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INTRODUCTION

Without water all life comes to an end. Pictures of the desert may enliven our mind as to what being thirsty is all about. One of the best pictures of being thirsty and having one's bodily thirst quenched was performed in the movie Ben-Hur. In this movie Christ hands a drink to Ben-Hur who is a slave, and this is one of the best presentations of Christ without a word being said. Ben-Hur, made in 1959, is among my favorite movies of all time. It is still a classic. It is thoroughly biblical and even included an encounter with Jesus by Judah Ben-Hur when he was a slave. Jesus reached out and gave him a drink, which reminds me of

the phrase, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

In my previous books, I invented new words. So here goes for this one. My new word is thirstyism. I debated whether to spell it thirstieism or thirstyism and thirstyism won. You may search Webster and not find this one because I just invented it, and I get to spell it how I want to! Thirstyism is a plethora of human inventions of false ways to paradise. You can crawl your way in a desert of thirstyism and not find your way to heaven. The cover of this book is a picture of a thirsty soul in search of water standing in a non-paradisical desert looking for some water. Hmm, is paradisical in the dictionary? It really should be. Incidentally the man standing through the desert with a ball and chain is myself, but if you are like me you probably drag your chain toward your own version of paradise. But now I am a Christian and my paradise is just ahead. Do you really want to know how I became a Christian? One day after being married for a year or two I found an old beat up torn up KJV Bible and decided to start reading in the book of Revelation. That was stupid. So, I talked to one of my co-workers and told him that Revelation sounded crazy. So, Don my co-worker asked me if he could come over and explain it to me. Don was a Baptist. He explained the scriptures and invited my first wife and I to get on our knees and pray. I only knew the Apostles creed, so my first wife and I prayed that. That was the start of satisfying my thirst by looking into what Christianity

was all about. And then one day after a number of years, and a second marriage, and reading a number of Christian books, I was out in the yard mowing my grass when somehow it came to me that my name was written in the lamb's book of life. After that experience, my life changed from a sinner minded guy to one that said bye to that position. It's not that I suddenly became perfect, but that I was aware of God making me wonderfully different in my attitude and life. My thirstyism had been quenched!

Have you ever been thirsty? When you are, you can't wait to gobble down a drink of water or your favorite drink. The cover of this book might get you into the idea of thirst. Although it is a picture of someone walking in the desert as if they are really thirsty, it was a set up to get you into the meaning of the word. Did you know that you can have thirst for other things besides water? Every human being has an inherent thirst for many things. For example, "a thirst for truth", "a thirst for history", " a thirst for religion" or, maybe you want to be young again. There are thousands of products out there to make you look "young." The dictionary defines "thirst" as: To crave vehemently and urgently. I hope you will find this book a "thirst quencher" from the word of God. Or it could be that you will find something new to be "thirsty" about. I'm not going to kid you about this book. It is a Christian book. It is about satisfying your thirst that you inherently have for God. What you really want in life is to "find God." While you

are searching for God, He will find you. In my last book I invented a new word...purrific in relation to cats. Perhaps my next new word is "Thiristic." Everything in life has a "thiristic" reality. If you are wondering what your thiristic quotient is, please read my book.

I recently watched an interesting film on tv whose title was "Time Changer." The main character was named Russell Carlisle. He was a professor at a seminary known as the Grace Bible Seminary. He had just finished a manuscript and was submitting it to the Board for review. The Board all liked his manuscript except for one fellow professor. This professor told everyone that Mr. Carlisle was leaving a particularly important point out in his manuscript. He had not included Jesus Christ as the source of all righteousness, and he invited Russell over to his house to explain to him why he saw things that way. At first Russell was resistant to the invitation but after it came about that he needed his vote for the manuscript to go to publication he went over to the gentleman's house. To his surprise the old gentleman told him that he had a time machine that would transmit people into the future. Russell told him that he was out of his mind and that no one can go into the future. As it turned out He did have a time machine and he transmitted Russell into the year 2000 or so it was. You can imagine what Russell saw as he walked the streets filled with cars, nasty movies etc. He also visited a church and found the proclamation of Jesus Christ absent. You can imagine all the other

Christless lifestyles he saw during his visit to 2000. The Movie was produced by Five & Two Pictures and directed by Rich Christiano. You can find it on YouTube. The thirst for worldly and sinful behavior had advanced and became worse from 1890 to 2000 in the film. And people's dreams had become a life of fame and fortune for most folks.

When young we all have our dreams. What was your occupational dream as you were growing up? Did you ever have to decide between becoming either a brain surgeon or a cab driver? The truth is that you can satisfy your thiristic dreams in either occupation. I ended up being a teacher and a counselor in the public schools of Texas. How I got into that is a mystery that only God could understand.

Incidentally, I still have my two cats "Koko and Peli." And they are very thiristic for their treats which we give them at about 11 or 12 AM every day. We bought Koko a toy that looks like a cricket. He has been kicking it around the house. Every cat needs a new toy now and then. Every human might think he needs a new toy, but his or her thiristic quotient will only be satisfied by Jesus Christ. One can either be "born again" or not. If one has been born again, he can know that he has been. This book will either lead you to the new birth or will help you as a genuine Christian to grow in grace. God bless! And let us begin your "thirstyism problem with a made-up story about a man named which I named John.

When the fictional part of the story starts you will see a {. When a current part of that story ends you will see a}. Not all my story can be found in the KJV, because it is a fiction story about someone who misses the rapture of the church. My imagination invents parts of the story as close as I can to biblical truth, but it is doubtful that I am 100 percent correct because only God knows the future.

If your ball and chain and desert is wearing you down, I hope you will find that Jesus Christ will lessen your load and quench your thirst. Jesus said in His Word: “But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.” (John 4:14)

The fiction part of this story starts and ends with a { or a}.

Chapter 1

Truth

{“I’m thirsty, let’s go down to the bar and have a drink” John said to Denise. “Okay let’s do it,” Denise answered. Denise was John’s secret girlfriend. She was also his secretary at work. But John was cheating on his wife. Denise replied, “You have a visitor that wants to talk to you.” “He said he knows your wife, Denise replied. “Okay send him in” The man looked like he was in his 50’s or so as he entered, a suit and tie type of guy. John picked up right away on the tie clasp as it had a cross on it. “I understand you know my wife,” replied John. Yes, she has been coming to our church and is joining this Sunday. She wanted me to invite you to come for the occasion. Dave was a happy looking man with a smile and an attractive demeanor and was obviously a preacher of some sort. “I do not know what has gotten into Susan, she never wanted to go to church before. I have a tough time believing in any religion, I think that after my life is over, I will be dead and gone forever.” John raised his voice a bit as he replied to Dave. Dave thought for a moment of how to respond and then said, “That is what a lot of folks think, but I believe in life after death and that Jesus Christ is and was the Son of God. “It all seems like someone’s fantasy to me to believe in a God whom we cannot even see with our eyes.” John said as he squirmed in his seat hoping Dave would leave so he could go to the bar, downstairs, with Denise. “You might change your mind about God, if you come and meet us and hear us sing and preach from the Bible.” John quickly replied, “Dave you have your belief and I have mine. I have important business so thanks for coming by and inviting me to your church, but I doubt I will be there.”

Thanks for hearing me out and I will be looking for you to attend worship with us,” replied Dave as he shook hands and left John’s office.

After Dave left John went to the bar to have a drink with Denise. John said as he arrived at the bar and sat down next to Denise, “I am looking forward to our trip together to anything since we have been seeing each other for such a long time,” said Denise. “She has gone off the deep end into religion. That man who visited me today was her pastor at some church here,” John replied. “I used to believe in God, but not so much anymore, Denise remarked. “I have our plane tickets, what are you telling your wife,” She queried?“ “As usual she thinks I am going on a business trip, John answered. On Saturday, the two had traveled together to Guayaquil, Ecuador for a weekend of fun. Ecuador is full of wonderful tropical scenery including local rivers. Ecuador raises bananas on plantations and ships them to the United States. Travelers can cruise down the jungle rivers for some sightseeing adventure. John and Denise had spent the day on a cruise and were winding down at their plush hotel. Upon reaching the bar they both ordered drinks and settled into a conversation. Denise was really interested in convincing John to divorce his wife and marry her. John spoke up, “Denise, I really love you, but I cannot just divorce Susan.” “I have decided to have the baby”, Denise replied. John looked down to the ground and then swallowed a bit of whiskey and finally said, “Why don’t you just have an abortion? I will pay for it.” said John as he reached for his wallet to pay the bill. “I’m going to have to go back to the room to get

my wallet.” John said as he rose from his seat and headed out. “I’ll be right back.” As John approached their room he noticed the door ajar and panicked thinking he had left the door open. But that was only a fleeting thought as he entered the room to see a man standing just over his bed. “What are you doing in my room?” John exclaimed. The man whirled around and pulled his gun out of his holster and said to John, “I’m here to rob you and take your wallet and stuff.” That while pointing the gun at John. John raised his hands and said, “Take whatever you like out of my bill fold but leave me my credit card and driver’s license.” The man waved John over and told him to go into the bathroom and lay down on the floor. After that he said, “If you come out of this room before 5 minutes have passed, I will shoot you dead.” The man left taking John’s wallet and other items with him.” John looked at his watch and noticed it was 6:08 P.M and immediately went over to the phone to call the front desk. But the front desk put him on hold. When it got to 6:13 he left the room and ran to the office to report the crime. The manager called the police while John ran to the bar to tell Denise about the theft of his wallet. As he arrived, he blurted out to Denise that he had been held up at gunpoint in his room. “I hope you have some credit cards and cash.” Denise grasped at her breath and said, “I left my purse in the room as well.” They told the manager of the bar to put their tab on the motel bill and hurried back to their room. Denise began looking through her purse only to find that her billfold was missing also. “What are we going to do for money?” Denise replied with an anguished look on her face.” My wife thinks I am in New Orleans at

a business conference so we cannot call her to send money?" If only we had paid ahead for the return flight, but we did not know when we would be departing," John replied. "Why don't we call a credit card and try to get them to send a new card here, Denise stated with a worried look on her face. "We will have to pay for our return flight somehow, John stated as the two walked out to their car rental. The Motel clerk met them outside the Hotel and said, "Since you paid cash for your first three days, I cannot let you stay any more until you have cash or a credit card. You can earn money at the local banana company if you wish but its hard work for people like you." John asked, "Can we use your phone to call for some money or a card?" "Private use of our phones is prohibited," the clerk replied. "What a lousy deal you are giving us. Let's go somewhere else," she said. The two left the motel with exasperated contempt for what had just happened. "My wife does not know where we are so I cannot ask her to send money," "I guess we might have to get a job working bananas in order to buy a phone so we can get some money or a card," John replied. "Let's go see about it." In John's heart he thought to himself, how did a good guy like me get myself into this? It was a 15-minute walk down the street to the local banana company. Upon arriving they saw that there were several people waiting outside to get a job cutting and loading bananas. They were all speaking in Spanish which John did not understand. It was a good thing that Denise knew some Spanish as she listened to the workers talking to each other.

It was good that Denise spoke Spanish a little bit. She asked them how much they made working here and one of them stated that they made about 150 Pesos per hour. That converts to about \$7 per hour. Denise calculated that they needed about 20 hours of work to buy a phone and so they could call somebody to wire them some money to return home. The boss looked at them and stated in Spanish, what have we here...a couple of Americanos that want a job? “Si senior Denise replied. “You start tomorrow.” He replied.

John and Denise left and went strolling down the street, but as they rounded the corner an old pickup full of bandidos pulled up and immediately surrounded John and Denise and demanded they give them their money. “We have no money.” Denise replied in Spanish. So, the leader of the group pushed them to the ground and searched them for money but found none. “What kind of gringos have we here?” the leader stated. They left them on the ground and resumed their travels. “How did we ever get into this mess,” Denise stated as she brushed off the dirt and gravel from her dress. “This is very upsetting,” John replied. “We could have been killed by these crazy guys,” he added. “Do you really want to try to make some money while we are here.” Denise asked. John replied with, “What other choice do we have?” Denise was sobbing as she said, “We have no place to sleep the night.”

Denise and John slept in their rental car during the night. The next day they arrived at the banana fruit comp-

any at 7 AM. They boarded a truck and headed out to the workplace. It was going to be a hard day's work for the two. The workers had to board a boat to travel to the area to work as the bananas were grown on an island that was out in the water aways. It was a miserable day for John and Denise. They were both hot and sweaty as they returned to their car. John had stuffed two bananas into his shirt, so they had a banana dinner in their car. After a week of work, they got paid and went to a phone company to buy a phone to call someone to send them some money. Denise was able to reach one of her friends who was able to wire them \$2500 dollars. That was just enough to get a plane trip back to Phoenix. Upon arrival in Phoenix John and Denise kissed each other on the plane and then departed separately. John went to his Office first and then he went home. Susan was watching television as he entered the house. John tried to act like he was interested in what Susan had been doing. Susan replied to him, "John I have found a church that I really like. I think you ought to go with me some time." John replied, "I am not interested in religion, which is what is wrong with the world. There are religious wars etc. going on all the time." Susan ignored his response and got up from her chair and said to John, "I'm off to church." Susan replied as she left out. John answered, "I don't know what's got into you, we never went to church." Susan knew that was true, but she did not answer John. Susan was searching for the meaning of life and had tried yoga, and other things but found no satisfaction in those things. She had

been invited to church by one of her friends a few weeks back and had attended a Baptist church nearby. John left a few minutes after Susan and went to the golf course. John could afford anything because he was a wealthy vice president of a plastics company headquartered in Phoenix Arizona. His salary was 4 million a year. To John truth was having the most toys and living the life of luxury.}

As you can see in my fiction story, John is an unbeliever, but Susan has found truth in her search for meaning in life. Truth is a person. That person is Jesus Christ. For he said, "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." (John 14:6)

Another point to make about truth is to talk about Jesus Christ's communication with the woman at the well. Especially as it relates to the title of my book..."THIRSTY." Here's the quote from the KJV. "When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples.) He left Judea and departed again into Galilee. And he must needs go through Samaria. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. Then cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples were gone away into the city to buy meat. Then said the woman of

Samaria unto him, how is it that thou, being a Jew asketh drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and said unto her, if thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink: thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. The woman saith unto him, Sir thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then has thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jesus saith unto her, Go call thy husband and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus saith unto her, thou hast well said I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband in that saidst thou truly. The woman saith unto him, Sir I perceive that thou are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, woman, believe me; the hour cometh when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not

what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, He will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he." (John 4:1-26)

The woman then went into the city and was excited to tell those there about meeting the messiah. So, they rushed out to see Jesus.

