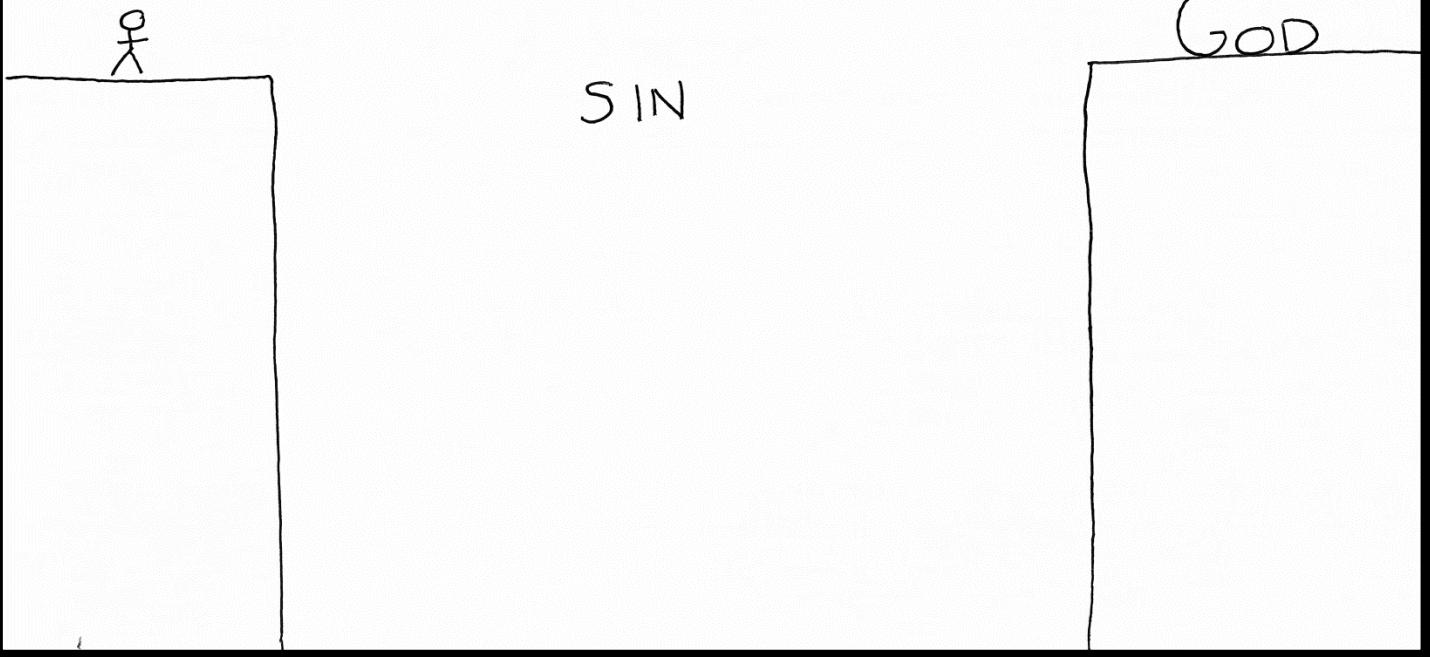




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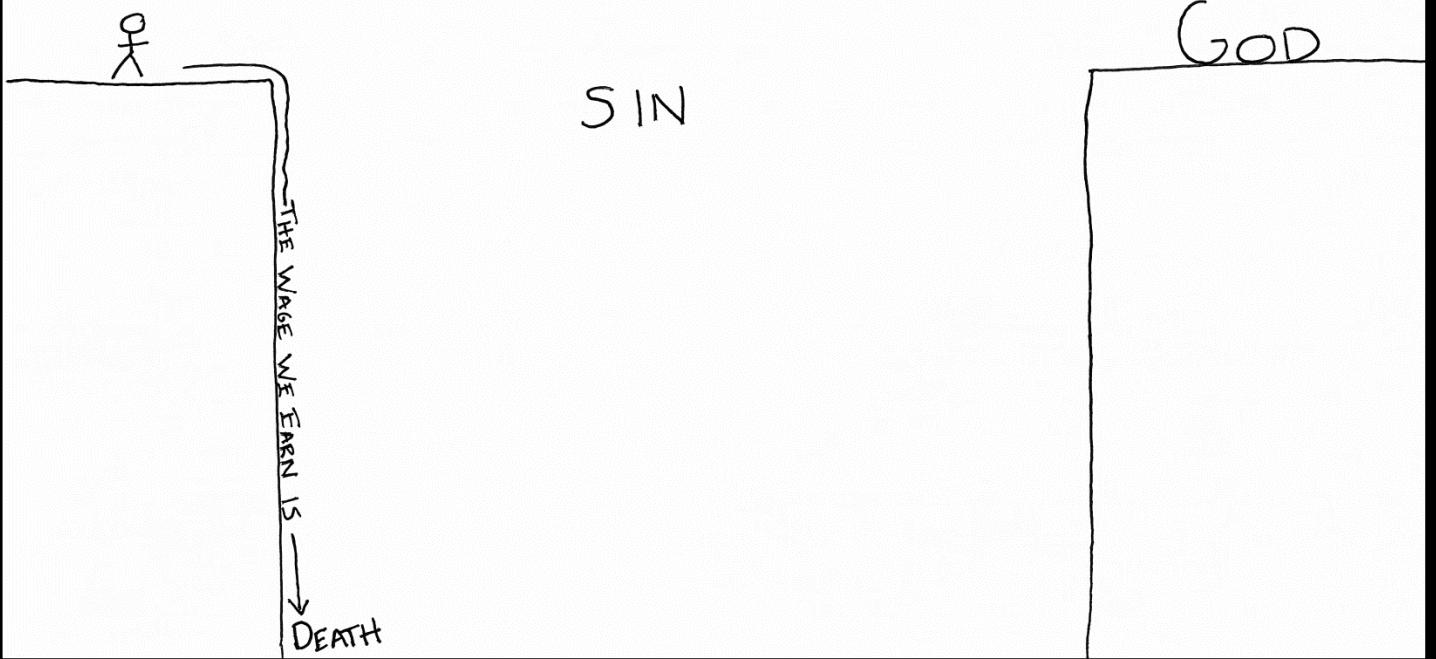
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The Scriptures state in Romans chapter six verse twenty-three that “the wages of sin is death” and to draw this out as a picture it would be similar to a canyon where you are on a cliff and what is separating you from God is SIN.

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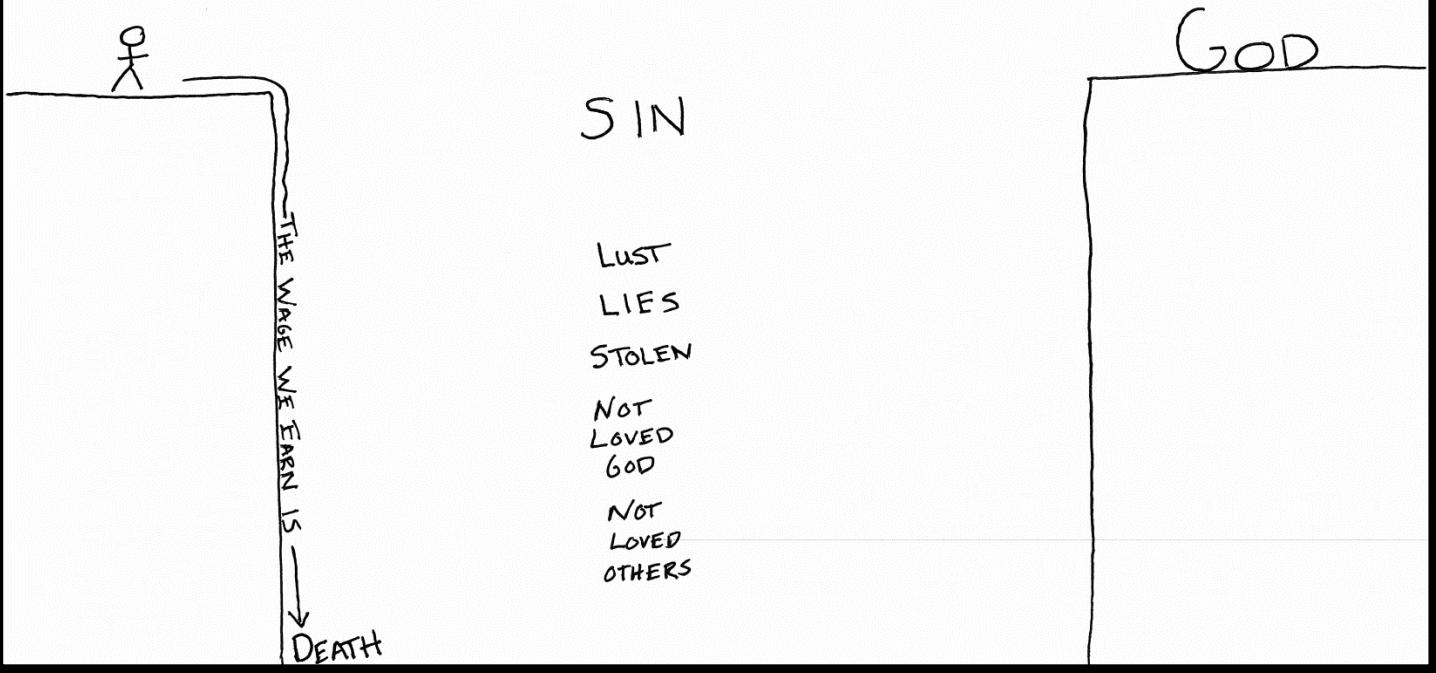
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Now, when you work at a job you are working to earn a wage. Well, what this Scripture verse is saying is that the wage we all earn for our SIN is DEATH (meaning separation from God forever).

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You see all of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God because we have all lusted after someone, we have all told different lies, we have all taken something without someone else's permission (stolen), and we have not Loved God fully and we have not Loved Others fully, etc.

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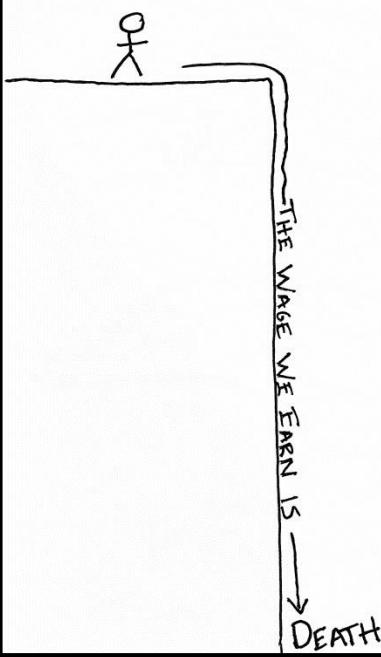
Now that was the bad news. But this verse continues and it states “but the GIFT of GOD is ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.” So, unlike a wage which we earn, God is offering you a free GIFT and this free GIFT is given directly from God.

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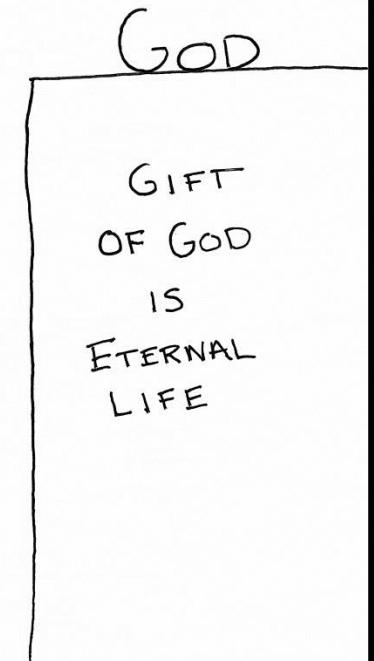
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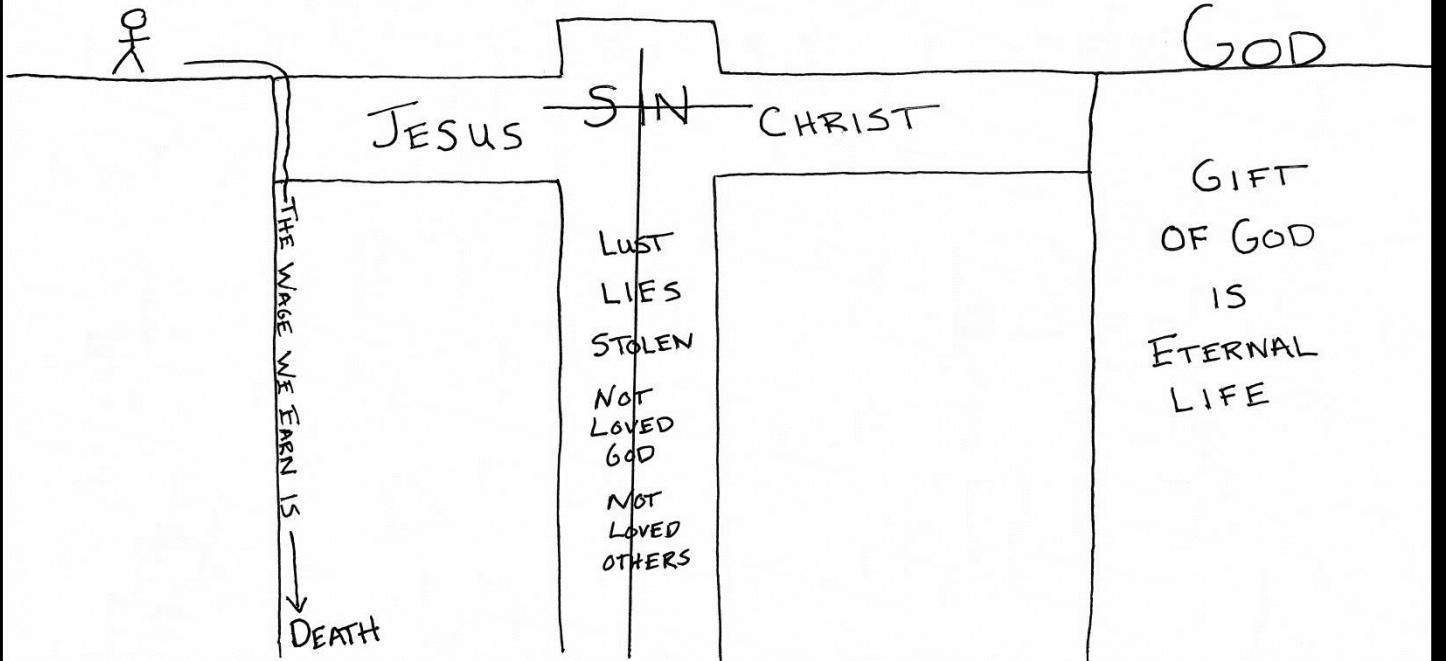
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The gift that God wants to give you is ETERNAL LIFE (meaning a life with God where there is no more pain, no more suffering, and no more sin forever)!

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Notice that this ETERNAL LIFE is given IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. You see when Jesus Christ died on the cross, was buried, and rose again from the dead He paid for all of your sins and made a bridge so that you could cross from DEATH to ETERNAL LIFE.

The bad news is our sin separated us from God. The Good News is that:

Jesus Christ "died for our sins according to the Scriptures, he was buried,

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-1 Corinthians 15:3-4

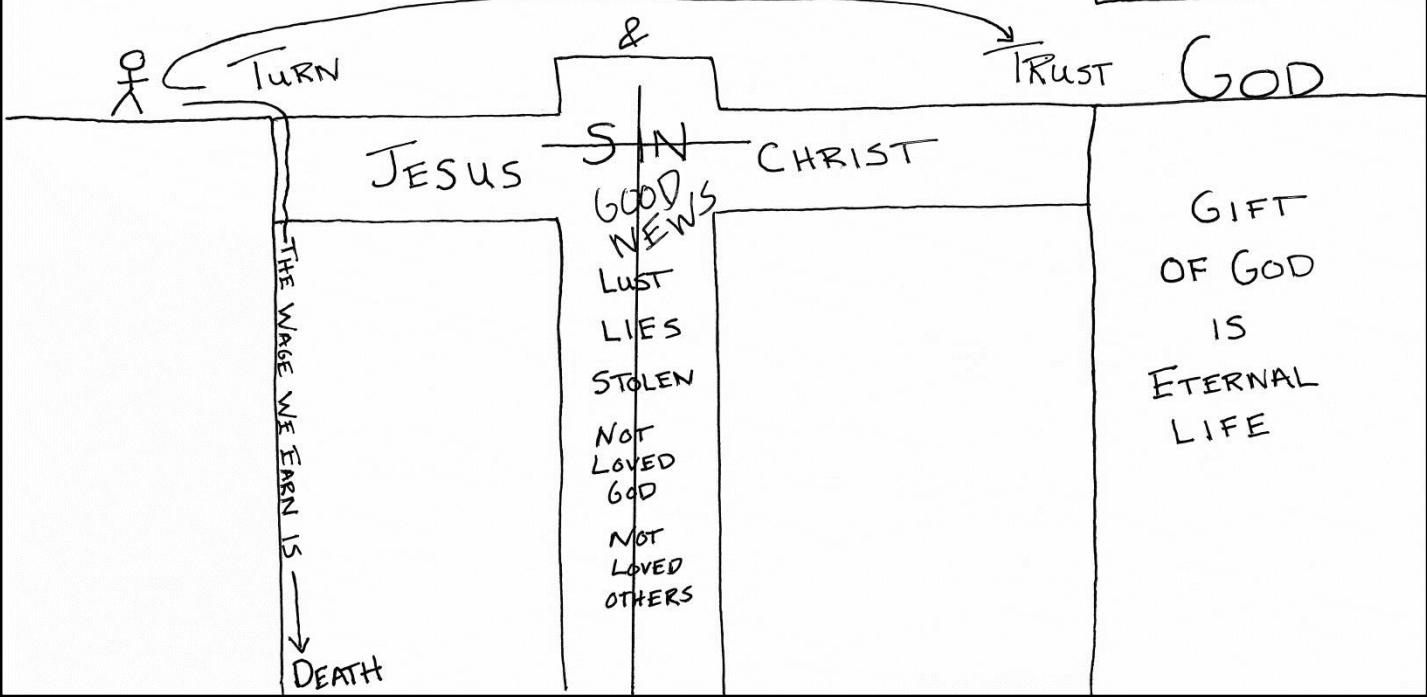
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(TURN) (TRUST)

