases me most! He does everything I want him to do." (23) God promised that someone from David's family would come to save the people of Israel, and that one is Jesus.

in Judaistic practices. Christ made that change at the direction of his Father¹² יהוה.⁽¹⁷⁾ יהוה was the well-known God of the pre-Christian Jews.⁽¹⁷⁾ The scriptures helping us understand that should also make clear: Where we live in time matters! The form of worship we must practice depends, to some extent, on when

¹² John 5:20-30 MWT (20) "For the Father dearly loves the son, and shows him all the things which He Himself does, and greater works than these He will show to him, so that you will marvel. (21) "For even as the Father raises dead ones and makes them alive, so also the son makes alive whom he wills. (22) "The Father doesn't judge anyone, but He has given all judgment to the son, (23) so that everyone will honor the son just as they honor the Father. The one not honoring the son does not honor the Father who sent him. (24) "Most surely I tell you, the one hearing my word and believing [or having faith] in the One having sent me, has eternal life and does not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life! (25) "Most positively, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when dead persons will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those having heard will live. (26) "For even as the Father has life in Himself, so He has also given to the son to have life in himself. (27) "And He also gave the son the right to judge everyone, because he is the "son of man." (28) "Don't be surprised at this, because an hour is coming when all those in the tombs will hear his voice, (29) and they will come out of the graves: the ones having done good things to a resurrection of life, but the ones having practiced wicked things to a resurrection of judgment. (30) "I am not able to do anything of myself. Just as I hear I judge, and my judgment is righteous, because I do not seek my will but the will of my Father who sent me.~

Matthew 5:17 BBE Let there be no thought that I have come to put an end to the law or the prophets. I have not come for destruction, but to make complete.~

Galatians 5:4-6 GNB Those of you who try to be put right with God by obeying the Law have cut yourselves off from Christ. You are outside God's grace. (5) As for us, our hope is that God will put us right with him; and this is what we wait for by the power of God's Spirit working through our faith. (6) For when we are in union with Christ Jesus, neither circumcision [*obeying the Law Code*] nor the lack of it makes any difference at all; what matters is faith that works through love.

we are alive in the Bible's record of the 6000 years since Adam and Eve were created.¹³ To understand the Bible, you should begin by understanding it as a revelation of the history of mankind, which history also reflects the outworking of God's purpose to save his creation (including ~~us~~ you). **Our having a faith that can preserve us alive¹⁴ is dependent on our understanding what God is doing.** That's one thing Jesus came to give us, knowledge about his Father.¹⁵

Gaining the understanding that it matters when we live can also help you appreciate why this is the most wonderful time to be alive in all mankind's history (if, that is, you are a person who loves the truth). Since we will be considering the Bible's recorded history, including both the 4000 years before Christ was born *and* the 2000 years since his birth, we need to identify the Creator who dealt with mankind for that first 4000 years. יהוה,⁽¹⁷⁾ the God of the Hebrew Scriptures and the Father of Christ Jesus,¹⁶ had his name recorded in the Old Testament [OT] over 6000 times. An English sounds like word for Jesus's name is Yeshua (transliterated

¹³ Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/DisplayScroll.html>

¹⁴ Hebrews 10:39 ALT But we are not of [*the ones*] shrinking back to destruction, but of [*the ones having*] faith to [*the*] preserving [*alive*] of [*the*] soul.

¹⁵ John 18:37 God's Word [GW] Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus replied, "You're correct in saying that I'm a king. I have been born and have come into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to me."

¹⁶ Matthew 16:13-17 BBE Now when Jesus had come into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, he said, questioning his disciples, Who do men say that the Son of man is? (14) And they said, Some say, John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. (15) He says to them, But who do you say that I am? (16) And Simon Peter made answer and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. (17) And Jesus made answer and said to him, A blessing on you, Simon Bar-jonah: because this knowledge has not come to you from flesh and blood, but from my Father in heaven.

from Hebrew). יהוה,¹⁷ however, is the Hebrew name of the God of creation. Jesus made clear we must know both he and his

¹⁷ The self-given authorized Divine Name of the true God of the Bible, as recorded in ancient Hebrew, is יהוה. (Please visit: JustBibleTruth.com/DoesGodHaveAName.html) When spoken by Hebrews, to English speakers the Name sounds like Yea•Vah (that is “Yea” as in Yea go team followed by “Vah” like the first two letters of vault). Some translators erroneously represented the Name as “LORD” in all capital letters, while others attempted to translate it into English as “Jehovah” or as “Yahweh.” יהוה gave no instructions (or even permission) to attempt to translate his name into any other language.

יהוה God Is jealous for his Name:

Exodus 6:1-3 MWT with Divine Name restored. And יהוה said to Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh; for by a strong hand he shall let my people go, and by a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land. (2) And God spoke to Moses, and said to him, I am יהוה. (3) And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, as the Almighty *God; but by my name יהוה I did not make myself known to them.~

Psalms 83:18 Darby That they may know that thou alone, whose name is Jehovah [יהוה], art the Most High over all the earth.~

Isaiah 12:2 Darby Behold, *God is my salvation: I will trust, and not be afraid; for Jah, Jehovah [יהוה] is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation.~

Isaiah 26:4 Literal Version [LITV] Trust in Jehovah [יהוה] forever, for in Jah Jehovah [יהוה] is everlasting strength.~

You will find as you study the Bible, some translations will contain “LORD” in all capital letters (while others use “Jehovah” as an attempted English translation). A superstition arose against pronouncing the Divine Name, because of a misapplication of the scripture that warns against taking God’s name in vane* (or misusing it). That superstition resulted in the Divine Name being omitted from some translations of the Bible. When you see “LORD” in all caps, it identifies the Divine Name יהוה appeared in

Father.¹⁸ Knowing them both is necessary as a background to understand what Jesus was sent to teach.¹⁹ That knowledge is also necessary for you to understand your relationship with Jesus, and with his Father.²⁰ Let us now continue with considering what having faith can mean (or do) for you.

the original Hebrew text from which that Bible verse was translated.~

*Exodus 20:7 LITV You shall not take the name of Jehovah

[יהוה] your God in vain; for Jehovah [יהוה] will not leave unpunished the one who takes His name in vain.~

Translation demonstrating superstitious removal of God's name:

Exodus 20:7 ESV "You shall not take the name of the LORD

[יהוה] your God in vain, for the LORD [יהוה] will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

¹⁸ John 17:3 CEV Eternal life is to know you [יהוה], the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ, the one you sent.~

Proverbs 30:4 GW [To the audience] "Who has gone up to heaven and come down? Who has gathered the wind in the palm of his hand? Who has wrapped water in a garment? Who has set up the earth from one end to the other? ***What is his name or the name of his son? Certainly, you must know!***

¹⁹ Mark 9:1-7 CEV I can assure you that some of the people standing here will not die before they see God's kingdom come with power. (2) Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him. They went up on a high mountain, where they could be alone. There in front of the disciples, Jesus was completely changed. (3) And his clothes became much whiter than any bleach on earth could make them. (4) Then Moses and Elijah were there talking with Jesus. (5) Peter said to Jesus, "Teacher, it is good for us to be here! Let us make three shelters, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (6) But Peter and the others were terribly frightened, and he did not know what he was talking about. (7) ***The shadow of a cloud passed over and covered them. From the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, and I love him. Listen to what he says!"***

²⁰ Matthew 11:25-27 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

We attempt to scripturally answer the following questions: Can faith²¹ save your life? Can faith heal you? Can *your* faith help *other* people? Does what faith can do for you change based on when you have lived in the Bible's record of history? If faith provides you protection, why you and not someone else? Are there things faith *can not* do?²²

Looking back in Bible history, we note it records different ways faith⁽²¹⁾ helped individuals in the past. Considering those examples can help us understand how faith can or might benefit us! The Bible recounts, for example, that a woman who lived during the days of Christ's preaching (33 to 36 CE [Christian Era]) suffered with a bleeding problem: (Mark 5:25-26 Modern World Translation [MWT]) Now there was a woman who had suffered from a flow of blood twelve years, 26 and she had been put to many pains by many physicians and had spent all her resources and had not been benefited but, rather, had gotten worse. How might faith help such a woman, and what might have contributed to her having enough faith to help herself?

This woman was a Jew (a Hebrew) and so she grew up studying parts of the Old Testament (the portion of the Bible which existed in her day - including its inspired account of Jewish history). She would have been aware of the examples therein set down of the power of God's spirit, such as one of the miracles connected with God's prophet Elisha (about 3000 years ago, or around 857 BCE [Before the Christian Era]): (2 Kings 13:20-21) "After that Elisha died and they buried him. And there were marauding bands of the Moabites that regularly came into the land at the coming in of the year. 21 And it came about as they were burying a man, why, here

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.

²¹ Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/Faith.html>

²² Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/WhatFaithCanNotDo.html>

they saw the marauding band. At once they threw the man into Elisha's burial place and went off. **When the man touched the bones of Elisha, he immediately came to life and stood upon his feet.**" In that Bible account, no faith was required as both Elisha and the unnamed resurrected man were already dead. Reading that and similar scriptures no doubt helped that woman with the flow of blood to have faith, however. It helped her build faith great things could be accomplished through the power of God's spirit. She would also have been taught the Jewish Bible prophecies about the coming Messiah,²³ and she no doubt heard²⁴ about Jesus and the powerful works he was doing in her

²³ Isaiah 7:14 CEV But the LORD [יְהוָה]⁽⁴⁷⁾ will still give you proof. A virgin is pregnant; she will have a son and will name him Immanuel.~

Isaiah 9:6-7 Darby For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name is called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty *God, Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with judgment and with righteousness, from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Jehovah [יְהוָה] of hosts will perform this.

