

Psalm 103

*Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless
His holy name!*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:*

*Who forgives all your
iniquities,*

Who heals all your diseases,

*Who redeems your life from
destruction,*

*Who crowns you with loving-
kindness and tender mercies,*

*Who satisfies your mouth with
good things,*

*So that your youth is
renewed like the eagle's...*

*He HASN'T dealt with us
according to our sins, NOR
punished us according to our
iniquities...*

*As a father has compassion
on his children, so the LORD
has compassion on those
who Respect Him.*

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*“This is My Commandment:
Love each other, just as
I have Loved you.”*

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produce its corrupt fruit! And in its place we need to plant **"The Gospel of Love Tree!"** So that it can produce its wonderful fruit, and cover the Earth with the Knowledge of the **GOODNESS OF GOD!**

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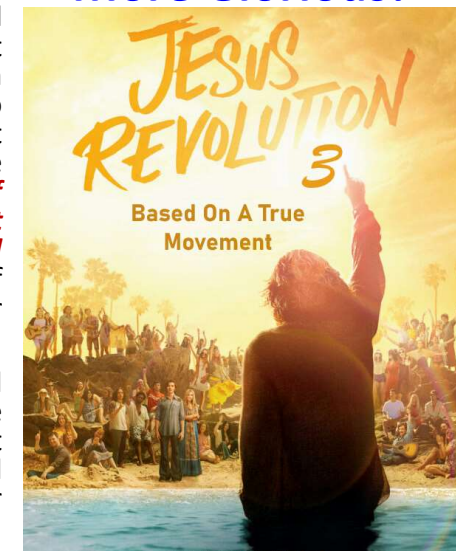
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P.S. I have always felt privileged to have been one of the Jesus People, because the way they lived and their deep love for one another, gave me a glimpse of what First Century Christianity most have looked like. If you'd like a glimpse of the former Glory of the **2nd Jesus Movement** read the 1972 *Time Magazine* Article, **"The Jesus Revolution"** @ LoveBible.org/time.html

But I believe the Glory of this 3rd Jesus Movement will be even More Glorious!



Our Anthem Should Be: "And They'll Know We Are Christians, By Our Love!"
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But let's change one line to: **"And we'll crucify our pride."**
Because **"God opposes the proud, but gives cheerful favor to the humble."** James 4:6

The Jesus People didn't have any Churches of our own, so we used to just meet in Parks. But we began going to the Traditional Churches of those who went out Witnessing with us. **And in the End, we joined their Churches** and we stopped meeting in Parks: and they taught us their Traditional Gospel and Witnesses Techn-iques; **and without realizing it, we became "their disciples" instead of "The Disciples of Christ!"**

I too fell into this trap: because I wanted to become a better and more efficient witness for Jesus: and since I thought they were more experienced at Witnessing than I was, **I submitted to them.** But John said, **"You have no need for anyone to teach you,"** because Jesus said, **"When the Spirit of Truth has come He will guide you into ALL TRUTH."** **So this was my Big Mistake!** ONLY the Bible and the Holy Spirit are right 100% of the time; as for ALL THE REST OF US, we are right on some things, but wrong on other. **Therefore ONLY that which is written in the New Testament IS A SURE GUIDE! So we MUST submit to it, AND LET IT CORRECT US!** But because I was misguided: for the next 30 years I shared various forms of the penal gospel: which I had modified to try to make them fit with the Ransom Gospel (including some which I had written): But I found this IMPOSSIBLE to do! Because these are 2 completely different Gospels! **Plus, I no longer enjoyed witnessing, because I was confronting people about their sins, instead of telling them about Jesus and His Love!**

Finally the LORD confronted me for my sin of proclaiming a gospel that wasn't completely true, and for not Loving Him and others like I should

have: with these words out of Revelation 2:4-5, **"I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place— unless you repent."** (NKJV) **My heart was shaken to its core!**

So began my quest to return to my **First Love, and to discover what the True Gospel was from God's Perspective.** And as I prayed and studied, God birthed a Vision for a New Jesus Movement in my heart; one which I believe will not pass away, because it is founded on **HIS LOVE!** (Because the problem is: if we focus on serving the Lord instead of Loving Him & others; Love becomes superficial and artificial.) So this letter contains the things that GOD taught me, and that He wanted me to share with His people. He also gave me the **"You Can Know God!"** & the **"Jesus Invites You"** Pamphlets. They make it EASY for anyone to **SHARE GOD'S LOVE** with anybody! You can download them for FREE! @ **ShareJesus.Love**

We need to tell people: Jesus Loves You! And God is Love! And His Law is Love! And the reason God Hates Sin is because it Hurts People! And JESUS is the perfect reflection of Our Heavenly Father! And you can Know God as your Best Friend!—This is the Gospel! The GOOD NEWS the World longs to Hear!—Because everybody longs to BE LOVED, and to serve A CAUSE that is greater than themselves!

JOIN: The Jesus Revolution!

We must lay our axes to the root of this Penal Heresy Tree and cut it down! So that it can no longer



You can know the One who created the stars!

When Jesus was praying for His disciples, He said, **"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."** (John 17:3) **...So Eternal Life is Knowing God!**

This is the most exciting and fulfilling thing in life, to Know God as your personal friend. Because our spirits were created to be able to commune with God; and that's why we can have everything that this world has to offer, **but without God, we still feel empty inside.**

For the only thing that can truly fill that void inside us, is God's Spirit living inside us; for we were created to have the Holy Spirit live inside of us: **"As God has said, 'I will reside inside of them... And I will be their God, and they will be my people.'**" (2 Corinthians 6:16)

But the prophet Isaiah said, **"Your sins have hidden His face from you. So He will not listen."** (Isaiah 59:2) And that's why we

feel empty inside. We are like a cell-phone with no connection; we cannot hear the voice of God, and God doesn't hear us.

"God is Love!" (See 1 John 4:7-21) So the Wrongs we commit against one another hurt Him (Ephesians 4:30-32), and cause God to hide His face from us.

But **since we weren't obeying God's 'GOLDEN RULE', the Law of Love,** and didn't want to know, love, and obey God, **we became the devil's slaves.** As it's written, **Don't you know? That to whomever you present yourselves as obedient slaves, you are the slaves of the one whom you obey."** (Romans 6:1) So God had a problem: since **God Loves us,** He didn't want to have to send us to Hell to be with the devil for all eternity; but God couldn't allow us into Heaven, unless we first had a change of heart, and chose to love and obey Him: because if He did, **Heaven would become even more messed up than the Earth!**

So God became a man: the LORD Jesus Christ. So that we could Know God as He truly is!

Jesus came to demonstrate God's Love for us; that we might choose to love and obey Him; and Jesus also taught us to Love one another; for as Jesus said, **"THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT: Love each other, just as I have Loved you. No one has Greater Love than this; that someone should lay down their own life for their friends."** (John 15:12-13) And then Jesus did just that, Jesus laid down His life for us on the Cross, and then 3 days later He rose from the dead.

But since the devil crucified the innocent Son of God, he now must release from captivity even the worst sinner, when they call on the name of Jesus! Therefore, **"To as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become God's Children, even to those who believe and trust in His name."** (John 1:12)

So now the Father has Only One Commandment, **"THIS IS HIS COMMANDMENT: that we trust in the name of His Son JESUS CHRIST; and Love one another, just as He commanded us."** (1 John 3:23)

So Heaven or Hell is our chose: It all depends on whom we chose to love and obey? But remember, Jesus said, **"The thief (the devil) doesn't come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: but I came so that they might have life, and have it even more abundantly."** (John 10:10) So who do you want to spend Eternity with? Jesus, or the devil?

Would like to **KNOW GOD** and **be with Him throughout All Eternity?**
Then simply tell Him so:

"Dear LORD Jesus, I ask you to forgive my sins, and to come and live inside me. I want to Know You, and be with You for all Eternity. Fill me with Your Love, Joy, and Peace. I want to become your disciple, just like your first disciples were. So I surrender my life to you today: YOU ARE MY LORD! In your name I pray, LORD JESUS. Amen!" (So be it!)

"What should I do now?"

✚ Always remember Christianity isn't a religion of things you do to earn eternal life; it's a relationship with the God you NOW **KNOW AND LOVE!**

✚ Begin reading the Gospels: John, Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Begin with John because it will explain many things to you. And as you read, ask Jesus to reveal Himself to you.

✚ Ask Jesus how to apply the things you are reading in your life today.

✚ Ask Jesus to show you a good church to go to: because you need to be in fellowship with those who are also seeking God, because they will inspire and encourage you, and you will inspire and encourage them. (See Hebrews 10:25)

✚ Begin telling other people about Jesus, because Jesus said, **"You will receive power, after the Holy Spirit has come upon you: and you will be my witnesses..."** (Acts 1:8)

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and the fact that a person could actually Know God in a very deep and personal way. We were totally SOLD-OUT to JESUS!

Those were wonderful times: the love of the brothers and sisters for one another was deep, and our love and passion for Jesus was even greater; because we were focused on Loving Jesus and Loving others as He Loves us! **So because Jesus Loved us, we went everywhere telling everybody, "Jesus Loves You!" Because LOVE generates LOVE!** (1 John 4:18-19) **But a "fear based gospel" CAN NEVER generate love! Because "THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE!"**

The Jesus Movement of my generation was unlike any other revival in Church History: We weren't trying to reform the Church; we were simply seeking to return to First Century Christianity. We simply wanted to be 'Disciples of Jesus', just like His First Century disciples were. We were hippies and rebels from the 60's and 70's, who had questioned authority and all the things we had been taught. Yet, we fully submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, because in Him we found the Truth and Love we had been searching for. So we wanted to be like the Berean Christians, of whom it's written: **"These were nobler than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, to see whether those things were so."** (Acts 17:11) So we, **"Tested everything; and held onto that which was good."** (1 Thessalonians 5:21) We tested everyone's doctrine against the Word of God. Because 1 John 2:27 says, **"You have no need for anyone to teach you; because His anointing teaches you about all things, AND IS TRUE**

AND IS NOT A LIE." Because Jesus said, **"When He the Spirit of Truth has come, He will guide you into all truth: ...He will take from that which is mine and explain it to you."** (John 16:13-14, also see John 14:25-26, 6:45, & Jeremiah 31:34, John 6:45) So the Good News the Jesus People proclaimed wasn't based upon the traditions of men, because like the Apostle Paul, **"[We] neither received it from man, nor [were we] taught it, but [we] received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ."** (Galatians 1:12)

The Gospel the Jesus People proclaimed **FOCUSED ON JESUS**, not on people's sins; because if a person **TRULY LOVES JESUS, They will keep his commandments!** So **LOVING JESUS** solves the sin problem! (See John 14:23-24)

Plus, Jesus said **THE ONLY SIN** the Holy Spirit would focus on was **the sin of NOT TRUSTING in Jesus: "He will convict the world OF SIN (Singular)... OF SIN, because they haven't BELIEVED in Me."** (John 16:7-8) So we told people about Jesus! Because, **"How can they BELIEVE in Him, if they've NEVER heard about Him?"** (Romans 10:14)

So the Jesus Movement spread like **WILD-FIRE**, because **People Long to Be Loved by God!** And the reason we didn't produce Nominal Christians is because we also taught, **"Since Jesus gave everything for us; we must give everything for Him!"** (I don't know how many of the original Jesus People believed in the Ransom Atonement Gospel? But since we were so focused on Love, I assume many must have!)

"WHY DID THE JESUS REVOLUTION END?"

they need to do! But Jesus didn't save you, just to set in Church and warm a pew, until He comes. **Jesus told ALL OF US, "Go, and make disciples of all the nations, ...teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you!"** (Matthew 28:18-19) **"You are to be my witnesses... unto the remotest part of the earth!"** (Acts 1:8) Also see 1 Peter 2:9. Therefore Jesus would ask those of you who are just warming the pews, **"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' but do not do the things that I say?"** (Luke 6:46)

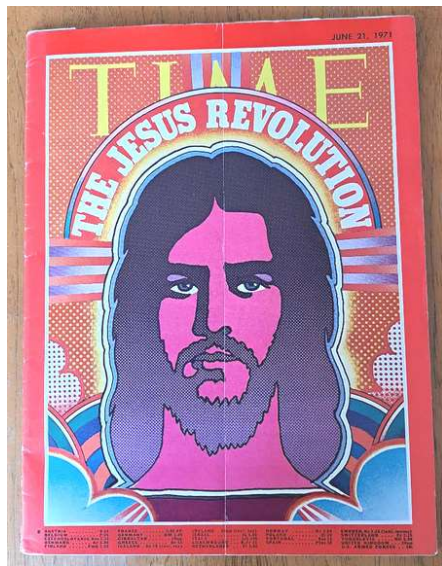
Jesus has some very sobering words for Nominal Christians, **"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were cold or hot. but because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of my mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing!' Yet you do not see that you are miserable, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may become rich; and white robes, so that you may be clothed, and the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye ointment to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. As many as I love, I admonish and discipline. Be zealous therefore, and repent (change your minds)!"** (Revelation 3:15-19)

SO THIS PENAL HERESY TREE HASN'T PRODUCED ANY GOOD!

Yet, for over 500 years this penal false gospel has been taught by Christians, as **"The Gospel Truth!"** And because of that: it has hardened untold millions of hearts against God; because Christians taught, **"All the heathen who have never heard the Gospel are lost;**

and those who have died are in Hell right now!" (And people rightly thought, **"That isn't JUST!"**) But IF this penal gospel is indeed true: **THEN THE APOSTLE PAUL & GOD ARE LIARS!** Because Paul taught, **"He has made out of one blood every nation of people to dwell on the face of the whole earth, having predetermining their fixed times and the fixed boundaries of their habitation; THAT THEY SHOULD SEEK GOD, and perhaps feel their way toward him, AND FIND HIM!"** (Acts 17:26-27) Because Like the Pagan King, Abimelech, mentioned in Genesis 20:1-6, **"In every nation who ever respects him and does righteous deeds is accepted by him!"** (Acts 10:35) **SO GOD IS NOT A STRICT & UNMERCIFUL JUDGE! Yet that is what the penal heresy gospel MAKES HIM OUT TO BE!**

THE GLORY OF THE JESUS MOVEMENT OF THE 1960'S AND 70'S!



The Jesus Movement of my generation was Powerful: Because it focused on Jesus and God's Love,

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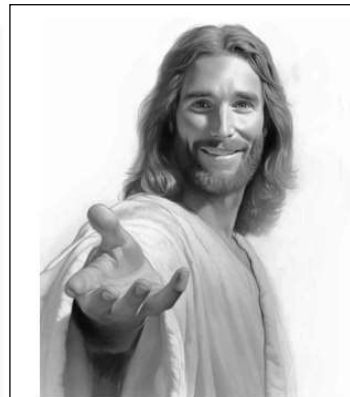


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Jesus Invites You, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and weighed down with heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Place my yoke upon yourselves and learn from me, because I'm gentle and humble in heart, and you'll find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28-30)

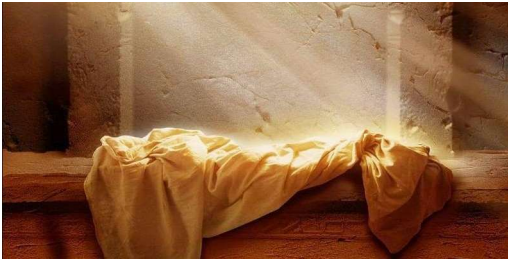
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The **'You Can Know God'** & **'Jesus Invites You'** pamphlets make it easy for anyone to share the Good News of Jesus with their family, friends, neighbors, acquaintances, co-workers, and even strangers.

When you're handing someone one of these pamphlets; simply smile and with a friendly tone of voice, say, **"You know there's so much bad news in the world today, I just wanted to share some GOOD NEWS with you today."** After they've received the pamphlet, you could add, **"Has anyone ever told you that Jesus Loves You, and He has a Wonderful Plan for your life?"** (Wait a moment for their response; then sincerely say.) **"That little pamphlet will tell you about God's Great Love for you, and His Wonderful plan for you. Jesus said, "I have come so they may have life, and have it super-abundantly." John 10:10 Jesus adds true meaning and purpose to our lives, and gives us true peace and true joy, now in this life, and throughout eternity!"**

(For more ideas on things you could share with people: go to **ShareJesus.Love** But even if you just hand out Gospel Pamphlets, this is a very good way to begin sharing Jesus with others; because the warmth of your smile and your friendly tone of voice will communicate God's Love to them, and the Pamphlet that you leave with them, will share the Good News about Jesus with them.)

The Mystery of The Shroud of Turin

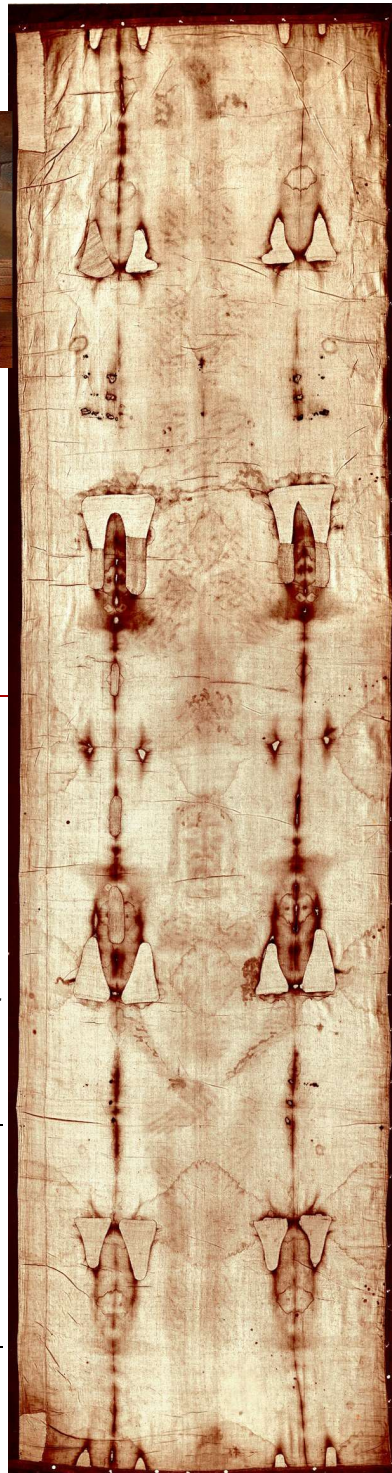


"The Silent Witness"

"Now when evening had come, a rich man named Joseph came from Arimathea, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered the body to be given to him. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen sheet. And he laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone against the door of the tomb, and went away. And Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, were sitting over against the tomb." (Matthew 27:57-61)

Some Christians say, "*The Shroud of Turin can't be the burial cloth of Jesus Christ; because John 19:40 says, 'They took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in linen cloths' like a mummy; cloths here is plural, so the Shroud of Turin has to be a forgery, because it's a single sheet!*"

Yet 3 Gospels say that Jesus was wrapped in a SINGLE linen sheet: Matthew 27:59 "wrapped it in a clean linen sheet" (Singular), Mark 15:46, "wrapped him in the linen sheet" (Singular), and Luke 23:53, "wrapped it in a linen sheet" (Singular). **So what is**



and Follow Jesus! But to use the fear of Hell to try to scare people into saying the sinner's prayer **IS THE WRONG MOTIVATION!**

But these presentations don't take the time to tell people who Jesus is, how much He Loves them, and what Jesus requires to become His Disciple. Instead they simple try to **scare people** into praying a prayer: but a prayer won't save anyone, **if that person doesn't truly want to FOLLOW JESUS!** Jesus and the Apostles NEVER TOLD ANYONE, "**Just repeat this prayer, and you will be saved!**" Rather Jesus told people to "**COUNT THE COST!**" (Luke 14:28) Because to have "**Peace**" with God: you have to come to Him on His "**Terms!**" (See Luke 14:32) Therefore Jesus says, "**Those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples!**" (Luke 14:33) So, "**Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me! And whoever loves a son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me! And whoever does not take their cross and follow after me is not worthy of me!**" (Matthew 10:37-38) So if Jesus was sharing the Gospel today, He'd remind people, "**Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of the heavens; but only those who do the will of my Father who is in the heavens.**" (Matthew 7:21) "**For whoever wants to save their life will lose it! But whoever loses their life on account of me and for the good news, the same will save it. For what will it benefit a person, if they gain the whole world, but lose their own soul? Or what will a person give in exchange for their soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation,**

the Son of Man will also be ashamed of them when he comes in the glory of his father with the holy messengers." (Mark 8:35-38)

But most of these false gospel presentations don't even ask people to make a decision to Follow Jesus, or to make him the LORD of their life. They simply say, "**Just repeat this prayer, and you will be saved!**" But according to Jesus, this is **NOT TRUE!** Therefore, they've deceived a lot people into believing that they are Saved; when actually they may not be! **Because God is not obligated to save someone, just because they prayed a prayer, if their heart is not right with God!**

So sadly, the reason most people pray the penal gospel's "*Sinner's Prayer*"; **Isn't because they genuinely want to know & follow Jesus: rather they just 'want to save themselves' from hell!** So because they don't truly **Love Jesus**, "**When trouble or persecution comes because of the Word, they quickly fall away.**" (Mark 4:17)

Others because they too just **'Want to save themselves' from hell!** *Simply pray the prayer; because they thought they were getting a 'Free Fire Insurance Policy!'* But since they really have **No desire to know & follow Jesus:** they simply go away and live the rest of their lives just as they have always lived it; falsely believing that Jesus paid the premium for them. But on Judgement Day, Jesus will tell these kind of people, "**Depart from me, you who act wickedly: i never knew you!**" (Matthew 7:23)

Sadly, even many Christians who get **SAVED** under this false gospel: think that since they were told, "**You're saved and on your way to Heaven!**" There's nothing more

opportunity. (So perhaps, the reason there are so many people on earth **RIGHT NOW**, is because many of them are **lost souls from previous generations**? And God in His Mercy, has allowed them to re-born in this generation (because it is finally possible to share the Gospel with everyone on Earth: **So perhaps the time for the Final Harvest of the Earth, HAS COME?**)

But regardless we must share the Gospel with everyone, **"Because how can they believe in [Jesus] if they have never heard about Him?"** (Romans 10:14)

Two other Scriptures this FALSE GOSPEL often Twists or Misrepresents:

Romans 6:23 & Hebrews 9:27

These 2 Scriptures are general statements rather than blanket statements: but some of these presentations turn them into emphatic declarations of what THEY WANT people to believe.