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Now like any gift you have to receive the gift and Jesus told us how to receive this gift. You see in the Scriptures in Mark chapter one and in verse fifteen Jesus said, "The time has come . . . REPENT and BELIEVE THE GOOD NEWS!" Meaning right now is the time to TURN from your sins and TRUST in THE GOOD NEWS and THE GOOD NEWS is that Jesus Christ "died for our sins according to the Scriptures, he was buried, and he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

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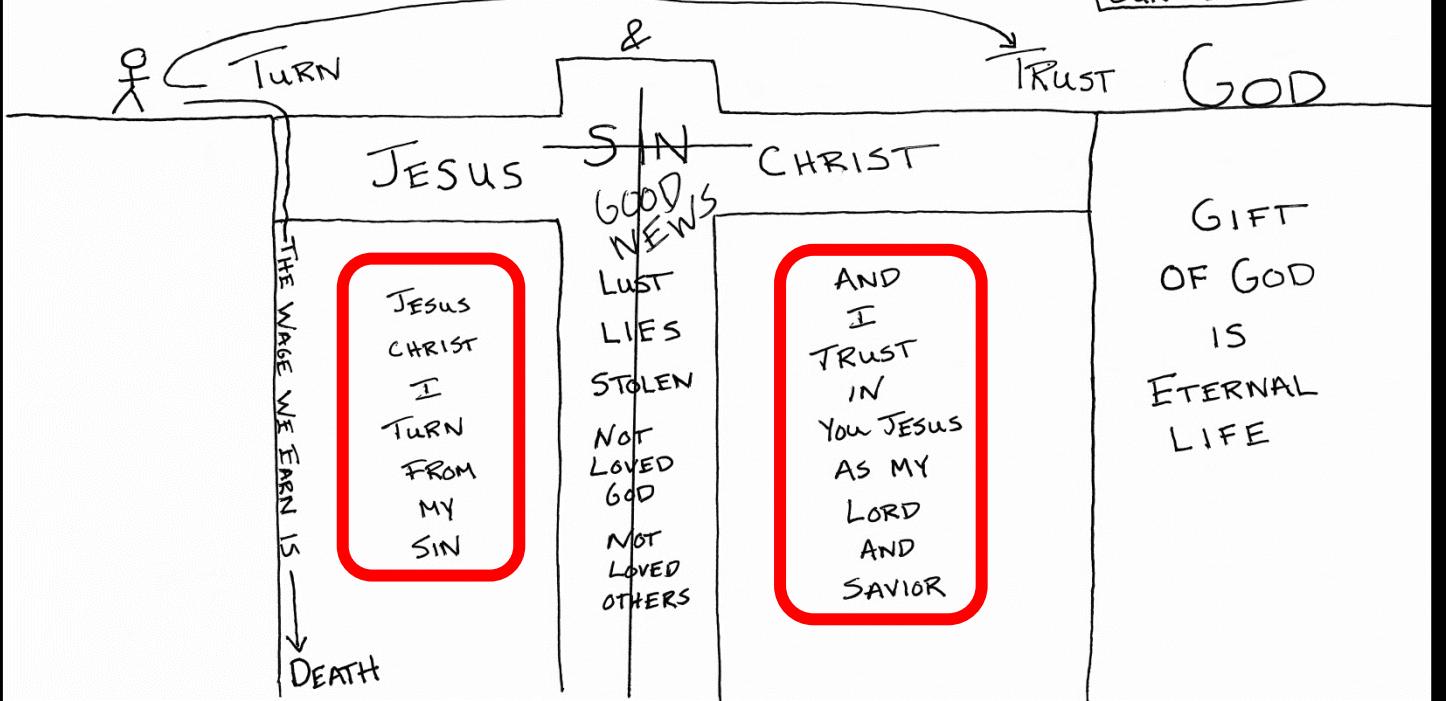
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So right now you can know that you will have ETERNAL LIFE in heaven where there will be no more pain, no more suffering, and no more sin by accepting the GIFT OF GOD and you do this by praying to God and saying something similar to 'JESUS CHRIST, I TURN FROM MY SIN AND I TRUST IN YOU JESUS AS MY LORD AND SAVIOR.' As Jesus said, "THE TIME HAS COME" - meaning right now. Therefore, are you willing to pray this right now? As the Scriptures state: "If you confess with your mouth that 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9-10).

Section 1 – God’s Solution

God’s Solution - God paid the penalty for our Sin:

Jesus Christ “died for our sins according to the Scriptures, he was buried, and he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.” -1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Eternal life is a gift from God. It *cannot* be earned:

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” -Romans 6:23

Eternal life *cannot* be earned by any amount of good works. It is only by faith [trust] in Jesus as Lord and Savior that we can have eternal life:

“By grace [unearned favor] you have been saved through faith [trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior]—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God —not by works, so that no one can boast.” -Ephesians 2:8-9

“If you confess with your mouth that ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” -Romans 10:9-10

In Jesus Christ you are permanently forgiven forever by God:

“God made him [Jesus Christ] who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him [Jesus Christ] we might become the righteousness of God.” -2 Corinthians 5:21

You can know that you have eternal life:

“God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” -1 John 5:9-13

Nothing can separate you from God’s love in Jesus Christ:

“Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” -Romans 8:38-39

Section 2 – Four Terms

Four Important Terms to Understand



Sin: this is hostility towards God in our affections, our mind, and our will. Sin is the worship of yourself, the worship of others, and the worship of any created thing in this world.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

- Romans 3:23

“The mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the Law of God, for it is not even able to do so; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.”

- Romans 8:7



Justification: takes place when *the penalty for sin* (past, present, and future) has been paid for in Jesus Christ – this happens when you, by the grace of God, repent of your sins and trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior - you are then declared “NOT guilty!” and you are justified in Christ.

“Therefore, since we are justified [past tense] by faith, we have peace [present tense] with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- Romans 5:1



Sanctification: this is the cleansing process that continues from when you are justified until you are glorified. During this time *the power of sin* in your life to control you has been broken and as you grow in Christ you experience the blessing of being washed by The Holy Spirit through God’s Word.

“Sanctify [spiritually wash] them by the Truth; Your Word is Truth.”

- Jesus, John 17:17



Glorification: this happens once you are in heaven and it is there with God that you are completely set free from *the presence of sin* in your life. Once you are justified in Christ, God already knows you as glorified in Christ because God knows both the past, the present, and the future. Thus, we can approach God with confidence because we can know that God already knows us as perfect in Christ.

“Those He [God] justified, He also glorified.”

- Romans 8:28-30

“He [God] will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

- Revelation 21:4

“The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and will bring me safely into His Heavenly Kingdom, to Him be the glory for all time. Amen.”

- 2 Timothy 4:18

**“NO EYE HAS
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Section 3 – Next Steps

What is next?

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation. The old has gone, the new is here!”

-2 Corinthians 5:17

1. Experience the adventure and joy of knowing God and growing in your relationship with God and with God's family in a healthy local church that teaches from the Scriptures/the Bible.
2. Find out what the Christian life is all about by asking the Lord Jesus to teach you to obey all that He commanded.
3. Obey the Lord Jesus by following His example and being baptized (by water immersion).
4. Read and obey the Scriptures (the book of Matthew is a good place to start). It is best to read a print version of the Bible but to get started here is a link to free copies of the Bible along with a free study bible commentary: <https://App.WordSearchBible.Lifeway.com/>
5. Share the good news with others.
6. Live for the Lord Jesus.

As the Scriptures state:

**“Those who live should no longer live for themselves
but for Him who died for them
and was raised again.”**

- 2 Corinthians 5:15

Section 4 – The Importance of The Scriptures

How to read and study The Scriptures/The Word of God:

Pray for your eyes and mind to be opened by God.

"Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your instruction."

- Psalm 119:18

Then Jesus told them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you . . ." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He also said to them, "This is what is written: The Christ would suffer and rise from the dead the third day, and repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem." - Luke 24:44-47

Read the inspired Word of God with the Holy Spirit.

"They read out of the book of instruction of God, translating to give the sense so that the people could understand what was read." - Nehemiah 8:8

Examine, with the Holy Spirit, the text of Scripture to find the meaning (the intention expressed in the words in the text) put there by Holy Spirit and use the rest of Scripture to interpret it.

"They received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so." - Acts 17:11

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the Word of Truth." - 2 Tim 2:15

Pay attention to the Scriptures for they are the very Words of God.

"We have the prophetic Word strongly confirmed. You will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dismal place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." - 2 Peter 1:19

"For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the instruction of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances" - Ezra 7:10

Submit to the Holy Spirit sanctifying you [spiritually washing you] by the Word of God.

"That is why Scripture says: 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Submit yourselves, then, to God." - James 4:6-7

"Sanctify [spiritually wash] them by the Truth; Your Word is Truth." - Jesus, John 17:17

Section 4 – The Importance of The Scriptures

Learn from Jesus - Jesus' Spiritual Washing Method

Jesus stated, "Sanctify them by The Truth; Your Word is Truth" (Jn 17:17). First, notice how in this statement Jesus *has qualified* what *The Truth is*. The Truth in this statement is not an individual's experience, or their perception, or the books they have read instead "*The Truth*" *is qualified*, by Jesus Christ, to be *only* the Word of God. Therefore, The Truth is only the Word of God in this statement, and anything outside of the category of the Word of God in this statement is not to be qualified as The Truth. As Jesus stated, "Your Word is Truth" (Jn 17:17). Thus, in this statement "*The Truth*" = "*The Word of God*."

Furthermore, in this statement by Jesus, what is to happen with "*The Truth*" (*The Word of God*)? The answer is "Sanctify them by The Truth." What does the word "sanctify" mean? The word sanctify means to spiritually wash. This is clear in the Scriptures when it states: "Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing of water through the Word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she might be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:25-27).

Therefore, the method (process) of sanctification (spiritual washing), according to Jesus Christ, is through the process of being "*sanctified by The Truth*"/*The Word of God*. In addition, the Scriptures state that "His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. By these He has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desires" (2 Peter 1:3-4). The Scriptures also make it clear that: "All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the person of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Notice in this Scripture that it is only the Scriptures themselves that are stated to be "*God-breathed*" (not old or current books, etc.) For only the Scriptures came about when "moved by the Holy Spirit men spoke from God" (2 Peter 1:20-21). Furthermore, only "*the Word of God* is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). Thus, through the "*living and powerful*" "*God-breathed*" [superior] Scriptures we have "*everything required for life and godliness*" and everything we need to "*be adequate, equipped for every good work*" [sufficient/enough]. Therefore, the Scriptures/*The Truth* are the superior and sufficient for spiritual washing.

Furthermore, the Scriptures warn, "If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, 'Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!' (which all refer to things destined to perish with use)—in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men? These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence" (Col. 2:20-23). There are going to be many methods, principles, or processes that individuals are going to *claim* are "*wise*" and they are going to *claim* they are a part of revelation, when in reality they really come from *anti-Christian sanctification methodologies* that are either of sinful human origin (pride, evil desires, etc.) and/or demonic origin, and both should be refuted and rejected by all Christians because they result in spiritual bondage (Col. 2:8).

Sanctification /Spiritual Washing Methods

Sanctification/Spiritual Washing Option (A):

Jesus' Spiritual Washing Method

(The Holy Spirit spiritual washing with the Scriptures)

The Word of God

- God-breathed
- Superior
- Sufficient
- The Truth
- Clean Water
- Results in purity, humbleness, holiness, and freedom

Sanctification/Spiritual Washing Option (B):

Other Spiritual Washing Methods

Methods that have an "appearance of wisdom"

- Not God-breathed
- Not Superior
- Not Sufficient
- Not The Truth
- Filthy infested water
- Results in impurity, pride, bitterness, burdens, and bondage

Section 4 – The Importance Of The Scriptures

The Word of God is The Truth

THE WORD OF GOD IS TRUSTWORTHY

Jesus is The Most Brilliant One, fully God & The Perfect Man.
Whatever Jesus says is true, because Jesus is The Truth.
“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and by Him all things hold together . . . All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in Him.”

-Col. 1:15-17, 2:3

“I am . . . The Truth”—Jesus, John 14:6

“The Truth is in Jesus”—Ephesians 4:21

“It is impossible for God to lie.” Hebrews 6:18

Jesus held to a verbal-plenary view of Scripture (that the very words of Scripture were inspired by God) and that all Scripture is inspired/absolutely truthful/inerrant (in both intent and in fact)/absolutely infallible/authoritative.

“The Word of God”—Jesus, Mark 7:13

Jesus said, “It is written: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors’; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment.”—Luke 22:37

“Isaiah prophesied accurately about you hypocrites, as it is written:”—Jesus, Mark 7:6

“It is written: ‘Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”—Jesus, Matthew 4:4

“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”—Jesus, Matthew 24:35

The Holy Spirit made it clear that Scripture is Superior to all other writings.

“This above all you must understand that no prophecy comes from one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but moved by the Holy Spirit men spoke from God.”—2 Peter 1:20-21

“For when God made a promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater to swear by, He swore by Himself.”—Hebrews 6:13

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”—Hebrews 4:12

“The instruction of Yahweh is perfect, renewing one’s life; the testimony of Yahweh is trustworthy, making the inexperienced wise. The precepts of Yahweh are right, making the heart glad; the command of Yahweh is radiant, making the eyes light up. The fear of Yahweh is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of Yahweh are reliable and altogether righteous. They are more desirable than gold—than an abundance of pure gold; and sweeter than honey, which comes from the honeycomb.”

-Psalm 19:7-110

The Holy Spirit made it clear that Scripture is Sufficient.

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The Holy Spirit made it clear that Scripture is to be obeyed.

“Blessed . . . are those who hear the Word of God and obey it.”

-Jesus, Luke 11:28

SCRIPTURE SUMMARIZES SCRIPTURE

Lk 24:27,44-47; Gal 3:6-8, 15-18; Ps 105:1-45; Ps 136; Ac 2:14-47; Ac 7:1-8:35; Is 53; Ac 13:16-47; Ac 17:1-4, 16-34; Rm 1-15, etc.

The God Man & The God Man Written Word

Jesus is the God Man (fully God and Fully Man) – the Personal Living Word

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God . . . And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

-John 1:1,14

Jesus “The Word of God”
—Revelation 19:13

Scripture is the God Man Written Word – the God-breathed/inspired Word

“All Scripture is God-breathed”
-2 Timothy 3:16

“Since you have been born again—not of perishable seed but of imperishable—through the living and enduring word of God. ‘For All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like a flower of the grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever.’ And this is the word that was preached as the gospel to you.”

-1 Peter 1:23-25

“You received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the Word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.”

-1 Thessalonians 2:13

The Word & The Spirit

“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the rhema [Spirit quickened Word] that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.”

-Jesus, John 6:63

“For with God nothing is ever impossible and no rhēma [Spirit quickened Word] from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.”

-Luke 1:37

THE WORD OF GOD IS ACCURATE & TRUE

Jesus taught that the Word of God is factually accurate and true.

“Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.”—Luke 24:27

Jesus referred to individuals and events in the historical sense.

Meaning these people really lived & the events really happened.

This includes: Adam & Eve (Matt 19:4-6), Abel (Luke 11:51), Noah & the Flood (Matt 24:37-39), Abraham (John 8:56), Sodom & Gomorrah (Matt 10:15), Lot (Luke 17:28-32), Isaac & Jacob (Matt 8:11), Moses (Matt 8:4), Manna from Heaven (John 6:31), David (Matt 22:43), Solomon (Matt 6:29), Elijah (Luke 4:25), Elisha (Luke 4:27), Jonah (Matt 12:39-41), Daniel (Matt 24:15), Isaiah (Matt 15:7), Zachariah (Luke 11:51), etc.

“All your words are true”—Psalm 119:60

“Every word of God proves true”—Proverbs 30:5

“For whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction, so that we may have hope through endurance and through the encouragement from the Scriptures.”—Romans 15:4

“For we did not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.”—2 Peter 1:16

“Our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things . . . which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.”—2 Peter 3:15-16

SCRIPTURE INTERPETS SCRIPTURE

Scripture informs us how to interpret it.

Pray for the illumination of the text of Scripture by the Holy Spirit.

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-James 4:6-7

“I have chosen the way of Truth”—Psalm 119:30

“Sanctify them by the Truth; Your Word is Truth.”—Jesus, John 17:17

Section 4 – The Importance of The Scriptures

Begin praying The Word of God

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain,
and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.”

-James 5:16-17

Praying God's Will

HIS WILL is revealed in HIS WORD; therefore, PRAY HIS WORD:

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.” -1 John 5:14-15

“Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” - Psalm 46:10

SOIL - ROOTED IN GOOD SOIL – See Matthew 13:19-23

Pray Ephesians 3:14-21

“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with **power through His Spirit** in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in **love**, may have **power**, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is **the love of Christ**, and to **know** this **love** that surpasses knowledge—that you may be **filled** to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to **His power** that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

WATER - DRINK THE LIVING WATER– See John 7:37-39a, John 16:13, &Gal. 5:16-26

Pray 2 Corinthians 13:14 & Ask for the Holy Spirit, Luke 11:13:

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God [the Father], and **the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.**”

“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!**”- Jesus

LIGHT - LIVE IN THE LIGHT – See John 3:19-21 & 1 John 1:5-10

Pray Colossians 1:9-14:

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.¹⁰ And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.
¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

NOURISHMENT - NOURISHED BY HIS FRIENDSHIP AND HIS WORDS– See John 15:7-17 & John 16:33

Pray Philippians 1:9-11:

“And this is my prayer: **that your love may abound** more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.”

