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PREFACE

Christians, all over the world, are always debating religious issues and doctrines. A great deal of energy is spent competing with their rivals. This book describes the manner in which many nations, companies and individuals compete. Christ has only One Body, but it has many parts. It is ludicrous for anyone to compete with anyone in The Churches of God or compete for any matter with anyone – period. God will always require The Unity of The Body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:23). This book, *scripturally*, reveals The True Churches of God and how Christians can determine other Christians in The Church of God. The *Biblical* answers are amazing and shows the great *love* of God for His people.

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INTRODUCTION

Every Christian *faith* and denomination insist their church started with Jesus, The Christ. ("*Christ*" is a title meaning "*the anointed one*" – and is not a name). But, you also need to know, the definition of The True Church of God.

You are going to discover, the deciding factor has very little to do with church doctrine, though it may have a small part of the *truth* of God. The question will be resolved by knowing who does The Work of God and how the work is done.

Another truth concerning The Church of God has to do with how God chooses individuals to be His people. You need, also, to know the requirements He makes, in order for you to be in His Church of "*The Calledout Ones.*" Doctrine does not come under consideration, because God has something far more important in mind when He decides to call certain individuals to His Church (His first phase of gathering His people).

Many Christians understand the need for *repentance* to begin their Christian path. Many believe "*repentance*" means "to stop sinning," which is true. However, in Greek and Hebrew "*repent*" means "to have a change of mind." "Sin" in Hebrew means to "miss the mark" (Romans 5:12-15). What mark did you miss that needs to be, scripturally, made "right?" You missed "the mark of life." Mere humans should not interpret the scripture. Let scripture be explained by other scriptures. Is there a simple scripture stating who God accepts as His people? Yes, there is. The answer is in Acts 10:35. Debating and arguing about doctrine does not define the church of God and only leads to confusion, "*Tossed to and fro...with every wind of doc-trine*" (Ephesians 4:14).

The ministry of Christ is to witness and preach Christ, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity [not debates] of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure [spiritual growth] of the stature [complete] of the fullness [exact image] of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13).

What is your *real goal*? How do you become like Jesus, The Christ? What is the process and what are the requirements? *Biblically*, this book, resolves these questions. Doctrines are only *truths* along *the pathway*. They are not "*the goal*."

The journey during your physical life has an ultimate loving goal which has been predestined by God (Ephesians 1). The purpose of God is to make man in His exact image (Genesis 1:26). In order, to understand how God does this work, you must learn the process and the various conditions. The choice is yours to make, because God never forces you. He carries out His "work" according to the condition of your heart or personal desires.

Only God decides how He works with you. He sent His *Son*, The Messiah, to show you the way to *Salvation* and *Paradise*. This book, *scripturally*, reveals, The True Churches of God.

CHAPTER 1

WHO DOES GOD ACCEPT?

Many Christians believe doctrines determine whether they will be accepted in The Church of God. They believed, they would become the people of God when Israel agreed to keep *The Law of Moses* according to *The Old Testament*. This *Law* was *The Old Covenant* (Deuteronomy 5:3). This *Law* was the primary doctrine, or teaching, for those in *The Old Testament*. (Request the free book, *God's Old Covenant And God's New Covenant*).

DOES DOCTRINE MATTER?

No one can deny, *doctrine* is a serious concern for most believers. Too many Christians are unaware of how doctrine changes. The Hebrew and Greek word for "*doctrine*" in both *The Old* and *New Testaments* means "*a teaching*" or "*a learning*." An example would be the word "*gravity*." If you jump from a bridge, because of The Law of Gravity, you will always fall downward. There are certain truths that cannot be denied. Gravity is a reality on earth. The force of gravity changes when a person is on the moon. Doctrinally, gravity on the moon has much less pull. With the same perspective, doctrine can increase, can be conditional, or decrease, depending on the circumstances. Notice what Paul said about "doctrine" as "a teaching," "Charity never fails: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge [doctrine], it shall vanish away" (I Corinthians 13:8). A "dogmatic" doctrine causes a problem, when people believe they have an eternal truth and, they believe there is no other alternative. They believe it is the one and only way.

However, there is another way to view *Biblical* teachings. For example, if the conditions of a *covenant* or *contract* change, then the contract should, also, change. Paul reveals the problem with a dogmatic doctrine. You, as a Christian, or as a group of denominational Christians, have only a *partial truth* (I Corinthians 13:9). A doctrine can change according to conditions. Dogmatic doctrines do not allow for change. When you believe you have the truth which, in reality, is only *a partial truth*. *Biblical* doctrines change according to the conditions deemed by God.

DOGMATIC DOCTRINE

A good *Biblical* example of a changing doctrine or teaching, is the difference between *The Old Covenant* and *The New Covenant*. Both doctrines concern The Holy Law of God, which is, always, *just* and *good*. These *covenants* or *contracts* with God, have different purposes. Each *covenant* fulfills different goals. Clearly, *The Bible* declares how *The Old Covenant* was made (but only with Israel). It was administered by Moses through The Levitical Priesthood. "Scripture" is indisputable and "reveals this contract was intended for Israel." (Read Deuteronomy 5:1-3 thoroughly). Once The Priesthood needed to be changed, *The Law* was changed (Hebrews 7:12). First and foremost, the text does not say *The Law* is done away with, as some argue. *The Scripture* tells you how *The Law* is handled in different ways when conditions change. This concept is simple.

The Law remains, but exists in a different form. Changing The Priesthood changes how The Law is to be administered. The Letter of The Law was administered in The Old Covenant. The Law had to be kept in every aspect (James 2:10). If one part of The Law was broken, then all The Law (the complete Law) was broken. The end result was death (II Corinthians 3). You cannot decide to offer sacrifices and, then, decide on your own, not to keep other parts of The Law. You would still be guilty of breaking The Whole Law.