Romans 6:23. In the late 1980's, I and my wife were attending a very good Church that stressed the importance of evangelism; so we joined their witnessing team. They were using a book by C S Lovett on how to use a pocket New Testament as a witnessing tool. But when it came to Romans 6:23, Lovett said to do something that is totally unscriptural to do—he actually encouraged Christians to **SIN, by altering the Word of God!**

He said, **"Take a pen and cross out the word 'death' and beside it, write in the word 'HELL!' so that Romans 6:23 reads, 'The wages of sin is HELL!'"** But death and HELL are 2 different things! Because Everyone who **GOD called "Righteous!"** in the Bible had

SINNED, and DIED (except for Enoch, Elijah & Melchizedek), **but God didn't send any them to Hell: EVEN THOUGH THEY "ALL [HAD] SINNED, and fallen short of the Glory of God."** (Romans 3:23) Because, **"The wages for sin is DEATH," NOT "HELL!"** So **this PRESENTATION WASN'T BEING HONEST WITH PEOPLE** about what the Bible actually teaches; **INSTEAD IT TWISTED THE WORD OF GOD!**

Hebrews 9:27, says, **"It's appointed unto man to die once, and after that the Judgment."** Although I actually haven't seen any presentations that crossed out the word **"Judgment"** and wrote in **"HELL"**, yet many times I've heard people **infer** that **"Judgment"** & **"Hell"** means the same thing. **But this verse DOESN'T TELL US WHAT GOD'S JUDGMENT WILL BE!**

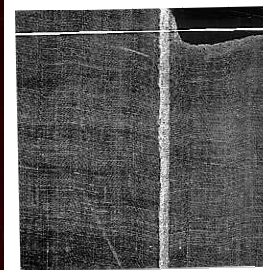
Yet from Scripture we know that sometimes God's verdict is **"Return to your body, and live again!"** (See John 11:1-45, Luke 7:11-15, Luke 8:41-55, Matthew 27:52-53, Acts 9:36-43, 1 Kings 17:17-24, 2 Kings 4:32-37, 2 Kings 13:21)

Others times God has allowed people to descended into Hell, but in His mercy He called them back and gave them a second chance; and their spirit returned to their body. So to **infer** that in this verse **"Judgment"** actually means **"Hell"** (in order to try to scare people into Heaven), is to **"Handle God's Word deceitfully!"** (2 Corinthians 4:2) As C S Lovett clearly did with the previous verse. **AND THAT IS SIN!** Because, **"NO LIE is of THE TRUTH!"** (1 John 2:21)

Concerns The Sinner's Prayer: Its Emphasis Is Totally Wrong!

We should be giving people reasons to want to Know, Love,

the answer to this paradox: "Linen cloths" or "Linen sheet"? Or could both be true?



Close examination of the Shroud of Turin reveals something very interesting; the Shroud of Turin was once **a single cloth**, but it was torn into **two cloths!** The first photo shows a seam running down the full length of the cloth, the second is an x-ray of the top right corner of the cloth. Both photos clearly show a seam, where the cloth was sown back together: showing that about a 3 inch wide strip of linen was torn (full length) from one side of the cloth; thus making **"two cloths."** (So the Shroud of Turin doesn't contradict the Bible on this point; but actually reconciles John 19:40 with the other 3 Gospel accounts.)

Why was the Shroud torn? This may have had to do with the Jewish custom of tearing their clothes, as a sign of mourning? And also perhaps as sign of a life being torn in death? Therefore, Jesus' body may have appeared in the tomb as pictured below: wrapped in the main body of the Shroud, and tied with the strip linen which was torn from the shroud.



As I was writing this article; I did a Google Search, and found a humorous News Story that proves what I am about to say. **"Israel's only mummy gets afterlife spotlight at Israel Museum"** (The Times of Israel: July 26, 2016) The mummy that this article is referring to, is that of an Egyptian priest, whom they call "Alex", who died in Egypt 2,200 years ago, whose mummy was then on display in a museum in Israel. The reason I found this article humorous is because contrary to common belief (among many Christians), it was NOT ancient Jewish Custom to wrap their dead like mummies. (Also see the Note on John 11:44) And

that is why this article calls Alex, **"Israel's only mummy."** For in all of the archaeological digs in the Holy Land, NO Jewish Mummy has ever been found. So Jesus body was NOT wrapped like a Mummy, because Jesus was wrapped "according to Jewish burial custom," not Egyptian. (John 19:40)

So What Did John See, When He Entered The Tomb?



An Empty Shroud! **"And he saw and believed."** (John 20:6)

New Scientific Technology Reveals That Jesus' Shroud Even Has 3D Information Encoded In It!
(Which No Other image on Earth has!)



Watch these Amazing Videos: "Who Can He Be?" LoveBible.org/who.mp4 A Good Introduction to the Shroud of Turin. **"Unwrapping The Shroud of Turin ~ New Evidence!"** LoveBible.org/evidence.mp4 Shows that the Carbon 14 dating done on the Shroud was in error, because the sample was taken from a corner of the Shroud that had been repaired in the 14th Century. **"New Peer Reviewed Date for the Shroud of Turin!"** LoveBible.org/waxs.mp4 A New Scientific Technology called "WAXS" shows the Shroud is indeed 2000 years old! For more on this; and why I believe the Shroud is indeed

mercy from the LORD on that Day!

Also we know: that after Jesus' death on the Cross, Jesus descended into the deepest part of the Earth, past Paradise (Abraham's Bosom), into the Satan's Realm of the Dead; and when He was there **"He proclaimed [Good] News to the spirits in prison, WHO FORMERLY WERE DISOBEDIENT."** (See 1 Peter 3:18-20)

What was the Good News Jesus Proclaimed to the Dead?

The Bible doesn't tell us: But since Jesus **"Is the Satisfying Sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for the sins of the whole world."** (1 John 2:2) And since Jesus knew that many of them would have received Him, if they would have had the opportunity in their lifetime. I believe Jesus may have said, **"I am going to allow you to be reborn in another generation, where you will have an opportunity to receive or reject Me; but you will not remember this time, nor your former lives."**

I believe this may be the case; because there is a Biblical precedent for this: because when John the Baptist was asked, **"Are you Elijah?"** though he answered, **"No."** Yet Jesus Himself said concerning John the Baptist, **"If you are willing to accept it, HE IS ELIJAH, the one who is going to come [again]."** (Matthew 11:14) [Note: what is interesting here is; in the Greek, **"come"** is in the **"future tense."** So not only is Jesus saying, **"John was Elijah,"** but He is also saying, **"Elijah is coming again in the future!"** If this is the case? That would mean, Elijah was born twice, and that He is going to be born again in a future generation. (Is this the case?) I really don't know! But to be honest to the

Greek Text, I had to translate it as, **"HE IS ELIJAH, the one who is going to come [again]."**

But please don't teach this as Doctrine! Because although I believe this may be true; and after over 45 years of pondering these verses, I haven't found any Scriptures that refute this theory: yet it doesn't have enough Scriptural evidence to be taught as Doctrine!

But Knowing the heart of Jesus and the Father, I believe this theory may very well be true, and that's why I am sharing this Theory here.

Because since **"[God] desires for all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."** (1 Timothy 2:4) And since Jesus Knew they would have received Him: to me it only makes sense, that He would give them the opportunity to do so; since it is within His power to do so! Because Jesus said, **"With God all things are possible."** (Matthew 19:26)

I also believe this may be true because **GOD LIKES to have Mercy on our Ignorance!** For Scripture says, **"These times of ignorance God overlooked."** (Acts 17:30) Because **"Sin is not charged when there is no law."** (Romans 5:13) Therefore, GOD told the prophet Jonah, **"Should I not have had mercy on the great city of Nineveh, which has more than 120,000 people who cannot tell their right hand from their left?"** (Jonah 4:11) And Paul said, **"God showed me mercy, because I acted in ignorance and unbelief."** (1 Timothy 1:13)

I also believe this Theory may be true; because it agrees with **God's sense of fairness and justice:** because it would give everyone who has ever lived the same

visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.' ...Then he will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his messengers! Because I was hungry, and you gave me no food; I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink; I was a stranger, and you didn't take me in; naked, and you didn't clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you didn't visit me.' ...'Indeed, I tell you, **INASMUCH AS YOU DIDN'T DO IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE, YOU DIDN'T DO IT TO ME!** And these will go away into everlasting punishment: **BUT THE RIGHTEOUS INTO ETERNAL LIFE.**" (Matthew 25:32b-46) **BECAUSE LOVE IS SELFLESS, JESUS TAKES HOW WE TREAT OTHERS PERSONALLY!** These verses also **REVEAL** that **LOVE IS GOD'S STANDARD!** — **NOT PERFECTION!** Because those who enter Heaven: **ENTER BECAUSE THEY LOVED GOD & THEIR FELLOW-MAN.** And those who are cast into Hell: **ARE CAST INTO HELL BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T LOVE GOD & THEIR FELLOW-MAN.** And that's why **there won't be any COWARDS in Heaven: BECAUSE COWARDS ONLY CARE ABOUT THEM-SELVES, and DO NOT CARE about others!** (See Revelation 21:8)

So to say, "Everyone who stands before the Great White Throne Judgment will be Condemned!" — **IS A LIE!** Because **THE BIBLE DOESN'T TEACH THAT!**

Yet that's what this **false gospel** claims! **THIS LIE, has hardened many hearts against GOD!** Because people don't want to serve a god who would send even those who want to know Him and who love their neighbor to Hell; simply because they weren't perfect!

But the Good News is: THIS IS NOT THE GOD OF THE BIBLE! Because God even blesses those who aren't perfect, when they seek to do right by others: like the midwives who **LIED** to Pharaoh: God didn't Judge them, **God Blessed them!** (See Exodus 1:15-21) **SO GOD'S STANDARD ISN'T PERFECTION; GOD'S STANDARD IS LOVE!**

So this PENAL GOSPEL has blinded people's minds to the True Goodness & Mercy of God!

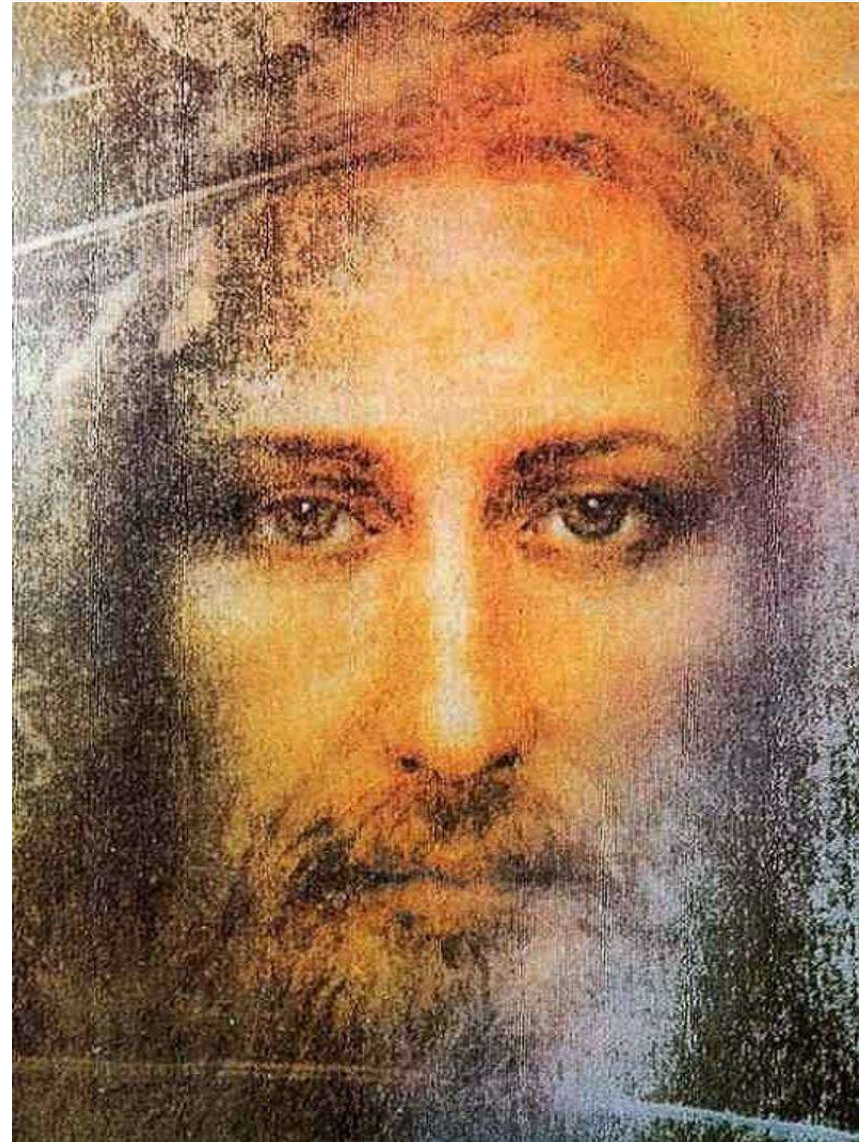
But I believe God is far more merciful than the devil has allowed us to believe: Jesus said something very thought provoking in Matthew 11:20-24, "*He began to denounce the cities in which most of his mighty works had been done, because they didn't have a change of heart: "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! Because if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have changed their minds long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, IT WILL BE MORE TOLERABLE for Tyre and Sidon on the Day of Judgment, than for you. And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades! Because if the mighty works, which have been done in you, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you, IT WILL BE MORE TOLERABLE for the land of Sodom on the Day of Judgment, than for you."* Jesus says this in the form of a **PROCLAMATION** and a **DECLARATION!** But in what way **WILL IT BE MORE TOLERABLE FOR THEM?**

Jesus doesn't explain what He meant here: But since Jesus said, "**It will be more tolerable**" for them: we **KNOW** they will receive

the Burial Cloth of Jesus Christ ~ Please read my article, "The Mystery of the Shroud" LoveBible.org/shroud.htm

"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies." (Romans 8:11)

A Portrait of Jesus From the Shroud of Turin





“Love one another.”

John 15:12

**The Good News of Jesus,
by the Apostle John**

John 1

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the **WORD**, and the **WORD** was with **GOD**, and the **WORD** was **GOD**. **2** He existed in the beginning with **GOD**. **3** Through him everything came into existence, and apart from him not even one thing that exists came into existence. **4** In him was life, and that life was the light of humanity. **5** And the light shines in darkness, but the darkness couldn't overcome it. *(See Note)*

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. **7** He came as a witness, that he might testify about the **Light**, so that through him everyone might believe. *(See Note)*

8 He himself was not that Light, but he was sent to testify about the Light: **9** The true Light, which enlightens every person coming

into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world wasn't created by him, yet the world didn't know him. **11** He came to his own, yet his own didn't receive him. **12** But to as many as received him, to them he gave the right and privilege to become God's Children, even to those who believe and trust in his name: **13** These weren't born of a special blood-line, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the **WORD** became flesh, and pitched his tent among us. And we gazed upon his glory, glory like that of the only Son born of the Father, full of cheerful favor and truth. *(See Notes)*

15 John testified about him, and cried out saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me surpasses me, because he was before me.'" **16** And from his fullness we all have received cheerful favor upon cheerful favor. **17** The

Therefore, since God gave the Earth to man, God had to redeem and judge the Earth through a man; "Because the **GIFTS** and the **CALLING** of God **ARE IRREVERSIBLE!**" (Romans 11:28) Therefore, God **CANNOT & WILL NOT** usurp authority over the dominion **HE GAVE** to Adam!

That's why it's written, the Father gave Jesus "the right to execute judgment, **BECAUSE HE IS A SON OF MAN.**" (John 5:27) That's why, "THE FATHER JUDGES NO ONE, because HE'S GIVEN ALL JUDGMENT TO THE SON." (John 5:22) Therefore, "THE LORD JESUS CHRIST... WILL JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD at His appearing and His kingdom." (2 Timothy 4:1) For "All of the nations will be gathered before Him." (Matthew 25:32, 25:31-46) Therefore Peter declared, "HE COMMANDED US TO PROCLAIM to the people and TO EARNESTLY TESTIFY that HE IS THE ONE whom GOD APPOINTED AS JUDGE OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD!" (Acts 10:42)

The Great White Throne Judgment: Christ in His Glory!

"And I saw a great white throne, and him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, the small and the great, standing 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 deeds." (Revelation 20:11-12) He "Will repay each person according to what they have done. Indeed, to those who are seeking eternal life by patient continuance in doing

good—glory and honor and immortality. But to those who are self-seeking, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and anger. There will be tribulation and distress for every human soul who does evil." (Romans 2:6-9) But concerning "Those of the nations, who do not have the law, [but] by nature do the things contained in the law, these though they don't have the law, are a law to themselves: who show that the work of the law is written in their hearts: their conscience will testify, and their thoughts within themselves, will either accuse or defend them; On the day when God judges people's secrets, through Jesus Christ." (Romans 2:14-16) In other words: "To those who are seeking eternal life by patient continuance in doing good; [He will give] glory and honor and immortality. But to those who are self-seeking, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness; [these will receive His] indignation and wrath."

For "The sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and Hades delivered up the dead which were in them: and they [will] each judged according to their deeds." (Revelation 20:13) "He will separate them one from another, like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the KING will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, you who are supremely blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the cosmos: Because I was hungry, and you gave me food; I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in; Naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you

means doing what is just, right, and good in His sight; and being loving, kind, and compassionate toward others **JUST LIKE HE IS!**

They claim "God HAS TO judge all sin!" BUT THAT IS NOT TRUE! Because GOD said, "**I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOMEVER I WANT TO HAVE MERCY, and I will have compassion on whomever I want to have compassion.**" (Romans 9:15) **And because GOD WANTS TO HAVE MERCY on everyone**, even under Law, GOD said, "**Let the wicked forsake their way, And the unrighteous person their thoughts; Let them return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on them; [return] to our God, FOR HE WILL ABUNDANTLY PARDON.**" (Isaiah 55:7) For GOD said, even in the Old Testament, "**Come now, and let's reason together,**" says the LORD: "**THOUGH YOUR SINS ARE LIKE SCARLET, they will become as white as snow. THOUGH THEY ARE RED LIKE CRIMSON, they will become as white as wool.**" (Isaiah 1:18)

Wicked King Manasseh is a prime example of God's Mercy & Forgiveness! "*Manasseh did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, erected altars to the Baals and bowed down and worshiped them. He built altars to them in the Temple of the LORD. He sacrificed his own children in fire in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, he practiced divination and witchcraft. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD. Manasseh led all of Judah astray, they did more evil than the nations the LORD had destroyed. So the LORD brought the army of the king of Assyria against them, and they took Manasseh prisoner, and brought him to Babylon. In his distress he sought the LORD, he humbled himself before God. And*

God was moved by his prayer, and restored him to his kingdom again. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD was God." (See 2 Chronicles 33:1-30) **Why did God have mercy on such a wicked person? BECAUSE GOD STILL LOVED HIM!** and "**Love Covers a Multitude of Sin!**" (1 Peter 4:8) **Therefore GOD and all Heaven rejoiced the day this prodigal son came Home!** (See Luke 15:11-32) God doesn't judge according to human standards, because "**HIS WAYS ARE HIGHER THAN OUR WAYS!**" (See Isaiah 55:8-9) And Jesus's death wasn't necessary to appease the Father's wrath, because God forgave Manasseh long before the Cross!

So why did Jesus have to die? "To rescue us out of [Satan's] dominion of darkness and transfer us into the Kingdom of His dear Son." (Colossians 1:13)

But this Vindictive God Gospel turns our Loving & Merciful Heavenly Father into an Unmerciful Judge who demands absolute perfection, one who would even send those who want to know Him and are trying to do good to others, to Hell, if they commit even one sin. And for the redeemed, it turns Jesus into our Defense Attorney; who must defend us daily before the Father: **BUT NONE OF THAT IS TRUE! JESUS IS NOT OUR DEFENSE ATTORNEY, HE'S "THE JUDGE!"** (2 Timothy 4:8)

GOD Will Judge The World
"*Through the man he has appointed: He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.*" (Acts 17:31)

The Bible teaches, "*The heaven of heavens, [are] the LORD's; But the earth He has given to the children of men.*" (Psalm 115:16)

Law was given through Moses, but cheerful favor and truth came through Jesus Christ. (Ref: Deuteronomy 18:18-19!)

18 No one has ever seen God; the only born Son who is in the Father's bosom, He fully expresses Him.

The Testimony of John the Baptizer

19 Now this was John's testimony, when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" **20** And he confessed, and didn't contradict the truth, but acknowledged, "I'm not the Anointed."

21 So they asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

22 So they said to him, "Then who are you? Answer us, so that we may give your answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

23 He said, "I'm a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'MAKE THE WAY OF THE LORD STRAIGHT!' Just as the prophet Isaiah said." (Ref: Isaiah 40:3)

24 Now those who had been sent were from the Pharisees. **25** So they asked him, and said, "Then why are you baptizing? if you're not the Anointed, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

26 John answered them by saying, "I baptize in water, but someone stands among you, whom you do not know. **27** He's the one who comes after me, who surpasses me, because he was before me. The strap of whose sandal I'm not worthy to untie."

28 These things happened in Bethabara across the Jordan River, where John was baptizing.

Jesus the Lamb of God

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Look, it's God's Lamb, who takes away the world's sin." (See Note)

30 This is the one of whom I said, 'A man comes after me who surpasses me, because he was before me.' **31** But since I didn't know him, I came baptizing in water, so that he might be revealed to Israel."

32 And John testified, saying, "I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven, like a dove, and he remained on him. **33** Yet I didn't know him, but he who sent me to baptize in water told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down, and remaining on him, he's the one who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' **34** And I have seen, and I testify that he is God's Son."

The First Disciples

35 Again, the next day John was standing with two of his disciples. **36** And as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Look, it's God's Lamb!"

37 And the two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus. **38** And Jesus turning, saw them following, and said to them, "**What do you seek?**"

And they said to him, "Rabbi," (which means, "Teacher,") "where are you staying?"

39 He told them, "**Come, and see.**"

They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day, because it was about the tenth hour, about 4 pm.

40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John said, and who had followed him. **41** He first found his own brother Simon, and told him, "We've found the Messiah!" (Which means, Christ, the Anointed.) **42** Then he led him to Jesus. When Jesus saw him, he said, "**You're Simon, the son of Jonah.**"

You're to be called **Cephas**" (Peter, which means, a Stone.)

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathaniel

43 The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip and told him, "**Follow me.**"

44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. **45** Philip found Nathaniel and told him, "We've found him about whom Moses in the law and the prophets wrote! Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46 But Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip told him, "Come and see!"

47 Jesus saw Nathaniel coming to him, and said concerning him, "**Look, here's a true Israelite! One in whom there's no deception.**"

48 Nathaniel said to him, "Where do you know me from?"

Jesus answered him, "**Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.**"

49 Nathaniel answered him, and said, "Rabbi, You are God's Son! You're the King of Israel!"

50 Jesus answered him, and said, "**Do you believe because I told you, 'I saw you under the fig tree'? You'll see greater things than these.**" **51** Then he told him, "**Truly, truly, I tell you, After this you'll see heaven opened, and God's messengers going up and going down on the Son of Man.**" (See Notes)

John 1:1 In the Beginning **GOD THE WORD** spoke the Universe into existence, "through Him everything came into existence." John 1:3 ("WORD" in Greek is "LOGOS" means "Expression of thought.") And we're told in 2 Corinthians 4:6, "**GOD who commanded light to shine out of darkness, has shone His Light in our hearts to give us THE LIGHT OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF**

THE GLORY OF GOD in the face of Jesus Christ." Because "Christ... is the exact likeness of the unseen God" (2 Corinthians 4:4) So even though, "No one has ever seen God [in His natural state]; the only born Son... fully expresses Him." (John 1:18)

Why is Jesus called "The only born Son"? Because **THE LOGOS** became "The Son of God" when Christ was birthed into the Earth as "The Son of Man," and "**THE WORD became flesh.**" (John 1:14) That's why the Father says of His earthly Son, "**You are My Son [because] TODAY I have given birth to you.**" (Acts 13:33) Before that Christ existed with **GOD** in a Spiritual form as **THE LOGOS**, but when "**THE LOGOS became flesh**" **GOD** became a man, and walked among us, so that we could **KNOW HIM AS HE TRULY IS**. And that's why Jesus said, "Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father." (John 14:9)

John 1:7 In verse 7 "**the Light**" and "**him**" are one and the same, and refer to Jesus not to John. (See 1 Peter 1:21)

John 1:14 (1) This is a literal translation of "eskaynoesen en haymin," but what does it mean? It is a metaphor with multiple meanings: "eskaynoesen" means "to pitch or erect a tent or tabernacle to dwell in" which sometime in Scripture is used as a metaphor for the "human body" (see John 2:19-22 & 2 Peter 2:13-14, this verse may also refer to Hebrews 10:5), and "en haymin" can be translated as either "in us" or "among us" or may actually mean both; because Jesus once dwelt "among us," but He now dwells "in us."