²⁴ John 7:31 Darby But many of the crowd believed on him, and said, Will the Christ, when he comes, do more signs than those which this *man* has done?~

John 11:45-48 Darby Many therefore of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what he had done [*resurrected her brother Lazarus*], believed on him; (46) but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. (47) The chief priests, therefore, and the Pharisees gathered a council [the Sanhedrin], and said, What do we? for this man does many signs. (48) If we let him thus alone, all will believe on him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.~
John 4:45 BBE So when he came into Galilee, the Galilaeans took him to their hearts because of the things which they had seen him do in Jerusalem at the feast--they themselves having been there at the feast.

day.²⁵ & (131) The woman started to believe (to have faith) God would use his spirit to help her based on her faith in the savior she knew יהוה⁽¹⁷⁾ God had promised.²⁶ & (8) The Bible tells us she formed a plan, and then put her *faith* into action: (Mark 5:27-29) "When she heard the things about Jesus, she came behind in the crowd and touched his outer garment; 28 for she kept saying: 'If I touch just his outer garments I shall get well.' 29 And immediately

²⁵ Mark 3:7-11 GNB Jesus and his disciples went away to Lake Galilee, and a large crowd followed him. They had come from Galilee, from Judea, (8) from Jerusalem, from the territory of Idumea, from the territory on the east side of the Jordan, and from the region around the cities of Tyre and Sidon. All these people came to Jesus because they had heard of the things he was doing. (9) The crowd was so large that Jesus told his disciples to get a boat ready for him, so that the people would not crush him. (10) He had healed many people, and all the sick kept pushing their way to him in order to touch him. (11) And whenever the people who had evil spirits in them saw him, they would fall down before him and scream, "You are the Son of God!"~

Matthew 2:1-6 GNB Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the time when Herod was king. Soon afterward, some men who studied the stars came from the East to Jerusalem (2) and asked, "Where is the baby born to be the king of the Jews? We saw his star when it came up in the east, and we have come to worship him." (3) When King Herod heard about this, he was very upset, and so was everyone else in Jerusalem. (4) He called together all the chief priests and the teachers of the Law and asked them, "Where will the Messiah be born?" (5) "In the town of Bethlehem in Judea," they answered. "For this is what the prophet wrote: (6) 'Bethlehem in the land of Judah, you are by no means the least of the leading cities of Judah; for from you will come a leader who will guide my people Israel.' "

²⁶ Isaiah 9:6-7 Darby For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name is called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty *God, Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with judgment and with righteousness, from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Jehovah [יהוה] of hosts will perform this.

her fountain of blood dried up, and she sensed in her body that she had been healed of the grievous sickness." We who live today are favored to have both the record of Elisha and the others recorded in the Old Testament; as well as the account of this woman (and other faithful Christians) in the New Testament. That scriptural knowledge⁽⁷⁾ can favor us with a faith based on a lot more information than this sick woman had when she approached Jesus. As this inspired Bible record⁽⁶⁷⁾ tells us, the woman was able to draw יהוה's⁽¹⁷⁾ spirit by means of her faith in his promised Messiah – without Jesus even being aware what she was about to do. Jesus noticed her only after he perceived spirit go out of him: (Luke 8:42-48) . . . "As he was going the crowds thronged him. 43 And a woman, subject to a flow of blood for twelve years, who had not been able to get a cure from anyone, 44 approached from behind and touched the fringe of his outer garment, and instantly her flow of blood stopped. 45 So Jesus said: 'Who was it that touched me?' When they were all denying it, Peter said: 'Instructor, the crowds are hemming you in and closely pressing you.' 46 Yet Jesus said: 'Someone touched me, for I perceived that power went out of me.' 47 Seeing that she had not escaped notice, the woman came trembling and fell down before him and disclosed before all the people the cause for which she touched him and how she was healed instantly. 48 But he said to her: 'Daughter, your faith has made you well; go your way in peace.'" It seems unlikely this would have been a ruse by Jesus to pretend he did not know what the woman was doing until he felt God's spirit pass through him. The inspired record of his sincere effort to ascertain who touched him was also to help us understand the arrangement Jesus was in the process of establishing: A way for his followers to have a direct relationship with his Father based on their faith in him as the savior sent by God.⁽²⁷⁾ Jesus said at John 16:23-24: "And in that day you will ask me no question at all. Most truly I say to you, If you ask the Father for anything he will give it to you in my name. 24 Until this present time you have not asked a single thing in my name. Ask and you will receive, that your joy may be made full." Jesus also said at John 15:7-10: "If you remain

in union with me and my sayings remain in you, *ask whatever you wish and it will take place for you.* 8 My Father is glorified in this, that you keep bearing much fruit and prove yourselves my disciples. 9 Just as the Father has loved me and I have loved you, remain in my love. 10 If you observe my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have observed the commandments of the Father and remain in his love."

Please note Jesus said: (Matthew 4:4) ..."It is written, '*Man must live, not on bread alone, but on every utterance coming forth through יהוה 's⁽¹⁷⁾ mouth.*'" Many Bibles don't use God's name here, but reference Bibles (using footnotes by the Bible scholars who produced the translation) tell us that when Jesus said "it is written" here in Mat 4:4, he was quoting from Deuteronomy 8:3: [from the 1889 Darby Bible translation] "*And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with the manna, which thou hadst not known, and which thy fathers knew not; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread alone, but by everything that goeth out of the mouth of Jehovah [יהוה] doth man live.*" Jesus was the perfect son of God, and spoke only what he learned from his Father.²⁷ Because of that, we can consider

²⁷ John 8:28-30 BBE So Jesus said, When the Son of man has been lifted up by you, then it will be clear to you who I am, and that I do nothing of myself, but say as the Father gave me teaching. (29) He who sent me is with me; he has not gone from me, because at all times I do the things which are pleasing to him. (30) When he said this a number [*many*] came to have faith in him.~

John 12:48-50 CEV But everyone who rejects me and my teachings will be judged on the last day by what I have said. (49) I don't speak on my own. I say only what the Father who sent me has told me to say. (50) I know that his commands will bring eternal life. That is why I tell you exactly what the Father has told me.~

John 5:19 CEV Jesus told the people: I tell you for certain that the Son cannot do anything on his own. He can do only what he sees the Father doing, and he does exactly what he sees the Father do.~

everything Jesus said as absolute truth. The truth Jesus spoke can be considered law just as surely as gravity is law. When Jesus said there is more happiness in giving than in receiving,²⁸ for example, you can know being selfish will never make you happy. What Jesus teaches us about building faith is real, and the faith we build becomes our God given and only hope! In the account about the woman with the flow of blood, that woman surely believed every word from God was true. She put complete faith in the promises of God as she knew them from the Bible, and so she became convinced she could be healed from her illness if she could just touch the outer garment of the one she ~~believed~~ *knew* to be God's son and the promised Messiah.²⁹ She literally healed herself [using God's spirit] by means of her faith. Jesus appreciated that and commended her faith. As Mark's parallel account recorded this event for us: (Mark 5:30-34) 'Immediately, also, Jesus recognized in himself that power had gone out of him, and he turned about in the crowd and began to say: "Who touched my outer garments?" 31 But his disciples began to say to him: "You see the crowd pressing in upon you, and do you say, 'Who touched me?'" 32 However, he was looking around to see her that had done this. 33 But the woman, frightened and trembling,³⁰

John 5:30 GNB "I can do nothing on my own authority; I judge only as God tells me, so my judgment is right, because I am not trying to do what I want, but only what he who sent me wants.

²⁸ Acts 20:35 GNB I have shown you in all things that by working hard in this way we must help the weak, remembering the words that the Lord Jesus himself said, 'There is more happiness in giving than in receiving.' "

²⁹ Luke 3:15-16 ESV As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, (16) John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

³⁰ The woman in this account was no doubt "frightened and trembling" because her illness made her unclean under Jewish

knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. 34 *He said to her: "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be in good health from your grievous sickness."* Take special note Jesus there told the woman it was *her faith* that *made her well*. She was very literally living by the words [*by her faith in the Hebrew Scriptures*] that came forth from יהוה's⁽¹⁷⁾ mouth; living by her demonstrated faith in those words!(*Mat 4:4 on pg 13*)

In another example, a man who had faith came to Jesus seeking help for his servant who was ill: (*Matthew 8:5-10 & 13*) 'When he entered into Capernaum, an army officer came to him, entreating him 6 and saying: "Sir, my manservant is laid up in the house with paralysis, being terribly tormented." 7 He said to him: "*When I get there I will cure him.*" 8 In reply the army officer said: "Sir, I am not a fit man for you to enter under my roof, *but just say the word and my manservant will be healed.* 9 For I too am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me, and I say to this one, 'Be on your way!' and he is on his way, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." 10 Hearing that, Jesus became amazed and said to those following him: "I tell you the truth, with no one in Israel have I found so great a faith... 13 *Then Jesus said to the army officer: "Go. Just as it has been your faith, so let it come to pass for you."* And the manservant was healed in that hour.'

law. She was, by law, to remain isolated. She could have been in peril of life by the judgment of her religious leaders.~

<http://www.justbibletruth.com/Observations/SeatedOnMosesSeat> ~
John 12:9-11 GNB A large number of people heard that Jesus was in Bethany, so they went there, not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from death. (10) So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus too, (11) because on his account many Jews were rejecting them and believing in Jesus.

Please understand what Jesus told this army officer about faith: That it would happen for him just as he (in his faith) had imagined it. This was a man with a military command such that he told people what to do and they did it. He thus rightly reasoned the son of God would not have to make the journey to his home to heal his servant. (He also showed humility in stating he was not a fit man for Jesus to enter his home.) Surely, this man's faith helped him, *and his servant*. His faith actually helped him to plan out what was to happen for him, and then it happened, *even though it was not the way Jesus had initially intended to help him*. Jesus intended to go the man's home and heal his servant. The man had faith, however, that Jesus could just say the word and it would be so. The power of faith³¹ is not to be underestimated... It seems limited only by - well - our faith.³²

Make no mistake, faith is a powerful tool as a gift from our Creator. It is just as Jesus said at Mark 11:23: [MWT] ...**"All the things you pray and ask for have faith that you have practically received, and you will have them."** That means, of course, you must know from the Bible what it is appropriate for you to have faith in, so your request will be in agreement with God's purposes.³³ (We do not here assert you will be able to use God's spirit to calm the raging sea or raise the dead. We do not, on the

³¹ Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/Faith.html>

³² **Matthew 21:21-22 GNB** Jesus answered, "I assure you that if you believe and do not doubt, you will be able to do what I have done to this fig tree. And not only this, but you will even be able to say to this hill, 'Get up and throw yourself in the sea,' and it will. (22) If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."~

Luke 17:5-6 GNB The apostles said to the Lord, "Make our faith greater." (6) The Lord answered, "If you had faith as big as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Pull yourself up by the roots and plant yourself in the sea!' and it would obey you.

³³ **1 John 5:14 GNB** We have courage in God's presence, because we are sure that he hears us if we ask him for anything that is according to his will.

other hand, assert our judgment over Holy Spirit so as to proclaim what faithful Christians will or will not be able to do. From the Bible history we have considered, it seems a personal matter for each Christian, as long as our request is for what God wants for us. Jesus said: [John 15:8 GNB] *My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples.* Based on that scripture, then, we can always pray for God to help us bear fruit; by telling others what we learn from Jesus.) God is helping mankind by means of the message brought by his son.⁽¹⁹⁾ We can pray to assist in that work.