Humans cannot and should not decide for themselves what should be kept in *The Letter of The Law*. Once *the temple* was destroyed in 70 A.D., there was no possible way to keep *The Letter of The Law*, because onethird of *The Law* concerned *the temple*. One could no longer keep The Holy Days, because *The Letter of The Law* required only males to keep "*The Holy Days*" in the temple. This rule was instituted, so they could perform the various legal requirements. You cannot keep "*The Letter of The Law*" "*in part*" because you would be guilty of breaking "*the whole Law*." You, therefore, become a sinner. That is the reason *The Old Covenant* had to vanish, "*For there is verily* [truly] <u>a disannulling</u> [made void] of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof" (Hebrews 7:18). This scripture does not refer to The Ten Commandments as the "carnal aspect," but the commandment of The Old Covenant. Why? "For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh to God" (Hebrews 7:19). Why did Paul say this? "For if he [Christ] were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law" (Hebrews 8:4).

The Levites were still serving in the temple (for sin). The Old Covenant was getting old and ready to vanish (Hebrews 8:13). By 70 A.D. with the destruction of the temple, The Old Covenant ceased and became null and void. The Levitical Priesthood could no longer function, in order, to keep The Law of Moses. Once the temple was demolished, the administration changed to Melchizedek. Now, The Law had to be administered differently. The Letter of The Law never made anyone perfect, but could only tell you what sin is (I John 3:4).

A SPIRITUAL LAW

Paul said, The Law is spiritual (Romans 7:14). The Law under Melchizedek was based upon faith and righteousness (Hebrews 1). The weaknesses, or shortcomings of Keeping The Law to The Letter could not make anyone "perfect." God was giving Christians a better hope with Christ, as The High Priest, because He could make the believers "perfect." How could this come about? The Holy Spirit of God, can make you perfect through the sacrifice of Christ and all sins committed will be forgiven (after you repent) (Hebrews 10:10-21). *The Law*, now, becomes part of your heart and nature. Keeping *the works*, or *the legal demands* of *The Law* will never change anyone.

The righteousness of The Law is written into a person's heart when The Holy Spirit of God enters you by changing your human nature. You can receive the same mind as Christ has (Philippians 2:5). What is "the righteousness" of The Law? The answer from Christ is in Matthew 5, 6 and 7. Jesus said, "Be you therefore perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). This answer demands The Law of Moses be kept forever, in the righteousness of God which "causes a spiritual change." A dogmatic doctrine (a doctrinal keeping The Letter of The Law and its works) can actually prevent a person from growing to "perfection." The Law, under Christ, has been magnified to make The Law honorable, so you can receive Salvation through The Holy Spirit (Isaiah 42:21).

By magnifying (enlarging) The Law in your heart, it is made more honorable. This change occurs through His righteousness and not the righteousness of The Law (Deuteronomy 6:25). The New Covenant, under The Priesthood of Christ, provides Salvation through The Holy Spirit. The Law of Moses, in The Letter of The Law, would only bring death (II Corinthians 3:6). A "dogmatic doctrine" keeps a person from receiving The Gift of Salvation. Doctrines or teachings are important, but you must remember – knowledge and teachings will cease. Doctrines should be and are conditional. Remember, you only know "in part" (I Corinthians 13:9).

Can you imagine how some people think certain churches or groups have all or most of the truth? This idea is an impossibility. The most you can know is only "a part" of a much larger scope of knowledge. Being, doctrinally, dogmatic can be dangerous. Individuals need to work out their own Salvation and not be so dogmatic (since a person only knows "a part of the truth") (Philippians 2:12).

"Doctrine" is merely "a teaching," which should not be dogmatic, because the doctrine or truth of God is conditional. Doctrines have goals. The Old Covenant Doctrine was given to people who had a wrong heart and were not repentant (Hebrews 3:10). The Letter of The Law was to be kept – "perfectly" – to change their wrong hearts. The Letter of The Law was mandated, because they were unrighteous (I Timothy 1:7-10). The Law was to be their righteousness (Deuteronomy 6:25). Therefore, The Law had to be "kept perfectly." The Law allowed "no grace" and, no one could keep it – "perfectly" (Exodus 23).

GOD CHANGES DOCTRINE

When Jesus was on earth, He came to Israel (The Twelve Tribes) and not to The Gentiles (Matthew 10:5-6). Initially, Jesus was to bring back "the lost sheep" of Israel to God. Now, through Jesus, The Kingdom of God was available (Mark 1:15). The Kingdom of God was "fulfilled." It was a matter of being ready for The Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1-5). Israel did

not believe Jesus was The Messiah (Matthew 21:42-43). First, Herod killed John, The Baptist. Then, Israel bore responsibility for the death of Christ by The Romans, when they completely rejected Christ.

Jesus said, "Therefore say I to you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof" (Matthew 21:43). This verse is conditional. Christ claims, The Kingdom will be given to another nation. What nation? He foretold how this nation was to bring forth certain fruits. What fruits? The answer to these two questions reveals the identity of The True Churches of God. Furthermore, the answer will focus upon those who are "elected" and "called" to be in The Kingdom of God. Doctrines are not mentioned and only "fruits" are specified. Christ, clearly said, "Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them" (Matthew 7:20). The "True Churches of God" are not known by their doctrines, but what they "produce." What do they produce? Christ answers this question in Matthew 7:17-19. They produce good and bad (corrupt) fruit. The ones who produce good fruit are good and the ones with "corrupt fruit" will "be burned." Still, no doctrine was demanded.

The True Churches of God are identified by *their behavior* and not by *a specific set of doctrines*. Why not? I Corinthians 13:8 answers this question. "*Knowledge*" – The Truth of God shall *vanish*. Truth or knowledge together are a set of facts, which are *taught*. Doctrine, or *a teaching*, has to do with knowledge. "*Knowledge*" in Greek is "*gnosis*" and refers to "*partial truth* – *but not all truth*." Thus, Paul said, "*All knowledge will*

eventually vanish." (Paraphrased). When a person has the truth, then all the truth or knowledge will, eventually, vanish. Doctrine should not be dogmatic. Doctrine, inherently, has certain conditions and goals. When God changed a plan, He changed His teachings or doctrines. Doctrines are based on the behavior of humans and the fruits they produce. When Israel failed to obey God, He waited 4,000 years to give the world "His Son" so Christians had an easier chance for Salvation. Since doctrine does not determine who God accepts, then what does? One's faith or what a Christian believes are of great importance. Faith is based on doctrines or teachings, which determines the nature of the spiritually growing Christians.

DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIANITY

"Denomination" means "to divide." Denominations divide into different religious sects, but are still considered Christians (Acts 10:35). The Apostle Paul admitted, divisions or denominations began in The Churches of God (I Corinthians 3). God accepts them all. However, there is another aspect to consider. God calls denominational Christianity "carnal." Denominations split into segments, but in reality all Christians are His children and are accepted by God as One Body (I Corinthians 3:1-16).

Christians must be honest with themselves and realize exactly, what they are doing. The *spiritual* process that leads to *Salvation* was described by Paul. It must be "*a spiritual temple*," in order for God to *dwell "In You." The foundation* which Paul laid upon The Corinthians was Christ. As long as you have "Christ – In You," God will accept you. All denominations which have Christ as their foundation will belong to Christ (I Corinthians 3). Any minister or man, who preaches or witnesses Jesus, as The Messiah, is accepted. This acceptance does not mean <u>everything</u> they teach is the truth. Every man who speaks will be tried by fire and their works (his teaching or preaching) will be tested. Ultimately, everyone, too, will be saved (I Corinthians 3:14-15). All Christians, in all denominations, are accepted by God, as His people.

Denominational Christianity reveals a person's *faith*. *Faith* discloses a Christian's *level of spiritual understanding*. No two people can be at the same level of *"understanding"* at the same time. Most choose their own church group, because they are in doctrinal agreement. If a member comes to a different *spiritual* teaching and is no longer welcomed by the group, then he should leave. Either he leaves, or he may cause harm to individuals in the group, after he was told to leave. The harm may come, as a result of division in the church, which could lead to conflict.

Paul describes how Christians should conduct themselves around those who differ, *doctrinally* (Romans 14:1-23). You are *not* to be offensive, but should be tolerant and kind, as long as that person does not cause division in that denomination. Paul concludes, "For whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23). Doctrinal dogma is dangerous for any group or individual. Splitting into denominations can lead to destruction of the group. Doctrine is not the point (Romans 14). Spiritual Christian behavior is the issue. Doctrine, as a teaching, is important, as long as it demands growth or change which leads to spiritual maturity. Doctrines should not be dogmatic, but should disclose one's level of spiritual understanding. In that sense, doctrines are to be respected.

CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

The Corinthian Church posed a dilemma for Paul because of their upbringing in *idolatry* and the divisions among them. The City of Corinth was a center for *idol worship*. Any man-made truth was, immediately, *worshipped* as an *idol*. Paul had to admonish the people for developing denominations or splits in The Churches of God (Read the complete chapter of I Corinthians 3). Splits occurred when one *preacher* was preferred over another.

Now, The Old Covenant Law of Moses was worshipped, as if it was the righteousness of God (Deuteronomy 6:25), since it told the definition of sin (I John 3:4). Paul reminded the believers, how The Israelites fell into the same trap, when blinded by The Letter or The Written Law. They misunderstood how The Old Covenant Law of Moses was to bring them "To Christ. The Law never brought The Israelites "To Christ." As a last resort, God had to give His Son. That is why they remained hard-hearted or blind. They had a wrong heart (II Corinthians 3:13-15 and Galatians 3:24). The Law became their "righteousness" and was formed into an idol. Paul stated how a Christian should live, "Forasmuch as you are manifestly declared to be the epistle [letter] of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink [Law of Moses], but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone [The Ten Commandments], but in fleshly tables [heart] of the heart" (II Corinthians 3:3). It cannot be any simpler! Becoming a part of the church of God is never decided by doctrine. It is determined by your human behavior and what is in your heart (led by the Holy Spirit of God). Doctrine cannot determine whether, or not, God accepts you. Your behavior and actions are more important than what you pretend to do in public. That is why Jesus said, "Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them [The people of God]" (Matthew 7:20).

FEAR AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

A dramatic change occurred in the True Churches of God when The Gentiles were accepted by God. The Gentiles were accepted for the first time when Cornelius, *The First Gentile* and his household, received The Holy Spirit of God (Acts 10:44-45). Before that time, only The Messianic Jews were *disciples* and perceived as the *elect* of God. The Jews were the people of God who received His Holy Spirit on The Day of Pentecost. All of them, however, were The Jews who believed, *doctrinally*, only The Israelites could be the *people* of God. Therefore, they strictly adhered to *The Law of Moses* (which required circumcision).

At that time, "doctrine" as "a teaching – was to be changed by God." Circumcision was no longer required for an individual to keep The Law. Understanding this, did not mean The Law was to be "done *away.*" This was *a doctrinal change* taught by God to The Apostles and The Messianic Jews.

The Law was changed from The Letter of The Law to The Spirit of The Law. (Refer to all of II Corinthians 3). The Old Covenant Law disclosed what sin was, so individuals could avoid it (I John 3:4). The New Covenant Law was spiritual and therefore, written into your heart and mind. With this spiritual growth came a change of human nature. "Fruits" determine the value of a person's Christianity. (Acceptance of this New Church Doctrine at The Church in Jerusalem can be found in Acts 15).

Church doctrine is not dogmatic, because it can change with new teachings when God so determines (not when a group of humans decide). Either The Will of God reveals "a new truth," or it is "not a truth." Mankind cannot determine the identity of truth, but God can do this through His Holy Spirit. Humans in The True Church of God can only know true Christianity by the fruit found in themselves and others. "Thy [your] word is truth" (John 17:17).

