

# Welcome

At this site we intend to show with increasing clarity what it means to be a Christian, how we grow and where we can be fed good spiritual food for maturity.

Topics addressed here about Christianity are more basic in content. Hopefully they lead readers to a greater hunger and thirst for the knowledge of God. It is important to state here, **the first and final authority for Christianity is the Bible, the Word of God**. Whatever Christians may say or declare should find its basis in God's Word and be in tune with the whole of God's Word. Any individual claiming to be giving a Christian message should be able to show you the **"chapter and verse" and "in context"** (or makes sense in the whole chapter).

The Bible is not subject to private interpretations or negating the meaning by explaining it as mystical, outdated or irrelevant in this day and age. God Almighty is "well able" and He watches over His Word. (2 Peter 1:20 & 21, Isaiah 55:11) It even sounds foolish to worship an Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient God and then say He is not an effective communicator over the ages. God wants to communicate and have a relationship with us. He does not make it difficult to do so. God made that message loud and clear through Jesus. What He teaches in His Word is for our benefit.

The Holy Bible tells of two blood covenants with one goal; the redemption of mankind. That simply means there is a blueprint of how mankind can be redeemed or pay for the cost of the curse. The whole earth was enslaved or put under a curse by Satan's trickery of Adam {to give up his God given dominion or power in the earth}.

In the Old Testament, (old covenant), the blood of animals and the law given to Moses for Israel was to keep and protect mankind. Israel watched over the Word until its requirements could be fulfilled in the New Testament, (new covenant). That fulfillment was made through Jesus, of the tribe of Judah, of the nation of Israel who was at the same time, the Son of Man and the Son of God through divine creation. That good news is told in the New Testament and foretold in the old.

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are the first four books of the New Testament. They are called gospels because they tell the "good news" of the birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. This New Testament, (or new covenant), was made by the blood of Jesus the Christ, the only begotten Son of God. Remember, Jesus is both Son of Man and Son of God, and there is such purity and power in His blood it was taken into the Holy of Holies in heaven, (Hebrews 9:12), a once for all time sacrifice to redeem all of mankind. Anyone who chooses can believe and join themselves to this covenant and the family of God.

To encourage Christians to grow from milk to the meat of God's Word, this site will also serve as a portal to faithful ministries around the world.

Check out online churches like [Lakewood Church](#) where the music worship, prayer and preaching all teach the Word of God.

For more resources, check "Online Bible" and "Ministries".

# Statement of Faith

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God relevant yesterday, today and tomorrow.  
We believe the Bible was written for our good, for our faith and behaviour in this world and for understanding of our place in the eternal Plan of God. (1)

We believe in one God who created heaven and earth. (2)

We believe God is at once the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. (3)

We believe God made man in His own image, (spirit, soul and body). (4)

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God. (5)

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ was: Born of a virgin (6), By the Holy Spirit (7), He was crucified (8), He died (9), He was buried (10), He rose again (11) and that He ascended to heaven (12).

We believe Jesus is first born from the dead. (13)

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ paid the price for sin so that we were no longer separated from God. (14)

We believe in the atoning power of the blood of the Lord Jesus for the redemption of all mankind and that the blood can be applied and works today. (15)

We believe that faith in the Lord Jesus, in his birth, death, resurrection by the power of Almighty God and confession of this truth brings man to salvation. (16)

We believe that the Lord Jesus is alive and ministering in the earth today through the work of the Holy Ghost to save, teach, heal and deliver the sons of God. (17)

We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a separate experience from salvation and the baptism of repentance. We believe the evidence is seen in the speaking of other tongues and other gifts of the Holy Spirit as described in 1 Cor. 12:1-11 and that they are in operation in the church today. (18)

We believe in the soon visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to gather His church to save them from the judgment/wrath to come and that we will live with Him forever. (19)

1. *II Timothy 3:15-17*
2. Genesis 2:1-3, John 1:1-4
3. John 17:20-24, Ephesians 4:3-6, Colossians 2: 6-9
4. Genesis 1:26
5. John 1:14, Matthew 3:17, Luke 1:35
6. Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 7:4
7. Luke 1: 35, Matthew 1:18
8. John 19:18, Matthew 27:37 & 38, Luke 23:33 & 34
9. Luke 24:46, John 19:30, Matthew 27:50
10. Luke 23:53, John 19:40-42, Matthew 27:59-60
11. John 20:11-16, Luke 24:3-7, Matthew 28:5-6, Psalm 16:10
12. Acts 1:9 Mark 16:19, Luke 24:51
13. Acts 26:23, Revelation 1:5, Colossians 1:18
14. Colossians 2:14, Ephesians 2: 15
15. Hebrews 13:20, Hebrews 9:23-24, Hebrews 12:24, Revelation 12:11
16. Romans 10:9&10
17. Acts 2:33, Acts 11:16, John 16:7-14, John 15:26, Galatians 4:4-7
18. Matthew 3:11, Act 1:5,8, Act 2:1-4, John 15:26, John 16:7,13, Ephesians 4: 7-12, Acts 10:44-48, Acts 11:15-17, Acts 18:24-26 Acts 19:1-7, John 14:16-18
19. 1 Thessalonians 4:10, 16 & 17, Matthew 24:30 & 31, Acts 1:11, 1 Corinthians 15:51 & 5

# Articles

## Christians - BEGININGS

This story started in the Garden of Eden. God told the serpent he would bite the heel of Eve's Seed. (Now if you must be bitten by a poisonous snake, the extremity farthest away from the heart is the least dangerous because of the ability to apply a tourniquet and prevent the poison from traveling very far in the blood stream). God also declared that Eve's Seed would crush that serpent's head and so redeem the whole earth. (*Gen 3:14 & 15*). Christians recognize Jesus as that Seed.

The promise of this enemy crusher is a story like a "scarlet thread" which runs through the whole Bible, foretold in the Old Testament and revealed in the New Testament. We read how the dominion of earth which the serpent/Satan tricked Adam into giving up through disobedience to God would be bought back and given again to man. (*Gen 2: 16 & 17, and Gen. 3*). The Lord of Hosts or the enemy crusher is revealed in the last book of the Bible, Revelations, when the absolute and final victory is accomplished.

Jesus has many descriptive names and titles. While a more detailed study is beyond the scope of this introduction the different names of the Lord Jesus often describe His character, position, and ministry from the foundation of the earth to eternity. Other names include: Saviour and "Lamb of God" (*John 1:36*), very simply because He became the sacrifice for every individual in order to pay each person's price for sin. He is also known as the second Adam, simply put, to show the great work of His restoration of the earth back to man. (*1 Cor. 15:45-47*). Christians believe that Jesus died for their sins, was buried and rose again on the third day by the power of Almighty God. (*Romans 10:9 & 10*) By faith in this truth and the verbal confession of it *Romans 10 verse 13* says that this salvation is available to anyone who chooses it. Jesus is the enemy crusher and Saviour of mankind. The most familiar title, however, is Jesus Christ which means Jesus the Anointed One and His Anointing.

