







# Seeds for Sermons

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## DEDICATION

This book is written and dedicated to James D. Corson, a preacher and teacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The children and wife wish to extend their gratitude and appreciation to brother Raymond L. Stiner and his good, helpful wife, Gail, and brother Jerry Johnson and his grand, helpful wife, Elaine for the hard and faithful process of this book. May these memories linger on.

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JAMES DANIEL CORSON  
1904 — 1976

## PREFACE

In the pages following, we have put together some of the sermons and material that was used by the late James D. Corson. Every preacher has his own technique in delivering the great message of God's Word, and brother Corson was not without his. For all of you who consider this material, our hope is that it will bring back the memory of this fervent preacher who was so dedicated to the saving of souls.

Brother Corson left this scene of life, May 29, 1976, thus making a book of this nature a little more difficult to compile. We can only rely on his notes and charts he had kept. One thing that has been a great help is that he was known for using charts in his preaching. Sister Corson has been wonderful to get these together to make this book possible.

It is sad that we generally notice the great works of men after they are gone. This has been true of some of the greatest, even Jesus Christ himself. He was rejected, and despised of men while on the earth, but now is remembered as the greatest man who ever lived, affecting the lives of men more than any other.

It takes a lot of sacrifice to be a Gospel preacher, and certainly brother Corson did a lot of it. He and sister Corson had quite a large family but this did not stop him from traveling, conducting meetings and several times staying with a congregation to build them up. When it came to personal work, he was a believer in it and one of the greatest. We must not forget the sacrifice of his wife and children, but I'm sure when they consider the great work he has done and the many souls he was instrumental in saving, it was worth it all.

I have spent many enjoyable visits in their delightful home in the years before brother Corson died. He always loved to tell of the stories of his preaching career. They were thrilling and exciting as I would sit and listen, for I too was starting down that same road, and he was telling me of some of the things I would face. I only wish that somehow we could have taped those stories for they themselves would make for wonderful reading.



I guess I owe this man a great deal. He was very instrumental in getting me started in the preaching field. He was an inspiration to me. He often called me his son in the faith, just as Paul did Timothy, and I shall always remember this.

We do not claim that the material in this book is completely original with brother Corson. Some of the sermons were of his own making, others we are not certain of. When preaching the Word of God, there are some basic principles that are proclaimed exactly the same, but each preacher puts his personal touch in the delivering of that sermon. We hope you will be able to see the distinct characteristics of brother Corson in these sermons. We have also added some of the poems he used in preaching and some that his dear wife has written through the years.

We hope that this book will be a great help to those who will be delivering sermons in the local congregations and to those who endeavor to preach the Gospel. Thus, by doing this 2 Tim. 2:2 will be carried out . . . “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”

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## A BIOGRAPHY

James Daniel Corson was born May 11, 1904 in Hastings, Pennsylvania, the son of Akey Corson and Mary Jane (Clark) Corson. Jim was one of a family of nine children; six boys and three girls. Mr. Corson owned and operated a small truck farm and some timber land. World War I was just ending and the country was blooming with opportunities. The Corson family sold their land and home, and went to the state of Wyoming in the year of 1920. The cattle, horse, and sheep ranches were all open for help. The older children soon married, and Jim took to the boots and saddle on a horse ranch, rounding up strays and caring for them. Soon after that he went to Denver, Colorado, and worked on the Government irrigation system for a time. Hearing of work in St. Louis, he moved to that area to work on a housing project. From there he wended his way back to Pennsylvania to his home place and relatives.

On January 4th, 1927, he was married to Clarissa Ann Weakland (Dovie, her daddy's choice name), of Irvona, Pennsylvania. They went back to St. Louis and stayed for about fourteen months, where their first child was born. They then moved back to Pennsylvania where Jim worked in the coal mine in Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania. It was here that he met brother Salyards, the dear old preacher who led us to Christ and the church. Jim was not happy coming into the Catholic Faith, and he and I gladly accepted when brother Salyards invited us into his home to study the Bible. Soon others joined us and the big dining room table was full. Brother Salyards and his good wife Nory, as we learned to call her, their two daughters, son, and son-in-law all made us feel as part of the family. We were all anxious and sincere; each lesson was an inspiration. We all looked forward to them. The two big kerosene lamps splashing the warm welcoming glow across the room made it all seem sacred. We could all read our own verse in our turn, and ask questions, and talk about it. Just a chapter each night from Matthew to Revelations, but brother Salyards on the side lines would

smoothly, patiently, and lovingly tell us how no preacher or priest could bury a person in a bowl of water and leave them feeling they had been buried with Christ in baptism. And how we had to be a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. He continued to teach us how baptism was an adoption into God's family, and that we were to be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. He also taught us that Jesus taught his disciples that upon the great confession of Peter (the Rock) that he would build his church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it. We also learned that we could still sin after becoming his child and fall short of the glory of God.

We were both baptized in the latter part of May, 1930, by the Elder brother Benny at Bolivar, Pennsylvania after being taught and grounded in the faith by brother Salyards. Seeing the need of furthering the gospel to a sin-sick world. Jim spent most of forty-six years spreading the good news through much of the United States.

We once believed that the communion loaf was to be broken into two pieces before partaking, and the contents of the cup was to be strong wine, but the kind old brother James R. Stewart from Texas taught us lovingly and sternly that if everyone broke the bread into two pieces, they soon would have too many two's and no body would be represented or eaten, thus confusing the sacred ordinance. The same with the cup, the fruit of the vine, not fermented wine, because the blessing is in the cluster. The juice is not fermented in the cluster and Christ's body did not see corruption. As with the coat without seams, let us not rend it. Let's leave it whole.

In Jim's earlier days he never was much interested in books and learning and was no artist with a brush or pen. But when it came to the Gospel and the Truth of God's Word and the presenting of it, he was a master of his art. He was a fighter all the way. When it came to innovations in the worship, such as women teachers, music, individual cups, etc., he was totally against them. Jim preached in a good many states and worked

with most if not all of the congregations in Pennsylvania. These churches are to be commended. They have preached a lot of Gospel through Jim's preaching, by their offerings and gifts of meats, vegetables, fruits, and even clothing, car payments, etc.

He also lived to see all of his ten children (five girls and five boys) baptized, half of them by himself, and most of his in-law children. Between 1938 and 1940 he baptized his aged mother, two brothers and their wives, and two teenage nephews all in one group. In another group he baptized his youngest sister and her husband and a group of her in-laws. In Casper, Wyoming he baptized twelve. There are records of so many more, yet he did not keep records of all. He never boasted of the many.

Through his last remaining years he preached as he could at the local congregations near home. Because of a worsening heart condition and the coal miners' disease, his earthly life ended with his greatest hopes that the younger evangelists and preachers take the gospel message on. Jim lived to see some of his work going forward. As the children grew older and had families of their own, they saw the necessity of tight spots and that Daddy needed to go on in the work. They all helped and still are helping Mother when needed.

Daddy's memories linger on and we are grateful to those who helped make it all possible.

—Sister J. D. Corson

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## HOW MANY?

We would like to ask two questions in our discussion. First of all, How many gods are there? And second, How many churches are there?

In answer to these questions, we must turn to the word of God. In regard to the question concerning God, let us notice these figures. Man has always wanted to worship many gods instead of the one true God. The Greeks worshipped not one supreme God, but 30,000 imaginary gods. The Hindus worshipped around 333,000,000 different gods.

In Exodus 20:3, Moses writes, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Moses said, "Hear, O Israel: Jehovah our God is one Jehovah: And thou shalt love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might" (Deut. 6:4).

We can read where Paul writes the Corinthians, "For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or on earth; as there be gods many, and lords many; yet to us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through him" (1 Cor. 8:5). Then, last of all, concerning the one God, we read in 1 Cor. 12:6, "And there are diversities of working, but the same God, who worketh all things in all."

I truly believe that we can see there is only one God. Now if there is only one God, how many churches did that God establish? Did He establish nearly 400 churches, or just one? Again, we turn to God's word to find the answer. In Matt. 16:18 we read of the coming of the church; "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Then in Acts 2:47 we read, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Let us notice that the church has been established. But in the foregoing passages of scripture, it is *church* not churches. "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things,



to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all” (Eph. 1:22).

As we come to a close, we need to ask and answer these questions: 1. How many gods are there? If only one, why not serve Him? 2. How many churches are there? If there is only one true church, then why not become a member of it and serve God faithfully until the end of your life?

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## THE CHRISTIAN IN A WORLD AT WAR

### SCRIPTURES

“Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God; and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same. For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain; for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore, ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also; for they are God’s ministers, attending continually upon this very thing” (Rom. 13:1-6).

“Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil-doers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men” (1 Pet. 2:13-15).

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).

“Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink, for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head” (Rom. 12:17-20).

“Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil; but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him

the other also. Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, LOVE your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you" (Matt. 5:38-39, 43-44).

"Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews but now is my kingdom not from hence" (John 18:36).

### OBSERVATIONS

1. The laws of Christ are the same in time of war as in time of peace. The declaration of war does not repeal the laws of Christ. Therefore, the attitude of the Christian toward his government is the same in time of war as in time of peace. There are some functions which are necessary for the government to perform, such as those which might involve one in acts of violence or the taking of human life, which the Christian cannot engage in either in time of peace or in time of War. But there are many useful and needed services, consistent with the principles of Christianity and essential to the welfare of the country, in which Christians can engage both in time of peace and in time of war.

2. The laws of Christ are universal—they are the same to Christians in one country as to Christians in another country. Therefore the attitude of Christians in one country toward their government should be the same as that of Christians in any other country. Ours is not the only country to take up arms against their fellow men. The same laws enjoin members of the church in other lands to do likewise, and brethren in Christ will meet on the field of battle. (And this does not take into account the thousands whom Christian combatants might send into eternity unprepared to meet God.)

3. The spirit of Christ and the spirit of war cannot be reconciled. The spirit of "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" and the spirit of "render to no man evil for evil" and "love your enemies" cannot dwell together. The latter is the spirit of Christ.

4. The Christian is engaged in a spiritual warfare. Although he walks in the flesh, he does not war after the flesh. His weapons are not carnal. He is a citizen of a kingdom which is not of this world.

5. The Christian must not have a rebellious attitude toward his government, but must obey the laws of the land insofar as they do not conflict with the laws of God, but in case of such a conflict, the Christian *must* choose the higher authority, and *must*, at all costs, obey God rather than men.

### OBJECTIONS CONSIDERED

1. The Bible teaches us to be in subjection to the civil powers. True. And the sincere conscientious objectors, of all people, desire to be law-abiding citizens, but they *cannot* violate the law of God to obey the law of men. The wife is to submit to her husband in all things, but certainly not in that which is contrary to divine law (Eph. 5:22-23, Col. 3:18-19). A conscientious objector in this country is not a law breaker, for the law recognizes him if he is sincere.

2. God approved war in Old Testament times. True again. But we are living in New Testament times under the law of Christ which forbids violence on the part of the servants of Christ (Matt. 5:38-39, Col 2:14, Heb. 1:1-2). The kingdom of fleshly Israel was both civil and religious in nature, but the kingdom of Christ is altogether spiritual.

3. What would you do in case an enemy invaded your house? What one *might* do in a moment of excitement does not alter the law. Such a question is beside the point. What does the law say? It says that Christians should be willing to take joyfully the spoiling of their goods (Heb. 10:34). It says that we are not to fear them which kill the body but cannot kill the soul (Matt. 10:28). "And whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Matt. 16:25).

4. How can you accept the protection of the government and not be willing to fight for it? How could Paul? More than once he appealed to the Roman government for protection, being

himself a Roman citizen, but he would never have borne carnal weapons (Acts 22:24-29, 2 Cor. 10:3-5). God has ordained the civil powers for the protection of those who do well, but Christians must not kill nor take vengeance (Rom 12:19, 13:4).

5. Is it fair for some to have to fight while others do nothing for the country and are protected in their cowardice? Is it fair for sinners to reap the benefits that come to society from Christianity while they do nothing to support it? The principles of Christianity are the only basis of lasting peace. The sinner opposes these principles. But conscientious objectors are doing something for the country. There is much more need in many ways for non-combatants in this war than for combatants. It is estimated that fourteen workers are needed for every soldier. Conscientious objectors are not cowards. They have braved public scorn for their Master.

6. Is the soldier personally responsible for his acts as an agent of the government? Pilate, as an agent of the Roman government, condemned Christ to die when he knew he was innocent. Was he responsible? David, as king of Israel, even under a temporal/spiritual economy, was responsible for his acts as a man of war (1 Chron. 28:3). Yes, we are responsible for all of our acts. "Every work will be brought into judgment" (Eccl. 12:14, 2 Cor. 5:10).

7. How about paying taxes, obeying government orders, etc.? Christians are to render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's (Matt. 22:21). We are commanded by the Lord to pay taxes. Taxes bear the stamp of the government, and belong to it for whatever use it may desire. But our bodies belong to God, and are to be presented as living sacrifices to Him (Rom. 12:1, 1 Cor. 6:19-20).

8. But we must fight for religious freedom. It is true that God has worked providentially through temporal governments to provide religious freedom, but this does not prove that Christians should resort to the sword to gain that freedom (John 18:36). In some periods of history, when the persecutions of the church have been the strongest, it has made the greatest pro-

gress. For centuries after the founding of the church, its members refused to fight, yet this period of greatest persecution was the period of the greatest progress for Christianity.

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*He who learns to say "No!" speaks the language of temperance and self-mastery. He who will not learn this tongue is ignorant though he learn a thousand others.*

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*If we had paid no more attention to our plants than we have to our children, we would now be living in a jungle of weeds.*

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*The high cost of living is nothing compared to the high cost of sinning.*



## THE DIVORCE EVIL

I realize that I am not on the popular side in this world when I speak as I do on the divorce evil. It cost John the Baptist's life to condemn the divorce evil. Christ's enemies tried to trap him with the same issue, and his enemies are still doing him an injustice by misapplying his teaching on divorce. Therefore, I feel that in obedience to the Lord's will which says to "Prove all things" (1 Thess. 5:21), and to "Abhor that which is evil" (Rom. 12:9), I am obligated to write this. An investigation of the truth from an unbiased standpoint will show us that God is not pleased with such a degrading problem as divorce. God said He *hates* divorce (Mal. 2:16).