Mankind, by their interpretations, do not count in this matter (II Peter 1:20-21). Guessing, by means of their *human logic*, is not acquiring *new truth*. The *word* of God, *The Bible*, must clearly reveal it, or it is not the truth.

The Apostle Peter defines the *people of God*, as those who live as Christians and, do not adhere to some *dog-matic doctrine*. God revealed to Peter in *a vision*, *The*

Giving of The Holy Spirit to Cornelius and his household, "Then Peter opened his mouth and said, Of a truth [new doctrine] I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that fears him and works righteousness, is accepted with him" (Acts 10:34-35). What wonderful words!

This is a simple *Biblical* definition of The True Church of God. "*True Christianity*" is determined by a "*condition*," not a doctrine. If one *fears* God (believes) and *strives* or *intensely labors to be righteous*, then God accepts that individual, regardless of the nation they are from. Christians in The Church of God are not determined by *a dogmatic doctrine*, but by The *Holy Spirit* of God. God's Holy Spirit leads each person, *individually*, according to their *spiritual* maturity.

CHAPTER 2

WHAT IS IN GOD'S HEART?

King David committed horrible sins (murder and adultery) during his lifetime. Yet, God said, "David was a man after His own heart." How could David be such a horrendous sinner and have the heart of God? What is the heart of God? Scripturally, you are going to prove something important – how evil a sinner may be, has nothing to do with having a heart like God, after true repentance. Church doctrine or being sinless is not what gives you a heart as God has, but is "a gift" from God.

DAVID'S REPENTANCE

When Nathan, The Prophet told King David what a sinner he was, David did not try to justify his sins (II Samuel 12:13). David, immediately *repented*, but God still penalized him. Throughout the remainder of his life, David endured war, because he arranged to have Bathsheba's husband killed in battle. Consequently, God allowed men to ravish David's wives (II Samuel 12:10-12). The baby son who was born to David and Bathsheba died as part of the penalty. King David's acknowledgement of his *sins* and *repentance* is recorded in Psalm 51. King David asked God for His *loving kindness, mercy* and to blot out his transgres-

sions, which were against His *Law*. He asked God to wash away all of his evilness and cleanse him of sin. David knew God was *a righteous Judge*, but David never forgot his sins, but God does forget our sins.

David gained *wisdom*, when he began to acquire more *truth* and *honesty* in the inner parts of his heart. He was willing to do whatever it took, even if God had to *purge* him with hyssop or lye to make him "*whiter than snow*."

King David pleaded with God to give him a clean (honest) heart and to renew a right spirit within him. Finally, he asked God not to take His Holy Spirit from him. He wanted God to restore him, so he could receive Salvation. David, of his own sinful flesh, did not have a right heart like God. Because King David was given The Holy Spirit of God, he was, then, allowed to have a "right heart." Only God could have given a right heart to David (Psalm 51:1-12). On the other hand, all Christians can ask God for a right heart.

There was nothing special about David as a person. He was a carnal sinner like the rest of mankind. What made David different? He had no personal agenda. His desire, after repentance, was to please God. He had to acknowledge, he was a sinner and needed to repent, just as every Christian needs to repent. God cleansed him, spiritually, which gave David wisdom to make right decisions in his life. David asked God for a good heart and his heart was cleansed through The Holy Spirit of God. Mankind by their own efforts, or works (keeping The Law perfectly), cannot change their *heart* to have a heard like God. It is a matter of *your faith* in God.

ABRAHAMIC FAITH

Abraham, The Father of The Faithful, trusted God implicitly. When Abraham was told to leave his home in Ur, he, immediately, obeyed and departed the land. When he came to Canaan, he was told the *land* would belong to his future children. He never received *the promise* in his lifetime, but understood he would receive his inheritance in The Kingdom of God (Hebrews 11:9-10).

Abraham, without any *doubt* of God, offered Isaac, his miraculously born son, as a sacrifice. He always had *faith* and *trust* in God and was willing to obey His voice. Abraham kept the commands of God by having a "living faith." King David did not have such faith. David, because of his sins, had to go through the entire process of repentance and spiritual growth, as most Christians do. Then, and only then, with The Gift of The Holy Spirit of God, did David begin to have a heart like God. (Request the free book, Faith With Works).

Now, you understand, how humans can be in The True Church of God as The Called-out Ones. You need to be "called-out" of Babylon (your human nature). They were told at The Tower of Babel (Babylon), "And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do" (Genesis 11:6). "Imagination" is "the human interpretation of what is good and evil." Your inner heart has a human agenda, called "self-survival." The core of the human heart is, therefore, evil (Matthew 15:8-9, 19). Until you cast off "self," as Abraham did, you cannot have a heart like God. (David did, also, but he had to pay many penalties for his sins).

A WRONG DESIRE

What is it about a person's heart that is so *ego-driven*? This question has to do with a person's *desire* or *personal agenda* (Proverbs 18:1-4). When you desire something so *deeply*, you *see* the things in the world around you, but have *no wisdom* to see *the truth*, like looking through murky, dark waters. When you have *no personal agenda* or *idol*, you can strive for *wisdom* and are able to see through clear, clean, running waters.

Solomon was given *wisdom* as a special gift, but unlike his father David, Solomon did not repent. You must repent of your self-desires for survival. Then, God can give you The Gift of His Holy Spirit, to have a right heart to learn more truths or doctrines. Only those who fear God and strive for righteousness can be accepted by God and receive "the gift" of The Holy Spirit of God (Acts 10:35).

Doctrine or teachings, up to this point, are "useless." Even if you follow *The Law of Moses*, "*perfectly*" – Salvation will not be given to you. *The Law of Moses* can only tell you what *sin is*. Understanding only a part, can never make you "*perfect*" (Hebrews 10:1). The Law is only a shadow of what is perfect (which is Christ). Doctrine or learning the truth will not make you perfect. You are still blind, as Israel was blinded by The Law (II Corinthians 3). Having a right heart makes you a part of The True Church of God. You can only receive a right heart through The Holy Spirit of God. Why is this a known fact?