## **When Did Christians Come Into Being?**

Christians are followers of Jesus Christ. Originally they were His disciples (about 500), gathered on Mt Olivet, just outside of Jerusalem, when Jesus returned up to heaven in a cloud. Before His ascent Jesus gave instructions for work to do on earth and how to receive God's power to do it. (*Acts 1, Luke 24:44-53, Matt. 28:18 -20, Mark 16:15 -20*) They were to go out into the whole world to preach the gospel, make disciples and baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they had received the power or anointing from the Holy Ghost, (usually called the Holy Spirit). That power to be witnesses or "the anointing" fell on the Day of Pentecost while 120 out of 500 disciples were praying in the Upper Room (*Acts 1 & 2*).

Looking at the important days of Christianity you notice they are on God's appointed feast days for Israel. God had a plan. Jesus was the Passover Lamb, a remembrance of the lamb's blood applied to the two side and upper door posts as protection (*Exodus 12:7, 22 & 23*) when the destroyer went through the land killing the firstborn in Egypt. The day of Pentecost, when the power of the Holy Spirit fell upon the disciples of Jesus (*Acts 2*), was another appointed feast day. Pentecost is 50 days after Passover and also known as Shavuot or the Feast of Weeks, (*Deuteronomy 16:9-11, Leviticus 23:15 - 22*). It stirs the heart of Christians who learn it as the day to commemorate the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai. It is also known as Atzeret or the conclusion to the Passover. There is also an agricultural commemoration on this day; Hag Hakatzir or the Festival of Harvest marking the last grain harvest, wheat. But it is also known as Yom HaBikkurim or the Day of First Fruits marking the beginning the fruit harvest.

The disciples were gathered in prayer on this day when the Holy Spirit anointed them in the Upper Room where earlier Jesus had the Last Supper and shared the symbols of communion, bread and wine (*Luke 22:8-20*). After the anointing they went out in obedience to His last commandment, the Great Commission, (*Acts 1, Luke 24:44-53, Matt. 28:18 -20, Mark 16:15 - 20*) to preach the gospel or good news everywhere The term Christian was first used in Antioch (*Acts 11:26*). The book of Acts relates the early history of Christians from Jerusalem out through the Mediterranean area to Rome. Christianity later spread with the Roman Empire as it moved over Europe.

## **Communion**

A definition of Communion is:

1. the act of sharing or holding in common; participation
2. interchange of thoughts or interests; communication; intimate talk
3. the celebration of the Lord's Supper; (also known as) the "Eucharist".

JESUS, during the Last Supper in the Upper Room gave the first "communion" or first Lord's Supper. (*Mark 14:22-26, Matt 26:26-30, Luke 22:14-20*).

The significance of the bread and wine was familiar to the disciples. They knew about the miracle of manna in the desert which God provided for the children of Israel (*Exod.16:15, John 6:31*) There was even some kept in the Ark of the Covenant (*Hebrews 9:4*). In *John 6:31-35, 48-59* we read how Jesus taught his disciples He was the Bread of Life. For some it was a mystery difficult to grasp but Jesus spoke of the things of the spirit (*verse 63*). In *John chapter 1:14* we learn that Jesus was the Word made flesh but verse 1 says "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God." (This mystery points to the Godhead of Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be considered elsewhere) Jesus said when He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to the disciples "This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." (*Luke 22:19*).

Jesus signified that the wine was a symbol of His blood. The disciples knew that the priest does not enter into Holy of Holies in the temple without a blood sacrifice. It was a sign of the covenant. *Hebrews chapter 9* explains the old and new covenants. The second or new covenant was made by the blood of Jesus, (*verses 12*). If under the old covenant most things are by the law purged with blood for remission of sins annually then the power of the blood of Jesus brought into the most holy place in heaven was for the remission of sins forever. *Hebrews chapter 10* explains this further so we learn to come before God knowing our sins are forgiven if we continue in the faith. The wine of the Lord's Supper reminds us of this. Jesus said he would not drink "of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come." (*Luke 22:18*) He said also about the cup of wine "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." (*Luke 22:20*).

## **The Blab It Grab It, Name It Claim Its "Got It"**

Religious believers may think it's all about the money, but faith believers learn about God's sure Word and the importance of their spoken word lining up with the Creator's. Nevertheless, God is not against prosperity.

For a while now, some religious Christians have stood against others on the issue of prosperity. For centuries churches have gotten wealthy while parishioners were praised for being as poor as the proverbial church mouse. Many glorious attributes were assigned to those taking a vow of poverty. But the Word of God stands contrary to that assertion. Then others have misquoted scripture saying money was the root of all evil. The Bible actually says that the love of money is the root of all evil (*1 Tim. 6:10*). Poverty is part of the curse that Jesus bore on our behalf. (*2 Cor. 8:9*) By reading and learning the scripture one learns that prosperity is not just money. Remember that the truths Christians believe must be based upon the Word of God and in harmony with the whole Word of God which is The Bible.

Remember also not to judge. People have been upset to see the wealth of some churches but they forget that the church paid for much of the early exploration of the world. Many in churches have also served the people of the world where others would or could not go. They were often directed and organized by wealthy church institutions. No one should or indeed could judge what's been done in the area of financial stewardship (or any other area for that matter). There is only One Judge who sees and knows all. God judges His servants. They are His business, not ours. Read scriptures on judging and the folly of being anything but a "fruit inspector" becomes apparent. (*Matt. 7: 1-5, 15-23*) What is the result, outcome or "fruit" of their work? Do they demonstrate the love of God? Are they doing the will of God? (*Verse 21*)

### ***God made a way to bless us.***

Looking again at wealth and prosperity, from Genesis 1, verses 26-30, we read God blessed man giving him everything. He gave him dominion over all the earth including all there is in it (like gold, silver etc.). Well Adam surrendered that authority to the serpent. But again God made a way to bless us. Genesis 22 tells the story of Abraham trusting God. Verse 14 is the first instance the name Jehovah Jireh was used. He is the God who sees the need and provides for it, God is our Provider. Abraham knew God could restore his son Isaac. He trusted God and thereby received great blessing pronounced upon him. Indeed, all the nations of the earth would be blessed through Abraham's seed. Trusting and obeying God as Abraham did is one of the keys to knowing God's blessings.

Exodus, the second book of the Bible, gives the early history of Abraham and his descendants Isaac and Jacob who also knew the blessings of God and abundant wealth.

Jacob, who was renamed Israel was the father of the twelve tribes of Israel. Although they knew early prosperity in Egypt because Joseph was wealthy and powerful in the land, jealousy by the Egyptians reduced Israel to captivity after Joseph died and was no longer remembered as having saved them from the great famine. (*Exodus 1:7-22*) Even so God provided. We read in Exodus how Moses, born into captivity, was groomed in the Pharaoh's palace and later led Israel to freedom and travel to the Promised Land.