Jesus was clear about one thing the gift of Holy Spirit would accomplish in his followers *during these last days*. He said he would send us a helper, the "spirit of truth" that would remain forever.³⁴ Jesus further said that helper would call to mind and help us understand the things he had taught us.³⁵ Those promises

³⁴ John 14:15-17 GW "If you love me, you will obey my commandments. (16) I will ask the Father, and he will give you another helper who will be with you forever. (17) That helper is the Spirit of Truth. The world cannot accept him, because it doesn't see or know him. You know him, because he lives with you and will be in you.~

John 16:7 GW However, I am telling you the truth: It's good for you that I'm going away. If I don't go away, the helper won't come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

³⁵ John 16:13-15 CEV The Spirit shows what is true and will come and guide you into the full truth. The Spirit doesn't speak on his own. He will tell you only what he has heard from me, and he will let you know what is going to happen. (14) The Spirit will bring glory to me by taking my message and telling it to you. (15) Everything that the Father has is mine. That is why I have said that the Spirit takes my message and tells it to you.~

Matthew 10:18-20 GNB For my sake you will be brought to trial before rulers and kings, to tell the Good News to them and to the Gentiles. (19) When they bring you to trial, do not worry about what you are going to say or how you will say it; when the time comes, you will be given what you will say. (20) For the words you will speak will not be yours; they will come from the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. For God to call to your mind

by Jesus indicate we can ask our Father for what we know from the Bible to be in harmony with his will, and it will simply come to pass. It thus becomes important to know our being happy is God's will!³⁶ Our living forever is God's will.³⁷ Among the things the spirit can do, according to Jesus, then, is keep us alive forever.^(39 & 40) The "spirit of truth" can bring to mind all the promises of Jah יהוה!³⁸ We can, in turn, stay alive forever through our faith in

what Jesus said, you must first have read and become familiar with it.

³⁶ John 15:11 ESV These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

³⁷ Genesis 1:26-31 ESV Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (28) And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (29) And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. (30) And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. (31) And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.~

John 4:14 ESV but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

³⁸ Isaiah 12:2 Darby Behold, *God is my salvation: I will trust, and not be afraid; for Jah, Jehovah [יהוה], is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation.

those Bible promises!!!³⁹ (The promises of God are the light of life.)⁴⁰

It doesn't seem reasonable to introduce the idea that some of us will have the opportunity to live forever without providing scriptural support for saying such a thing. We herein consider one last and very important Bible example. This is a conversation Jesus had with Martha just before he resurrected her brother Lazarus.⁴¹ In this account we find two sisters with a brother who was sick. The sisters had faith in Jesus, and so they sent for him to heal their brother: (John 11:1-6 Good News Bible) (1) 'A man named Lazarus, who lived in Bethany, became sick. Bethany was the town where Mary and her sister Martha lived. (2) [This Mary was the one who poured the perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was sick.] (3) The sisters sent Jesus a message: "Lord, your dear friend is sick." (4) When Jesus heard it, he said, "The final result of this sickness will not be the death of Lazarus; this has happened in order to bring glory to God, and it will be the means by which the Son of God will receive glory." (5) Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

³⁹ Job 33:24-25 ESV and he is merciful to him, and says, 'Deliver him from going down into the pit; I have found a ransom; (25) let his flesh become fresh with youth; let him return to the days of his youthful vigor';~

John 11:26 BBE And no one who is living and has faith in me will ever see death. Is this your faith?~

Matthew 8:13 BBE And Jesus said to the captain, Go in peace; as your faith is, so let it be done to you. And the servant was made well in that hour.

⁴⁰ Job 33:28-30 CEV and rescued me from death! Now I will see the light." (29) God gives each of us chance after chance (30) to be saved from death and brought into the light that gives life.~
Psalms 36:9 GW Indeed, the fountain of life is with you. In your light we see light.

⁴¹ Visit: http://www.justbibletruth.com/BibleVerses/John11_1-45_JesusResurrectedLazarus_ManyBelieved.html

(6) Yet when he received the news that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was for two more days.'

Note Jesus loved Mary and Martha and Lazarus, so... Why would he stay two additional days before going to help them? Jesus also said the purpose of Lazarus' sickness was not death, but for the glory of he and his Father. We find, however, Lazarus did die! Reading from John 11:20-22: 'Therefore Martha, when she heard that Jesus was coming, met him; but Mary kept sitting at home. 21 Martha therefore said to Jesus: "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died. 22 And yet at present I know that as many things as you ask God for, God will give you.'" Jesus told Martha her brother would rise from the dead, and she acknowledge a *future* day when the dead would be resurrected: (John 11:23-24) 'Jesus said to her: "Your brother will rise." 24 Martha said to him: "I know he will rise in the resurrection on the last day.'" **Jesus next made the statement to Martha which should be of great interest to each of us** who are trying to build faith. **Jesus said** the resurrection *would* be through him, and that **the faithful alive at the time of his coming with kingdom power** to perform the resurrection **would never die at all**, but would receive eternal life - without having to die. Following in John 11:2-7: 'Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life; 26 ***and everyone that is living and exercises faith in me will never die at all.*** Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him: "Yes, Lord; I have believed that you are the Christ the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'" *Jesus there told Martha those living at the time of his second coming⁴² (and who manifest faith) would*

⁴² Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/TheComingOfTheKing.html>

never die at all. Do YOU have faith that is truth?⁴³ Do you begin to grasp what your faith can mean for you if you do?

Jesus next shows what he had meant when he said Lazarus' sickness had not been for the purpose of death, but to bring glory to him and his Father. Next, Jesus publicly demonstrated what the (then future) "*final day*" resurrection would be like, as he brought to life a man who had been dead four days: (John 11:38-45) 'Hence Jesus, after groaning again within himself, came to the memorial tomb. It was, in fact, a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said: "Take the stone away." Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to him: "Lord, by now he must smell, for it is four days." 40 Jesus said to her: "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" 41 Therefore they took the stone away. Now Jesus raised his eyes heavenward and said: "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 True, I knew that you always hear me; but on account of the crowd standing around I spoke, in order that they might believe that you sent me forth." 43 And when he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice: "Lazarus, come on out!" 44 The [man] that had been dead came out with his feet and hands bound with wrappings, and his countenance was bound about with a cloth (a cloth was around his face). Jesus said to them: "Loose him and let him go." 45 Therefore many of the Jews that had come to Mary and that beheld what he did put faith in him;' Jesus spending additional time before going to resurrect Lazarus seems to have been for the purpose of making the resurrection hope clear to all. After being dead four days, no one could doubt Lazarus was *really* dead. Also, no one should misunderstand what the resurrection is to be: Because everyone recognized Lazarus to be resurrected as the same man who had died. According to Jesus's own words, then,

⁴³ John 8:51 GW I can guarantee this truth: Whoever obeys what I say will never see death."

this very public resurrection brought glory to both Jesus and his Father יהוה.⁽¹⁷⁾

By means of the scriptures we have considered, Jesus teaches something wonderful we can build faith in: *A chance to be among those who will never die at all.* Some will point to Hebrews 9:27⁴⁴ or Ecclesiastes 3:2⁴⁵ and assert we all must die. That is true, *unless Christ intervenes* to stop us having to do so. Job promised a day when that intervention would happen: (Job 33:24-25) *24 Then he favors him and says, 'Let him off from going down into the pit! I have found a ransom! 25 Let his flesh become fresher than in youth; Let him return to the days of his youthful vigor.'* That scripture holds out the hope of an escape from death. (Also, in a sense, we have all been dead already. We have been dead in our sins.⁴⁶ Being baptized⁴⁷ into Christ [by our exercising faith in his resurrection]⁴⁸ figuratively resurrects us from the

⁴⁴ Hebrews 9:27 Darby And forasmuch as it is the portion of men once to die, and after this judgment;

⁴⁵ Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 Darby (1) To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens: (2) A time to be born, and a time to die; A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

⁴⁶ Ephesians 2:1-4 CEV In the past you were dead because you sinned and fought against God. (2) You followed the ways of this world and obeyed the devil. He rules the world, and his spirit has power over everyone who doesn't obey God. (3) Once we were also ruled by the selfish desires of our bodies and minds. We had made God angry, and we were going to be punished like everyone else. (4) But God was merciful! We were dead because of our sins, but God loved us so much that he made us alive with Christ, and God's wonderful kindness is what saves you.

⁴⁷ Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/Baptized.html>

⁴⁸ 1 Peter 3:21 GW Baptism, which is like that water, now saves you. Baptism doesn't save by removing dirt from the body. Rather, baptism is a request to God for a clear conscience. It saves you through [faith in] Jesus Christ, who came back from death to life. ~ 1 Corinthians 12:12-13 Darby (12) For even as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ. (13) For also in *the power of*

dead.)^(John 5:24 in footnote 12) As Jesus told Martha in John 11:26,⁽³⁹⁾ then, a *day has arrived (or is approaching) when those who express faith will never have to die at all.* "Do YOU believe this"? Just as in the Bible examples we considered above, for you to receive the benefit of Jesus's promises, *you must have faith what he said is true...* Bible prophecy and world events suggest we have arrived at the time⁴⁹ when those who are righteously inclined will receive the reward.⁵⁰ The Bible promises those with eyes of faith will be witness to salvation standing up⁵¹ for the meek and righteous persons of the earth.⁵² As Jesus said: (Matthew 24:37 & 39) "For just as the days of Noah were, so the presence of the Son of man will be. . . and they took no note until the flood came and swept them all away." Peter added at 1 Peter 3:20 [KJV]: "...the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls [lives] were saved by water. The figurative ark of salvation for our

one Spirit *we* have all been baptised into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bondmen or free, and have all been given to drink of one Spirit.

⁴⁹ <http://www.justbibletruth.com/TribulationOfTheLastDays.html>

⁵⁰ Luke 21:25-28 GW "Miraculous signs will occur in the sun, moon, and stars. The nations of the earth will be deeply troubled and confused because of the roaring and tossing of the sea. (26) People will faint as they fearfully wait for what will happen to the world. Indeed, the powers of the universe will be shaken. (27) "Then people will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. (28) "When these things begin to happen, stand with confidence! The time when you will be set free is near."

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⁵² Visit:

[justbibletruth.com/Observations/HowWillSalvationStandUp4Righteous.html](http://www.justbibletruth.com/Observations/HowWillSalvationStandUp4Righteous.html)

day is our faith.⁵³ & (Job 33:24-25 on pg 22) By means of our faith, the teachings of Christ Jesus will provide us life,⁵⁴ just as the God given manna and water provided life for the Jews during their forty years in the wilderness.⁵⁵ That was the same forty years during which they made the transition from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land.⁵⁶

Remember, it is God's desire to help every one of us; those who have already died, as well as those of us who are still alive today. His plan of salvation has been gradually (from our perspective)

⁵³ Mark 10:52 GNB "Go," Jesus told him, "your faith has made you well." At once he was able to see and followed Jesus on the road.