The first thing one notices about this incident in Samaria is that Jesus was sent there by the Father for witness to one single individual...the woman at the well. Jews tended to avoid Samaria but not Jesus. Our God is one who seeks the individual. I think it is probably helpful if the individual is also "thirsty" for some truth although they may not realize it. One of the great points Jesus brings out to the woman is that she is a sinner. Everyone must realize that they are a sinner in need of a Savior. As the story goes, the woman begins to realize her predicament as Jesus testifies to her that He is the Christ whom the woman was familiar with the story that the Christ must come. And finally, the woman turned in faith toward Jesus. What a wonderful story of

God's provision for the sinner. It is not always that someone gets saved. Salvation is of God. I suppose he has a set of conditions upon which he lets someone become "headed for heaven." It is also true as well that we can know we have eternal life. 1 John 5:13 states: "I write these things that you may know that you have eternal life. God must "turn on the light" It is a life-giving force that God gives us through the Holy Spirit that makes us one of his.

In the 1950's and 60's there was a show known as Dragnet. I recently did a Bible teaching about truth in which I started out with one of the quotes from "Dragnet" by Sargent Friday where he said, "Just the facts ma'am" while interviewing a woman about a case. The woman was carrying on about everything but the subject and case at hand. So here is one of my Bible teachings about truth.

Jesus Is the Truth

One of the most Important stories of our life are stories of our salvation

In 1857, a day or two before preaching at the Crystal Palace, Preacher Charles Spurgeon went to decide where the platform should be fixed; and in order to test the acoustic properties of the building, cried in a loud voice, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world.” In one of the galleries, a worker, who knew nothing of what was being done, heard the words, and they came like a message from heaven to his soul. He was smitten with conviction on account of his sin, so he put down his tools, went home, and there, after a season of spiritual struggling, found peace and life by beholding the **“Lamb of God.”**

This is the story of my salvation.

I first heard the Word of God with clarity when a man I worked with shared the gospel with me. I was in my 20's at the time. As I have shared before my experience in Converse Tx, while mowing the grass by what we called the footprint. The Lord Jesus Christ must have stepped into my life for me to be sure at that large footprint.

When the Apostle John became a Believer.....

John looked into the tomb of Jesus and he did not see Christ. but he saw a mummy shaped outline of the body of Jesus Christ. He believ-



ed in what he saw.

Here is his test for being a true believer:

1. **“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” (1 John 1:8)** We must admit that we are sinners.
2. **“And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments” (1 John 2:3)** Our major attitude is to obey God with the understanding that we cannot do it perfectly in the flesh.
3. **“He that saith that he is in the light and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. (1 John 2:9,10)** We are capable of love because we are indwelled by the Holy Spirit and our inner man is not capable of hate. When we are obedient to the Word of

God our love will show.

4. Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him. (1 John 2:15) God teaches us to deny a worldliness mix and gain with an attitude of service to Him.

5. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist that denieth the Father and the Son.” (1 John 2:22) “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful work of darkness, but rather reprove them.” (Ephesians 5:11) To deny that Jesus is the Son of God is the lie of Satan.

6. “They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have no doubt continued with us: but they went out that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.” (1 John 2:19) Through the ages the Christian churches, “so called” all run into falsehood by deviating from the doctrines first established by the apostles and prophets of the Bible.

7. “Beloved now we are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that has this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.” (1 John 3:2,3) As believers we look longingly forward to the resurrection and translation of us as the saints of God. There is a crown awaiting those who do such.

“We know that we have passed from death unto life,

because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death... (1 John 3:15) **“But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him.”** (1 John 3:17) Our hearts are warmed by true believers and gathering with them for worship.

8. **“Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.”** (1 John 4:15) **“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.”**(John 14:6) **“Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”** (Acts 4:12). No-one can have a private way to God but must confess Jesus as the only begotten Son of God.
9. **“Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth Him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of Him.”** (1 John 5:1) If you believe that Jesus is the Christ, you will also love other Christians as well.
10. **“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. We will need the gift of discernment to identify false prophets, and false apostles.**

Take a look at a few prophecies of the Bible:

PROPHECY: Isaiah 7:14 states: “Therefore the Lord

himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel.” 740 to 686 B.C.

FULLFILLED: “Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel which being interpreted is God with us. Matthew 1:22,23 (70 A.D.) some 700+ years later.

Prophecy: Micah 5:2 “But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.” 701 B.C.

Fulfilled: Matthew 2:6 “And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.” 70 A.D.

Prophecy: Isaiah 53:6 “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” 740 to 686 B.C.

Fulfilled: 1 Peter 2:24 “Who his own self bare our sins in his Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” 63 A.D.

Prophecy: Psalm 16:10 “For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy one to see corruption.” Compiled around 537 B.C.

Fulfilled: John 20:1-10 The disciples saw the empty tomb in such a way that the only way it could be explained was by a resurrection of Jesus Christ!

A Modern-Day Prophecy: Ezekiel 20:34 “And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein you were scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.”

Fulfilled: Many scholars think that 1948 and beyond represents this fulfillment. Vernon J McGee remarked that when Jesus said in Matthew 24:32... ”Now learn a lesson from the fig tree....” He was referring to the regathering of Israel in the last days. He cites Jer. 24 and Hos. 9:10 as proof.

Prophecy: Jesus said in Matthew 24:14 “that all nations would hear the gospel and then the end will come.” (paraphrase)

Possibly fulfilled: Revelation 14:6,7 “And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters” Here is an example of God’s judgement on sin....“But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.” (Luke 17:29,30) The day of Lot was so very highly

worldly with too much attraction to the things of this world like un-natural sex as well as many other sins. Believers will not only escape judgment but will be raptured. The Raptures: The day of Elijah's supernatural departure from Earth was predicted unanimously and accurately, according to the eye-witness account—by a group of fifty prophets (2 Kings 2:3-11).

(Probability of chance fulfillment = 1 in 10 to the 9th power or 1 in 1,000,000,000 or one in a billion according to a scientific estimation.

“And Enoch walked with God: and he was not.” Gen. 5:24

Hebrews 11:5 “By faith, Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him; for before his translation, he had this testimony that he pleased God.”

Enoch was translated about one thousand years before the flood and his son Methuselah who lived 969 years died just Before the flood. (Methuselah means “His death shall bring”) I want you to compare bibles in your search for truth. Some facts comparing bibles:

KJV Acts 8:26-40: Phillip was called upon by God to go to a place where the Ethiopian eunuch was reading the Bible and Phillip began to preach Jesus to him. And in vs 36,37 the Ethiopian asked him if he could be baptized. Phillip told him that he had to believe with all his heart and he could, and the Ethiopian answered, “I believe that Jesus is the Son of God.” So, in the KJV baptism follows belief. However, as you read the NIV the part about the

Ethiopian's confession of faith in Jesus Christ is left out and vs 37 does not even appear in that Bible. If baptism is a requirement for salvation, then the thief on the cross with Jesus could not be saved because he died without any water baptism, but Jesus said he would be in paradise with Him.

Psalms 12:6-7 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever. (KJV) It seems to me that the fruit of this modern era can be at least partly blamed upon the modern versions of the Bible that have come out since the mid-20th century. God seems to promise in the above verse that he will keep his word and preserve it. Then might the KJV be the best Bible for English speaking people? IF not then where is that perfect Bible that God has preserved?

The Byzantine text-type had its origin in Antioch, Syria, where the disciples of Christ were first called Christians. (Acts 11:26)

The Byzantine text-type is the one from which the KJV mostly came forth. Many popular translations (e.g., NASB, NIV, ESV, HCSB) are based on the Nestle-Aland text (i.e.,

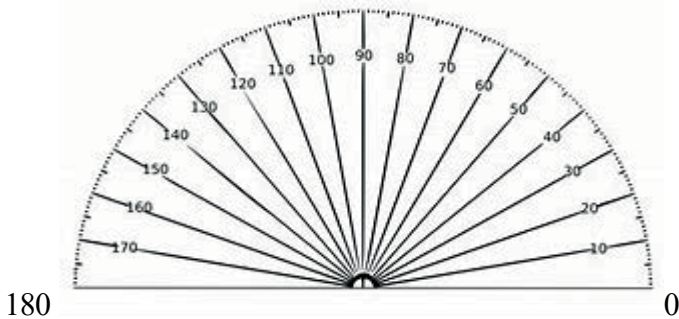
NA 27, UBS 4), which is based on the Alexandrian family of manuscripts. Westcott and Hort were the principal creators of the new Bibles. Their faith is suspect to me as I read about them. Westcott: "I never read an account of a miracle (in Scripture) but I seem instinctively to feel its improbability and discover some want of evidence in the account of it." It is up to everyone to decide which Bible is

the real one, but if you study the fruit and evidence for the KJV I believe the KJV is the best candidate for the true word of God for English speakers.

A person can die from a lack of water. There is more water than anything on this earth. Just look at the oceans, lakes, and rivers. The cover of this book pictures me standing in the desert and running out of water. A person can die of thirst in as little as two days or as long as 10 or more days.

It is also true that humans have inside of them a vacuum shaped place that needs God. They are “Thirsty” for God, but they do not know it. People try to satisfy their thirst by using methods such as drugs, alcoholism, riches, and popularity. Here are two more true stories from the scripture that point out that God is the great “thirst quencher.” Our first story is about a man named “Paul” who wrote a good bit of the New Testament. Paul was a real nemesis early on to the Christians in his environment. Being a Jew, he hated Christians and believed they were an illegitimate sect. But then he got on the road to “Damascus.” After Damascus he used his second name “Paul” because he was assigned an apostle to gentiles.

Paul made 180 degree turn to Christ!



Here is the story from the KJV: from Acts Chapter 9:1-20 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, and desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem And as he journeyed he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul why persecutes thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him unto Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink. And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said Behold, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise

and go into the street which is called Straight and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of tarsus: for behold he prayeth. And has seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him that he might receive his sight. Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man how much evil he hath done to the saints at Jerusalem: from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias went his way and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest hath sent me, that thou mightiest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose and was baptized. And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. So here is a case where someone was not seeking God, but God found him anyway. Saul's thirst for the things of God was hidden unto him for the time being until the Lord turned on the light! God works in special ways. He often chooses the most wayward types to become his disciples. Saul had even been okay with the murder of Stephen. See Acts 8:1. Have you had the light turned on for you? The bible says that today is the day of salvation. Salvation for you will not happen for you

Rules will not get you to heaven!

because you followed a set of rules to increase the odds. For example: faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17.

The following are a few pointers and verses that are important for you to peruse:

1. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6 Here Jesus says he is the only way. If you talk to many people, they are in denial of their only being one way to reach God and heaven. They will often say something like: I have my way and you have yours. If you look around your world you will see multiple religions. A religion, of course, is man trying to reach God through self-effort, whereas Christianity is God saving us by faith alone.

2. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. John 17:17. There is no truth that outdoes Scripture.

3. Particularly the KJV as I described in my last book...

4. “Things That Count,” I outline some especially important reasons to take the word of the KJV as the most

accurate word of God for English speaking people.

5. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. Psalm 145:18. Honesty may not get you anywhere in this world, but God is nigh unto the honest one. **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. 2 Tim. 3:16-17.** If you want to serve God then get into His Word to get yourself ready to do good works.

6. Remember, Good works are the result of salvation, but not the cause!

7. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:8. As a born-again Christian we are not as perfect as we would like to be. We will always need a Savior from our sins; however, we do know that the hold sin has on our lives is defeated by God's salvation and the indwelling Holy Spirit such that we are getting control in areas where as a lost person we had no control.

8. Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. John 14:17

9. We that believe are indwelled by the Holy Spirit. As a Christian you can remember times when the Holy Spirit gave you guidance.

10. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:13-14 KJV This verse talks of being sealed by the Holy Spirit. One who is saved is beyond being lost and will never return to that state but is sealed and saved forever. Christ has made him legally right with God.

11. Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. Psalm 15:1-2 KJV. Only true born-again believers have the potential for the right communication to others.

12. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. Romans 1:24-25. If we look around our world today, we see such things as homosexuality, and false worship of idols, as well as the use of drugs and alcohol to the extent of making their bodies sickly and un-useful for most good purposes. God tries to bring all sinners to the light, but if they refuse his work, then they can be given over to their sins and bound for the “Lake of Fire.”

13. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb.11:1 Faith is seen in the men in the Bible whose names were Abel, Enoch, Noah, and Abraham as well as others.

14. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Acts 20:30 KJV Men who think they are teachers but speak words that are not God's word will often lead people astray. They try to tickle the ears of their listeners, and often for the sake of getting them to fund their so-called ministry.

15. Their message is "have your best life now." It is impossible for a Christian to have his best life now while living in the flesh because heaven we be so much superior.

16. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. John 17:3. Eternal life comes by knowing Jesus Christ as ones Savior and Lord. There will be change in the lifestyle of a true believer's life. If any man, be in Christ he is a new Creature. 2 Cor. 5:17 Old habits and sins will begin to fade away. The Holy Spirit will bring one's life more into tune with godliness. God will use discipline in our lives to bring our lives into a state that is more like the one he wants us to be. Because of the work of Christ on the cross, even so he can see us as already perfected. But we don't usually see ourselves that way and we will need a glorified body to really experience perfection. Christians are gifted with love and it should show in the life of the mature believer. Both love and joy should be evident.

Shine Christ's Love to others

17. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all. John 18:38 Pilate wants to know truth and truth is standing right before him. Do you want to know truth? Then look no further than in Jesus Christ our Lord.

18. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 2 Timothy 3:16 Don't be afraid of the Bible. It is written and given to us by God for our benefit. The KJV has proved itself for centuries. It has changed lives from "sin controlled" to "Spirit Controlled."

19. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. John 3:16-17 The word "whosoever" gives us the connotation that anyone can be saved and born into the kingdom of God.

20. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. John 17:17. Do you want to live a life of truth? Then delve into the word of God!

The word "Thirsty" is in the KJV 17 times:

1. (Judges 4:19) And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him. In this story, Cicero was fleeing from his enemy, which was Israel and he came to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite. Cicero and the Kenites were friends and he thought he was safe there. When Jael gave him drink and treated him well, he thought he was safe. His last drink was one for the road down to death. Jael drove a spike into his temple while he slept and put him down. This whole episode brought great deliverance to Israel. Earthly water can only bring temporary delivery from death, while heavenly water brings eternal life. The word of God is truly heavenly water sent by God.

2. (2 Samuel 17:29) And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David and for the people that were with him, to eat for they said, the people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty in the wilderness. David is running from Absalom, his son who is after his father, to defeat him and take over the throne. In the wilderness one can get hungry and thirsty. Absalom ended up dead in an accidental run in with a tree that hung him. The people came to David's rescue as they trusted him but knew that Absalom was deceitful and untrustworthy. We will all get into a wilderness of sorts in our lives, and it is good to know that your heart is on the side of God because he will provide for your hunger and thirst while in a wilderness experience.

3. (Psalm 63:1) O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, My flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; This can only mean that the prayer is in a place where there is no word from God. In the same sense as being in the desert without water.

4. (Psalm 107:5) Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. The psalmist writes that Israel was hungry and thirsty and just about to faint when they began to pray, and God delivered them. Sometimes our thirst for God will lead to a prayer for deliverance. I once thought that I was about to die from my acid reflux that I found out can mimic a heart attack. My wife prayed for me and from that moment I began to get better!

5 (Psalm 143:6) I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah. There is physical thirst as in a dry desert and then there is spiritual thirst when we seek after God and his direction for our lives.

6. (Proverbs 25:21) If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink.) The attitude of Christians should be a vast improvement from what the world thinks and does. So, give drink to him that is thirsty. Sometimes that drink might be the word of God which is the greatest thirst quencher of all. Literal water might help as well.

7. (Proverbs 25:25) As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country). I think the far country is heaven itself, and that good news is that Jesus Christ died for your sins and wants to give you eternal life, for whosoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13)

8. (Isaiah 21:14) The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled. The inhabitants of Babylon were fleeing the battle, but they were kept from fleeing by the inhabitants of the land of Tema who gave them food and drink. Those that are of the world are often drawn more to physical things than spiritual things.

9. (Isaiah 29:8) It shall eve be as when an hungry man dreameth, and behold he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and behold he drinketh; but he awaketh, and behold he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion. To the enemies of Zion victory over mount Zion is only like a dream unfulfilled. There will come a day when God will step in to save them. Their hunger and thirst for worldly goods and property will not be quenched.

10. (Isaiah 32:6) For the vile person will speak villainy, and his heart will work iniquity, to practice hypocrisy, and to utter error against the Lord, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the

drink of the thirsty to fail. Villainy is deliberate hostility in action and word. Hypocrisy is accusing someone of guilt for an action they are doing themselves. Not being of help to the hungry and thirsty soul is villainy. The lord wants the born again Christian to be a helper of the needy person.

11. (Isaiah 35:7) And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay; shall be grass with reeds and rushes. The land of Israel was a dry barren land until the Jews returned to it in 1948 and beyond, they have at least partially fulfilled this prophecy which shall be completed during Christ's 1000-year reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords to all the redeemed. There are two types of redeemed during the one thousand years, Israelites living still in mortal bodies and those living in immortal bodies. (Christians)

12. (Isaiah 44:3) For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon the seed, and my blessings upon thine offspring. God uses water here to show that as one is thirsty for physical water, he also will need spiritual water to have spiritual life.

13. (Isaiah 65:13) Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, my servants shall eat but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice but ye shall be ashamed: God is telling us of the ultimate result of those

that worship him and live righteously. While we have trouble in this life whether we be one of God's children or not, ultimately, we shall be satisfied by God's kindness and care in this life and especially in the next.

14. (Ezekiel 19:13) And now she is planted in a dry and thirsty ground. This verse appears to be about Israel who originally was in a bountiful and fruitful land but due to her disregard for the things of God she became as one whose thirst for water is evident. She was planted by the will of God in a dry and thirsty ground. Likewise, a lawless life can lead to want. Perhaps we should coin a new word..."thiristic". Do you know anyone whose life has a thiristic appearance?

15. (Matthew 25:35) For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick and ye visited me: I was in prison: and ye came unto me. Jesus says that if we are saved by him then we are to look after those with a thiristic appearance and be a provider of their needs, physical and spiritual.

16. (Matthew 25:37) Then shall the righteous answer him, saying Lord, when saw we thee hungered, and fed thee? Or thirsty and gave thee drink? Those hearing Jesus words did not recognize the spiritual meaning of his words which was to feed or drink to anyone in need was to express the same love and grace that Jesus will supply

to all those who have that “thirstic” look and have a humble heart.

17. (Matthew 25:42) For I was hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: And then there are those of us humans who can fail to see a situation in which we can be like Jesus and feed the needy or thirsty soul. Water is often a symbol of the word of God or God’s word. The greatest help to the thirsty soul is “truth” from the word of God that can lead to a new birth of life from God. In the Old Testament (Isaiah 17:1-7) we find the historical account of the Jews in the desert becoming thirsty. Man might fail to quench a person’s thirst, but God always can be counted on to quench our thirst. Just like when Moses was told to strike the rock so water could come out to feed the Israeli’s and their animals. Jesus Christ was stricken with the cross at calvary thereby securing our salvation from our sins. Our thirst for eternal life is quenched by this one act of God.

The number 17 represents a spiritual connection with God, faithfulness, and the capacity to endure hardships or even failures. Those who embody these qualities will ultimately be rewarded with eternal life. Additionally, if you follow signs all the way through, you will discover that God’s hints always point to Jesus as our thirst quencher.

Chapter

2

History

A Presidential Memoir

An executive order

**I have left orders to be awakened at any time in case of national emergency—even if I am in a Cabinet meeting.
— Ronald Reagan**

{“John there is a gathering of BLM tonight in the town square, would you like to go?” John’s friend Jerry was visiting with him across the wall in his back yard. “No, I have got something else I need to do. (He had a plan to meet with Denise his sideline girlfriend and office secretary.)}

In today’s culture, they want to ignore history and make new history where about anything goes that include adultery, fornication, homosexuality, gay marriage and teaching kids that there are numerous sexes. There are forces who want to tear down statues. Lawlessness has reached epic levels all over the world. Emergencies seem to abound at a much higher rate than during Ronald Reagan’s presidency. I would hope that any president

would not fall asleep in a cabinet meeting. Of course, Reagan was only joking. This chapter is about history. You may ask how does a book titled “Thirsty” need a chapter on history? I believe that today’s cancel culture, in their efforts to tear down monuments and cancel out what happened historically is an example of someone thirsty for a change. Of course, Black Lives Matter enters the picture as a part of this in that they want to blame whites for racism in the United States. If there is a real need to satisfy our thirst for why things are the way they are, let us look at what has happened in not just our history but world history itself. First, let us look at the history of religion for example. There has always been a thirst for something or someone to worship in all societies. So, let’s major in the history of religion as it relates to our natural thirst for an explanation of why things are the way they are. Here is a list of a few that used their thirst for truth to change the world.

The oldest religion in the world is Hinduism. It was formed somewhere between 1500 and 3000 B.C. Hinduism has no founder that stands out, no set of doctrines or scriptures and is adhered to by about nine hundred million people. India has about 94% of those that practice this religion.

Hinduism believes that humans can get reincarnated. And depending upon their practice of righteousness, believe they become a higher Life form in their next life. So their salvation beliefs depend upon how good a life they live. There are many gods in Hinduism. Hindus also consider many animals sacred. Hindus also practice Yoga. Yoga is a practice of human physical positions that are suppos-

ed to bring the adherent closer to their particular god.

Buddhism is another religion that is like Hinduism in some respects. Buddhists also practice yoga. The main countries which practice Buddhism currently are China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam. Both Hindus and Buddhists believe in reincarnation. Buddha was the person who started Buddhism. He was a Hindu that broke away and formed his own religion. The four belief practices of Hindus are:

1. Buddhists suffer: Suffering is common to man according to Buddha.
2. Suffering has a cause: In Buddhism one is said to suffer because he has not come to the point of victory over desire. So having a desire is said to cause one to suffer.
3. Ending suffering: According to Buddha you are the source of ending of suffering and you must want to end it by your actions and feelings.
4. Spiritual enlightenment: by the practice of yoga, Meditation, and good conduct, the experience of reincarnation is said to stop. But what or where you are at this point is unclear. The thinking is that you do not just cease to exist. Religion is working to get right with God.

The above religions present that you must get in good with your God or Gods to advance to the next level. In Christianity the next level is Heaven. In many other so called Christian religions you are at least partially working to get to heaven. I want to take a look at another version of religion that claims to be Christian.(Roman Catholicism) Every doctrine of the Catholic Church is given a number. For example 183, 1129, 1815, and 2002 state that salvation is obtained by a combination of faith, good works, and participation in the sacraments of the Roman Church. Scripture says: salvation is obtained by grace through faith apart from works... (Ephesians 2:8,9) Good works are the result but not the cause of salvation...Ephesians 2:10. {1821, and 2010} state that Eternal life is a merited reward. But the Bible says that Eternal life is the gift of God. (Romans 6:23) Furthermore, 1036, and 2005 state that no one can know if he will attain eternal life. But the believer can know that he has eternal life by the word of God (1 John 5:13)

So, the individual must choose his source of doctrine. Seems you would have to throw the Bible out if you went for Roman Catholicism. If you are a Christian, you know that your salvation is not because of good works. So, one must decide if he will follow the Religions of the world or reject them in favor of a salvation that is by faith alone. Nevertheless, let us proceed with another religion.

Let us look at Mormonism: This religion was organized by a man named Joseph Smith. Smith lived from 1805 to 1844. In Fayette, New York. Joseph organized the church as its prophet and the original church had six charter members. The church has become known as the LDS church. Their current headquarters is in Salt Lake Utah. The Church has thousands of missionaries and is one of the fastest growing churches. Joseph Smith claimed to have a vision in which he was in search of what church to join at the age of 14. This Church claims that God was once a man like we are, and that God is not eternal as the Bible says. Smith claims that God developed over time into becoming our God. He says that we must learn how to become gods ourselves. So, in Smith's theology there are many gods throughout the universe, but only one god for our location. The claim that there are many gods is not what the Bible says. In Isaiah 43:10 the bible states as follows: "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me." Adherents of Mormonism would have to reject the Bible to believe as Joseph Smith believed. Mormons say they believe in the King James Bible, and they have another book they follow from known as the Book of Mormon. The law of progression to Godhood is a part of their doctrine that conflicts with Bible Christianity in that one must achieve his own place in eternity step by step. Their Christ is different from the Christ of the Bible.

Marxism is often thought of as a political philosophy, however it can also be taken as a religion. Carl Marx had a vision of social salvation. His salvation was for the here and now rather than heaven and eternity. Marx was antagonistic toward any concept of God or religion. Marx had a view of a utopian society that eliminated ownership of property and made all equal. History does not verify that Marxism leads to utopia but to communism and ill treatment of its participants. Capitalism is anathema to a Marxist, but American capitalism has flourished to become the best form of socialism to date. But the United States is moving toward a form of Marxism according to Mark Levin. Levin writes in his book “American Marxism” “And yet, by Experience we can show that Marxism and the implementation of a workers paradise are the cause of the death of millions of humans and that many have been enslaved by the use of this dogma. So, it looks as if Marxism is a work that is not of God.

Homosexuality is not a religion, but it is treated as if it is okay and just as right as heterosexuality. Historically homosexuality in the U.S. and other parts of the world has been treated with disdain by both law and religion. Very few accepted homosexuals in the 1950's and 60's. In 1969 there occurred an event known as the Stonewall rebellion in a New York City Gay bar. Police had raided the bar, but patrons fought back. This began a slow empowerment of the movement. Today even churches are accepting and some are allowing sexual de-

vians into the ministry. It is also true that the media has both praised and exalted marriage of same sex individuals. But what does God's word say about it. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 states: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, not abusers of themselves with mankind, not thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the Spirit of God." Here we see a list of sins that can either condemn someone or if they are forgiven, they can still go to heaven. I believe that any sin must be repented of. And one must be freed from the controlling nature, of any sin, by the indwelling Spirit of God to be saved. There are examples in real life, as the above scripture implies, of people who have been saved out of Homosexuality and many other condemning sins. "Effeminate" surely implies homosexual tendencies as does abusing themselves with mankind. Sodomy is abusive in nature because our bodies are not meant for such man to man or woman to woman sexual involvement. The disease of HIV is caused by sodomy. There have been sodomy laws in the past, but in modern times these laws have been done away with or ignored. But the sinner can be cleansed by a faith in Jesus Christ and the controlling nature, of this or any sin, can be overcome by faith. Our modern times since the late 1960's has seen humanity becoming more controlled by our sin nature and as a result I believe.

that God has given men over to such and if we do not repent our nation will fall as has many other nations in history that descended into decadence. Are you thirsty for a new life? Then repent of your sins and have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. There is a way to know that you have been saved and destined for eternal life. (1 John 5:13) states: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life.

While Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, you can know for sure that you are saved. Do you have faith? Has your life been changed from sinner to saint? Are you living a life that tries to leave off with sinning and worship the true one that is able to make you whole?

What is it that makes kings and kingdoms all pass away According to the Bible it is abominations that destroy both kings and kingdoms. Ezekiel 33:29 states: Then shall they know that I am the Lord, when I have laid most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed. Anything abominable is also defined as "disgusting." Sins are disgusting to God. He will not remember your sins if they have been washed away by the blood of Christ.

While Jesus Christ is a historical figure, history is full of failed empires and kingdoms. For example:

Babylon was from 605 to 539 B.C.

Medo-Persia was from 539 to 332 B.C.

Greece was from 332 to 146 B.C.

The Roman Empire from 146 B.C to about 476 A.D.

The Empires of Spain and England are still there but greatly diminished.

The American empire has only lasted about 250 years So far. It looks as if the United States is on the decline. We have become a cesspool of morality with the rate of murders of babies in the womb. Not to mention the rate of Gay marriage and laws that protect such sinfulness. When Rome fell it was not because of conquest but because of moral decline. Are we next? 2020 saw the hateful robbery of stores and the breaking of glass fronts and doors to steal items. These things occurred in mostly democratic controlled cities. Our recent presidential election was a farce as there were dead people who voted as well as questionable tallying of votes in certain states. How did Trump get more votes than any sitting president in history and yet his opponent got more votes in key states and a total even higher than Trump? Was it because non-citizens cast votes for Biden? Is it possible that foreigners help us cook the books for candidates? Even if such things happened, we as Christians realize that this world as we know it is pass-

ing away and that God is allowing such things to eventually lead to the conclusion that only God can arrange a paradise on earth and no man can regardless of his political slant can do such. Biblically speaking Christ is coming soon. First, he will bring all true Christians up into heaven to reside with Him while there is still tribulation on the earth. The terror that ensues after the rapture of the body of Christ (Church) will be worse than anything in history. I am leaving a left behind letter at the end of this book for those who do not make it to heaven in the resurrection. If you have witnessed the mass disappearance of thousands and millions of people from earth, then please read my letter and prepare for the great tribulation that is soon coming within a year or two after the rapture and maybe even quicker. The Bible explains several examples of a rapture that occurred for single individuals, as a pre-picture of the future harvest of Christians at the end of the Church age.

In today's time most people are either not aware of such things as the rapture of the church or they think it is plain ridiculous religious talk. You will be surprised, if left behind, to see that us crazy Christians were right after all. The internet is full of information about such things. However much of it is not according to scripture. Let us deal with the internet in my next chapter.

Chapter 3

Internet

{John thought to himself as he perused the books in the library...There surely is something to show my wife that God does not exist. He found a book in the catalogue called The God Delusion by Richard Dawkins. The book was all checked out, but he found a way to get it on the internet so when he got home, he downloaded it and began to read. Later that evening he was talking to Susan about how there are many out there that do not believe in an afterlife. Susan spoke up, "John I want to tell you about something I found on the internet about the end times." John answered, "You believe in the end of the world." Yes, I do", she stated and I'm going to tell you why." She continued, "I'm going to list what I learned on a piece of paper for you to read and think about. " John I wish you would go to church with me." John answered, "Susan you have changed so much that I don't know you anymore." After dinner Susan listed on a piece of paper the things that point to the end times. She wrote:.....

1. The Jews are back in the land for the first time since 70 A.D.
2. Lawlessness is abounding just like Jesus said in Matthew chapter 24:12
3. Sexual perversion is happening just like the days of Lot in the Bible.
4. The Pope is working to form a one world religion and government. Powerful and rich world leaders are helping him by doing things leading in that direction.

5. There are increased disasters caused by riots, viruses, earthquakes.
6. There is a breakup of the home.
7. There are many false teachers who are only in it for the money.
8. Famines and starvation are happening with regularity.
9. There is enough technology now to control the world's economies and what individuals need to buy and sell.
10. Increased antisemitism and increasing persecution of Christians.}

The internet is all over the world and it speaks loudly but not always truthfully. One must ask himself how he will determine the truth while reading something on the internet. The best way to judge what you read is to ask the question does it line up with what my Bible says. Of course, in today's world there are many Bibles out there. Which bible is the right one? If you read my book "Things That Count", you would already know what I think about that. I believe that for English speakers the KJV is the best Bible to read and study. Others will say they like other Bibles, which vary their wordings a bit

but you need to know how those Bibles were written. Here is one costly error for you to peruse: The NIV says in Luke 2:33..." The Child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him" Joseph and Mary according to this passage are the "father" and "mother" of Jesus. Notice what the KJV says: in the same passage: "And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him." Jesus was not fathered by Joseph but by God almighty! Do you see that someone could reason that Joseph was the actual father of Jesus if they read the NIV? Jesus was the "Son of God" according to Mark 1:1 which says: "In the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Also compare Matthew 1:18..."Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost." The word of God must be 100 percent accurate and must not misconstrue the reader as the NIV has done in this passage. There are other passages as well that can be pinpointed in these Bibles that point to the absolute accuracy of the KJV. If you are going to engage in the practice of checking the internet out, it is advisable to be in the Bible regularly to avoid being caught in something that is false. Let's take a look at some things found on the internet.

1. The most immoral thing one can find on the internet is the availability of pornography. The pornography business on the internet is a money maker. And one can find many

sites advertising such things. Porn is ugly and many are hooked on it. Sensuality attracts a considerable number of internet users. Men are more likely to look at porn than women. In the Bible Job said, “I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid.” (Job 31:1)

2. Social media is in control of much of society. The decisions made by internet social media such as Twitter, Facebook and others are often one sided and lean in the liberal direction. The electronic world sways voters in a direction that can loosely described as thirsting for money and pleasure. Whatever the liberals describe as appropriate, they go for as well. There is money to be made for example, in abortion clinics. They also wholly recommend such immoral things as gay marriage. The corruptions made manifest to an ungodly thirsting society are the result of Satan’s infiltration on the Internet. He knows what the unsaved man and woman thirst for and provides it all over the internet and media. So, is everything on the internet bad? No. Some sites offer useful information. Sites that promote Christian values and draw people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be valuable to the web cruiser. One can listen to sermons, find interpretations of bible passages and many other good things on the internet. Entire Bibles can be found to read on the internet but some of them are a bit corrupt.

3. Are you interested in the history behind the media, and what about future usage of electronic means to control

society? Robert Kahn and Vinton Cerf have been credited as the internet inventors due to their development of two key components of the internet. They produced the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) and Internet Protocol (IP) in 1973. Every computer has to have a unique (IP) address. The Internet is made up of computers from all over the world. Each of these computers is connected by phone lines or cables...or even wireless connections! If your computer is connected to the Internet, it speaks a special language with other computers called TCP/IP.

There are around three hundred billion emails sent each day on the internet. It is thought by many that the outcome of the 2020 presidential election was influenced by social platforms leaning heavily in the liberal direction. In the future the “Antichrist” will control buyers and sellers with some kind of internet usage. For example, I think that facial recognition as well as palm recognition could be used. See Rev: 13:16...”And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in the right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” The internet can spin things in the wrong or immoral direction. The internet can also pin things in the truthful direction, hence knowledge of the perfect will of God can allow us to correctly identify truth vs error. I have a website that has a picture of the Sydney opera house on it. My wife and I made a trip to Australia in 2010 goodnewspublishing.info is

the sights web-address. I am working on it so please advise me if you see something that you either like or dislike or find biblically incorrect. There are lots of websites that produce information that is for the most part accurate and useful for Christian information. YouTube is a place where we may find some of them. Here are a few youtubers that preach or teach on the internet and study Bible prophecy.

1. Mike Hoggard
2. BTBM
3. Billy Crone
4. Jan Markel
5. Ron Rhodes
6. Generation 2434

CHAPTER
4
RAPTURE

{It was his normal process to take a walk or run prior to going to work in His Phoenix office. Being the vice president of a plastics company that made all sorts of plastic wear. John was a wealthy man and lived in a high brow neighborhood. All this occurred some 6 months after the trip to Ecuador. As he was walking, he was thinking about all that had occurred. Denise had delivered his baby and John was contemplating what to do about all that. Denise had also converted to Christianity recently after delivering her first child. She had an epiphany and returned to her belief in Jesus Christ. John was thinking to himself, what is the attraction to Jesus, wasn't he just an ordinary man like everybody else?

And then it happened. As he approached the turnaround point in his walk, an automobile careened across John's path and rammed into a stop sign. And another car jammed into that one from behind. John noticed that the clouds in the sky were boiling strangely, and he heard something that sounded like a very loud trumpet. What could it be as he rushed over to the cars at the stop sign? And when he looked inside there was no driver there, and the car that smashed into that one did not have a driver either, but a lady jumped out of the car and screamed, "What happened to my Husband!" John was not completely understanding what had just happened, and after consoling the lady he started walking again John rushed home and he began to cry when he saw his wife's clothes lying on the floor next to his dog Grabber. His wife Susan was nowhere to be found.}

Although this is an imaginary story, it correctly represents a future event known as the “rapture of the church.” The following are the scriptural supports for my argument.

1. **“1 Thessalonians 4:16-18” “For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefor comfort one another with these words.** (Only those in Christ will be caught up to heaven at this time.” There will be some who don’t make it that will be shocked that God has left them behind. They were never completely sure of their salvation.)
2. **(1 Corinthians 15:51,52) “Behold I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”**

Chapter 5

Salvation

{John thought to himself.... I wonder if I can be saved now if this rapture stuff is really true. So, he opened Susan's Bible and he found inside it a paper that was addressed Dear John. "If you find yourself left behind, I want to tell you that it is still possible to be saved. It requires faith to be saved. Read Hebrew 11:2, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Next read Romans 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." John, you must understand that everyone is a sinner and to go to heaven you must believe that Jesus Christ paid the penalty for your sin with his blood. In 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 we see how the gospel is described. When someone is saved his life changes. If some sin is controlling your life, you will see it go away the closer you get to God. 2 Corinthians 15:7 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." The time you are living in is either now or soon will be known as the tribulation. If I were you, I would find out how to live without being able to buy or sell anything. Find a place in the mountains somewhere and live off the land. You can kill animals and cook them. You can hide yourself in a cave or something like that. It is likely that tribulation saints will also get to heaven, but it will be hard, and few will make it because of the deceptions going on during the tribulation will pull most away from God. My pastor helped me write this to

you. Here is a list of things to prepare for the great tribulation.

1. Water
2. Canned goods
3. Paper goods
4. Protection i.e., guns and ammo
5. Toiletries
6. Lighting
7. Prescriptions
8. Extra glasses
9. Blankets
10. Generator
11. A tent

John if I were you, I would head for the mountains around Phoenix and find a spot to hang out hidden from the world.}

Redemption is defined as the process by which a debt is paid in full. The truth is that when we sin God sometimes requires us to suffer the consequences of our sin. The consequence of our sin is eternal separation from God in a place called hell. Hell is a place of torment in a

fire. Once one is placed in hell, he cannot be “redeemed” ever. Sin must be punished. On the other hand, a person can be redeemed by God and not have to face punishment in hell. Jesus Christ shed his blood on the cross for all who would accept him as Savior. God took our punishment on the cross if we have faith in Jesus Christ. God has a grace to apply to anyone’s life if they will only trust in Him! Anyone can be forgiven and credited with Christ’s righteousness by believing. I personally believe that this can happen in the life of the believer when he hears the word of God and believes. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Hearing the word of God is like planting a seed. Some seeds in your garden will sprout in a few days, others seem to sprout in a very long time as in the case of a date palm seed some 2000 years old – preserved by nothing more than storage in hot and dry conditions has germinated, making it the oldest seed in the world to do so. Coming to such faith that one’s life begins to spring forth unto salvation may require several twists of the “bolt of salvation.”

Every time the word is preached or read by someone has the possibility of moving someone from doubt to belief.

My personal redemption story. One day when I was in my twenties, I decided to read the book of Revelation in the Bible. I had no idea what I was reading, so I told one of my co-workers and asked him what the book of Revelation was all about. So, he came over to my house one evening to share the gospel with my first wife and me. We listened to

his listing of Bible verses about salvation, and then he asked us to pray. The only thing I knew to pray was the Apostles creed, which was a Methodist church Sunday ritual. It goes something like this....I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord... My worker friend also quoted Romans 10:9..." That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." He told me to always remember this verse. I was probably saved at this point but did not really appreciate that reality until several years later when I was out in front of my house in Converse Texas, (Now married to my second wife.) I was mowing the grass when it suddenly came to me somehow that my name was written in the Lambs book of life. I was mowing the grass by something we called the "footprint." It was a yard area that contained a tree and some bushes that was outlined in the shape of a footprint separate from the grass area. From that day on my life began to change more drastically as I began to get victory over some of my life controlling sins and habits

Chapter 6

Travels

{To John's amazement Denise was nowhere to be found and the child as well. She was a Christian and had disappeared like Susan. All these things that had happened were disruptive to everything in everybody's life including John. Money was beginning to be useless, so John decided to head to the mountains to find a place to set up his camp to escape the so-called Antichrist. Avoiding the mark of the beast made life hard for anyone who did that. Everyone who wanted to buy or sell had to take his mark which was mysterious tattoo with a number hidden inside the tattoo. When someone came to a checkout, they had to run their hand or be scanned in the forehead for the invisible tattoo that was there and immediately their picture would come on the registers screen so they couldn't forge anything and the beast police were standing by to handcuff any false attempting person. John's brother was caught attempting to buy something and was arrested on the spot, and he was sent to prison where they cut his head off. James knew about his death because the government often reported names of those that attempted to fool the system in the local newspaper. Every town had a giant idol that was about 40 feet tall that had a face which could depict any person and speak to the public. It typically had the face of the world government leader with messages for citizens to listen to.