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### **The Creator knows how to provide prosperity in every way**

God's plan was to bring the nation of Israel to a good land flowing with milk and honey; again prosperity. (*Exodus 3:8*) The people were also instructed to ask for goods from the Egyptians before they left. They found favour and were given much wealth from their former taskmasters.

(*Exod.12:35 & 36*) Note however, the heart of those who received that wealth. They were later willing to give it in abundance in order to build the Tabernacle in the wilderness. (*Exodus 25:1 through to Chap. 31:11 and Chap. 35: 4 - 29*) The builders had more than enough to work with from the donations people willingly gave. Utensils in the Tabernacle were overlaid with gold: again prosperity! God continually orchestrated ways to prosper His people. In Leviticus we learn of laws given to Moses in the Wilderness during the exodus for the distribution or redistribution of wealth. In *Deuteronomy 7 verse 8* God tells of His love and blessing for those who obey Him. Note *verses 13 & 14*. Again in *Deut. 28:1-14* trusting and obeying God brings prosperity. This was not a reward but an outcome for following the manufacturer's manual. The Creator knows how to provide prosperity in every way.

### **Solomon's wealth surpassed all the kings of the earth.**

King David knew that prosperity. Psalm 23 tells of overflowing provision even in the face of the enemy, for those who follow the Shepherd's lead. Note in this well known Psalm prosperity is also for the soul. David showed a trusting heart and was made king of Israel. His son Solomon was so wealthy and wise the Queen of Sheba was impressed. That story is in 2 Chronicles 9:12 -24. Verse 22 says Solomon's wealth surpassed all the kings of the earth. One should note that Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem revealed a heart that revered God (*2 Chron. 6*). God's blessings are synonymous with prosperity and He consistently reveals lack or poverty as a result of not walking according to His Word.

### **"shall men give into your bosom."**

Does that mean the wealthy all walk with and revere God? Well the Egyptians didn't but they gave to God's people. The Queen of Sheba also gave to King Solomon. Pertinent to this discussion are two verses from *Luke 6* where Jesus says in *verses 37 & 38*:

**(37)** *I Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive and ye shall be forgiven:*

**(38)** *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete (measure) withal it shall be measured to you again.*

*God has provided a way for His children to be blessed. It may be, like the Egyptians, "shall men give into your bosom."*

### **"that we may walk in the blessings of Abraham"**

*These blessings have also come upon Christians. Jesus took upon himself the curse of poverty, along with every other curse, in order that we may walk in the blessings of Abraham whom God blessed in all things. (Galatians 3:13 & 14) It would suit Satan if Christians remained poor in order to hinder the spreading of the gospel. The Body of Christ is the new temple, and Jesus is the chief cornerstone.*

*(Ephesians 2:20-22, 2 Cor. 6:16, Hebrews 3:6) Wealth used to build the temple of God, honours God. Christians, who trust and obey the commandment to spread the gospel, building that temple, in fact obey the first commandment to love. (Matt.22:37 - 40, Luke 10:27) We are to love the Lord our God*

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*with all our heart, soul, mind and strength (or power). We are further to love our neighbour as ourselves. How can we love our neighbour if we do not tell the the gospel message so that they too can become children of the Most High God and walk in the blessings of Abraham?*

### ***Insight reveals God's provision.***

*While some may point to the poverty road because the early Christian church surrendered all their goods for the common good, insight reveals God's provision. (Acts 4:32-37) The gospel was to be spread over the entire world when people did not even know the earth was round. The way was initially provided because the Roman Empire made great roads and with their expansion helped to spread the gospel. But Christians were also persecuted during Roman times. Recall Nero fiddled while Rome burned and he blamed the Christians for starting the fire. (He wanted to glorify himself in another building and needed to make room for it.) It had been a policy to blame Christians for any problem. The confiscation of Christian goods was limited because they had already surrendered their wealth to build another better temple. Truly, God sees and provides. Does that mean Christians should consider giving all their money to a church in order to prosper? Not unless they want to or God specifically says so and then it would be something out of the ordinary and confirmed in many ways to many people in the Body of Christ, the Church.*

### ***The "blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich and he addeth no sorrow to it."***

*Jesus told us to seek the kingdom of God first and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you. Read Matthew 6 verses 24 to 34 to see what Jesus had to say on the issue. There are also spiritual laws of prosperity such as tithing, sowing and reaping besides the promises of God to bless and prosper His people. Prosperity is so much more than wealth and these issues are more comprehensively addressed by those who have proven the authority of the believer to prosper. Faithful ministers and ministries like [Kenneth Hagin](#), [Kenneth Copeland](#), [Creflo Dollar](#), [Hilton Sutton](#), [Charles Capps](#), [Leroy Thompson](#), [Jessie Duplantis](#), [Jerry Savelle](#), [Billye Brim](#) and [Keith Moore](#), just to name a few, address he multiple aspects of prosperity. For now we realize God puts prosperity into the hands of those who trust and obey Him. It is God who gives us the power to get wealth in order to establish His covenant. (Deut. 8:18) Remember, the "blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich and he addeth no sorrow to it." Proverbs 10:22. Jehovah Jireh, our God, does see and He will provide. Through the entire Bible we read God blesses His own with prosperity. The "Name it Claim it" ministers tell how to prosper in the things of God, including how to be wealthy in order to bless others.*

**NEVER NEVER feel obliged to give. Find good soil to plant the seeds of your offerings and tithes. God sees your heart and he will find a way to bless you. There are many scriptures, especially in Proverbs to teach you, never make riches or the things they can buy an idol in your life. Honour God first and foremost and ask him where you should 'invest' your seed. Let it be a Heavenly bank account.**

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## **The Blood Applied**

*This article is written in three main sections. The primary purpose of each section is to point the reader to aspects of the Lord's Supper or Communion. The significance and relationship of the blood with Spiritual Laws, Covenants, Redemption and freedom of mankind are inter-related. The discussions here, rudimentary in nature, are intended to direct Bible students toward deeper personal study and appreciation for the complete love poured out for us. The comprehensive provision for all aspects of our being in God's redemptive plan is at the same time awe inspiring, humbling, reassuring and empowering.*

*The introduction tells of the first instance in Genesis of the blood poured out for mankind. It further points to Old Testament teaching about the importance of the applied blood. This section concludes with affirmation from the last book of the Bible showing the relevance of the blood and its power for "overcomers" through to the last days.*

*To refocus the article to what we're contemplating during the Lord's Supper the reader is directed to 1 Corinthians 11:23 -33. Paul's teaching relates how right and wrong attitudes and partaking of Communion have consequences.*

*The last section personalizes the precious blood of Jesus applied for us. This section may be the longest of the three but the topics covered by the seven sub-headings barely discuss the relevant significance of each. From the will of man through to the heart of man, Jesus applied the blood. We can see how the total "man" with his/her wholeness, image, dominion, healing, freedom and restoration in every way was purchased for us in our New Covenant. Jesus ratified that covenant with His own blood.*

### **Introduction**

We read in both the old and new testaments of the Bible about the importance of "the blood". For the sake of background information, read how God spilt the blood of animals in order to clothe Adam and Eve; to give them covering after they had sinned and found themselves to be naked. (Genesis 3:21) God told Noah, the importance of the blood; that the life was in the blood. (Genesis 9:4-6) Abraham understood the significance of the cutting of a covenant and the requirement of the blood when God promised him the land. (Gen.15:9, 10, 17 & 18) He was prepared to uphold his part of the covenant even giving his own son. Abraham knew and trusted God's promise for his son. (Genesis 15:4 & 18) God upheld His part of the covenant and gave His own son.