(2) The Greek word 'khar'-ece' is traditionally translated as Grace: but it literally means, "Cheerfully favor"; but contrary to religious tradition this word doesn't mean "unmerited favor"; because this Greek word doesn't focus on the

dard by which the Father will judge the world! And James says, "Whoever keeps the whole law, and yet stumbles in one point, has become guilty of it all. Because he who said, "Don't commit adultery," also said, "Don't [commit] murder" (James 2:10-11). So, if you break even one of the Ten Commandments, you're guilty of breaking them all! And you have already admitted that you've broken at least Three of the Ten Commandments; so that means that you already stand Condemned before God! Therefore since the Father is a Righteous Judge, on Judgment Day, **He will HAVE to send you Hell.** So what defense could you possibly present to Him on that Day?"

This sounds Scriptural: BUT ACTUALLY NONE OF IT IS TRUE!

(Because these statements are all based on Scriptures that were **manipulated and taken out of context!**)

In Matthew Chapter 5:48, when Jesus said, "**Be perfect, just as your Father in Heaven is perfect,**" He was speaking to His Followers, and teaching us how we are to live: "**Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.**" (vs 44-45) Therefore, Paul said, "**Be imitators of God as dear children; and walk in love, just as Christ has also loved us.**" (Ephesians 5:1-2) **Jesus wasn't trying to show everyone that they had broken the Ten Commandments – He was giving us a "HIGHER LAW!"** He was teaching us that we're be loving

and kind to everyone, just like our Heavenly Father is!

Yet I actually heard Ray Comfort the founder of "The Way of the Master" (who developed this presentation), negate the clear teaching of Jesus here, in one of his videos, by saying, "**Jesus was showing us that it is impossible for us to actually live like this.**" So he missed the whole point of Jesus' teaching!

And in James 2:10-11, James was also teaching on **LOVE!** Because in context, what James was saying, was this, "**If you indeed FULFILL THE ROYAL LAW [OF LOVE] according to the Scripture, 'YOU'RE TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF,' YOU DO WELL!** But if you favor an individual, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors." (James 2:8-9) "**So speak, and so act, as those who will be judged by THE LAW OF FREEDOM.** [Not the Ten Commandment!] **For judgment will be without mercy to the one who has shown no compassion. SHOWING COMPASSION TRIUMPHS OVER JUDGMENT!**" In other words: "**If you LOVE your neighbor; you won't be Judged!**" (James 2:12-13) That's why James said in James 2:9-11, "**But if you favor an individual**" or "commit murder" or "adultery" you have violated **THE LAW OF LOVE!** (Also see Matthew 25:23-46)

What Jesus and James were teaching: is actually the same thing the Prophet Micah taught centuries early, "**He has shown you, O man, WHAT IS GOOD! And WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU? TO DO JUSTLY, TO LOVE TO HAVE COMPASSION [ON OTHERS], and TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD.**" Therefore if you want to go to heaven when you die, **YOU MUST walk with God in this life!** That

One Commandment, "THIS IS HIS COMMANDMENT: believe and trust in the name of His Son Jesus Christ; and Love one another, just as He commanded us." (1 John 3:23) Because the Ten Commandments were only designed to be temporary, until the Father could send His Son to teach us **God's True Law of Love.**

The reason God gave **the Jews** the Ten Commandment in the wilderness, wasn't because it was His Eternal Standard; but since the Jews who came Egypt were rebellious, and didn't want to hear God's Voice (Deuteronomy 18:16), God gave them the Ten Commandment instead—so that at least they would stop wronging one another, and have a form of godliness **until He could send His Son, TO TEACH US ALL, THE TRUE MEANING OF LOVE!** That's why God told Moses, **"I will raise up a prophet like you for them, from among their brothers, I will put my words in his mouth, and HE WILL TELL THEM EVERYTHING THAT I COMMAND HIM."** (Deuteronomy 18:18) Therefore, **"GOD said, 'THE DAYS ARE COMING, when I will make a NEW COVENANT with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah — NOT ACCORDING TO THE COVENANT THAT I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt... But THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAW IN THEIR MINDS, AND WRITE IT ON THEIR HEARTS; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.'"** (Jeremiah 31:31-33)

NOW THOSE DAYS HAVE COME! Because Jesus has come and made

A NEW & BETTER COVENANT with us, and He has given us **A NEW & HIGHER LAW — Replacing the Ten Commandments with One Commandment! "THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT: Love each other, just as I have Loved you... EVERYTHING THAT I HAVE HEARD FROM MY FATHER, I HAVE MADE KNOWN TO YOU... THESE THINGS I COMMAND YOU: YOU'RE TO LOVE EACH OTHER."** (See John 15:12-17) So we no longer have any need for the Ten Commandments, **"Because since LOVE does no wrong to a neighbor; LOVE fulfills the Law."** (Romans 13:10) **So NOW we have GOD'S LAW written on the Tablets of our Hearts, instead of on Tablets of Stone.** (See 2 Corinthians 3:3-11)

Will God Judge the World By the Ten Commandments?

The Penal Atonement Theory teaches that God the Father is a Righteous Judge who must punish all sin, for if He didn't He wouldn't be a righteous Judge. They normally say something very similar to the following, **"Would you respect a Judge who let guilty criminals go free? Of course not! In the same way the Father who is a Righteous Judge, cannot overlook the outright rebellion of His own creation; therefore HE MUST PUNISH ALL SIN! Because God's Standard is Perfection! Even as Jesus said, "Be perfect, just as your Heavenly Father is perfect!"** So how many murderers would you have to commit to be a murderer? Just one! How many lies would you have to tell, to be a liar? Just one! Have you ever looked on someone with lust? Then according to Jesus, **you're an Adulterer! Have you ever hated anyone? Then according to Jesus, you're a murderer! The Ten Commandments are God's Stan-**

"unworthiness" of the receiver but rather on the **"cheerfulness"** of the giver. But religion has portrayed God as an Angry God for so long, it is hard for many people to picture God with a Smile on His face. But I want to change that image of God: because once you Receive Jesus—**God is Always Smiling on You!** As Jesus said, **"The Father Himself Loves You! Because you have Loved Me."** (John 16:27) Therefore, to correct this false image of God; I have decided to translate **'khar'-ece'** literally as **"Cheerful favor."** **See Luke 15:11-32 — The Father is Happy!**

John 1:29 The Old English word **"sin"** and the Greek word **"ham-ar-tee'-ah"**, were both archery terms that meant, **"to-miss-the-mark"**; or to (unknowingly) **"make a mistake"**, or (knowingly) **"do wrong."**

John 1:51 (1) Hebrew **"Amen! Amen!"** is affirmation of truth: **Amen! Truly! Indeed! or Definitely!** Literally, **"So it is!"** or **"So be it!"**

(2) Traditionally **"angeloi"** is translated as **"angels."** But it literally means **"messengers,"** and in the New Testament it is used both to refer to **[human] messengers** and **[heavenly] messengers.** So translators just take a guess at which is being referred to according to the context; but sometimes they have been wrong (as they did in first 3 chapters of the Book of Revelation; because Jesus wouldn't need John to write letters to 7 angels: so no doubt the 7 messengers, are the **pastors** of the 7 Churches). So normally, I just translate **"angeloi"** literally, as **"messengers"** and let the Holy Spirit reveal to the reader which He is referring to.

John 2

The Wedding at Cana

1 Then on the third day **there** was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and Jesus' mother was there. **2** And Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding **3**

Now when the wine ran out, Jesus' mother told him, **"They have no wine."**

4 Jesus told her, **"Lady, of what concern is that to you and to me? My hour hasn't come yet."**

5 His mother told the waiters, **"Do whatever he tells you."**

6 Now there were six stone water pots sitting there, according to the Jewish custom of purification, each containing about **20 or 30 gallons.** **7** Jesus told them, **"Fill the water pots with water."** And they filled them up to **the brim.** **8** Then he told them, **"Now draw some out, and take it to the headwaiter."** (*Literally, 2 or 3 metretae.*)

And they took **it.** **9** But when the headwaiter tasted the water (that had become wine), since he didn't know where it had come from (though the waiters who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom.

10 And he told him, **"Every-one** always sets out the good wine first, then when the **guests** are intoxicated, **they serve** the inferior wine. **But** you've kept the good wine until now." (*Literally, Every human*)

11 This was the first of his signs, which Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee: And he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

12 After this he, and his mother, and his brothers and sisters, and his disciples went down to Capernaum; but they didn't stay there very many days.

Jesus Cleanses the Temple

13 Now it was nearly **time** for the Jewish Passover, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **14** And in the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money-changers sitting **there.** **15** And having made a whip out of small ropes, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen. And he poured out the money-changers'

coins and overturned their tables. **16** Then he told those who sold the doves, **"Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a house for merchandise!"**

17 And his disciples remembered that it's written, **"THE FIERY ZEAL OF YOUR HOUSE HAS CONSUMED ME."** (Ref: Psalm 69:9)

18 Then the Jewish leaders answered, and said to him, "What sign will you show us, to justify the things you've done?"

19 Jesus answered, and told them, **"Destroy this dwelling place, and in three days I will raise it up."**

20 Therefore the Jewish leaders said, "It's taken 46 years to build this temple. And will you raise it up in three days?" **21** But the dwelling place he was speaking about was his own body. **22** Therefore when he had risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this: and they believed the Scripture, and the word which Jesus had spoken.

Jesus Knows The Heart Of Everyone

23 Now while he was in Jerusalem, during the Passover, many believed in his name when they saw the signs which he performed. **24** Yet Jesus didn't entrust himself to them, because he knew *the hearts of everyone*. **25** And he didn't need for anyone to testify according to human motives, because he himself knew what was inside a person.

John 3

Everyone Must Be Reborn From Above

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a leader among the Jews. **2** He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher *who has come from God*; because no one could perform these signs which you perform, unless God were with him."

3 Jesus answered, and told him, **"Truly, truly, I tell you, Unless someone is born from above, they cannot see God's Kingdom."**

4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a person be born when they're old: *because they can't enter into their mother's womb a second time, and be born again?*"

5 Jesus answered, **"Truly, truly, I tell you, Unless someone is born of water and of the Spirit, they cannot enter into God's Kingdom. 6 That which is born of the flesh, is flesh. And that which is born of the Spirit, is Spirit. 7 Don't be astonished that I told you, each of you must be born from above. 8 The wind blows wherever it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it came from, nor where it's going. It's that way with everyone who is born of the Spirit."**

9 Nicodemus answered him, and said, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered, and told him, **"Are you the teacher of Israel, and don't know these things? 11 Truly, truly, I tell you, We speak of that which we know and testify of that which we have seen; yet none of you accepts our testimony. 12 If I've told you about earthly things, and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has gone up into heaven, except he who came down from heaven, even the Son of Man who is in heaven."**

14 Yet just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so too the Son of Man must be lifted up. **15** So that everyone who believes and trusts in him wouldn't perish, but have eternal life.

16 Because God loved the world so *much*, that he gave his only born Son, so that everyone who believes and trusts in him wouldn't perish, but have eternal life. **17** Because God didn't send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but

Jesus that day, the only supernatural event that happened before Jesus' death, was the heavens became as black as night.

Here's how it happened: **"The chief priests... said, 'What are we going to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him continue on like this, everyone will believe in him.'** (Luke 11:47-48) Satan realized this too; so Satan entered Judas, and Judas went to the High Priests to betray Jesus. Satan and all the demons rejoiced the day they crucified Jesus, and **"Satan was satisfied"** because he thought that he'd finally gotten rid of Jesus.

But what the devil didn't realize until 3 days later, was that the Father, (metaphorically speaking) like a Chess-Master, had OUT-SMARTED him: by offering him the Most Valuable piece he had on the board—his Queen; but by taking the bait **(the Satisfying Sacrifice / the Hilasmos) THE DEVIL WAS IN CHECKMATE!** (It was an EXTREMELY WISE, but EXTREMELY COSTLY MOVE!) **But now SINCE WE NOW KNOW HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US, we should LOVE GOD WITH ALL OUR HEART!** Therefore, **"We are speaking about the Wisdom of God's Secret Plan, even THE HIDDEN WISDOM which God ordained before the ages FOR OUR GLORY, Which NONE of the rulers of this age knew: Because HAD THEY KNOWN IT, THEY NEVER WOULD HAVE CRUCIFIED THE LORD OF GLORY!"** (1 Corinthians 2:7-8) Notice too, it says, that this was **"FOR OUR GLORY!" This is TRULY SELF-LESS LOVE!**

God had to hide His Secret Plan to Ransom His children back from the devil, **"because if [the devil] had known"**, the prophecy in Genesis 3:14 **"He will crush your head**

(authority), and you will bruise his heel." would never have been fulfilled: because **the devil would have NEVER crucified the LORD of Glory;** had **he Known** that doing so, would be his undoing! So although the devil bruised Jesus heel on the Cross, **Jesus crushed the dragon's head on the Cross!** because, it's written 3 times in the Law, **"LIFE FOR LIFE."** (Leviticus 24:18, Exodus 21:23, Deuteronomy 19:21) So since **the devil MURDERED the innocent Son of God on the Cross,** Satan's Sin is now greater than anyone's sin in the entire Universe! And he now owes a debt he cannot pay: **"LIFE FOR LIFE!"** So because Satan cannot die, he now must release from captivity even the worst sinner when they **call on the Name of JESUS!**

Therefore, I'm convinced that this Penal Atonement Gospel is the devil's own counterfeit gospel, and that Satan himself is its author: because this false gospel **completely removes the devil and God's Mercy from the equation,** and instead makes the Father's supposed wrath against us the problem.

A New Law Written In Our Hearts

The other thing that Jesus did on the Cross; was **He taught us the True Meaning of Love, and Won our hearts!** For Jesus said, **"THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT: Love each other, just as I have Loved you. No one has Greater Love than this; that someone should lay down their own life for their friends."** (John 15:12-13) And then Jesus did just that, **Jesus laid down His life for us on the Cross,** and then 3 days later He rose from the dead.

So now the Father also has just

"names written in the Lamb's Book of Life", and it was THIS KNOWLEDGE, that gave Jesus the "strength to ensure cross", because of "THE JOY" it would bring Him to welcome you and I into Heaven one day. (See Hebrews 12:2)

In light of all of these things: the following verse should NOW have more meaning to you: **"In this is LOVE, not that we loved God, but that he LOVED us, and sent his Son to be the (Hilasmos) SATISFACTORY SACRIFICE for our sins."** (See note in 1 John 4:10, on "Hilasmos" on page 52.) Jesus death was a multifaceted "Satisfying Sacrifice" for our sins: it satisfied the legal requirements of the Law by fulfilling every word God had spoken (Colossians 2:14); it satisfied God's desire to forgive all of our sins and "justify the ungodly" (1 Timothy 4:5, Romans 3:26 & 4:5); and it satisfied Jesus because one day we would become His Bride; and **ironically it even satisfied the devil--but only for a very short time.**

But all of this hung on one critical act: the devil of his own free will would have to choose to crucify the innocent Son of God; and thus fulfill the very first prophecy given by God in the Bible: **"He will crush your head (authority), and you will bruise his heel."** (Genesis 3:14)

How did Jesus' death both Satisfy & Defeat the devil?

God hide an obscure passage in the Law of Moses (one that had never been implemented in the history of Israel; until the day Jesus died on the Cross). But when the devil became aware of that passage, he thought he had finally found a way to get rid of Jesus; but it back-fired on him: because this was part of

God's Secret Plan. That Passage is found in Deuteronomy 21:22-23, and it reads, ***"If a person commits a sin deserving of death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body is not to be left overnight on the tree, but you must bury him that same day: because cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree."***

But because God Said It, and since Satan knew, "You have magnified Your word above all Your names." (Psalm 138:2) The devil thought that if he could get the Jews to crucify Jesus, **the Father would have to curse His own Son; because "It's IMPOSSIBLE for God to lie!"** (Hebrews 6:18) The devil was right about this; but what the devil didn't realize was: this was **"The Critical Part"** of God's Secret Plan!

That's why it is Now written: "He made Him who knew no sin, to become sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:21) Jesus "became sin" by allowing Himself to be **"hung on a cross."** But because He did, ***"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us; because it's written, 'CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE.'"*** (Galatians 3:13)

Those who embrace the Penal Atonement Theory, claim, ***"God poured out His Wrath on Jesus on the Cross!"*** But on the Cross Jesus didn't cry out, ***"My God, my God! Why are you pouring out your Wrath on me?"*** but rather, ***"My God, my God! Why have you have you forsaken me?"*** because for the first time since eternity past, fellowship with His Father was broken. But no supernatural judgment came from the Father against

that the world might be saved through him. **18** Whoever believes in him will not be condemned; but whoever doesn't believe, already stands condemned, because they haven't believed in the name of God's only born Son. **19** And this is the verdict: the true Light came into the world, but the people loved the darkness more than the Light, because their deeds were evil. **20** Because everyone who does evil hates the Light, and they won't come to the Light, lest their deeds should be exposed.

21 But the one practices the truth comes into the Light, so that it may be clearly seen that what they have done was done in God."

Jesus and John the Baptizer

22 After these things Jesus and his disciples came into the land of Judah, and he remained there with them, while they baptized. **23** Now John was also baptizing in Aenon, near Salim, because there was a plenty of water there, and many were coming to be baptized. **24** (For John had not yet been thrown into prison.) **25** Now John's disciples happened to be having a discussion with some Jews regarding purification: **26** And they came to John, and told him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, the one you've testified about: Look, he's baptizing, and everyone is going to him."

27 John answered and said, "A person can't receive anything, unless it's been given to them from heaven. **28** You yourselves testify of me, that I said, 'I'm not the Anointed,' but 'I've been sent ahead of him.' **29** The bridegroom is the one who has the bride. But the friend of the bridegroom, who stands by and hears him, cheerfully rejoices because of the bridegroom's voice. So this causes me to be filled with joy! **30** He must increase, but I must decrease. (Literally, nothing)

He Who Came From Heaven

31 He who came from above, is above everything else. He who is of the earth is earthly, and speaks about earthly things. He who came from heaven is above everything else. **32** And what he's seen and heard, that he testifies about; yet no one accepts his testimony. **33** Whoever has accepted his testimony, can verify that God is true! **34** For the one whom God has sent, speaks what God says, because God doesn't give the Spirit by measure. **35** The Father loves the Son, and he's given everything into his hand. **36** The one who believes and trusts in the Son has eternal life. But the one who doesn't believe and trust the Son won't see life, instead God's anger will remain on them." (Literally, has set their seal.)

John 4

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

1 Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John **2** (though Jesus himself didn't baptize, but his disciples), **3** he left Judah and went back into Galilee again.

4 But it was essential for him to go through Samaria: (See Note)

5 So he came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. **6** Now Jacob's artesian well was there. And since Jesus was tired from his journey, he was setting on the well.

7 It was about the sixth hour, about noon, when a woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." **8** (For his disciples had gone into the city to buy provisions.)

9 Therefore the woman of Samaria said to him, "How is it that you, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews don't associate with

Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered, and told her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that says to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

11 The woman said to him, "Sir, You don't have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you have this living water? **12** Are you greater than our father Jacob who gave us this well, and drank from it himself, as *did* his sons, and his livestock also?" (*Here, and elsewhere: Literally, Lord*)

13 Jesus answered her, and said, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again. **14** But if anyone drinks of the water which I will give them, they will never thirst; even **throughout eternity**. Rather, the water which I will give them will become a fountain of water within them, springing up into eternal life." (*Literally, into the (perpetual) age.*)

15 The woman said to him, "Sir, give me *some of* this water. So that I won't get thirsty, nor *need* to come here to draw."

16 Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, then come back here."

17 The woman answered, and said, "I don't have a husband."

Jesus told her, "**You have spoken beautifully**, 'I don't have a husband.' **18** For you've had five husbands, and the one you have now isn't your husband. This **you have spoken truthfully**." (*See Note*)

19 The woman told him, "Sir, I perceive that you're a prophet!"

20 Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, yet you *Jews* say, the place where people are to worship is in Jerusalem?"

21 Jesus told her, "Lady, believe me, an hour is coming when you'll worship the Father neither on this

mountain nor in Jerusalem. **22** You don't know the one whom you worship, *but* we know the one whom we worship, because salvation comes from the Jews. **23** But an hour is coming, and now is here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: for Father is also seeks those who will worship him in this way. **24** God is Spirit, and those who worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth."

25 The woman told him, "I know that *the* Messiah is coming, who is called the Anointed. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

26 Jesus told her, "**I AM!** The one who speaks to you." (*See Note*)

27 And just then his disciples arrived, and they were astonished that he was talking with a woman. Yet no one said, "What do you seek?" or "Why are you talking to her?"

28 Then the woman left her water pot, and went into the city, and told the people, **29** "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could this be the Anointed?" **30** They hurried out of the city, and came to him.

31 But in the meantime his disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat!" **32** But he told them, "I have food to eat which you cannot see." **33** So the disciples were saying to one another, "Did someone bring him something to eat?"

34 Jesus told them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work."

35 You shouldn't say, 'There's still four *more* months, then the harvest will come.' Look, I tell you, Lift up your eyes and see the fields, because they're already white and ready to harvest. **36** And the one who is harvesting, is even now receiving their pay and gathering in fruit for eternal life. So both the

first truly have a change of heart! because if He did Heaven would become even more messed up than the Earth! (See Revelation 21:27)

So the only way that God could restore us to Himself, was if of our own free will; **we CHOSE to return to Him and obey Him**. Therefore, Jesus came and "**DEMONSTRATED HIS OWN LOVE TOWARD US, in that, WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, Christ died for us,**" (Romans 5:8) that we might **CHOOSE TO MAKE JESUS THE LORD OF OUR LIFE**, (John 1:12, Matthew 11:28, & Romans 10:9-10) and "**Have Abundant Life!**" (John 10:10)

How Did Jesus' Death Defeat the devil?