John had his tent and his three-wheeler loaded with the items his wife had recommended. John had actually begun to believe in Jesus Christ through reading his KJV Bible, but

he wanted to avoid this new world leaders heavy handed death and punishment for decenters. John figured that he could steal some Gas occasionally, to run his portable generator. He knew of a cave in the Phoenix mountains and was headed there to set up camp. Upon arrival at the cave, he discovered that racoons occupied the cave. After chasing them out, he noticed at about 100 yards a tent was set up which was never there before. So, he decided to go and investigate. After arriving at the tent on the other side was a woman who was washing her clothes in a tub. She noticed his approach and said, "Well hello, are you, my neighbor?" "I guess I am." Said John "It's really strange to see a woman out here in the wilderness." Ruby was a nice-looking woman of about 35 years old. She was wearing shorts because it was a warm day in July. "What brings you up here in the mountain?" John questioned her as she was hanging her clothes on the line stretched across from her tent. "Ruby spoke plainly, "I'm probably up here for the same reason you are. The new world government wants to get rid of all people who will not comply with their request to take the mark. I am not taking it because I believe it is not in my best interest. I'd rather try to live my life free of wicked government controls. Why are you up here? John replied, "Well, the Bible says that if anyone takes the mark, he will end up in hell. My wife was a Christian and taken in the rapture, but I was not. She gave me a Bible and told me that for which to look for. So, we are in the great tribulation and have been left behind. Life is very hard so

hard so how are you getting by without the ability to buy or sell down in Phoenix? “I have emergency food to last for 3 months in my tent” she said. “I see you have a dog over there,” John said as he approached the dog to pet him. “What kind is he?” He is a German Sheppard” Replied Ruby. John’s mind began to wonder if he should make friends with Ruby since he was 10 years older than her. Ruby sensed his interest in her and said, “Would you like to join me for dinner, I’m cooking up an emergency package of food here at my grill I built on the ground.” I would be glad to join you and I will return the compliment. “What do you do for water?” John asked. “I have a few days’ supply, but I am wondering myself how to get some water up here” Ruby said. “My plan is to slip into town at night and fill jugs from someone’s faucet. I know some who have not taken the mark who are trying to stay in their house. They have solar power and a well. They will let us fill our jugs as often as we want to,” Said John. “Let’s go down tonight and get some,” Ruby replied. It was 3 A.M when John and Ruby returned with several jugs of water. “Why don’t we build a fire and talk for a while. I have some Frog’s legs in my Ice chest. We can cook them over the fire,” John said. “Can’t say that I’ve ever eaten frogs’ legs, but I’m willing to give it a try,” Ruby replied. So, from about 3 A.M until about 5 A.M. Ruby and John ate Frog legs and talked at length about the great tribulation they had been through. “Ruby, I can say that we have all been through hell after the rapture of the church. The one world government forming was my first

clue that something was rotten in Denmark. I could not have made it if I did not have solar power for my small refrigerator in my cave. According to the TV commentary I watched one fourth of the world population died from starvation after that world war that started. People were skin and bones and died in the streets of Phoenix and were buried in mass graves. World President Vaxmon is the evillest man I have ever seen. His killing of most of those people who converted to Christianity under the teaching of the 144000 Jewish evangelist was terrible. I watched them being beheaded on TV. Right after that I remember the great earthquake that shook the world, but luckily it did not bring my cave down.” John said, with a grim look on his face. Ruby replied by saying, “I was hiding in a vacant house when the earthquake hit, the walls fell all around me, but I crawled under the bed to avoid injury. There was so much chaos that I managed to get out of the rubble and found a ride with someone I never knew who took me by horseback to his House which was a dome structure that escaped damage from the earthquake. I lived there until one day he was captured by the world police and taken to his death. They searched his Dome, but I had hidden in a secret crawl space, and they did not find me. But I heard them talking about destroying the dome, so after they left, I decided to try and escape to the mountains. This was not the first place I set up my tent but have moved several times trying to locate where they could not find me.” Then John said, “If I had not built up my supply of food and water, I would have perished when the meteors struck the

earth. That was a very scary event. Do you remember how the earth shook during that time? The Meteor was exceptionally large and caused flooding on the East coast that covered New York's buildings completely. The TV service went out but I heard all about it on my Ham Radio. It stayed dark for days. Do you remember that?" "Yes," Ruby replied and there were people wandering all over the place with sores all over their skin. And those ugly demon-like creatures swarmed the city, but for some reason they did not bother me. Do you suppose they were tormenting those that take the mark only? "I believe so," John replied. "They did not bother me as well, but they were flying all around this mountain as well as down in Phoenix. Ruby related, "Those creatures that were supposed to be from another solar system turned the water in the sea and rivers into a sea of blood! I had an encounter with seven of those creatures that landed in their craft about a quarter mile from where I was trying to exist in my tent. They came up to me and nearly scared me to death. They started telling me that there was no such thing as God and that they had appointed Vaxmon to be the world premier to lead us out of this terrible time," Ruby said. They gave me food and water from their ship and went on their way. Of course, the news broadcast was all in favor of these creatures that were taking over the world. The atheists called us Christian's haters and laughed at our belief in Jesus Christ." John replied, "I talked with one of them early in this tribulation time and they also gave me food and water. But they encouraged me to take the

mark, but I knew that if I took the mark, I would be giving up all hope of being on God's side and with Him some day. We are the lucky few that have survived. I saw several of my Christian relatives get their heads cut off on TV. I am hoping that Jesus Christ comes soon to put a stop to this terrible time."

And just as they were about to finish their discussion, a voice came from behind them out of the brushy area and said, "Put your hands over your head, you are under arrest for avoiding allegiance to the government." Of course, there was no way to escape now, as the agents handcuffed them and led them down a trail which later came to a clearing where there was a helicopter waiting. Ruby and John were mostly silent as they rode in the helicopter. The officer said, "You people are ignorant to avoid the world system. It's really to your advantage to take the mark to avoid execution. John replied, "The Bible says that to take the mark will condemn us to everlasting punishment in the lake of fire." The officer replied, "That is what a few Christians have said, but that is really a fairy tale." Premier Vaxmon is now giving away a fancy watch for those that take the mark," You can cruise the internet, record information and other things. This watch is proof also that I am a member of the World Federation." Ruby replied, "So the watch identifies members of the federation?" "Yep", replied the officer. Of course, the invisible tattoo on your hand or forehead must be there when you buy and sell. You will be given 24 hours to make up your mind to either

take the mark or be executed. You must watch the orientation video during that time which will show you the advantages of the Mark.” They soon arrived at the station where they noticed a number of people sitting and waiting to either be marked or executed. The video on the computer was running over and over about every 22 minutes for those sitting there to listen to. There were headphones for the various language talkers so they could hear the message in their language. Then the group spokesperson appeared and made a speech in which he said, “You will be given 2 days to choose to either take the mark or to be executed by way of the guillotine.” The women in the group were crying and the men were trying to look brave. Ruby said to John, “This is the end unless we take the mark. I think I’d rather take the mark than have my head cut off.” John replied, “It is scary, but the Bible promises that we should not take the mark and obtain salvation and new life after death.” “Where does it say that?” Ruby replied. John took out his pocket New Testament and read Revelation 20:4. “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and the lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”

Sitting next to John and Ruby was a man with a shaggy look. His beard was long, and he was wearing clothes that looked like he was some kind of prophet or something. “John,” he said, “Let me tell you how to get out of being executed without taking the mark.” “How did you know my name.” John remarked. “Just listen to me while I tell you both how to do it.” A man named Daniel will call off both of your executions just in time. He is a secret agent for the Lord. He will say he wants to interrogate you both to find out how you avoided being caught for so long. The executioner will take his hand away from the lever to drop the blade and remove your head from the chop slot. He will then come to your cell to talk with you and take a picture of your arms. When he returns later, he will put on your arm a sleeve that looks like your arms and hands. On the artificial hand is a mark of the beast. He will tell everyone he talked you into taking the mark. And you will both be released.” John and Ruby were really puzzled about this talk of artificial arm covers. Ruby replied talking to John, “What if it doesn’t work.” They both turned to the prophet guy to ask him, but he was not there. He had just disappeared. “Where did he go? He just vanished like the people who vanished during the rapture.” “Maybe he was an angel or something.” Ruby replied.

The next day, sure enough a man came to their cell and introduced himself as Daniel. He said, “I am here to take a picture of your arms and hand. I will return to stop the executioner from cutting your head off and ask to query

you about how you avoided being caught for so long.” “We saw an angel which told us all about you. Are you the secret agent he told us about,” queried Ruby. “I am the one and I will save you from execution tomorrow at this time.” Daniel replied. Daniel left and John and Ruby were mystified by all that had taken place. That night while they slept in their cell, John had a dream about all that had happened during the tribulation. He dreamed that some 3 years ago there had been a war in Europe that lasted for several months in which a northern Nation had invaded south to take back this territory which had originally been a part of their country way back on the 1940’s but since then had been a free nation of its own. The Northern nation had taken new territory and then it ventured to take other nations to the south. But when it ventured further there was what seemed like a fire from heaven. At the same time as the fire there was a solar flare and the rapture took place. and a few of the fires had landed near Washington DC and Moscow. There was extended period of time in which hardly any mechanization of travel was possible and so Russia decided to invade Israel on Horseback and some other nations came with them. But as These tried to travel over the mountains of northern Israel, there were natural disasters that engulfed the troops and killed most of them. Heavy hailstorms and earthquakes crushed the invading army. All this had happened after the rapture of the church. And there was fire that engulfed the United States and many other nations that were living in sin. This marked the

end of the nation of Russia as a major power as fire landed all over Gog's kingdom. It seemed like a nuclear exchange, but no one was able to tell what it was. In later years, a meteor crashed into the Ocean and killed most of the fish and caused giant tidal waves to hit Europe and the United States. It was hard for John and Ruby to sleep as they were terrified by everything that had happened. Then the morning came, and they were both led from their cells to the execution room. They were both put in the stocks and the executioner was ready to let the blade down when Daniel burst into the room and said "Stop" I want to inquire how they escaped being caught and then you can execute them. So, Daniel saved the day and led them to an office where he began to interrogate them. At first John and Ruby thought he really did want to see how they avoided being caught by the World Federation. But finally, he pulled out a pair of fake hands that were covered on one end by the World Federation watch and the other end extended up to the armpit. Daniel said, "Put these on so you can buy and sell." They are a fake Mark of the Beast and have a legitimate number chip inside them." "This is amazing" said John as he put on the fake arm covering. "I figured we were going to become headless today" Ruby replied. "I was so scared I could not sleep last night. How can you get away with this." "I am a computer expert engineer and I have figured out how to fool the system. I also have a contact with an angel of God who tells me who is viable for this." And then the executioner came into the room and asked if he could put them back into the stocks for death. Daniel answered, "They have decided to take the

mark and you will not be needed. You can scan their arms now if you wish. After scanning John and Ruby were escorted out of the police station and were free. The hand covering looked really real and it worked everywhere they went. John still had a bank account and could now use his fake number to buy breakfast for the both of them at a local café. Daniel had given them directions as to what to do next. They were to report to Carlsbad caverns to live there until the tribulation was over. Carlsbad was where all the people with fake numbers were to live. So, everyone there was wearing a fake arm with a legitimate number on it to fool the system. The World Federation had closed the caverns because many had taken refuge there. But Daniel made a new entrance to the caverns some five thousand feet away from the usual entrance. That entrance was covered by a huge fake rock that could be opened by a code on the watch.