CONNECTED TO THE VINE - GROW IN BEARING FRUIT BY BEING CONNECTED TO THE VINE/YOKED TO JESUS – See John 15:4-6, Matthew 11:28-30, & Colossians 2:6-7

Pray:

⁹ “This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.”"-Jesus, Matthew 6:9-13

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”-1 Thess. 5:16-18

“Not my will, but yours be done.”-Luke 22:42

Some Passages to Pray from God's Word/The Truth

Pray the Psalms of the day (e.g.: if it is the 4th you pray Psalm 4, 34, 64, 94, 124 and the Proverb of the day Proverbs 4), Matt. 5-7, Luke 10:20-22, Luke 12:11-12, John 17, John 15, Eph. 1:17-19, Eph. 4, 2 Thess. 1: 11-12, 2 Thess. 2:16-17, 2 Thess. 3:1-5, Acts 4:23-34, Acts 4:29-31, Acts 2:17-19, Rom. 15:5-7, 2 Cor. 1:3-11, Phil. 2:1-18, Col. 3:15-17, Col. 4:2-6, 1 Thess. 5:23-25, 2 Thess. 3:1, 1 Tim. 2:1-8, 2 Tim. 1:7, 2 Tim. 4:22, Heb. 4:14-16, Heb. 5:7-10, Heb. 7:24-26, Heb. 11:27, Heb. 12:28-29, Heb. 13:18-21, James 3:17-18, James 5:16, 1 Peter 1:22-23, 2 Pet. 1:3-10, 2 Pet. 3:18, 3 John 2-4, Jude 20-25, Rom. 8:26-27, Rom. 8:28-39, Rom. 11:33-36, Rev. 7:10-12, Rev. 11:16-19, Rev. 15:3-4, Rev. 19:1-10, Rev. 19:11-18, Rev. 21:6-8, Rev. 22:12-13, 1 Chron. 29: 10-13, 1 Chron. 16:8-36, 2 Chron. 6:14-42, Dan. 2:20-23, Dan. 4:2-3, Dan. 9:4-19, Dan. 10:12-21, etc.

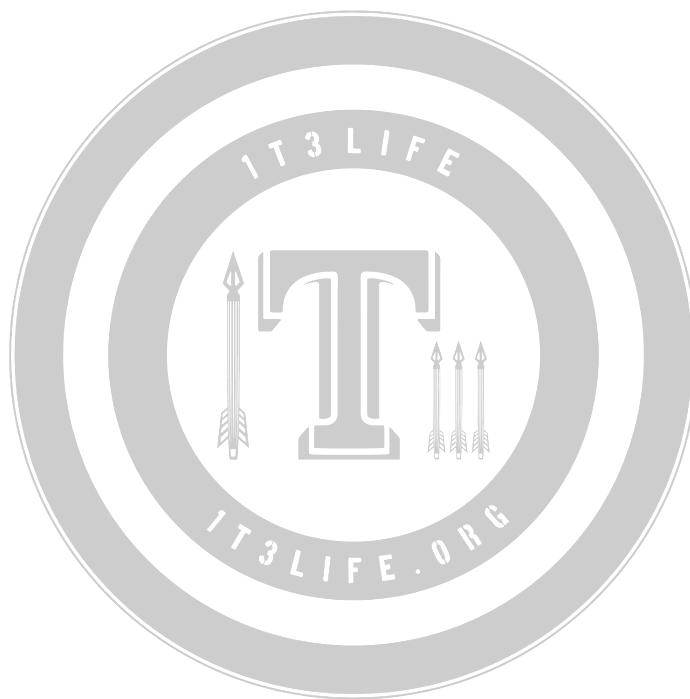
Section 4 – The Importance of The Scriptures

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OF YOUR SOULS.” -1 PETER 2:25**



Section 5 – Next Steps – *The Great Commission*

Jesus' Christ mission for the rest of your life
is summarized in what is called

The Great Commission
where Jesus Christ states:

**"All authority
in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, make disciples from all the nations,
[note: the first step in making disciples
is sharing the good news]
baptizing them [*disciples of Jesus Christ*]
in the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them [*disciples of Jesus Christ*]
to obey everything I have commanded you.
And behold,
I am with you always, to the very end of the age."**

- Jesus Christ,
Matthew 28:18-20

Section 5 – Next Steps – *The Great Commission*

Over time you will better understand everything in the memory map aid below. However, in the meantime it is simply summarized on the next two pages.

A Theology of Jesus Christ's Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

God is with us in Jesus Christ the Savior King

[Matthew 4:17 & Matthew 25:31-46]

[Matthew 1:17]

[Matthew 1:17]

[Matthew 1:17]

[Matthew 1:21]

[Yahweh Saves] in [The Anointed One]

[Matthew 1:23]

[Immanuel]

I. The Declaration

All authority
in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

[Jesus Christ is the omnipotent (all-powerful) God and King of the universe (Rev. 4:8; Phil. 2:6-11; Dan. 7:14)]

II. The Exhortation

Go, therefore,

(A) ***make disciples*** from all the nations,
[IMPERATIVE COMMAND – MEANING: DO THIS!]

[Note: the first step in making disciples is sharing the good news about Jesus Christ the Savior King (See Mk. 1:15; Mt. 4:17, 10:7, 11:28-30; Jn. 3:16-21; 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Rm. 1:2-4, 3:23, 6:23, 10:9-11; Eph. 2:8-9; Acts 17:24-31; Gal. 2:16; Tit. 3:3-7)]

[What is a disciple of Jesus Christ? In Matthew 4:19 Jesus Christ states: "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."]

1. Come, follow me – A disciple of Jesus Christ the Savior King is one who has repented of their sins and trusted in Jesus Christ alone as their Lord (God) and Savior. Christ is the only Master Leader and Master Teacher whom they follow (Mt. 16:24-26; 23:8-12).

2. I will make you fishers of people – A disciple of Jesus Christ while being transformed by Jesus Christ is on mission with Jesus Christ to make disciples of Jesus Christ who make disciples of Jesus Christ (in the home, in the church, and in the world).]

(B) ***baptizing*** *[IMMERSING IN WATER]* ***them*** *[DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST]*
into the name *[SINGULAR NOT PLURAL, ONLY ONE GOD (Is. 42:8, 43:10-13, 45:5)]*

of the Father *[WHO 1]*
of the Son *[WHO 2]* *and*
of the Holy Spirit *[WHO 3]*

[Yahweh God is One God that Is Three Persons (The Trinity). In an analogous way, a triangle is one three-sided shape that is three points and this is not a contradiction. Therefore, the purpose of this diagram is simply and only to show that it is NOT a contradiction that Yahweh God is One What and is Three Persons. Plus, the Son added a Human Nature (NOT the subtraction of God). These are NOT contradictions. (Dt. 6:4; Rm. 1:1-5; 2 Cor. 13:14; Jn. 1:1-18; Jn. 14:17; Eph. 3:14-21, Ph. 2:6-11)]

(C) ***teaching*** *[INTENTIONALLY TRAINING]* ***them*** *[DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST]*
to obey *[Lk. 11:28; Mt. 7:24-27; Jn. 15:9-13; 1 Jn. 3:21-24, 5:2-4; 1 Pt. 1:22; Rm. 16:25-27]*
everything *[Mt. 5-7; Mt. 24:35; Jn. 14:6, 17:17; Col. 2:3; 2 Pt. 1:3-4, 20-21; 2 Tim. 3:16-18]*
I have commanded you. *[Mk. 12:30; Jn. 13:34; Mt. 22:39; Lk. 6:27; Jn. 14:15]*

III. The Promise

And behold *[IMPERATIVE COMMAND – MEANING: DO THIS!]*

I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

[Yahweh God is the personally caring omnipresent (always present) God (Rev. 4:11; Ex. 3:1-20)]

[Note: in most English translations LORD, with all caps stands, for the Hebrew name Yahweh]

Section 5 – Next Steps – *The Great Commission*

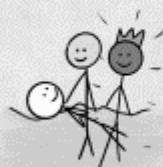
Jesus is on the throne, and we
are never alone. Our responsibility
is found between these two truths.



Jesus is on the throne



Make disciples



Baptize believers



Teach them to obey Christ



We are never alone

Ref. Matthew 28:18-20

Section 5 – Next Steps – *The Great Commission*

**The following pages will therefore
be sectioned in the following way:**

Section #1: “All Authority”

Section #2: “make disciples”

Section #3: “baptizing them”

***Section #4: “teaching them to obey
everything I have commanded”***

Section #5: And behold, I am with you always



Section #1: "All Authority"

"Yahweh is King forever and ever . . . O Yahweh, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear to vindicate the orphan and the oppressed, so that mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror."

-Psalm 10:16-18

"Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Yahweh, have never forsaken those who seek you."

-Psalm 9:10

Yahweh: is the name of the necessary, uncaused, personally-present, covenant keeping God, who “sees” the misery of His people, “hears” their cries, “enters into” their suffering, and delivers them from where they are to where He wants them to be.¹

"I am Yahweh; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols." -Isaiah 42:8

"Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.² There the angel of Yahweh appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.³ So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up."

⁴ When Yahweh saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

⁵ "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."⁶ Then he said, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.⁷ Yahweh said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I know their sorrows.⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"¹² And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'Yahweh, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation."¹⁶

"Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'Yahweh, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt."¹⁷ And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey."¹⁸ "The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to Yahweh our God.'¹⁹ But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him.²⁰ So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go." -Exodus 3:1-20

"Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our God, Yahweh is One.⁵ Love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." -Deut. 6:4

"Fear Yahweh your God, serve Him only"-Deut. 6:13 and Luke 4:8

¹ **Note #1:** Anthropomorphic terms such as "see, "hear", etc. are used in the Scriptures to help us relate to God in an analogous sense. Yahweh God is "not a man" (Numbers 23:19) instead Yahweh God is "Spirit" (John 4:23) and in Yahweh God "we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:24). See the following pages for more on what Yahweh God is. **Note #2:** Yahweh God is Necessary (must be, has to be, cannot not be) Being (that which is; "I"= essence/that whichness; "AM"= existence/is-ness) and because Yahweh's Essence is completely identical to Yahweh's Existence therefore Yahweh is a Necessary Being and in contrast we have a finite/dependent/limited being (that which is) because we could cease to be/do not have to be/etc. **Note #3:** because Yahweh God is in a category of one (there is no other Necessary Being) and because we are finite/limited/dependent beings who are being given there being we must speak about Yahweh God by analogy (John 3:12-13). For example we are moral in a finite way and Yahweh God is moral in an infinite way. To clarify further, there are different ways that we can speak about something or know something. We can know something univocally (meaning in a one to one correspondence – a completely similar way). We can know something equivocally (meaning in a completely different way). Or we can know something analogously (in a similar but different way). When it comes to knowing and speaking about Yahweh God because we are finite/limited/dependent beings, etc. and Yahweh God is in a category of one as a Necessary Being then we must know Yahweh God in a similar but different way (i.e. analogously) and not in a univocal way because we are not God and not in a equivocal way because there is some similarity (i.e.: we are moral and Yahweh God is moral, etc.). And because of this similarity but difference we use what is called the principle of intrinsic attribution - meaning we can predicate that which is intrinsic to us about Yahweh God, but the way in which this is predicated is different (finite or infinite). For example, Yahweh God (subject) is moral (predicate). In this example the predicate (moral) is predicated in an infinite way. While for us – humans (subject) are moral (predicate) the predicate is predicated in in finite/limited/dependent way because we are not necessary being (i.e.: we could cease to be, we don't have to be, etc.). [Typically in English Bibles in the Old Testament, uppercase LORD is used for Yahweh (the name of God) and Lord is used for Adonai (the title of Lord).]



Section #1: "All Authority"

YAHWEH God is One God that is Three Persons (The Trinity)

YAHWEH GOD

There is Only One True God

"I am Yahweh and there is no other, apart from me there is no God"-Isaiah 45:5 (see also Isaiah 43:10-13)

"I am the First and I am the Last; apart from me there is no God"-Isaiah 44:6 (see also Isaiah 48:12)

Yahweh is the Only True God's Name

"I am Yahweh; that is my name!"-Isaiah 42:8 (also Exodus 3)

"I am Yahweh, the God of all mankind"-Jeremiah 32:26

"Yahweh is God"-Psalm 100:3

We are to Love the One True God

"Yahweh our God, Yahweh is One. Love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." -Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (see also Matt. 22:37-40)

Yahweh is the Creator & Sustainer of All that has Being

"This is what Yahweh, your Redeemer who formed you from the womb, says: I am Yahweh, who made everything"-Is.44:24

"Yahweh God made the earth and the heavens."-Gen. 2:4

"God, who gives life to all things"-1 Tim.6:13

"The God who made the world and everything in it—He is Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in shrines made by hands. Neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives everyone life and breath and all things . . . He is not far from each one of us. For in Him we live and move and have our being." -Acts 17:24-28

Yahweh Alone is Worthy of Worship

"I am Yahweh, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another or My praise to idols." -Isaiah 42:8

"I am Yahweh, and there is no other. I have not spoken in secret . . . I, Yahweh, speak the truth; I declare what is right. Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations. Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood, who pray to gods that cannot save. Declare what is to be, present it—let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, Yahweh? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but Me. Turn to me and be saved . . . for I am God, and there is no other . . . Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear." -Isaiah 45:18-25

THE SON IS GOD

Our sin separated us from Yahweh God; therefore, the Son added a Human Nature, Jesus which means "Yahweh saves" (Matt.1:21). He lived the perfect life, and died on the cross as a perfect atoning sacrifice for our sin, and the perfect demonstration of Yahweh God's love and justice (Jn. 3:16, Rom. 3:26, etc.), and rose again demonstrating that the Son is God. That is why He has the title of Immanuel/"God with us"(Matt.1:23)

"Jesus Christ, the Son of God"-Mark 1:1 (2 Cor. 1:19)

"Christ Jesus: who, existing in very nature God . . . assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of men. And when He had come as a man in His external form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death— even to death on a cross . . . so that at the name of Jesus [Yahweh Saves] every knee will bow . . . and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord"-Phil. 2:5-11

"Before Abraham came into being, I AM."-Jesus, John 8:58 (Ex.3:14)

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."-Jesus, Rev.22:13

"I am with you always"-Jesus, Matt. 28:20

"Our God and Savior Jesus Christ"-2 Peter 1:1

"Thomas answered and said to Him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Because you have seen Me, have you believed?'

Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed." -John 20:28-29 (John 1:1-14,17-18; Col. 1:15-17; Heb. 13:8, etc.)

Yahweh is the Only Savior

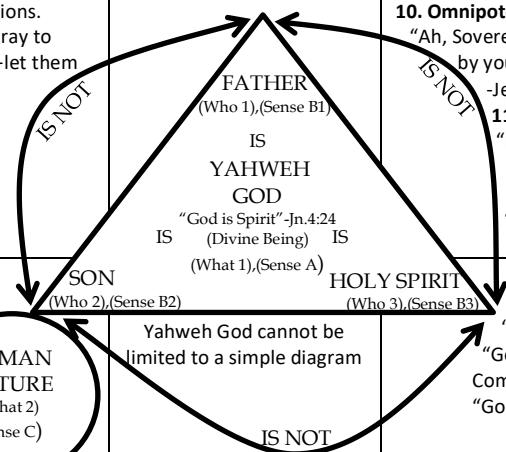
"God also said to Moses, 'Say to the Israelites, 'Yahweh, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation." -Exodus 3:15

"I am Yahweh and apart from me there is no savior." -Isaiah 43:11

Yahweh is One God (What 1)

Yahweh is Three Persons (Who 1, Who 2, Who 3)

"the name [*singular not plural*, What 1] of the Father [Who 1] and the Son [Who 2] and of the Holy Spirit [Who 3]" -Matt.28:19
(see Deut. 6:4; Romans 1:1-5; 3 John 7; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 1:17; Col. 1:12-14; John 1:1-18; 2 John 9; John 14-17, etc.)



IS NOT

FATHER (Who 1),(Sense B1)
IS
YAHWEH
GOD
IS
HOLY SPIRIT (Who 3),(Sense B3)
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(What 1),(Sense A)

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Yahweh God cannot be limited to a simple diagram

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YAHWEH IS . . .

"For since the creation of the world

God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse." -Romans 1:19-20

1. Necessary (must be, has to be, cannot not be) Being (that which is)

"I AM"-Exodus 3:14 (Jn. 8:58, Rev 4:11, Col.1:16-17, Acts 17:28, etc.)

2. Immutable (unchanging)

"For I, Yahweh, do not change"-Malachi 3:6 (Heb. 6:17-18, etc.)

3. Non-temporal (not limited by time, eternal)

"The eternal God"-Deut. 33:27 (Romans 1:20, Romans 16:26, etc.)

4. Non-spatial (not limited by space, infinite, unlimited)

"God is Spirit"-John 4:24

"God's invisible qualities"-Romans 1:20 (1 Tim.1:17, 6:16, etc.)

5. Pure Actuality (perfect, no potentiality whatsoever)

"Yahweh, the Most High"-Psalm 7:17

"Immortal [incorruptible] God"-Romans 1:23 (1 Tim.1:17, etc.)

6. One (there is no other)

"I am Yahweh and there is no other, apart from me there is no God" -Isaiah 45:5 (Isaiah 43:10-13, 1 Tim.1:17 etc.)

7. Uncause

"I am the First and I am the Last; apart from me there is no God" -Isaiah 44:6 (Exodus 3:14, etc.)

8. Omnipresent (all present) Uncause First cause of all that has being/given being/came to be/being given being, etc. "Our Lord and God . . . you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." -Rev.4:11(Acts 17:24-28; Is. 66:2, etc.)