The following Scriptures clearly show that: **it was not God's Wrath that needed to be appeased, but the devil that needed to be taken out of the way.** "*Inasmuch then as [God's] children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.*" (Hebrews 2:14) "*The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.*" (1 Corinthians 15:58) So the devil used the law to kill us and bring us into captivity. But after Jesus rose from the dead, John declares, "*Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: 'Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and he authority of his Anointed: BECAUSE THE ACCUSER of our brothers and sisters, WHO ACCUSED THEM BEFORE OUR GOD day and night, HAS BEEN HURLED DOWN.'*" (Revelation 12:10)

The devil knew one thing about God, "**It's IMPOSSIBLE for God to lie!**" **THEREFORE, THE DEVIL HAS**

ALWAYS TRIED TO USE GOD'S OWN WORDS AGAINST HIM, AND AGAINST US: because the devil knew, "*God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should change His mind. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?*" (Numbers 23:19) So the devil entices people to sin and then uses God's word against them; and reminds God of what He said; to if possible get God Himself to judge them, or at least bring the sinner under the devil's dominion. So it's not that the devil is more powerful than God, or that the devil is God's equal: **it's simply, God has bound himself by his word!** Because "**God honors His Word even above all of His names.**" (See Psalm 138:2 & Hebrews 6:13-18)

Therefore for God to redeem mankind He had to have **a plan that would FULFILL everything He had said**, and that would win our hearts back to Himself. But the devil was completely unaware of **God's Secret Plan to redeem His people with His own blood**. Nevertheless, God had this plan in place "*from the foundation of Cosmos.*" Because in the very beginning **GOD SAW ALL OF OUR TOMORROWS, more clearly than we can remember yesterday.** (See Psalm 90:4, 139:16 & Ephesians 2:10) Therefore, in the beginning, before the foundation of the Cosmos, God saw the wedding supper of the Lamb in Heaven in Revelation 19:6-10 & 21:1-27. And GOD saw Himself wiping away every tear from our eyes. (Revelation 21:4) And He saw us walking and talking with Him throughout eternity. (Revelation 3:4) And that's why Jesus is called "**The Lamb slain from the foundation of the Cosmos.**" (Revelation 13:8) And Jesus saw our

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“The Restored Ransom Atonement Gospel” And why I believe it is the True Gospel.

But first, let me share how I came to this conclusion. The Jesus Movement of the late 60's and early 70's was the closest thing to First Century Christianity this world has ever seen: because we weren't seeking to Reform the Church; we were simply seeking to Return to First Century Christianity: therefore the New Testament alone was our Final Authority. As one of the Jesus People: I enjoyed going to Lithia Park, in Ashland Oregon, and sharing Jesus with those in the New Age Cults, and Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses; because these people were seeking God. But sometimes what they said sounded so close to the truth, I would question my own heart; *“Do I believe this because this is what the Bible says? Or because this is what I've been taught?”* So I bought a Greek /English New Testament Interlinear and a Strong's Concordance and looked up every verse I could find on whatever topic I was looking into, and checked the meaning of the Greek and Hebrew words (to make sure they were translated correctly), because my Goal was to *“Find the **one interpretation** that agreed with everything that is written in The Bible.”* This helped my faith and understanding of God's Word to grow. (Because of this, I rarely read Bible Commentaries, because I really don't care what this or that person thinks; because they're only human and they're not infallible: but **GOD'S WORD IS INFALLIBLE!** (So study the Bible! And search for the **ONE INTERPRETATION** that agrees with every-

thing that is written in the Word of God. The Word of God is SO PURE, that if we find even **one verse** that contradicts our interpretation; that means there is something wrong with our interpretation. But the problem with the Penal Atonement Theory is: ***It contradicts a Multitude of Scriptures!***

As a young Christian, who Loved the Lord, one of the things I really wanted to understand was, ***“Why did Jesus have to die for us?”*** So I read my Bible from cover to cover to try to piece together the reason Jesus had to die. And the following are the things the Lord taught me.

The Restored Ransom Atonement Gospel

Why did Jesus have to die? That we might ***“come to [our] senses and escape from the devil's trap, having been taken captive by him to do his will.”*** (2 Timothy 2:26) For ***“Don't you know? That to whomever you present yourselves as obedient slaves, you are the slaves of the one whom you obey.”*** (Romans 6:1) But a slave doesn't own anything, his life and everything he has belongs to his master! So by listening to the devil, Adam & Eve became the devil's slaves, and handed the Title Deed to the Earth over to Satan; and that's why Satan could basically boast to Jesus, ***“If you want the Earth back, bow down and worship me!”*** (See Luke 4:5-7 & Matthew 4:8-9) Jesus didn't dispute the devil's claim, because Jesus knew it was true. (See 2 Timothy 2:26, Ephesians 2:2-3, 1 John 5:19, & Colossians 1:13)

So the devil and our rebellious hearts are the problem, not God: For God cannot allow rebellious people into Heaven (unless they

sower and the harvester, are rejoicing together. 37 For in this the saying is true, ‘One sows, and another harvests.’ 38 I'm sending you to harvest that which you haven't worked hard for: others have done the hard work, and you've entered into their labors.”

39 Now many of the Samaritans of that city believed in him, because of the statement of the woman's testimony, ***“He told me everything I ever did!”*** **40** So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them. And he stayed there two days.

41 Then many more believed because of his own word. **42** Then they told the woman, ***“We no longer believe because of what you've said, for we've heard him for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Anointed! The Savior of the world!”***

Jesus Heals a Royal Official's Son

43 But after the two days, he left there and went into Galilee. **44** For Jesus himself testified, ***“A prophet has no honor in his own father's land.”*** **45** But when he came into Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen everything that he had done in Jerusalem during the feast; because they too had gone to the feast.

46 Therefore Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where he'd made the water into wine. Now there was a certain royal official, whose son was sick in Capernaum. **47** When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judah into Galilee, he went to him, ***he was pleading with him to come down and heal his son, because he was at the point of death.***

48 Therefore Jesus told him, ***“Unless you people see signs and wonders, you'll never believe.”***

49 The royal official said to him, ***“Sir, come down before my little child dies.”***

50 Jesus told him, ***“Go home, your son lives.”***

And the man believed the word which Jesus spoke to him, and he went away. **51** And while he was still going down, his servants met him and reported, saying, ***“Your child lives!”*** **52** Therefore he asked them the hour when he had gotten better. And they told him, ***“Yesterday at the seventh hour, about 1 pm, the fever left him.”***

53 Therefore, the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus had told him, ***“Your son lives.”*** So he and his whole household believed. **54** This again was the second sign, which Jesus performed after he had come out of Judah into Galilee.

John 4:4 Jesus *“needed to”* go through Samaria, not because there was no other route for Him to travel, because He could have taken the route the Orthodox Jews took to avoid the Samaritans. But Jesus *“needed to”* go there because He was *“Seeking worshippers who will worship in Spirit and in Truth.”* (See verses 23-24 & 17-18) And He found such a woman at Jacob's Well; and Jesus didn't condemn her for the mistakes she had made in her life; instead Jesus complimented her for *“speaking the truth.”* (See verses 17-18)

John 4:17 When we speak *truthfully*, God sees it as a thing of *beauty!* Because God seeks people with a *true* heart. (See verses 23-24) And Jesus found such a person in this woman.

John 4:26 See Important Note at John 8:58 on why Jesus often referred to Himself as *“I AM.”*

John 5

Jesus Heals a Man at the Pool

1 After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. **2** Now there's a swimming pool in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate, in Hebrew it's

called Bethesda, it had five stone column porches. **3** In these were laying a great multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed, waiting for the stirring of the water. **4** For from time to time, a messenger would step down into the pool and stir up the water; then whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water, became *completely* healthy, having been *completely* healed of whatever disease had held them captive. **5** Now a certain man was there who had been very weak for 38 years. **6** Jesus seeing him lying there, and knowing that he had already been there a long time, said to him, **"Do you want to become healthy?"**

7 The weak man answered him, "Sir, I don't have anyone to toss me in the pool when the water is stirred up; *but* while I'm still coming, another *steps* down before me."

8 Jesus told him, **"Get up! Pick up your mattress, and walk!"** **9** And instantly the man became *completely* healthy, and picked up his mattress, and walked.

But that day was a Day of Rest. **10** Therefore, the Jewish *leaders* told the *man* who had been healed, "It's the Day of Rest, it's not lawful for you to carry that mattress!"

11 He answered them, "The one who made me well, he's the one who told me, **"Pick up your mattress, and walk."**

12 So they asked him, "Who *is* the man that told you, **"Pick up your mattress, and walk."**?"

13 But the *man* who had been healed didn't know who he was, because Jesus had moved out of *sight*, a crowd being in that place.

14 After these things Jesus found him in the temple, and told him, **"See, you've become *completely* healthy. No longer sin, or perhaps something worse will**

happen to you." **15** The man went away, and told the Jewish *leaders* that it was Jesus who had made him healthy.

16 And because of this, the Jewish *leaders* persecuted Jesus, and sought to kill him; because he had done these things on a Day of Rest. **17** But Jesus answered them, **"My Father's still working; so I'm working too."** **18** And because of this, the Jewish *leaders* sought all the more to kill him; because not only had he loosened the *restrictions* on the Day of Rest, but he'd also called God his own Father — making himself equal with God!

The Authority of the Son

19 Therefore Jesus answered them, **"Truly, truly, I tell you, The Son can't do anything of himself, unless it's something that he has seen the Father doing. Because whatever the Father does, the Son also does the same things in like manner. 20** For the Father loves the Son and he shows him everything that he's doing. And he'll even show him greater works than these, that you may be astounded! **21** For just as the Father raises the dead and gives *them* life; so too the Son gives life to whomever he wants to. **22** For the Father judges no one! Rather, he has given all judgment to the Son! **23** So that everyone will honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever doesn't honor the Son, doesn't honor the Father who sent him. (*See Note*)

24 Truly, truly, I tell you, Whoever listens to my word, and trusts in him who sent me, has eternal life. And they'll never enter into judgment; instead they've already passed from death into life. **25** Truly, truly, I tell you, An hour is coming, and now has *come*, when the dead will hear the voice of God's Son, and those who listen intently will live. **26** Because just as the Father has life in himself, so too he has also granted to the Son

But the devil doesn't want people to know that OUR FATHER IS JUST LIKE JESUS! And JESUS IS JUST LIKE OUR FATHER!

Therefore, for Centuries *"The god of this age has blinded the minds of those who do not believe, TO KEEP THEM FROM SEEING the light of the Good News of THE GLORY OF CHRIST, who IS THE IMAGE OF GOD."* (2 Corinthians 4:4) **LEST "The light of the knowledge of THE GLORY OF GOD in the FACE OF JESUS CHRIST should SHINE ON THEM."** (2 Corinthians 4:6) How was the devil able to do this, by creating a false gospel that sounds Scriptural; so that even Christians themselves would believe it and propagate it. (Matthew 24:24) That's why we must, **"Test all things; and hold on tightly to that which is good."** (1 Thessalonians 5:21) Therefore, **"Examine yourselves to see if you are in The Faith.** (2 Corinthians 13:5) **Because a person who has been deceived, doesn't know they have been deceived.**

In the Old Testament, GOD also describes Himself as someone who sounds **JUST LIKE JESUS,**

"A compassionate and gracious God, SLOW TO ANGER, and abundant in loving kindness and truth, watching over thousands with loving kindness, forgiving iniquity and disobedience and sin; but one who will by no means cleanse [the unrepentant]." (Exodus 34:6-7) **"For His anger endures but for a moment, and His cheerful favor endures for an eternal lifetime." (Psalm 30:5)** **"For nothing can separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (See Romans 8:38-39) Which is why the Apostle John was convinced, "GOD IS LOVE!" (John 4:8-16)**

And since **"GOD IS LOVE"** not only is 1 Corinthians 13 a perfect description of **LOVE**, it is also a perfect description of the nature and character of **GOD!**

How we picture the Father is VERY IMPORTANT! Because if we picture our Father as always being angry, we'll hear everything He says in an angry tone of voice; and when we sin, we will run and hide from Him. But if we picture our Father as being **JUST LIKE JESUS,** we'll hear everything He says in a more balanced tone of voice; and when we sin, we will run to Him, because **"He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."** (1 John 1:9)

The Perversion of True Christianity

Sadly, after the 4th Century **'Edict of Theodosius'** (which outlawed the worship of other gods), all of the rich and powerful pagans to preserve their positions of power and influence, supposedly converted to Christianity. And so from that time on their pagan philosophies began to influence Christian Theology. And their false view of God the Father as being someone like Zeus, rather than someone **LIKE JESUS,** began to influence Church doctrine; and gave birth to many false doctrines; and many of these false doctrines still influence how translators translate the Bible today. For that reason I'm working on a New Bible Translation, **"The Living Word / Love Bible"**, which ignores religious traditions, and simply translates the **"literal meaning"** that Greek & Hebrew words had in the **First Century** — minus Religious Traditions.

WHOSE SIN THE LORD WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT! (Romans 4:8) So to say, ***“One sin will send you to Hell!”*** is to ***LIE AGAINST THE TRUTH!*** Because the only sin that is ***GUARANTIED*** to send someone to Hell, ***IS TO REJECT GOD!*** (See John 16:8-9)

But to say that GOD found “Pleasure” and “Satisfaction” in torturing His Son on the cross; IS BLASPHEMOUS!

God doesn't have a sick desire to inflict pain! For GOD Himself says, ***“As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “I have NO PLEASURE in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?”*** (Ezekiel 33:11 NKJV) So the Father didn't send His Son to die, to satisfy some sick desire for vengeance within Himself. Rather He sent Jesus to ***“Rescue us out of [Satan's] dominion of darkness, and transfer us into the Kingdom of His dear Son.”*** (Colossians 1:13), ***and to demonstrate His Great Love for us! So that we would choose to TRUST in Jesus; so that GOD could forgive us!***

But it was the devil who TORTURED Jesus on the Cross! In fact Jesus prophesied: that the Father would be ***SO ENRAGED*** by ***THE MURDER OF HIS SON AND OF HIS SERVANTS***, that He would wipe out those murderers and destroy their city! Which God did in 70 AD. (See Matthew 21:33-45, Mark 12:1-12, Luke 20:9-19, and Matthew 22:6-7) ***SO GOD WASN'T PLEASED BY THE MURDER OF HIS SON! Nevertheless, THE FATHER GAVE HIS SON as a RANSOM to Rescue Us from the kingdom of darkness, BECAUSE THAT'S HOW MUCH HE LOVES US!***

(See John 3:16-17)

At this point, I feel it's important for us to remember THE OTHER REASON Jesus came: JESUS CAME TO REVEAL THE FATHER TO US! But Jesus didn't reveal the ***Father*** to us as ***“Your JUDGE who is In heaven,”*** but as ***“Your FATHER who is in heaven.”*** And Jesus said, ***“I ONLY DO THE THINGS I SEE MY FATHER DOING.”*** So if the Father was ***condemning EVERYONE*** for their sin; Jesus would have went around doing the same thing—***condemning EVERYBODY*** for their sins. ***BUT JESUS DIDN'T DO THAT!*** Why didn't Jesus do that? ***BECAUSE THE FATHER WASN'T DOING THAT!*** Because as Scripture says, ***“GOD WAS IN CHRIST! Reconciling the world to Himself, NOT COUNTING THEIR OFFENCES AGAINST THEM!”*** (2 Corinthians 5:19) ***SO NONE OF THE THINGS THESE THEORIES SAY ABOUT THE FATHER ARE TRUE!***

How Do You Picture Father God?

Do you see the Father as a strict judge or someone who is like Jesus? If you see Him as a strict judge, you need to have a paradigm shift; because Jesus said, ***“WHOEVER HAS SEEN ME, HAS SEEN THE FATHER.”*** (John 14:6)



to have life in himself. **27 And he's also given him authority to execute judgment, since he is a son of man.** (See Note)

28 Don't be astonished by this; for an hour is coming when all of those who are in the tombs will hear his voice, and come out. **29** Those who have done good, will rise to life. And those who have done evil, will stand up to be condemned. **30** I can't to do ***anything*** by myself: as I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I'm not seeking my own will, but the will of the Father who sent me. (Literally, nothing)

31 If I were to testify about myself, my testimony wouldn't be ***considered*** true. **32** There's another who testifies about me, and I know that the testimony which he testifies about me is true.

33 You've sent to John, and he's testified to the truth. **34** But the testimony which I have received isn't from a human source, but I say these things so that you might be saved. **35** He was a burning and shining lamp, and for an hour you willingly jumped for joy in his light.

36 But the testimony I have is greater than John's: for the works which the Father has given to me to accomplish, the very works which I ***am*** doing, these testify about me—that the Father has sent me. **37** And the Father himself, who sent me, has ***also*** testified about me. ***Yet*** you've never listened to his voice, nor seen his form at anytime. **38** And his word doesn't reside within you, because you do not believe the one whom he has sent. **39** You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; yet these are the very ones which testify about me. **40** Yet you're not willing to come to me, that you may have life.

41 I don't receive honor from

people. **42** But I know you, that you do not have the love of God within you. **43** For I've come in my Father's name, yet you do not receive me. If another comes in their own name, you'll receive them. **44** How can you believe? You who receive honor from one another, but do not seek the honor that comes from the only ***true*** God?

45 Don't think that I'll accuse you before the Father: there's another who accuses you; ***even*** Moses, in whom you trust. **46** For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, because he wrote about me. **47** But if you don't believe his writings, how are you ***going*** to believe my sayings?"

John 5:22 & 27 It amazes me how many Christians teach things that the Bible doesn't teach. Many teach that ***“The Father is the Righteous Judge!”*** and that for the Christian, ***“Jesus is our Defense Attorney before the Father.”*** But the New Testament teaches that ***“Jesus is the Righteous Judge!”*** (See 2 Timothy 4:8, 2 Timothy 4:1, Matthew 25:31-46, Acts 10:42) See ***“The Restored Gospel of Love.”*** (Beginning on page 57.)

John 6

Jesus Feeds 5,000

1 After these things Jesus went away, and crossed over the Sea of Galilee, which is ***the Sea of Tiberias***. **2** And a great multitude followed him, because they'd seen his signs, which he ***had*** performed for those who were sick.

3 But Jesus went up on the mountain, and sat down there with his disciples. **4** Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.

5 Then when Jesus lifted ***his*** eyes and saw a great multitude coming to him, he said to Philip, ***“Where will we buy bread, for these people to eat?”*** **6** But he said this to test him, for he himself knew what he intended to do.

7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred **denarii** wouldn't buy enough bread for each of them to receive even a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, told him, 9 "There's a boy here who has 5 barley loaves and 2 small fish; but what are they among so many?" (A *denarii* was equal to a day's wages.)

10 But Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." (Literally, recline)

Now there was a plenty of grass in that place; so the men sat down, about 5,000 in number. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to his disciples, and his disciples distributed them to those who were setting down, and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

12 And when they were full, he told his disciples, "Gather up the abundance of leftover pieces that remain, so that nothing will be wasted." 13 So they gathered up the abundance of leftover pieces from the 5 barley loaves which the people had eaten, and filled 12 baskets.

14 Therefore when the people saw the sign which Jesus performed, they said, "Truly this is the prophet who was to come into the world!" 15 But since Jesus knew that they intended to come and take him, that they might make him King, he again went up into the mountain, by himself alone.

Walking on the Water

16 And when evening had come, his disciples went down to the sea. 17 And they stepped into a boat, and were crossing over the sea to Capernaum. And it had now become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 Then the waves of the sea arose because a strong wind was blowing. 19 And when they had rowed about three or

four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were afraid.

(1) Literally, big. (2) Literally, 30 stades (Roman Stadium laps)

20 But he told them, "I AM! Don't be afraid." 21 Then they eagerly received him into the boat, and instantly the boat was at the land to which they were going.

Jesus is the Bread of Life

22 The following day the multitude who stood on the other side of the sea, having seen that there weren't any other boat there (except the one which his disciples had gotten into) and knowing that Jesus hadn't boarded the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone 23 (Though other boats had now come there from Tiberias, near to the place where they had eaten the bread, after the Lord had given thanks); 24 Therefore, when the multitude saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, searching for Jesus.

25 And when they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

26 Jesus answered them, and said, "Truly, truly, I tell you, You're not seeking me because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 27 Don't work for food which will spoil, but for the food which will endure unto eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. Because God the Father has set his seal of approval on him."

28 Then they said to him, "What must we do, that we may work the works of God?"

29 Jesus answered, and told them, "This is the work of God, that you believe and trust in the one whom he has sent."

30 Then they said to him, "What

Jesus and the Apostle quoted from the Greek Septuagint about 95% of the time: so evidently the Hebrew Text had already been corrupted by that time! But since Jesus is the Word of God, He knew Exactly what the Original Text read: therefore He would NOT have quoted from the Septuagint, IF IT WAS IN ERROR! ~ Because Jesus ALWAYS only spoke THE TRUTH!

ANOTHER PRIMARY TEXT THE DEVIL HAS TWISTED IS ROMANS 1:18-32: To try to make Christians believe, "God was so angry with everyone, that He sent Jesus to be our whipping-boy; so that God could pour His Wrath on Him, instead of on us!"

But actually Romans 1:18 doesn't say, "God's Wrath is revealed from heaven AGAINST EVERY-ONE!" But rather, "God's wrath is revealed from heaven, AGAINST THOSE WHO SUPPRESS THE TRUTH!" Why was God angry? "BECAUSE, even though they knew God, they didn't honor him as God... they exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an idol... they changed the truth about God into a lie." (Romans 1:21, 25) THAT'S WHAT MADE GOD MAD! Therefore, "BECAUSE OF THIS, God also gave them over to uncleanness... FOR THIS REASON, God gave them over..." so all the other sins listed in Romans 1:23-32 came after they rejected God, and after God had rejected them! (So these other sins were not what brought God's wrath, but rather their total rejection of God and the Truth!)

But God doesn't condemn people who are seeking Him, even when they sin. Rather "IN EVERY NATION whoever respects Him and does righteous deeds IS ACCEPTED BY HIM!" (Acts 10:35) David sinned, yet God called him "Righteous!" and "A man after my own heart." (Acts 13:22) Because even with all of David's hang ups, the deepest desire of David's heart was to Know and Love God! And because of that God accepted him even with all of his faults! Therefore David declared, "Supremely blessed and happy is the man

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there is! So wouldn't killing an innocent man make God a wrong-doer? And if the Father added His Wrath to the afflictions His Son was already receiving from the devil, the Jews, and the Romans on the cross; wouldn't that made the Father the worst Child Abuser in the History of the World? And if He found Vicarious Satisfaction from doing so, wouldn't that make Him the worst sadist in the History of the World? ~ Yet sadly, that is how we are presenting GOD to unbelievers. This is truly Blasphemous!

Why Do People Believe Such BLASPHEMOUS Things?

Satan was able to deceive many of God's people simply by altering text in One Verse. For this is the only verse in the ENTIRE BIBLE that (on the surface) seems to teach that "The Father poured out is wrath on Jesus on the cross." But we should never build an Entire Doctrine on JUST ONE SCRIPTURE ALONE! (Especially when the reading in THAT PASSAGE IS IN QUESTION!)

That PASSAGE is Isaiah 53:10-11: The Masoretic Text (from which most Bibles are translated) reads, "**10 Yet it PLEASED the LORD to bruise him; he hath put[him] to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see[his]seed, he shall prolong [his] days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be SATISFIED: by his knowledge my righteous servant shall justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.**" (KJV)

The Masoretic Text makes it sound like the Father, derived **pleasure** and **satisfaction** from **torturing** his Son on the Cross. (But in the entire

Bible there is **not even one other verse** that agrees with this one!)