⁵⁴ <http://www.justbibletruth.com/SpiritualFood.html>

⁵⁵ John 6:32-35 GNB "I am telling you the truth," Jesus said. "What Moses gave you [*manna*] was not the bread from heaven; it is my Father who gives you the real bread from heaven. (33) For the bread that God gives is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." (34) "Sir," they asked him, "give us this bread always." (35) "I am the bread of life," Jesus told them. "Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty."

⁵⁶ John 6:48-51 GNB I am the bread of life. (49) Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but they died. (50) But the bread that comes down from heaven is of such a kind that whoever eats it will not die. (51) I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If you eat this bread, you will live forever. The bread that I will give you is my flesh [*we must have faith in Jesus's death and resurrection*], which I give so that the world may live."~

John 4:10-14 GNB Jesus answered, "If you only knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life-giving water." (11) "Sir," the woman said, "you don't have a bucket, and the well is deep. Where would you get that life-giving water? (12) It was our ancestor Jacob who gave us this well; he and his children and his flocks all drank from it. You don't claim to be greater than Jacob, do you?" (13) Jesus answered, "Those who drink this water will get thirsty again, (14) but those who drink the water that I will give them will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give them will become in them a spring which will provide them with life-giving water and give them eternal life."

unfolding and revealing itself over the Bible record of mankind's six thousand years from Adam until today.⁵⁷ God's previous actions to help individuals (by healing them or by a temporary resurrection) have been in some measure so others could have hope because of what happened to them; a hope based in faith God is establishing the Kingdom of Christ.⁵⁸ As for our day, we should recognize the kingdom has been established.⁽⁵⁸⁾ That kingdom is helping (those with faith), and will continue to help forever.⁵⁹ The man resurrected when he was thrown into Elisha's grave was largely for the purpose of building faith in those who lived during his day, *and in us who read the account after his day*. There is no record of a stream of the dead being thrown into the grave of Elisha and being resurrected. (It is likely some did try to

⁵⁷ <http://www.justbibletruth.com/DisplayScroll.html>

⁵⁸ <http://www.justbibletruth.com/TheComingOfTheKing.html> ~

Acts 1:6 GW So when the apostles came together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you're going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ~

Romans 5:20-21 ESV Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, (21) so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. ~

Revelation 11:15 GW When the seventh angel blew his trumpet, there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will rule as king forever and ever."

⁵⁹ <http://www.justbibletruth.com/Observations/HowDoesFaithWork.html> ~

Matthew 6:10 CEV Come and set up your kingdom, so that everyone on earth will obey you, as you are obeyed in heaven. ~

Daniel 2:44-45 LITV And in the days of these kings, the God of Heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed. And the kingdom shall not be left to other people [*remaining with Christ forever*]. It shall break in pieces and destroy all these [*other*] kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. (45) Because you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold in pieces. The great God has made known to the king what shall occur after this. And the dream is certain, and the meaning of it is trustworthy.

bring their dead loved ones into contact with Elisha's bones.) God's purpose to help them (and us) have faith had been accomplished in the one resurrection. The resurrected man was fortunate to be where he was, when he was. He eventually died again. Those who lived in the days of Christ's preaching found themselves in a better situation. *All of them* could be helped, just as they manifest faith.⁽⁹⁾ Still, they eventually died as well. We can use what happened to them to strengthen our own faith. We have arrived at (or are approaching) the day when *each person can again be helped* by means of their faith; and this time, *those with faith will never die at all.*⁽³⁹⁾ Those who have already died will be resurrected and given that same opportunity.⁶⁰ & (John 11:23-

24 on pg 20) These scriptures teach we must come to know יהוה⁽¹⁷⁾ so intimately, and to have such unwavering faith in the teachings of his son, that as we reason from the scriptures how God will help us, it will happen for us just as we believe it will.⁶¹ That is how the Bible relates it happened for the woman with the flow of blood, and for the army officer with the servant who was ill. Jesus

⁶⁰ Isaiah 11:6-10 LITV And the wolf shall live with the lamb; and the leopard shall lie with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy shall lead them. (7) The cow and the bear shall feed, their young shall lie together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. (8) And the infant shall play on the hole of the asp; yea, the weaned child shall put his hand on the viper's den. (9) They shall not do evil, nor destroy in all My holy mountain. For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah [יהוה], as the waters cover the sea. (10) And it shall be in that day, the Root of Jesse [*Jesus, as a descendent of Jesse's son King David*]* stands as a banner of peoples; nations shall seek to Him; and His resting place shall be glory.~

*Romans 1:1-4 BBE Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, an Apostle by the selection of God, given authority as a preacher of the good news, (2) Of which God had given word before by his prophets in the holy Writings, (3) About his Son who, in the flesh, came from the family of David, (4) But was marked out as Son of God in power by the Holy Spirit through the coming to life again of the dead; Jesus Christ our Lord,

⁶¹ http://www.justbibletruth.com/Graphics/Display_JesusAndHolySpirit.html

said over and over to those he helped, "your faith has made you well." That exact phrase was recorded 12 times in the book of Luke alone. Are YOU building faith for the preservation of life? Hebrews 10:38 & 39 tell us to do exactly that: "For you have need of endurance, in order that, after you have done the will of God, you may receive the fulfillment of the promise. 37 For yet "a very little while," and "he who is coming will arrive and will not delay." 38 ***"But my righteous one will live by reason of faith," and, "if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."*** 39 ***Now we are not the sort that shrink back to destruction, but the sort that have faith to the preserving alive of the soul."*** Is that scripture one you will use to plan out (and have faith) how God's spirit will help you? We all face problems that can seem overwhelming! If you suffer any of the terrible problems common to mankind,⁶² the following are some scriptures you might choose to meditate on: Psalms 27:12-14 Darby Deliver me not over to the will of mine adversaries; for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out violence. (13) Unless I had believed to see the goodness of Jehovah [יהוה] in the land of the living...! (14) Wait for Jehovah; be strong and let thy heart take courage [*heart grow strong*]: yea, wait for Jehovah [יהוה].~

1 Corinthians 4:1-3 GNB (1) You should think of us as Christ's servants, who have been put in charge of God's secret truths. (2) The one thing required of such servants is that they be faithful to their master. (3) Now, I am not at all concerned about being judged by you or by any human standard; I don't even pass judgment on myself.~

Psalms 31:23-24 GNB Love the LORD [יהוה]⁽¹⁷⁾, all his faithful people. The LORD [יהוה]⁽¹⁷⁾ protects the faithful, but punishes the

⁶² 1 Corinthians 10:12-13 GW (12) So, people who think they are standing firmly should be careful that they don't fall. (13) There isn't any temptation that you have experienced which is unusual for humans. God, who faithfully keeps his promises, will not allow you to be tempted beyond your power to resist. But when you are tempted, he will also give you the ability to endure the temptation as your way of escape.

proud as they deserve. (24) Be strong, be courageous, all you that hope in the LORD [יהוה]⁽¹⁷⁾.

Whether you are young and vigorous, or older (and hopefully wiser) with failing health, whatever trials you personally face, *YOU* need to see God's salvation for *YOU* in the scriptures; just as the army officer and the woman with the flow of blood did!⁶³ & (Mat 8:5-10 & 13 on pg 15) & (Mark 5:25-26 on pg 9)

Some people assert there is no need for you to make the effort and take the time to learn what the Bible teaches. They will present some subset of the scriptures and claim faith in those few scriptures is enough.⁶⁴ They might, as the simplest example, tell you to "Believe on the name of the lord Jesus and be saved," as

⁶³ Matthew 9:27-29 GNB Jesus left that place, and as he walked along, two blind men started following him. "Have mercy on us, Son of David!" they shouted. (28) When Jesus had gone indoors, the two blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I can heal you?" "Yes, sir!" they answered. (29) Then Jesus touched their eyes and said, "Let it happen, then, just as you believe!"--- ~

Matthew 15:22-28 GNB A Canaanite [*non-Israelite*] woman who lived in that region came to him. "Son of David!" she cried out. "Have mercy on me, sir! My daughter has a demon and is in a terrible condition." (23) But Jesus did not say a word to her. His disciples came to him and begged him, "Send her away! She is following us and making all this noise!" (24) Then Jesus replied, "I have been sent only to the lost sheep of the people of Israel." (25) At this the woman came and fell at his feet. "Help me, sir!" she said. (26) Jesus answered, "It isn't right to take the children's food and throw it to the [*little*] dogs." (27) "That's true, sir," she answered, "but even the [*little*] dogs eat the leftovers that fall from their masters' table." (28) So Jesus answered her, "You are a woman of great faith! What you want will be done for you." And at that very moment her daughter was healed.

⁶⁴ www.justbibletruth.com/Observations/BibleTruthOrReligiousDoctrine.html

they quote Acts 16:31.⁶⁵ That scripture is truth of course! Some persons believe that is the only Bible verse you need to learn. If they can be acceptable to our Father with such logic, it is certainly fine with us.⁶⁶ We are left wondering why God inspired the balance of the Bible to be recorded.⁶⁷ & ⁽¹³¹⁾ The Bible itself explains why being familiar with everything Jesus taught is important: "This means everlasting life, their taking in knowledge of you the only true God, and the one you sent forth Christ Jesus". (John 17:3) That scripture clearly states we must *know* (take in knowledge of) Jesus *and* his Father.⁽²⁰⁾ (Of course, God is fair and will make provision for those who have not had opportunity to learn.) Jesus also said "if [*and only if*] you remain in my teachings, you are really my disciples."⁽¹³¹⁾ How could you possibly remain in Jesus's teachings if you didn't know what they were? It seems questionable whether knowledge of one (or even several) scriptures can grant knowledge necessary for real faith. "All scripture is inspired by God and beneficial..." (2 Tim 3:16)⁽⁶⁷⁾ If there were a shortcut version of truth, Jesus would have taught that. He came to teach just what we need to know. We should

⁶⁵ Acts 16:31 CEV They replied, "Have faith in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved! This is also true for everyone who lives in your home."

⁶⁶ Matthew 7:22-24 CEV 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 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.~

Luke 13:26-27 CEV Then you will start saying, "We dined with you, and you taught in our streets." (27) But he will say, "I really don't know who you are! Get away from me, you evil people!"