A RIGHT HEART

"And hope makes not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost [Spirit] which is given to us" (Romans 5:5). Once you repent and become teachable, you are ready to know and understand doctrine and His love (agapé). "Agapé love" is so intense that your desires will be to do what God tells you in complete "faith." You will have a right heart as did David (the heart of God), but this is based on The Holy Spirit of God.

"Doctrine" does not determine who is in The True Church of God, because it does not give wisdom to understand. You are in a State of Babylon (your human nature) with a wrong heart. Being in this state is why Christ tells His people to come out of Babylon (Revelation 18:4). You will be The God-fearers who desire righteousness (like Cornelius). But you need to grow spiritually and not be blinded by some dogmatic doctrine or desire. The Jews blinded themselves with The Works of The Law. They could not see Christ, because of The Law of Moses. They were too busy trying to do "works" which God hated (II Corinthians 3 and Hebrews 3:10). Because The Jews are blinded by *The Law*, they cannot be *taught truth* or *doctrine*, as they are *dogmatic* about certain *points of truth*. Doctrine has become their *idol*. God said, "*They have not known my ways*" (Hebrews 3:10). Why did Israel not know or understand the ways of God? Because they had *a wrong heart* and thought they knew better than God. If they had the heart of God through His Holy Spirit, then they would have His *love* and would have been *teachable*. Israel *feared* God, but did not know Him, or His "ways" and never received "a right heart."

The True Church of God is only composed of those who have The Holy Spirit of God. They must "come out of Babylon" beginning to grow spiritually (human nature). The Church of God is all about changing the human nature of Christians to the nature of Christ. You will know them by their "fruits" and "not by any dictatorial doctrine."

CHAPTER 3

DOCTRINE AND TRUTH

The Apostle John declared, "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). Do you grasp the significance of this statement regarding doctrine and the truth? Much of your understanding depends upon a correct understanding of this text.

LAW AND TRUTH

Basically, John tells you, *The Keeping of The Law of Moses* never gives *mercy* or *truth* to any Christian. Keeping *The Law of Moses* will not bring you *the truth* or *doctrine*. Naturally, "*a law*" by definition is "*a limitation of behavior by imposing a penalty*." If this is not the case, then you do not have *a law*, which is exactly what God told Moses in Exodus 23:20-21. God said, He would send an angel to guide Israel to *the promised land* and this angel would *not give any mercy* or *pardon their sins*. The angel could not give *mercy* for transgressing *The Law*, because, then, it would no longer be *a law*. So, The Keeping of *The Letter of The Law* is *no different* in reference to *doctrinal truth*. *A law* only tells a person what *sin* actually *is* (I John 3:4).

The Law and any *doctrine* or *teaching*, cannot give Salvation, or The Promise of The Gift in The Kingdom of

God. Truth or doctrinal teachings, about The Gospel of The Kingdom, can only come through Christ. Paul stated, you establish The Law by becoming like Christ or "Christ – In You." All the works or legal demands of The Law no longer apply to Christians, because Jesus removed all the curses of The Law (Deuteronomy 28). By repentance through Christ, you receive grace or mercy. The Keeping of The Law of Moses could not give mercy or grace. There is no mercy in The Law. Truth can only come by Christ and not by The Law (John 1:17). The Old Covenant (Law of Moses) is made void through Jesus. Now, Christ – the path – a doctrine to The Torah leads to Salvation (Hebrews 7:18-19). He provides a better hope for righteousness.

The Torah (the old path or way) is now under *The New* Covenant with a better Priesthood. The Priesthood of Melchizedek is founded upon faith and righteousness and no longer maintained by the legal works, or demands of The Law of Moses. The Law of Moses was only *a shadow* of better things to come (Hebrews 10:1). "Better things" were brought when Christ died. You are no longer under The Works of The Law. Christ brought The New Covenant which gives you grace (mercy) and truth. What is better? Grace (mercy) or truth? Truth is much better to know than "The Works" of The Law, which were a shadow of better things to come. "The works" no longer apply. "Christ – In You" by The Holy Spirit of God writes The Mind of Christ in your heart. Your "carnal nature" begins to change. You establish The Righteousness of The Law in your heart (desires) and mind. Christians growing spiritually - "In Christ" will, eventually, become perfect (Matthew 5:48). Now, you must labor for righteousness, rather than the legal demands or Works of The Law of Moses. Christians have "a higher standard of righteousness" as Christ said (Matthew 5:20). If you do not have this exalted standard, then you will not be in The Kingdom of God. Only grace (mercy) and truth come by Christ and not by demands of The Law of Moses.

THE HEAVY BURDENS

Jesus condemned The Pharisees and scribes who sat in Moses' seat. They had the authority by *The Law of Moses* (Matthew 23:1-2). Remember, *The Law of Moses* gave no grace or truth, but was a burden, "For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers" (Matthew 23:4). Those who believe *The Letter of The Law* is a Christian's "requirement," rather than "*The Spirit of The Law*" are, continually, burdened doing the requirements of *The Works* of *The Law*.

Those who know The Seventh Day as The Sabbath are continually, debating how to keep The Sabbath Holy. No two members, in any congregation, are in total agreement about how The Seventh or The First Day should be kept.

The Pharisees and scribes always laid "heavy burdens" on individuals trying to follow Christ. Through Christ and not The Old Covenant Law of Moses, The Law of God is written in your heart and mind. The New Covenant writes The Law of God into your very conscience and nature. You do not need The Letter of The Law written on the tables of stone (The Ten Commandments) (II Corinthians 3).

Christians, through *The Holy Spirit*, will be made *Holy* **and will be given the** *righteousness* **of God** (Isaiah 55). *"Christ – In You"* is *the only truth –* **a** *"Godly doctrine"* (Colossians 1:27).