But instead the Septuagint reads, "**10 The Lord desired to cleanse him of the beating. But if you give [yourself] for sin; Our soul will see a long-lived seed. 11 The Lord purposed to take away the anguish of his soul, [by] showing him light, to form understanding in him. He has declared righteous the righteous one, who served many well, and he himself will bear their sins.**" (TLW)

No doubt the Father reminded Jesus of this passage of Scripture on the Cross. And it was the Light of Revelation from this passage that gave Jesus the Strength He needed to "**endure the Cross**" because of the Hope the Father had "**set before Him.**" As Hebrews 12:2 reveals to us: "**LET'S FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS, the Author and Finisher of our faith, who for THE JOY set before him endured the cross.**" That **JOY** was the **KNOWLEDGE** that because of His Sacrifice we would be with Him for all eternity—"Our soul will see a long-lived seed." (So Isaiah 53:10-11 & Hebrews 12:2 reference each other!

But only in the Septuagint do we learn how desperately the Father wanted to cleanse His Son's wounds; but instead He reminded His Son, "**if you give [yourself] for sin; Our soul will see a long-lived seed.**" That "**seed**" is those who receive His Son. (John 12:24 & 1:12) "**Because God loved the world so [much], that he GAVE his only born Son, so that everyone who believes and trusts in him would not perish, but have eternal life. Because God didn't send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.**" (John 3:16-17)

sign will you perform, so that we may see *it* and believe and trust in you? What work will you do? **31** Our fathers ate manna in the wilderness, as it's written, 'HE GAVE THEM BREAD FROM HEAVEN TO EAT.'" (Ref: Exodus 16:4 & Psalm 78:24-25)

32 Therefore Jesus told them, "Truly, truly, I tell you, Moses didn't give you the bread of heaven; but my Father gives you the true bread of heaven. **33** Because the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

34 Then they said to him, "Lord, always give us this bread."

35 But Jesus told them, "**I AM** the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes and trusts in me will never thirst at any time. **36** But I tell you, although you have seen me; still you don't believe. **37** Everyone whom the Father has given to me, will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never throw out. **38** Because I haven't come down from heaven, to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. **39** And this is the will of the Father who sent me: that I should not *even* lose one of all those whom he has given to me. But should raise them up again on the last day. **40** This also is the will of him who sent me: that everyone who looks to the Son and believes and trusts in him, should have eternal life. And I will raise them up on the last day."

41 Therefore the Jews began grumbling under their breath concerning him, because he said, "**I AM** the bread that came down from heaven." **42** And they were saying, "Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? So how *can* he say, 'I came down from heaven?'"

43 Therefore Jesus answered, and told them, "Stop grumbling among yourselves. **44** No one can

come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them. And I will raise them up on the last day. **45** It's written in the Prophets, **AND THEY'LL ALL BE TAUGHT BY GOD.**' (Ref: Isaiah 54:13)

Therefore whoever has listened and learned from the Father comes to me. **46** Not that anyone has seen the Father, except he who is from God. He's seen the Father. **47** Truly, truly, I tell you, Whoever believes and trusts and in me has eternal life.

48 I AM the Bread of Life. **49** Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, yet *they* died. **50** The bread that came down from heaven, is that which anyone may eat of, and not die. **51 I AM** the Living Bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, they will live throughout eternity. And also my flesh is the bread, which I will give for the life of the world."

52 Therefore the Jews began disputing among themselves, saying, "How can he give us *his* flesh to eat?"

53 Therefore Jesus told them, "Truly, truly, I tell you, Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. **54** Whoever eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, has eternal life. And I will raise them up on the last day. **55** Because my flesh truly is food, and my blood truly is drink. **56** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood, remains in me, and I in them. **57** Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; so too whoever feeds on me, will live because of me. **58** This is the bread which came down from heaven. It's not like the manna which our fathers ate, and died. Whoever eats this bread will live throughout eternity." **59** He said these things in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

Words of Eternal Life

60 Now when they heard *this*, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard saying. Who can *stand* to listen to it?"

61 But Jesus knowing within himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Are you snared by this? 62 What if you were to see the Son of Man going up to where he was before? 63 It's the Spirit which gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words which I speak to you, are spirit and they are life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." (Because Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who didn't believe, and who it was that would betray him.) 65 Therefore he said, "That's why I told you that no one can come to me, unless it's been granted to them by my Father."

66 From that *time* many of his disciples went away, and no longer walked with him.

67 Therefore Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?"

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 And we are convinced and know that you are the Anointed, the Son of the living God."

70 Jesus answered them, "Didn't I choose the twelve of you? Yet one of you is a devil." 71 But he was speaking of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, because although he was one of the twelve, he was going to betray him.

John 7

Jesus' Unbelieving Brothers

1 After these things Jesus was walking around in Galilee, because he didn't want to walk around in Judah, because the Jewish leaders were seeking to kill him. 2 Now it was almost *time* for the Jewish Feast of Tents. 3 So his brothers told him, "You should leave here, and go into Judah; so

that your disciples may also see the works that you're doing. 4 Because no one does anything in secret, when he himself seeks to speak out *publicly*. If you're doing these things? Show yourself to the world!" 5 For even his own brothers didn't believe in him.

6 Therefore Jesus told them, "My time hasn't come yet, but your time is always ready. 7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify concerning it; that its deeds are evil. 8 You go up to this feast. I'm not going up to this feast yet, because my time hasn't fully come yet." 9 And having hold them these things, he remained in Galilee.

Jesus at the Feast of Tents

10 But when his brothers had gone up to the feast, then he also went up, but not publicly, but as *it were* in secret. 11 Therefore the Jewish leaders were searching for him at the feast, and were saying, "Where is he?"

12 And there was a lot of whispering and grumbling among the multitude concerning him. For some were saying, "He's a good man." But others were saying, "No, quite the contrary, he's deceiving the people." 13 However no one spoke openly about him, because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders.

14 But *when it was* now the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple and began to teach. 15 And the Jewish leaders were astonished, saying, "How does this man know *the* Scriptures, never having been taught?"

16 Jesus answered, and told them, "My teaching isn't my own, but his who sent me. 17 If anyone wants to do his will, they'll know concerning the teaching, whether it's from God or *whether* I've spoken of myself. 18 Whoever speaks about themselves, seeks their own glory. But whoever seeks the glory of the one who sent

Word of Truth. But avoid words without substance, which cross the line, because they will increase to more ungodliness." (2 Timothy 2:15-16)

But as Troy J. Edwards said, "Sadly, most Christians do not enjoy reading the Bible for themselves and prefer to adhere to conventional views, despite the fact that these views misrepresent God's character."

(But I believe: the real reason people don't read their Bible, is because they don't truly believe God Loves them, and so they have no desire to read or learn about a god who they believe is angry with them. But if they Truly Knew how much God Loves them, they'd want to learn all that they could about him! So it is this false view of God that is keeping people from drawing near to God, because as the Scripture says, "Whoever comes to God MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS, AND THAT HE IS A REWARDER of those who diligently seek him." (Hebrews 11:6) Because, "*He who didn't spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how will he not also with him freely give us all things?*" (Romans 8:32) Therefore, Jesus says, "*Up until now you haven't asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive it, that your joy may be full!*" (John 16:24) "*Because all of the promises of God in him are 'Yes!' and in him 'So be it!' To the glory of God through us.*" (2 Corinthians 1:20) So it's my pray, that this Gospel of John will revolutionize their view of God!)

These Penal Atonement Theories are TRULY DETESTABLE! Because They DISHONOR OUR FATHER! And Greatly Diminish His Love, Kindness, Goodness, and Mercy.

This whole idea that GOD FEELS THE NEED TO PUNISH SIN is Unbiblical: For the Scriptures declare, "**He HASN'T dealt with us according to our sins, NOR punished us according to our iniquities.**" (Psalm 103:10) The message of all of the Old Testament prophets was simply "**Return to the LORD, and He will abundantly pardon.**" Which is also what Jesus taught in the **Parable of the Prodigal Son:** the Father waited longing for His son to return to Him; and when he did, the Father didn't punish him or even rebuke him, instead He embraced him and kissed him; gave him a signet ring (restoring his authority), and threw a Big Party! (Luke 15:11-32) **Because GOD ALWAYS PREFERS TO FORGIVE SIN, rather than to punish the sinner!** (So their whole premise is wrong!)

Yet Luther & Calvin's Theories teach: God feels an immense **NEED** to punish sin, and that Divine Justice CANNOT be Satisfied unless sin is punished. So God came up with a plan by which He could pay a ransom to Himself. (Which in itself is **ABSURD:** because No one pays a Ransom to themselves nor Redeems something from themselves!) Yet they claimed, Jesus stood in our place and took the punishment we deserved; and by so doing **God's NEED** to punish sin was **Vicariously Satisfied;** so God can now forgive us, because Jesus took our punishment--**but this is not only absurd; it's morally wrong, and blasphemous!** Because how could punishing an innocent man justify letting a guilty person go free? And how could killing an innocent man ever Satisfy Divine Justice? **Because from God's Perspective, killing an innocent person is one of the Greatest Sins**

since God is the King of the Universe, He wouldn't have to give anything to the devil; and that if God did, that would make the devil God's equal. (But if a murderer kidnaps you're children, and you give your life as a ransom to secure their release: that doesn't somehow make you and your murderer equals. Rather **that is True Love!**) But instead Anselm ascribed to the Father the devil's main narcissistic characteristic: self-centered-pride. Claiming that like a king whose honor had been offended, God's Wrath burned against all humanity! And Anselm reasoned that since we are the peasants who offended the King: there was nothing that we could do to appease His Wrath. **But that's NOT TRUE, because even under the law GOD said, "Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; LET HIM RETURN TO THE LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, FOR HE WILL ABUNDANTLY PARDON!"** (Isaiah 55:7, also see Isaiah 1:18) **Because ALL GOD WANTS is for people to return to Him!**

Nevertheless Anselm taught: **God CAN'T just forgive sin; because divine justice requires ALL SIN to be punished!** (But if sin must be punished; **that is NOT true forgiveness!**) Anselm also claimed that since Jesus become human, He too owed the Father a debt; but by being obedient unto death on the cross, Jesus paid more than he owned. So because of the surplus of his payment, now we too can be forgiven.

Anselm's heretical teaching completely removed God's Love & Mercy and the devil from the equation! Yet, the Scriptures teach, **"Inasmuch then as [God's] children have partaken of flesh and blood, He**

Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil." (Hebrews 2:14) This Scripture does not say, **"That through death He might appease the Father,"** but rather, **"That through death He might DESTROY him WHO HAD THE POWER OF DEATH... THE DEVIL."** (Also see 1 John 3:8) Yet sadly, the Roman Catholic Church embraced Anselm's Heresies as Official Church Doctrine.

Four hundred years later, during the time of the Reformation, the reformers were so steeped in this doctrine, that they still believed that the Father was an angry God who had to be appeased by the death of Christ. So they only modified Anselm's theory slightly: Luther called his new theory the Penal Atonement Theory and Calvin called his new theory the Vicarious Satisfaction Atonement Theory.

But I would remind the reader of what the Apostle Paul said, **"If WE, or a messenger from heaven, proclaims any other gospel to you; other than that which we have proclaimed to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so I now say again, if ANYONE proclaims any other gospel to you; other than that which you have received, let him be accursed!"** (Galatians 1:8-9) **Therefore, we don't want to just PARROT someone else's Theory;** rather each of us needs to be like the Bereans, **"and search the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things are so."** (Acts 17:11) We each need to **"Study to show yourself approved by God, as a workman who doesn't need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the**

them is true, and there's no unrighteousness in them. 19 Didn't Moses give you the law? Yet none of you practices the law. Why are you seeking to kill me?"

20 The multitude answered and said, "You have a demon!" "Who is seeking to kill you?"

21 Jesus told them, "I performed one work among you, and you all were amazed. **22** The reason Moses give you circumcision, wasn't because it was from Moses; but because it was from the forefathers, and so you'll circumcise a man on the Day of Rest; **23** If a man can receive circumcision on the Day of Rest, so that the Law of Moses won't be left undone, are you angry with me for making a person completely healthy on the Day of Rest? **24** Don't judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

Is He the Anointed?

25 Then some of those from Jerusalem said, "Isn't this the one whom they're seeking to kill? **26** But look, he's speaking out boldly, yet they say nothing to him. Perhaps our leaders really realize that he is indeed the Anointed?" **27** "However, we know where he is from; but when the Anointed comes, no one will know where he is from."

28 Therefore as he taught in the temple, Jesus cried out saying, **"You both know me, and you know where I am from; yet I haven't come of my own accord, but he who sent me is true, whom you do not know. 29** But I know him, because I am from him, and he sent me."

30 Therefore they sought to seize him, yet no one laid a hand on him, because his hour hadn't come yet.

31 However, many of the people believed in him, and said, "When the Anointed comes, will he do more signs than these which this man has done?"

Officials Sent to Arrest Jesus

32 The Pharisees heard the multitude whispering such things about him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to seize him.

33 Therefore Jesus told them, "I'll be with you for a little while longer, then I'm going to him who sent me. **34** You'll search for me, but you won't find me. And where I AM, you're not able to come."

35 Therefore the Jewish leaders said among themselves, "Where does he intend to go that we won't find him? Does he intend to go to those scattered among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? **36** What does this saying mean, 'You'll search for me, but you won't find me. And where I am, you're not able to come?'"

Rivers of Living Water

37 Now on the last and greatest day of the feast, Jesus stood and called out, **"If anyone is thirsty, let them come to me and drink. 38** Whoever believes and trusts in me, as the Scripture has said, **'OUT OF THEIR INNER MOST BEING WILL FLOW RIVERS OF LIVING WATER.'**" **39** But this he spoke concerning the Holy Spirit, which those who believe and trust in him were going to receive; for the Holy Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet been glorified. (*Literally, belly*)

Division Among the People

40 Therefore when the multitude heard this saying, many of them said, "Truly this is the Prophet!"

41 Others were saying, "This is the Anointed!"

But others said, "Will the Anointed come out of Galilee? **42** Doesn't the Scripture say that the Anointed comes from the seed of David, and from the town of Bethlehem where David was?" **43** And so there was a

division among the multitude because of him. **44** And some of them wanted to seize him, yet no one laid hands on him.

The Unbelief of The Religious Leaders

45 Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why didn't you bring him?"

46 The officers answered, "No human *being* has ever spoken like this man."

47 Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived? **48** Have any of the leaders or the Pharisees believed in him? **49** But this multitude is accursed because they don't know the law!"

50 Nicodemus (the one who came to Jesus at night), being one of them, said to them, **51** "Does our law condemn a person before it hears them and knows what they are doing?"

52 They answered him, and said, "Are you also from Galilee? Search and see, because no prophet has risen out of Galilee."

53 Then everyone went to his *own* house. But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

John 8

A Woman Caught in Adultery

1 Then at sunrise Jesus came again into the temple, **2** And all the people came to him, and having sat down, he taught them. **3** But the scribes and Pharisees brought a woman to him, whom they had caught in the very act of committing adultery, and having stood her in *their* midst, **4** they said to him, "Teacher, we caught this *woman* in the very act of committing adultery. **5** Now Moses in the law commanded us to stone such as her. So what do you say?"

6 Now they said this to **test** him, that they might have an accusa-

tion to *bring* against him. (*Or, 'tempt' or 'entice'*)

But Jesus stooping down, began to write on the ground with *his* finger. **7** But since they continued asking him, having stood up, he told them, "**The one among you, who is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.**"

8 And again stooping down, he wrote on the ground.

9 But having heard *this*, and being convicted by their own conscience, they began going out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last; And Jesus was left alone, with the woman standing in *the* midst. **10** And having stood up, Jesus saw no one except the woman, and *he* said to her, "**Lady, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?**"

11 And she said, "No one, Lord."

Then Jesus told her, "**Neither do I condemn you. Go, and sin no more.**"

Jesus the Light of the World

12 Then Jesus again spoke to the *people*, saying, "**I AM the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of Life.**"

13 Therefore the Pharisees told him, "You're testifying about yourself, your testimony isn't **true!**" (*Literally, un-concealed truth*)

14 Jesus answered, and told them, "**Even if I testify about myself, my testimony is true; because I know where I came from and where I am going: but you don't know where I came from, nor where I am going.** **15** You judge according to the flesh. I judge no one. **16** Yet if I judge, my judgment is true; because I'm not alone *in it*, but I and my Father who sent me *agree*. **17** And it's also written in your law that the testimony of two people is true: **18 I AM** one who testifies concerning myself, and the Father



"The Restored Gospel of Love!"

A Call For A Second Reformation!

We NEED a Second Reformation: Because the First Reformation didn't address: **The Most Important issue of all: THE TRUE NATURE & CHARACTER OF GOD!**

The Bible, from cover to cover, declares, "**GOD IS LOVE!**" (1 John 4:4-8, 16) And that's why the devil wants people to question God's Love for them; because **GOD'S LOVE IS THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL!** (See 1 John 4:19) But religion has ascribed SELFISHNESS to God. But **God is the most SELF-LESS being in the Universe.** For "**[He] did not come to be served, but to serve, and TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY.**" (Mark 10:45) Because, **LOVE DOES NOT PUT ITSELF BEFORE OTHERS.** (1 Corinthians 13:4-7) That's why Jesus taught, "**Whatever you HAVE DONE UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE, you have DONE UNTO ME.**" (Matthew 25:31-46)

"Therefore, I felt it necessary to write to you, and appeal to you to Contend Earnestly for 'The Faith', which was entrusted to God's holy people, once for all time."
(Jude 1:3)

The Ancient Ransom Atonement Gospel

For the first 1,100 years of the Church, the Ransom Gospel was the most widely held view of the Atonement, as Augustine of Hippo wrote in the 4th Century, "*The Redeemer came and the deceiver was overcome. What did our Redeemer do to our Captor? In payment for us He set the trap, His Cross, with His blood for bait. He [Satan] could indeed shed that blood; but he had no right to drink it. By shedding the blood of One who was not his debtor, he was forced to release his debtors.*"

God GAVE His Son as a Ransom for us, because HE LOVES US! "**For God loved the world so much, that HE GAVE his only born Son, so that whoever believes and trusts in Him wouldn't perish, but have eternal life.**" (John 3:16) For "**God demonstrated HIS OWN LOVE toward us, in that WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, Christ died for us.**" (Romans 5:8) **LOVE was the reason for the Atonement!** But sadly for the last 900 years the Church has believed a lie, "*Jesus died to appease the Father's wrath.*"

The Great Deception: A 900 YEAR OLD LIE MANY HAVE BELIEVED!

At the close of the 11th Century, in 1098 AD, a Roman Catholic Philosopher, by the name of Aselm, published his book, "*Cur Deus Homo*" in it he sought to discredit the Ransom Atonement Gospel, **but he didn't use Scripture to disprove it**, rather he used **human reasoning**, according to the feudal social system of that time. (**RED FLAG!** See Colossians 2:4-8, Acts 20:30 & Ephesians 4:18) He reasoned that

whom they haven't seen? **21** And This Commandment we *received* from him: that the one who loves God, must love their brother *and sister* also.

1 John 5

Born of God Through Faith in Jesus

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Anointed One, is born of God; and everyone who loves the Father, also loves the one who is born of him. **2** By this we know that we love God's Children, when we love God and keep focused on his commandments. **3** For this is what loving God is: keeping focused on his commandments.

And his commandments aren't a burden. **4** For whoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. **5** Who is the one who overcomes the world? Is it not the one who believes that Jesus is God's Son?

(See John 14:15 & 14:23-24)

6 This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it's the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is truth. **7** For there are three who testify in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. **8** And there are three who testify on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three are in one *agreement*. **9** If we receive the testimony of people, the testimony of God is greater: for this is God's testimony, which he has testified concerning his Son. **10** Whoever believes in God's Son has the witness within themselves: whoever doesn't believe God has made him a liar; because they haven't believed the testimony which God has given concerning his Son. **11** And this is the

testimony that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son: **12** Whoever has the Son, has life. Whoever doesn't have God's Son, doesn't have life.

John's Purpose in Writing

13 I've written these things to you who believe in the name of God's Son; that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of God's Son. **14** And this is the confident-expectation that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us: **15** And if we know that he hears us, *then concerning* whatever we ask, we know that we have received the requests which we *have* asked of him.

16 If anyone should see their brother *or sister* sinning a sin that doesn't *lead* to death, they should ask, and *God* will grant life to those whose sin doesn't *lead* to death. (There is a sin *that leads* to death; I'm not saying that they should pray about that.) **17** All unrighteousness is sin; but there is a sin that doesn't *lead* to death.

He is the True God and Eternal Life!

18 We know that everyone who has been born of God doesn't keep on sinning, but whoever has been born of God stands guard over themselves, and the evil one cannot attach himself to them.

19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under *the control* of the evil one.

20 And we know that God's Son has come, and has given us understanding, that we might know him who is true, and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. **21** Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Amen! (Truly!)

who sent me also testifies about me."

19 Therefore they said to him, "Where is your father?"

Therefore he told them, "You neither know me nor my Father. If you had known me, you would have also known my Father." **20** Jesus spoke these words in the treasury, as he taught in the temple. Yet no one seized him, because his hour had not yet come.

Where I'm Going You're Not Able to Come

21 Therefore Jesus again told them, "I'm going away, and you will search for me, and you'll die in your sins. Where I'm going you're not able to come."

22 Therefore the Jewish leaders said, "Will he kill himself? Because he says, 'Where I'm going you're not able to come?'"

23 Then he told them, "You're from below. I'm from above. You're of **this world's system**. I'm not of **this world's system**. **24** That's why I told you, that you'll die in your sins; because if you don't believe that **I AM**, you'll die in your sins." *(See Note)*

25 Therefore they said to him, "Who are you?"

And Jesus told them, "The one who *is from* the beginning, which I also told you. **26** I have many things to say and to judge concerning you; but he who sent me is true. And I declare to the world the things which I have heard from him."

27 They didn't understand that he was speaking to them of the Father. **28** Therefore Jesus told them, "When you've lifted up the Son of Man; then you'll know that **I AM**. And *that* I have done nothing of myself; rather I speak these things just as my Father has taught me. **29** And he who sent me is with me. The Father hasn't left me alone, because I always do the

things which please him." **30** As he spoke these words, many believed in him.

The Truth Will Set You Free

31 Therefore Jesus told the Jews who had believed in him, "If you remain in my word, then you truly are my disciples. **32** And you'll know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

33 They answered him, "We're Abraham's seed, and we've never been enslaved to anyone. So how can you say, 'You'll be set free?'"

34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I tell you, Everyone who practices sin is the slave of sin. **35** But a slave won't remain in the household forever; but the Son will remain *there forever*. **36** Therefore if the Son sets you free, you'll be truly free. **37** I know that you're Abraham's seed; but *now* you're seeking to kill me, because my word *cannot* enter into you. **38** I speak about the things which I have seen with my Father; and you do the things which you have seen with your father." *(Literally, into the age)*

Your Father is the Devil

39 They answered him, and said, "Abraham is our father!"

Jesus told them, "If you were Abraham's children, then you'd do the same deeds Abraham did. **40** But now *instead* you seek to kill me: a man who has told you the truth; which I heard from God. Abraham didn't do this. **41** You're doing the deeds of your father."