⁶⁷ Matthew 22:29 CEV Jesus answered: You are completely wrong! You don't know what the Scriptures teach. And you don't know anything about the power of God.~

2 Timothy 3:16 CEV Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live.

become familiar with the theme of the Bible⁶⁸ which runs consistently from Genesis to Revelation. (Learning what Jesus taught in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, provides the knowledge necessary to make that theme clear. Jesus is the Bible theme.) As to our opening assertion that our message is both important and different from what you have previously heard, this paragraph summarizes how and why that is so. **Building and then possessing faith in the Bible is the most important opportunity of life.**^{(3) & (18)} You can't buy it, steal it, coerce it, or be granted it by powerful groups or individuals. It is a gift from our Father, freely and equally offered to everyone. All we need do is accept it by acting in faith built on familiarity with Jesus's teachings.⁶⁹ Your

⁶⁸ <http://www.justbibletruth.com/BibleTheme.html>

⁶⁹ Hebrews 11:32-40 CEV What else can I say? There isn't enough time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. (33) Their faith helped them conquer kingdoms, and because they did right, God made promises to them. They closed the jaws of lions (34) and put out raging fires and escaped from the swords of their enemies. Although they were weak, they were given the strength and power to chase foreign armies away. (35) Some women received their loved ones back from death. Many of these people were tortured, but they refused to be released. They were sure that they would get a better reward when the dead are raised to life. (36) Others were made fun of and beaten with whips, and some were chained in jail. (37) Still others were stoned to death or sawed in two or killed with swords. Some had nothing but sheep skins or goat skins to wear. They were poor, mistreated, and tortured. (38) The world did not deserve these good people, who had to wander in deserts and on mountains and had to live in caves and holes in the ground. (39) All of them pleased God because of their faith! But still they died without being given what had been promised. (40) This was because God had something better in store for us. And he did not want them to reach the goal of their faith without us.~ Hebrews 12:1-3 CEV Such a large crowd of witnesses is all around us! So we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won't let go. And we must be determined to run the race that is ahead of us. (2) We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete. He endured the shame of being nailed to a cross, because he knew that later on he

personal Bible knowledge is the only tool available to help you recognize and expose the religious lies vainglorious men hide within beautiful rhetoric.^{70 & 71} This message is different, then, because while many even non-Christians will tell you Jesus is the most important man to have lived, and that his message is important as well, very few help you recognize your need to actually learn for yourself what Jesus taught. They fail to share the warning Christ provided which ~~would expose~~ *has exposed* the “Man of Lawlessness” or “son of destruction” (to be the composite group of false religion).⁷² Religious teachers are not trying to help you learn the teaching Jesus brought you. They are trying to use his teachings to manipulate you, and others. The

would be glad he did. Now he is seated at the right side of God's throne! (3) So keep your mind on Jesus, who put up with many insults from sinners. Then you won't get discouraged and give up.

⁷⁰ Please visit:

www.justbibletruth.com/Observations/CouldUBTrappedByYourFaith.html

⁷¹ 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 CEV (3) We [*those who look to Christ's teachings*] live in this world, but we don't act like its people (4) or fight our battles with the weapons of this world. Instead, we use God's power that can destroy fortresses. We destroy arguments (5) and every bit of pride that keeps anyone from knowing God. We capture people's thoughts and make them obey Christ.~

Ecclesiastes 12:11-14 CEV (11) Words of wisdom are like the stick a farmer uses to make animals move. These sayings come from God, our only shepherd, and they are like nails that fasten things together. (12) My child, I warn you to stay away from any teachings except these. There is no end to books, and too much study will wear you out. (13) Everything you were taught can be put into a few words: Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about. (14) God will judge everything we do, even what is done in secret, whether good or bad.

⁷² View:

<http://www.justbibletruth.com/Observations/TwoWorlds.html#ManOfLawlessnessRevealed> ~

2 Thessalonians 2:3 GW Don't let anyone deceive you about this in any way. That day cannot come unless a revolt takes place first, and the man of sin [*or man of lawlessness*], the man [*or son*] of destruction, is revealed.

reason it is not arrogant on our part to say our message is very important for you, then, is because we do our best to teach what Jesus Christ taught; including his warning about the danger of being misled by the teachings of men.⁷³ Some avowed Christians are really only seeking glory from and among their sectarian group.⁷⁴ They are simply not able to teach what Jesus taught, if they are mixing it with sectarian organizational teachings!⁷⁵

Please consider the example of William Tyndale. In the 1500's, William was responsible for the translation of the Bible into what had become the world's most common language: English.

⁷³ Matthew 7:15-24 GW "Beware of false prophets. They come to you disguised as sheep, but in their hearts they are vicious wolves. (16) You will know them by what they produce. "People don't pick grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles, do they? (17) In the same way every good tree produces good fruit, but a rotten tree produces bad fruit. (18) A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a rotten tree cannot produce good fruit. (19) Any tree that fails to produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into a fire. (20) So you will know them by what they produce. (21) "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord!' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the person who does what my Father in heaven wants. (22) Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name? Didn't we force out demons and do many miracles by the power and authority of your name?' (23) Then I will tell them publicly, 'I've never known you. Get away from me, you evil people.' (24) "Therefore, everyone who hears what I say and obeys it will be like a wise person who built a house on rock.

⁷⁴ Luke 16:13-15 GW "A servant cannot serve two masters. He will hate the first master and love the second, or he will be devoted to the first and despise the second. You cannot serve God and wealth." (14) The Pharisees, who love money, heard all this and were making sarcastic remarks about him. (15) So Jesus said to them, "You try to justify your actions in front of people. But God knows what's in your hearts. What is important to humans is disgusting to God.

⁷⁵ Matthew 6:24 ALT "No one is able to be serving as a slave to two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other; you are not able to be serving as a slave to God and to worldly wealth.

Williams's efforts helped bring the prophetic decline of the dark ages.⁷⁶ Tyndale grew up immersed in the "holy" Roman (apostate) church teachings. As a young man, William told one of the powerful members of the clergy of that sect: "In a short time I will cause a boy who walks behind a plow to know more of the scriptures than you do." William was not arrogant to make that statement. Being exposed to the Bible, William simply realized the clergy members were not trying to teach the people what Jesus taught. That false "church" actually hid the Bible from common people by keeping it in an obscure and dead language (Latin). They misapplied it's teachings to manipulate and control people. They tried to convince most people, like William, they were too ignorant or stupid to understand the Bible on their own. They wanted those they could enslave to rely on their Clergy to "interpret" the Bible for them.⁽¹³¹⁾ The Church did their best to *keep* people ignorant and dependent, thus bringing about the thousand years of the Dark ages. England had grown from the ruins of Rome to become the world power. But still, the remnants of the apostate Roman Dark Ages Church held much authority. In 1536 CE, just before leaders of the church burned William Tyndale for his English Bible translation, he uttered his last public prayer: That God would open the eyes of the King of England [open his eyes to the damage being done he and his nation by the apostate church]. Within two years, by 1538, King Henry the VIII had placed copies of Tyndale's Bible in every church in England. For the first time since the dark ages⁽⁷⁶⁾ was brought about by the apostasy of the church Jesus left, common men and women had access to the Bible in their own language. If you understand the Bible today, you owe your knowledge in part to the sacrifice of William Tyndale. And... *You know more of the scriptures than that hypocritical religious leader Mr. Tyndale was speaking with when he mentioned the boy following the plow.* William Tyndale was not haughty in saying he could do better than those clergyman in teaching truth. Tyndale simply loved God's word and he

⁷⁶ <http://www.justbibletruth.com/DarkAges.html>

understood what it was for. He knew its power.⁷⁷ Modern religion hides the Bible from their “sheep” in a little different way than the church of the dark ages. Instead of keeping it hidden in a dead language, understood only their internally trained scholars, modern religion keeps it buried under sectarian doctrine and dogma. They teach followers to show up once or twice a week to listen to organizational elders, or priests, or anointed individuals, or whatever else they choose to call their clergy.⁷⁸ They tell

⁷⁷ Hebrews 4:12-13 GNB The word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It cuts all the way through, to where soul and spirit meet, to where joints and marrow come together. It judges the desires and thoughts of the heart. (13) There is nothing that can be hid from God; everything in all creation is exposed and lies open before his eyes. And it is to him that we must all give an account of ourselves.

⁷⁸ Matthew 23:1-15 ALT Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples, (2) saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees [*religious leaders*] [*have*] sat on the seat of Moses. (3) "Therefore, all [*things*], as many as they tell you to be observing, be observing and doing, but stop doing according to their works, for they say and do not do. (4) "For they bind together heavy and hard to carry burdens and lay [*them*] on the shoulders of the people, but they are not willing to move them with their finger. (5) "But all their works they do to be seen by the people, and they enlarge their phylacteries [*i.e. small boxes containing Scripture verses*], and they extend the fringes of their robes. (6) "They also affectionately love the first couches [*fig., places of honor*] at the banquets, and the first seats [*fig., most important places*] in the synagogues, (7) and the greetings in the market-places, and to be called, 'Rabbi, Rabbi,' [*Teacher, Teacher.*] by the people. (8) **"But you shall not be called 'Rabbi [*teacher*],' for One is your Master—the Christ, and you are all brothers [*and sisters*]. (9) "And you shall not call [*anyone*] your father on the earth, for one is your Father, the [*One*] in the heavens. (10) "Neither shall you be called 'masters,' for one is your Master—the Christ. (11) "But the greatest of you will be your servant. (12) "And whoever will exalt himself, will be humbled; and whoever will humble himself, will be exalted. (13) "But how horrible it will be to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you devour the houses of the widows, [*fig.,***

followers it is alright if they want to study the Bible on their own a little bit, but assert they need the help of the organizations enlightened leaders to really comprehend it. They tell them they are better off reading materials produced by the organization (instead of the Bible). If people can be persuaded to believe such lies, the Bible is effectively hidden in plain sight.

Our purpose is to highlight the difference between teaching people sectarian religious doctrine, and teaching them to learn for themselves what Jesus taught (from their own Bible). That difference is the huge distinction between this website effort and other "preaching" you have heard. Other individuals and groups want to bring you into their fold, and assert your salvation depends upon their approval. We warn that can never work! Rather, you must become master of your own faith by building faith in *your personal knowledge* of what Jesus Christ taught; what he came to teach each one of us. We direct you to Jesus, just as he directs us to his Father.⁷⁹ The only group you can join is the

illegally cheat widows' out of their property] and in pretense [*or, with a false show*] are long [*in*] praying, because of this you will receive more severe judgment [*or, condemnation*]. (14) "How horrible it will be to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you shut off the kingdom of the heavens before the people, for you do not enter, nor do You allow the ones entering to enter. (15) "How horrible it will be to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you travel over the sea and the dry land to make one proselyte [*or, convert to Judaism*], and whenever it happens, you make him twice as much a son of hell [*Gr., gehenna*] [*as*] you [*are*].