We can look at the Old Testament for examples of the application of the blood. A Sin Offering required the blood of a young bull sprinkled seven times in Leviticus 4: 6. We read in Leviticus 16: 18-19 the Atonement for the people of Israel required the blood of a bullock and goat to be applied to the altar. The priest was to sprinkle it with his finger seven times, in order to cleanse it and make it holy. In the New Testament, we can look to where Jesus applied the blood, from Gethsemane to the Cross, and see it was sprinkled seven times as well.

A man who understood both the old and new covenants was the apostle Paul. He is believed to have written the book of Hebrews. Chapter 9 of this book explains the difference of the two blood covenants, old and new. Note verse

22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood: and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Where priests had to sacrifice yearly, the blood of animals, Jesus took His Blood and offered it once and for all in the most holy place. (Hebrews 9:12). There is power in the blood of Jesus for eternal redemption!

### **...the blood of the Lamb**

More than this, as the brethren we can still stand against the accuser Satan and overcome him "by the blood of the Lamb", "the word of our testimony" and "not loving our lives unto death" (Revelation 12:11). Our life is no longer limited because of the blood of Jesus. There is a great deal to realize about what Jesus did when He applied the blood on our behalf. It may take eternity to fully grasp the wonder of it. We can, however, continue to look at possible implications and patterns in order to grasp a deeper meaning of what Jesus accomplished by His Blood. It blesses the reader to look further into this subject in material by anointed teachers like Billye Brim, Andrew Murray and Kenneth Copeland.

### **We do not take Communion lightly**

#### **1 Corinthians 11: Verses 23 to 33**

Paul admonished the church in Corinth for the way they partook of the Lord's Supper. Verses 20 and 21 would indicate they celebrated the observance as a feast. That seems reasonable as the culture understood that holy days were also feast days. However, they were admonished for not showing the love of God by their excesses, divisions, and lack of care in not sharing with everyone. Verse 21 states that some were hungry and others drunken. Paul then goes on to explain how he received from the Lord instruction commemorating the Lord's Supper in verses 23 to 26. We do this in remembrance of the Lord Jesus, honouring His body broken for us and His blood poured out for us.

#### **Paul issues his warning about taking this communion carelessly.**

In verses 27 to 33 Paul pulls no punches, he is absolutely clear that whosoever takes this communion unworthily shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. Each man should examine himself. Has he walked in the "Love Commandment" of our Lord? We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul/mind and strength and to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. This does mean we love ourselves because Jesus made us worthy of love and we love others in the same way. There is no envy, malice, strife or unforgiveness in our heart toward anyone. Hatred is equal to murder in God's eyes. Faith works by love. All of us need to keep short accounts with God in these issues. That means we repent and confess these sins to Him as instructed in 1 John 1:9

#### **"For this cause many are weak and sickly among you and may sleep"**

**Verse 30** The Lord's body paid the price of redemption for us because it was broken for us. We are redeemed from every curse because Jesus took our place. We remember the Lord's broken body for this reason. We also discern the Lord's body by recognizing the Body of Christ is in the whole earth. Paul was offended not only by the drunkenness but also by the divisions and lack of care for others who were hungry (Vs. 18-21). We are to judge ourselves on how we care for other believers in the Body of Christ. Verse 33 says "We should tarry one for another". Remember our love walk in this area as well.

## ***FROM THE WILL OF MAN THROUGH TO THE HEART OF MAN JESUS APPLIED THE BLOOD ON OUR BEHALF***

*This may not be official doctrine, certainly not a thing to be dogmatic about, but contemplation on the blood applied here can only add to a growing appreciation for what the Lamb of God purchased for us. Satan seeks to subvert the will of man, the image of man, the inner man, the healing of man, the dominion of man, the freedom of man and the heart of man. But Jesus applied the blood on our behalf that we may be "overcomers" in all these areas.*

### ***The Will of Man***

*In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed in agony laying down His will to do God's will knowing what He had to endure in order to accomplish it. His sweat became like great drops of blood. (Luke 22:44) This is the first time **the blood was applied as Jesus surrendered His will for all mankind**. God gave man free will to choose in his life. It is the first step, the will of man, which makes any decision.*

### ***The Image of Man***

*The image of mankind is challenged continually. Jesus applied His blood and gave us a better self image, high above base animalistic natures some would reduce us to. The words self image have often portrayed a distorted dangerous concept in the world today. But of course this would be a way of attack. Man was made in the image of God. We should see ourselves higher rather than base.*

*Isaiah 50:6 "I gave my back to those who struck Me, and My cheek to those who plucked out the beard: I did not hide My face from shame and spitting."*

*In fulfillment of scripture Jesus endured great wounding, applying His blood. Pondering the significance of the plucking out of the beard leads one to think about the image of the man. In a culture where care of the beard had its own laws, these people understood the significance of this action. Jesus gave His image and His blood was applied. The appearance or face of Our Lord Jesus was so marred (Isaiah 52:14) even His own disciples did not immediately recognize Him. His body carried the scars (John 20:14, Luke 24:13). The image of man was further attacked by the crowd spitting in Jesus' face. As the Son of Man made in God's image Jesus was spat upon, disfigured and shamed, (Matt 26:67, Mark 14:65). The Lamb of God, our Lord Jesus endured it all applying His cleansing blood for our sake.*

### ***The Inner Man***

*Isaiah 53*

- 4. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: Yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*
- 5. But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.*

*Jesus bore our grief and carried our sorrow and by His blood, paid the sacrifice for a covenant of peace for us in the inner man. Peace or, in Hebrew, Shalom means nothing missing or nothing*

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broken. Psalm 89:30-32 tells of the price to be paid for forsaking the Law, judgments, statutes and commandments of God. For transgression there was the rod and for iniquity, stripes. Jesus paid it all. He applied the blood for the inner man when He was bruised for our iniquities (Isaiah 53:5).