God gave man one wife in the beginning and said they were no more two, but one flesh. To make one out of two is to join, unite, weld, or make cohesive, and that man and woman shall leave father and mother and cleave to each other so long as they live.

This was God's divine way of marriage and His way of making the home so as to replenish the earth with human life. Seven generations passed before any man had more than one wife. Then man *took* (he took, God did not give) another wife. Jesus endorsed God's plan in the beginning by saying, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matt. 19:5-6, Mark 10:9).

The enemies of Jesus, a brigade of officers and mob-spirited critics, came to him trying to trap him, hoping they might get him to say something against, or break the law of Moses, so they could have a charge against him. This being a special case under the old law, Jesus gave them a special answer, and referred them to the law as if to tell them the law would answer their question. Jesus was not talking to his disciples then about something that was to be applied in general. When they told him "Moses granted divorce," he told them that Moses did so because of the hardness of their hearts, as if to disapprove of it himself and



then climaxed the conclusion by saying, "In the beginning, it was not so, for God made one out of two, and what God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

Does that sound like a permit for divorce, when divorce means the annulment, dissolving of marriage, or putting asunder? When Jesus said there was an exception of fornication, he did not approve or permit divorce to be applied in the Christian age because that would be contradictory to what he just said. Since Jesus condemns the idea of putting asunder and marrying again (which divorce permits), it is a conclusive evidence that Christ did not permit a divorce. The only place the exception could have been used was in a case such as Joseph when he thought he had found some uncleanness in Mary. And this was yet under the law. Now, after Christ and his disciples went into the house out of the presence of his enemies, his disciples asked him again concerning divorce, and he never used the exception. He just told them that "Whosoever putteth away his wife and marries another commits adultery," which is God's real plan from the beginning. What Jesus told his disciples (Mark 10:10-12) was a lesson to be applied in general because it was brought over and taught in the Christian age (Rom. 7:1-3, 1 Cor. 7:39). No exception or permit was there, but rather a condemnation of the divorce evil.

Now the truth of the matter is that Jesus was asked a special question in Matt. 19:1-9, (in a special case while the old law was still in force) by his enemies, hoping he would say something against the law. Therefore he gave them a special answer by reminding them of God's divine plan of marriage in the beginning, and that no man put asunder what God hath joined together. The answer Jesus gave was designed to restore the sanctity of marriage and the home to its original status. The idea is that man and woman shall be mated together by voluntary selection of each other and this relation should be maintained during the lifetime of both parties, because the two are made one in marriage. To be willing to permit a thing is to encourage it. Now, since God did not institute divorce and said he hates it (Mal. 2:16),

and since Christ discourages it and condemns it by his teaching to his disciples and has given no exception or permit in the new law, it is not permitted by Christ. Anyone who teaches that Christ permits divorce in the Christian age because he used the expression of the exception for fornication in that special case under the law, is putting his own interpretation on the subject, thus making a mis-application of God's Word. They are making the Bible inconsistent and making the teaching of Christ contradictory by trying to fit the truth of God's Word to the wisdom of this world.

By the grace of God, the scripture has been translated into our own tongue and is so plain that the common person can understand for themselves. The modernistic wisdom of this world has fit their own interpretation into the scriptures by mis-applying them, and it just helps to keep the unsettled mind bewildered on this subject. Therefore, agreeing with some scholar, PHD or LLD who has his own conglomerated theory while he mis-applies the truth is dangerous.

Error is more dangerous, does more damage when allied with truth. There is one thing that God has never permitted. That is for man to tell Him (God) what is right. Anyone who presumes to know the mind of the Lord, where He has not spoken, or to change the Lord's will, will ultimately come to the same end as Nadab and Abihu when they offered strange fire. Making a law and claiming it to be God's law when He did not inaugurate it is a very dangerous thing. This is exactly what some have done with God's law on marriage and divorce.

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# *Outlines*





## INVITATIONS OF GOD AND CHRIST

### I. WHO INVITES?

#### 1. God Himself

A. Matt. 22:1-14. Read.

#### 2. The Spirit and the Bride

A. Rev. 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come."

#### 3. Christ

A. Matt. 11:28-30, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

#### 4. Every Obedient Christian

A. Rev. 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

### II. WHO ARE INVITED?

#### 1. The Sinner

A. James 4:8, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."

#### 2. The Thirsty

A. Rev. 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

#### 3. The Weary

A. Matt. 11:28, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

#### 4. The Mourner

A. Matt. 5:4, "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted."

## III. TO WHAT INVITED?

## 1. Repentance

A. Mark 2:17, "When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

B. Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

## 2. Obedience

A. 1 Pet. 1:22, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."

## 3. Salvation

A. Heb. 2:1-3, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him."

## 4. Peace

A. John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

## 5. Everlasting Life

A. John 3:16, "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."

B. John 5:28-29, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

## HEAVEN

Hebrews 11:10

### I. WHAT KIND OF PLACE IS IT?

#### 1. A Place of Security

A. Matt. 6:20, "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

#### 2. A Better Country

A. Heb. 11:16, "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

#### 3. A Rest for the People of God

A. Heb. 4:9, "There remaineth therefore a rest for the people of God."

#### 4. A New Jerusalem

A. Rev. 21:10, "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God."

#### 5. Eternal Weight of Glory

A. 2 Cor. 4:17, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

#### 6. An Inheritance

A. 1 Peter 1:4, "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

### II. WHO WILL GO TO HEAVEN?

#### 1. Those Who Obey

A. Heb. 5:8-9, "Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being



made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.”

2. Those Who Keep the Commandments

A. Rev. 22:14, “Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”

3. Those Who Work

A. Rev. 22:12, “And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”

4. Those Who Do His Will

A. Matt. 7:21, “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.”

### III. BLESSEDNESS OF HEAVEN

1. Fullness of Joy

A. Ps. 16:11, “Thou wilt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”

2. Have the Likeness of Christ

A. 1 John 3:2, “Beloved, now are we 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.”

3. Salvation of the Soul

A. 1 Pet. 1:9, “Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.”

4. No Tribulation

A. Rev. 21:4, “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

## FAITH - PATIENCE - PRAYER

### I. FAITH

#### 1. Abraham

- A. Gen. 22:1-14 — Abraham in faith offered Isaac
- B. Heb. 11:6 — without faith impossible to please God
- C. James 2:14-26 — faith and works go together
- D. Heb. 11 — list of patriarchs who by faith pleased God

### II. PATIENCE

#### 1. Job

- A. Job 1:2 — seven sons and three daughters
- B. Job 1:3 — seven thousand sheep
- C. Job 1:3 — three thousand camels
- D. Job 1:3 — five hundred oxen
- E. Job 1:3 — five hundred she asses
- F. Job 1:13 — sons and daughters eating and drinking in brother's house
- G. Job 1:19 — wind from wilderness destroyed children
- H. Job 1:15-17 — all animals done away with
- I. Job 2:7 — Job stricken with sore boils
- J. Job 2:9 — wife turned against him
- K. James 1:2-3 — conclusion

### III. PRAYER

#### 1. Elijah

- A. 1 Kings 18:25-41 — the prayers of false prophets and a man of God
- B. 1 Kings 19:1-7 — the prayer of discouragement
- C. James 5:7-18 — patience and prayer also go together



*When a man sings his own praises he invariably gets the tune too high.*

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*Keeping away from the mire is better than washing it off.*

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*A true child of God bears resemblance to the Father.*

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*Liquor supplies the moisture to sprout wild oats!*



## WHAT WE SHOULD BE

*We make the plea if we are saved at the judgment, we must be:*

### I. A CHRISTIAN

1. Acts 11:26, “And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.”

2. 1 Pet. 4:16, “Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.”

### II. A MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

1. Eph. 5:23, “For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.”

2. 1 Cor. 12:12, “For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many are one body: so also is Christ.”

3. Rom. 12:4-5, “For as we have many members in one body and all members have not the same office: So we, being many are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.”

### III. A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH CHRIST BUILT

1. Matt. 16:18, “And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

### IV. A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF CHRIST

1. Eph. 3:14-15, “For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.”

**V. A CITIZEN IN THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST**

1. John 3:3-5, "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. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

**VI. A SOLDIER IN THE ARMY OF CHRIST**

1. 2 Tim. 4:6-7, "For now I am ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

2. 1 Tim. 1:18, "This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that by them thou mightest war a good warfare."

**VII. A LIVELY STONE IN THE HOUSE OF CHRIST**

1. 1 Pet. 2:5, "Ye also as lively stones are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

**VIII. A SHEEP IN THE FOLD OF CHRIST**

1. John 10:11,16, "I am the good shepherd: A good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice: and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."

**IX. AN HEIR WITH CHRIST**

1. Gal. 4:7, "Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son: and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

2. Rom. 8:17, "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."

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**THINGS TO REMEMBER***2 Peter 1:15***REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE:****1. A God to Glorify**

A. 1 Cor. 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

B. Eph. 3:21, "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

**2. A Saviour to Imitate**

A. 1 Cor. 11:1, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."

B. 1 Pet. 2:21, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps."

**3. A Soul to Save**

A. Phil. 2:12, "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

B. James 1:21, "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."

**4. A Body to Control**

A. Rom. 8:13, "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."

B. 1 Cor. 9:27, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

**5. Temptations to Overcome**

A. James 1:12, "For he beholdeth himself, and goeth

his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.”

6. World to Overcome

A. 1 John 5:4-5, “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?”

7. To Choose for Self

A. Josh. 24:15, “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

8. God’s Word to Meditate Upon

A. Psa. 1:2, “But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law doth he meditate day and night.”

9. Opportunity to Do Good

A. Mark 14:7, “For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will, ye may do them good; but me ye have not always.”

10. An Influence

A. Matt. 5:13-16, Read.

11. Work to Do

A. Mark 13:32-37, Read.

12. A Battle to Fight

A. 1 Tim. 1:18, “This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare.”

B. 1 Tim. 6:12, “Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”

13. Evil to Shun

A. 1 Thess. 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

14. But One Time to Live

A. 2 Cor. 6:2, ("For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time: behold, now is the day of salvation.")

15. An Enemy to Watch

A. Mark 13:37, "And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch!"

16. All to Love

A. Luke 6:27, "But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you."

17. A Debt to Pay

A. Rom. 1:14, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise."

B. Psa. 116:12, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

18. Death to Meet

A. Heb. 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment."

19. To Give an Account

A. Rom. 14:12, "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

20. An Eternity to Spend

A. Matt. 25:46, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal."

21. Heaven to Seek

A. Col. 3:1-2, "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering."

22. A Crown to Win

A. James 1:12, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the



crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”

B. Rev. 2:10, “Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer; behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”

**THE NEW AND LIVING WAY**

Rev. 21:5

1. NEW COVENANT — Heb. 8:8
2. NEW HOUSE — Matt. 16:18, Heb. 3:6
3. NEW WAY — Heb. 10:19-20
4. NEW BIRTH — John 3:1-5
5. NEW CREATURE — 2 Cor. 5:17
6. NEW FAMILY — Eph. 2:19, Eph. 3:14-15
7. NEW NAME — Isa. 62:2, Acts 11:26
8. NEW DOCTRINE — John 1:17, 2 John 9
9. NEW SONG — Rev. 14:3
10. NEW WORSHIP — John 4:21-24
11. NEW PRAYER — John 14:13
12. NEW TEACHING — Titus 2:11-14
13. NEW SUPPER — Matt. 26:26-29
14. NEW GIVING — 1 Cor. 16:1-2
15. NEW MIND — Rom. 12:2, Phil. 2:5
16. NEW SPEECH — Col. 4:6, Titus 2:8
17. NEW COMMANDMENT — John 13:34
18. NEW HOME OF THE SOUL — John 14:1-4
19. NEW EARTH — 2 Pet. 3:13
20. NEW HEAVEN — Rev. 21:1



*The most curious thing I have noticed about Communism is that nowhere, in any corner of the earth, does anybody get any joy from it.*

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*The criminal is the product of spiritual starvation. Someone failed miserably to bring him to know God, to love Him, and to serve Him.*

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*A man may fall several times, but he isn't a failure until he starts saying someone pushed him.*



## CHRIST, THE LAWGIVER

Matt. 28:18-20

*Introduction: The same man who built the church, mentioned in the Bible, has the right to say what is to be in that church. Therefore, we speak of him as the lawgiver. James says, "There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy" (James 4:12).*

1. MATTHEW 17:5, "While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."

2. HEBREWS 1:1-2, "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds."

3. MARK 7:7-9, "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition."

4. COLOSSIANS 2:21-22, "(Touch not; taste not; handle not; which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men."

5. ISAIAH 8:20, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

6. 1 PETER 4:11, "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability

which God giveth: That God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

7. PSALMS 19:7, “The law of the *Lord* is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the *Lord* is sure, making wise the simple.”

8. JOHN 8:32, “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

9. JOHN 17:17, “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

10. ACTS 20:32, “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”

11. 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17, “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, throughly furnished unto all good works.”

12. JOHN 14:26, “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”

13. 2 PETER 1:3, “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

14. JAMES 1:21, “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.”

15. REVELATION 22:18-19, “For I testify unto every man

that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.''