⁷⁹ John 15:10-15 GNB If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. (11) "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. (12) My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. (13) The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them. (14) And you are my friends if you do what I command you. (15) I do not call you servants any longer, because servants

one Jesus started 2000 years ago; *not* one of the rebranded sects men have created. This site exists solely to help you learn the need to depend on what Jesus taught, by directing you to the Gospels (there is only about 50 pages each). We can't pat you on the head and assure that you are righteous. We warn you, neither can anyone else! Only your own Bible trained conscience can approve you,⁸⁰ and that, will grant you faith for life.⁽⁹⁾

do not know what their master is doing. Instead, I call you friends, because I have told you everything I heard from my Father.~ Luke 10:25-28 GNB A teacher of the Law came up and tried to trap Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to receive eternal life?" (26) Jesus answered him, "What do the Scriptures say? How do you interpret them?" (27) The man answered, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind'; and 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' " (28) "You are right," Jesus replied; "do this and you will live."~

John 8:26-29 GNB I have much to say about you, much to condemn you for. The one who sent me, however, is truthful, and I tell the world only what I have heard from him." (27) They did not understand that Jesus was talking to them about the Father. (28) So he said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, you will know that 'I Am Who I Am'; then you will know that I do nothing on my own authority, but I say only what the Father has instructed me to say. (29) And he who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, because I always do what pleases him."

⁸⁰ Romans 2:13-16 GNB For it is not by hearing the Law that people are put right with God, but by doing what the Law commands. (14) The Gentiles do not have the Law; but whenever they do by instinct what the Law commands, they are their own law, even though they do not have the Law. (15) Their conduct shows that what the Law commands is written in their hearts. Their consciences also show that this is true, since their thoughts sometimes accuse them and sometimes defend them. (16) And so, according to the Good News I preach, this is how it will be on that Day when God through Jesus Christ will judge the secret thoughts of all.~

Acts 17:11 GNB The people there were more open-minded than the people in Thessalonica. They listened to the message with

We recommend one additional way faith might help all those who love righteousness:⁸¹ Through their joining with others in offering a united prayer. God loves us all! The Bible teaches a righteous person's prayer has great power before our Father.⁸² Imagine a united prayer being offered up to the true God⁽¹⁷⁾ by every righteous person throughout the whole earth! There is an obvious problem with that idea. This old world system smacks of disunity and chaos. The Bible teaches we are not judges of hearts, and therefore, we *can not* know who among us is righteous.⁸³ (We are able to judge, and thereby avoid, wicked actions; wicked actions being those defined as disapproved by the Bible.)⁸⁴ The problem for us is that while some individuals are righteous, others are wicked and they will feign righteousness.⁽⁷³⁾ Yet other people remain ignorant,⁽⁷⁾ but also try to appear righteous; that because ignorant people usually imagine they *are* righteous. An example would be Saul of Tarsus (also known as the apostle Paul). In his early life Paul persecuted and even killed the followers of Christ, doing so in the name of his religion.⁸⁵ Even though Paul's *actions*

great eagerness, and every day they studied the Scriptures to see if what Paul said was really true.

⁸¹ http://www.justbibletruth.com/Observations/Organized_How.html

⁸² James 5:16 GNB So then, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you will be healed. The prayer of a good person has a powerful effect.

⁸³ <http://www.justbibletruth.com/Judgment.html>

⁸⁴ <http://www.justbibletruth.com/Observations/WhatIsSin.html>

⁸⁵ Acts 22:3-15 GNB "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up here in Jerusalem as a student of Gamaliel. I received strict instruction in the Law of our ancestors and was just as dedicated to God as are all of you who are here today. (4) I persecuted to the death the people who followed this Way. I arrested men and women and threw them into prison. (5) The High Priest and the whole Council can prove that I am telling the truth. I received from them letters written to fellow Jews in Damascus, so I went there to arrest these people and bring them back in chains to Jerusalem to be punished. (6) "As I was

were wicked, his heart remained upright as he acted in his ignorance.⁸⁶ Knowing Paul's heart, in spite of his wicked actions, God loved Paul and reached out (through Jesus) to help him change. Paul thus became useful to spread Jesus's teachings. Following his good response to the truth, Paul was used to write more books of the Bible than any other man. Any who knew Paul before his conversion would have rightly judged him to be wicked in his actions, and by human standards of judgment, a wicked man as well.⁸⁷ Trying to join others in a united prayer, then, we

traveling and coming near Damascus, about midday a bright light from the sky flashed suddenly around me. (7) I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul! Why do you persecute me?' (8) 'Who are you, Lord?' I asked. 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you persecute,' he said to me. (9) The men with me saw the light, but did not hear the voice of the one who was speaking to me. (10) I asked, 'What shall I do, Lord?' and the Lord said to me, 'Get up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told everything that God has determined for you to do.' (11) I was blind because of the bright light, and so my companions took me by the hand and led me into Damascus. (12) "In that city was a man named Ananias, a religious man who obeyed our Law and was highly respected by all the Jews living there. (13) He came to me, stood by me, and said, 'Brother Saul, see again!' At that very moment I saw again and looked at him. (14) He said, 'The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will, to see his righteous Servant, and to hear him speaking with his own voice. (15) For you will be a witness for him to tell everyone what you have seen and heard.

⁸⁶ 1 Timothy 1:12-13 Darby (12) *And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me power, that he has counted me faithful, appointing to ministry him (13) who before was a blasphemer and persecutor, and an insolent overbearing man : but mercy was shewn me because I did it ignorantly, in unbelief.*

⁸⁷ Acts 9:11-15 GNB The Lord said to him, "Get ready and go to Straight Street, and at the house of Judas ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying, (12) and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and place his hands on him so that he might see again." (13) Ananias answered, "Lord, many people have told me about this man and about all the terrible

should start with having humility to understand we are not judges of who is wicked *or who is righteous*. Having that realization, caution is needed as to who we join with in prayer, and caution about who we pray for as well (lest we pray in support of someone fighting against God). Whether "fighters against God" do so in their ignorance, or they do so in their wickedness, we must not support their actions.⁸⁸

In light of the disunity and hatred among those who profess religion,⁽⁷²⁾ then, how can we know who we can join with in prayer, or what common prayer we might offer? In complete unity, all righteously inclined persons can pray for our Father to bless and help the righteous - whoever they may prove to be. We can also pray that God strike down the wicked - without presuming to judge who they are; or setting a timetable for his doing so.⁸⁹ We can then be patient because we know יהוה⁽¹⁷⁾ is arranging things so as to save as many as possible through their

things he has done to your people in Jerusalem. (14) And he has come to Damascus with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who worship you." (15) The Lord said to him, "Go, because I have chosen him to serve me, to make my name known to Gentiles and kings and to the people of Israel.

⁸⁸ Acts 5:38-39 GNB And so in this case, I tell you, do not take any action against these men. Leave them alone! If what they have planned and done is of human origin, it will disappear, (39) but if it comes from God, you cannot possibly defeat them. You could find yourselves fighting against God!" The Council followed Gamaliel's advice.

⁸⁹ Matthew 6:9-13 GNB This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven: May your holy name be honored; (10) may your Kingdom come; may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (11) Give us today the food we need. (12) Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us. (13) Do not bring us to hard testing, but keep us safe from the Evil One.'

expression of faith in Christ!⁹⁰ Quoting or paraphrasing any prayer taught us by the Christ (meaning "anointed one") is always acceptable.⁽⁸⁹⁾ By uttering such harmonious prayers through our faith in Christ Jesus, we can be found among the large group of the faithful⁽⁸¹⁾ who are uttering those very same prayers.⁽⁸⁹⁾ & (John 16:23-24 on pg 12) Those united prayers, in the variety and beauty of heartfelt utterances by each individual, rise as incense before our Heavenly Father from all around the earth, both by day and by night.⁹¹ In the unity of such prayers, we place ourselves in harmony with יהוה God⁽¹⁷⁾ as he is working to make all things better.⁹² All righteous persons must come to realize the wicked have be destroyed before things can get better.⁹³ And, we must

⁹⁰ Luke 3:17 GNB He has his winnowing shovel with him, to thresh out all the grain and gather the wheat into his barn; but he will burn the chaff in a fire that never goes out."~

2 Peter 3:9 GW 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 destroy anyone but wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to him and change the way they think and act.

⁹¹ Psalms 141:1-2 Darby **A Psalm of David.** Jehovah [יהוה],⁽¹⁷⁾ I have called upon thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I call unto thee. (2) Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening oblation.

⁹² 1 John 3:8 ALT The one practicing sin is from the Devil, because the Devil [*has been*] sinning from [*the*] beginning. For this [*reason*] the Son of God was revealed, so that He should destroy the works of the Devil.

⁹³ Matthew 13:24-30 GW Jesus used another illustration. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who planted good seed in his field. (25) But while people were asleep, his enemy planted weeds in the wheat field and went away. (26) When the wheat came up and formed kernels, weeds appeared. (27) "The owner's workers came to him and asked, 'Sir, didn't you plant good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?' (28) "He told them, 'An enemy did this.' "His workers asked him, 'Do you want us to pull out the weeds?' (29) "He replied, 'No. If you pull out the weeds, you may pull out the wheat with them. (30) Let both grow

believe and trust יהוה⁽¹⁷⁾ knows (is judging) who the wicked are!⁹⁴ It is only reasonable that we pray for the wicked to be destroyed, while the righteous are preserved, just as it happened in the days of Noah!^(Mat 24:37-39 on pg 23) Jesus taught us to pray for it to be made so!^{(89) & 95 & (59)}

In light of all these scriptures, we then say: Like no previous time in mankind's history, it is your faith that can preserve you alive in the face of all the terrible things happening in our world.^{(49) & (14)} Each of us should consider whether we have built faith for salvation; and whether we are expending our life's energy in continuing to do so.⁹⁶ The "Truth," wrapped up in Christ, has been

together until the harvest. When the grain is cut, I will tell the workers to gather the weeds first and tie them in bundles to be burned. But I'll have them bring the wheat into my barn."

⁹⁴ 2 Chronicles 16:9a YLT for Jehovah [יהוה]--His eyes go to and fro in all the earth, to show Himself strong *for* a people whose heart is perfect towards Him...

⁹⁵ Matthew 11:25-30 GNB At that time Jesus said, "Father, Lord of heaven and earth! I thank you because you have shown to the unlearned what you have hidden from the wise and learned. (26) Yes, Father, this was how you were pleased to have it happen. (27) "My Father has given me all things. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. (28) "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. (29) Take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest. (30) For the yoke I will give you is easy, and the load I will put on you is light."