Isaiah 53 tells of what the Righteous Servant of God endured in order to justify many. Bearing their iniquity, He was made "an offering for sin" (Is.53:10 & 11).

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 shall my righteous servant justify many: for he shall bear their iniquities.

### **The Healing of Man**

Jesus applied the blood in his own body for our chastisement and healing. Linked to the healing of the inner man or soul of man is the healing or wholeness of the outer, physical body of man. Pilate would not stand against the chief priest, (Mark 15:10-15) ordering Jesus to be scourged (whipped almost to the point of death) before He was to be crucified.

"...by whose stripes ye were healed." I Peter 2: 24

"...and with His stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53: 5

### **The Dominion of Man**

In Genesis 3:17-19 we read that God told Adam the ground was cursed for his sake and that it would bring forth thorns and thistles. Thorns represented the loss of dominion that God had given man. This was the result of Adam's disobedience. From dominion of the earth to slaving in it for food, both man and the earth were cursed because Adam listened to the serpent and Eve rather than obeying God.

**Jesus applied His precious blood to this curse of "thorns" on our behalf.**

The soldiers clothed Jesus with purple robes of royalty, put a plaited crown of thorns on his head and mocked Him as the King of the Jews. They hit the crown of thorns and again the blood was applied. The soldiers also spat on Him and mocked him with a bended knee in worship, but their actions again point to man's rule on the earth. Little did they know they were serving God's great love and purposes (Mark15:17, John 19:2 & 3).

### **The Freedom of Man**

The blood which flowed when Jesus was nailed to the cross was through His hands and feet. He was bound to the cross and applied the blood to that bondage for our freedom. We have freedom from any curse, law, judgment or shackle of any kind by the power of the blood here. The cross was the ultimate price for sin. Galatians 3:13 tells us that cursed be everyone that hangeth on a tree (cross).

*Murderers who had spilt blood in hatred were hung from a tree. (Deut.21:22 &23). Remember God told Noah the life was in the blood.*

*When Jesus returned from the wilderness (where Satan had tried to tempt Him) he went into Nazareth, where He grew up. Then on the Sabbath He stood up to read from Isaiah 61 verse 1 (Luke 4:18) and showed through the scripture reading what His purpose was here on earth. That included liberty for the captives and opening of the prison to those who are bound.*

*John 8:36. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*

*In the Old Testament, God removed bonds when Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown into the fiery furnace. Only their bonds were burned and they came out without even the smell of smoke upon them. The story is in Daniel 3 where we learn in Verse 25 of the fourth man like the Son of God walking with them in the fire. These are all lessons for our understanding. God has a purpose for every word He had written in both the old and new testaments of the Bible. By this example we can know that when the Son of God sets us free not even the smell of smoke remains with us. There is nothing to keep such an individual bound to his or her past.*

### ***The Heart of Man***

*When a preacher shared his observation on this last point it was an epiphany or light bulb moment for most who listened. He was also a doctor, it was Easter Friday and he wanted the congregation to consider what Jesus had done on the cross. The man was wonderfully extreme and illustrated his point by drawing his own blood and leaving it in a test tube for all to see. Blood separates and looks clear like water on the top while the red blood cells pool in the bottom of the container. He said that Jesus had died of a broken heart and that his heart had very likely ruptured with all the stress placed upon it. The physical pressure of outstretched hands nailed to the cross created even more pressure. The blood had then pooled in the thoracic cavity. When one of the soldiers pierced the side of Jesus water and blood poured out. (John 19:34) This was foretold in the Old Testament (Zechariah 12:10, John 19:37) Jesus applied the blood to the heart of man as he "gave up the ghost." (John 19:30) and said "**IT IS FINISHED**".*

*Jesus endured all the pain and shame from Adam's downfall to eternity. From being made in God's image to being spat upon, disfigured and shamed, hanging naked on the cross Jesus endured it all applying His cleansing blood for our sake. We are now clothed in righteousness, able once again to come near God without being consumed by His holy pure glory. We, who are made in His image, have a new boldness to approach our Heavenly Father. From the will of man to the heart of man Jesus made us the righteousness of God in him (2 Corinthians 5:21).*

# **GUARD AGAINST ENEMY'S STRATEGIES**

True Christian believers, if they are a threat to the evil one, can expect attacks. Jesus taught the parables of the 'sower' in Matthew 13 telling us that we have an enemy if we are children of the Most High God. In this particular chapter Jesus explained some of the dangers facing believers and reassuringly also tells readers of the ultimate end of evil.

**Two big weapons in the evil one's arsenal are discouragement and a religious spirit.**

## **1 A Religious Spirit**

Jesus contended with and later warned His disciples about the 'religious spirit' in his dealings with the Pharisees. In Matthew 15:1-20 and Matthew 16:1-12 the reader can conclude that the 'traditions' or leaven of the religious can stop the blessings from flowing in our lives (Mt.16:8-12). The religious spirit is also seen in the fanatic who seeks to kill and destroy anything or anybody not agreeing with them. The religious spirit can be stirred up with mischief, strife, envy, anger, revenge and even murder; all these fulfill the evil one's work. Remember, people may use all kinds of zealous excuses to justify attacking others, but God's Word tells us to let God fight on our behalf (Romans 12:19-21, Deut.32:35). *(He can definitely do the 'job' better with more knowledge, insight, justice and mercy than we can even hope for!)* It was a religious spirit that crucified our Lord but even so it served God's purpose.

When traditions of men are more important than obeying our Lord's commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves we are in danger of a religious spirit.

## **2. Discouragement**

***His Servant would not be discouraged ...Isaiah 42:3***

*Looking to the Old Testament we see some of the qualifying attributes of the Messiah in Isaiah 42. God's Servant would not fail or be discouraged/ broken until He established judgment on the earth (verse 4). Therefore, when God's Word makes a point of saying His Servant would not be discouraged it seems wise for any servant to look to follow Jesus in this qualification. We can learn from Jesus how to fight spiritual battles against the enemy of our souls.*

*People can become discouraged for a variety of reasons. It's not a new thing. Joshua, who had seen Moses' struggles as leader with and for Israel, was told to be strong and of good courage, (Joshua 1:6). King David too encouraged himself in the Lord as revealed in writings like Psalm 27:14 "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Goliath would have been discouraging prospect without the right focus of knowing and encouraging oneself in the Word of God Almighty. Later, David was discouraged with some major "people problems" when King Saul wanted to kill him, reducing him to living and hiding in caves. Actions of other people can be a major source of discouragement. God's answer for us is to love.*

*Love handles even the most extreme case of discouragement from "people sources". Jesus tells us to*

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*love our enemies in Matthew 5 (especially verse 39). As one grows in the knowledge of God's Word, the power of love and The Almighty fighting our battles reassures, inspires and blesses us. We learn this powerful truth as we read the Word and experience the fruit of this choice in our own lives. Our obedience to God's command to love opens the way for encouragement and victory because we are keeping our part of the covenant. The real enemy is unable to beat love!*