*A man who puts aside his religion because he is about to go into society is like one taking off his shoes because he is about to walk upon thorns.*

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*Satan selects his disciples when they are idle, but Christ chose his when they were busy at work, whether mending nets or casting them into the sea.*

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*A retentive memory may be a good thing, but there is something to be said for the ability to forget.*



## CREATURES OF CHOICE

Deut. 30:11-19

### I. WHO MADE US SO?

1. God, Deut. 30:15

### II. WHAT HAS GOD SET BEFORE US?

1. Good and Evil, Deut. 30:15
2. Truth and Error, 2 Thes. 2:10-12, 1 Tim. 2:4
3. Salvation and Condemnation, Mark 16:15-16
4. Hope and Despair, 1 Thes. 4:13, Heb. 6:18
5. Life and Death, Deut. 30:15
6. Heaven and Hell, Matt. 25:46

### III. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR:

1. What We Think, 2 Cor. 10:3-5, Phil. 4:8
2. What We Know, Prov. 5:11-13, Acts 17:30
3. What We Believe, 2 Thes. 2:12
4. What We Say, Matt. 12:36-37
5. What We Do, Luke 12:47
6. What We Love, 1 John 2:15-17
7. What We Teach, 1 Tim. 2:7, James 3:1
8. Our Souls, Heb. 13:17, Acts 2:40

### IV. WHAT WOULD GOD HAVE US CHOOSE?

1. Truth, 1 Tim. 2:4
2. Salvation, 2 Pet. 3:9
3. Hope, 1 Pet. 1:3-4
4. Blessings, Eph. 1:3
5. Life, Deut. 30:19
6. Heaven, Matt. 25:34

### V. WHEN SHOULD WE CHOOSE?

1. Not at a Convenient Time, Acts 24:25
2. Today, 2 Cor. 6:2, Heb. 3:13-15





*The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.*

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*I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just. —Thomas Jefferson*

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*Good resolutions and babies crying in worship are a lot alike—both should be carried out immediately!*



## ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH

*Matthew 16:18*

### I. WHO ESTABLISHED IT?

#### 1. God

A. Dan. 2:44, “And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.”

### II. WHEN WAS IT ESTABLISHED?

1. Not in Abraham’s Day. Not in Moses’ Day. Not in David’s Day.

#### 2. In The Latter Days

A. Isa. 2:2, “And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord’s house shall be established in the top of the mountain, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.”

3. During the Reign of Universal Kings

A. Dan. 2:44 (quoted above).

4. Not in John the Baptist’s Day

A. Matt. 11:11, “Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

5. After Christ’s Birth

A. Isa. 9:6-7, “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to

establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”

6. After Christ’s Death

A. Luke 22:18, “For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.”

B. Acts 20:28, “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”

7. After Christ’s Resurrection

A. Acts 1:3-6, Read.

8. When the Power Came

A. Mark 9:1, “And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.”

B. Acts 1:6-8, Read.

9. During Life of Apostles

A. Matt. 16:28, “Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

### III. WHY WAS IT ESTABLISHED?

1. To Teach

A. Eph. 3:10, “To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God.”

2. To Save

A. Acts 2:47, “Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”

3. To Glorify God

A. Eph. 3:21, “Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”

#### 4. To Support the Truth

A. 1 Tim. 3:15, "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

#### 5. To Be a Light

A. Matt. 5:14-16, Read.

#### 6. To Give Peace

A. Col. 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

### IV. WHAT IS CHRIST TO THE CHURCH?

#### 1. Foundation

A. Matt. 16:18, "And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

B. 1 Cor. 3:11, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

#### 2. Head

A. Eph. 1:22, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church."

#### 3. Saviour

A. Eph. 5:23, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body."

B. Eph. 5:25, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

#### 4. Nourisher, Cherisher

A. Eph. 5:29, "For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church."



*When you are right you can afford to keep your temper; when wrong, you can't afford to lose it.*

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*One of the first things which a physician says to his patient is, "Let me see your tongue." A spiritual adviser might often do the same.*

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*To the influence of the Bible we are indebted for all the progress made in true civilization and to this we must look as our guide in the future.*



## HOW SHOULD WE WORSHIP?

### I. VAIN WORSHIP

1. Doctrines of Men, Mark 7:7-9
2. Highly Esteemed Among Men, Luke 16:15
3. A Way that Seemeth Right, Prov. 16:25
4. Lord's Ways Higher, Isa. 55:7-9
5. Cannot Defile "Temple," 1 Cor. 3:17
6. Set Abominations in His House, Jer. 32:34

### II. TRUE WORSHIP

1. Must Abide in Doctrine of Christ, 2 John 6-9
2. All Gathered Together to Learn, Deut. 31:12-13
3. Gather Together to Break Bread, Acts 20:7
4. No Divisions, 1 Cor. 11:17-19
5. Gathering in Decency and in Order, 1 Cor. 14:23, 40
6. Must Not Forsake Gathering, Heb. 10:25

### III. ACTS OF WORSHIP

1. Sing
    - A. Heb. 2:12, Eph. 5:19, Amos 5:23, 6:1-5
  2. Pray
    - A. Acts 12:5, Matt. 21:13, 1 Thes. 5:17, Luke 18:1, 1 Tim. 2:8
  3. Teach
    - A. Acts 20:7, 2 Tim. 2:2, 1 Cor. 14:34-35, Rev. 2:18-20, Matt. 28:18-20, 1 Tim. 2:12
  4. Lord's Supper
    - A. Acts 20:7, 1 Cor. 10:16-17, Matt. 26:26-27, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:19-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-28
  5. Collection
    - A. 1 Cor. 16:1-2, 2 Cor. 9:6-7, Mal. 3:8-10, Prov. 19:17, Luke 6:38
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*In idleness there is perpetual despair.*

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*For a few brief days the orchards are white with blossoms. They soon turn to fruit or else float away, useless and wasted, upon the idle breeze. So will it be with present feelings—they must be deepened into decision, or be entirely dissipated by delay.*

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*There are times when silence is golden, and there are times when silence is yellow. It is high time the church found out which is which.*



## THE BIBLE

Now keep in mind the promise made to the apostles that when they received the Holy Spirit, it would guide them into all truth. Our plea is that the Holy Spirit did that very thing, and that all truth is recorded in the Bible. It is necessary to accept that “all-truth” in order to be saved. The Holy Spirit led the apostles to tell what every lost soul must do to make heaven their home. All truth is found in no other book but the Bible.

### I. WHAT IT WILL DO FOR US

#### 1. It Will Convert the Soul

A. Psa. 19:7, “The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.”

#### 2. It Will Make Us Free

A. John 8:32, “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

#### 3. It Will Sanctify

A. John 17:17, “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

#### 4. It Will Give Us an Inheritance

A. Acts 20:32, “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”

#### 5. It Contains Eternal Life

A. John 6:68, “Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.”

#### 6. It Is the Word of Reconciliation

A. 2 Cor. 5:19, “To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.”



## 7. It Is the Word of Life

A. Phil. 2:16, "Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain."

## 8. It Will Purify

A. 1 Pet. 1:22-23, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently; being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

## 9. It Will Judge Us At the Last Day

A. Rev. 20:12, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

## II. SOME OUTSTANDING POINTS

## 1. It Is Quick and Powerful

A. Heb. 4:12, "For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discern-er of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

## 2. It Is Perfect

A. James 1:25, "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

## 3. Nothing Can Be Added to It or Taken From It

A. Rev. 22:18-21. Read.

## 4. It Will Never Be Destroyed

A. 1 Pet. 1:25, "But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

5. We Are Commanded to Preach It

A. 2 Tim. 4:2, “Preach the word; be instant in season out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.” (Read verses 3,4,5.)

6. We Must Rightly Divide It

A. 2 Tim. 2:15, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

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*Many people use religion like a bus—they ride it only when it's going their way.*

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*When I want to speak let me think first; Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary? If not, let it be left unsaid.*

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*To pray is nothing more involved than to lie in the sunshine of His grace, to expose our distress of body and soul to those healing rays which can in a wonderful way counteract and render ineffective the bacteria of sin... to be a Christian is in truth to have gained a place in the sun!*



**CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Acts 4:4-6

1. ONE SHEPHERD — John 10:16
2. ONE SPIRIT — 1 Cor. 12:13
3. ONE BODY — Rom. 12:5
4. ONE LORD — Eph. 4:4
5. ALL THINGS IN CHRIST — Eph. 1:10
6. NO MORE STRANGERS — Eph. 2:19
7. THAT ALL MAY BE ONE — John 17:21
8. HOW GOOD AND HOW PLEASANT — Psa. 133:1
9. BE OF THE SAME MIND — Rom. 12:16
10. SPEAK THE SAME THING — 1 Cor. 1:10
11. CAN'T PREACH ANY OTHER GOSPEL — Gal. 1:8
12. ALL OF ONE MIND — 1 Pet. 3:8
13. A WAY THAT SEEMETH RIGHT — Prov.14:12, Jn.14:6
14. LIVE IN PEACE — 2 Cor. 13:11
15. JEWS, GENTILES ARE ONE — Eph. 2:14, Col. 2:14
16. REWARD OF UNITY — Heb. 13:14



*A truly charitable man is like an apple tree. He gives his fruit and is silent. The philanthropist is like the hen...*

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*The cynic is one who never sees a good quality in a man, and never fails to see a bad one.*

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*Educate men without religion and you make them but clever devils.*

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*When it comes to giving, some people will stop at nothing.*



## JESUS DESCRIBED

### I. THE SON OF GOD

1. John 3:16, "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."

### II. THE FIRST BEGOTTEN

1. Heb. 1:6, "And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him."

### III. THE LORD OF LORDS

1. Rev. 17:14, "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them; for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful."

### IV. OUR MEDIATOR

1. Heb. 8:6, "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises."

2. 1 Tim. 2:5, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

### V. THE HIGH PRIEST OF OUR PROFESSION

1. Hebrews 3:1, "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus."

### VI. THE JUDGE

1. Matt. 16:27, "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

### VII. THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

1. John 11:25, "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live."

### VIII. THE SAVIOUR

1. Titus 2:13, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

### IX. THE DOOR

1. John 10:9, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

### X. THE GOOD SHEPHERD

1. John 10:11, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep."

### XI. THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH

1. Eph. 1:22-23, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

### XII. THE TRUE LIGHT

1. John 1:6-9, "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

### XIII. THE WAY

1. John 14:6, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

### XIV. THE TRUTH

1. Rev. 3:7, "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth."

## **IT IS NOT ENOUGH:**

### **I. TO BE MORAL LIKE THE RICH MAN**

1. Matt. 19:18-20, "He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, honour thy father and thy mother, and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?"

### **II. TO HAVE A CLEAR CONSCIENCE AS PAUL**

1. Acts 24:16, "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men."

### **III. TO HEAR AS HEROD**

1. Matt. 7:26, "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house on the sand."

2. Mark 6:20, "For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him he did many things, and heard him gladly."

### **IV. TO TREMBLE AT THE WORD LIKE FELIX**

1. Acts 24:25, "And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time: when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee."

### **V. TO BE ALMOST PERSUADED AS AGRIPPA**

1. Acts 26:28, "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

### **VI. TO BELIEVE AS THE RULERS**

1. John 12:42-43, "Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue. For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God."



**VII. TO START AS LOT'S WIFE**

1. Gen. 19:26, "But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt."

**VIII. TO BE GOD-FEARING LIKE CORNELIUS**

1. Acts 10:2, "A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway."

**IX. TO BE RELIGIOUS AS THE ATHENIANS**

1. Acts 17:22-23, "Then Paul stood in the midst of Mar's Hill and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you."

**X. TO MAKE A PROFESSION AS DEMAS**

1. Titus 1:16, "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate."

**XI. TO KNOW SOME SCRIPTURES AS APOLLOS**

1. Acts 18:24-28. Turn and read.

**XII. TO BE ZEALOUS AS THE JEW**

1. Romans 10:2, "For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge."

**XIII. TO WORSHIP AS THE EUNUCH**

1. Acts 8:27, "And he arose and went: and behold a man of Ethiopia, an Eunuch of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship."

**XIV. TO FIND NO FAULT WITH CHRIST AS PILATE**

1. Luke 23:14, "Pilate said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people; and behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him."

**XV. TO BE NEAR THE KINGDOM AS A SCRIBE**

1. Mark 12:34, "And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God, and no man after that durst ask him any question."

**XVI. TO WANT ETERNAL LIFE AS THE YOUNG MAN**

1. Matt. 19:16, "And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?"

**XVII. TO GIVE SOMETHING AS ANANIAS**

1. Acts 5:2, "And (Ananias) kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet."

**XVIII. TO ASK FOR PRAYERS AS PHAROAH**

1. Exo. 8:8, "Then Pharoah called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the Lord that he may take the frogs away from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the Lord."

**XIX. TO CONFESS YOUR SINS AS JUDAS**

1. Matt. 27:3-4, "Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? See thou to that."

**XX. TO MAKE LONG PRAYERS AS THE PHARISEES**

1. Matt. 23:14, "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation."

**XXI. TO BRING AN OFFERING AS CAIN**

1. Gen. 4:3, "And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord."

**XXII. TO GO TO CHURCH OCCASIONALLY AS SOME**

1. Heb. 10:25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

**XXIII. TO WISH TO DIE WELL AS BALAAM**

1. Num. 23:10, "Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

**XXIV. THE ABOVE IS NOT ENOUGH****1. To Make a Christian**

A. Acts 26:28, "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

**2. To Bring Salvation**

A. James 2:14, "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him?"

B. Romans 10:1-4. Turn and read.

**3. To Enter the Kingdom**

A. Matt. 7:21, "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."

**4. To Have Eternal Life**

A. Matt. 19:16-22. Turn and read.

**5. To Reach Heaven**

A. Matt. 13:41, "The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity."

**6. For Mercy**

A. Prov. 28:13, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

## HOW TO BE SAVED

### I. HEAR

1. Rom. 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
2. Mark 12:29-30, 4:24, Matt. 7:21, 17:1-5

### II. BELIEVE

1. Mark 16:16, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."
2. Rom. 10:10, 14:23, James 2:19-20, 2:24

### III. REPENT

1. Luke 13:3, "I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."
2. Luke 24:47, 2 Pet. 3:9, Acts 17:30, 2:38

### IV. CONFESS

1. Rom. 10:10, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."
2. Phil. 2:11, Matt. 16:13-19, 10:32, Acts 8:37-39

### V. BAPTISM

1. Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."
  2. Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16, Col. 2:11-13, 1 Pet. 3:21
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*Hooks of error are often baited with fragments of truth.*

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*If you want to make an easy job seem mighty hard, just keep putting it off.*

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*He who is cowardly will do right when it is safer to do so... He who is overly ambitious will do right if it is to his advantage to do so... He who is miserly will do right when he finds it cheaper to do so... He who is average will do right because it is expected of him... But blessed is he who does right because it is right.*



## THE OLD PATHS

*Jeremiah 6:16*

### I. THE OLD CHURCH

1. Matt. 16:18, "And I say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

2. Acts 2:47, "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

### II. THE OLD FAITH

1. Eph. 4:4-5, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

2. Rom. 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

### III. THE OLD PLAN OF SALVATION

1. Acts 2:36-40, Read.

2. Acts 8:38, "And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the Eunuch; and he baptized him."

3. Acts 22:16, "And now why tarriest thou? Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

### IV. THE OLD NAME

1. Acts 11:26, "And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first at Antioch."

2. 1 Pet. 4:16, "Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but rather let him glorify God on this behalf."