⁹⁶ Romans 1:16-17 CEV I am proud of the good news! It is God's powerful way of saving all people who have faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles. (17) The good news tells how God accepts everyone who has faith, but only those who have faith. It is just as the Scriptures say, "The people God accepts because of their faith will live."

gradually revealed⁹⁷ over the six thousand years⁽¹³⁾ of Bible history.⁽¹³⁾

What follows is our understanding of the scriptural steps to building faith. It *is not* being presented as the Bible definition of truth on this process. It represents our study, as we attempt to understand how people (we) build faith. The scriptures seem to suggest the following sequence in awakening to truth:⁽⁶¹⁾

1. We must start by finding some measure of mental peace in the midst of this calamitous world. It is hard to think about spiritual

⁹⁷ Romans 16:25-26 CEV Praise God! He can make you strong by means of my good news, which is the message about Jesus Christ. For ages and ages this message was kept secret, (26) but now at last it has been told. The eternal God commanded his prophets to write about the good news, so that all nations would obey and have faith.~

1 Corinthians 2:6-16 ESV (6) Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. (7) But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. (8) None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. (9) But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"- (10) these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. (11) For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. (12) Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. (13) And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. (14) The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. (15) The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. (16) "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

things if you are in constant terror. A calm heart (or a mind at peace) is the source of life.⁹⁸ Reading the words of Christ Jesus helps grant the reader peace of mind.⁹⁹

2. Just the opposite of Christ's teachings, this world is a hurtful place that tends to rob away peace. Satan's design is to upset and unbalance each of us. (Satan's system¹⁰⁰ tries to make a joke of God, and/or, to keep us from thinking about him altogether.¹⁰¹ Most of what we see in this old world system underscores suffering and death, or immorality and deceit in some form. In recent times there have appeared groups [religious fanatics] *who actually promote terrorism*.⁽¹⁰⁰⁾ Even if we are protected from such people, and are among those who have the best this world has to offer, we still have only 70 or 80 years while we watch

⁹⁸ Proverbs 14:30 GNB Peace of mind makes the body healthy, but jealousy is like a cancer.~

Proverbs 14:30 American Standard Version (ASV) A tranquil heart is the life of the flesh; But envy is the rottenness of the bones.

⁹⁹ Luke 1:76-79 CEV You, my son, will be called a prophet of God in heaven above. You will go ahead of the Lord to get everything ready for him. (77) You will tell his people that they can be saved when their sins are forgiven. (78) God's love and kindness will shine upon us like the sun that rises in the sky. (79) On us who live in the dark shadow of death this light will shine to guide us into a life of peace.

¹⁰⁰ 1 John 5:19 CEV We are certain that we [*those following the teachings of Christ*] come from God and that the rest of the world is under the power of the devil.

¹⁰¹ 1 Corinthians 1:18-21 GNB (18) For the message about Christ's death on the cross [*or stake, or tree*] is nonsense to those who are being lost; but for us who are being saved it is God's power. (19) The scripture says, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and set aside the understanding of the scholars." (20) So then, where does that leave the wise? or the scholars? or the skillful debaters of this world? God has shown that this world's wisdom is foolishness! (21) For God in his wisdom made it impossible for people to know him by means of their own wisdom. Instead, by means of the so-called "foolish" message we preach, God decided to save those who believe.

ourselves and those we care for grow old and die.¹⁰² The pressures people are under drive them toward doing things some of them would not otherwise do.¹⁰³ A mind at peace, through our faith in God's son, is the only thing that can protect us.)

3. As we make any attempt to be righteous in the midst of the chaos of this world, יהוה God^l takes note of that effort.¹⁰⁴

4. God then directs all righteously inclined individuals to the teachings of his Son Christ Jesus.¹⁰⁵ Jesus willingly gave *his life* to bring the message that can grant life to each of us.¹⁰⁶ (God did, of

¹⁰² Psalms 90:10 GNB Seventy years is all we have--- eighty years, if we are strong; yet all they bring us is trouble and sorrow; life is soon over, and we are gone.

¹⁰³ Ecclesiastes 7:7 ESV Surely oppression drives the wise into madness, and a bribe corrupts the heart.~

Hebrews 2:11-15 GNB He purifies people from their sins, and both he and those who are made pure all have the same Father. That is why Jesus is not ashamed to call them his family. (12) He says to God, "I will tell my people what you have done; I will praise you in their meeting." (13) He also says, "I will put my trust in God." And he also says, "Here I am with the children that God has given me." (14) Since the children, as he calls them, are people of flesh and blood, Jesus himself became like them and shared their human nature. He did this so that through his death he might destroy the Devil, who has the power over death, (15) and in this way set free those who were slaves all their lives because of their fear of death.

¹⁰⁴ 2 Chronicles 16:9a ASV For the eyes of Jehovah [יהוה] run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him...

¹⁰⁵ John 6:44a ASV No man can come to me, except the Father that sent me draw him...~

John 6:65 BBE And he said, This is why I said to you, No man is able to come to me if he is not given the power to do so by the Father.

¹⁰⁶ Hebrews 9:28 BBE So Christ, having at his first coming taken on himself the sins of men, will be seen a second time, without sin, by those who are waiting for him, for their salvation.~

course, restore Jesus to life. That doesn't alter the fact Jesus freely died for us. He thus demonstrated his own faith in his Father's goodness, including his faith God *would* resurrect him.)¹⁰⁷

5. As we study to learn what Jesus taught, Christ sends us a

Hebrews 9:14 BBE How much more will the blood of Christ, who, being without sin, made an offering of himself to God through the Holy Spirit, make your hearts clean from dead works to be servants of the living God?

¹⁰⁷ Matthew 17:22-23 Darby And while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said to them, The Son of man is about to be delivered up into *the* hands of men, (23) and they shall kill him; and the third day he shall be raised up. And they were greatly grieved.~

Matthew 12:39-40 CEV But Jesus replied: You want a sign because you are evil and won't believe! But the only sign you will get is the sign of the prophet Jonah. (40) He was in the stomach of a big fish for three days and nights, just as the Son of Man will be deep in the earth for three days and nights.~

Matthew 26:48-54 CEV Judas had told them ahead of time, "Arrest the man I greet with a kiss." (49) Judas walked right up to Jesus and said, "Hello, teacher." Then Judas kissed him. (50) Jesus replied, "My friend, why are you here?" The men grabbed Jesus and arrested him. (51) 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 fighting will die by 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?"~

Luke 23:44-48 CEV Around noon the sky turned dark and stayed that way until the middle of the afternoon. (45) The sun stopped shining, and the curtain in the temple split down the middle. (46) Jesus shouted, "Father, I put myself in your hands!" Then he died. (47) When the Roman officer saw what had happened, he praised God and said, "Jesus must really have been a good man!" (48) A crowd had gathered to see the terrible sight. Then after they had seen it, they felt brokenhearted and went home.~

Luke 24:6-7 CEV Jesus isn't here! He has been raised from death. Remember that while he was still in Galilee, he told you, (7) 'The Son of Man will be handed over to sinners who will nail him to a cross. But three days later he will rise to life.' "

helper,⁽⁶¹⁾ the spirit of truth.⁽³⁴⁾ & 108

6. The helper sent by Jesus calls to mind and helps us make sense of his teachings (based on our effort to learn what he taught). As the spirit of truth grants us an understanding¹⁰⁹ of Gospel teachings, that understanding orders and organizes our mind.⁽⁶⁾ We put on the mind of Christ, as it were.¹¹⁰ Bible knowledge is

¹⁰⁸ John 16:7-11 GW However, I am telling you the truth: It's good for you that I'm going away. If I don't go away, the helper won't come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. (8) He will come to convict the world of sin, to show the world what has God's approval, and to convince the world that God judges it. (9) He will convict the world of sin, because people don't believe in me. (10) He will show the world what has God's approval, because I'm going to the Father and you won't see me anymore. (11) He will convince the world that God judges it, because the ruler of this world has been judged.~

John 7:38-39 ESV Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" (39) Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.~

John 14:26-27 ESV But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (27) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.~

John 15:26 GW "The helper whom I will send to you from the Father will come. This helper, the Spirit of Truth who comes from the Father, will declare the truth about me.~

John 16:12-13 GW "I have a lot more to tell you, but that would be too much for you now. (13) When the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into the full truth. He won't speak on his own. He will speak what he hears and will tell you about things to come.

¹⁰⁹ Visit:

<http://www.justbibletruth.com/Faith.html#KnowledgeUnderstandingWisdom>

¹¹⁰ 1 Corinthians 2:16 ALT "For who knew *[the]* mind of *[the]*

LORD⁽¹⁷⁾ [יהוה]? Who will instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. *[Isaiah 40:13]~*

upbuilding and encouraging. It promises our return to youth⁽³⁹⁾ and living forever,⁽³⁹⁾ while our Father cares eternally for our needs.⁽⁶⁰⁾ Choosing to pattern your mind on what Jesus said both organizes and restores it.

7. Such an ordered mind, in turn, provides the perfect dwelling place for God's spirit.¹¹¹ (To remain a suitable host for the "helper" Jesus sent, we must be vigilant to remain faithful to the truth of the Bible.⁽¹³¹⁾ We must avoid being misled by the teachings of men.¹¹² We need to make our own personal effort to put on the mind of Christ [by reading over and over what he taught].)¹¹³ & ⁽⁷³⁾ Our Father's spirit will then be present to aid all who thus make themselves his friends,¹¹⁴ in any of the many ways it helped his friends of Bible record. And, it will help in ways we can't even fathom (all in answer to our prayers offered in unison

Isaiah 40:13 Darby Who hath directed the Spirit of Jehovah [יהוה], and, as his counsellor, hath taught him?

¹¹¹ 1 Corinthians 3:16 ESV Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?~

John 16:23 ESV In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you.

¹¹² <http://www.justbibletruth.com/BeingADoeg.html>

¹¹³ Matthew 12:43-45 ESV "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none. (44) Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order. (45) Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So also will it be with this evil generation."

¹¹⁴ Isaiah 41:8 GW "But you are my servant Israel, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the descendant of Abraham, my dear friend.~

Galatians 3:29 BBE And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and yours is the heritage by the right of God's undertaking given to Abraham.~

Galatians 3:29 CEV So if you belong to Christ, you are now part of Abraham's family, and you will be given what God has promised.

with Jesus's teachings). **This all combines to provide an arrangement wherein יהוה's spirit can help, protect, and bless⁽⁵⁹⁾ those who love Him. And, it is all based on each persons faith in Christ.**^{115 & (111)} All who are followers of Christ have a righteous standing before God based on their faith.¹¹⁶ You should immerse yourself in the teachings of Jesus! **They are contained in the four small books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.** Nothing is more important than an *intimate familiarity* with what Jesus taught!^{117 & (18)} By reading the four gospel accounts over and over, you can come to know by name many of the people Jesus loves, and to understand why he loves them. You can also understand why he chastised those who needed it. This website exists to promote that you learn what is in your Bible... In doing so you will learn that God is good¹¹⁸ and that He is *drawing you to him*¹¹⁹ by means of the faith you build.¹²⁰

¹¹⁵ John 16:25-27 ESV "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. (26) In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; (27) for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

¹¹⁶ Romans 5:1-2 ESV Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (2) Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

¹¹⁷ John 12:50 GNB And I know that his command brings eternal life. What I say, then, is what the Father has told me to say."