John and Ruby made their way to the bus station to catch a bus to Carlsbad NM. Upon arrival they stayed at a motel to get ready for the entrance to the cave during the night hours. All payments were made by running one's arm over a Mark reader instrument. John ran his arm over and the payment was made. Upon checking in to the hotel they noticed World federation guards sitting in the lounge area. John asked one what his name was. And he replied, "My name is Jim. "What do you do here at this hotel?" John queried. "We are relieving the guards out at Carlsbad Caverns tomorrow. What brings you to Carlsbad? Jim said as he took a drink of his coffee cup. John had to think up something quickly, so

he finally said, "We have relatives here and are just visiting with them. Jim said, "Don't try to visit Carlsbad Caverns because the Federation has closed it to visitors" As he stood to go to his room. "Nice meeting you Jim." John replied as he walked toward Ruby who was waiting at the desk with their room keys. As they got to their rooms and entered into it John pulled out the paper that told them how to get to the rock entrance to the caverns. They were instructed to drive along a dirt road to a fork that pointed them west toward the rock entrance. They were to turn off lights on their vehicle and proceed. They were to go to the rock at exactly 1:30 Pm and wait until 1:51 to put in the code to open it up. Once they were in the cave a helper would drive their car away to the car rental place. "I hope they have food for us in the cave" Ruby said to John as they sat down on the couch together. "I'm sure they do." John replied. "I hope we can survive there until the end of the tribulation time." He added as Ruby left for her room. Ruby set an alarm clock for 1 A.M and the two fell asleep for about 3 hours of shuteye. At 1 A.M. they arose and got on the road. There were numerous dirt roads leading to the rock. They arrived at about 1:35 A.M and just sat quietly playing on their cell phone until it got to be 1:50 A.M. John and Ruby got out of the car and stood next to the rock and John put in the entry set of numbers and immediately the rock was pushed up and back and a stairway down into the cave was evident. The two of them proceeded down into the cave and the rock closed behind them. Proceeding into the cave they were met by two guards who ask-ed them for ID's and directed them to the office to be

registered in. After a few days it was discovered that a plant had went into the cave and found where the group was hiding. And so Vaxmon sent a crew to investigate, and they discovered that the people in the cave were people that had the mark of the beast but he was very suspicious and ordered an investigation. When it was found that the cave dwellers were wearing a fake mark of the beast, the commander ordered everyone to stand before him for a speech. The commander's name was Narsky, and when everyone had arrived he spoke up: "It has come to my attention that you people are wearing fake wrists that have a fake mark signifying loyalty to the World Federation." You will have the choice of getting a real mark number onto your wrist or head or have your head cut off. Master Vaxmon wants everyone in the world to be obedient to his wonderful leadership. As a witness as to what will happen to you if you refuse the mark, we will be publicly executing the instigator of this sham of obedience to the federation. Your fake marks will be destroyed, and you will gather here tomorrow at 8 A.M to be either given a real mark or executed. Do not try to escape the cave or you will be shot. Go to your places and think about what you will do tomorrow. Master Vaxmon is the real Jesus Christ and is here to establish this new world order. All the tribulations of recent were caused by a group from the star system Relego but they were defeated by Master Vaxmon and our world army. Do not believe in all the Bible stuff about God. The God that was once worshipped is now dead. The people that vanished several

years ago were taken away by Ships to be re-educated. They will return when it is feasible to earth. Master Vaxmon has been appointed by the aliens that came to us from the Orion Galaxy to be the commander of planet earth.

John and Ruby returned to their sleeping area and began to talk to each other as well as others that were near them. Most of the people said, "We might as well take the mark. The stuff about God and the Bible seems farfetched to us." But John spoke up saying, "You have been fooled if you think these guys are here for your good. The Bible is true and Jesus Christ will come again. He has already rescued his church from this planet in the rapture. They were translated to heaven and were not moved out by the aliens. It would be better to take the mark and die than to be sent to the fires of Hell for all eternity. The Bible says, if you take the mark you will be condemned to Hell without reparation. Ruby told John Later, "I hope you are right." Then she added, "Is there any way we could escape the cave tonight?" John and Ruby and about 6 others joined with them in planning an escape." Don who was one of the group with John and Ruby spoke up saying: "There is a pathway that has not been tested in the cave. We could try to see where it goes. Who knows maybe it will lead to an exit somewhere." That seemed like as good a plan as any because the usual exits were guarded by troops from the Federation. "How can we get past the guards?" Ruby Asked." If we can make them attracted to some noise or something maybe we can wing our way past the guards." John replied. Then Don spoke saying, "We can put one of our watches way on the other side of our exit and set to start with loud music at say 1 A.M. They will be attracted to it and we can then sneak into the darkness and

go far enough to where they can't see us." So the group of 8 set to sleep close to their exit and Don walked around and dropped his watch way away from where the guards stood. He had it set to go off with noise at 1:00 A.M. So the plan worked well and the 8 of them escaped into the darkness. They walked and crawled their way until about 3 A.M when they came to a place where they could go no further. But two of the guards heard some noise coming and they started following up on it and came to where the group was sitting on the floor of the cave wondering how to get out of this predicament. "Okay guys" the two guards said as they approached them, "Put your arms in the air." Ruby spoke saying, "I guess the jig is up." John said, "Can we just sit here for a little while, we are really tired and there is no way out. For our escape." The guard then said, "take you time we will just smoke a cigarette while you rest." So, John wrote on a paper for Ruby to fake like she was having a heart attack. So, Ruby fell in the floor and started screaming that her chest was hurting. So, the guards came over to see what was the matter with Ruby. John grabbed one of the guards, while Don grabbed the second guard and they were both able to wrestle them to the ground and John grabbed a rock and struck the guard on the head and he fell over knocked out. And while Don was still wrestling with the other guard, John grabbed his victims gun and told the other guard to quit wrestling with Don while pointing the gun at him. The two stopped wrestling and then John said, "Go stand over there." Don took his guards gun that had fallen to the ground. "What do we do now? Ruby said with a puzzled look on her face. "Maybe we can find another exit to try to get out of this cave, he stated. John took off his

shirt and said to Don, “Use this shirt to tie them up.” So Don tied them up and gagged them and took their shoe laces and tied their legs together and then threw their shoes into a pool of water. And then there was a shaking in the cave that started small and got even more shaky. The group tried to avoid falling stalactites and after a few moments of shaking a huge rock flung loose from the wall and they could see that there was a way to escape the cave. The group crawled over the rumble and there was just enough room to slide outside. When they reached the outside they looked up into the northern sky and what they saw was a blessing to their hearts. It was a cross shaped illumination shining down on the earth. “It looks like Christ is making his second coming to earth.” Ruby said, as the group begin to dance with joy. “The great tribulation is over.” John spoke up, “I’m thirsty,” Don reiterated, “Let’s go find some water.” The cross in the sky got brighter and brighter as the group moved out along the ground. And behind the cross was a long and wide stretch of bright light. These were the saints of God returning to reign with Christ.}

Personal Travels

While I was writing this, I had a personal injury of sorts. While out walking I tripped and fell, which severely injured my hands. After about two weeks they were just about healed up and I had another fall while out walking. This was worse than the last one. My hands were bleeding badly when I reached home. The wound was so deep in

both hands that they hurt bad most of the time. Nine days later they began to make a solid scab. I like Jesus am learning something. We can all learn obedience from the things we suffer.

Of course, this story is fiction based upon what the Bible seems to say about the end times. This chapter is about “Travels” because we will begin to see that “getting away may make this life exciting for the moment, however if you are escaping the Antichrist, then getting away is about all you can do.

Your
Greatest escape
Should be from earth
To heaven!

Speaking of getaways, my wife and I have gone to several interesting places. We have been to Niagara Falls, Hawaii and Australia to mention a few. I include some pictures of these travels for you to peruse. When we went to Niagara Falls, we stayed with one of Donna's Students from High School who lived near the Falls. As you can see on the next page Donna, and I fell over the falls in a barrel. We made it without dying. The splash was exciting! And if you believe this, I would like to sell you a piece of desert land in Arizona for a real bargain price. The picture only makes you think we went over the Falls and was doctored up by the photographer who was happy to take our money to make you think we did the great splash. We were visiting Buffalo, New York for that vacation. We did visit Canada by walking across the bridge and that was interesting. So, one way you can temporarily quench your thirst for something more exciting is to visit some exotic place.

We traveled to Australia in 2007. That was the longest flight we have ever been on. We flew to Hawaii first which was about 6 hours, I think. The second hop was from Honolulu to Sydney, and it took about 10 or more hours if I remember right. We had time to watch 3 or four different movies and be served 2 different meals about the flight. When we arrived, the officials came aboard and sprayed the cabin with something to kill germs, I guess. Upon arrival in Sydney, we were routed through customs until we were allowed to enter the country. You know the

passport and documentation are what they want to see.
Here is the Niagara Falls picture.....

A barrel of fun!



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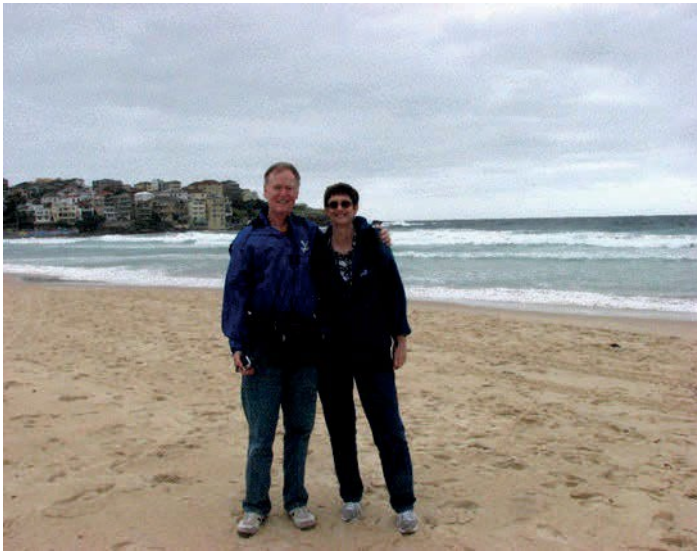


Figure 1

Here we are standing on the beach in Sydney.

In our trip to Norway and Sweden during the Summer of 2022, a lot was involved in such. We had to have special electrical devices to make our phone chargers etc. work over there. We also have to have our passports and covid shot records in order. My great great grandfather stowed away on a boat in the 1800's to come to the United States. If he had not done that, I would not exist. Neither would my two daughters and my Granddaughter exist. They are traveling with us to Norway. Here are some pictures:

Shipyards of Norway



Church on the water



Waterways





Waterway Scenery

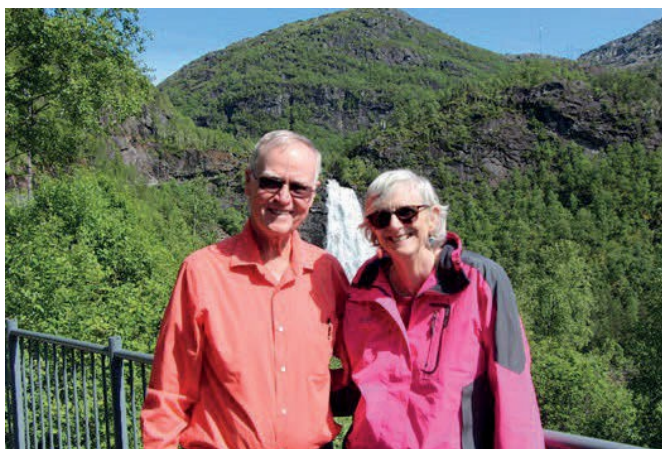
Very pretty waterfalls



Cabin in the woods



Donna and Myself



Another waterfall



Lisa Aboard Ship in Norway



Angie aboard ship in Norway



Water water everywhere!



Waving from Pulpit Rock Norway.



Found my name in Norway.



Chesney pushing a rock apart. What power!



Chapter 7

Yimputed

You will not find the word yimputed in the dictionary. Yimputed is a word I made up to mean a combined definition of two words “yield and impute” to mean: the inborn “yielded to Christ’s nature of one who has their sins imputed to Christ, and Christ’s righteousness imputed to themselves. Imputation could be defined as credit imparted, provided for, on behalf of. Jesus took our sins when he shed his blood on the cross and His righteousness was credited to the account of the believer! Romans 4:5 states: “But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.” Look, for example, at what happened when Jesus was Crucified. In the Old Testament, no one except a priest could enter the holy of holies, but the vail that separated us from entering the holy of holies was rent when Jesus died on the cross. So, it is my view that God made it possible for any believer to enter the holy of holies simply because the righteousness of Christ was bestowed legally upon him. People can now do good deeds as a result of their salvation, but doing good deeds will not produce salvation. Doing good as a believer will be rewarded in this life as well as the next. See Mark 9:29-30..... “And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, and children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel’s, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecution; and in the world to come eternal life.”

It is no secret what God does to the one who believes the gospel of Jesus Christ. The simple answer is that He imputes the sins we commit onto Christ at the cross and He imputes to us Christ's righteousness. At this point one is "declared legally righteous"

A couple of years back I became sick with acid reflux. At the time I did not know for sure what it was. I would have intense pain in my chest, and I thought I was having a heart attack. It took days for me to get into see a gastroenterologist. During that time, I had trouble sleeping and began to think that it was time for me to leave this world. I was in such misery from it all that I decided it was time for me to die. But when I told Donna about it, she prayed for me, and I laid down and took a nap. I also took some apple cider vinegar, and I actually began to get some relief. God used this whole episode to teach me that yielding to God was a lesson I will not forget, because God began to heal my infirmities in the days to come. I was yielding my life over to God's purposes that made me to understand God's ways. God could have just as easily given me over to death, but it was not my time yet. Yielding to God takes all the sting out of suffering! So, we need to yield to God and allow him to declare us righteous before him. There are churches and people who want to make their own righteousness by doing church things and societal things, but our righteousness is as filthy rags. Isaiah 64:6. It is only when we have the righteousness of Christ ledgered to our account that God can use us to do things that count

the most. So, stop dragging your sin “ball and chain” and place your faith in his one-time blood sacrifice on the cross.

CHAPTER 8
MISCELLANIOUS
TOPICS

1. ESTHER

In the Book of Esther, we discover a story where God is not even mentioned but it pictures the Rapture of the Church. The Rapture of the Church of Jesus Christ is a phenomenon that has different interpretations by distinct brands of Christianity. For example, the Roman Catholic Church says that the return of Christ is at the end when everything is over. In other words, the coming of Christ will signal the end of the Church age and a triumphant return of Christ. This differs from what pre-tribulationist believe in that Christ has two returns, one to the clouds to receive the church believers and one at the end of the tribulation to come to earth a few years later.

Let us look at the book of Esther to see which view seems correct. In Esther we see a picture of the time of transition from the Gentile Church pictured in Vashti to the Jews picture in Esther. King Ahasuerus pictures God in that he reigns as king over the whole world. The King's wife is Vashti, and she is a Gentile lady: God has a bride which is mostly gentile like today, and God has a Bride who is the Church. Queen Vashti resists obedience to the king just like today in most of the Christian world we are in a rebellious state. And it seems that most of the churches are in a state of apostasy. And so, the queen taken off the throne in a picture of the rapture of the church. Likewise, we will be raptured soon off the earth as

a picture of the coming judgment of the church. Most of us will lose our rewards, but some will get tremendous rewards at the judgment seat of Christ in Heaven. Meanwhile back on earth the Great Tribulation will be happening. After the rapture, the tribulation begins and that is pictured in the next book of the Bible known as the book of Job. So, after the queen is gone the King chooses a new queen to sit on the throne and she is a Jew. Likewise, after the church is gone, God will move his attention to the Jewish people and that is made known in Job.