3. Eph. 3:14-15, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."

## V. THE OLD WORSHIP

1. Acts 2:42, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and in prayers."

2. Acts 20:7, "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."

## VI. THE OLD GUIDE

1. John 16:13, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come."

2. John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

3. John 6:63, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

## VII. THE OLD HOPE

1. Acts 24:15, "And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust."

2. Rom. 8:24, "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?"

3. Rom. 15:4, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

4. 1 Pet. 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

## VIII. THE OLD LOVE

1. 1 John 5:3, "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."

2. 1 John 4:18, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

3. Rom. 12:9, "Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good."

4. Heb. 13:1, "Let brotherly love continue."

5. James 2:8, "If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well."





*The church is fairly well supplied with conductors. It shows a shortage of engineers, and an over-plus of brakemen.*

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*Life has but two ends and one of those has been used; better take care of the other one.*

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*Don't consult your bank book to ascertain your real wealth.*



## DO WE GO TO HEAVEN?

John 14:1-6

1. John 16:28 — I leave the world
2. John 14:28 — I go unto the Father
3. John 13:34-36 — Thou shalt follow me
4. Heb. 12:2 — Jesus at right hand of throne of God
5. Rom. 8:34 — Making intercession
6. Rev. 20:11 — Great white throne
7. Heb. 6:19-20 — Jesus entered that within the veil
8. Rev. 20:10-27 — Heavenly Jerusalem
9. Gal. 4:26 — Jerusalem above all
10. Eph. 2:2-6 — Sit in heavenly places
11. 1 Thess. 4:13-18 — Will ever be with the Lord
12. Rev. 1:7-8 — All will see his coming
13. Jude 14-21 — Looking for mercy

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*“I go to prepare a place for you”—Jesus  
(John 14:2)*



*It is alright for the ship to be in the ocean, but not for the ocean to be in the ship. It is alright for the Christian to be in the world, but not for the world to be in the Christian.*

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*If one wishes to be a knocker, he needs neither brains nor education.*

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*It does a man no good to sit up and take notice if he keeps on sitting.*



## THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER

2 Timothy 2:3

### I. WHAT KIND OF SOLDIERS DOES CHRIST WANT?

#### 1. Good Ones

A. 2 Tim. 2:3, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

#### 2. Volunteers

A. Rev. 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come, and let him that heareth say, come, and let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

#### 3. Not Slackers

A. Luke 12:41-48, Read.

B. James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

#### 4. Not Deserters

A. 2 Pet. 2:20-21, "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them."

#### 5. Whole Hearted

A. 2 Tim. 2:4, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

#### 6. Sober

A. 1 Thess. 5:8, "But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation."

### II. WHAT KIND OF ARMOUR DOES HE HAVE?

#### 1. An Armour of Righteousness

A. 2 Cor. 6:3-10, Read.

2. An Armour of Light

A. Rom. 13:12, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light."

3. The Armour of God

A. Eph. 6:10-17, Read.

### III. WHAT KIND OF WEAPONS HAS HE?

1. Not Carnal

A. 2 Cor. 10:4, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds."

B. Matt. 26:52, "Then said Jesus unto him, put up again thy sword into its place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword."

2. Spiritual

A. Eph. 6:17, "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

### IV. WHAT IS HE TO FIGHT AGAINST?

1. Not Flesh and Blood

A. Eph. 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

2. The World

A. 1 John 5:4-5, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

3. Against Himself

A. 1 Cor. 9:24-27, Read.

4. Fleshly Lusts

A. 1 Pet. 2:11, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul."

## V. WHAT IS HIS REWARD?

### 1. Eternal Life

A. 1 Tim. 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."

### 2. The Crown

A. 2 Tim. 4:7-8, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

## VI. A SOLDIER'S DUTY IS:

### 1. To Stand

A. Eph. 6:13, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand."

B. 1 Tim. 1:18-19, "This charge I commit unto thee, son, Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; holding faith and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck."

### 2. To Fight

A. 1 Tim. 6:12, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."



*Reputation is what men and women think of us;  
character is what God and angels know of us.*

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*Half of the hurts of the world could be healed if  
people would only lavish on the living the tender-  
ness they feel for the dead.*

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*Little, vicious minds abound with anger and  
revenge, and are incapable of feeling the pleasure  
of forgiving their enemies.*

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*It is no small gain to know your own ignorance*



**THE DEVIL'S TORPEDOES**

Eph. 6:10-17

1. NEGLECT — Heb. 10:25, Acts 20:7, 1 Pet. 1:9
2. LYING — Eph. 4:25, Rev. 21:8, John 8:44
3. STEALING — Rom. 12:17, Eph. 4:28, 1 Pet. 4:15
4. DRUNKENNESS — 1 Cor. 6:10, Rom. 13:14, 1 Pet. 4:7
5. REVELLING — James 1:27, James 4:4, 1 John 2:15-17
6. UNKINDNESS — Rom. 2:10, 1 Pet. 1:22, Heb. 13:1
7. MALICE —
8. GUILE —
9. HYPOCRISIES —
10. ENVY —
11. EVIL SPEAKINGS —
12. DIVISION — John 17:21, 1 Cor. 1:10, Rom. 16:17


 1 Pet. 2:1-3





*The difference between a prejudice and a conviction is that you can explain a conviction without getting mad.*

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*Who gossips to you will gossip of you.*

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*Let us be the first to give a friendly sign; to nod first, smile first, speak first, and—if such a thing is necessary—forgive first.*

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*It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people.*



## Guided by God's Counsel

*Psalms 73:24*

### I. WHY DO WE NEED A GUIDE?

#### 1. To Direct Our Steps

A. Jer. 10:23, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his own steps."

#### 2. To Lead Us in Righteousness

A. Ps. 23:3, "He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake."

#### 3. To Reach Glory

A. Ps. 73:24, "Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel and afterward receive me to glory."

### II. WHAT IS GOD'S COUNSEL?

#### 1. The Gospel

A. Acts 20:27, "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God."

B. 2 Thess. 2:14, "Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ,"

### III. WHO IS GUIDED BY GOD'S COUNSEL?

#### 1. He Who Hears

A. Prov. 19:20-21, "Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end. There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand."

#### 2. He Who Knows

A. 2 Pet. 1:3, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."

#### 3. He Who Believes

A. John 11:40, "Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto

thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?"

4. He Who is Baptized

A. Luke 7:30, "But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him."

5. He Who Walks Worthily

A. 1 Thess. 2:12, "That ye would walk worthy of God who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."

6. He Who Dresses Properly

A. Rev. 3:18, "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear, and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."

7. He Who Endures

A. 2 Cor. 4:17, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

#### IV. WHAT GLORIOUS THINGS SHALL WE HAVE?

1. A Body

A. Phil. 3:21, "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

2. A Crown

A. 1 Pet. 5:3-4, "Neither as being Lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

3. An Inheritance

a. Eph. 1:18, "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints."

**V. WHERE IS THIS GLORY?****1. In Heaven**

A. Luke 24:26, "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?"

**2. In His Presence**

A. John 17:24, "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."

**VI. WHEN SHALL IT BE OURS?****1. When Christ Comes**

A. Col. 3:4, "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

**VII. WHAT KIND SHALL WE HAVE?****1. Eternal**

A. 1 Pet. 5:10, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us into his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."



*The universe is but one vast symbol of God.*

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*Without a divinity there is for man neither purpose, goal, nor hope; only a trembling fear of the dark.*

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*How sweet the words of truth breathed from the lips of love.*

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*Christ sends none away empty but those who are full of themselves.*



**GIVING GOD THE GLORY**

Rev. 14:7

1. 1 Cor. 6:19-20 — Glorify God in your body
2. Isa. 10:3 — To whom will ye flee for help? And where will ye leave your glory?
3. Matt. 6:2 — Do not seek glory of men
4. Acts 12:23 — Herod was eaten of worms because he failed to give God the glory
5. Eph. 3:21 — Glory in the church
6. Isa. 42:8 — My glory will I not give to another

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*“To him be glory both now and forever. Amen.”*

*(2 Peter 3:18)*



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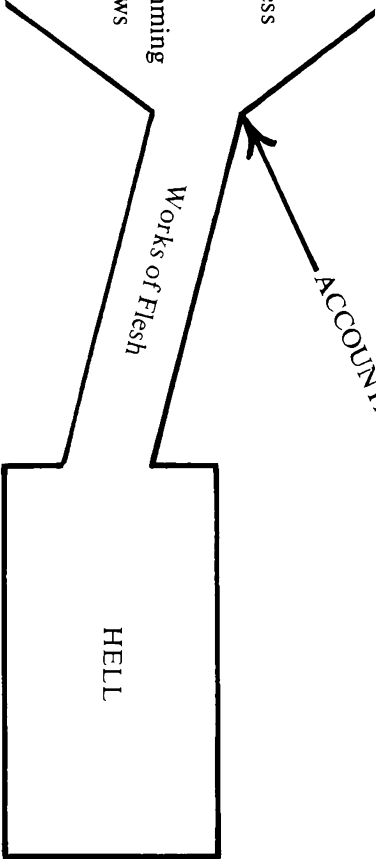
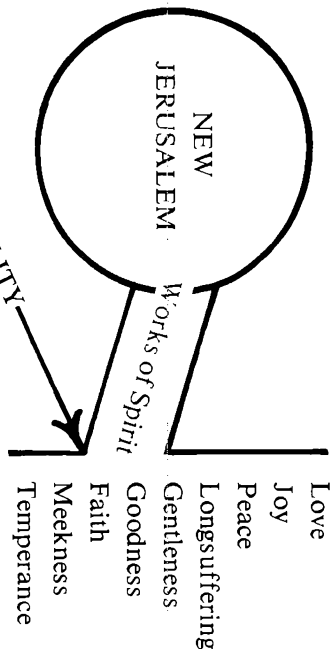


# WHOM WILL YE SERVE?

Joshua 24:15, Gal. 5:19-26

FLESH — ??? — SPIRIT

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| Uncleaness  | Hatred         |
| Fornication | Sedition       |
| Adultery    | Variance       |
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| Emulation   | Pool Halls     |
| Witchcraft  | Mixed Swimming |
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| Strife      | Heresies       |
| Wrath       |                |





*Merely going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going into a garage makes you an automobile. Church attendance is extremely vital, but much more is required to be counted faithful.*

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*There are generally three kinds of church members: Jaw-bone, Wish-bone, and Back-bone.*

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*The reason so many are against the Bible is they know the Bible is against them. It prohibits what they permit, and requires what they reject.*



## THE GREATEST KINGDOM

KING	KINGDOM — Dan. 2:44	LAW
<i>1 Tim. 6:15</i>	HOUSE — 1 Tim. 3:15	<i>James 1:25</i>
TERRITORY	CHURCH — Matt. 16:18	PRINCIPLES
<i>Matt. 28:19</i>	FAMILY — Eph. 3:14-15	<i>Luke 10:30-37</i>
DURATION	VINEYARD — Matt. 20:1-16	PROTECTION
<i>1 Cor. 15:24-26</i>	BRIDE — Rev. 21:2	<i>Heb. 13:6</i>
<i>Dan. 2:44</i>	BODY — Eph. 1:22-23	
	TEMPLE — 1 Cor. 3:16-17	

REWARD — Rev. 22:14



*Resolve never to do anything which you would be afraid to do if it were the last hour of your life.*

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*No man is prosperous whose immortality is forfeited. No man is rich to whom the grave brings eternal bankruptcy. No man is happy upon whose path there rests but a momentary glimmer of light, shining out between clouds that are closing over him in darkness forever.*