Therefore they told him, "We weren't born of prostitution! We have one Father, God!"

42 Therefore Jesus told them, "If God were your Father; you would love me: because I came from God, and *now* I am here: because I didn't come of my own *accord*, rather he sent me.

43 Why don't you understand

what I'm saying? It's because you're not able to hear my word. **44** You're of your father the devil; and you want to do the things your father desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and he cannot stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; because he is a liar, and the father of it. **45** But you do not believe me; because I speak the truth. **46** Which of you can convict me of sin? But if I'm speaking the truth, why won't you believe me? **47** Whoever is of God, listens to what God says. Therefore you do not listen, because you are not God's Children."

The Pre-existence of Christ

48 Therefore the Jewish leaders answered, and told him, "Didn't we rightly say, 'You're a Samaritan, and have a demon!'"

49 Jesus answered, "I don't have a demon. But I honor my Father; and you dishonor me. **50** Yet I'm not seeking my own glory. There's another who seeks it, and who judges. **51** Truly, truly, I tell you, if anyone keeps my word, they'll never see death throughout eternity."

52 Therefore the Jewish leaders told him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham and the prophets died, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, they'll never taste death.' **53** Surely, you're not greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets who died! Who do you make yourself out to be?"

54 Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It's my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say that he is your God. **55** Yet you don't know him; but I know him. If I were to say, I don't know him, then I'd be a liar like you. But I know him, and keep focused on his word. **56** Your father Abraham jumped for joy to see my day, and he saw it, and was filled with joy." (See Note)

57 Therefore the Jewish leaders said to him, "You're not even 50 years old! And have you seen Abraham?"

58 Jesus told them, "Truly, truly, I tell you, Before Abraham existed, I AM!" (See Note)

59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at him: but Jesus concealed himself, and went out of the temple, going right through the midst of them, and so passed by them.

John 8:23 Literally, "the order" or "the system." The Greek reads, "tou (of the) kosmou (order/ system). Kosmos' literally means, the orderly arrangement of (things). So whenever you see "world, world system, or world's system" in this translation, know that the Greek word is "kosmos" meaning: The World Order" or The World's "System."

John 8:55 The Root Word "teros" literally means: "to guard by keeping the eye on something."

John 8:58 "I AM" in Greek "EGŌ EIMI" This terminology was rarely used in Greek literature, but Jesus used it often when referring to Himself. "EIMI" is in the present indicative tense, and both word are only used together when making an "emphatic statement." Why did Jesus always make this 'emphatic statement' about himself? He makes the reason clear in verse 59, "Jesus told the Jewish leaders, 'Truly, truly, I tell you, Before Abraham existed, EGŌ EIMI! (I AM!)' Therefore they picked up stones to throw at him..." They were going to stone Him, because they realized, He had just declared Himself to be GOD! For when the Jews translated the Hebrew Bible into Greek (around the 3rd Century B.C.), they chose this phrase "EGŌ EIMI" "I AM!" to translate the Hebrew name for God "YHVH," which means, "I AM FOR I AM!" ~ So when Jesus emphatically declared "Before Abraham existed, EGŌ EI-

how does God's love reside in them? **18** My little children, we must not love just with word or tongue, but in deed and in truth.

19 And by this we will know that we are of the truth, and will reassure our hearts before him.

20 For even if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

21 Beloved, if our heart doesn't condemn us, then have we confidence before God. **22** And whatever we ask, we receive from him, because we keep focused on his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. **23** And this is His Commandment: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us. **24** And the one who keeps focused on his commandments remains in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he resides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given to us.

(See John 13:34 & 15:12)

1 John 4

Test the Spirits

1 Beloved, don't believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. **2** By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, is of God: **3** And every spirit that doesn't acknowledge that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Anti-Christ, which you have heard was coming, and already now is in the world. **4** You are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he who is in you, than he who is in the world system. **5** They are of the world's system: therefore they speak of the world, and the world listens to them. **6** We are of

God: whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not of God doesn't listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

We Must Love Others As God Loves Us

7 Beloved, let's love one another: because love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God. **8** The one who doesn't love doesn't know God, because God is love. **9** God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only born Son into the world so that we might live through him. **10** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us: we are also obligated to love one another. **12** No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God resides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we reside in him, and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. **14** And we have seen and testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. **15** Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is God's Son, God resides in them, and they in God. **16** And we have come to know and believe the love that God has for us. God is love! And whoever resides in love resides in God and God in them. **17** In this way our love is made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment: because just as he is, so also are we in this world. **18** There is no fear in love: Rather perfect love drives out fear, because fear involves fear of punishment. So the one who fears, hasn't reached perfection in love. **19** We love him, because he first loved us. **20** If anyone says, "I love God," yet they hate their brother or sister, they're a liar! For the one who doesn't love their brother or sister, whom they have seen; how can they love God,

remains in you, you will also remain in the Son, and in the Father. **25** And this is the promise that he has promised us, even eternal life. *(Or, Anti-Christ.)*

26 I've written these things to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. **27** But the anointing you've received from him remains in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you. Rather that same anointing teaches you all things, and is true and is not a lie; just as it has taught you, remain in him.

(See Jeremiah 31:31-34)

God's Children

28 And now, little children, remain in him; so that when he appears, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. **29** If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of him.

1 John 3

The Magnificent Love of God, We Will be Like Him

1 See what manner of love the Father has bestowed unto us, that we should be called God's Children: therefore the world doesn't know us, because it didn't know him. **2** Beloved, we are now God's Children, but it hasn't yet been revealed what we will be like: but we know that, when he appears, we will be like him; for we will see him as he is. **3** And everyone who has this confident-expectation in them purifies themselves, even as he is pure.

God's & the Devil's Children

4 Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. **5** And you know that he appeared in order to take away our sins; and in him there is no sin. **6** Everyone who remains in him, doesn't continue to sin;

everyone who continues to sin, has neither seen him nor known him. **7** Little children, let no one deceive you: whoever practices righteousness is righteous, just as he is righteous. **8** Whoever practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning.

God's Son appeared for this purpose: to destroy the works of the devil. **9** No one who is born of God practices sin, because his seed remains in them; and they cannot sin, because they are born of God. **10** By this God's Children and the devil's children become obvious: Whoever doesn't practice righteousness is not of God, neither is the one who doesn't love their brother and sister.

Love One Another

11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning: that we are to love one another. **12** Not as Cain, who was of the wicked one, and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. **13** Don't be astonished, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. **14** We know that we have passed from death into life, because we love our brothers and sisters. Whoever doesn't love their brother and sister remains in death. **15** Whoever hates their brother or sister is a murderer: and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in them.

True Love for God Produces Actions

16 By this we have come to know God's love, because he laid down his life for us: so we also should lay down our own lives for our brothers and sisters. **17** But whoever has the world's material possessions and sees their brother or sister in need and closes their heart against them,

MI!" ~ He was declaring Himself to be GOD!

John 9

The Healing of a Man Born Blind

1 Now as Jesus passed by, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. **2** And his disciples asked him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, that this man should be born blind, this man or his parents?"

3 Jesus answered, "**Neither this man nor his parents sinned. 4 But while it is day I must do the works of him who sent me; that God's works may be revealed in him. 5 The night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.**" *(See Important Note)*

6 After saying these things, he spat on the ground, and made mud from the saliva, and he smeared the mud on the blind man's eyes. **7** Then he told him, "**Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.**" (Which means, Sent.) So he went away and washed, and came back seeing.

8 Therefore his neighbors and those who had previously seen him when he was blind, were saying, "Isn't this the man who sat and begged?" **9** Some said, "That's him."

But others said, "He looks like him." But he kept saying, "I am he."

10 So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

11 He answered and said, "The man whom they call Jesus, made mud, and smeared it on my eyes, and told me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went, and washed, and I received sight."

12 So they asked him, "Where is he?"

He said, "I don't know."

The Pharisees Investigate The Healing

13 They brought the man who had previously been blind to the Pharisees. **14** Now it was a Day of Rest when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. **15** Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. And he told them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and now I see."

16 Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This man isn't from God, because he doesn't observe the Day of Rest." Others were saying, "How could a man who is a sinner do such signs?" So there was division among them.

17 They again addressed the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he opened your eyes?"

He said, "He's a prophet!"

18 Therefore the Jewish leaders didn't believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. **19** And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, whom you say was born blind? So how does he see now?"

20 His parents answered, and told them, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind. **21** But we don't know how he sees now? Nor do we know how he opened his eyes? He's of age, ask him. He can speak for himself." **22** His parents said these things, because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders; for the Jewish leaders had already agreed that if anyone confessed that he was the Anointed, they'd be thrown out of the synagogue. **23** Because of this threat his parents said, "He's of age, ask him."

24 Therefore they again called the man who had been blind, and told him, "Give God the glory! We know that this man is a sinner."

25 Then he answered and said, "Whether he's a sinner or not, I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

26 Therefore they again said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

27 He answered them, "I already told you. Weren't you listening? Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?"

28 Then they ridiculed him, and said, "You're his disciple! But we're Moses' disciples!" 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses. But *as for* this fellow we don't know where he's from?"

30 The man answered, "Well, this is an astonishing thing! He opened my eyes, yet you don't know where he's from?" 31 We know that God doesn't listen to sinners. But if anyone is a worshipper of God and does his will, he hears him. 32 Since *the beginning* of this age, it's never been heard of anyone opening *the eyes of someone born blind*. 33 If this man wasn't from God, he could do nothing."

34 They answered, and told him, "You were completely born in sin! And are you *going* to teach us?" And they threw him out.

Spiritual Blindness

35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in God's Son?"

36 He answered and said, "Who is he, Lord, that I may believe in him?"

37 Then Jesus told him, "You have both seen him, and he's the one whose speaking with you."

38 Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshipped him.

39 Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment: that those who do not see, may see; and that those who do see, may become blind."

40 And some of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things,

and they said to him, "Are we also blind?"

41 Jesus told them, "If you were blind, perhaps you would have no sin. But now since you say, 'We see', your sin remains." (Or, not have missed-the-mark.)

John 9:3-5 Sadly, because the King James translators miss-placed their punctuation marks in these verses, many Christians believe God sometimes makes people sick for His Glory; because the KJV reads, "*Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents[:] but that the works of God should be made manifest in him[.] I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day[:] the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.*" (Which makes it sound like God made this man blind, so God could show His power when Jesus healed him.) But the ancient Greek Manuscripts DIDN'T have ANY punctuation marks. Punctuation marks were added some time after the 5th Century AD; so these punctuation marks are not part of God's Inspired Word. So if you simple move the punctuation marks in the KJV, then the text would agree with the rest of Scripture, "*Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents[.] But that the works of God should be made manifest in him[:] I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day[.] The night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.*" HEALING brings Glory to God, NOT SICKNESS. (Psalm 103:2-3) Therefore, "*GOD anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and HEALING EVERYONE who was OPPRESSED BY THE DEVIL; because GOD was with Him.*" (Acts 10:38) That's why Jesus also said, "*Shouldn't this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, WHOM SATAN HAS BOUND, lo, these 18 years! Be released from this bondage on the Day of Rest?*"

know him, if we keep focused on his commandments. 4 Whoever says, "I know him," but doesn't keep focused on his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in them. 5 But whoever keeps focused on his word, in them the love of God has truly been perfected: by this we know that we are in him. 6 The one who says they live in him ought also to walk, just as he walked.

Love is God's Old & New Commandment

7 Brothers and sisters, I'm not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the message which you have heard from the beginning. 8 Then again, I am writing a new command to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. 9 Whoever says that they are in the light, but hates their brother or sister, is in darkness even until now. 10 Whoever loves their brother and sister is in the light, and there is no cause of stumbling in them. 11 But whoever hates their brother or sister is still in darkness, and walks in darkness, and doesn't know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded their eyes.

(See John 13:34 & 15:12)

12 I'm writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven through his name.

13 I'm writing to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning.

I'm writing to you, young people, because you have overcome the wicked one.

I've written to you, little children, because you have known the Father.

14 I've written to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I've written to you, young people, because you are strong, and God's Word resides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.

Don't Love the World System

15 Don't love the world system or the things that are in the world system. If anyone loves the world system, the love of the Father isn't in them. 16 For everything that is in the world's system, the desire of the flesh, and the desire of the eyes, and the pride of life, are not of the Father, but are of the world's system. 17 And the world's system with its desire is passing away, but the one who does God's will remain throughout eternity.

Beware of Those Who Are Anti-Christ

18 Little children, it's *the* last hour; and as you have heard the one who stands against-Christ is coming, but even now many who stand against-Christ have come, by this we know that it is *the* last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they weren't of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be revealed that none of them are of us. 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. 21 I haven't written to you because you don't know the truth, but because you know it, and you know that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is the liar? Is it not the one who denies that Jesus is the Anointed? This is the Anti-Christ, the one who denies the Father and the Son. 23 Everyone who denies the Son doesn't have the Father either; but whoever confesses the Son also has the Father. 24 So let that which you have heard from the beginning remain in you. If that which you have heard from the beginning

klaytos" is only used 5 times in New Testament, and only by the Apostle John. (John 14:16, John 14:26, John 15:26, John 16:7, 1 John 2:1). Four times to refer to the Holy Spirit, and here to Jesus. So it's logical to assume he had the SAME meaning in mind, each time. **What does "paraklaytos" mean?** (Para) means, "to be near" and (klaytos) means, "to call." So a paraklaytos is someone "you call near to help," a "Companion" a "Close friend." (So this word describes both Jesus and the Holy Spirit as "A Companion, a Helper, and a Close friend!") So what John is saying here, is the same thing that these other Scriptures teach:

"Who is going to condemn us? Christ is the one who died for us, more than that, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us." (Romans 8:34) *"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and human beings, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself as a ransom for everyone: this is the testimony which was given at its proper time."* (1 Timothy 2:5-6) *"For we do not have a High Priest who isn't touched with our feelings of weakness; but one who was tested and tempted in all points just like we are; yet without sin. So let's come boldly before the throne of his cheerful favor, that we may obtain mercy and compassion, and find cheerful favor to help in time of need."* (Hebrews 4:15-16)

But by translating "para-klaytos" as "Advocate" or "Defense Attorney," Bible translators ADD A FALSE DOCTRINE that the Scriptures DO NOT TEACH! Because Jesus ISN'T our defense attorney, **JESUS IS THE JUDGE!**

Paul called Jesus, **"THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE!"** (2 Timothy 4:8) And Peter declared, **"HE COMMANDED US TO PROCLAIM to the people and TO EARNESTLY TESTIFY that HE IS THE ONE**

WHOM GOD APPOINTED AS JUDGE OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD!" (Acts 10:42) So John COULD NOT HAVE MEANT *advocate* or *defense attorney*; because like Peter, and Paul, **JOHN KNEW JESUS WAS THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE!** Because he had heard Jesus say, **"THE FATHER JUDGES NO ONE! Instead, He has given ALL JUDGMENT TO THE SON!"** (John 5:22) So we don't have any need for a defense attorney! **BECAUSE JESUS IS THE JUDGE!**

So why in 1 John 2:2 do our English Bibles read, "Advocate" instead of "Companion, Helper, or Close Friend"? Because they have interpreted this verse according to the 500 year old Penal Atonement Theory, which was based on the 900 year old heresies of the Roman Catholic philosopher, Alsem. (See **"The Restored Gospel of Love!"** beginning on page 57.)

(1John 2:2. satisfactory sacrifice: The Greek word that I have translated as **"satisfactory sacrifice"** is **Hilasmos**. In Biblical times a **"Hilasmos"** was a **"sacrifice"** that pagans would kill in order to **"satisfy"** or **"appease"** the wrath of a demon god. So the Bible teaches that Jesus was the **"Hilasmos"** **(The Satisfactory/Ransom Sacrifice)** that the Father offered to the devil to free us from the judgement of our sins: for as it is written, **"For the wages of sin is death, but THE FREE GIFT OF GOD is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."** (Romans 6:23) **"For GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, that He GAVE His only born Son."** (John 3:16) **"That THROUGH DEATH he might DESTROY him who had the power of death, THAT IS, THE DEVIL; and FREE THOSE who through fear of death were all their lifetime SUBJECT TO SLAVERY."** (Hebrews 2:14-15) For more on this see: **"The Restored Ransom Atonement Gospel"** (On page 57.)

Do You Really Know Him?

3 And by this we know that we

(Luke 13:16) Therefore, **"When they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing... THEY GLORIFIED THE GOD OF ISRAEL."** (Matthew 15:31)

John 10

The Good Shepherd And His Sheep

1 "Truly, truly, I tell you, Anyone who doesn't enter into the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs up some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 But the one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 And the gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen *intently* to his voice. And he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out. 4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes ahead of them. And the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. 5 But they'll never follow a stranger; instead they'll run away from them, because they don't recognize the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus spoke this allegory to them, but they didn't understand the things which he was telling them.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd

7 Therefore Jesus again told them, "Truly, truly, I tell you, **I AM** the Sheep's Gate. 8 All who came before me were thieves and robbers; but the sheep didn't listen to them. 9 **I AM** the Gate: if anyone enters in through me, they will be safe and secure, and they'll go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief (*the devil*) doesn't come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: *but* I came so that they might have life, and have it super-abundantly.

11 **I AM** the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. 12 But the hired hand, who isn't *the* shepherd, and doesn't own the sheep, seeing the wolf coming he abandons the sheep and runs away. And the wolf snatches them, and scatters

the sheep. 13 *But the reason* the hired hand ran away, was because he is a hired hand and doesn't care about the sheep.

14 **I AM** the Good Shepherd; and I know those who *are* mine, and those who *are* mine know me; 15 Just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I also have other sheep which aren't of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear my voice. And there will be one flock, and One Shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own *free-will*. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. I received this commandment from my Father."

19 Therefore there was again a division among the Jews because of these sayings. 20 And many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is insane! Why are you listening to him?"

21 Others were saying, "These aren't the sayings of someone who has a demon. *Is* a demon able open the eyes of the blind?"

The Jewish Leaders Reject Jesus

22 Now the Feast of Dedication was taking place in Jerusalem, and it was winter. 23 And Jesus was walking in the temple, in Solomon's Porch. 24 Therefore the Jewish leaders surrounded him, and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you're the Anointed, boldly tell us so!"

25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, yet you didn't believe. The works which I do in my Father's name, these testify about me. 26 But you don't believe, because you're not my sheep; just as I told you: 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28 And I give them eternal life; and throughout eternity they will

never perish, nor *can* anyone snatch them out of my hand. **29** My Father, who has given *them* to me, is greater than everyone; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of my Father's hand. **30** I and the Father are One."

31 Therefore the Jewish leaders again took up stones that they might stone him. **32** Jesus answered them, "I've shown you many good deeds from my Father; for which of those works are you going to stone me?"

33 The Jewish leaders answered him, saying, "We're not going to stone you for a good deed, but for blasphemy; and because you being a human *being*, make yourself out to be God!"

34 Jesus answered them, "Isn't it written in your law, 'I SAID, "YOU ARE GODS.'" (*Psalms 82:6*)

35 If he called them 'GODS', to whom God's Word came, (and the Scripture cannot be undone or altered), **36** Do you say of him, whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You're blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am God's Son'? **37** If I'm not doing the works of my Father, don't believe me. **38** But if I am doing *them*, even if you don't believe me, be persuaded by the works *themselves*, that you may know and believe that the Father is in me, and I in him." **39** Then they again tried to seize him, but he escaped out of their hand.

Many Put Their Faith In Jesus

40 Then he again went back across the Jordan, to the place where John was baptizing at first, and he remained there. **41** And many came to him, and said, "Indeed, John perform no sign; but everything that John said about this *man* was true." **42** And many believed in him there.

John 11

The Death of Lazarus

1 Now a certain *man* was very weak, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. **2** Now Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with myrrh and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was very weak. **3** So the sisters sent word to him, saying, "Lord, the one whom you love is very weak."

4 But when Jesus heard *this*, he said, "This sickness will not end in death; instead it will bring glory to God, because God's Son will be glorified through it." **5** Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. **6** So when he heard that he was sick, he remained where he was two more days. **7** Then after this, he told the disciples, "Let's go into Judah again." (*See Important Note*)

8 His disciples told him, "Rabbi, the Jewish leaders were just seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?"

9 Jesus answered, "Aren't there 12 hours of daylight? If anyone walks in the daylight, they won't stumble because they *can* see by the light of the world. **10** But if anyone walks in the night, they'll stumble because they have no light in themselves." **11** After saying these *things*, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I'm going *there* that I may wake him up."

12 Therefore his disciples said, "Lord, if he's fallen asleep, he'll recover." **13** However Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he was speaking of taking rest in sleep. (*Literally, be delivered.*)

14 Therefore Jesus then told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. **15** But I'm glad for your sake that I wasn't there, that you may believe. Nevertheless, let's go to him."

16 Therefore Thomas, who is called *the Twin*, said to his fellow disciples, "Let's also go; that we may die with him."



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1 John 1

He Who Was From The Beginning

1 He who was from the beginning, whom we have heard, whom we have seen with our eyes, whom we have gazed upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of Life; **2** (And the life was revealed, and we have seen it, and we testify and declare to you the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was revealed to us;) **3** That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us: and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. **4** And we write these things to you, that your joy may be full.

God Is Light, Walk in Him

5 And this is the message which we have heard from him, and declare to you, that God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. **6** If we say, We have fellowship with him, and yet walk in dark-

ness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son continually cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we're deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

1 John 2

Jesus Our Intercessor and Ransom Sacrifice

1 My little children, I'm writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have a close friend [who brings our petitions] before the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One. (*See 1 John 1:9 & Hebrews 4:15-16*) **2** For he was the satisfactory sacrifice for all our sins: and not only for ours, but also for the sins of the whole world.

(1John 2:1. Close friend: "para-

plunged into the sea. **8** But the other disciples came in the small boat, dragging the net with the fish, because they weren't far from shore, only about 100 yards away. **9** Now as soon as they came ashore, they saw a fire of coals there with fish lying on it, and bread. **10** Jesus told them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught."

11 Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to shore. *It was full of 153 large fish.* And although there were so many, yet the net wasn't torn. **12** Jesus told them, "Come, eat breakfast." But none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" Because they knew it was the Lord. **13** Then Jesus came and took some bread and gave it to them, and likewise of the fish.

14 This was now the third time that Jesus revealed himself to his disciples, after he had risen from the dead.

15 Then when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah: do you love me more than these?"

He told him, "Yes Lord, you know that I'm fond of you."

He told him, "Feed my lambs."

16 Again he said to him a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah: do you love me?"

He told him, "Yes Lord, you know that I'm fond of you."

He told him, "Shepherd my sheep."

17 The third time he said to him, "Simon, son of Jonah: are you fond of me?" Peter was saddened because the third time he said to him, "Are you fond of me?"

And he said to him, "Lord, you know all things. You know that I'm fond of you."

Jesus told him, "Feed my sheep."