*Where lack of courage may have more obvious symptoms and solutions, the onset and progression of discouragement can be more insidious or subtle. It follows then, that one should consider how to guard against tactics like discouragements (and religious spirits) which the wicked one may generate to use against us.*

### ***Learn from the lesson of the Juniper Tree***

*After the mighty experience on Mount Carmel where Elijah challenged the prophets of Baal showing God's great power the prophet ran away from a woman named Jezebel. He lay discouraged under the Juniper (broom) tree crying out to God that he was all alone and not able to fight, wanting to die. Read the account is in 1 Kings 18 & 19. God sent His angels to minister to him and later showed how He, Jehovah Jireh, does see and provide because there were seven thousand like minded individuals left in Israel beside him. God also showed Elijah Himself and then told him of another prophet appointed to help him. God sees and provides so we can know we never need be discouraged.*

## **More Keys to Growing Up Spiritually**

### **Forgiveness**

Forgiveness is a powerful force in the life of the believer. We have accepted and enjoyed the privilege of forgiveness when we made our personal decision for Jesus as Lord of our lives. Jesus, in the Lord's Prayer in Matt. 6:9-13 teaches us to ask God for forgiveness "as we forgive" others. Society at large now recognizes what God has been telling us in His Word for thousands of years. The best way for man to operate in this world includes forgiveness as a major "life key". Victims of any injustice can prolong their personal suffering without the liberating power of forgiveness. Perpetrators usually go on with their lives, be it in ignorance or lack of remorse, often oblivious to the pain or chaos the victim could still be enduring. These perpetrators can also be liberated by forgiveness; set free from the very limitations that produced their behaviour. Sometimes just being told of what their actions generated can mirror back to them an unwelcome image. Forgiveness is also a remedy for their souls.

The most wonderful demonstration of this was the cry of Lord Jesus on the cross '*Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do...*' (Luke 23:34). The whole world was freed to join the family of God as a result. The first martyr Stephen when he was being stoned to death kneeled down and cried out '*...Lord, lay not this sin to their charge...*' ((Acts7:60). Saul, later called Paul, was in the crowd that stoned Stephen, (see verse 58). Paul in Acts 26:10 admits his culpability in the death of saints in Jerusalem. However, Paul found forgiveness, evangelized beyond Jerusalem and wrote much of the New Testament! The Creator of Heaven and Earth (and all that is in them) has given us the manufacturers/operator's manual in His Word, the Bible. Jesus emphasized the need for forgiveness emphatically when teaching the disciples "The Lord's prayer" in Matthew 6:9-15. Other scriptures which teach the emphasis Jesus made on forgiveness are Matt.18:21-35 and Mark 11:25-26. Read also Colossians 3:13 for Paul's instruction to the church on this issue.

## **Prophecy Continues to Unfold as Written in the Bible**

With passage of time, the Bible becomes a more proven and significant text for all who believe God and His Word. As the human race becomes more sophisticated, educated and illuminated, God's Word in both the Old and New Testaments is increasingly more easily confirmed, understood in greater measures of revelation and multiple realms, spiritual and natural truths unfolding for all the world to see. The technology computer age has revealed mathematical patterns, written long ago. The "Bible Codes" demonstrate further how everything has already been measured, and that even the telling of it all is specifically arranged as only the Creator could. The meanings of names in those long lists of lineage, for example, tell a story. In contrast people in Hosea chapter 4:6 "... are destroyed for lack of knowledge." God said that in the last days knowledge would abound! (Daniel 12:4)

Christians have known the Bible to be God's inerrant Word. Faithful Jewish scribes watched over the Old Testament of that Word with great diligence. The whole Bible, however, was "stored" away from the common man by those who did not want to be likened to the Anti-Christ. For a long time only the elite had access to both Testaments and only they could read it and teach the masses its content. Coming out of the Dark Ages, when the Light of God's Word was hidden away for centuries, the Bible "came through fire" when persecuted believers risked their lives to share it with everyone. With perfect timing, archeologists continue to "prove" its content, the accuracy which has been retained over the centuries. The famous "Dead Sea Scrolls" find by the Bedouin shepherd last century attest to the faithfully guarded Word in Isaiah, just one example. The evidence continues to accrue that the Bible is the Word of God and that the power of God's Word is revealed within.

How great is Our God? ? It's truly a Blessed Assurance, knowing God is communicating with us continually and that as we grow up we can understand better the wonder of His Mighty Love and provision for us! Prophecies of the Old Testament especially are difficult to dismiss unless one is truly blinded. Jesus, in the New Testament, foretold of the last days as well.

When the 'academics' try to disprove the Word, remember, they may not know it. For example, the number of years in the history of Israel, by God's account, do not include the years of Israel's captivity.

Jeremiah 31:34

*"... For I will forgive their iniquity and their sin. I will remember no more."*

Isaiah 43:25

*I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake. And I will not remember your sins.*

Psalms 103:12

*As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.*

## **Salvation**

God created heaven and earth. He also made man in His image. Man is **spirit** with a **soul** (mind, will, emotions), who lives in a **body** *Genesis 1:1-26*" Satan, who was in the Garden of Eden, knew spiritual laws. He knew **disobedience to God had consequences**. He tricked Adam into disobeying God resulting in man's (1) spiritual death (affecting also man's body and soul), (2) separation from God and (3) a curse upon the earth with surrender of man's dominion on earth to Satan. *Genesis 3:1 and 17 - 19*

That original sin of Adam was passed down to all mankind until Jesus, by His sacrificial substitute, was able to nail to the cross all that was written against us. *1 Corinthians 15: 22 - 26, Colossians 2:14, 1 John 2:2, Romans 3:25*

### ***"be assured of hope and salvation.***

For whatever the reason for seeking Him, God has and is the answer for every individual. One man may see the best or most prosperous way in life is one committed to obeying God. Another individual could recognize their need for help, forgiveness or repentance. He can be assured of hope and salvation. Other people develop an awareness of the innate need for God or even just for the need of hope in the midst of hopelessness. Again, for whatever the reason for seeking Him, God has and is the answer. The Father of Love provides a way."