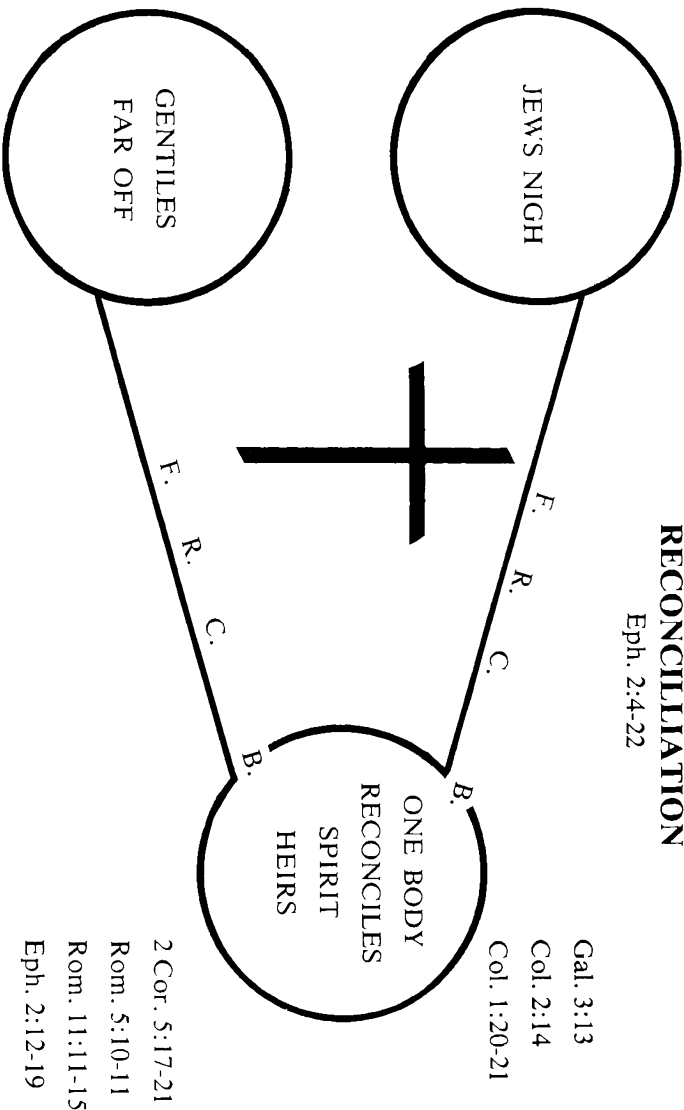
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*Satan laughs at our toiling, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.*



# RECONCILIATION

Eph. 2:4-22



Gal. 3:13

Col. 2:14

Col. 1:20-21

2 Cor. 5:17-21

Rom. 5:10-11

Rom. 11:11-15

Eph. 2:12-19



*Unlike the so-called royalty of this earth, the King of kings knew the meaning of calloused hands, a grimy brow, and honest sweat.*

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*There is a difference in keeping your chin up and sticking it out.*

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*Life is tragic to one who has plenty to live on and nothing to live for.*



**ABSENT FROM CHURCH AND WHY**

Heb. 10:25

SICKNESS	••••• Phil. 2:25-30
VISIT ANOTHER CHURCH	••••• Acts 20:7
BUSINESS	••••• Luke 14:14-20
ANIMOSITY	••••• Rom. 12:10
WHAT PREACHER SAID	••••• Mark 16:15
WHAT SOMEONE SAID	••••• James 1:26
SWEETHEART TROUBLE	••••• 2 Cor. 6:14
AMUSEMENT	••••• Rom. 8:6
THE WORLD	••••• Matt. 16:26
A LITTLE BOOZE	••••• 1 Cor. 6:9
WIFE OR HUSBAND	••••• 1 Cor. 7:32-34
NO MONEY	••••• 2 Cor. 8:12
DON'T WANT TO GIVE	••••• 1 Cor. 16:1-2
I JUST DON'T KNOW	••••• James 4:17

Heb. 12:11

Acts 14:27





*The disciples were not losing time when they sat down beside their Master, and held quiet converse with him under the olives of Bethany or by the shores of Galilee. Those were their school hours; those were their feeding times. The healthiest Christian, the one who is best fitted for Godly labors, is he who feeds most on Christ. Here lies the benefit of Bible reading and study.*

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*Any doctrine that will not bear investigation is not a fit tenant for the mind of an honest man.*



## CAN ANY MAN FORBID WATER?

Acts 10:47-48

Old World of Sin	-----	New World of Redeemed, Gen. 7
Israel in Bondage	-----	Israel Set Free, Exo. 14:12-17
Naaman a Leper	-----	Naaman Whole, 2 Kings 5
Man Blind from Birth	-----	Sight Restored, John 9:7
3000 in Sin	-----	Remission of Sins, Acts 2:32-41
Saul in Sin	-----	Sins Washed Away, Acts 9:1-19
In Power of Darkness	-----	In Kingdom of God, John 3:1-5
Death of Christ	-----	Raised Up from Dead, Rom. 6:3-5
Lost in Sin	-----	Saved by Water, 1 Pet. 3:20-21
God	-----	Exo. 14, Gen. 7
Christ	-----	John 3:1-15, Matt. 3:13-17
Heaven	-----	Matt. 21:25-27



*Anyone who tells you what is wrong, and helps make it right, is your friend.*

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*When a man uses profanity to support an argument, it indicates that either the man or the argument is weak—probably both.*

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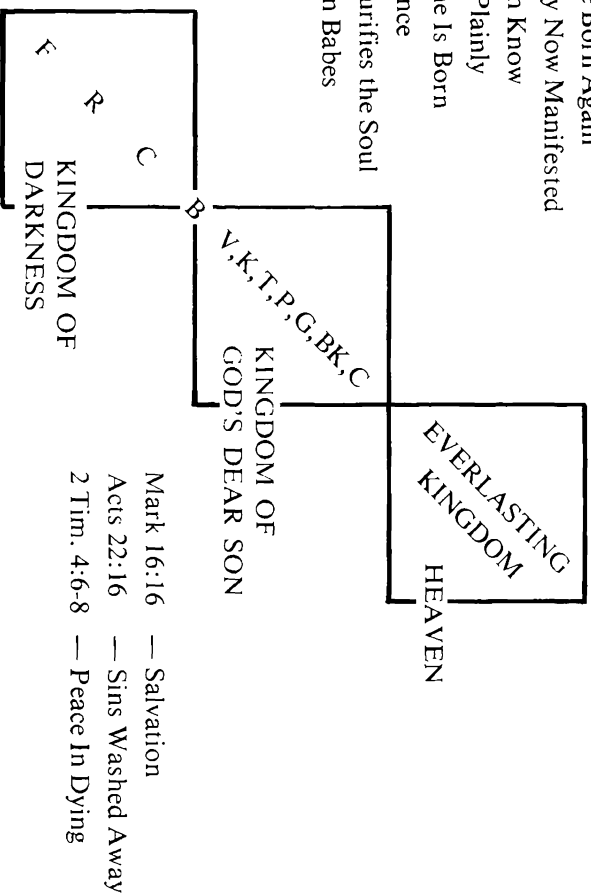
*Half the people who condemn Judas for selling Jesus for thirty pieces of silver are selling him today and paying for the privilege.*



## THE NEW BIRTH

John 3:1-5

- John 3:1-5 — Must Be Born Again  
 Heb. 9:8 — The Way Now Manifested  
 Luke 8:10 — You Can Know  
 John 16:25 — Shown Plainly  
 Acts 2:37-38 — How One Is Born  
 1 Pet. 1:1-6 — Inheritance  
 1 Pet. 1:22 — Truth Purifies the Soul  
 1 Pet. 2:2 — Newborn Babes





*An opinion is something we pick up and carry around. A conviction is something that picks us up and carries us around.*

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*“I do the very best I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won’t amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference.” —Abraham Lincoln*



Matt. 16:18

Acts 2:47

Matt. 25:31

1 Cor. 15:58

2 Pet. 1:5-7

**I AM THE WAY**

John 14:6

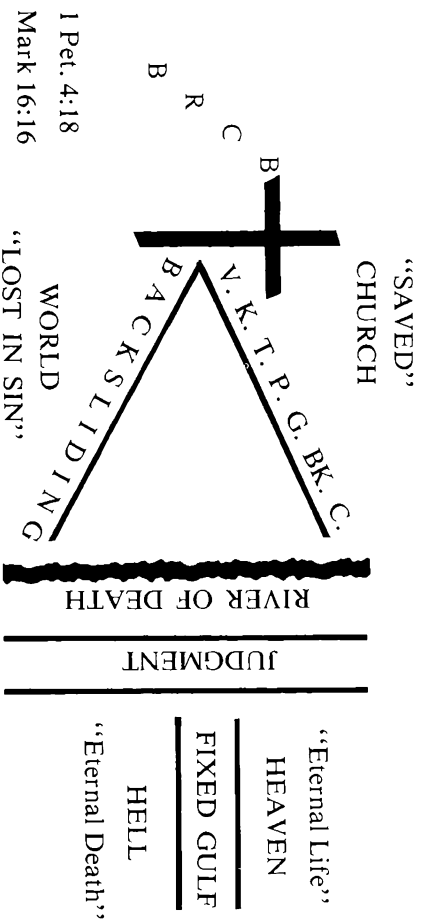
John 14:1-6

Rom. 6:23

Rev. 2:10

Psalms 16:11

Matt. 6:20

**SEEDS FOR SERMONS**

1 Pet. 4:18

Mark 16:16

Rom. 10:10

Luke 13:3

Eph. 2:12

2 Thess. 1:8

Rom. 6:23

Mark 8:36

Matt. 25:46

Mark 9:44



*Always do right. This will gratify many people  
and astonish the rest.*

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*Beware of your spiritual condition when the  
most pleasing part of the service is the closing song  
and the dismissal prayer.*

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*Heaven will pay for any loss we suffer to gain it,  
but nothing can pay for the loss of heaven.*

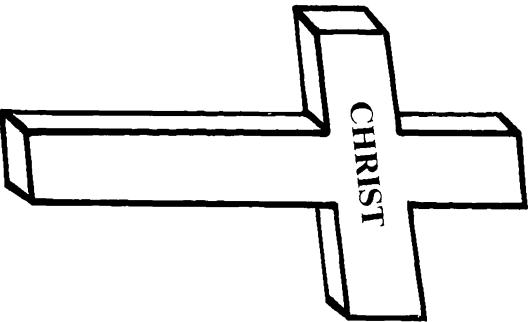


**BEARING THE CROSS**

Titus 2:11-15

**CROSS**

Matt. 16:24 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Matt. 10:28-38 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Luke 9:23 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Luke 14:27 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Thess. 5:23 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Tim. 2:12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Tim. 2:5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1 Pet. 2:11 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Heb. 6:18-20 \_\_\_\_\_

**SALVATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ Acts 4:12  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Rom. 13:11  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Heb. 5:8-9  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Jude 3  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Rom. 10:10  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Tim. 3:15  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Phil. 1:27  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Rom. 1:16  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Heb. 2:3





*Inactive religion, like still water, is first to freeze.*

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*No man ever regretted Christianity on his death bed.*

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*Beware of the man who does not translate his words into deeds. —Theodore Roosevelt*

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*If you blame others for your failures, do you credit others for your successes?*





Ps. 92:12

### JOURNEY OF LIFE

Bread of Life, Jn. 6:53

Armour, Eph. 6:10-17

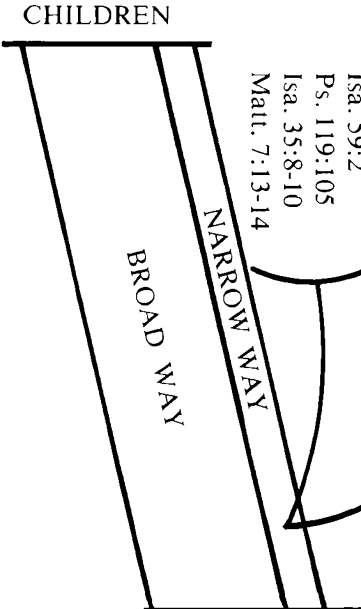
White Robes, Rev. 7:14

Isa. 59:2

Ps. 119:105

Isa. 35:8-10

Matt. 7:13-14



ETERNAL LIFE

Matt. 25:34

Luke 16:26

GULF

Matt. 25:46

JUDGMENT

EVERLASTING FIRE



*We teach a little by what we say; more by what we do; most by what we are.*

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*Men turn their faces toward hell and hope to get to heaven; why do they not walk into the river and expect to keep dry? —Spurgeon*

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*A wise man will desire no more than he may get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and leave contentedly.*



## RELATION OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

### THE CHURCH

BRANCHES ----- John 15:1-10  
 KINGDOM ----- Matt. 13:38  
 SHEEP ----- John 10  
 HOUSE ----- 1 Tim. 3:15  
 BODY ----- 1 Cor. 12:27  
 CHURCH ----- Matt. 16:18  
 BRIDE ----- Rev. 21:9  
 REDEEMED ----- 1 Pet. 1:18

### CHRIST

THE TRUE VINE ----- John 15:1  
 THE KING ----- 1 Tim. 6:15  
 THE GOOD SHEPHERD ----- John 10:14  
 THE CHIEF CORNER STONE ----- Eph. 2:20  
 THE HEAD ----- Eph. 1:22-23  
 THE OWNER ----- Acts 20:28  
 THE BRIDEGROOM ----- John 3:29  
 THE REDEEMER ----- Job 19:25, Rev. 5:9



*Character is pretty much like window glass  
—when it is cracked, it is cracked inside and out.*

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*Did you ever wonder why a father and mother  
can find room for five or six children in a three to  
five room house, but not a one of those children  
can find room for an aged parent in a seven to nine  
room house?*

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*Time cannot be expanded, accumulated, mort-  
gaged, hastened, or retarded. Use it wisely.*



**THE SPIRIT AND THE WORD**

John 3:1-5    John 6:63    1 Pet. 1:23

CONVERTS THE SOUL	_____	_____	Psa. 19:7 WORD CONVERTS
PURIFIES THE HEART	_____	_____	Acts 15:9 WORD PURIFIES
GIVES US FAITH	_____	_____	Rom. 10:17 WORD GIVES FAITH
PURIFIES THE SOUL	_____	_____	1 Pet. 1:22 WORD PURIFIES SOUL
SANCTIFIES US	_____	_____	John 17:17 WORD SANCTIFIES US
SAVES THE SOUL	_____	_____	James 1:21 WORD SAVES SOUL
TO WORK IN US	_____	_____	1 Thess. 2:13 WORD WORKS IN US
BUILDS US UP	_____	_____	Acts 20:32 WORD BUILDS US UP
GIVES US A HOME	_____	_____	Heb. 8:8-10 WORD LEADS HOME

John 14:15-16





*Good works alone in the life of a Christian are not grounds for salvation; but the absence of them is grounds for damnation.*