Thus, Job becomes a picture of the Jews during the 42 months of the Great Tribulation. Interestingly the book of Job has exactly 42 chapters. Job suffered in the land of Uz (which is Edom). God will preserve His faithful remnant of Jews in that same land of Edom during the Tribulation (the desert; near Petra). Also, Satan persecuted Job himself, just like the Jews will be persecuted by Satan during the tribulation. Job suffered in the land of Uz (which is Edom). God will preserve His faithful remnant of Jews in that same land of Edom during the Tribulation (the desert; near Petra).

It looks like the book of Psalms is a picture of the prayers of the saints during the tribulation and the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. David wrote about his being persecuted by Saul who pictures the Antichrist. In Psalm 2 David seems to be praying for the Messiah to come.

It also is pictured in the next book of Proverbs that the Millennium time will bring forth law and order. Proverbs may be the “Sermon on the Mount” of the Old Testament.

2. Make Sodom great again.

Everyone is thirsty for a better life. And sometimes the thirst runs astray into sins. One of the sins of people is that of sexual desires that are against God’s word. The story of Sodom and Gomorrah is one where homosexual sin had risen to captivate men and woman to have sexual relations with the same sex. These people were beyond the point of being able to resist this sin. They had not sought God to make them to overcome it and live righteously. God gave them over to their sin and thus decided to destroy Sodom.

President Trump had a slogan that said,

“Make America great again.” But he resisted to tell Americans that same-sex marriage was not okay. While I like Trump for most things he did, I cannot agree with things that go against God’s word. People must be warned when they are doing sinful things and when that happens some will repent, be saved and given a new life in Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 states: as I have quoted

before.. “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you, but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” We cannot make America great again until we make new disciples of Jesus Christ that their sins may be forgiven. The ongoing change from morality to immorality is setting America up for a fall. It will not make any difference who our President is if we the people do not repent of our sins.

Recently there has been an outbreak of lawlessness all over the world, and it includes America. Jesus said in Matthew 24:12: “And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.” How did we get into this present state of lawlessness? Over the last 50 or 60 years there has been a concerted effort to remove the name of God, and to prohibit the name of Jesus being spoken in classrooms across the land. We have become a self-centered society. That is not what Jesus taught. He taught by example of caring for all men and woman. He even covered our sins with his blood shed on the cross. When one Black man was killed by a policeman, violence broke out all over America. After he was sent to jail, the violence even continued. The corona virus did not help things as men and woman were out of

jobs and held up in homes. Government assistance was all they could get for food etc. Portland, Oregon – the city has now fallen into violent protests, and a 300% increase in shootings compared to 2019. Lawlessness continues over Europe and even Asia. 2 Thessalonians 2:7-9 states: “For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall the Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of His mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming. Even him who’s coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.”

3. Is UFO = Strange delusion of the last days?

Since the 1940’s there have been many stories of UFO’s. If you have been to Roswell New Mexico, you know about the UFO story. And while much of the story is hype for the purpose of either making money or it is a story that tries to make us believe that we are not alone in the universe. Some writers have stated that the UFO phenomena is an effort by Satan to fool the public into believing that there is no God and that beings from far away are visiting earth. I tend to agree that the mysterious world is up to something with the UFO thing. For example, how is Satan going to explain away the sudden disappearance of so many people when the rapture of the church occurs. “Alien abduction” stories are

popping up in the news and in books written by some. While they claim that they were beamed aboard some mother ship or something, one wonders if this may have been simply a dream of sorts. When the rapture of the church occurs maybe someone will explain it like this: "Beings from outer space came to beam up those pesky Christians who were causing a great delay in progress on earth." Or some other version of the same story. The Bible **d o e s** say that there will be strange observations in the heavens in the last days. Acts 2:19 states: "And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood and fire, and vapour of smoke."

The Vatican owns the most powerful telescope in the world. It's at the Mount Graham Int'l Observatory in Arizona, where Vatican astronomers observe 'deep space.' Attached to that telescope is an infrared camera oddly called "L.U.C.I.F.E.R." UFO research confirms that infrared light allows us to see objects typically invisible to the naked eye. Vatican theologians consider the possibility that Jesus was a 'star child,' and the immaculate conception was one of the earliest documented cases of alien abduction/visitation. Thus, the Second Coming of Christ is expected to confirm that Jesus was in fact an extraterrestrial or a human-alien hybrid. Other false teachers have stated that they expect mother earth to be cleansed of certain individuals who are hindering the progress of the world and that Aliens will assist in the process of cleansing. People who believe in aliens

normally believe in evolution and reject the Bible. These people will normally grasp at anything to disprove God's teachings.

4. The one world government and religion

Something that makes me think that we are in the last days just before the rapture of the church and the great tribulation is the evident rise of a one world government and a one world religion. Twitter CEO Elon Musk recently stated at the World Government Summit in Dubai that the world should be wary of a one-world government. He remarked that a one world government destroys diversity and allows one nation to fail while others succeed. God showed his dislike for a man centered one world system by confusing the process of building it by giving men different languages and separating them from building the tower of Babel as stated in (Genesis 11:1-9) It may be that you need a one world religion before the one world government can be formed. It is obvious to many that Pope Francis wants a one world Government and a one world religion. He seems to think that we need something like the United Nations to become the one world Government because, as he puts it, we need to join in the battle against climate change. He has also embraced Islam as just as viable as Christianity and has, according to some commentators made some ridicul-

ous statements like “Jesus is Satan.” Many Catholics are beginning to see that he is leading the flock to error. If God did not want a one world government and religion during the building of the tower of Babel, why would He want one now? You must either believe the Bible or the Roman Catholic church but not both. Somebody has to be wrong here! Satan was a created being and Jesus Christ has existed throughout eternity as “God” and he was never a created being.

Chapter 9

Scriptures for the Thirsty

1. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6) The old testament predicted Christ's death for our sins. If anyone claims to be without sin, he is a liar according to God's Word.

2. Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)

John the Baptist saw Jesus and proclaimed him to be the savior of the world. The great preacher Charles Spurgeon was preparing himself to speak later one evening in the Crystal Palace to evaluate how his voice carried and he spoke with a loud voice as a test, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." And there was a man working on something up in the rafters that heard him. This man knew nothing of the Savior Jesus Christ but when he heard this verse of scripture it is claimed that he became a genuine born again Christian. So, the occasion was one of serendipity in which God used that to save his soul. He became a genuine believer as I have said before.

3. So, then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17) J. Vernon McGee said in his commentary the following about this verse of Scripture: "Oh, this is so important! Faith does not come by preaching philosophy or psychology or some political nostrum; it comes by preaching the Word of God. Until you hear the word of God, you cannot be saved my friend." You can

hear the word of God over the radio, at church, from a friend, or sometimes just by reading the King James version of the Bible.

4. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. (1 John 5:1) New birth is the ultimate thirst quencher. When one believes that Jesus is the Christ, he knows that Jesus Christ shed his blood as the “Lamb of God” for the forgiveness of his or her sins.

5. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God that ye may know that you have eternal life and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. (1 John 5:13) John has authored this little book of the bible to allow you to have reasons to know that you have eternal life. The Holy Spirit indwells new believers because of Jesus’ blood being shed for their sins and God works a miracle in one’s heart which is the water of God’s word producing our salvation.

6. “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8) No one can say he or she is without sin. But one characteristic of a true Christian is being authentic and honest about one’s sins before a holy God.

7. “And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.” (1 John 2:3) If we are not interested in keeping God’s law then our salvation can be suspect.

8. “He that saith that he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even unto now.” (1 John 2:9,10)

The absence of love, forgiveness, and compassion, is a mark of the lost person.

9. Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 1 John 2:15-17

The love of the world or the things in the world does not control the life of the believer. The generosity of the genuine believer towards others in his life sphere shows that he has the Holy Spirit dwelling in him and the rejection of a life of worldly frivolity such as drugs and alcohol are a good sign one is born of God. We, as well, are not jealous of others' material success in life.

10. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. (1 John 2:22)

These deny the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. They also deny that the man Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the one who is God. They are denying the one who is pictured in the Old Testament. One cannot be a Christian and deny the deity of Christ.

11. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful work of darkness, but rather reprove them. (Ephesians 5:11)

The born-again Christian does not participate in darkness by associating with those that are drawn into it but lets them know they are leading a sinful lifestyle.

12. They went out from us, but they were not of us; they would have no doubt continued with us: but they went out that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 1 John 2:19 True believers stick to the doctrines of the apostles of Jesus Christ as outlined in scripture. Deliberate ongoing deviation from scripture is a sure sign of being a lost person. God will correct the believer when he errs from scripture with some form of discipline.

13. Beloved, now we are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. (1 John 3:2-3) If you are not seeking to live a life as pure of sin as you are able to and having a desire for Jesus to return and take you to heaven, then there is a high probability that you should question your salvation.

14. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. (1 John 3:15) But whoso hath the world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? (1 John 3:17) As Christians we want to be of help to our brothers in Christ.

15. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. (1 John 4:15) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no

man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. **(Acts 4:12)** We believe that Jesus was virgin birthed. Mary became pregnant by God. If you believe in Jesus, you believe he was the Son of God and that he died for your sins and was raised from the dead! You also believe that there is no other way to be saved than by belief in this gospel.

16. Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. (1 John 5:1) It wasn't any ordinary man that died for the sins of the world, but Jesus the Christ. Christ installs believers with a love for him as well as other believers. There is great love and compassion among the members of a true church of fellow believers.

17. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Psalm 119:105) You will almost never find a true believer that does not love God's word.

It is our privilege as believers to teach and preach by actions and words that may lead other to Christ. When others are in a relationship with you, they should see "Christ" written all over you as a mature Christian. Someday the fullness of the gentiles will be complete when the last gentile becomes a member of the church. (Read Romans 11:25) Will one of us be the person who leads

the last person to Christ making the church factually complete in number? One of us will be the person that gives the gospel to that person. The rapture of the Church is very imminent in this day and age. It is easy to take note that everybody is thirsty for truth and understanding.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-9 this scripture confirms the Churches exit prior to God's wrath being poured out upon the earth.

Lot was rescued from Sodom before God's wrath.

Noah was rescued before the worldwide flood.

Daniel was rescued from the lion's den.

Jonah was rescued from the belly of a whale.

And all born again believers are rescued from an eternity in hell by Jesus Christ shedding His blood on the cross!

Chapter 10

Scripture Memory

You need to memorize the word of God. “Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee.” (Psalm 119:11) Below are recommended verses to commit to memory that we might be able stand before our enemies and live holier, cleaner lives. If you memorize about one verse per week, you will have learned fifty- two by the year’s end. The first eight verses comprise the “Romans Road” of evangelism.

• **Week 1. “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God:” Romans 3:23**

• **Week 2. “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:” Romans 3:10**

• **Week 3. “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” Romans: 5:12**

• **Week 4. “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” Romans 6:23**

• **Week 5. “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” Romans 5:8**

• **Week 6. “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” Romans 10:9-10**

• **Week 7. “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” Romans 10:13**

• **Week 8. “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17**

• **Week 9. “Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” John 14:23**

• **Week 10. “Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand: By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory**

what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.” 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

• Week 11. “...I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.” 2 Tim. 1:12

• Week 12. “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” 1 John 5:13

• Week 13. “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:3

• Week 14. “Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that

loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.” 1 John 5:1

• Week 15. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” 2 Timothy 3:16- 17

• Week 16. “The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.” Psalm 12:6-7

• Week 17. “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:6.

• Week 18. “They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.” 1 John 2:19

- **Week 19.** “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you” John 15:7
- **Week 20.** “Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he. Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.” Isaiah 43:10
- **Week 21.** “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;” Psalm 103:2-4
- **Week 22.** “Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7.
- **Week 23.** “I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.” Psalm 4:8

• **Week 24. “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6**

• **Week 25. “Blessed is he that considereth the poor. The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.” Psalm: 41:1**

• **Week 26. “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28**

• **Week 27. “Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;” 1 Timothy 6:17**

• **Week 28. “Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.” 1 John 2:22**

• **Week 29. “And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist,**

whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.” 1 John 4:3

• Week 30. “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” Jude 3

• Week 31. “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.” Romans 8:16-17

• Week 32. “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.” Psalm 119:9

• Week 33. “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.” John 5:24

• **Week 34. “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.” Isaiah 40:8**

• **Week 35. “Wherefore I say unto you. All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.” Matthew 12:31**

• **Week 36. “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16**

• **Week 37. “Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.” Luke 10**

• **Week 38. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” (James 5:16) (faults not sins)**

- **Week 39. “He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.” Psalm 147:3**
- **Week 40. “The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.” Proverbs 29:25**
- **Week 41. Jesus said, “Take ye away the stone.” John 11:39**
- **Week 42. “That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,” Ephesians 1:12-13**
- **Week 43. “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me ye that work iniquity.” Matthew 7:21-23.**
- **Week 44. “The Lord is not slack concerning**

his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9

• Week 45. “And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the friend of God.” James 2:23

• Week 46. “Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” 1 Corinthians 15:50-52

• Week 47. “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.” Revelation 3:10

• Week 48. “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord

Jesus Christ,” 1 Thessalonians 5:9

• **Week 49. “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.” 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**

• **Week 50. “But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.” Matthew 6:3-4**

• **Week 51. “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17**

• **Week 52. “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?” Luke 11:13**

Chapter 11

Parable of the 10 Virgins

Parable of the 10 Virgins: Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus comes for His Bride the church.