Through the atoning blood of Jesus and His sacrifice, we are able to enter into the new covenant and "receive the promise of eternal inheritance." (Hebrews 9:15)This is a provision made by God to whosoever chooses. *John 3:16*"

The way to join this covenant is:

Believe Jesus died in our stead and paid the price for sin Believe Jesus rose again from the dead by the power of Almighty God and Say these things, confessing them with your mouth. *Romans 10:9&10*"

Through the belief and confession of these truths you can know you are a child of God. That fact is sure and based upon God's Word and not based on feelings. Never doubt it. It is absolutely true because God said so. *Romans 10:9-13*

### ***SALVATION PRAYER***

***Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. I believe Your Word when it says that "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13)***

***As I call upon You Lord I repent of any sin of my past. My confession now is that I believe Jesus died for my sins and that He rose again by Your great power and that He is now Lord of my life. Your word also says that if I ask, You will fill me with Your Holy Spirit and give me the ability to speak in other tongues, my own private prayer language with you, so I ask You for that now. (Luke 11:13, Acts 2:4, 1 Cor. 14:2) Thank You for Your forgiveness, the gifts of Your Son and Your Holy Spirit. Lord I look to obey Your word in Matthew 22:37-40 37 "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all***

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*thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."*

*38 This is the first and great commandment.*

*39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself*

*40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."*

### ***SALVATION FOLLOW UP***

*Making your "confession" (out loud) to other Christians reinforces this to your own heart as well. It is wise to join a group of believers, a local church that teaches the whole Bible, including the gifts of the Holy Spirit. If that's not feasible connect to an online Spirit filled, faith church or ministry. (There are ministries listed on this site). Organizations such as [Kenneth Copeland Ministries](#) will send you free booklets if you tell them of your new decision for salvation just to get you started in the most productive fashion. Connect with good Bible teachers who totally trust God's Word and obey it. A good Bible teacher is one who will teach from the only sure measure, pure and able to stand on its own, God's Word."*

*Then read your Bible and pray everyday to learn and grow in your covenant, to learn about your part of the covenant, about your blessings and about your new family. A good place to start is Ephesians. Likewise, the gospel of John is excellent teaching to get learning about the new you. You can trust God's Word. He will give you growing revelation.*

*Ephesians 1:17-19*

***Please remember, this process has two parts, personal repentance and restoration of each individual to the family of God.***

# FAQs

## Is Christianity an Exclusive Religion?

Absolutely not. Whosoever means anyone and God says in His word "whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (*Acts 2:21, Romans 10:13, John 11:25 & 26*) God tells us in many ways and in many places in the Bible this choice for salvation is available to any one freely.

The best known scripture on this point is *John 3:16*, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

## Do Christians Replace Israel in the Plan of God?

No. Not according to the Bible. God who is the same and changes not (*Ps. 102:27, Mal. 3:6*) promised the children of Israel they would be comforted. In *Leviticus 26:44-45*, God told them He would remember the covenant He made with their ancestors.

*"I say then, hath God cast away His people? God forbid. For I am also an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. Verse 2, God hath not cast away His people which He foreknew..." (Romans 11:1 and 2).*

For thousands of years history has witnessed the unfolding of prophecies about Israel in the Old Testament even to this very day, TWO THOUSAND plus years of Christianity later. Isaiah 66:8 foretold of a nation being born in one day. In the United Nations in May, 1948, Israel was "reborn" and miraculously they still had their culture and language. God, in fulfillment to His Word scattered His people from their land and made it desolate, (*Ezekiel 6:2, 6, 8 & 14*). The Ottoman (Turkish) Empire wreaked havoc making the land desolate by imposing a tree tax on live trees. But God also promised Israel many times they would return to their land (*Isaiah 35:10*) and *Ezekiel 36:8* goes further to tell how the mountains of Israel will again blossom. Likewise, *Isaiah 35, verses 1 & 2* predict the desert would bloom again. All these things and much more have happened during the "Christian Era".

In fact, Israel is the time clock that shows Christians approximately where we are in the Plan of God. Jesus pointed to this in His teaching about the last days.

Israel is like the fig tree that blossoms (*Luke 21:29, Matt 24:32*) and when it does blossom, take notice and "when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand." (*Luke 21:31*). Paul tells us in his writings to the Romans Chapter 11 God has not cast away His people. He warns in verse 18 "Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee." Christians were grafted into the commonwealth of Israel and if Christians as the wild branches can be grafted into the vine be sure God can graft the original branches back in, (*Romans 11:23-27, Ephesians 2:12-19*).

Right through the Bible until specifically the second last chapter of the book of Revelations, Israel has its own specific place. *Zechariah 8:23* tells how men will cling to the Jew to learn

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of God. After all God sent His Son to Jewish school. Importantly, in the last book of the Bible, Jesus is known as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, (Rev.5:5)

## **What is the Holy Communion and Tithe Connection?**

*The scriptures to be considered for this question come from Matthew 26:26-30, Mark 14:22-26, Hebrews 4:14-16, Hebrews 5:1-11, Hebrews 6:20, Hebrews 7, Psalm 110:1-7, especially verse 4, about our Lord and is introduced in Genesis 14:18-23. Genesis 14 introduces this connection in the account and demonstration of the character of Abraham. The patriarch clearly showed his relationship and attitude to God.*

*When we look at the introduction of Melchizedek, "priest of the most high God." (Genesis 14:18) he blessed Abram declaring him "possessor of heaven and earth." (19). Note that he went on saying "And blessed be the most high God" (20). Melchizedek king of Salem (Peace) brought forth bread and wine. (18 Note, if you will*

1. This priest brought the elements of communion,
2. Abram (later named Abraham) gave a tenth of the spoils of battle and
3. The priest declared Abram as possessor of heaven and earth!

In the New Testament book of Hebrews, chapter 7 teaches us about the significance of giving of tithes (or a tenth of the spoils) which Abraham gave the priest of the most high God, Melchizedek. This priest is described for our understanding as "King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace." (2). **Jesus is a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek**, King of Salem, King of Righteousness, and King of Peace. The passages prior to this chapter about Melchizedek tell about Abraham's faith and blessings pointing to the 'heirs of promise', who will "inherit the promises" as the patriarch did as these heirs imitate him.

This theme is explained in Hebrews for us to understand that Jesus as our High Priest, called after the order of Melchizedek, ministers as a priest on our behalf today. He is at the same time, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Jesus celebrated "Communion" with his disciples, an example whereby we remember His body broken for us and His blood poured out for us and indeed for the whole world. This is discussed elsewhere on this website.

The connection between sharing communion elements and tithing by pointing to the most high priest, Melchizedek, is in both the old and new testaments of the bible. (Genesis 14 and Hebrews 6 and 7). The significance, it seems, should not be missed that with the "communion" and tithing Melchizedek called Abram "possessor of heaven and earth" (Genesis 14:19). Bible students recognize the implications of covenants etc., but every Christian should easily recognize communion and tithing is about relationship to God.

The most familiar scripture about tithing and blessings is in the last book of the Old Testament, Malachi 3, verses 10 and 11. Note verse 7 entreating God's people to return to Him demonstrating our Father in Heaven is looking for a relationship.