18 "Truly, truly, I tell you, When you were younger: you bound

your own belt around you, and walked wherever you wanted to go. But when you're old: you will stretch out your hands and someone else will bind you, and carry you where you do not want to go." **19** He spoke this to indicate by what kind of death he was to glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he told him, "Follow me."

20 When Peter turned around and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on Jesus' chest during dinner and who had asked, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" **21** Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?"

22 Jesus told him, "If I want him to remain until I come, what's that to you? You're to follow me."

23 Therefore this saying spread among the brothers and sisters that this disciple wouldn't die. Yet Jesus hadn't tell him that he wouldn't die, but just, "If I want him to remain until I come, what's that to you?"

24 This is the disciple who testifies about these things, and who wrote these things. And we know that his testimony is true.

25 Now there were also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written down one by one, I suppose that even the world itself couldn't contain the books that would be written.

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Jesus is the Resurrection And the Life

17 Therefore when Jesus arrived, he found that he had already been in the tomb four days. **18** Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. **19** And many of the Jews had come with the women who were around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. (*Literally, 15 stades Roman Stadium laps*)

20 Therefore when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him. But Mary was still sitting in the house. **21** Therefore Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died. **22** But I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

23 Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again."

24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

25 Jesus told her, "I AM the Resurrection and the Life. Anyone who believes and trusts in me, will continue to live even if they die. **26** And everyone who lives and believes and trusts in me will never die throughout eternity. Do you believe this?"

27 She told him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Anointed, God's Son, who was to come into the world."

Jesus Weeps

28 And having said these things, she went away and secretly called her sister Mary, saying, "The Teacher has come and he's calling for you." **29** When she heard this, she quickly got up and came to him. **30** Now Jesus hadn't yet come into the town, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. **31** Therefore when the Jews who were in the house with Mary, comforting her, saw her quickly get up and go out, they followed her, say-

ing, "She's going to the tomb to weep there."

32 Therefore when Mary came to where Jesus was, when she saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died."

33 Therefore when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became angry in the Spirit and was deeply troubled. (*See Note*)

34 And he said, "Where have you laid him?"

They told him, "Lord, come and see."

35 Jesus wept.

36 Therefore the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

37 But some of them said, "Couldn't this man, who opened the eyes of the blind, also have done something so that this man wouldn't have died?"

Lazarus Brought Back to Life

38 Therefore coming to the tomb, Jesus again became angry within himself, it was a cave and a large stone was lying against it. **39** Jesus said, "Take away the stone!" (*See Note*)

Martha, the sister of the dead man, told him, "Lord, by now there's a stench, because it's been four days."

40 Jesus told her, "Didn't I tell you, that if you will trust and believe, you'll see the glory of God?"

41 So they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. **42** I also know that you always hear me; but I'm saying this, because of the people who stand around me, that they may believe that you have sent me."

43 And when he had said this, he called out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 He who had been dead came out, **his hands and feet were bound with grave cloths, and a cloth was tied around his face.** (See Note)

Jesus told them, "Untie him, and let him go."

The Plot to Kill Jesus

45 Therefore many of the Jews who had come to Mary, when they saw what Jesus did, put their faith in him. 46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees called a council together, and said, "What are we going to do? For this man performs many signs. 48 If we let him continue on like this, everyone will believe in him; and the Romans will come and take away both our position and the nation."

49 But one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, told them, "You know nothing at all! 50 Nor have you considered that it's advantageous for us that one man should die for the people, rather than for the whole nation to perish."

51 But he didn't say from his own mind, but rather being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation; 52 but not only for that nation, but that God's children who had been scattered abroad might also be gathered together into one people. 53 So from that day onward they plotted to put him to death.

54 Therefore Jesus no longer walked openly among the inhabitants of Judah, but went away from there into a region near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim; and he stayed there with his disciples.

55 Now it was nearly time for the Jewish Passover. And many were going up to Jerusalem from the

country-side before the Passover, that they might purify themselves.

56 And they were searching for Jesus, and they spoke with one another as they stood in the temple, "Do you think that he might not come to the feast?" 57 Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given an order: that if anyone knew where he was, they were to report it; that they might seize him.

John 11:4 Sadly, from this verse, some Christians get the idea that God is glorified through their sickness. But that is not what this verse and the Scriptures teach: the reason God as going to be glorified through this sickness, was because Jesus was going to raise Lazarus from the dead. For as another Scripture says, "When the multitude saw [a paralytic healed], they marveled, and glorified God, who had GIVEN SUCH POWER TO MEN." (Matthew 9:8) That's why Jesus told His disciples, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons." (Matthew 10:8) "Because all of the promises of God in him are, 'Yes!' And in him, 'So be it!' that God may be glorified through us." (2 Corinthians 1:20) The only reason miracles don't happen very often today, is because of our lack of faith that they will: because Jesus and His promises haven't changed. (See Hebrews 13:8, Luke 11:37, Matthew 17:20 & 21:21, Luke 17:6, Mark 11:22-24, James 5:17, 5:15, 1:6-8, James 2:23, Romans 4:16-22, Hebrews 11:6, John 15:7-8, Romans 3:3)

11:5-6 Many people are perplexed by these verses, because they assume, "If Jesus loved them, wouldn't he have left right away?" But from verse 17, we learn that when Jesus arrived, Lazarus had already been in the tomb 4 days, and from verse 6 we learn Jesus remained 2 days where he was; so this means it was a 2 day journey to where Lazarus was: so Lazarus was already dead when the mes-

ers and sisters and tell them, I'm going up to my Father and your Father, and to my God and your God."

18 Mary Magdalene came and told his disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had told her these things.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

19 Now when it was evening on the first day of the days of Rest, the doors having been securely shut where the disciples had gathered together (because of fear of the Jewish authorities), Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." 20 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. So his disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord.

21 Therefore Jesus told them again, "Peace be with you. Just as my Father sent me, I'm also sending you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you pardon the sins of anyone, they are pardoned of them. If you retain the sins of anyone, they are retained."

24 But Thomas, one of the 12, who is called the Twin, wasn't with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We've seen the Lord!"

But he told them, "Unless I see the nail prints in his hands, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I won't believe."

26 Then after eight days, when his disciples were again inside, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were securely shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

27 Then he told Thomas, "Bring your finger here, and see my hands. And bring your hand here and thrust it into my side. And don't be unbelieving, but believe."

28 Then Thomas answered him, and said, "My Lord, and my God."

29 Jesus told him, "Thomas, you believe because you've seen me. Supremely blessed and happy are those who have not seen, and yet have believed."

30 Indeed Jesus also did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which aren't written in this book. 31 But these things are written, that you may be persuaded that Jesus is the Anointed, God's Son. And that by believing and trusting in him, you may have life in his name.

John 21

Jesus Appears to Seven of His Disciple

1 After these things, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and this is how he revealed himself.

2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathaniel of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two of his others disciples were together.

3 Simon Peter told them, "I'm going fishing!"

They told him, "We'll also come with you!" So they immediately went out and got into a boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4 But as the day dawned, Jesus stood on the shore. Yet his disciples didn't know that it was Jesus. 5 Therefore Jesus asked them, "Children, do you have anything to eat?"

They answered him, "No."

6 Then he told them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you'll find some fish." So they cast it, but then they weren't able to pull it in, because of the abundance of fish. 7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved told Peter, "It's the Lord!" So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment (because he was naked), and

saw it, has given his testimony, and his testimony is true. Because he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you might believe. **36** For these things happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "NOT ONE OF HIS BONES WILL BE BROKEN." **37** And again another Scripture states, "THEY WILL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY HAD PIERCED." (Ref: Psalm 34:20 & Zechariah 12:10)

38 Now after these things, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, out of fear of the Jewish authorities, asked Pilate to let him take Jesus' body away. And Pilate gave his permission. So he came and took Jesus' body away. **39** And Nicodemus, who at first had come to Jesus at night, also came and he brought about 100 pound mixture of myrrh and aloes-wood along with him. **40** So they took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in **linen cloths**, with the spices, according to Jewish burial custom.

John 19:40 For more on this: please read my article "Mystery of the Shroud" @ LoveBible.org/shroud.htm

41 Now there was a garden in the place where he had been crucified, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. **42** So since it was the Jewish Preparation Day, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

John 20

1 Now very early on the first day of the days of Rest, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb, and she saw that the stone had been lifted from the tomb. **2** Therefore she ran and came to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They've taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have laid him."

3 So Peter and the other disciple rushed out, and as they were going to the tomb, **4** they both ran

together, but the other disciple outran Peter, and came to the tomb first. **5** And stooping down to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying stretched out, however he did not enter. **6** Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. And he saw the linen cloths lying stretched out, **7** but the handkerchief which had been around his head wasn't lying with the linen cloths, but was twisted up in a place by itself. **8** Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, also went in. And he saw and believed. **9** Because until that moment they hadn't understood the Scripture, which states, that he must raise again from the dead. **10** Then his disciples returned to their own homes.

11 But Mary stood outside by the tomb crying, but as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb, **12** and she saw two messengers in radiant white sitting where Jesus' body had lain, one at the head and the other at the feet.

13 And they said to her, "Lady, why are you crying?"

She told them, "Because they've taken my Lord away, and I don't know where they have laid him."

14 And when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know that it was Jesus. **15** Jesus said to her, "Lady, why are you crying? Whom do you seek?"

She supposing him to be the gardener, said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, "My Teacher!")

17 Jesus told her, "Don't hold on to me, because I haven't yet gone up to my Father. But go to my broth-

sengers arrived to tell Jesus Lazarus was sick. Therefore, since Lazarus was already dead, and since Mary and Martha had already gone through 2 days of mourning: He waited two more days, for as He said, "I'm glad for your sake that I wasn't there, that you may believe."

11:33 & 38 Most translations translate the Greek word "em-brim-ah'-om-ahee" here as "was deeply moved" or "groaned", but the word literally means, "to snort in anger (like a warhorse)." This same word is used again in verse 38. So why did Jesus "snort in anger like a warhorse"? First of all, we know that Jesus was NOT angry with the people; because when he saw them weeping, "Jesus wept" too. (verse 35) Therefore, I believe Jesus was angry because the devil is the one who brings death and "The last enemy to be destroyed will be death." (1 Corinthians 15:26) Therefore Jesus was angry, because as He said, "The thief (the devil) doesn't come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: but I came so that they might have life, and have it even more abundantly." (John 10:10)

11:44 Many think that the Jews wrapped their dead like a mummy, like the Egyptians had in earlier times; but this verse (and Archaeology) shows that was NOT the case; for this verse says, only Lazarus' hands and feet were bound, and a cloth was tied around his face (to keep his jaw closed). And the Jews wrapped their dead in a single linen sheet with spices: this was the simple Burial Custom of the Jews; for NO corpse has even been found in Israel whose body was wrapped like a mummy. (See John 19:40 & Mystery of the Shroud. @ LoveBible.org/shroud.htm)

John 12

The Anointing at Bethany

1 Then six days before the Pass-over Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom he had raised from the dead. **2** Therefore they prepared a dinner for him there, and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the dinner table with him. **3** Then Mary took a pound of very expensive ointment, pure nard, and anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped his feet with her hair. And the whole house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment.

4 Therefore one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who was going to betray him, said, **5** "Why wasn't this ointment sold for 300 denarii (300 days wages) and given to the poor?" **6** (But he didn't say this because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief and he had the money bag, and he use to take whatever was put in it.)

7 Therefore Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She's kept this for the day of my burial. **8** For you'll always have the poor with you, but you won't always have me."

Plot To Kill Lazarus

9 Now a great multitude of Jews came there because they knew that he was there; but they didn't come only because of Jesus, but also that they might see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. **10** Now the chief priests were also plotting to kill Lazarus, **11** because on account of him many of the Jews were leaving them and believing in Jesus.

Jesus' Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem

12 The next day when the great multitude that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, **13** They took palm branches and went out to meet him, and they were shouting,

"Hosanna!" (Save us!) "BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!" The King of Israel!" (Ref: Psalm 118:25-26)

14 Then Jesus, having found a young donkey, sat on it. As it's written, **15** "DON'T BE AFRAID, O DAUGHTER OF ZION! LOOK, YOUR KING IS COMING, SITTING ON A DONKEY'S COLT!" (Ref: Zechariah 9:9)

16 But his disciples didn't understand these things at first, but when Jesus had been glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him, and *that* they had done these things to him.

17 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, were testifying about *it*. **18** And so for this reason the multitude also met him, because they had heard that he had done this sign. **19** Therefore the Pharisees said among themselves, "Can't you see that you're accomplishing nothing? Look, the *whole* world has gone after him!"

Some Greeks Seek Jesus

20 And there were some Greeks among those coming up to worship at the feast. **21** Therefore they came to Philip (who was from Bethsaida of Galilee) and were making a request of him, saying, "Sir, we want to see Jesus." **22** Philip came and told Andrew, and Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

23 But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. **24** Truly, truly, I tell you, Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it will produce much fruit. **25** Whoever loves their life will lose it, but whoever hates their life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. **26** If anyone *wants to serve me, let them follow me. And where I am, there my servant will be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor them.*

The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up

27 Now my soul is troubled. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. **28** Father, glorify your name."

Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have glorified *it*. And I will glorify *it* again." **29** Therefore the multitude, who stood *there* and heard it said that it had thundered. Others were saying, "A *heavenly* messenger has spoken to him."

30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice didn't come for my sake, but for your sakes. **31** Now this world's system is judged. Now the ruler of the world's system will be thrown out. **32** And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." **33** But he said this, to signify by what kind of death he intended to die.

34 The multitude answered him, "We've heard from the law that the Anointed will remain throughout eternity. So why do you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"

35 Therefore Jesus told them, "The light will be with you a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, that darkness may not overtake you. But the one who walks in darkness, doesn't know where they are going. **36** While you have the light, believe and trust in the light, that you may become Sons of Light." Jesus spoke these things, and having gone away, he was concealed from them.

The Unbelief of the Jews

37 But *although* he had done so many signs before them, they *still* did not believe in him. **38** Therefore the saying which was spoken by the prophet Isaiah was fulfilled, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?" (Ref: Isaiah 53:1)

hour of the day. And he told the Jewish *elders*, "Behold, your King!"

15 But they shouted out, "Away with *him*! Away with *him*! Crucify him!"

Pilate said to them, "Should I crucify your King?"

The chief priests answered, "We have no king except Caesar!" **16** So he then handed him over to them to be crucified.

The Crucifixion

Then they took Jesus and led *him* away. **17** And he went out, carrying his cross, to a place called the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. **18** There they crucified him, and two others with him, one on each side of him, and Jesus in the middle. **19** Now Pilate also wrote a notice and posted it on the cross, and it read:

JESUS of NAZARETH KING of the JEWS

Note on John 19:19 In Hebrew the acrostic of these 4 words spells out "YHVH" the Hebrew name for GOD. Apparently this is what caused the Jewish Elders to be so upset, that they asked Pilate to change the wording on his sign. (See verse 21)

Yah'shua—Jesus
Hahazarie—of Nazareth
Vemelekh—King
Hahudim—of the Jews

20 Therefore many of the Jews were reading this notice, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. And it was written in Hebrew, in Greek, and in Latin.

21 Therefore the chief priests of the Jews told Pilate, "Don't write, 'The King of the Jews,' but instead, 'He said, I am the King of the Jews.'"

22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." **23** Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his clothes

and divided them in four shares, to each soldier a share; and also his tunic. Now the tunic was seamless, woven from the top to the bottom as one piece. **24** Therefore they said among themselves, "Let's not tear it, but cast lots for it, to see whose it will be." *This happened* that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which states, "THEY DIVIDED MY CLOTHES AMONG THEM, AND THEY CAST LOTS FOR MY GARMENT." Therefore the soldiers did these things. (Ref: Psalm 22:18)

25 Now beside Jesus' cross stood his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. **26** So when Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Lady, look, *there's your son*." **27** Then he told his disciple, "Look, *there's your mother*." And from that hour that disciple took her into his own care.

28 After this, Jesus, seeing that everything was now fulfilled, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst." **29** Now a pitcher full of sour wine was setting there, and they filled a sponge with sour wine, and put it on hyssop branch, and put it to his mouth. **30** So when Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "Mission accomplished." And bowing his head, he gave up his spirit.

31 Now since it was the Preparation Day, the Jewish *elders* asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and their bodies taken away; so that their bodies wouldn't remain on the cross on the Day of Rest (because that Day of Rest was a big day). **32** So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other *man* who was crucified with him. **33** But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they didn't break his legs. **34** However, one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately blood and water gushed out. **35** And he who

dicare by what kind of death he intended to die, might be fulfilled.

33 Therefore Pilate again entered into the governor's court room, and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

34 Jesus answered him, "Are you yourself asking this, or did others tell you this about me?"

35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"

36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom isn't of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would have fought, so I would not have been handed over to the Jewish authorities. But my kingdom is not from here."

37 Therefore Pilate said to him, "Then you are a King."

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a King. I was born for this purpose, and for this purpose I came into the world: that I might testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

38 Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" When he had said this, he again went out to the Jewish elders and told them, "I find no offense in him."

Jesus is Sentenced to Die

39 But it's your custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover: Therefore, do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you?"

40 Then they all shouted out again and again, saying, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.

John 19

1 Therefore Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. **2** And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put a purple robe on him, **3** And they said, "Be of good cheer, O

King of the Jews." as they slapped him with their hands.

4 Then Pilate again went out and told them, "Look, I'm bringing him out to you, that you may know that I have found no offense in him." **5** Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate told them, "Behold the man!"

6 Therefore when the chief priests and officers saw him, they shouted out, saying, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Pilate told them, "You take him and crucify him; for I have found no offense in him!"

7 The Jewish elders answered him, "We have a law. And according to our law, he must die! Because he made himself out to be God's Son!"

8 Now when Pilate heard that saying, he was much more afraid, **9** And he again went into the governor's court room, and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. **10** Therefore Pilate said to him, "Aren't you going to speak to me? Don't you know that I have the authority to crucify you, and the authority to release you?"

11 Jesus answered, "You wouldn't have any authority over me, unless it had been given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."

12 From then on, Pilate sought to release him. But the Jewish elders shouted out, saying, "If you let this man go, you're no friend of Caesar! Because whoever makes himself a king, speaks against Caesar!"

13 Therefore when Pilate heard that statement, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat, in a place that is called the Stone Mosaic, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. **14** Now it was the Preparation Day for the Passover, and it was about noon, the sixth

39 This is why they couldn't believe, because Isaiah also said,

40 "HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HARDENED THEIR HEART; SO THAT THEY SHOULD NOT SEE WITH THE EYES AND UNDERSTAND WITH THE HEART AND BE CONVERTED, THAT I MIGHT NOT HEAL THEM."

(Ref: Isaiah 6:10)

41 Isaiah said these things when he saw his glory, and spoke about him.

42 Yet indeed many among the chief leaders also believed in him; but because of the Pharisees they didn't confess it openly, that they might not be thrown out of the synagogue; **43** Because they loved the praise of people more than the glory of God.

44 But Jesus called out, and said, "Whoever believes and trusts in me, doesn't believe and trust in me, but in him who sent me; **45** And whoever sees me, sees him who sent me. **46** I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes and trusts in me should not remain in the darkness.

47 And if anyone hears my words, and doesn't believe, I do not judge them: for I didn't come to judge the world, but that I might save the world. **48** Whoever rejects me, and doesn't receive my words, has one which judges them, the word which I have spoken: That same word will judge them on the last day. **49** For I have not spoken from myself; rather the Father who sent me, he himself gave me instructions as to what I was to say and what I was to speak. **50** And I Know that His Commandment is Eternal Life. Therefore whatever I speak, I speak just as the Father told me."

12:48-50 Jesus Fulfilled the Prophecy which God had revealed to Moses, "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their

brothers. I will put My words in His mouth, and He will tell them EVERYTHING that I command Him. It will happen, that whoever will not listen to My Words which He will speak in My Name, I WILL REQUIRE IT OF THEM." (Deuteronomy 18:18-19) SO JESUS IS GOD'S FINAL WORD ON EVERYTHING! As Jesus told His disciples in Luke 15:15, "EVERYTHING that I have heard from my Father, I have made known to you." "And I Know that His Commandment is Eternal Life." What is the Father's Commandment that brings Eternal Life? "This is His Commandment: that we trust in the name of His Son Jesus Christ; and Love one another, just as He commanded us." (1 John 3:23) This is the "...Testimony which God has given concerning his Son. ...that God has given us Eternal Life, and this Life is in His Son." (1 John 5:10-11)

John 13

Jesus Washes His Disciples Feet

1 Now before the Passover Feast, Jesus knowing that his hour had come to leave this world and return to the Father: having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

2 And as dinner was taking place, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot (Simon's son), to betray him. **3** Jesus knowing that the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God, **4** Got up from dinner and having laid aside his outer garments, he took a towel and tied it around his waist. **5** Then he poured water into a basin, and began to wash his disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel which was wrapped around him. (1) Literally, girded himself. (2) Literally, he was girded with.)

6 Therefore he came to Simon Peter, but Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus answered, and told him, "You won't understand what I'm doing right now; but you will understand later."

8 Peter told him, "Even throughout eternity, you'll never wash my feet!"

Jesus answered him, "If I don't wash you, you'll have no part with me."

9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not only my feet; but also my hands and head!"

10 Jesus told him, "Someone who has been washed, has no need to be washed, other than the feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean; but not all of you..." 11 For he knew who would betray him, because of this he said, "Not all of you are clean."

12 Therefore after he had washed their feet, and taken his robes, he sat down again, and said to them, "Do you know what I have done for you? 13 You call me 'The Teacher' and 'The Lord,' and you speak beautifully well, for I AM. 14 Therefore if I, The Teacher and The Lord, have washed your feet, you also must wash one another's feet. 15 Because I have given you an example; that you should do just as I have done for you. 16 Truly, truly, I tell you, A servant isn't greater than their master, nor is a representative greater than the one who sent them. 17 If you know these things, you'll be supremely blessed if you do them. (Or, apostle)

18 I'm not speaking of all of you. I know those whom I have chosen. But that the Scripture might be fulfilled, 'HE WHO EATS BREAD WITH ME, HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.' (Ref: Psalm 41:9)

19 Now I'm telling you before it happens: so that when it happens, you may believe that I AM. 20 Truly, truly, I tell you, Whoever receives whomever I send, receives

me. And whoever receives me, receives him who sent me."

Jesus Foretells His Betrayal

21 When Jesus had said these things, he was troubled in Spirit, and testified and said, "Truly, truly, I tell you, One of you will betray me."

22 Therefore his disciples looked around at one another, perplexed about whom he spoke. 23 Now one of his disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, was leaning against his chest. 24 Therefore Simon Peter motioned to him to ask him of whom he spoke.

25 Leaning back against Jesus' chest, he asked him, "Lord, who is it?"

26 Jesus answered, "It's the one to whom I will give a piece of bread after I have dipped it." When he had dipped the bread, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, Simon's son. 27 And after receiving the piece of bread, Satan entered into him.

Therefore Jesus told him, "What you're going to do, do quickly." 28 But none of those reclining at the table knew why he had spoken this to him. 29 For some thought that since Judas had the money-bag, Jesus had told him, 'Buy what we need for the feast,' or that he should give something to the poor. 30 Therefore having received the piece of bread, he immediately went out; and it was night.