9. Omniscient (all-knowing)

"God is greater than our hearts and knows all things." -1 Jn.3:20 (Rom. 11:33, Matt. 6:8, 10:30, Isaiah 42:5-9, 44:6-8, etc.)

10. Omnipotent (unlimited in power, all powerful)

"Ah, Sovereign Yahweh, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power . . . Nothing is too hard for you." -Jer. 32:17 (Rev. 11:17, 15:3, etc.)

11. Omnipotency (infinitely good, all good)

"Praise Yahweh Almighty, for Yahweh is good; His love endures forever." -Jer. 33:11 (Eph. 3:16-21, etc.)

12. Personal

"God is love"-1 John 4:8&16 (Matt. 5:45, John 3:16, Exodus 3:1-20, 1 Peter 5:7, etc.)

THE FATHER IS GOD

"who are loved by God the Father"-Jude 1b

"God our Father" -2 Cor.1:2 & 1 Cor.1:13

"God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Compassion and the God of all comfort." -2 Cor. 1:13

"God the Father"-Phil 2:1, etc.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

"The Spirit gives gifts as He determines"-1 Cor. 12:11

"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit"-Eph. 4:30 (Isaiah 63:10)

"The Counselor, the Holy Spirit"-John 14:26

"No prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God." -2 Peter 1:21, etc.

THE FATHER IS NOT THE SON, THE SON IS NOT THE HOLY SPIRIT, ETC.

"Set apart for the gospel of God—the gospel He [The Father] promised beforehand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding His Son [The Son], who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through The Spirit of Holiness [The Holy Spirit] was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the nations to the obedience that comes from faith." -Romans 1:1-5 (see John 14-17, Eph. 3:14-21, etc.)



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YAHWEH is

Yahweh is necessary being/immutable/non-temporal/non-spatial/pure actuality/one/unc caused/omnipresent first cause/omniscient/ omnipotent/omnibenevolent/personal

1. Necessary (must be, has to be, cannot not be) Being (that which is)²

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"Before Abraham came into being, I AM."—Jesus, John 8:58

"By your will they were created and have their being."—Rev.4:11

"For in Him we live and move and exist"—Acts 17:28

"For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."—Col.1:16-17

"Has life in Himself"—John 5:26, etc.

2. Immutable (unchanging)

"For I, Yahweh, do not change"—Malachi 3:6

"But You are the same."—Psalm 102:27

"whom there is no variation or shadow turnings."—James 1:17

"God wanted to make the unchanging nature of His purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, He confirmed it with an oath.¹⁸ God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged."—Heb. 6:17-18

"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent; has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"—Numbers 23:19, etc.

3. Non-temporal (not limited by time, eternal)

"The eternal God"—Deuteronomy 33:27

"eternal power"—Romans 1:20

"eternal God"—Romans 16:26, etc.

² **Note #2:** Yahweh God is Necessary (must be, has to be, cannot not be) Being (that which is; "I" = essence/that which-ness; "AM" = existence/is-ness) and because Yahweh's Essence is completely identical to Yahweh's Existence; therefore, Yahweh is a Necessary Being and in contrast we have a finite/dependent/limited being (that which is) because we could cease to be/do not have to be/etc. **Note #3 [also see Note #1 on page 4]:** because Yahweh God is in a category of one (there is no other necessary being) and because we are finite/limited/dependent beings who are being given there being [i.e.: Yahweh God is Necessary (must be, has to be, cannot not be) Being (that which is) and we have our finite being (that which is)] we must speak about Yahweh God by analogy (John 3:12-13, see "Note #1" for additional scripture references). For example, we are moral in a finite way and Yahweh God is moral in an infinite way. To clarify further, there are different ways that we can speak about something or know something. We can know something univocally (meaning in a one to one correspondence – a completely similar way). We can know something equivocally (meaning in a completely different way). Or we can know something analogously (in a similar but different way). When it comes to knowing and speaking about Yahweh God because we are finite/limited/dependent beings, etc. and Yahweh God is in a category of one as a necessary being then we must know Yahweh God in a similar but different way (i.e. analogously) and not in a univocal way because we are not God and not in an equivocal way because there is some similarity (i.e.: we are moral and Yahweh God is moral, etc.). And because of this similarity but difference we use what is called the principle of intrinsic attribution - meaning we can predicate that which is intrinsic to us about Yahweh God, but the way in which this is predicated is different (finite or infinite). For example, Yahweh God (subject) is moral (predicate). In this example the predicate (moral) is predicated in an infinite way. While for us – humans (subject) are moral (predicate) the predicate is predicated in a finite/limited/dependent way because we are not necessary being (i.e.: we could cease to be, we don't have to be, etc.).



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4. Non-spatial (not limited by space, infinite, unlimited)

"God is Spirit" –John 4:24

"God's invisible qualities"-Romans 1:20

"The King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God." -1 Tim.1:17, etc.

5. Pure Actuality (perfect, no potentiality whatsoever)

"Yahweh, the Most High"-Psalm 7:17

"Immortal [incorruptible] God"-Romans 1:23

"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."
-1 Tim.1:17, etc.

6. One (there is no other)

"I am Yahweh and there is no other, apart from me there is no God." –Isaiah 45:5

"You are my witnesses," declares Yahweh, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. ¹¹ I, even I, am Yahweh, and apart from me there is no savior. ¹² I have revealed and saved and proclaimed— I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares Yahweh, "that I am God. ¹³ Yes, and from ancient days I am He. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?" –Isaiah 43:10-13

"Hear, O Israel: Yahweh our God, Yahweh is One." –Deuteronomy 6:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.' –Luke 4:8 (Deut. 6:13)

"The Only God." -1 Timothy 1:17, etc.

7. Uncaused

"I am the First and I am the Last; apart from me there is no God" –Isaiah 44:24

"I AM" –Exodus 3:14

"Before Abraham came into being, I AM." –Jesus, John 8:58, etc.

8. Omnipresent (all present) Uncaused First cause of all that has being/given being/came to be/being given being, etc.

"This is what Yahweh, your Redeemer who formed you from the womb, says: I am Yahweh, who made everything" –Isaiah 44:24

"God, who gives life to all things" –1 Tim.6:13

"The God who made the world and everything in it—He is Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in shrines made by hands. Neither is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives everyone life and breath and all things . . . He is not far from each one of us. For in Him we live and move and have our being." –Acts 17:24-28

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." –Rev.4:11

"For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." –Colossians 1:16-17

"Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares Yahweh. "–Isaiah 66:2

"Can anyone hide from me in a secret place? Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?" says Yahweh.
-Jeremiah 23:24, etc.



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9. Omnipotent (all-powerful)

"God is greater than our hearts and knows all things." -John 21:17

"Lord, You know all things." -John 21:17

"Great is our Lord, and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite." -Psalm 147:5

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," declares Yahweh.⁹ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts." -Isaiah 55:8-9

"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God!

How unsearchable His judgments and untraceable His ways!

For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?

Or who has ever first given to Him, and has to be repaid?

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

To Him be the glory forever. Amen." -Romans 11:33-36

"knows what you need before you ask" -Matthew 6:8

"I am Yahweh; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you." -Isaiah 42:8-9

"Thus says Yahweh, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, Yahweh Almighty: 'I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me. Who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it; yes, let him recount it to Me in order, from the time that I established the ancient nation. And let them declare to them the things that are coming and the events that are going to take place.⁸ 'Do not tremble and do not be afraid; have I not long since announced it to you and declared it? and you are My witnesses. Is there any God besides Me, or is there any other Rock? I know of none. I am Yahweh, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to graven images.⁹ All who make idols are nothing, and the things they treasure are worthless. Those who would speak up for them are blind; they are ignorant, to their own shame.¹⁰ Who shapes a god and casts an idol, which can profit him nothing?¹¹ He and his kind will be put to shame; craftsmen are nothing but men. Let them all come together and take their stand; they will be brought down to terror and infamy.¹² The blacksmith takes a tool and works with it in the coals; he shapes an idol with hammers, he forges it with the might of his arm. He gets hungry and loses his strength; he drinks no water and grows faint.¹³ The carpenter measures with a line and makes an outline with a marker; he roughs it out with chisels and marks it with compasses. He shapes it in the form of man, of man in all his glory, that it may dwell in a shrine.¹⁴ He cut down cedars, or perhaps took a cypress or oak. He let it grow among the trees of the forest, or planted a pine, and the rain made it grow.¹⁵ It is man's fuel for burning; some of it he takes and warms himself, he kindles a fire and bakes bread. But he also fashions a god and worships it; he makes an idol and bows down to it.¹⁶ Half of the wood he burns in the fire; over it he prepares his meal, he roasts his meat and eats his fill. He also warms himself and says, 'Ah! I am warm; I see the fire.'¹⁷ From the rest he makes a god, his idol; he bows down to it and worships. He prays to it and says, 'Save me; you are my god.'¹⁸ They know nothing, they understand nothing; their eyes are plastered over so they cannot see, and their minds closed so they cannot understand.¹⁹ No one stops to think, no one has the knowledge or understanding to say, 'Half of it I used for fuel; I even baked bread over its coals, I roasted meat and I ate. Shall I make a detestable thing from what is left? Shall I bow down to a block of wood?'²⁰ He feeds on ashes, a deluded heart misleads him; he cannot save himself, or say, 'Is not this thing in my right hand a lie?'²¹ Remember these things ... I have made you ... I will not forget you.²² I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."

-Isaiah 44:6-22



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9. Omnipotent (all-knowing) – continued

“Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Yahweh. ⁵ You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. ⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. ¹¹ If I say, ‘Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,’

¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. ¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,¹⁶ your eyes saw my unformed body.”-Psalm 139:4-16

“Yahweh, the Creator...there is no limit to His understanding.”-Isaiah 40:28

“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”-Hebrews 4:13, etc.

10. Omnipotent (unlimited in power, all powerful)

“Ah, Sovereign Yahweh, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power ... Nothing is too hard for you.”-Jeremiah 32:17

“Yes, and from ancient days I am He. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?”-Isaiah 43:13

“Lord God, the Almighty” -Rev.11:17

“Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages.”-Rev.15:3, etc.

11. Omnipotent (infinitely good, all good)

“Praise Yahweh Almighty, for Yahweh is good; His love endures forever.”-Jeremiah 33:11

“Yahweh is good” -Psalm 34:8

“Good and upright is Yahweh; therefore, He instructs sinners in the way.”-Psalm 25:8, etc.

12. Personal

“God is love”-1 John 4:8

“Yahweh said . . . ‘I know their sorrows’”-Exodus 3:7

“He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”-Matthew 5:45

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”-John 3:16

“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time,⁷ casting all your cares on Him, because He cares about you.”-1 Peter 5:6-7, etc.



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What is love?

"**This is how we know what love is:** Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And **we ought to lay down our lives** for our brothers."—1 John 3:16

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he **lay down his life** for his friends."—Jesus, John 15:12-13

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.⁹ By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.¹⁰ This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.¹² No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. [meaning we are being perfected if we love each other with the love that comes from God because we get to experience God's Perfect Love in us towards each other and towards God]¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.¹⁴ We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.¹⁶ We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.¹⁷ By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.¹⁹ We love, because He first loved us.²⁰ If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.²¹ And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also."—1 John 4:7-21

Therefore, based on these scriptures we can describe love the following way: *Love is the giving of one's personhood to another. Perfect Love is the perfect giving of one's complete personhood to another.* Yahweh God is Perfect Love. The Father is Yahweh God, the Son is Yahweh God, and the Holy Spirit is Yahweh God;³ therefore, each Person is perfectly giving of their complete Personhood to Each Other.

Yahweh God is Necessary (must be, has to be, cannot not be) Being (that which is) therefore Yahweh God is *not* dependent on anything. Furthermore, because Yahweh God is Necessary Being and is Perfect Love. As a result, Yahweh God must be more than one Person *prior* to creation; otherwise, Yahweh God would be dependent upon creation in-order to love. However, Yahweh God is *NOT* dependent on creation to love because Yahweh God is Necessary Being and is Perfect Love and is three Persons. As Jesus [The Son] stated to The Father: "You loved Me before the foundation of the world" (John 17:24).

Because Yahweh God is necessary being/immutable/non-temporal/non-spatial/pure actuality/one/uncoused/omnipresent first cause/omniscient/omnipotent/omnibenevolent/personal; therefore, each Person of Yahweh God is perfectly giving of their complete Personhood to each other perfectly. For Yahweh God is Perfect Love!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

"Satisfy us in the morning with **Your unfailing love**, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days."—Psalm 90:14

"Put your hope in Yahweh, for with Yahweh is **unfailing love** and with Him is full redemption."
-Psalm 130:7

"Give thanks to Yahweh, for He is good. **His love endures forever.**"—Psalm 136:1

³ Yahweh is One God (What 1) Yahweh is Three Persons (Who 1, Who 2, Who 3), "the name [*singular not plural*, What 1] of the Father [Who 1] and the Son [Who 2] and of the Holy Spirit [Who 3]"—Matt.28:19 (see also Romans 1:1-5, 3 John 7, 2 Cor. 13:14, Eph. 1:17, Col. 1:12-14, John 14-17, 2 John 9, John 14-17, etc.). See the section titled "YAHWEH GOD IS ONE GOD THAT IS THREE PERSONS" for scriptures showing the Father is Yahweh God, the Son is Yahweh God, and the Holy Spirit is Yahweh God and how this is NOT a contradiction.



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Because Yahweh God is necessary being/immutable/non-temporal/non-spatial/pure actuality/one/uncaused/omnipresent first cause/omniscient/omnipotent/omnibenevolent/personal. Therefore, Yahweh is Perfect Love/Perfect Goodness/Perfect Holiness/Perfect Righteousness/Perfect Truth/Perfect Wisdom/Perfectly Just/Perfect Joy/Perfect Peace/Perfect Kindness/Perfect Faithfulness/Perfect Patience/Perfect Grace/Perfect Mercy/Perfect Hope

Perfect Love

"God is love"-1 John 4:8&16, etc.

Perfect Goodness

"Yahweh is good"-Jer.33:11, etc.

Perfect Holiness

"Yahweh our God is holy"-Psalm 99:9, etc.

Perfect Righteousness

"He is righteous and true"-Deut. 32:4, etc.

Perfect Truth

"I am the Way and the Truth and the Life." -John 14:6, etc.

Perfect Wisdom

"The only wise God"-Romans 16:27, etc.

Perfectly Just

"All His ways are entirely just"-Deut. 3:4, etc.

Perfect Joy

"In Your presence is fullness of joy"-Psalm 16:11, etc.

Perfect Peace

"God himself, the God of peace"-1 Thessalonians 5:23, etc.

Perfect Kindness

"God's kindness leads you toward repentance"-Romans 2:4, etc.

Perfect Faithfulness

"God is faithful"- 1 Cor. 10:13, etc.

Perfect Patience

"He is patient" -2 Peter 3:9, etc.

Perfect Grace

"Yahweh your God is gracious and compassionate"-2 Chronicles 30:9, etc.

Perfect Mercy

"In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"-1 Peter 1:3, etc.

Perfect Hope

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"-Rom. 15:13, etc.

Therefore, Yahweh God is worthy of all worship and all our trust:

"They fell facedown ... and worshiped God,¹² saying: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen."-Rev. 7:11-12

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being,¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of

Christ,¹⁹ and to know [apprehend] this love that surpasses knowledge [comprehension]—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." -Ephesians 3:16-21



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How great is our God!

“Yahweh—**Yahweh is a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in faithful love and truth,**⁷ maintaining faithful love to a thousand generations, forgiving wrongdoing, rebellion, and sin. But He will not leave the guilty unpunished”—Exodus 34:6-7

“Therefore, **Yahweh longs to be gracious to you**, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the **Yahweh is a God of justice; how blessed are all those who long for Him.**”—Isaiah 30:18

“Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You.² I said to Yahweh, “**You are my Lord; I have no good besides You.**”...⁸ I have set Yahweh continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.¹¹ You will make known to me the path of life; **in Your presence is fullness of joy;** in Your right hand **there are pleasures forever.**”—Psalm 16:1-2,8,11

“**For I will proclaim Yahweh’s name. Declare the greatness of our God!** The Rock—His work is perfect; all His ways are entirely just. A faithful God, without prejudice, He is righteous and true.”—Deut. 3:3-4

“**Yahweh, the Creator...there is no limit to His understanding.**”—Isaiah 40:28

“Thus says **Yahweh God, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and its vegetation, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it,**⁶ “I am Yahweh, I have called You in righteousness, I will also hold You by the hand and watch over You, and I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations,⁷ To open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the dungeon and those who dwell in darkness from the prison.⁸ “I am Yahweh, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to graven images.⁹ “Behold, the former things have come to pass, now I declare new things; before they spring forth I proclaim them to you.”—Isaiah 42:5-9

The Good News is that Yahweh Saves!

Yahweh is

The Loving Creator,
The Ultimate Lord & King,
The Law Giver,
The Final Judge,
and The Only Savior!