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## **What are Christians "Saved" From?**

There is a judgment coming upon this world. It is the result of spiritual death that came upon the earth with Adam's disobedience and sin. Satan, through the serpent, brought that death to the world. BUT Jesus, by His blood, paid the price for the sins of the world. He is the promised seed of Eve who would crush the serpent's head and win the victory over death. Those who by faith can plead His atoning blood rather than guilty or innocent when they have to give an account overcome death. They will already be written in the Lamb's book of Life, (Rev.20:12) because they have declared Him as their Saviour."

We are saved from separation from God. Sin separates us from God.

## **What are Christians "Saved" To?**

First and foremost Christians are saved to everlasting life. But oh, sweet Jesus, there is so much more we've been saved unto. Isaiah 53 tells us He bore our grief, carried our sorrows, paid the price for our transgressions and iniquities, and purchased our peace and healing. And greater revelation of what we have been saved to unfolds just as we are told in Ephesians 2:17 to 23. Indeed the whole book of Ephesians is wonderful instruction for doctrine and practical application for those who are called Christians and children of the Most High God. Ephesians 2:19 states *we have become members of God's household and able to enter His Presence.*

# Grapes

## **More Thoughts About Communion**

### **BREAD AND WINE**

CONSIDER THE BREAD. When Jesus was tempted in the Wilderness He answered "*It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*" (Matt 4:4, Luke 4:4). Jesus quoted the Word of God, namely the Law in Deuteronomy. Of course Jesus is the Word made flesh, the Living Word that proceeds from the mouth of God. (John 1: 1-3, 14) John the Baptist bore witness to this. (John 1:15, 32) Jesus called Himself the Bread of Life. (John 6:32 -35, 48 - 58) Our Lord reiterated this point at the Last Supper. (Matthew 26:27-29)

### **CONSIDER THE WINE**

The first miracle Jesus performed was to turn the water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana. (John 2:1-11) This was another indicator that He was part of the Godhead. God is the great I AM who created time! Who else could create the fruit of the vine and transcend time to turn it into wine? Our Redeemer further taught us at the Last Supper that He gave His blood for a new testament, a new and better covenant and the symbol of communion wine signified this truth.(Matthew 26:27-29) God made the Old Covenant. Who but God could make it a New Covenant?

### **CONSIDER THE WONDER**

There is going to be another wedding feast when we get to our eternal home in heaven. (Rev. 19:9) The bread and wine are physical symbols of Jesus reminding us of the New Covenant and the spiritual work He completed on our behalf. We have an invitation to that great wedding feast! Jesus wrote our invitation in His Blood!

## **The Godhead Seen in the Holy Trinity**

Acknowledging the Godhead, the Holy Trinity, is an important criteria in order to recognize true Christians. The deity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit as a Holy Trinity is problematic for non-Christians.

Jesus taught in John 10:30 that "I and My Father are one." Verse 36 to 38 emphasizes this point when He said not to accuse Him of blasphemy but to look at the work in order to "believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him." In His priestly prayer in John 17 Jesus attests again to the unity of the Godhead. See especially verses 20 to 23. The apostle John explains this to the church in his epistle 1 John 5:4-8 (when he tells how our faith gives us the overcoming victory). John goes on to say the three who bear witness in heaven are the Father, the Word (John 1:1-3, 14) and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

Jesus told His disciples "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," (Matthew 28:19). **Note they were to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (singular/ in the three in one name).**

A powerful scripture foreshadowing this is in Isaiah 9 is verse 6.

**FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN, UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN; AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER. AND HIS NAME WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.**

# Online Resources

## Online Bible



Listen to the scriptures on your computer without having to stay online!



e-Sword is a fast and effective way to study the Bible. e-Sword is feature rich and user friendly with more capabilities than you would expect in a free software package.

Bibles are also available for purchase online from other ministries such as [Kenneth Copeland Ministries](#), [Billye Brim Ministries](#), etc.

## Christian Ministries

Check these websites for church locations



### **Benny Hinn Ministries**

Benny Hinn ministers under the anointing of God in powerful healing miracle crusades where millions of people worldwide witness the wonder of God's Power.

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### **Billye Brim Ministries**

Miss Billye is an anointed Prayer Warrior and founder of Prayer Mountain in the Us and Israel. She is used by God as a world witness of unfolding Bible prophecy and special end time teaching.

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**BRIDGES  
FOR PEACE**



### **Bridges for Peace**

Promoting peace and understanding through education BFP is a Christian outreach to the Jews helping them to return to the Land. This Jerusalem based storehouse also ministers practical assistance in food and services.



Concepts of Faith

## Charles Capps Ministries

### **Charles Capps Ministries**

The creative power of our words is the enduring message of this well respected Bible teacher/preacher. His teaching continues to impact positively believers and preachers today.



### **Christ for all Nations**

#### **The Ministry of Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke**

God's evangelist to the African continent with signs and wonders, Reinhard Bonnke is reaching millions there.

### **Col Stringer Ministries**

Col Stringer shows God's sure Word in Australian Christian history, demonstrating why Australia is 'The Lucky Country'.

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### **Ministries**

Dynamic preacher and teacher. Like the name of his church, World Changers Church International, changing the world and people for better. His love for people reaches hearts everywhere.

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### **Jerry Savelle Ministries International**

Winners are grinners, Jerry shows you how through God's Word.

Headquartered in Texas, Jerry Savelle also has offices in Australia, Botswana, Canada, Singapore, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

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### **Joel Osteen Ministries - Lakewood Church**

There is a new generation rising at Lakewood Church - A Generation Without Limits.

Joel and Victoria Osteen are proven leaders for this generation - a generation that believes with God all things are possible!

Started by Joel's parents Lakewood has become the fastest growing church in America. Joel teaches empowering, practical, non-judgmental Christianity. He also teaches people to be "over comers", victors not victims.

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### **Joyce Meyer Ministries**

Joyce Meyer shares God's Word, telling it like it is.

Her practical advice and applications makes her message clear and relevant to everyday people everywhere.

Headquartered in Missouri, Joyce and Dave Meyer also have offices in Australia, Brazil, Canada, England, India, Russia and South Africa.

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### **Jesse Duplantis Ministries**

Jesse Duplantis Ministries is reaching out with the Gospel in a way that is captivating the lost and turning hardened hearts back to their first

love. People are responding to the joyful, down-to-earth, and zealous ministry of Jesse Duplantis.

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### **Kenneth Copeland Ministries**

Kenneth Copeland is seen as a prophet and spiritual father of many faith ministries. He preaches the Word with great insight and broadcasts all around the world.

With headquarters in Texas, KCM has offices in Australia, Canada, South Africa, United Kingdom and the Ukraine.

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### **Rick Renner Ministries**

'Rick uses his extensive grasp of New Testament Greek to take the reader deep into God's intended meaning of key scriptures' (Source: Sparkling Gems from the Greek)

Based in Moscow,  
Rick Renner  
Ministries has  
offices in England,  
Latvia, Russia,  
Ukraine and the  
United States.

“Good News with  
Rick Renner can be  
seen across the  
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