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*Maturity is the ability to do a job whether you are supervised or not; finish a job once started; carry money without spending it; and last, but not least, the ability to bear an injustice without wanting to get even.*

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*Many a man waiting for a convenient time to obey the gospel to turn up, finds his toes do it first.*



## CALL TO THE MINISTRY

Luke 10:17-20

Luke 6:13 — Apostles  
 Acts 8:5 — Inspired Men  
 Matt. 4:4 — Living Bread  
 Faithful Men — 1 Tim. 2:2  
 Preach the Word — 2 Tim. 4:1-4  
 Speak as the oracles of God — 1 Pet. 4:11

Matt. 16:18  
 Isa. 2:2  
 Acts 2:17  
 HELPERS  
 Rom. 1:16  
 Mark 16:15-16  
 Matt. 28:18-20

DEATH  
 BURIAL  
 RESURRECTION  
 B. John 20:30  
 R. Acts 11:18  
 C. Rom. 10:10  
 B. Mark 16:16  
 CHURCH  
 ONE BODY  
 PEACE  
 RECONCILIATION  
 SPIRIT  
 HEIRS  
 ROCK  
 Eph. 5:23  
 Heb. 5:8-9  
 Eph. 1:17-23  
 Col. 1:18-24

1 Cor. 15:1-4

1 Tim. 3:15-16  
 1 Pet. 3:15





*Neither the authority of years, the weight of numbers, nor the intensity of sincerity can make a thing right if it is fundamentally wrong to begin with.*

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*Dancing has never improved the Christian character, but precisely the opposite.*

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*Worship designed to satisfy the worshipper is diametrically opposed to Biblical worship. Worship must not be designed to please you; it must please God.*



# AM I A CHRISTIAN?

1 Peter 4:10-16

Matt. 22:34-40

Heb. 11:6

Rom. 10:17

1 Cor. 13:1-4

Rom. 12:17

John 14:15

John 14:23

John 15:10

1 John 2:3-4

1 Thess. 5:17

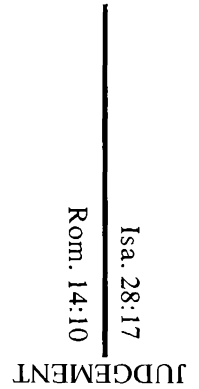
Heb. 10:25

Gal. 5:19-21

Rev. 22:14

Isa. 28:17

Rom. 14:10



Matt. 25:41

Matt. 7:23

1 John 3:17-18

James 1:27



*God knows all about us...and loves us in spite of it.*

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*Hatred does more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to the object on which it is poured.*

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*If Jesus is not Lord of all, he is not Lord at all.*



## THE CHURCH NAMED

Matthew 16:18



NOT NAMED:

1. After Men
2. After Days
3. After Baptism
4. After Methods
5. After Pentecost

*Named After Christ!!!*

### I. MEMBERS CALLED WHAT?

1. Called another name, Isa. 65:15
2. Called a new name, Isa. 62:2
3. Salvation in none other, Acts 4:12
4. Christ's disciples, John 8:31-32
5. Disciples called Christians, Acts 11:26
6. Not ashamed of name Christian, 1 Pet. 4:16-17

### II. CHURCH CALLED WHAT?

1. Church of the Living God, 1 Tim. 3:14-16
2. Church of God, Acts 20:28
3. Kingdom, Isa. 9:6-7
4. Church of Christ, Rom. 16:16-18
5. Some not called by His name, Isa. 63:17-19



*When you shake hands with the devil, it is almost impossible to let go.*

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*Real friends are those who, when you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel that you've done a permanent job of it.*

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*Failure is not the worst thing in the world. The very worst is not to try.*







*No society can remain free without the influence of the Bible. The components of true freedom have as their origin God's Word—when the Bible is rejected, these principles will pass with the generation...and may God have mercy upon the next that rises.*

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*“Ve gett so soon oldt, undt yett so late smart.”*

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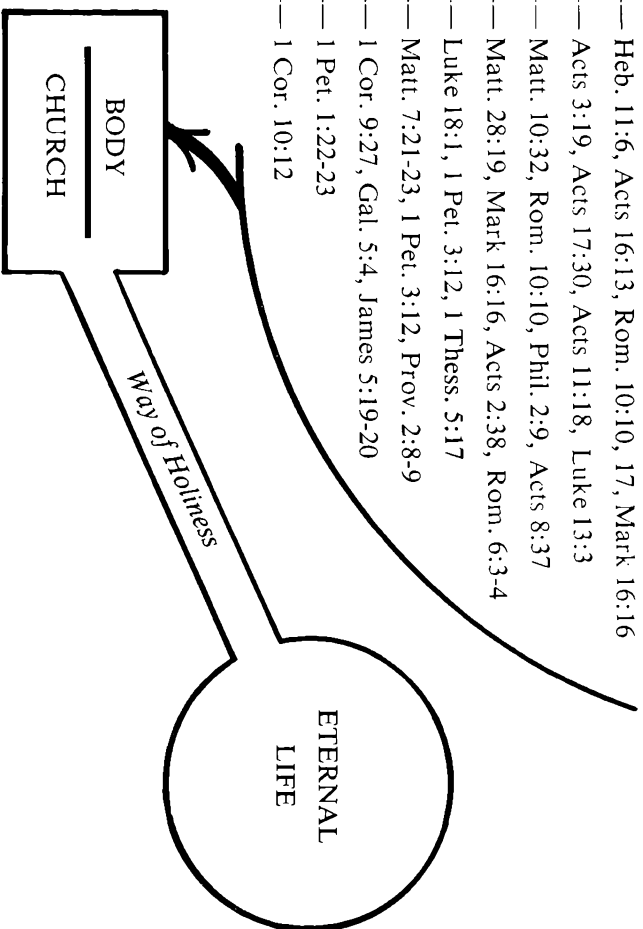
*Jesus Christ... the answer to life's problems; the answer to YOUR problems!*



**SPEAK AS THE ORACLES OF GOD**

1 Peter 4:11    1 Corinthians 13:1

FAITH	-----	Heb. 11:6, Acts 16:13, Rom. 10:10, 17, Mark 16:16
REPENTANCE	-----	Acts 3:19, Acts 17:30, Acts 11:18, Luke 13:3
CONFESSION	-----	Matt. 10:32, Rom. 10:10, Phil. 2:9, Acts 8:37
BAPTISM	-----	Matt. 28:19, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Rom. 6:3-4
PRAY	-----	Luke 18:1, 1 Pet. 3:12, 1 Thess. 5:17
OBEY	-----	Matt. 7:21-23, 1 Pet. 3:12, Prov. 2:8-9
LIFE	-----	1 Cor. 9:27, Gal. 5:4, James 5:19-20
PURIFIED	-----	1 Pet. 1:22-23
TAKE HEED	-----	1 Cor. 10:12







*So many people think they are broad-minded just because they are too lazy to form a conviction.*

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*The measure of a man's real character is what he would do if he knew he would never be found out.*

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*There is nothing more bouyant than a rumor. It is easy to float one and hard to sink one.*



**OUR LIFE'S RECORD**

Matt. 7:24

John 5:28-29

2 Cor. 5:10-11

Ecc. 12:13

Rev. 22:12

BORN

Ecc. 3:1-2

LIFE

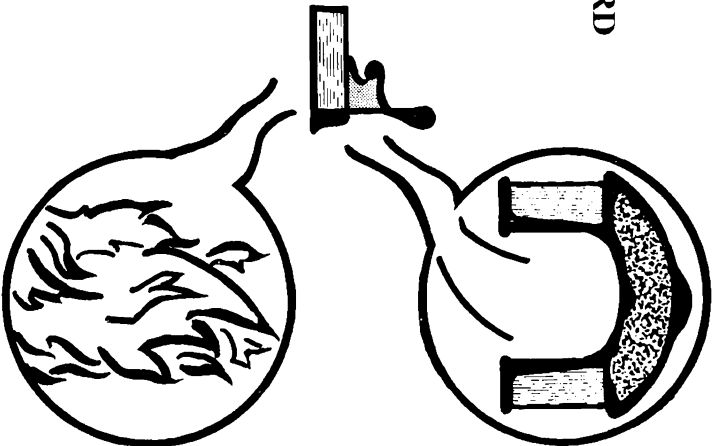
Heb. 9:27

DIE

JUDGMENT

Mt. 25:31, Isa. 28:17

- 1 Thess. 4:11 *Study to be quiet*
- 1 Tim. 2:2 *Lead a peaceable life*
- Titus 2:11-12 *Ungodliness*
- James 1:16-17 *Do not err*





*The emptier the pot the quicker it boils—watch your temper!*

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*“In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise,” Proverbs 10:19.*

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*He knew the Book from A to Z; his mind had mastered every part. A fine achievement, but alas ... it never got into his heart!*



## WHAT A CHRISTIAN IS

1. FOLLOWER — { Acts 11:26  
Matt. 16:24  
Eph. 5:1

2. CHILD — { Rom. 8:16-17  
Gal. 3:26-27  
Eph. 3:15

3. SOLDIER — { 2 Tim. 2:3  
Eph. 6:10-17  
1 Tim. 6:12

4. BRIDE — { Rom. 7:4  
Eph. 5:23  
Eph. 5:25

5. BRANCH — { John 15:5-6  
John 15:8  
Matt. 7:20

Acts 26:27-28

Acts 2:42

Col. 1:18

Gal. 3:27



*No offered insult ever caused so deep a wound as a tenderness expected and withheld; and no spoken indiscretion was ever so bitterly regretted as the words that one did not speak.*

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*It's good to have money and the things it can buy, but it's good too, to check up once in a while and make sure you haven't lost the things that money can't buy.*



**ARE WE ON THE SAFE SIDE?**

Matt. 4:4    2 Pet. 1:10-11    Isa. 1:18

No God —	— God Is, Heb. 11:6
No Christ —	— Christ is Son, John 3:16-17
Bible Not True —	— Bible is True, 2 Tim. 3:16-17
Everyone Saved —	— Many Lost, Matt. 7:13-14
Some Can't Be Saved —	— All Can Be Saved, 2 Pet. 3:9
No Hell —	— Endless Punishment, Matt. 25:46
Second Chance —	— After Death, Judgment, Heb. 9:27
Things Not Written —	— Our Learning, Rom. 15:4
No Faith —	— Faith, Heb. 11:6
No Repentance —	— Repent, Luke 13:3
No Confession —	— Confess, Rom. 10:10
No Baptism —	— Baptism, Rom. 6:1-7, Mark 16:16
Cannot Fall —	— Many Fall, James 5:19-20
No Scriptures —	— All Scriptures



*Why don't those who hate the church move where there are none? Communism welcomes all supporters.*

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*"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city," Proverbs 16:32.*

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*We shall never have more time. We have, and have always had, all the time there is.*



**WHAT IS THE BIBLE TO MAN?**

Psalms 119:101

It Pleased God	-----	1 Cor. 1:21
Committed to Faithful Men	-----	2 Tim. 2:2
Preach the Word	-----	2 Tim. 4:2
Declare All	-----	Acts 20:27-28
Speak as the Oracles	-----	1 Pet. 4:11
Take Heed	-----	1 Tim. 4:16
Written for Our Learning	-----	Rom. 15:4
All Scripture Given	-----	2 Tim. 3:16-17
Blessed Are They	-----	Rev. 22:14
Add Not; Take Not	-----	Rev. 22:18-19
To Be Learned	-----	2 Pet. 1:5-9
Declare the Gospel	-----	1 Cor. 15:1
Truth Makes Us Free	-----	John 8:32
Gospel Saves	-----	Rom. 1:16
Life Through His Name	-----	John 20:30-31
Believe Not	-----	Mark 16:16





*The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none.*

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*The fellow who worries about what people think of him wouldn't worry so much if he only knew how seldom they do.*

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*It is with small minded people as with small necked bottles—the less they have in them, the more noise they make in pouring it out.*



**THE THIEF ON THE CROSS**

Luke 23:39-45

JEWISH AGE

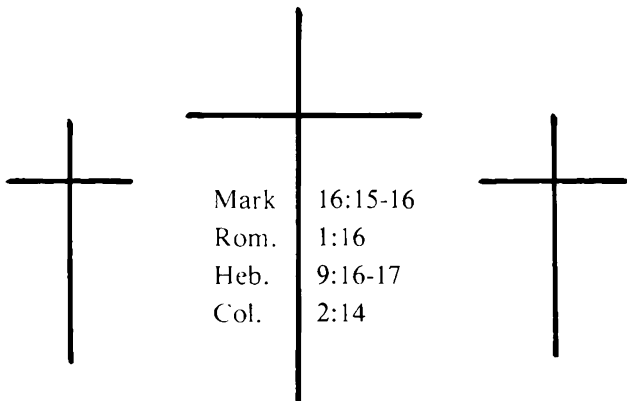
CHRISTIAN AGE

Heb. 9:16-17 — Testament

Matt. 9:1-8 — Palsy

Luke 7:37-50 — Pharisee's House

Luke 18:18-23 — Young Ruler



Matt. 4:6

Mark 16:16

Acts 2:38

Mark 3:4-5

Heb. 11:6

Acts 2:22-24

Matt. 15:6-9

James 2:14-17

1 Cor. 15:1-4

Gal. 5:4

Heb. 9:16

Acts 2:47

Matt. 7:21-23

Luke 24:46-49

Heb. 5:8-9



*Kindness always pays, but pays most when it is not done for pay.*

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*Everything in the world can be endured, except continual prosperity.*

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*It's a sad day for America that folks of the present day, descendants of people who came to these shores above all things to enjoy freedom of worship, now interpret "freedom of worship" to mean liberty not to worship at all.*