“**I am Yahweh and apart from me there is no savior.**”—Isaiah 43:11

“Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the **eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth**—to every nation, tribe, language and people.⁷ He said in a loud voice, ‘**Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.**’”—Revelation 14:6-7

“He is the blessed and **only Sovereign, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords,**¹⁶ **the Only One who has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light; no one has seen or can see Him, to Him be honor and eternal might. Amen.**”—1 Timothy 6:15-16

“**Yahweh is our Judge, Yahweh is our Lawgiver, Yahweh is our King; He will save us**”—Isaiah 33:22

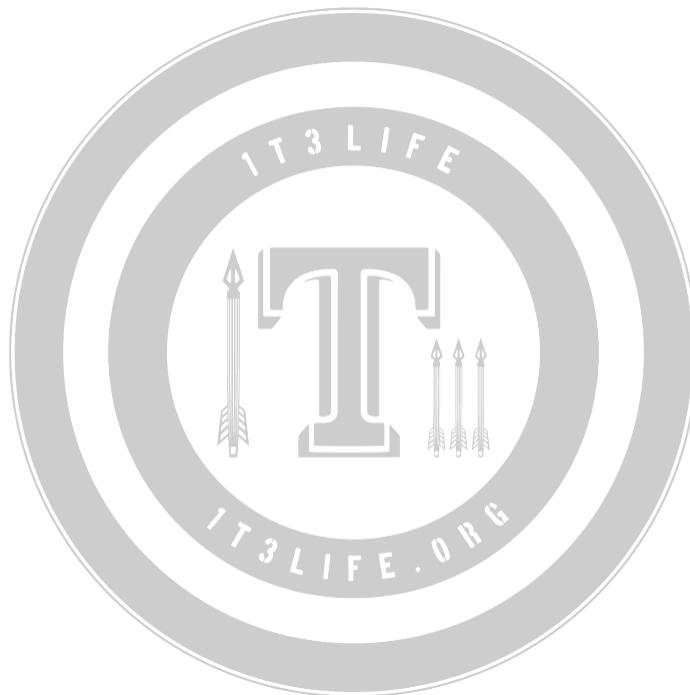


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For a more information on
the attributes of God
see the *free* PDF handout called:

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Section #2: “make disciples”

Jesus Christ has commanded his disciples to:
“Go, therefore, make disciples from all the nations,”

[Note: this is an IMPERATIVE COMMAND – MEANING: DO THIS!]

The first step in making disciples of Jesus Christ
is to share the good news about Jesus Christ.

The Gospel which means The Good News is that:

**Jesus Christ “died for our sins
according to the Scriptures,
he was buried,
and he was raised on the third day
according to the Scriptures.”**

-1 Corinthians 15:3-4

There are many different ways to share the gospel.

The following is one way to share it:

The memory aid map on the next two pages is
a detailed explanation from the Scriptures
to help you better understand
The Good News and how it is truly good news!

Note: The very next page – “The Good News” has been adapted and expanded upon
from the class Theology of the Gospel (originally developed by Jeff Dodge)

Located at 1T3Life.org is a PDF color version of the
The Gift of The Good News handout
located under the “The Good News” button.

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GOD

Loving Creator

"The God who made the world and everything in it"

-Acts 17:24a

The Ultimate Lord & King

"is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and

everything else."

-Acts 17:24b-25

The Law Giver & Final Judge

"In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

-Acts 17:30-31

THE PROBLEM

We Have All Broken God's Law by Our Sin

"No one is [essentially and perfectly morally] good—except God only. You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not witness falsely, honor your father and your mother."

- Jesus

Luke 18:19b-20

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment."

- Jesus

Matthew 5:21-22a

"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." - Jesus

Matthew 5:27-28

"For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander." - Jesus

Matthew 15:19

US

Willfully Ignorant

"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be

known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – His eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."

-Romans 1:18-20

Passionately Rebellious

"For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became

futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles."

-Romans 1:21-23

Condemned to Death

"But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when His righteous judgment will be revealed."

-Romans 2:5

THE GOOD NEWS

Solution - God Paid The Penalty for Our Sin

Jesus Christ "died for our sins according to the Scriptures, he was buried, and he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

-1 Corinthians 15:3-4

"God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

-Romans 5:8

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

-2 Corinthians 5:21

"God did this to demonstrate His justice . . . so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus."

-Romans 3:25b-26

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son." - Jesus

-John 3:16-21

Repent & Believe

"The time has come," Jesus said.

"The kingdom of God is near.

Repent and believe the good news!"

-Mark 1:15

DECISION

Refuse It & Perish

"But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

- Jesus

Luke 13:5

HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

-John 3:36

(2) "The time has come," Jesus said.

"It is appointed for people to die once – and after this, judgment." -Hebrews 9:27

"For God says: 'In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.' I tell you now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

-2 Corinthians 6:1-2

(3) "Repent and believe the good news!"

How do you receive the gift of eternal life?

Repent (turn away from your sin)

Say aloud to God, "God have mercy on me – a sinner. Jesus Christ, I turn away from my sin." (Luke 18:13)

Believe (trust in the Lord Jesus Christ)

Say aloud to God, "Jesus is Lord! Jesus Christ, I believe that you died for my sins, that you were buried, and that you were raised from the dead. I trust in you now as my Lord and Savior. Thank you for saving me from the judgement for my sins and thank you for giving me the gift of eternal life." (Romans 10:9-10, John 9:38, 1 Corinthians 15:3, Romans 6:23)

As the Scriptures state:

"If you confess with your mouth that 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

-Romans 10:9-10

(4) The Gift of God is Eternal Life

"For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

-Romans 6:23

"We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Anyone who does not believe God has made Him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about His Son. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. **I write these to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life."**

-1 John 5:9-13

(5) What's Next?

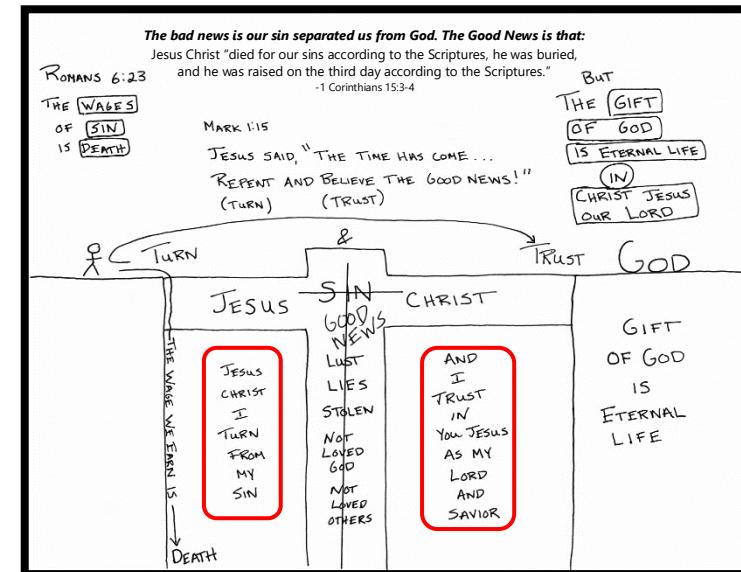
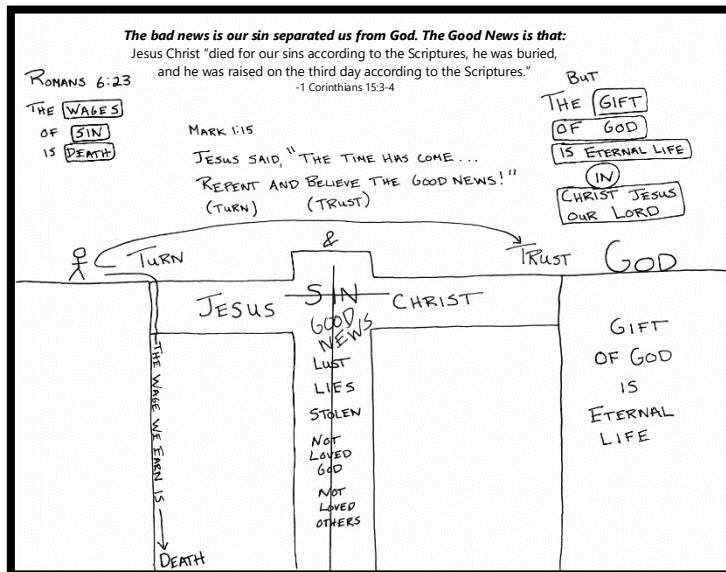
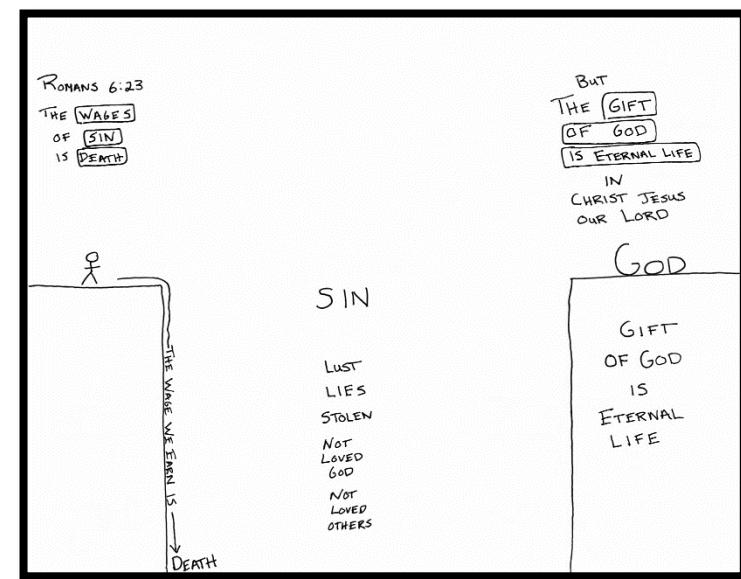
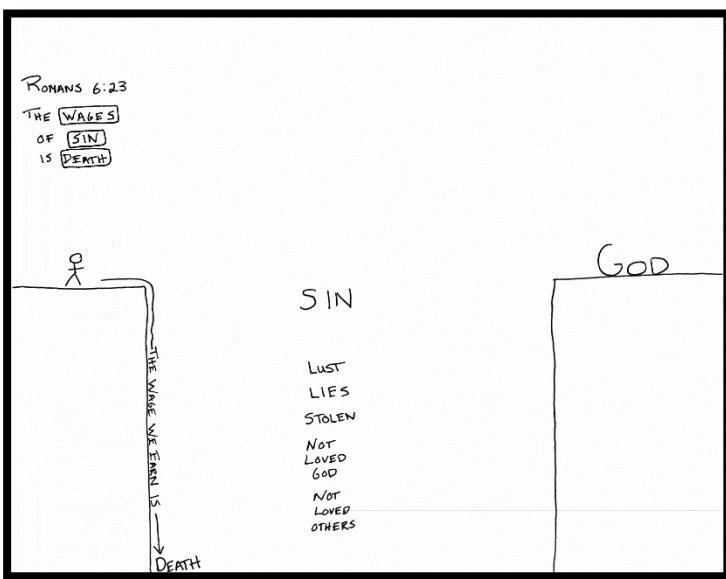
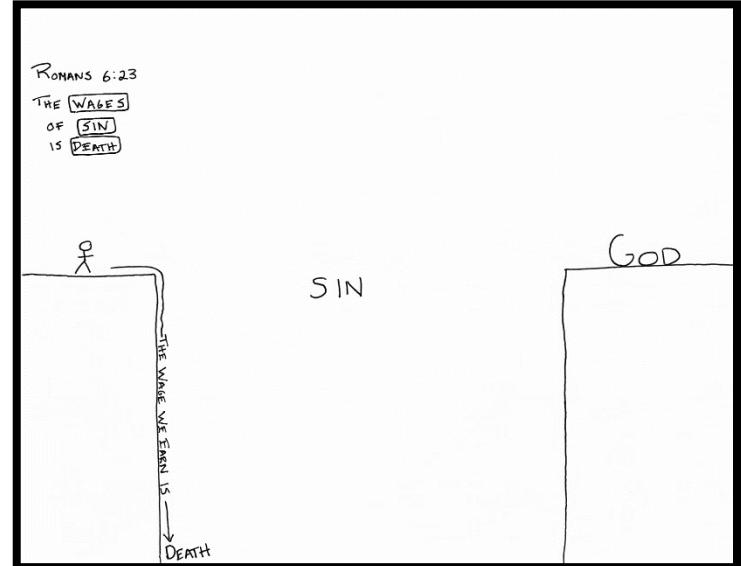
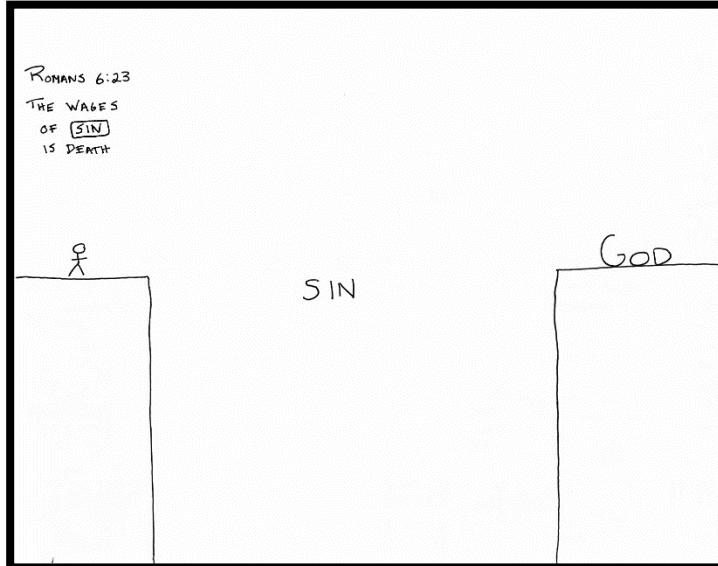
Experience the joy of knowing God and growing in your relationship with God and with God's family/the church. Obey the Lord Jesus by following His example and being baptized. Ask the Lord Jesus to teach you. Read and obey the Scriptures. Tell others the good news. Live for the Lord Jesus.

"Those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him
who died for them and was raised again."

-2 Corinthians 5:15b

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The first step in making disciples of Jesus Christ is to share the good news. The following is one way to share the good news:





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What is the Christian life about?

It is only through Jesus Christ! Jesus' Method. Jesus' Motivation. Jesus' Mission.



Feeding
Trough,
Cross,
Empty
Tomb,
Crown,
Only
Way

It is only through Jesus Christ! He is both fully God and the perfect human. Jesus Christ is *The Good News* - The Savior King - born of a virgin, died for our sins on the cross, buried in a tomb, and resurrected on the third day.

"The time has come," Jesus said.

"The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" - Mark 1:15

"I am The Way, and The Truth, and The Life;
no one comes to the Father but through Me."

- Jesus, John 14:6



Yoke,
Clean
Water

Jesus' Method:

Come to Jesus. Be Yoked to Jesus. Learn from Jesus through God's Word.

"Come to Me,

all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take My Yoke upon you

and

Learn from Me,

for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

For My Yoke is easy and My burden is light."

- Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30

"Sanctify [spiritually wash] them by the Truth; Your Word is Truth." - Jesus, John 17:17



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Jesus' Motivation:

Love the LORD and others as Jesus did.

- (a) Love the LORD: "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." - Jesus, Mark 12:30
- (b) Love the Church: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." - Jesus, John 13:34-35
- (c) Love your neighbor: "Love your neighbor as yourself." - Jesus, Matthew 22:39
- (d) Love your enemies: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." - Jesus, Luke 6:27-28
- (e) By obeying God's Word: "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor [the Holy Spirit] to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of Truth. The world is unable to receive Him because it doesn't see Him or know Him. But you do know Him, because He remains with you and will be in you." - Jesus, John 14:15-17



Lifebuoy

Jesus' Mission:

Make disciples of Jesus that make disciples of Jesus

(in the home, in the church, and in the world).

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, make disciples from all the nations,

[note: the first step in making disciples is sharing the good news]

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20



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What is a disciple of Jesus Christ?

In Matthew 4:19 Jesus Christ states:

**“Come, follow me,
and
I will make you
fishers of people.”**

- A.** Come, follow me – A disciple of Jesus Christ the Savior King is one who has come to Jesus and **repented of their sins and trusted in Jesus Christ alone as their Lord (God) and Savior**. Christ is **the only Master Leader and Master Teacher whom they follow** (Mt. 16:24-26; 23:8-12).
- B.** I will make you fishers of people – A disciple of Jesus Christ while being transformed by Jesus Christ is on mission with Jesus Christ to make disciples of Jesus Christ who make disciples of Jesus Christ (in the home, in the church, and in the world).

Simply stated: A disciple is one who *comes to Jesus Christ the Savior King, follows Him, and is transformed by Him as they make disciples of Jesus Christ with Him.*

To better understand what a disciple is, begin by reading through the book of Matthew in the Bible (try to read at least two chapters a day) and ask two questions as you read:

1. What does this say about Jesus Christ?

2. What does this say about being a disciple of Jesus Christ?



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What is required of a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ is now your amazing Savior King and being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires your whole life and every aspect of your life. It requires a willingness to do whatever Jesus Christ directs you to do from The Scriptures and it requires a willingness to go wherever He would direct you to go.

Be encouraged for Jesus Christ is worth everything!

As Jesus Christ stated:

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

– Jesus, Matthew 16:24-26

Be encouraged for Jesus Christ carries your burdens:

“Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My Yoke upon you and Learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My Yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

- Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30

Be encouraged for Jesus Christ is with you always:

“And behold I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- Jesus, Matthew 28:20



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Be encouraged for Jesus Christ is your friend:

**“I tell you, My friends,
do not fear those who can kill the body,
and after that have nothing more that they can do.**

**I will show you whom you should fear:
Fear the One who, after He kills, has authority
to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear this One!**

**Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies?
And not one of them is forgotten before God.**

**In fact, even the hairs of your head are all numbered.
Do not fear; you are worth more than many sparrows . . .**

**And when they bring you before . . . the rulers and the
authorities, do not become anxious about how
or what you should speak in your defense,
or what you should say;**

**for the Holy Spirit will teach you
in that very hour what you ought to say.”**

– Jesus, Luke 12:4-6, 11



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How to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ gives us a summary description of how to be a disciple in His brilliant unified teaching called *The Sermon on The Mount* in the book of Matthew in chapters five through seven.

At the end of The Sermon on the Mount Jesus states that:

“Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

– Jesus, Matthew 7:24-27

Therefore, take some time and read and continue to re-read *The Sermon on the Mount* over and over again while each time asking the Lord to teach you to “hear” what He is saying and how to put what He is teaching “into practice.” Take note of how *The Sermon on the Mount* deals with the subject of Kingdom Righteousness.