Parallel scripture: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path (Psalm 119:105)

I believe that Jesus second coming is in stages known as the resurrection/rapture of the saints followed by a number of years later... His second coming to earth.

Bold = Word of God, (*Italics = my comments.*)

Vs 1. Then shall the Kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom. (*The Lamp is a symbol of the word of God, so the ten virgins were into the word of God at least to some extent.*)

Vs2 And 5 of them were wise and 5 were foolish. (*the 5 wise virgins used the word of God for spiritual matters such as witnessing or training in righteousness. While the foolish virgins probably used it wrong if at all.*)

Vs3 They that were foolish took their lamps and took no oil in them. (*Oil is a symbol of the Holy*

Spirit. King David said in the 23rd psalm “He annointeth my head with oil” the foolish virgins were not indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

Vs4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. *(the wise virgins were born again and regenerated by the Holy Spirit.)*

Vs5 While the bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept. *(Life went on as usual. Most today including Christians are ignoring Bible Prophecy.)*

Vs6 And at midnight their was a cry made Behold the bridegroom cometh go ye out to meet him. *(The Virgins will need their lamps and likewise we will need our lamps (word of God) to perceive the nearness of His coming.)*

Vs7 Then all the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. *(Trimming their lamps is a spiritual way of saying they made their light shine brighter. They had a fervor for the things of God.)*

Vs8 And the foolish said unto the wise, give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out. *(People of the world (foolish virgins) will see something in*

those who have the Holy Spirit and may even ask the wise virgins what their secret is.)

Vs9 But the wise answered saying, not so; lest there be not enough for us and you, but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

(Physically the Wise are telling them to go buy oil. But Spiritually The wise virgins are saying in a subtle way “we cannot give you what we have that makes our light to shine, so if you think you can do it, go buy for yourselves.” The Holy Spirit cannot be bought or sold or given from one person to another but instead comes by way of faith in Jesus Christ. We can only present the gospel. See 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Vs10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. *(The foolish virgins have a buy and sell attitude or maybe you could call it a worldly way of doing things. While the wise virgins were made ready by their faith.)*

Vs11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying Lord Lord, open to us. *(It is generally*

thought that all virgins have purity, but purity comes by faith in Jesus Christ. The Bible says that without faith it is impossible to please God. And if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.) (2 Cor 5:17-21) Before we are saved, our fleshly nature and the God of this world (Satan) leads us to focus on things that are impure in thought and deed. Holy Spirit gives: Love, Joy, Peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, & temperance.

Vs12 But he answered and said, verily I say unto you, I know you not. *(Jesus did not have a relationship with the foolish virgins.)*

Vs13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh. *(The marriage supper of the Lamb takes place in heaven before his arrival on earth. See Revelation 19:9. I don't know any verse that describes a marriage of believers to occur on earth after his second coming. The Great tribulation will be worse than anything that has ever occurred, and it is likely if this were the second coming the day and hour would be almost identifiable by the*

foolish virgins because of the horror of the tribulation events.)

The application questions:

1. How could you use this study to present the gospel to someone?

It is often useful to ask a simple question to get a conversion going on witnessing to a fellow human being. One of the things that gives us a ball and chain is the foolishness that we humans can get involved in. So, what about asking the question:

How does a foolish person become a wise person? Depending on their answer you can say something like "would you like to know what the Bible says about that question?" You can go on to reading or discussing the story of the 10 virgins.

2. What does it take to turn a foolish person into a wise person? The answer is that a person has to have the Holy Spirit in their life in order to please God because the Holy Spirit regenerates us to make us more like Jesus.

3. How do we make our light to shine? The Holy Spirit makes our light to shine.

Chapter 12

My Burden is Light

With all the trouble and foolishness that is going on in this world, it is good to know that Jesus offers a way that is much easier than dragging your ball and chain around.

There are many ways to drag a ball and chain, but there is only one way to peace and paradise. Jesus Christ will make your burden become light. Let's look at some of the ways we drag our ball and chain around in this world. There is a brokenness that is all over the world and many resort to drugs to try and lighten their load. But drugs end up being just another ball and chain. What makes our society so drugged? Alcohol is frequently used as a way of dealing with social anxiety. The drinking removes, at least temporarily, the stress of anxieties. The truth is that addictive behaviors are ultimately driven by our unwillingness to allow ourselves to really feel and experience pain, frustration, fear and all the

negative emotions that are part of being human. Instead, we choose the chemical shortcut to avoid those emotions—and end up becoming trapped.

Drinking may relieve our stress caused by anxiety. The drug is an escape mechanism that makes us think we can beat the system by imbibing. But really it just puts off our need to learn and deal with reality without alcoholic drinks. Those who try to put drugs aside find it especially hard to deal with because the body does not want to give up what it is used to. But with courage and the help of God one can overcome his drug habits.

When it comes down to it, almost all things can be drawn back to at least one of these several things, envy, greed, gluttony, lust, sloth, wrath, and pride. These are known as the seven deadly sins of man; man's greatest weaknesses and downfall.

So, what is your thirstic quotient? If you are 100% invested in worldly endeavors and ignoring God, your thirstic quotient is very high because your thirst is not really being quenched. If, however, you are made whole and

are a born again Christian and your main focus is living a life pleasing to God, then your thirstic quotient is very small.

I hope my book has helped you to satisfy your “thirst for God” that is inside you. May your stop dragging your ball and chain and commit your life to God through Jesus Christ. After all, you can spend eternity with him and be a witness to the truth to them that are still dragging their ball and chain around with a thirst that only God can quinch!

May God bless you and yours and if you are born again, I will see you in heaven.

Chapter 13

The Comforter

If you are like me after mowing the lawn, you are very thirsty. That drink of cool water becomes a great comforter to your body. To sit and sip a cold drink of water after sweating in the sun is a delight to my body. To the born again Christian, your spiritual drink is the comforting water of the Holy Spirit. As my last chapter I want to dive into what it means to have the Holy Spirit in one's life. The Holy Spirit does many things. Here is a list of 10 of them with references.

**The Holy Spirit speaks to, in and through us:
(Matt 10:20; Acts 2:4, 8:29, 10:19; 11:12)**

I believe that the Holy Spirit will find a unique way of communicating with us. I am a numbers person and God sometimes speaks to me with numbers. The Bible says that God will manifest himself to us when we meet certain conditions. John 14:21 states: He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

The Holy Spirit transforms us into the image of Christ. (2 Cor 3:18)

When people know you and visualize your lifestyle they should see the image of Christ in you. As your faith develops your life will look more and more like Jesus Christ to others. Do we reach out to others with the same zeal that Christ did to others with both truth and love?

The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth. (John 16:13)

What Jesus is telling us here is that when we have the Holy Spirit in our lives, He will guide us in the direction we need to go. The Holy Spirit will not leave us in confusion but will reveal the truth to us. He illuminates the dark areas of our lives to give us a clear vision of God's purpose for us.

The Holy Spirit regenerates us. (John 3:8, Titus 3:5)

There is a new birth awaiting every person the Holy Spirit regenerates. Sin begins to lose its luster as we grow up into the fullness of the faith. Our life becomes to be more about others than ourselves. It's easy to get puffed up with pride and act self-righteously toward the lost when we forget our own shipwrecked condition before salvation. It was the goodness and kindness of God that reached down into our messed-up, sin-filled lives

and rescued us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross (Romans 5:8; Romans 2:1). Our good works did not save us (Ephesians 2:8). It was God's mercy "by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit," generously poured out on us "through Jesus Christ our Savior," explains Paul the Apostle.

The Holy Spirit leads us. (Matt 4:1; Luke 4:1; Rom 8:14; Gal 5:18)

The scripture says that Holy Spirit will guide us. We will have an inner witness of peace when the Holy Spirit is guiding us. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also you are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Colossians 3:15 The Holy Spirit's most common way of leading is by God's word in the KJV bible. However, I do not see solid biblical evidence on which to claim God NEVER speaks today. I read a story about a man who was going to speak at a meeting a message from scripture. He needed a certain number of handouts, but he did not have enough for the number of attenders. As it turned out he was in a town on his way, and he was going to stop to eat. He stopped at a small restaurant and to his surprise his daughter and one of her friends were there. And when he told them he did not have enough

handouts, the daughter said, “We have a bunch of those in my car! The man was not expecting to meet up with his daughter and friend because they were supposed to be at college miles away. His daughter was going home for the weekend with her friend. God may not always speak words, but he can surely lead someone to a place for the solution to a problem. You would only find this in a general sense in the Bible. But the specifics about this meeting of father and daughter are not there.

The Holy Spirit sanctifies us. (Rom 15:16; 2 Thess 2:13; 1 Pet 1:2)

When a person starts to learn to ride a bicycle, he might need training wheels. And when we are saved we need some training wheels that lead us to put away old things that drag us down, like sins and attitude problems. The Holy Spirit will work in our lives to bring us to a point where our lives are more Christlike. Our training wheels are called sanctification. The more of God’s word we know the easier it is to pick out that which is right and wrong. The Spirit of God helps us sort it all out over a period of time and growth.

The Holy Spirit bears witness in us that we are the children of God. (Rom 8:16)

The Spirit of God will communicate and manifest to us in such a way that we know we belong to God and are His. The Spirit will indicate to you that you belong to Him.

**The Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts.
(1 Cor 12:4, 8-10; Heb 2:4)**

Exercise your faith!

Pray for God to reveal your gift(s)

Study the Scriptures

Consider what you enjoy doing

Look for validation from others

Seek opportunities!

Don't assume your vocation is your gift!

Attend spiritual gifts classes offered by some churches!

Take an online spiritual gifts test.

The Holy Spirit seals us for the day of redemption. (Eph 1:13; 4:30)

If we have truly believed in Jesus Christ for our

salvation, then we are sealed. That means that even if we are not as faithful as we could be, even then God recons us saved for all of eternity. If we are sealed, then if we trespass against one of God's words you can count on it that God will do something to bring us around and back to Him. If we reject God's disciplinem then He might just take us home sooner than we should have been. And thus, losing out on possible future rewards in Heaven.

The Holy Spirit comforts us. (Acts 9:31)

There are many trials that can and do take place in our lives while in our fleshly bodies here on earth. The Holy Spirit will often comfort us by giving us calmness in the face of adversity. Sometimes he will use a brother or sister in Christ to pray for and comfort us. The ultimate thing about the Holy Spirit is that we can do nothing of Godly value without his intervention and manifestation in our lives. He will often give the peace that passes all understanding. Thank you, God, for sending to us your Son the Lord Jesus Christ and the comforter known as

the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will regenerate the one who has faith in Jesus Christ and will sanctify, and comfort that person while teaching him from the truth of His Word. God can choose special moments in one's life to manifest in such a way as to give us assurance of salvation. Ask God to seal you with His Holy Spirit. Are you thirsty for truth? Are you ready to walk out of your desert and find a new life and the best drink you will ever have in your life? Then call upon God and say to him "GIVE ME TO DRINK!"

Chapter 14

One Left Behind letter

Have you been left behind? If you are not born again by faith in Jesus Christ, you are in a pickle. The next 7 to 10 years or so will be hell on earth. The wrath of God will be outpoured on everyone at some point in those years. There will be chaos after the rapture of the church. You must read 1 Thessalonians 4:17 and 1 Corinthians 15:51 to understand what has just happened. There will be other erroneous explanations and I would not be surprised if there is the explanation that aliens from other worlds took the Christians away. Do not believe that lie. Jesus took us to heaven and gave us a new body that will never die! If you can find a cave or a mountain to live on that would be best. You will need to not take the “Mark of the Beast” and you will have to be self-sufficient for food and clothing and medical care for at least 7 years. And if after contemplation you become a tribulation saint or Christian you will see that you will soon be barred from buying or selling so you will need a gun and some shells to kill some food. You will want to study things like berries, so you don’t eat the poison ones. You will need a source of water. You will need a source of heat to kill bacteria in your water from a lake or stream. A tent and heavy clothing would be your best choice for

getting through the winter. If you take the mark of the beast to buy and sell you will be condemned to miss out on a future life on earth or in heaven. Watch out for the person who will be known as the Antichrist. Get a KJV and read it and study so you can see what is really happening. There will be a one world government and a one world religion. Try to get some of the usual needed medications such as penicillin related ones, cough syrup, aspirin etc. Try to buy a four-wheeler to get around in. You will have to get a big container for gasoline. God bless you and yours, and I hope to see you at the second coming of Christ.... this time to the earth.

CHAPTER 15

Just One More Thing

When we really think about it, spending forever in the fires of hell would be a horror of horrors. How many or what percentage do you think of people end up there? It looks as if the percentage is high as Jesus remarked in Matthew 7:14 "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Was He warning us to avoid hell if at all possible? It looks as if the way of the world has gone off the rails. There is crime out the gazoo, and sin is raging in the streets. People and government are calling good bad and bad good. In Europe, few people go to church anymore and less and less are in attendance today in America. America has gone "selfie." You only want to do it if it feels good. You know what Jesus said about His own comfort level in Matthew 8:20 "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." Think for just a minute, why would Jesus need to die on the cross for our sins, if there was some other way to escape this life with eternal life in a paradise. Jesus said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me." There is no way of escaping death and hell but by way of faith in Jesus Christ. Jesus told the story of the rich man and

Lazarus in which the rich man was in hell, and he called for Father Abraham to send Lazarus with water to quench his pain and thirst. Are you thirsty now in this life for peace of mind and purpose of life? Let each person deny his own selfie and ask in faith for Jesus Christ to forgive his or her sins and make one to become His adopted son or daughter forever. Jesus said in John 7:37,38 “If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.”

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