**THE NAME JESUS CHRIST**

Heb. 13:8

- J — *is for Just* . . . Col. 4:1  
E — *is for Eternal Life* . . . Matt. 19:16-29, Titus 1:2  
S — *is for Salvation* . . . Titus 2:11  
U — *is for Undeiled* . . . 1 Pet. 1:3-4  
S — *is for Son* . . . Matt. 3:13-17, Matt. 16:16, Matt. 17:5  
  
C — *is for Church* . . . Matt. 16:18, Acts 2:47  
H — *is for Hope* . . . Titus 1:2, 1 Pet. 3:15, 1 John 3:3  
R — *is for Rest* . . . Rev. 14:13, Heb. 4:9, Matt. 11:28-30  
I — *is for Immortality* . . . 1 Cor. 15:53-57, 2 Tim. 1:10  
S — *is for Sinless* . . . 1 Pet. 2:22  
T — *is for Time* . . . Hosea 10:12

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*“There is no other name under heaven given among men,  
whereby we must be saved.”*

*(Acts 4:12)*



*Poems, etc.*





*THE LITTLE OLD LADY PAST EIGHTY*

*As I sat and watched by her bedside  
There was little that I could say,  
With her head buried deep in her pillow  
I felt she was trying to pray.  
Life's cares had been more than the average,  
Her cross had been heavy to bear,  
I'm sure she prayed hard for her children...  
If they just would heed her prayers.  
Her courage has been my inspiration;  
Her smile a light in the gloom.  
I know she will long be remembered  
When she is at rest in the tomb.  
She always was there at God's service  
If there was a possible way;  
This little old lady past eighty,  
Has borne the heat of the day.  
Now children, she's given a warning,  
Don't wait for the ever too late,  
God's mercy is just for the asking,  
But you must first enter that gate.  
And when you should start on this journey  
Don't look for a rose in the way  
The light that shines bright in the distance  
Is not given in this earthly stay.*

—C. A. (Dovie) Corson



*IF GOD WENT ON STRIKE*

*It's just a good thing God above has never gone on strike  
Because He wasn't treated fair for things He didn't like.  
If He had ever once sat down and said, "That's it—I'm through,  
I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do.  
I'll give My orders to the sun—cut off your heat supply;  
And to the moon—give no more light; run those oceans dry.  
Then, just to really make it tough and put the pressure on,  
Turn off the air and oxygen 'til every breath is gone."  
Do you know, He'd be justified, if fairness was the game,  
For no one has been more abused or treated with disdain  
Than God—and yet He carries on, supplying you and me  
With all the favors of His grace and everything... for FREE!  
Men say they want a better deal, and so on strike they go,  
But what a deal we've given God, whom everything we owe!  
We don't care whom we hurt or harm to gain the things we like,  
But what a mess we'd ALL be in, if God should go on strike!*

*HAVE COURAGE, MY BOY,  
TO SAY, NO!*

*You're starting, my boy, on life's journey,  
Along the grand highway of life,  
You'll meet with a thousand temptations,  
Each city with evil is rife.*

*This world is a stage of excitement—  
There's danger wherever you go;  
But if you are tempted in weakness,  
Have courage, my boy, to say, No!*

*The bright, ruby wine may be offered—  
No matter how tempting it be,  
From poison it stings like an adder,  
My boy, have courage to flee.*

*The billiard saloons are inviting,  
Decked out in their tinsel and show,  
But if you are tempted to enter—  
Have courage, my boy, to say, No!*

*In courage alone lies your safety,  
When you the long journey begin;  
Your trust in the Heavenly Father  
Will keep you unspotted from sin.  
Temptation will keep on increasing  
As streams from a rivulet flow;  
But if you'd be true to your manhood,  
Have courage, my boy, to say, No!*

*WITHOUT A HOPE*

*The Spirit came in childhood and pleaded, "Let Me in,"  
But O the door was bolted and barred by childish sin.  
The child said, "I'm too little; there's time enough I say;  
Today, I cannot open." The Spirit went away.*

*Again, He came and pleaded, in youth's bright, happy hour;  
He called, but heard no answer, for fettered in sin's power  
The youth lay idly dreaming, and crying, "Not today;  
For I must have some pleasure!" Again, He turned away.*

*He came again in mercy, in manhood's vigorous prime;  
But still could find no welcome; the merchant had no time  
To spare for true repentance, no time to praise and pray;  
And thus repulsed and saddened, the Spirit turned away.*

*Once more, He called—and waited; the man was old and sad;  
He scarcely heard the whisper, his heart was hard and bad.  
"Go! leave until I need Thee; I'll send for Thee," he cried—  
Then, sinking on his pillow, without a hope... he died.*

*AIN'T IT GOOD TO GIVE?*

*When a feller's feelin' friendly  
Cause he's got a bit ahead  
And he sees some little person  
With a heart that feels like lead,  
Perhaps a helpless cripple,  
Crying for the right to live.  
Ain't it good to have a nest egg?  
Tell me... ain't it good to give?*

*Little babies, pale and helpless,  
Older youngsters, bent and grey,  
Folks like you and me with feelin's  
Hurt by pranks that fate can play.  
They're a lookin' and a hopin'  
For a better chance to live.  
When so much help costs so little,  
Tell me... ain't it good to give?*

*Will you see a youngster stumble  
When by stretchin' out your hand  
You can get him past the rough spot,  
And help him straight to stand?  
Can you take the chance of leavin'  
Helpless youths in sin to live?  
When at night you face your conscience,  
Tell me... ain't it good to give?*

*THE OLD TIME PREACHER*

*The old time preacher with saddle bag,  
A shirt and Bible and a one-eyed nag,  
Was priest and prophet who boldly warred  
On evil, crying, "Thus saith the Lord."  
He never wobbled on where he stood;  
He never doubted that God was good.  
He based his sermons on Gospel true—  
He never mumbled a book review.  
He stuck to preaching that sin is sin,  
That grace can handle the fix we're in.  
He preached on brimstone and made it hot,  
And salvaged sinners from scamp to sot.  
His pay was little, his fame was less,  
His wealth was Heaven and blessedness;  
And when he wearied, an angel band  
Swept down to take him to Glory Land.*

*THE SUNDAY MORNING "CHRISTIAN"*

*I love the church that Jesus bought  
I know that it is right;  
I worship there on Sunday morn,  
But not on Sunday night.  
I love to sing the songs of God,  
Such worship must be right.  
I sing them oft on Sunday morn,  
But not on Sunday night.  
And may God bless the speaker too,  
And give him power and might,  
To put the sinner in his place,  
But excuse me Sunday night!  
I love to hear the gospel too,  
It gives me pure delight.  
I love to hear it Sunday morn,  
But not on Sunday night.  
I'd go through rain and sleet and snow  
To do anything that's right,  
To be at church on Sunday morn,  
But not on Sunday night.  
I know I need more strength and help,  
To keep me in the light.  
For help I come on Sunday morn,  
But not on Sunday night.  
Ah, yes, we all must sometime die,  
I hope I'm doing right;  
But I'd rather die on Sunday morn,  
Than die on Sunday night.*

*BEHIND HIS BACK*

*Our character is rotting and,  
Our heart is turning black  
When we allow our tongue to talk  
Behind somebody's back.*

*Our tongue is spitting poison in  
Some unsuspecting ear  
As we condemn our victim with  
The words he cannot hear.*

*Those words that are completely false  
Or gross exaggeration  
The lowest and most cruel form  
Of oral defamation.*

*And every mind that we convince  
Or influence just a bit  
Is one more great injustice and  
A sin that we commit.*

*We demonstrate our meanness and  
In decency we lack  
When we degrade ourselves to talk  
Behind somebody's back.*

*THE WANTS OF A MAN*

*“Man wants but little here below,  
Nor wants that little long.”  
'Tis not with me exactly so;  
But 'tis so in the song.  
My wants are many, and, if told,  
Would muster many a score;  
And were each wish a mint of gold,  
I still should long for more.  
I want (who does not want?) a wife—  
Affectionate and fair;  
To solace all the woes of life,  
And all its joys to share.  
Of temper sweet, of yielding will,  
Of firm, yet placid mind...  
With all my faults to love me still  
With sentiments refined.  
I want a warm and faithful friend,  
To cheer the adverse hour;  
Who ne'er to flatter will descend,  
Nor bend the knee to power.  
A friend to chide me when I'm wrong,  
My inmost soul to see;  
And that my friendship prove as strong  
For him as his for me.  
These are the wants of mortal man—  
I cannot want them long,  
For life itself if but a span,  
And earthly bliss a song.  
My last great want—absorbing all—  
Is when beneath the sod,  
And summoned to my final call,  
The mercy of my God.*

—John Quincy Adams



## US

*When we're feeling mean and ugly  
And we want to claw and fight,  
When we blame the other fellow  
And it's us that's always right—  
Then it's time for us to ponder,  
Time to change our point of view;  
"See ourselves as others see us,"  
Stubborn, yes, and hateful too!  
If we want folks to be friendly,  
We ourselves must friendly be;  
Chances are that many others  
Have more troubles than have we.  
What's the use of sadly sighing,  
Fretting, crying all the day?  
Let us all be up and doing,  
Driving all the glooms away!  
This world may be full of troubles,  
Most of us have had our share,  
None of us are free from trials,  
All have burdens we must bear.  
But there's no use for us to grumble,  
Better far a crooked grin—  
When we open up the windows  
Of our hearts, the sun shines in!*

*FORGIVE ME WHEN I WHINÈ*

Today upon a bus, I saw  
     A lovely maid with golden hair;  
 I envied her—she seemed so happy—  
     And Oh, I wished I were as fair.  
 And suddenly she rose to leave,  
     I saw her hobble down the aisle;  
 She had one foot and wore a crutch,  
     But as she passed, a smile.  
 Oh God, forgive me when I whine,  
     I have two feet... the world is mine.  
  
 And when I stopped to buy some sweets,  
     The lad who served me had such charm.  
 He seemed to radiate good cheer,  
     His manner was so kind and warm.  
 I said, "It's nice to deal with you,  
     Such courtesy I seldom find."  
 He turned and said, "Oh, thank you, sir!"  
     And then I saw that he was blind.  
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine,  
     I have two eyes... the world is mine.  
  
 Then, when walking down the street,  
     I saw a child with eyes of blue.  
 He stood and watched the others play;  
     It seemed he knew not what to do;  
 I stopped a moment, then I said,  
     "Why don't you join the others, dear?"  
 He looked ahead without a word,  
     And then I knew, he could not hear.  
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;  
     I have two ears... the world is mine.  
  
 With feet to take me where I'd go,  
     With eyes to see the sunset's glow,  
 With ears to hear what I should know;  
     I'm blessed indeed, the world is mine—  
 Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

*THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE*

*In the chaos and confusion  
That attends the life of man,  
Often, under sin's delusion,  
He neglects God's saving plan.  
Will such gross neglect be pensioned  
At the end of earthly strife?  
All is lost, if we're not mentioned  
In the Lamb's great Book of Life.*

*Not for earthly power and glory,  
Nor the plaudits of the throng;  
Not for fame, renowned in story,  
Nor for heroism in song;  
Not for things so base and sordid  
Will I make my goal in life.  
For I want my name recorded  
In the Lamb's great Book of Life.*

*THE GLORY OF LONG HAIR*

*We're living in a dangerous zone  
Oh, Christian maid beware—  
The Devil, with a cunning tone,  
Would have you bob your hair.*

*He'll tell you it is falling out,  
Or else it's getting thin;  
Your headaches would be gone no doubt,  
And thus he tries to win.*

*Your hair, your glory, just to think  
That which took years to grow,  
The Devil in a crafty wink,  
Would lay your glory low.*

*That which the angels' wond'ring eye  
Deem as subjection sweet:  
That which fond Mary took to dry  
Her blessed Saviour's feet.*

*'Twas love that touched, that broke her heart,  
Love drew her glory down;  
But greater love the Saviour's part,  
He crowned her with renown.*

*Let not the Devil's scissors touch  
Thy hair, it is a treasure,  
But keep thy glory, be it such,  
To use it for his pleasure.*

*LIVING CLAY*

*I took a piece of potter's clay  
And gently fashioned it one day,  
And as my fingers pressed it still,  
It moved and yielded to my will.*

*I came again when days were past;  
The bit of clay was hard at last;  
The form I gave it still it bore,  
But I could change that form no more.*

*I took a piece of living clay  
And gently formed it day by day;  
And molded with my power and art,  
A young child's soft and yielding heart.*

*I came again when days were gone;  
It was a man I looked upon.  
He still that first impression wore,  
And I could change it never more.*

*CARELESS WORDS*

*In speaking of a person's faults  
Let's not forget our own;  
Remember those in a house of glass  
Should never throw a stone.*

*If we have nothing else to do,  
But talk of those who sin;  
'Tis better to commence at home,  
And from that point begin.*

*We all have faults, the old and young,  
Pray tell me who has none?  
Perhaps we may, for all we know,  
Have fifty to their one.*

*We have no right to judge a man,  
'Til he's been fairly tried;  
Should we not like his company,  
We know the world is wide.*

*I'll tell you of a little plan,  
I find it works quite well;  
To try my own mistakes to cure,  
'Ere I of others' tell.*

*And though I sometimes hope to be,  
No worse than some I know;  
My better judgment bids me let,  
The faults of others go.*

*So let us then when we begin  
To slander friend or foe,  
Think of the harm one word may do,  
To those we little know.*

*Remember, cures sometimes like  
Our chickens roost at home!  
Don't speak of others' faults until,  
We have none of our own.*

*THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH*

*Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door,  
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;  
Then, looking in, I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.*

*"How many anvils have you had," said I,  
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"  
"Just one," said he, and then with twinkling eye,  
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."*

*And so, thought I, the anvil of God's Word,  
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;  
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,  
The anvil is unharmed—the hammers gone.*

*THE WEAVER*

*My life is but a weaving  
Between my Lord and me;  
I cannot choose the colors  
He worketh steadily.*

*Oft times He weaveth sorrow,  
And I, in foolish pride  
Forget He sees the upper  
And I the under side.*