Kingdom Righteousness is about relationships. It is about being full of “rightness” – meaning being in a right *relationship* with God (both positionally and practically) and in a right relationship with others. Jesus Christ has made us permanently *positionally* right with God (*justification*). *Practically*, we can still sin; therefore, because righteousness equals being in a right relationship with God plus a right relationship with others, in order to love God and others we must be in a right relationship with both. This involves being *sanctified* by God.



Intentionally Remember – John 13:34-35

**“Love one another.
As I have loved you,
so you must love
one another.
By this all men will know
that you are my disciples,
if you love one another.”
–Jesus, John 13:34-35**



"Love each other as I have loved you." -Jesus, John 15:12
 "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us" -1 John 3:16



Jesus said we are to love God and love Others (Mark 12:30-31), but why don't we love?

The Goal - Love: "The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." -1 Tim.1:5

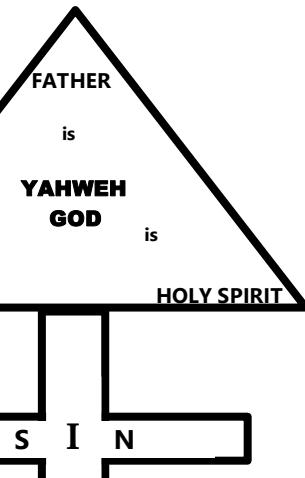
God's Perfect Love → Pure Heart & Clear Conscience & Sincere Faith/Trust → Perfect love → Drives out Fear
 (1 John 4:16-19) (Affections/Emotions) (Mind) (Will) (1 John 4:16-19) (1 John 4:16-19)

The Rejection of this is a Shipwrecked Life: "Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked" -1 Tim. 1:19

Bitterness/Blame/Impurity &/or Guilty conscience/Lies Believed &/or Stubbornness/Rebellion/Pride → Shipwrecked

(1) YAHWEH GOD IS PERFECT LOVE.

Each person of the Trinity is perfectly giving of their complete personhood to each other (John 14:17, 1 John, etc.).



(2) Our sin separated us

from Yahweh God, therefore, the Son added a Human Nature, Jesus which means "Yahweh saves." Jesus lived the perfect life and died on the cross as a perfect sacrifice for our sin and the perfect demonstration of Yahweh God's love & justice (Rom. 6:26, etc.)

(3) YAHWEH GOD calls each of us to:

(A) Repent (turn from your sin & pride)
 &

(B) Trust in Jesus Christ as your Lord & Savior
 (Mark 1:15, Rom. 10:9-13, etc.)

(4) Then we become

"born again" and have the Holy Spirit in us as a "deposit guaranteeing" our salvation. We are declared permanently positionally right with Yahweh God (John 3, Eph.1:13, Rom. 5:1, etc.).

(5) Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would be

"living water" flowing out of us. It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we can express "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (John 7:38, Gal. 5:22, etc.)

(6) YAHWEH GOD made us to love fully:

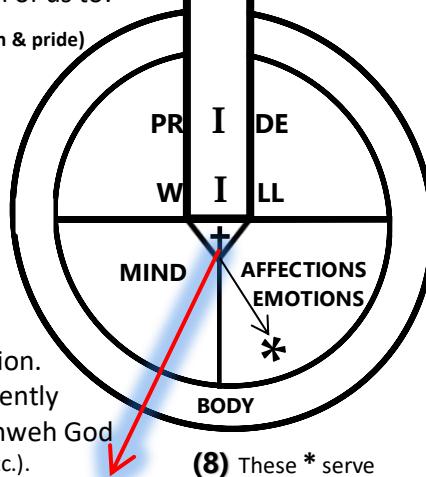
SOUL (Will, Mind, Affections/Emotions)

Affections/Emotions: that with which we desire and express passion

Mind: that with which we think, reason, etc.

Will: that with which we trust & act

BODY – that with which we hear, smell, see, taste, touch



(8) These * serve as targets for the Enemy to shoot flaming darts/arrows at you and accuse you (Eph. 6:16).

(7) Even though you are permanently declared positionally right with God and are a new creation (2 Cor 5:17) you can still "grieve the Holy Spirit"/stop the "flow of living water" and therefore you are unable to love. You are then shipwrecked/imprisoned in your soul (1 Tim 1:5,19 & Matt. 18:31-35) & strongholds develop in your:

1. Affections/Emotions: Bitterness/Blame/Impurity

"Get rid of all bitterness, rage"- Eph. 4:31, Matt. 18:31-35

2. Mind: Guilty Conscience/Lies Believed

"He who conceals his sins does not prosper"-Prov. 28:13

3. Will: Stubbornness/Rebellion/Pride

"God opposes the proud" –James 4:6

4. Body: Body used in ungodly/unholy way/s

"Do not offer the parts of your body to sin"–Romans 6:13

(11) Pray for Yahweh God's love & power for His glory:

"I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

(10) Thank Yahweh God for:

Mercy ("undeserved forgiveness"), **Grace** ("unmerited favor, God giving the desire & power to respond like Jesus no matter what happens"), & **Joy** ("giving God the glory in all situations") (1 Thes. 5:16, etc.)

(9) The Solution: "Submit yourself to God"-James 4:7

(a) Ask God to reveal any past & present bitterness, etc.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me, and know my thoughts, and see if a grievous way be in me, and lead me in the everlasting way!"-Ps.139:23-24

(b) Repent/Turn from the idol of "I" and Trust in Jesus

"Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in Him"-Col 2:6

Put Off All (Eph. 4:5)	Put On (Col. 3, Gal. 5, Rom. 6, 13)
Bitterness/Blame/Impurity	Forgive as Christ forgave you, Purity
Guilty conscience/Lies	Speaking Truth
Believed/False Ideas Believed	& Believing the Truth
Stubbornness/Rebellion/Pride	Submission to God, True Trust
Body used in ungodly way	Body given to God

Note: Any bitterness, etc. towards someone or some event (both past and present) is ultimately bitterness, etc. towards God (see 1 John 4:20 & Gen. 50:19-21).

Example: "Lord I repent of my bitterness towards you Lord that you allowed _____ and my bitterness towards _____. It is sin of me to desire this way towards you Lord and towards this person. Lord forgive me. Lord I turn from this and I trust in you. I will forgive as you forgave me."

(c) Then Obey the scriptures & get right with others.

Example: "I sinned against God & you when I _____ (state specific sin/s) will you please forgive me?"(Matt. 5-7, Rom. 12:17-19, Acts. 24:16, etc.)

"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."
 -Eph. 4:29-32



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Turning From Pride – So That We Can Love Others As Jesus Did

If you are born again you have a real person living in you—the Holy Spirit and even though you are permanently declared positionally right with God [past, present, and future], are a new creation, and are dead to sin, you can still “grieve the Holy Spirit”/stop the “flow of living water” and therefore you are unable to love. You are then shipwrecked/imprisoned in your soul (Eph. 4:29-32, 1 Tim 1:5,19 & Matt. 18:21-35, etc.) & strongholds develop (Acts 8:22-23, etc.).

The Solution: “Submit yourself to God”-James 4:7

Ask God to reveal any past and present hurts, bitterness, guilt, stubbornness, pride, etc.

There are *many ways* that God can reveal the hurts, bitterness, guilt, stubbornness, pride, etc. of our past or present. One way is to find a field, a long hallway, or some stair steps and for each step ask God to reveal any bitterness, guilt, stubbornness, etc. that you have towards Him or towards others for each year of your life. NOTE: 1) Our past does NOT cause us to act in the present. Our past can influence us but NOT cause us to act. We sin because we choose to sin. 2) We are new creations in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17) therefore, sin is NOT our Master, the Lord is our Master, 3) it is God who reveals our sin and convicts us of sin NOT ourselves.

Pray: “Search me, O God, and know my heart, try me, and know my thoughts, and see if a grievous way be in me, and lead me in the everlasting way!”-Psalm 139:23-24

An Example (each step represents a year of life):

“Lord I am willing to turn from my sins and my lies, and be healed of my hurts”

Note: If God does not bring anything to mind move on to the next step.

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		6	God at age 6 show me . . .	
	5	God show me any wounds, hurts, bitterness, sins, etc. from age 5 towards you or others.		
	4	God show me any wounds, hurts, bitterness, etc. from age 4 towards you or others.		
	3	God reveal any bitterness, etc. towards you about the place I was born, etc.		
1	2	God reveal any bitterness, etc. towards you about the family you gave me, etc.		
0	God reveal any bitterness, guilt, stubbornness, etc. towards you that I was conceived and put on the earth.			

Note: Any bitterness, etc. towards someone or some event (both past & present) is ultimately bitterness, etc. towards God (see 1 John 4:20 and Gen. 50:19-21).

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”—Romans 8:28

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Example prayer towards God: “Thank You, Lord, for showing this to me! Lord, I REPENT of my bitterness towards You, Lord, that You allowed _____ to happen in my life. It is WRONG of me to feel this way towards You, Lord. Lord, forgive me for my bitterness, guilt, and stubbornness towards You for allowing this. I turn from this and I turn to You, Jesus. *Thank You, God, that You allowed this event to happen in my life! I thank You that You work out all things for my good (Romans 8:28)!* Lord, is there anything else that You want me to know about this event in my life?”

Example prayer to God about people: “Thank You, Lord, for showing this to me! Lord, I REPENT of my bitterness towards You, Lord, that You allowed _____ (person’s name) to do _____ to me. Lord, I repent of my bitterness, etc. towards _____ (person’s name). It is WRONG of me to feel this way towards You, Lord, and towards this person. Lord, forgive me. I turn from this and I turn to You, Jesus. I will forgive _____ as You forgave me (Eph.4:32).”

Example prayer to God about your sins: “Thank You, Lord, for showing this to me! Lord, I REPENT of my stubbornness towards You, Lord, when I sinned against You by _____. Lord, I repent of my sin towards You and towards _____. It was WRONG of me to act in this way towards You, Lord, and towards this person. Lord, forgive me. I turn from this and I turn to You, Jesus. I am willing to get right with this person as You, Lord, direct me in Your word.” (see Matt. 5-7, Rom. 12:17-21, Acts. 24:16, etc.)

Then **OBEY** the Scriptures and get right with others, as God directs you through His Word to have a clear conscience with others, etc.

Example: “I sinned against God and you when I _____ (state specific sin/s). It was very wrong and disrespectful of me when I sinned against you in this way. Will you please forgive me?”

Note: When we sin against people it is an act of our will and not a mistake. Typically, we say “sorry” when we make a mistake. Therefore, it is important when seeking forgiveness of others that we identify what we did and then accept responsibility by stating that you sinned against them. Also, individuals will often dismiss it as “no big deal” or “that was a long time ago” but it is important to make it clear that you did wrong them and that you did sin against them. In addition, avoid the word “if” (e.g.: “if I sinned against you”), this is similar to “sorry”.

Note: you will continue to get right with God and others throughout your life.



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How to Resolve Conflict Biblically

Put a muzzle on your mouth.

"A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control." -Proverbs 29:11

"A fool shows his annoyance at once, but a prudent man overlooks an insult." -Proverbs 12:16

"I said, 'I will watch my ways and **keep my tongue from sin; I will put a muzzle on my mouth**' -Psalm 39:1

Get right with God and humble yourself.

"All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.'" -1 Peter 5:5

"But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.'⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.⁹ Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom.¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."
James 4:6-10

Forgive as Christ forgave you and keep forgiving as Christ forgave you until you see them with pity and compassion.

"So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.¹⁴ Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful." -Colossians 3:12-15

"forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." -Ephesians 4:32

Do not let the sun go down on your anger.

"Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE OF YOU WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another. BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger,²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity." -Ephesians 4:25-27

Let no bitter root grow up.

"Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. **15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.**" -Hebrews 12:14-15

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit and get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, brawling and slander, etc.

"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." -Ephesians 4:29-32

Wisdom of the world is NEVER wisdom from God and therefore only wisdom from God should be followed

"Now if any of you lacks **wisdom**, he should ask God, who gives generously" -James 1:5

"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.¹⁵ Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil.¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.¹⁷ But **the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.**¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness." -James 3:13-18

Take the log out of your own eye first. Lead by example by seeing how fast you can humble yourself and seek forgiveness by stating how you specifically sinned against the other person. Example: "I have sinned against God and you and I wronged you when _____ (state specific sin). Will you please forgive me?"

"Why do you look at the **speck** of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the **plank** in your own eye?⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." -Matthew 7:3-5

Gently, kindly, and courageously call out sin as sin. Example: "It is sinful to speak in that way. It dishonors God and me."

"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.³ If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself . . .⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.⁸ The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." -Galatians 6:1-10

"Better is open rebuke than hidden love.⁶ Wounds from a friend can be trusted." -Proverbs 27:5-6a

Labor in prayer for each other.

"He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured." -Colossians 4:12

See other true believers as Christ sees them—pure and blameless—glorified in His presence.

"**love keeps no records of wrongs, it always protects, it always trusts, it always hopes, it always perseveres.**" -1 Corinthians 13:7

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified." -Romans 8:28-30



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God's ways are always best and not following them as God said to is sin!

Judging Others

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ²For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." ³Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and **pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?**

⁴How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time **there is a plank in your own eye?** ⁵You **hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.** ⁶Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces." -Matthew 7:1-6

Ponder: Lord, how am I being hypocritical Lord? What plank do I (by your grace) need to have removed so that I can see you clearly and see this individual (who is an image bearer of You, Lord) the way that you want me to see them?

No Complaining or Arguing

"**Do everything without complaining or arguing,** ¹⁵**so that you may become blameless and pure**, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe ¹⁶as you hold out the word of life--in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing." -Philippians 2:14-16

Ponder: Lord, is there any hint of complaining or arguing in my mind, will, or affections? If there is, I have not forgiven as Christ forgave me and I, therefore, need to repent and forgive as Christ forgave me.

Always Full of Grace

"**Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt**, so that you may know how to answer everyone." - Colossians 4:6 (literally in grace)

Ponder: Lord, when I think about this person how can my thoughts be full of grace? Lord, how can my thoughts be seasoned with salt ("pure and penetrating")? What words can I say, Lord, that as they come off of my tongue they will be saturated in grace? What words can I say, Lord, that will be seasoned with salt?

Do I need to be reconciled?

"**If your brother has something against you . . . leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled** to your brother; then come and offer your gift." -Matthew 5:23-24

Ponder: Lord, how do you want me to seek forgiveness from this person whom I have sinned against?

Avoiding Errors/Sin

"It is not good for a person to be without knowledge, and he who hurries his footsteps errors." -Proverbs 19:2

Ponder: How can I not hurry my footsteps (e.g. stop and pray through it, maybe write out, or at least think out, what to say and check it against God's word)? Lord, how do you want me to go about this?

Go to them alone first:

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over." -Matthew 18:15

After you went alone (and continue to go alone and there is no resolution), then you can go with another:

"But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'" -Matthew 18:16

After you have gone alone and with another (and continue to go and there is no resolution), then you can bring it before a group:

"If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector." -Matthew 18:17

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Section #3: "baptizing them"



Baptism is an Important Symbol of Obedience to Jesus Christ

MUST BE A DISCIPLE

First, the Scriptures teach that one must be a disciple of Jesus (meaning: a disciple of Jesus Christ the Savior King is one who has repented of their sins and trusted in Jesus Christ alone as their Lord and Savior) *first* and then, *second*, this is followed by baptism (which is immersion by water in the New Testament). This is clear in the great commission by Jesus Christ when Jesus states "Going, therefore, make disciples from all the nations, **baptizing [immersing] them** in the name . . ." (Matthew 28:19).

- (Q) Who is the "them" that is being baptized?
(A) Only disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.
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Thus, one must be a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ *first* and then, *second*, they are to be immersed "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Furthermore, a scriptural text-driven understanding of baptism in 1 Corinthians reveals that "baptism" is the "immersion" (not sprinkling) of individuals who are not infants and have heard the "the word" of the "the gospel" (that the Lord Jesus Christ "died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures"), "received" the gospel, "believed" in the gospel, are "saved" by the gospel, and who "devoted themselves" to obeying the Lord Jesus Christ by "serving the saints" and being of the Lord Jesus Christ alone (1 Cor 1:10-17, 15:1-4, 15:11, 16:15). Therefore, because one must be a disciple of Jesus before one is baptized, New Testament baptism is then appropriately called Believer's Baptism.

THE GOSPEL IS NOT BAPTISM

"For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel"
-1 Cor 1:17

INFANTS ARE NOT DISCIPLES

The clear pattern in 1 Corinthians of being taught the gospel, then believing the gospel, and then being baptized [immersed] is the same pattern in the book of Acts. Just as the "household" in 1 Corinthians is not applicable to infants because one does not teach infants and infants can't believe in the gospel the same is true in the book of Acts. For example Acts 16:16-33 states, "They said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' And they spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house. And he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was immersed, he and all his household. And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household." Note: how they "spoke the word of the Lord to him together with all who were in his house." Thus, these were not infants because these individuals in this house were taught "the word of the Lord," then they believed, and then they were immersed. Paul does state that he did "immerse the household of Stephanas" (1 Cor 1:16). However, it is clear from later in 1 Corinthians that all of the members of the household were of an age where they could have heard the gospel and believed for Paul states that "the household of Stephanas" was "the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves for ministry to the saints" (1 Cor 16:15). Infants cannot devote themselves to ministry.