31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. 32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

33 Little children, I will be with you a little while longer. You will seek me; but as I told the Jews, so now I also tell you, 'Where I am going, you are not able to come.'

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ON LOVE: In the verses that follow, I

have lost none of those whom you have given to me."

10 Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priests servant, and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.)

11 Therefore Jesus told Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath! Shouldn't I drink the cup which my Father has given to me?"

12 Therefore the detachment of troops, the captain, and the servants of the Jewish elders took Jesus and bound him. 13 And they led him away to Annas first, because he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was the high priest that year. 14 Now it was Caiaphas who had advised the Jewish elders, that it was advantageous for one man to die for the people.

15 And Simon Peter, and another disciple followed Jesus. And that disciple was known to the high priest, and he went into the high priest's courtyard with Jesus. 16 But Peter stood outside, by the door. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the door-keeper, and brought Peter in.

17 Therefore the servant girl (the door-keeper), said to Peter, "You're not also one of this man's disciples, are you?"

He said, "I am not."

18 Now the servants and officers who stood there had made a fire of coals, because it was cold, and they were warming themselves. And Peter also stood with them and warmed himself.

19 Then the high priest questioned Jesus concerning his disciples and concerning his teaching.

20 Jesus answered him, "I've spoken out publicly to the world. I always taught in the synagogues and in the temple, where the Jews always meet. And I haven't spoken anything in secret. 21 Why

are you questioning me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them. They know what I have said."

22 And when he had said this, one of the servants who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do you answer the high priest like that!?"

23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, testify of that evil. But if I have spoken well: Why did you strike me?"

24 Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

25 But Simon Peter was still standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "Aren't you also one of his disciples?"

He denied him, and said, "I am not!"

26 One of the high priests servants, being a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, said, "Didn't I see you in the garden with him?"

27 Then Peter denied him again, and immediately a rooster crowed.

28 Therefore they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Roman governor's court room. And it was very early in the morning. But they themselves didn't go into the governor's court room, because they didn't want to defile themselves and not be able to eat the Passover.

29 Therefore Pilate came out to them, and said, "What accusation are you bring against this man?"

30 They answered, and told him, "If he wasn't an evildoer, we wouldn't have handed him over to you."

31 Therefore Pilate told them, "Then you take him, and judge him according to your law!"

Then the Jewish elders told him, "It's against the law for us to put anyone to death." 32 That the saying which Jesus had spoken, to in-

in them. **11** But I am no longer *going to be* in this world's system, yet these are *still* in the world's system, and I'm returning to you. **Holy Father in your name**, watch over *those* whom you have given to me; that they may be one, just as we are one. **12** While I was with them in the world's system, I watched over them **in your name**. Those whom you have given to me, I have watched over, and none of them was lost, except the son of utter destruction: That the Scripture might be fulfilled. **13** But now I'm returning to you, and I have spoken these things *while I'm still* in the world, that they may have the fullness of my joy within themselves. **14** I've given them your word; and the world system has hated them, because they're not of the world's system, just as I'm not of the world's system. **15** I'm not asking you to take them out of the world's system; but rather that you would watch over and protect them from the evil one. **16** They're not of the world's system, just as I'm not of the world's system. **17** Purify *them* and make them holy, through your truth. Your word is truth. **18** And just as you sent me into the world, I'm also sending them into the world. **19** And for their sake I purify myself, that they may also be made pure and holy in the truth.

20 I'm not only praying for these, but also for those who will believe in me through their word. **21** That they may all be one, **Father**, just as you are in me and I am in you. That they may also be one in us: so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** And the glory which you gave to me, I have given to them. That they may be one, just as we are one: **23** I in them and you in me. So that they may be become completely one in us. So that the world may also know that you have sent me: and **that you have loved them, just as you have loved me.**

John 17:23 This is an awesome

and amazing truth: if you are in Christ, the Father loves you just as much as He loves Jesus.

24 Father, I also desire that those whom you have given to me may be with me where I am. That they may see my glory, *the glory* which you have given to me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. **25 Righteous Father**, though the world hasn't known you, yet I know you. And these know that you have sent me. **26** And I have declared your name to them, and will continue to declare it: so that the love you have for me, may be in them, and I in them.

John 18

The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

1 When Jesus had spoken these things, he went out with his disciples and crossed over the Kidron Brook. Where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. **2** Now Judas, who was betraying him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. **3** Therefore Judas, having received a detachment of troops, and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, came there with lanterns, torches, and weapons.

4 Therefore Jesus, knowing everything that was coming upon him, went forward and said to them, "**Who do you seek?**"

5 They answered him, "Jesus of Nazareth!"

Jesus told them, "**I AM.**" (And Judas, who was betraying him, also stood with them.) **6** Now as soon as he told them, "**I AM,**" they drew back and fell to the ground.

7 So he asked them again, "**Who do you seek?**"

And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth."

8 Jesus answered, "I told you, **I AM.**' So if you're seeking me, let these go." **9** That the word which he had spoken might be fulfilled, "**I**

have placed "love" in bold font; so that the reader can see just how important "having love" is to God. Because as 1 John 4:8 says, "*Whoever doesn't LOVE doesn't know God, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE.*"

Why did God give the 'Jews' the 'Ten Commandments' in the wilderness? First Timothy 1:5 gives us the answer to that question, "*THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMANDMENT IS LOVE from a pure heart, and from a good conscience, and from sincere faith.*" Because all God has always wanted was for people to love and trust in Him, and to love one another. But God had a problem, the Children of Israel didn't want to hear His voice (Exodus 20:19), instead they asked Moses for a law that they thought they could keep, to keep God off their backs. So God gave the Jews the Ten Commandments, so that at least they would stop wronging one another and have a form of godliness, until He could send His Son to reveal His Law of Love. That's why God told Moses, "*I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. I will put My Words in His mouth, and He will tell them EVERYTHING that I command Him. It will happen, that whoever will not listen to My words which He will speak in My name, I will require it of them.*" (Deuteronomy 18:18-19)

So when Jesus came He gave us both a New and Better Covenant and a New and Higher Commandment; an Eternal Law not just for 'the Jew', but for 'All Mankind.' (See Jeremiah 31:31-36 an Eternal Law) **GOD'S ONE COMMANDMENT:** "*This is His Commandment: that we trust in the name of His Son Jesus Christ; and LOVE each other just as He commanded us.*" (1 John 3:23). as Jesus said, "*I'm giving you A New Commandment: Love each other. You're love each other, just as I have loved you.*" (John 13:34) So NOW even for the 'Jew' there is only ONE LAW: THE LAW OF CHRIST. (And anything that is NOT

FROM LOVE is a Violation of this Law. See 1 Corinthians 13) *So NOW GOD'S LAW is written on our Hearts, rather than on Tablets of Stone.* (See Jeremiah 31:33 & 2 Corinthians 3:3-11)

THE LAW OF CHRIST

34 I am giving you, **A New Commandment: Love each other. You're love each other, just as I have loved you.** **35** By this everyone will know that you are my disciples: if you have mutual love for each other."

(Note: Jesus continues teaching on Love in John 15:9-17. Also see Paul's teaching on this in Romans 13:8-10)

Peter's Denial Foretold

36 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?"

Jesus answered him, "**Where I am going, you're not able to follow me now; but you will follow me later.**"

37 Peter said to him, "Lord, why can't I follow you now? I'll lay down my life for you."

38 Jesus answered him, "**Will you lay down your life for me? Truly, truly, I tell you, The rooster will not crow until you have denied me three times.**"

John 14

Jesus is the Only Way To the Father

1 "Don't let your heart become troubled. You believe and trust in God, believe and trust in me also. **2** In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. And if it weren't so, I would have told you; I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will return to receive you to myself, that where **I AM**, there you may be also. **4** And you know where I am going, and you know the Way."

5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going?"

So how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus told him, "**I AM** the Way. The Truth. And the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you had known me, you would have known my Father also: from now on you do know him and have seen him." (See 2 Corinthians 4:6 & John 1:18)

8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father," and that will be enough for us."

9 Jesus told him, "Philip, Have I been with you all this time, and still you don't know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. So how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? **10** Don't you believe that I'm in the Father, and the Father is in me? The words that I've spoken to you I don't speak on my own; the Father who dwells in me does the works. **11** Believe me: I'm in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least, believe me because of the works themselves.

12 Truly, truly, I tell you, Whoever believes in me, will also do the works that I do. And they'll do even greater works than these, because I'm going to my Father. **13** And whatever you ask in my name, that I will do! That the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If you ask anything in my name, I will do it!

How to Show Jesus that You Love Him!

15 ¹If you love me, ²keep focused on ³my commandments.

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another **Close Friend**; who will remain with you throughout eternity.

17 The Spirit of Truth, whom the world isn't able to receive, because it doesn't see him, nor does it know him. But you will know him because he will remain with you, and he will dwell inside of you. **18** I'm not leaving you as orphans, I will come to you. **19** But soon the world will no longer

see me, but you will see me. And because I live, you will live also. **20** On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. **21** Whoever has my commandments and keeps focused on them, they're the one who **loves** me. And whoever **loves** me, will be **loved** by my Father; and I will **love** them, and will reveal myself to them."

John 14:15-16 (1) LOVE is The Motivating Force Behind True Christianity. "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins." (1 John 4:10) "For while we were still without strength, at just the right time Christ died for ungodly people. For rarely is anyone willing to die for a righteous person: though perhaps for a good person someone might even dare to die. But God demonstrated his own love for us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:6-8) "What should we say concerning these things? "If God is for us, who can be against us?" He who didn't spare his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how will he not also with him freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:31-32) As Jesus said, "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father, who is in the heavens, give good things to those who ask him?" (Matthew 7:11) "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variability, nor shadow of turning." (James 1:17) From "the living God, who richly and freely gives us all things to enjoy." (1 Timothy 6:17) Therefore, "We love him, because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19) And that's all He asks, that we Love Him and Love others as He Loves us. For "This Commandment we received from him: that the one who loves God, must love their brother and sister also." (1 John 4:21) Therefore, "Beloved, if God so loved

because of her joy that a human being has been born into the world. **22** So indeed you also have sorrow now; but I will see you again, and then your heart will rejoice, and no one will be able to take your joy from you. **23** And in that day you won't need to ask me for anything. Truly, truly, I tell you, Whatever you ask the Father, in my name, he will give it to you. **24** Up until now you haven't asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive it, that your joy may be full.

I Have Overcome the World

25 I have spoken these things to you in allegories. But the time is coming when I'll no longer speak to you in allegories, but I'll speak plainly to you about the Father. **26** In that day you'll ask in my name, and I won't tell you, 'I'll ask the Father for you.' **27** Because the Father himself loves you, because you love me, and have believed that I came forth from God. **28** I came forth from the Father, and I came into the world. Now I'm leaving the world and returning to the Father."

29 His disciples told him, "See, now you're speaking plainly, and not speaking in an allegory. **30** Now we know that you know all things, and we have no need for anyone to ask you anything. Because of this we believe that you came from God."

31 Jesus answered them, "Do you believe now? **32** Behold, an hour is coming, and now has come, when each of you will be scattered everyone to his own concerns, and you'll leave me alone. Yet I'm not alone; because the Father is with me.

33 I've told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In the world's system you'll have times of intense pressure. But be courageous! Because I've overcome the world."

John 17

1 Jesus spoke these words, and then he lifted his eyes toward heaven, and said, "**Father**, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may also glorify you: **2** Even as you have given him authority over all flesh; so that he could give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

3 And this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. **4** I have glorified you on the earth. I have accomplished the work which you gave me to do.

5 And now, **Father**, glorify me together with yourself, with the glory which I had with you before the world existed.

6 I have revealed your name to the people whom you have given me out of the world's system. They were yours, and you have given them to me. And they have kept focused on your word. **7** Now they know that all of the things that you have given to me are from you. **8** Because I have given them the words which you gave me. And they have received them. Indeed they also know that I came forth from you, and they believe that you send me.

'Important Note' on John 17:6 Jesus says, "I have revealed your name." But the name Jesus revealed to us wasn't "Yahovah" or "I am for I am," but "Father." (Since God NOW desires to be known as FATHER, how His Old Testament name was pronounced really isn't important. And that's why none of the apostles tried to teach the ethnic Christians the Hebrew name for God, but rather referred to GOD as "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." So should we.)

9 I pray for them. I'm not praying for the world system, but for those whom you have given to me. Because they are yours. **10** For all of mine are yours, and all of yours are mine. And I have been glorified

everyone who kills you will think that they're rendering a service to God. **3** And they'll do these things to you, because they have neither know the Father, nor me. **4** But I've told you these things, so that when that hour comes, you'll remember that I told you these things. But I didn't tell these things to you from *the beginning*, because I was with you.

The Work of the Spirit

5 But now I'm returning to him who sent me. Yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' **6** But because I've told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. **7** Nevertheless, I tell you the truth, it's beneficial for you that I go away; because if I don't go away, the Close Friend won't come to you; but if I go away, I'll send him to you. **8** And when he comes, **He will convict the world of sin**, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **9 Of sin, because they haven't believed in me.** **10** Of righteousness, because I'm going to my Father, and you'll no longer see me. **11** And of judgment, because the chief ruler of this world's system has been judged.

John 16:8 THE SIN the Holy Spirit convicts unbelievers of, is their sin of not trusting in Jesus. So this is the sin we should make unbelievers aware of, because SINCE JESUS IS GOD FLESH, to REJECT HIM after hearing how HE DIED to Save you, is THE ULTIMATE REJECTION GOD. "Because God loved the world so much, that he gave his only born Son [on the cross], so that whoever trusts in him wouldn't perish, but have eternal life. Because God didn't send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him, [therefore]: Whoever believes in him will not be condemned; but whoever doesn't believe, already [stands] condemned, because they didn't believe in the name of God's only born Son. And this is the verdict: the

[true] Light came into the world, yet the people loved the darkness more than the Light, because their deeds were evil." (John 3:16-19) This is THE ONE SIN that will NEVER BE FORGIVEN. (See John 3:36, Mark 3:28-29, Hebrews 2:3 & 10:29, Acts 4:12, 1 John 3:23, 2 Peter 2:21, John 9:41, & John 15:22-25)

12 I still have many things to tell you, but you're not able to bear them now. **13** But when he, the Spirit of Truth has come, he will guide you into all truth: for he will not speak from himself, rather whatever he hears that he will speak. And he will declare to you the things to come. **14** He will glorify me, because he will take from that which is mine and explain it to you. **15** Everything that the Father has is mine. That's why I said that he will take from that which is mine and explain it to you.

16 In a little while you will no longer see me. And then after a little while you will see me, because I'm going to the Father."

17 Therefore his disciples said to one another, "What is this he's telling us, 'In a little while you will no longer see me. And then after a little while you will see me,' and 'because I'm going to the Father?'"

18 So they said, "Why does he say, 'In a little while'? We don't understand what he's saying."

19 Since Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him about this, he said to them, "Are you questioning among yourselves about why I said, 'In a little while you will no longer see me. And then after a little while you will see me'?"

20 Truly, truly, I tell you, That you will weep and mourn, but the world will rejoice; yet you will be sad, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. **21** A woman when she is giving birth, has sorrow, because her hour has come. But as soon as the child is born, she no longer remembers the intense pressure,

us: we're also obligated to love one another." (1 John 4:11) So "Beloved, let's love one another: because love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God. The one who doesn't love doesn't know God, because God is love." (1 John 4:7-8)

2. Literally, "to guard by keeping your eye on something."

3. "My commandments" here, are "These things" in John 15:17, "These things I command you: you're to love each other." (He says, "These things" because love is demonstrated in many different ways).

4. The Greek word "par-ak'-lay-ton" literally means, "one called along side (near) to help." It's most common use refers to "A close friend who pleads your case or cause before another" an **intercessor**. (And it is in this sense of meaning that the Apostle John uses this word; not in it's other usage, which referred to a defense attorney.)

and is the exact same word used to refer to Jesus in 1 John 2:1, where I also translate it as "**Close Friend**", "My little children, I'm writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have a **Close Friend** with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous One." (This word is only used 5 times in the New Testament, and everywhere else it refers to the Holy Spirit.) So why is it used to refer to Jesus in 1 John 2:1? Hebrews 4:14-16 gives us the answer to that question, "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, who has passed into the heavens, Jesus, God's Son, let's hold on tightly to our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses; but he was tested and tempted in all points like we are, yet without sin. So let's come boldly before the throne of his

cheerful favor, that we may obtain compassion, and find cheerful favor to help in time of need." (Remember: "grace" literally means "cheerful favor.") So rather than Jesus being our "Defense Attorney before the Father" as some claim "par-ak'-lay-ton" means in 1 John 2:1. (But we know that Jesus is NOT our Defense Attorney before the Father: Because as Jesus said, "The Father JUDGES NO ONE, because He's given ALL JUDGMENT to the Son." (John 5:32) So the Father isn't "The Righteous Judge," Jesus is! (2 Timothy 4:8) "The Lord Jesus Christ... will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom." (2 Timothy 4:1) "All the nations will be gathered before Him." (Matthew 25:32, 25:31-46) Therefore Peter boldly declared, "He commanded us to proclaim to the people and to earnestly testify that HE IS THE ONE whom GOD appointed AS JUDGE OF THE LIVING AND THE DEAD."

So Jesus simply asks the Father to Help us. (See John 17:11, Romans 8:31-34, & 1 Timothy 2:5) So in this way, Jesus Ministry before the Father is very similar to that of the Holy Spirit because He too is a "par-ak'-lay-tos" (an intercessor) "who pleads our case before the Father." (1 John 2:1) **But not as a defense attorney, but as our High Priest!** "Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, who has passed into the heavens, Jesus, God's Son, let's hold on tightly to our confession. Because we do not have a High Priest who cannot be touched by the feeling of our weaknesses; but one who was tested and tempted in all points just like we are, yet without sin. So let's boldly draw before the throne of his cheerful favor, that we may obtain mercy and compassion, and find cheerful favor to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:14-16)

22 Judas, (not Iscariot,) said to him, "Lord, what's happened? That you're going to reveal yourself to us, but not to the world?"

23 Jesus answered, and told him, "If anyone **loves** me, they'll keep focused on my word; and my Father will **love** them, and we will come to them, and will make our home inside of them. 24 The one who doesn't keep focused on my words, doesn't **love** me; and the word which you've heard isn't my own, but the Father's who sent me.

25 I've spoken these things to you, while I'm *still* with you; 26 But *your* Close Friend, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and he'll bring to your remembrance everything that I have spoken to you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. So don't let your heart to become troubled, don't be afraid or timid.

28 You've heard me tell you, 'I'm going away and I'll return to you.' If you **loved me**, you'd be happy because I said, 'I'm going to the Father.' Because my Father is greater than I *am*. 29 And I've told you now, before it happens, so that when it happens you'll believe. 30 I'll no longer speak much with you, because the chief ruler of this world's system is coming, and he has nothing in me. 31 I do just as the Father has instructed me; so that the world may know that I **love** the Father. So get up, and follow me out of here.

John 15

Jesus is the True Vine

1 "I AM the True Vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 Every branch in me that doesn't bear fruit he lifts up. And every branch that is bearing fruit, he **cleanses**, that it may bear more fruit. 3 **You're already clean because of the word** which I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I will also remain in you. Just as a branch is not able bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, neither can you, unless you remain in me. (See Important Note)

5 I AM the Vine, you *are* the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in them, *the same* will bear much fruit. But apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone doesn't remain in me, they'll be tossed aside like a *broken* branch, and they'll dry up, and they'll be gathered up, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, you may ask whatever you desire, and it will done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this that, you bear much fruit and become my *true* disciples.

9 I also **love you**, just as *much as* the Father **loves me**. Remain in **my love**. 10 If you keep focused on my commandments, you will remain in **my love**; just as I have kept focused on my Father's commandments, and remain in his **love**. 11 I have spoken these things to you that my joy may remain in you, and that your joy might be completely full.

THE LAW OF CHRIST

12 **This is My Commandment: Love each other, just as I have loved you.** 13 No one has greater **love** than this; that someone should lay down their own life for their friends. 14 **You are my friends, if you do what I have commanded you.** 15 No longer do I call you servants, because a servant doesn't know what their Master is doing. But I call you friends, because **everything that I have heard from my Father, I have made known to you.** 16 You didn't choose me, but I chose you; and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain. So that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. 17 **These things I command you: you're to love each other."**

The World Will Hate You!

18 If the world hates you, know that it hated me before *it* hated you. 19 If you were of the world's

system, the world would have affection for you, as its own. But because you're not of the world's system, but I have chosen you out of the world's system, that's why the world hates you. 20 Remember the word which I spoke to you, 'A servant isn't greater than his Master.' If they have persecuted me, they'll also persecute you. If they have kept focused on my word, they'll also keep focused on yours. 21 But they'll do all of these things to you because *you bare* my name; because they haven't know him who sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they wouldn't have missed the mark, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 Whoever hates me, hates my Father also. 24 If I had not performed the works among them, which no one else has done, they would not have missed the mark. But now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. 25 Yet this fulfills the word which was written in their law, 'THEY HATED ME FOR NO REASON.' (Ref: Psalm 35:19 & 69:4)

26 But when *your* Close Friend comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth who comes from the Father, he will testify about me. 27 And you also will testify *about me*, because you have been with me from *the* beginning."

John 15:3 In New Testament Times there wasn't an abundance of wood in Israel (because after the 7 years of famine in the time of Elijah most of the trees had died; plus the invading armies (mentioned in the Old Testament) had a practice of cutting down every green tree, to make the land desolate. So because there wasn't an abundance of wood; and rope and wire were costly (because they had to be made by hand), so farmers let their grape vines trail out on the ground like melons. Then after the Spring rains they'd go through their vineyard, and lift up the vines that were beginning to

bud from the mud, and gently cleanse them with water, so that the mud would not hinder them from bearing fruit.

But as the centuries pasted, people became ignorant of this; and so the devil was able to introduce a lie into our Bibles, even in the King James: for the KJV reads in verse 3, "Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth..." And most other translations read, "Every branch that does bear fruit he prunes...." But the word translated as "purgeth" and as "prunes" is "kath-ah'-ee-ro", and literally means, "cleanses," and these versions correctly translate "kath-ah'-ee-ro" as "clean" in the last half of verse 3.

But Jesus was using a beautiful illustration, to show how God "cleanses" His people with the Water of His Word, as He says in verse 3, "You are ALREADY CLEAN because BECAUSE OF THE WORD which I have spoken to you." Paul also uses this same illustration in Ephesians 5:25-26, "Christ also loved the congregation, and gave himself for her; that he might make her pure and holy, HAVING CLEANSED HER with THE WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD." ~ So God DOESN'T PRUNE His people, rather HE GENTLY WASHES US with the PURE WATER OF HIS WORD.

John 15:15 Fulfills the prophecy God revealed to Moses, "I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. I will put My Words in His mouth, and He will tell them everything that I command Him. It will happen, that whoever will not listen to My words which He will speak in My name, I will require it of them." (Deuteronomy 18:18-19)

John 16

1 "I have spoken these things to you, so that you wouldn't be caught in a snare. 2 They will throw you out of their assemblies. Indeed, an hour is coming, when