¹¹⁸ Hebrews 11:6 CEV But without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and that he rewards everyone who searches for him.

¹¹⁹ <http://www.justbibletruth.com/CordsOfLove.html>

¹²⁰ James 1:5-7 CEV If any of you need wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you. God is generous and won't correct you for asking. (6) But when you ask for something, you must have faith and not doubt. Anyone who doubts is like an ocean

We believe what is presented is solidly supported in scripture: The playing field is leveled for these *end times*.⁽⁴⁹⁾ It is not the approval of those who support this website, nor the approval of those who disparage it, that can help you. It is not your membership (or even your lordship) among any group *organized by men*⁽⁸¹⁾ that can protect you. It is only your own personal (Bible based) faith that can do so!¹²¹

We hope considering these scriptures has helped you better understand why our day is a wonderful and most exciting time to be alive...⁽⁵⁰⁾ It is the day for the revelation of Bible truth,¹²² and the manifestation of the activity of the established kingdom⁽⁵⁸⁾ of Christ.¹²³ Christ is ruling and seen presently by means of (or

wave tossed around in a storm. (7) If you are that kind of person, you can't make up your mind, and you surely can't be trusted. So don't expect the Lord to give you anything at all.~

James 4:4-8 CEV You people aren't faithful to God! Don't you know that if you love the world, you are God's enemies? And if you decide to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. (5) Do you doubt the Scriptures that say, "God truly cares about the Spirit he has put in us"? (6) In fact, God treats us with even greater kindness, just as the Scriptures say, "God opposes everyone who is proud, but he is kind to everyone who is humble." (7) Surrender to God! Resist the devil, and he will run from you. (8) Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Clean up your lives, you sinners. Purify your hearts, you people who can't make up your mind.

¹²¹ Psalms 16:7-9 CEV I praise you, LORD [יהוה]⁽¹⁷⁾, for being my guide. Even in the darkest night, your teachings fill my mind. (8) I will always look to you, as you stand beside me and protect me from fear. (9) With all my heart, I will celebrate, and I can safely rest.~

Acts 10:34-35 CEV Peter then said: Now I am certain that God treats all people alike. (35) God is pleased with everyone who worships him and does right, no matter what nation they come from.

¹²² <http://www.justbibletruth.com>

¹²³ Psalms 110:1-5 GNB The LORD [יהוה]⁽¹⁷⁾ said to my lord, "Sit here at my right side until I put your enemies under your feet." (2)

through eyes of) faith.^{124 & (21)} Those who choose to ignore the manifestation of the kingdom are making their choice not to build

From Zion the LORD [יהוה]⁽¹⁷⁾ will extend your royal power. "Rule over your enemies," he says. (3) On the day you fight your enemies, your people will volunteer. Like the dew of early morning your young men will come to you on the sacred hills. (4) The LORD [יהוה]⁽¹⁷⁾ made a solemn promise and will not take it back: "You will be a priest forever in the priestly order of Melchizedek." (5) The Lord is at your right side; when he becomes angry, he will defeat kings.

¹²⁴ 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 GW (18) The message about the cross is nonsense to those who are being destroyed, but it is God's power to us who are being saved. (19) Scripture says, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise. I will reject the intelligence of intelligent people." (20) Where is the wise person? Where is the scholar? Where is the persuasive speaker of our time? Hasn't God turned the wisdom of the world into nonsense? (21) The world with its wisdom was unable to recognize God in terms of his own wisdom. So God decided to use the nonsense of the Good News we speak to save those who believe. (22) Jews ask for miraculous signs, and Greeks look for wisdom, (23) but our message is that Christ was crucified. This offends Jewish people and makes no sense to people who are not Jewish. (24) But to those Jews and Greeks who are called, he is Christ, God's power and God's wisdom. (25) God's nonsense is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. (26) Brothers and sisters, consider what you were when God called you to be Christians. Not many of you were wise from a human point of view. You were not in powerful positions or in the upper social classes. (27) But God chose what the world considers nonsense to put wise people to shame. God chose what the world considers weak to put what is strong to shame. (28) God chose what the world considers ordinary and what it despises-what it considers to be nothing-in order to destroy what it considers to be something. (29) As a result, no one can brag in God's presence. (30) You are partners with Christ Jesus because of God. Jesus has become our wisdom sent from God, our righteousness, our holiness, and our ransom from sin. (31) As Scripture says, "Whoever brags must brag about what the Lord has done." [[2 Kings 6:15-17](#)]-

faith in God's son, and by *that* choice to miss out on life.¹²⁵ Read your Bible daily! It is the one thing in life, if you sincerely immerse yourself in it, you will never get bored with. The truth will fill you with wonder and you can go on learning forever!¹²⁶ & ⁽¹²⁾ Expend your life's energy to learn, and to help others know, the *truth of the Bible*⁽⁶⁸⁾ as it applies to our day. For six thousand years, the teachings recorded in the Bible have amounted to "the truth that leads to eternal life." In our day, those same teachings have become "*the truth that provides eternal life*"¹²⁷ (by means of faith).¹²⁸ The Bible is one consecutive record of *God's provision for*

Jeremiah 9:24 LITV But let him who glories [*or boasts*] glory in this, that *he* understands and knows Me, that I *am* Jehovah

[יהוה], doing kindness, justice and righteousness in the earth; for

I delight in these, says Jehovah [יהוה].⁽⁴⁷⁾

¹²⁵ John 8:24 MWT That is why I said you will die in your sins. If you don't have faith in me for who I claim to be (*the son of God*), you will die, and your sins will not be forgiven."

Luke 21:34-35 GNB "Be careful not to let yourselves become occupied with too much feasting and drinking and with the worries of this life, or that Day may suddenly catch you (35) like a trap. For it will come upon all people everywhere on earth.~

Mark 13:32-37 GW "No one knows when that day or hour will come. Even the angels in heaven and the Son don't know. Only the Father knows. (33) Be careful! Watch! You don't know the exact time. (34) It is like a man who went on a trip. As he left home, he put his servants in charge. He assigned work to each one and ordered the guard to be alert. (35) Therefore, be alert, because you don't know when the owner of the house will return. It could be in the evening or at midnight or at dawn or in the morning. (36) Make sure he doesn't come suddenly and find you asleep. (37) I'm telling everyone what I'm telling you: 'Be alert!'"

¹²⁶ Ecclesiastes 3:11 GW It is beautiful how God has done everything at the right time. He has put a sense of eternity in people's minds. Yet, mortals still can't grasp what God is doing from the beginning to the end of time.

¹²⁷ <http://www.justbibletruth.com/Observations/FaithForLife.html>

¹²⁸ 2 Peter 1:16-21 GW When we apostles told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, we didn't base our message on clever myths that we made up. Rather, we witnessed

life¹²⁹ as revealed over the 6000 years since Adam. No men could have created or even imagined the solution it contains. We are barely able to comprehend it. Praise יהוה⁽¹⁷⁾ you people!¹³⁰

Some people wonder when the kingdom of Christ is coming. They wonder how. They wonder where.⁽²⁾ They look for great signs and wonders.⁽¹²⁴⁾ The kingdom by Christ is judging the earth right now.¹³¹ People who recognize the presence of Christ are

his majesty with our own eyes. (17) For example, we were eyewitnesses when he received honor and glory from God the Father and when the voice of our majestic God spoke these words to him: "This is my Son, whom I love and in whom I delight." (18) We heard that voice speak to him from heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain. (19) So we regard the words of the prophets as confirmed beyond all doubt. You're doing well by paying attention to their words. Continue to pay attention as you would to a light that shines in a dark place as you wait for day to come and the morning star to rise in your hearts. (20) First, you must understand this: No prophecy in Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation. (21) No prophecy ever originated from humans. Instead, it was given by the Holy Spirit as humans spoke under God's direction.

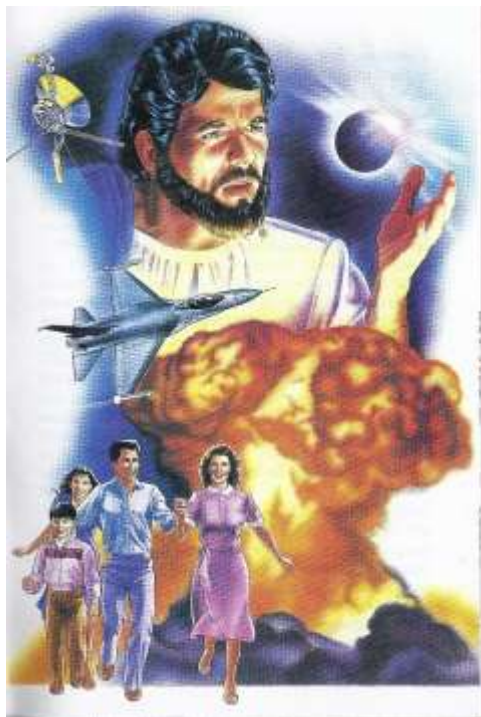
¹²⁹ <http://www.justbibletruth.com/SummaryLiveForever.html>

¹³⁰ Psalms 104:31-35 LITV The glory of Jehovah [יהוה] shall be forever; Jehovah shall rejoice in His works. (32) He looks to the earth, and it trembles; He touches the hills, and they smoke. (33) I will sing to Jehovah [יהוה]⁽¹⁷⁾ during my life; I will sing praise to my God while I exist. (34) My thoughts on Him shall be sweet; I will be glad in Jehovah. (35) Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and let the wicked be no more; bless Jehovah, O my soul; praise Jehovah [יהוה]! [*or, Hallelujah!*]

¹³¹ John 8:30-32 GNB Many who heard Jesus say these things believed in him. (31) So Jesus said to those who believed in him, "If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples; (32) you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."~
John 12:46-50 CEV I am the light that has come into the world. No one who has faith in me will stay in the dark. (47) I am not the one who will judge those who refuse to obey my teachings. I came to save the people of this world, not to be their judge. (48) But

exercising faith for life, while those who choose to ignore what he told us are continuing on their course without him. They continue dying...⁽¹²⁵⁾ The teachings of Christ are their hope; ~~their~~ *our* only hope. Help them. Help yourself! Abandon your sectarian religion while there is still time.⁽⁶⁴⁾

everyone who rejects me and my teachings will be judged on the last day by what I have said. (49) I don't speak on my own. I say only what the Father who sent me has told me to say. (50) I know that his commands will bring eternal life. That is why I tell you exactly what the Father has told me.



Christ is God's appointed king. He is examining the earth to provide deliverance for those who express faith in his teachings.^{132 & (27)}

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¹³² 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 CEV (20) But Christ has been raised to life! And he makes us certain that others will also be raised to life. (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, 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, who put everything under his Son's power. Then God will mean everything to everyone.