THE SYMBOL = BURIED & RAISED WITH CHRIST

"What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply? ² Absolutely not! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Or are you unaware that all of us who were baptized [immersed] into Christ Jesus were baptized [immersed] into his death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with him by baptism [immersion] into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life.⁵ For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be in the likeness of his resurrection. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be rendered powerless so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin,⁷ since a person who has died is freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him,⁹ because we know that Christ, having been raised from the dead, will not die again. Death no longer rules over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died, he died to sin once for all time; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So, you too consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." -Romans 6:1-11

BAPTISM DOES NOT SAVE YOU

"If you confess with your mouth that 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."
-Romans 10:9-10

BAPTISM IS IMMERSION

The New Testament Koiné Greek word βαπτίζω (which is typically transliterated as *baptizō* and then typically this transliteration is communicated as *baptize* in English). It is important to note that βαπτίζω does not carry the idea of "sprinkling them with water" in the New Testament. Instead, "βαπτίζω" carries the Greek dictionary definition of "immerse" (William D. Mounce and Robert H. Mounce, gen. ed., *The Zondervan Greek and English Interlinear New Testament (NASB/NIV)* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2011), 939); "βαπτίζω" is defined "In Gk. Lit. . . to put or go under water" (Walter Bauer, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament*, ed. and trans. William F. Arndt, F. Wilber Gingrich, and Frederick W. Danker [BAGD], 3rd ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), s.v. "βαπτίζω," 164). Note: to "put or go under water" is to immerse something; "The verb *baptizō* literally means 'to put or go under water'" (William D. Mounce, gen. ed. *Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006), 52; Furthermore, the word baptism is defined as "consisting of the processes of immersion" (W. E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger, William White, Jr. *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1996), 50).



Section #4: “teaching them to obey everything I have commanded”

As disciples of Jesus Christ
we are to teach other disciples of Jesus Christ
“to obey everything” Jesus Christ “commanded”.

Note: teaching is much more than telling.

It involves intentional faithful training.

Jesus Christ commands us to obey Him
so that we are not deceived by the world
and Jesus Christ has designed the local church to:
“equip the His people for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature adulthood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.”

– Ephesians 4:12-16



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“Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given us ... ⁷ If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸ if it is encouraging/exhorting, let him encourage/exhort; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.” ⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”-Romans 12:4-15

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“For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, ⁶ namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion. ⁷ For the overseer must be above reproach as God’s steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, ⁸ but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, ⁹ holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.” -Titus 1:5-9

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“To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ’s sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.”-1 Peter 5:1-4; “In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show

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“For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, ⁶ namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion. ⁷ For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, ⁸ but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, ⁹ holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.” -Titus 1:5-9

-The Scriptures teach that pastors/elders/overseers are to set an example as under-shepherds:

“To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.” -1 Peter 5:1-4

“In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.” -Titus 2:7-8

“The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For Scripture says, “Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.” ¹⁹ Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. ²⁰ But those elders who are sinning you are to reprove before everyone, so that the others may take warning.” -1 Timothy 5:17-20



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-The Scriptures teach that pastors/elders/overseers are to teach The Scriptures and teach sound doctrine from The Scriptures:

“Preach the Word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine.” -2 Timothy 4:2-3

“You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.” -Titus 2:1

“He must hold firm to the trustworthy Word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.” -Titus 1:9

As Christians we are to:

1. Love God with our whole being (in the home, in the church, and in the world)
2. Love others as Jesus loved them (in the home, in the church, and in the world)
3. Make disciples of Jesus who make disciples of Jesus (in the home, in the church, and in the world)

1. The first part of making disciples is sharing the gospel (Mark 1:15).

The local church is then to continue the discipleship process through:

2. Baptizing true believers through water immersion in the name of The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit
3. Preaching, teaching, and intentionally training them to obey The Scriptures as Jesus Christ commanded
4. Praying together
5. Worshiping together
6. Fellowship together – both in large gatherings and in homes
7. Continually training Christians to share the gospel (individually, corporately, and both locally and globally)
8. Planting new churches (locally and globally) through sharing the gospel, establishing the leaders, etc.

Teach Sound Doctrine from the Scriptures on (the following is a basic list):

1. The Scriptures

- 1.1** Jesus held to a verbal-plenary view of Scripture (that the very words of Scripture were inspired by God) and that all Scripture (both Old Testament and New Testament) is inspired/absolutely truthful/inerrant (in both intent and in fact)/absolutely infallible/authoritative
- 1.2** Jesus held to the *sufficiency* of the Scriptures and the *superiority* of the Scriptures

2. God

- 2.1 GOD IS** - God is necessary [must be, has to be] being [that which is] /immutable/non-temporal/non-spatial/pure actuality/one/uncaused/omnipresent first cause/omniscient/omnipotent/omnibenevolent/personal; therefore, God is Perfect Love/Perfect Holiness/Perfect Righteousness/Perfect Truth/Perfect Wisdom/Perfectly Just/Perfect Joy/Perfect Peace/Perfect Kindness/Perfect Faithfulness/Perfect Patience/Perfect Grace/Perfect Mercy/Perfect Hope
- 2.2 Only One God that is Three Persons** - The Trinity (The Father, The Son, The Holy Spirit) – Yahweh is One God (What 1) Yahweh is Three Persons (Who 1, Who 2, Who 3) “the name [singular not plural, What 1] of the Father [Who 1] and the Son [Who 2] and of the Holy Spirit [Who 3]” -Matt.28:19. The Father is not The Son, The Father is not the Holy Spirit, The Son is not the Father, The Son is not the Holy Spirit, The Holy Spirit is not the Father, The Holy Spirit is not The Son.

3. Jesus Christ (fully God the Son and fully man/the perfect man, the addition of a human nature NOT the subtraction of Deity, born of a virgin by the Holy Spirit, lived the perfect life completely without sin).

4. People (men, women, and their sinful condition)

5. The Gospel (Jesus Christ’s perfect life, atoning sacrificial death on the cross, his burial, and his physical resurrection from the dead)

6. True Repentance and True Faith/True Trust

7. The security of the true believer in Christ – once justified, always justified

8. How Christians are transformed – spiritually washed by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God – put off and put on

9. The Church

9.1 The Bride of Christ (all true believers)

9.2 The Church Local (covenanted group of baptized true believers under the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ)

9.2.1 Qualifications of Elders and Deacons, qualifications to lead worship, etc.

9.2.2 Titus 2:1-8

10. Two Ordinances (both of which are acts of obedience):

10.1 Baptism (water immersion, a symbol – the water doesn’t change you)

10.2 The Lord’s Supper (symbol – bread stays bread, the “fruit of the vine” stays “the fruit of the vine”)

11. The Issue of Evil and The Importance of the Atonement of Jesus Christ

12. Marriage (Matthew 19:4-6, Luke 16:18), roles in the marriage, the raising of children, etc.

13. The Physical Return of Jesus Christ

14. Everlasting Heaven and an Everlasting Hell



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The Lord's Supper is an Important Symbol of Obedience to Jesus Christ

A PHYSICAL DISTINCTION

When Jesus offered the physical unleavened bread and the physical fruit of the vine, He was physically there with His disciples. His disciples could clearly see the physical distinction between His physical body which was right there with them and the physical unleavened bread that He was using. Therefore, they could very clearly see and understand that the physical unleavened bread was only a symbol and not Jesus' real body. In the same way they could see that His physical blood stayed in His physical body and that the fruit of the vine in the cup that He used did not change into His physical blood but instead stayed the same. Therefore, they could very clearly see and understand that the physical fruit of the vine offered to them was only a symbol and not Jesus' physical blood. As the Scriptures state: "Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?" . . .²⁶" And while they were eating [physical food], Jesus took [physical] bread, and after a blessing, He broke it [the physical bread] and gave it [the physical bread] to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat [the physical bread]; this is My body [notice the difference between Jesus' physical body and the physical bread]." ²⁷And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. ²⁹But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine [notice the difference between Jesus' physical blood that was in His physical body in the room with them and this physical fruit of the vine] from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom" (Matt. 26:17, 26-29). [Brackets added for commentary.] Note: The bread stays bread and the fruit of the vine stays fruit of the vine. There is no change to the bread and there is no change to the fruit of the vine. [Side note: You don't have to use a single shared cup, see Acts 2:41-42 where thousands of believers gathered.]

A SYMBOL OF THE NEW COVANT

The Passover meal was a symbolic remembrance of what God had done during the Passover that occurred in Egypt. In a similar way, the Lord's supper is a symbolic remembrance of what God has done for us in the New Covenant (the sacrificial atoning death of Jesus Christ on cross for our sins). As the Scriptures state: "Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. And He sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." . . . And when the hour had come He reclined at the table, and the apostles with Him. ¹⁵ And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; ¹⁶ for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." ¹⁷ And when He had taken a cup *and* given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; ¹⁸ for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the kingdom of God comes." ¹⁹ And when He had taken *some* bread *and* given thanks, He broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁰ And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood" (Lk. 22:7-8, 14-20).

A COMMAND TO REMEMBER TO PROCLAIM THE LORD'S SACRIFICAL ATONING DEATH

The Scriptures described the Lord's Supper as an act of remembrance of Jesus Christ. As the Scriptures state: "For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁵ In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. ²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly. ³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with the world. So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you may not come together for judgment" (1Cor. 11:17-34).

THE LORD'S SUPPER DOES NOT SAVE YOU

We are saved through repentance of sin and trust in Jesus Christ, not through eating or drinking:
"The time has come," Jesus said.
"The kingdom of God is near.
Repent and believe the good news!"
- Mark 1:15

DEALING WITH SIN – NOT BEING A HYPOCRITE

The Lord's supper is not for hypocrites (those who claim to be Christians and are not and those who are Christians but are living in unconfessed sin). As the Scriptures state: "But in giving this instruction, I do not praise you, because you come together not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and in part, I believe it. ¹⁹ For there must also be factions among you, in order that those who are approved may have become evident among you. ²⁰ Therefore when you meet together, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper, ²¹ for in your eating each one takes his own supper first; and one is hungry and another is drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses in which to eat and drink? Or do you despise the church of God, and shame those who have nothing? . . . ²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁵ In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. ²⁷ Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly. ³⁰ For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with the world. So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you may not come together for judgment" (1Cor. 11:17-34).

SOME CLARIFICATION

Jn. 6:25-69 is not dealing directly with the Lord's Supper. This is clear from the textual clues. Firstly, the Lord's Supper took place in an "upper room" (Mk. 14:15) in Jerusalem during the Passover (Mk. 14:16), contrasted to Jn. 6:59, which took place "in the synagogue, as He [Jesus] taught in Capernaum." Secondly, Jesus' teaching in Jn. 6 is not about the Lord's Supper, but is dealing specifically with the subject of belief (Jn. 6:29,35,40,47,64). In Jn. 6:29 Jesus states that the main point is to "believe in the One [Jesus] He [God the Father] has sent." Furthermore, Jesus explains, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. But I said to you, that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe" (Jn. 6:35). This is clearly not about the Lord's Supper; since, after one eats of the bread and drinks of the cup, they are still hungry and thirsty. Thus, the issue is belief. For the whole book of John was "written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name" (Jn. 20:31). Thirdly, Jesus' use of bread in Jn. 6 is in *contrast* to the manna in Ex. 16. As physical water that comes from a well cannot give eternal life (Jn. 4:4-42), the manna in the wilderness could not give eternal life, but Jesus does. "My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life" (Jn. 6:40).



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“If you know these things you are blessed if you put them into practice.”

-Jesus, John 13:17

The content on the next two pages:

The purposes of both the *Growing Instructions* handout and the *What is the Christian life about?* handout are to glorify God by providing memory aid maps that summarize Jesus’ instructions on how we obey the teachings of Jesus Christ. Once a new believer/Christian understands the gospel it is important to point them to Jesus to instruct them on how to grow in their relationship with Him.

Located at 1T3Life.org is a PDF color version of the *Growing Instructions* handout located under the “Growing Instructions” button.

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GROWING INSTRUCTIONS

WATER

2. DRINK THE LIVING WATER

"On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

By this He meant the Spirit." -John 7:37-39

"But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all Truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come."

-Jesus, John 16:13

"So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

-Galatians 5:16-25

Pray 2 Cor. 13:14 & Luke 11:13

"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God [the Father],
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" -Jesus

Good SOIL

1. ROOTED IN JESUS' LOVE

"When anyone hears the message about the Kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

-Jesus, Matthew 13:19-23

Pray Ephesians 3:16-21

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

"No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."

-Jesus

John 15:4b-5

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith"

-Hebrews 12:2a

CONNECTION

5. CONNECTED TO THE LORD JESUS

"So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

-Colossians 2:6-7

"This, then, is how you should pray:
"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done""

-Jesus, Matthew 6:9

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

-1 Thess. 5:16-18

"Not my will, but Yours be done."

-Luke 22:42

LIGHT

3. LIVE IN THE LIGHT

"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

-Jesus, John 3:19-21

"This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by The Truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and The Truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives."

-1 John 1:5-10

Pray Colossians 1:9-14

"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the Kingdom of light. For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

NOURISHMENT

4. NOURISHED BY JESUS' WORDS

"If you remain in Me and My Words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples. As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. 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. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down His life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other."

-Jesus, John 15:7-17

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." -Jesus, John 16:33

Pray Philippians 1:9-11

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."



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What is the Christian life about?

It is only through Jesus Christ! Jesus’ Method. Jesus’ Motivation. Jesus’ Mission.



Feeding
Trough,
Cross,
Empty
Tomb,
Crown,
Only
Way



Yoke,
Clean
Water

It is only through Jesus Christ! He is both fully God and the perfect human. Jesus Christ is *The Good News* - The Savior King - born of a virgin, died for our sins on the cross, buried in a tomb, and resurrected on the third day.

“The time has come,” Jesus said.

“The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!” - Mark 1:15

“I am The Way, and The Truth, and The Life;
no one comes to the Father but through Me.”

- Jesus, John 14:6

Jesus’ Method:

Come to Jesus. Be Yoked to Jesus. Learn from Jesus through God’s Word.

“Come to Me,

all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take My Yoke upon you

and

Learn from Me,

for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

For My Yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

- Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30

“Sanctify [spiritually wash] them by the Truth; Your Word is Truth.” - Jesus, John 17:17



Compass

Jesus’ Motivation:

Love the LORD and others as Jesus did.

- (a) Love the LORD: “Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” - Jesus, Mark 12:30
- (b) Love the Church: “Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” - Jesus, John 13:34-35
- (c) Love your neighbor: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” - Jesus, Matthew 22:39
- (d) Love your enemies: “Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” - Jesus, Luke 6:27-28
- (e) By obeying God’s Word: “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor [the Holy Spirit] to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of Truth. The world is unable to receive Him because it doesn’t see Him or know Him. But you do know Him, because He remains with you and will be in you.” - Jesus, John 14:15-17



Lifebuoy

Jesus’ Mission:

Make disciples of Jesus that make disciples of Jesus

(in the home, in the church, and in the world).

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, make disciples from all the nations,

[note: the first step in making disciples is sharing the good news]

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

- Jesus, Matthew 28:18-20



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Jesus' Method:
Come to Jesus.
Be Yoked to Jesus.
Learn from Jesus through God's Word.



The above memory aid represents:

A YOKE FOR PULLING A LOAD

“Come to Me,
all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Take My Yoke upon you
and
Learn from Me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.
For My Yoke is easy and My burden is light.”
- Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30

THE CLEAN WATER OF THE WORD OF GOD

“Sanctify [spiritually wash] them by the Truth;
Your Word is Truth.” - Jesus, John 17:17



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Intentionally Remember – Matthew 11:28-30

**“Come to me,
all who are weary
and burdened, and
I will give you rest.**

Take My yoke upon you

and

**Learn from Me,
for I am gentle
and humble in heart,
and you will find
rest for your souls.**

**For My yoke is easy and
My burden is light.”**

- Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30



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Put Off and Put On:

The Scriptural Process of Transformation by The Grace and Power of God

“Come to Me [turn away from yourself/repent/put off your yoke],
all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you [turn and trust in Jesus/submit to Jesus as Lord/put on Jesus’ yoke]
and Learn from Me [walk in Jesus],

for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For My yoke is easy and my burden is light.” -Jesus, Matthew 11:28-30

“Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord [through repentance (put off) and trust (put on)],
continue to walk in Him” -Col 2:6

How this process of putting off and putting on is described in other places in the Scriptures:

Renew Mind “Being renewed in the spirit [disposition/attitude] of your minds” -Ephesians 4:23		
Put Off You put off your former way of life, the old self that is corrupted by deceitful desires” -Ephesians 4:22	<p>“We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” -2 Corinthians 10:5</p> <p>“Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.” -Romans 12:2</p> <p>“Sanctify [spiritually wash] them by The Truth; Your Word is Truth.” -Jesus, John 17:15-17</p>	Put On You put on the new self, the one created according to God’s likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth.” -Ephesians 4:24
-Put Off lying (in both your mind and in your words) -Put Off stealing -Put Off speaking foul language -Put Off bitterness, anger, wrath, shouting, slander, malice, and abusive speech -Put Off anxiety	<p>“Since you put away lying, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, because we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin. Don’t let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and don’t give the Devil an opportunity. ²⁸ The thief must no longer steal. Instead, he must do honest work with his own hands, so that he has something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ No foul language is to come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And don’t grieve God’s Holy Spirit. You were sealed by Him for the day of redemption. ³¹ All bitterness, anger and wrath, shouting and slander must be removed from you, along with all malice. ³² And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.” -Ephesians 4:25-32</p> <p>“But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, ¹⁰ and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him . . . ¹² So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. ¹⁴ Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.” -Colossians 3:1-10,12-15</p> <p>“Be anxious for nothing [imperative command – meaning do this!], but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” -Philippians 4:6-8</p>	-Put On speaking the truth (in both your mind and in your words) -Put On honest work to be able to give -Put On only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear -Put On compassion and forgiving as Christ forgave you -Put On kindness, humility, gentleness and patience -Put On bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you -Put On love -Put On letting the peace of Christ rule in your heart -Put On being thankful -Put On prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God



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Walk in Jesus – Living Out The New Identity in Christ - Put Off and Put On

¹⁷Therefore, I say this and testify in the Lord: You should no longer walk as the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them and because of the hardness of their hearts. ¹⁹They became callous and gave themselves over to promiscuity for the practice of every kind of impurity with a desire for more and more. ²⁰But that is not how you learned about the Christ, ²¹assuming you heard about Him and were taught in Him, because the truth is in Jesus. ²²You put off your former way of life, the old self that is corrupted by deceitful desires; ²³you are being renewed in the spirit of your minds; ²⁴you put on the new self, the one created according to God’s likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth.