DOCTRINAL SALVATION

Truth or the *doctrinal way* of God to *Salvation* is a *spiritual teaching*. You can become a *spiritual temple* through *spiritual growth*. Each *person* in the *churches* of God must be permitted to grow in truth. They grow by their own understanding as they learn spiri*tual truth*. This truth is what Romans 14 tells every Christian. A person's *faith* is "*personal*" and therefore, must be *respected* (Romans 14:23). People must be allowed to take, as much time as they need to grow in maturity.

The True Churches of God grow through "*The Holy* Spirit of God – In Them." Doctrinal truth cannot be taught on a congregational level except through Christ. Any other foundation is not a true church doctrine. This fact is true, whether by *The Law of Moses*, works, or rituals.

You must come out of Babylon (your human nature) and stop personal interpretations or imaginations – rely on "The Holy Spirit of God – In You." King David had a heart like God through The Holy Spirit of God (Psalm 51). Without The Holy Spirit of God, David was a terrible sinner. David pleaded with God to purge him of all sin and to give him The Holy Spirit of God. David's problem was an individual, personal situation. The True Churches of God consists of Christians who would seek and desire His righteousness. Christians want to be, doctrinally, taught by The Holy Spirit of God and are convinced that no other doctrinal teaching is necessary.

PREACHING MINISTRY

Many preachers harm their congregation with their personal interpretations of Salvation. When The Gospel is preached, The Bible is very clear about what a preaching servant must do, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge [doctrine] of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13). These words are quite simple. Grace and truth (doctrine) do not come through The Law of Moses, but through Jesus only (John 1:17). Ministries must spend their entire effort bringing you to the perfection or stature of Christ. Nothing is more important. The preacher's responsibility is to be *loving* and *patient* with each Christian. He must allow the special anointing of The Holy Spirit of God to bring everyone to the unity "In Christ."

CHAPTER 4

CHURCH IN BABYLON

Babylon – The Great Whore is a Great City (Revelation 17:18). The original Babylon was located at Babel, with The Headquarters of The Babylonian Empire in Mesopotamia. The City with its many *heads* or *leaders* prevails to this present day.

Babylon gave wine to the world and put the world in a state of confusion or inebriation. This drunkenness has covered every part of human life, involving jobs, commerce, finance, education and religion. The original Babylon gave the source of this confusion (human nature) (Genesis 11:6). Babylon began, when Adam and Eve ate from The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. This *curse* and *wickedness* are stated clearly in Zechariah 5.

STATE OF BABYLON

The world worships this Image of Babylon (Revelation 17). This "image worship" of Babylon creates a world of good and evil which is the result of human nature. "Human nature" is "Babylon!" Jesus instructed John to write, "Come out of her, my people." John wrote

this to The True Churches of God (Revelation 18:4). These are the people that have The Holy Spirit of God and are led by Him. The more you listen to the various teachings (which are mixed with good and evil), the more confused you will be. How can Christianity cause *war*, when Christians are told to bring *peace* and *love* to the world? Why do those in "Babylon" cause war?

HISTORY REVEALS THE TRUTH

Since the time of The Apostles, the world's religions have produced nothing but confusion. Jesus said, you shall know Christians by their *fruits* (Matthew 7:20). The True Churches of God are to bring *peace* and *love*. Instead, all the world's religious systems seem to bring *war* or *violence*. There is *no church unity*.

Many innocent people have been *persecuted*, *hated* and *martyred*. Why? Throughout the centuries only, "*the few there be that find it*" are, actually, in The True Church of God. Why? Because they have come out of Babylon and have *overcome* their human nature, "*Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leads to life* (Matthew 7:14).

By listening to The Holy Spirit of God, they are *spiritually growing*, in order, to become The Bride of Christ. Other Christians, who refuse to listen to The Word of God, will be raised from the dead in *the last resurrection* and be *the sheep*, as opposed to *the goats*. The goats will be placed in The Lake of Fire. Those coming out of Babylon, are "*the few*" and those will be in

the first resurrection as The Bride of Christ. Why?

Before Christ can return, The Bride must come out of Babylon, *ready* to become The Wife of Christ (Revelation 19:7-8). She will be *clothed in righteousness*. (Request the free book, *The Wedding Feast* for details). God cannot and will not let His Son, Jesus, return for His *Bride* until she *loves* Him, as He loves her. The Return of Jesus has nothing to do with "a specific time," but has everything to do with a condition which can only be decided by God.

The True Churches of God are coming out of Babylon, as directed by His Holy Spirit and need to become *"righteous*" in heart and mind. No one can become *righteous* by any law or religious, ritualistic *system* of Babylon. *Human nature* must be made *perfect* and can only change through The Holy Spirit of God. Many have attempted to find others who *agree* with their doctrines and regard themselves as The True Churches of God. But you have discovered how doctrines, although true, are not the criteria for anyone to be in The True Church of God. The *fruit* reveals The True Church of God and is represented by *The Called-out Ones*, who have been called-out of *Babylon*.

BIRTH TO MATURITY

Knowledge or *truth* can only come when you are *teach-able* as *babies* (as a nursing child) (Isaiah 28). At birth, you have no knowledge of anything other than the fact – you exist. As you grow, believing you know the *right* way, but it may be, only a guess. Science is accurate

when they call it "a theory" because it is not a fact. You accumulate knowledge based on your genes and environment. Each of you live your life based on the reaction of some outside stimuli reaching your nervous system and brain, but is limited by your genes.

Your physiological structure affects how your body performs in reference to your mind. Some people can stand physical pain more easily than others. Some people can reason through their pain and are able to decide, whether to run away from danger or remain to fight.

Many other physical differences affect how you accept or reject information. Your *environment*, your parents, your entire progeny, friends and acquaintances, as well as, your enemies, greatly influence how you accept information. On an individual basis, *the knowledge* and *truth* you accept, shapes who you are. Your physical and mental growth reveals *the wide range of differences* you have accumulated. Now, multiply this accumulation with the totality of mankind, plus the number of *individual ideas* of *right* and *wrong*.