*Not till the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly,  
Shall God unroll the canvas  
And explain the reason why.*

*The dark threads are as needful,  
In the weaver's skillful hand,  
As the threads of gold and silver,  
In the pattern He has planned.*

*He knows, He loves, He cares,  
Nothing this truth can dim;  
He gives His very best to those,  
Who leave the choice to Him.*



## WRECKERS

*I watched them tearing a building down,  
A gang of men in a busy town,  
With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell,  
They swung a beam and the side wall fell.*

*I asked the foreman: "Are these men skilled?  
And the men you'd hire if you had to build?"*  
*He gave a laugh and said, "No, indeed!  
Just common labor is all I need.*

*I can easily wreck in a day or two  
What builders have taken a year to do."*

*I thought to myself as I went my way,  
"Which of these roles have I tried to play;  
Am I a builder who works with care,  
Measuring life by the rule and square?  
Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan,  
Patiently doing the best I can?  
Or am I a wrecker, who walks the town,  
Content with the labor of tearing down?"*

*MY NEIGHBOR'S BIBLE*

*I am my neighbor's Bible,  
He reads me when we meet,  
Today he reads me in the house,  
Tomorrow in the street.*

*He may be relative or friend,  
Or slight acquaintance be;  
He may not even know my name  
Yet he is reading me.*

*And, pray, who is this neighbor  
Who reads me day by day,  
To learn if I am living right  
And walking as I pray?*

*Oh, he is with me always;  
To criticize or blame;  
So worldly-wise in his own eyes—  
And "Sinner" is his name.*

*Dear Christian friends and brothers  
If we but only knew  
How faithfully the world records  
Just what we say and do;*

*Oh, we would write our record plain  
And come in time to see  
Our worldly neighbor won to Christ,  
While reading you and me.*

*THE BAR*

*A bar to heaven, a door to hell,  
Whoever named it, named it well.  
A bar to manliness and wealth;  
A door to want and broken health.  
A bar to honor, pride and fame;  
A door to grief and sin and shame.  
A bar to hope, a bar to prayer;  
A door to darkness and despair.  
A bar to honored, useful life;  
A door to brawling, senseless strife.  
A bar to joys that life imparts,  
A door to tears and aching hearts.  
A bar to heaven, a door to hell;  
Whoever named it, named it well.*

*PREACHER'S WIFE*

*The one who weds a minister  
Must lead a busy life  
For many are the duties that  
Confront the preacher's wife.  
She has to be his helpful spouse,  
Not only as a mate;  
But also in the burdens and  
The functions of his state.  
There are the social gatherings  
The visits to the sick;  
The special meetings and the plans  
That burn the candlewick.  
The phone is ringing constantly  
The people come to call,  
With prayerful pleas and curt demands,  
For favors great and small.  
But there is satisfaction too,  
And if she does her part,  
The preacher's wife is bound to win  
The congregations' heart.*

*TOMORROW*

*He was going to be all that  
a mortal should be... tomorrow  
No one would be better than  
he (would be)... tomorrow  
Each morning he stacked up the  
letters he'd write... tomorrow  
It was too bad indeed he was  
too busy to see Bill,  
but he promised to do it... tomorrow  
The greatest of workers this man  
would have been... tomorrow  
The world would have known him  
had he ever seen ... tomorrow  
But the fact is he died and faded from view  
And all that was left when living was through  
Was a mountain of things  
he intended to do... tomorrow*

*HE MAKETH NO MISTAKE*

*My Father's way may twist and turn,  
My heart may throb and ache,  
But in my soul I'm glad I know,  
He maketh no mistake.*

*My cherished plans may go astray,  
My hopes may fade away,  
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead  
For He doth know the way.*

*Though night be dark and it may seem  
That day will never break;  
I'll pin my faith, my all in Him,  
He maketh no mistake.*

*There's so much now I cannot see,  
My eyesight's far too dim;  
But come what may, I'll simply trust  
And leave it all to him.*

*For by and by the mist will lift  
And plain it all He'll make,  
Through all the way, though dark to me,  
He made not one mistake.*

*ERASERS*

*Erasers are such handy things  
On pencils, there's no doubt.  
A few quick rubs, the wrong words go,  
Mistakes are soon rubbed out.*

*But errors of a different sort  
That cannot be erased,  
Are often spilled from someone's lips,  
And cannot be replaced.*

*And with each thoughtless spoken word,  
Sharp as a leopard's tooth,  
The harm we do is just as great,  
As some widespread untruth.*

*But with these careless spoken words,  
Erasers play no part.  
The mark we leave, by word or deed,  
Cuts deep in someone's heart.*

*IMPROVE*

*Whilst I was sitting  
One day musing  
On life's book,  
Each page perusing,  
I heard a whisper  
Softly sighing,  
"Lo! time's sickle  
Is near thee lying."*

*The rich and poor,  
The great and small,  
By this same sickle  
All must fall.  
Each moment's golden  
None to waste;  
Arouse thee then,  
To duty haste!*

*Oh! sit not down  
Nor idly stand;  
There's plenty to do  
On every hand.  
If you cannot prosper  
In work like some,  
You've at least one talent;  
Improve that one!*



*YOU ARE NOT OLD*

*Age is a quality of mind—  
If you have left your dreams behind,  
If hope is lost,  
If you no longer look ahead,  
If your ambitions' fires are dead—  
Then you are old.*

*But if from life you take the best  
And if in life you keep the zest,  
If love you hold—  
No matter how the years go by,  
No matter how the birthdays fly,  
You are not old!*

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*JUST A MINUTE*

*I have only just a minute—  
Only sixty seconds in it;  
Forced upon me, can't refuse it,  
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,  
But it's up to me to use it,  
I must suffer if I lose it,  
Give account if I abuse it.  
Just a tiny little minute...  
But... ETERNITY... is in it!!*

*MYSELF*

*An enemy I had whose mien  
I stoutly strove to know,  
For hard he dogged my steps, unseen,  
Wherever I might go.*

*My plans he balked, my aims he foiled,  
He blocked my onward way.  
When for some lofty goal I toiled,  
He grimly said me nay.*

*“Come forth!” I cried, “lay bare thy guise!  
Thy features I would see!”  
But always to my straining eyes  
He dwelt in mystery.*

*One night I seized and held him fast,  
The veil from him did draw,  
I gazed upon his face at last...  
And lo! myself I saw!*

*LEFT UNSAID*

*If all that we say in a single day,  
 With never a word left out,  
 Were printed each night in clear black and white  
 'Twould make queer reading no doubt!*

*And then just suppose e're our eyes we could close,  
 We could read the whole record through,  
 Wouldn't we sigh and wouldn't we try  
 A great deal less talking to do?*

*And I more than half think that many a kink  
 Would be straighter in life's tangled thread,  
 If half that we say in a single day  
 Were forever left unsaid.*

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*IF YOU HAD A FRIEND*

*If you had a friend strong, simple, true,  
 Who knew your faults and who understood,  
 Who believed in the very best of you,  
 And who cared for you as a father would—  
 If you had a friend like this, I say,  
 So sweet and tender, so strong and true;  
 You'd try to please him in every way  
 And live at your bravest, now wouldn't you?  
 His worth would shine in the words you sing;  
 You'd shout his praises, yet now how odd,  
 You tell me you don't have such a friend...  
 You haven't—I wonder—what of God?*

*ANOTHER LIFE TO LIVE*

*I've yet another life to live,  
E'en though my bones shall fill a grave.  
The righteous dead will soon achieve  
Eternal life all mortals crave.*

*So in redemption I must walk  
Removed from sin, a ransomed soul;  
The theme of glory fill my talk,  
And heaven's welcome be my goal!*

*I've yet another life ahead  
When all the days of this are past;  
A better life always, instead  
Of temporal things which shall not last.*

*Tribulations plague me here  
To burden life with grief and pain:  
But God shall wipe away each tear;  
Nor shall it e'er return again.*

*And since another life awaits—  
Far better than this life affords,  
I'll lift mine eyes to seek the gates  
Where I'll be welcomed by my Lord.*

*I'll rise o'er all that would dismay;  
This life to God I'll gladly give.  
In explanation, I can say,  
"I've yet another life to live!"*

*MY DAILY COMPANION*

*I meet Jesus in the morning  
When my day is at its best,  
And His presence comes like sunrise—  
Like a glory in my breast.*

*All the day the Presence lingers,  
All the day long he stays with me,  
And we sail in perfect calmness,  
O're a very troubled sea.*

*So I'm sure I know the secret,  
Learned by thousands on life's way;  
You must seek him in the morning  
If you want him through the day.*

*As the first thing in the new day,  
Always look into His word,  
Longing that the voice of Jesus  
From its pages may be heard.*

*Then in earnest supplication,  
Lift your heart to him in prayer,  
Pleading that he will be with you,  
Helping all your burdens bear.*

*You can also learn this secret,  
Of his presence with you here,  
And throughout the day can journey,  
Conscious that your Lord is near.*

*THE SILHOUETTE*

*I stood at evening on the hill  
Against the blazing sunset's glow;  
And straight from me a shadow fell  
Into the valley far below.  
Would others travel up that road  
My shadow painted from this brow,  
And climb until they rest their load  
Upon this crest, where I pause now?*

*Yes, surely one to climb this height  
Would choose the path that I had trod.  
I there resolved I'd stand upright—  
My shadow path would point toward God!  
May all my life's sunsets reveal  
The straightened shadow path I've cast,  
A guiding beacon from the hill;  
Directing travelers to this crest.*

*O God, I trust in storm and stress,  
Undaunted by these rough paths trod;  
In simple, trusting faith I press  
Beneath Thy cross and chastening rod.  
For lo! On yon dark hill I see  
The silhouette of Thy great love!  
That shadow cast from Calvary  
Directs my path to Home above.*

*WHAT THEN?*

*When the great, busy plants of our cities  
Shall have turned out their last finished work;  
When our merchants have sold their last order,  
And dismissed their last tired clerk;  
When our banks have all counted their money,  
And paid out their last dividend;  
When the Judge of the earth wants a hearing,  
And asks for a balance—what then?*

*When the choir has sung its last anthem,  
And the preacher has voiced his last prayer;  
When the people have heard their last sermon,  
And the sound has died out on the air;  
When the Bible lies closed in the pulpit,  
And the pews are all empty of men;  
When we stand, each facing his record—  
And the great Book is opened—what then?*

*When the actors have played their last drama,  
And the mimic has made his last fun;  
When the movie has flashed its last picture,  
And the billboard's displayed its last run;  
When the crowds seeking pleasure have vanished,  
And gone out into darkness again;  
When the trumpet of ages has sounded...  
And we stand there before Him—what then?*

*CHURCH MEMBER BEATITUDES*

*Blessed is he who will not strain at a drizzle and swallow a downpour.*

*Blessed is he who tries a little harder when all around say, "It cannot be done."*

*Blessed is he whose plans include Wednesday night church services.*

*Blessed is the church leader who is not pessimistic.*

*Blessed is he who loves the church above his business.*

*Blessed is he who can walk as fast to a religious service as to town.*

*Blessed is he who invites people to church and also goes himself.*

*Blessed are those who never gossip about the faults of the church but work to make her better.*



### *DON'T YOU WANT TO BE A PREACHER?*

*If a preacher's hair is gray, he is too old. If it isn't, he is not old enough to have any sense. If he has as many as five children, he has too many for the church to support, if he hasn't any he is violating the first commandment ever given to man (Gen. 1:28). If he preaches from notes, he isn't deep enough, if he doesn't use notes, then he never prepares his sermons. If he stays in his study he isn't a good mixer, if he is seen going out too much, he is out entirely too much to have any real weighty sermons. If he is caught visiting the rich, he is favoring them for their money, if he calls on the poor, that is just for effect. If he passes you on the street with a dignified good morning, he is stuck up, if he greets you with a hearty handshake and an ear-round grin he is a flirt. If he goes into the pulpit with clothes cleaned and pressed, he is too proud, if he gets up with soiled linen or unpressed clothes, he is slothful. If he is seen going to the bank, he is getting too much pay. He is not supposed to have any business in those places. If he denounces sin in plain language, he is too plain spoken. If he dares to raise his voice against the sin of division in religion, he is going to ruin the church. If he doesn't say anything about sin he is condoning it. But if he mentions it he is opposed to Christian Unity. So...whatever he says or does, there is always a person handy to tell him how it ought to have been said or done. Oh, it's great to be a preacher—don't you want to be one??*

*TEEN COMMANDMENTS*

- 1. Don't let your parents down; they brought you up.*
- 2. Choose your companions with care; you become what they are.*
- 3. Be master of your habits or they will master you.*
- 4. Treasure your time; don't spend it—invest it.*
- 5. Stand for something or you'll fall for anything.*
- 6. Select only a date who would make a good helpmate.*
- 7. See what you can do for others; not what they can do for you.*
- 8. Guard your thoughts; what you think, you are.*
- 9. Don't fill up on this world's crumbs; feed your soul on the Living Bread.*
- 10. Give your all to Christ; he gave his all for you!*

After the passing of bro. Corson in May of 1976, his good wife wrote to bro. Jerry Johnson expressing the emptiness of the day without bro. Corson's presence—his vacancy at the table. It is fitting at the close of this book to share with you her brief sentiments reflecting her Christian faith.

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“These things no one enjoys, but endures. He was so tired. Perhaps the few chosen words of poetry can explain my feelings. He did what he could.

*There comes a time for all of us  
When we must say good-bye,  
But faith and hope and love and trust  
Can never, never die.*

*Although the curtain falls at last,  
Is that a cause to grieve?  
The future's fairer than the past  
If only we believe.*

*And trust in God's eternal care—  
So when the Master calls,  
Let's say that life is still more fair  
Although the curtain falls.*

“To all his brethren and friends, family: Brother J. D. Corson passed on to his reward now, quietly. Please remember him kindly. In his own special way he loved you all dearly.”

—Sister Corson, wife