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³But sexual immorality and any impurity or greed should not even be heard of among you, as is proper for saints. ⁴Coarse and foolish talking or crude joking are not suitable, but rather giving thanks. ⁵For know and recognize this: Every sexually immoral or impure or greedy person, who is an idolater, does not have an inheritance in the kingdom of the Messiah and of God.

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty arguments, for God’s wrath is coming on the disobedient because of these things. ⁷Therefore, do not become their partners. ⁸**For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light—** ⁹for the fruit of the light results in all goodness, righteousness, and truth— ¹⁰discerning what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Don’t participate in the fruitless works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what is done by them in secret.¹³ Everything exposed by the light is made clear, ¹⁴for what makes everything clear is light. Therefore it is said: Get up, sleeper, and rise up from the dead, and the Messiah will shine on you.

¹⁵**Pay careful attention, then, to how you walk—not as unwise people but as wise—**¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So don’t be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ¹⁸And don’t get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless actions, but be filled by the Spirit:

¹⁹speaking to one another
in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs,

singing and making music
from your heart to the Lord,

²⁰giving thanks always for everything
to God the Father

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

²¹submitting to one another
in the fear of Christ.

-Ephesians 4:17-5:21 (see also Colossians 3:1-17 and Romans 13:9-14)

NOTE: 1) Our past *does NOT* cause us to act in the present and our desires and emotions *do NOT* cause us to act in the present. Our past and our desires/emotions can influence us but *do NOT* cause us to act (1 Cor. 10:13). We sin because we choose to sin. 2) We are new creations in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17, Rom.6:11) therefore, sin *is NOT* our Master—the Lord Jesus is our Master. 3) It is God who reveals our sin and convicts us of sin—*NOT* ourselves (Ps.139:23-34, Heb.4:12-13).

By the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, choose the truth which is *in* Jesus. “I have chosen the way of truth” (Psalm 119:30). A choice by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit involves your mind and will and then later the affections/emotions/desires/passions will follow. “Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in Him” (Col.2:6). How did you receive Christ as Lord? Through repentance (putting off) and trust (putting on). Therefore, by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, turn from your sin and trust in Jesus throughout the day.

Three Helpful Analogies from the Scripture of How We are Transformed

Put Off, Renew Mind, Put On

You choose (an act of the mind and will) to Put Off old worn out, filthy, gross, and disgusting clothing and throw them in the trash.

Put Off the deceitful desires.

Example: Lord Jesus, I repent/turn from my lies and deceit.

You choose to shower with soap to refresh and clean yourself.

Renew (cleanse) your mind with the Word of God.

Example: Lord Jesus, you say in Your Word that I am to
“speak the truth.”

You choose to Put On new fresh clean clothing.

Put On compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience,
bearing with one another, forgiving as the Lord forgave you.

And cover all of these with love (see Col. 3:1-17).

Example: Lord Jesus, I trust in You. Through your power Lord
Jesus I choose to Put On speaking the truth. Thank you for the
grace and power to do this as You have commanded.

Going on a Walk

When you go on a walk with someone you make a choice to go on a walk (an act of the mind and will and then the positive emotions of being on a walk follow)

No longer walk as the Gentiles in the futility of their minds:

Stop living in ignorant shipwrecked foolish ways by living in
the dark with bitterness, anger, lust, deceit and lies.

Instead walk in the Lord Jesus:

Start Walking in Love – Put On giving yourself sacrificially to
God and others

Start Walking in the Light – Put On goodness, righteousness, and
truth

Start Walking in Wisdom – Put On the Lord’s will

Waking Up & Coming into the Light

Wake up and let Christ shine on you – A choice by God’s grace:

When you get up in the morning you often don’t want to get up but you make a choice to get up and therefore you get up by going against your desires to stay in bed. Then you turn on the light or open the window and you experience the brightness of the light or sun.

Get Up –“Get up, sleeper, and rise up from the dead, and the Messiah will shine on you” (Ephesians 5:14).

Come into the Light –“This, then, is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who practices wicked things hates the light and avoids it, so that his deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But anyone who lives by the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be shown to be accomplished by God.”-Jesus Christ (John 3:19-20).



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Train Yourself for Godliness by The Grace and Power of The Holy Spirit

“His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. By these He has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desires.” -2 Peter 1:3-4

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” -2 Timothy 3:16-17

<u>Train yourself by putting into practice your new life in Christ</u> “Train yourself for godliness.” -1 Timothy 4:7	<u>Put Off (Repent)</u> “You <u>put off</u> your former way of life, the old self that is corrupted by deceitful desires” -Ephesians 4:22	<u>Renew Mind</u> “Being <u>renewed in the spirit [disposition/attitude]</u> <u>of your minds</u> ” -Ephesians 4:23	<u>Put On (Trust)</u> “You <u>put on</u> the new self, the one created according to God’s likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth.” -Ephesians 4:24	<u>Then the God honoring affections/desires come!</u> “Blessed . . . are those who <u>hear the Word of God</u> and obey it.” -Jesus, Luke 11:27-28
Example of how to practice putting off, renewing the mind, and putting on by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.	Lord Jesus, I repent of/turn from/put off my desire to lie to my bible study leader at church about what is going on in my life.	Lord Jesus, you say in Your Word that I am to “speak the truth.”	Lord Jesus, I turn to you and I trust in You. Through your power Lord Jesus I choose to put on speaking the truth. Thank you for the grace and power to do this as You have commanded.	I delight in the truthfulness of Your Word, Lord! Thank you that Your Word says: “I will delight in Your statutes” (Psalm 119:16).
“If you know these things you are blessed if you put them into practice.” -Jesus, John 13:17 Practice this in your own life by studying <u>one</u> of the passages below and then fill out the chart to the right with your response. Ephesians 4:17-5:21 Colossians 3:1-17 Romans 13:9-14 Matthew 5-7 Matthew 11:28-30 Matthew 18:21-35 Matthew 22:37-40 Galatians 5:13-26 Philippians 2:1-16 Philippians 4:4-9 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 James 3:1-18; 4:1-12 1 Corinthians 10:31 Psalm 73 1 Thess. 5:16-18				

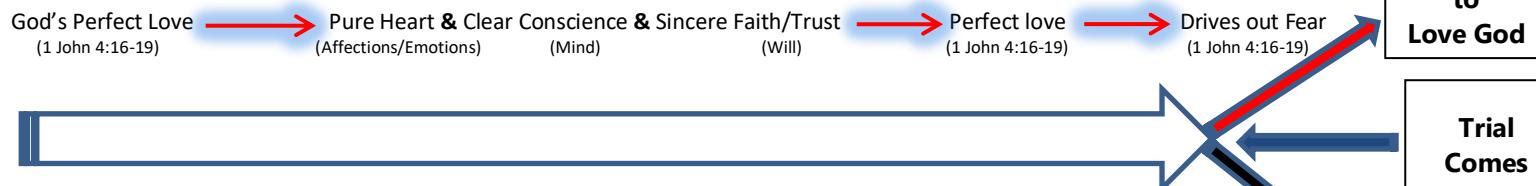


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What path are you walking on?

The Path of Love

“The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” -1 Tim.1:5



The Path of a Shipwrecked Life

“Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked” -1 Tim. 1:19

Bitterness/Blame/Impurity &/or Guilty conscience/Lies Believed &/or Stubbornness/Rebellion/Pride --> Shipwrecked

“No trial has overtaken you that is not distinctively human; and God is faithful; He will not let you be tested beyond what you can bear, but with the trial will also provide the way through, so that you will be able to endure it.” – 1 Corinthians 10:13

“This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by The Truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and The Truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives.” - 1 John 1:5-10

False Repentance vs True Repentance

FALSE REPENTANCE	TRUE REPENTANCE	TRUE REPENTANCE
<p>False repentance is a selfish/proud sorrow that results in wisdom from hell.</p> <p>As the Scriptures state:</p> <p>“the sorrow of the world produces death”-2 Cor. 7:10b).</p> <p>“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”-James 4:6</p> <p>“If you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such ‘wisdom’ does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.”</p> <p>-James 3:14-16</p> <p>Example of False Repentance in the Scriptures: Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him [Jesus Christ], saw that He [Jesus Christ] had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood” . . . And he threw the pieces of silver into the sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself. -Matthew 27:3-5</p>	<p>RESULTS IN TRUE FAITH/TRUST</p> <p>True repentance and true faith/trust are two sides of the same coin. You can't have one without the other. Thus, the Scriptures will sometimes say just “repent” (Acts 17:30) or sometimes say just “believe” (Matthew 4:17), or sometimes say “repent and believe” (Mark 1:15). Only announcing your sin is not true repentance. Instead true repentance turns from sin and trusts in God.</p>	<p>True repentance requires a humbling of one's self and it results in salvation and wisdom from heaven.</p> <p>As the Scriptures state:</p> <p>“For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation”-2 Cor. 7:10a</p> <p>“Repent! Turn away from all your rebellion, so that sin will not be your downfall.”-Ezekiel 18:30</p> <p>“Blessed are the poor in spirit [the humble], for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”-Jesus, Matt. 5:3</p> <p>“The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.” -James 3:17</p> <p>Example of True Repentance in the Scriptures: Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”-Luke 19:8-10</p>



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Wisdom of The World vs Wisdom from Heaven

“Now if any of you lacks **wisdom**, he should ask God, who gives generously”-James 1:5

“Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil.¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all **pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.**¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.”-James 3:13-18

God only gives Wisdom from Heaven. Wisdom of the World is NEVER Wisdom from Heaven (James 3:13-18)

Wisdom of the World	Wisdom from Heaven
Harbor Bitter Envy	Pure
Selfish Ambition	Peace-Loving
Boasting/Brag	Gentle & Submissive/Compliant
Denying the Truth/Lie	Full of Mercy
Earthly	Good Fruit
Unspiritual/Sensual	Impartial/Without Favoritism
Of the Devil/Demonic	Sincere/Without Hypocrisy
Envy & Selfish Ambition	Peacemakers
→ Disorder & Every Evil Practice	→ Raise a Harvest of Righteousness

“Friendship with World is Hatred/Hostility towards God”-James 4:4

“Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.
Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.”
– Psalm 119:36-37

“For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace”-Romans 8:6

“Wisdom is vindicated [proved right] by all her children”-Jesus, Luke 7:35

God only gives “Good Fruit”/The Fruit of the Spirit. The Fruit of the Sinful Nature is NEVER the Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5)

The Fruit of the Sinful Nature is Sin	The Fruit of the Spirit is Jesus
Sexual Immorality	Love
Impurity & Debauchery	Joy
Idolatry & Witchcraft	Peace
Discord/Strife	Patience/Longsuffering
Jealousy	Kindness
Fits of Rage	Faithfulness
Selfish Ambition	Gentleness/Meekness
Dissensions	Temperance/Self-Control
Factions, Envy	
Orgies/Carousing, Drunkenness	
And Anything Similar to all the Above	

“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.⁴⁴ Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars.⁴⁵ The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. **For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.**

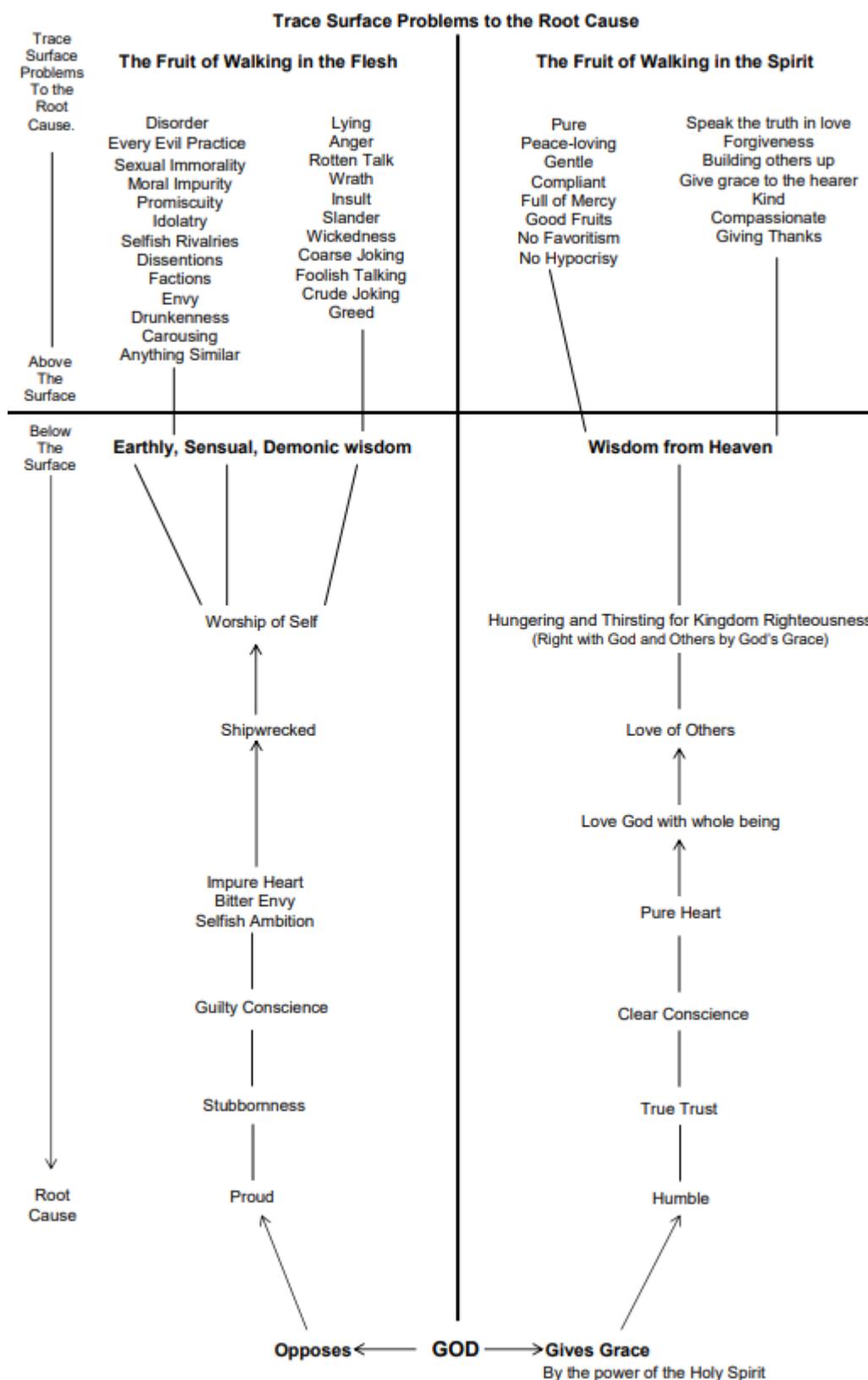
⁴⁶ Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?⁴⁷ I will show you what he is like **who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice.**⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.⁴⁹ But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”-Jesus, Luke 6:43-49



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Each tree is recognized by its own fruit.”—Jesus, Luke 6:43-4**

Based on: James 3:13-4:10, 1 Timothy 1:5 & 19, Galatians 5:16-26, Matthew 5-7, Matthew 22:36-38, Ephesians 4:5



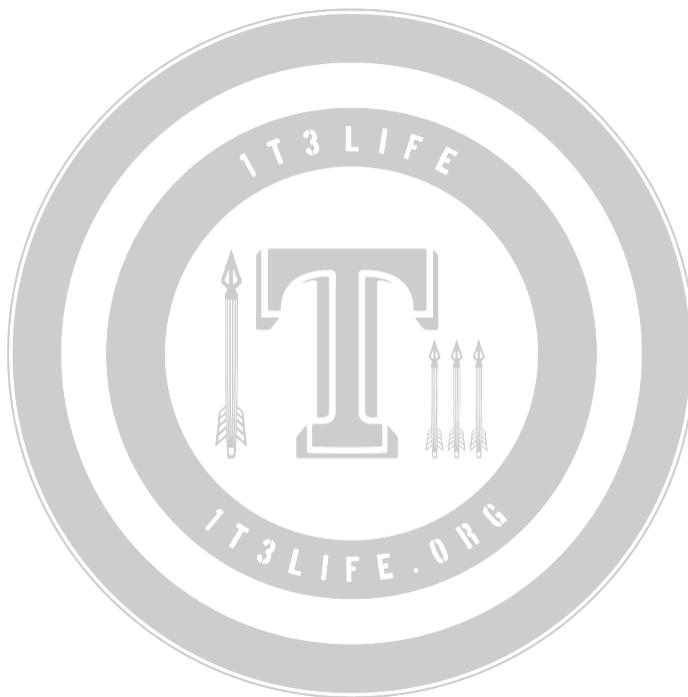


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God is with us in Jesus Christ the Savior King

Jesus Christ was called Immanuel because this title means God is with us:

**"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son,
and they will call Him**

'Immanuel' (which means 'God with us')."

- Matthew 1:23

The name Jesus means Yahweh Saves:

**"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus,
for He will save His people from their sins."**

- Matthew 1:21

Jesus is The Christ which means The Anointed One/The Messiah (The Savior) that is predicted throughout The Scriptures:

**"An account of the genealogy
of Jesus Christ"**

- Matthew 1:1



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Therefore, because of who Jesus Christ is,
and because He has all authority
then He can command us to *behold* Him:

"And behold [IMPERATIVE COMMAND – MEANING: DO THIS!] I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
- Jesus Christ, Matthew 28:20

Furthermore, because Jesus Christ is fully God,
He will never leave us:

"He has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'
So we can confidently say,
'The LORD is my helper;
I will not fear; what can man do to me?'"
- Hebrews 13:5-6

**"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them,
and they follow Me;
and I give eternal life to them,
and they shall never perish;
and no one shall snatch them out of My hand."**
- Jesus Christ, John 10:27-28



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