What conclusion do you reach? One outstanding result shows what a mess people have made of their lives. It is astounding how long it took *Science* to come to this conclusion about human behavior. "*Science*" is nothing more than "a process of sorting through the multiplicity of human reasonings in order to determine fact from fiction based upon mathematical probabilities." Now, throw into this maze, human thoughts and what you need for survival. No sane person wants to die yet, but everyone knows they will. How does human nature cope with *this dreadful reality*? "Science" calls it "survival of the fittest." What confusion? What Babylon? Human nature *truly* is *Babylon*. How can you cope with this state of confusion?

THREE CHOICES

Christ discloses how you will do one of *three things* to handle *life's realities* (Matthew 13). The three categories are:

- 1) *Ignorance*: You go on your merry way doing well and making human life seem worthwhile. You do not want to know anything to disturb your life.
- 2) *Foolishness*: You only want to discover your own intelligence. This means you are using your own mind rather than striving to have The Mind of God.
- 3) *Maturity*: You look to God for your *spiritual* growth.

The first group (children or those acting like children) ignorantly striving for *fun and pleasure*. Until adulthood, your human desires cause you to seek *pleasure*. Death is a long way off, so young people are not concerned about dying at a young age. As a child, your life's experiences, usually, are secure and wholesome, therefore, you do not consider death. On the other hand, children with horrendous childhood experiences are confronted with death much earlier. Very few of these children mature in *a balanced fashion*. Some children get delusional by seeking pleasure. For others, they are *so dramatically scared* – they end up with *destructive personal agendas*. These young people lack a normal or balanced conscience, which, of course, lasts in too many situations, unless a challenging life event brings them to reality. How can this mixture of mankind create *a paradise* on their own or even as a group? Such a reward is impossible.

<u>The second group</u> – the foolish, are, intellectually, seeking the answers of life. Why was man born? Is there any purpose? Can this "creation" be for nothing? Through the world's educational system, they find the alleged answer in Science. To them, there is no purpose in life, existing to live and then to die. What a travesty! Apparently, there are no other options. This group, which God calls "fools," think they know good and evil through logical reasoning.

<u>The third group</u>, or category – views the complexities of the universe and compares the conclusions developed through "Science." This view is based on many laws derived through deep thought and analysis, so cannot be in existence by accident. There must be something more behind these beliefs than a mere happening. To truly multiply "time" for creation in all its macro and finite pieces would be mathematically impossible.

These evolutionary scientific, mathematical probabilities cannot find or give answers of proof. Without a superior intellect, humans will have to leave final conclusions in mayhem. There must be a first cause but a first cause must exist with a definite purpose. Purpose requires intellect. Intellect has to be far more superior than any human conclusions. All a human can do is observe the creation God brought to fruition. According to Christ, this third group of humans continues to grow spiritually, as long as they remain in fertile soil. Jesus speaks in parables, so those who have spiritually opened their minds can become teachable and restart their educational process. This process is called "Christianity" or being "followers of Christ."

God sent His Son for this reason. The Knowledge of The Law reveals sin, but Christ brought grace and truth (doctrine) (John 1:17). Through Christ, you begin to grow and have The Mind of God (Isaiah 55:7-9). His Son, Jesus, paid for your sins with His death. This sacrifice proved His love and qualifies Him to be The Groom when you are ready as The Bride (Revelation 19:6-9).

The True Church of God must be far more than the righteousness of The Law (Deuteronomy 6:25). First and foremost, you must have a new mind which is not the human mind God gave you (Philippians 2:5). Being like God is not robbery. Paul explained, you must work out your own Salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12). Churches, through the preaching ministry, will help each member become like Christ and should, only follow the minister, who follows Christ and The Word of God.

Paul preached to those in The True Church of God

saying, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies [grace] of God, that you present your bodies [completely] a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be you transformed by the renewing [understanding] of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:1-2).

"Babylon" is "the state of this world" in every aspect. Why is this statement acceptable? "Babylon" is "human nature," which is a mixture of good and evil. Mankind cannot come to the truth by themselves. Jesus said, Christians should abandon their normal way of thinking and accept Christ's mind. However, this is an individual task. Christians, along with the entire church, must begin to serve and help each other grow spiritually.

CHAPTER 5

GOD'S HOUSE – THE CHURCH

The House of God was started in The Garden on The Seventh Day. God rested from all His work and made The Seventh Day "Holy." Everything, He created was very good (Genesis 1:31). The House of God was Holy.

SEVEN HOUSES OF GOD

The Churchs of God comprise The House of God – His Seventh Day *rest.* God made it evident, man was not involved in doing the work of God. Only God is *The Creator*, "*For every house is built by some man; but he that built all things is God*" (Hebrews 3:4). Only God is creator of *all things*, as The Seventh Day testifies. In the past, mankind, built many *imperfect houses* and will do the same in the future. Of *The Seven Earthly Houses*, God built *three* and allowed *man* to build the other four.

The first earthly house of God was in The Garden of Eden. God rested on The Seventh Day and made it Holy. God said, everything in The Garden was very good (Hebrews 4:3-4 and Genesis 1:31). The Second Earthly House of God was built by Moses, "Moses was faithful in all his house" (Hebrews 3:2). This House of God was administered by The Old Covenant under *The Law of Moses*. <u>The Third House of God</u> was built by Solomon who was given *wisdom*. <u>The Fourth</u> <u>House of God</u>, built by Herod, began with the decree of King Cyrus, The Mede. During this time, The Jews were returning to Jerusalem from Babylon. Christ, The Son of God, built <u>The Fifth House of God</u> through The Holy Spirit of His Father. Christians comprise The Fifth House of God, which is a Holy Temple like The First House of God in The Garden. Jesus was *faithful* in building this House of God (Hebrews 3:6 and I Corinthians 3:16-17).

Notice, the House becomes *Holy* when each Christian has The Holy Spirit of God. Jesus was *Holy* because He was filled with The Holy Spirit of God. Christians, likewise, who have The Holy Spirit of God are themselves *Holy*. This house by Christ is a spiritual temple because of The Holy Spirit of God – "In You" (I Corinthians 3).

The Sixth House of God will be *The Temple* built by Christ and His Bride, along with King David during *The Millennium*. This *house* lasts throughout The **Thousand Years and its purpose is to bring The Holy Spirit of God to those who are still** *unconverted* (Israel and the world). This is *the engagement period* where **The Groom and Bride invite The World to The Wedding Feast** (both the good and the bad).

<u>The Seventh House of God</u> is The Omega, or the final house of God, under The New Heavens and on The New Earth. This is the *final rest* of God or Paradise for His *people*. The Tree of Life, which dispenses The

Holy Spirit of God, is *freely given* by The Bride of Christ and The Holy Spirit of God (Revelation 22:17).

ALL GOD'S HOUSES

All seven houses represent The True Houses of God and consist of *The People of God*. Four of these houses consisted of unconverted people who were striving to be righteous through *The Old Covenant The Law of Moses*, "And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us" (Deuteronomy 6:25). The people who do The Works of *The Law*, God was never involved with their works.

The Three Houses built by The Holy Spirit of God are based upon *faith* and *righteousness*. Only God, through His Holy Spirit, does *the work*. Humans who are *repentant* will let God do *the work*, as He did in The Garden of Eden. A *gift* with no works needs to be done by man. With The Tree of Life, God will do the work and there will not be any *human effort* or *works*. The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil allowed man to do the work with their human hands and human nature. "*The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil*" is "*Babylon*." The people of God, "*The Calledout Ones*," are to grow and come out of human works. The Alpha (the beginning) and The Omega (the end) are the same, both having The Tree of Life with the intent to produce good fruit.

Doctrine is a specific teaching which can be *true*, but is only "*in part*" until a person comes to *the full stat*-

ure of Christ (Ephesians 4). Doctrine should not be dogmatic, because *spiritual growth* demands time and change. Doctrines create *denominations* out of the core concept of Christianity. Doctrine can be healthy if each member can grow at their own pace. God determines *the heart* of each person. Let God do the *work* and do not let *dogmatic doctrine* hinder you. Doctrine measures the level of *spiritual growth of* a person or a group. As long as, the *love* of God is manifested by each church member, then the whole body will be in *unity*. *Spiritual* growth is measured by the love of God, not by doctrine (I Corinthians 12:24-26).

WHAT IS A TRUE CHRISTIAN?

A person who has "agapé love" is "fulfilling" or "completing The Whole Law" (Romans 13:10). Once you have the agapé (spiritual) love of God, you are no longer required to perform the works, or respond to legal demands. Whether it be The Works of The Law of Moses, or any other form of human worship – the work is not necessary.

Of The Seven Earthly Houses or Churches of God, four were built by humans and two were built by God. He will, also, personally, build His third house (Hebrews 3:1-4). The First House or Temple of God was built by God. Consequently, The Tree of Life determined Salvation. The other three houses were built by man (Moses, Solomon and Herod). The Fifth House is a Spiritual Temple – The Church or Body of Christ.

The Sixth House will be built during The Millennium

by Christ and King David. The Seventh is a Spiritual House and will be built by God (The Holy House). This Holy House will have The Tree of Life, just as The First House had. This Sixth House completes The Alpha and The Omega. Four of The Houses, built by men, were intended to bring you to God. On the other hand, The Three Spiritual Houses built by God can give you Salvation. When you are in The Spiritual Temple of God, you will be in His rest. The Sabbath of God is more than a day, which is defined by the word "Sabbaton" in Greek, but is "a place of rest," ("Sabbatismos" in Greek) or Paradise (Hebrews 4:9).

The Seventh House of God is Paradise under The New Heavens and on The New Earth. There is *no torment* or *stress* in this Church of God because of His Sabbath *Rest.* This Sabbath is *eternal* and never ends (Revelation 21:3-6). As a result, The Sabbath is more than a *rest* or a *place* – it is *a condition* – Holy condition. "*To become Holy*" is "*to become righteous.*" You must receive the *righteousness* of God, so He can be "*All In All*" (I Corinthians 15:28). For all of these events to happen, Jesus was sent to Save The World (I John 4:14).

DOCTRINAL TRUTH

Doctrine – a teaching or learning, can be both *true* and *false*. One should not be dictatorial about doctrine, because it is *a process* leading Christians in The Path of Life or "*To Christ.*" *The Torah*, and not *The Old Covenant Law of Moses*, was added to lead you – "*To Christ*" (Galatians 3:19 and 24). To use doctrine and take a chance of offending "Babies – In Christ" is dangerous. Jesus warns, "No one should offend any of God's little ones" (Matthew 18:3-6) (Paraphrased). You must understand that God accepts everyone from every nation, as long as, they fear Him and want to follow God. Besides, they must intensely labor to seek righteousness (Acts 10:34-35). Doctrine is spiritually conditional, which merely denotes a specific place of spiritual growth and is not all the truth, but only a part (I Corinthians 13:8-9).

Christians should not make "doctrines" into "dogma" allowing doctrines to become "commands." Doctrines are organic and need to grow, spiritually, from one meaning to another. True Christians should focus only on spiritual truth. (Read Romans 14 for this very purpose).

CHRISTIAN FRUITS

Jesus did not say by their doctrine you shall know them. But, "You will know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:20). Christ made it quite plain. Notice, there is no doctrinal dogma, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have [agapé – spiritual] love one to another" (John 13:35). This is, simply, your Savior's doctrine.

As Disciples, the only dogmatic doctrine, allows the world to know you are in The True Church of God, is if you *love each other to the death*. Doctrine is not *a sword* which cuts everyone asunder, but doctrine is only intended to cut into the ego and *reveal* a person's *level of spiritual understanding.* Always remember, no one has all the truth. The "Holy Spirit of God – In You" reveals The True Churches of God. The Holy Spirit of God gives you His *love* (Romans 5:5). The *love* of God bears the proper fruit and manifests you as a Disciple of Christ.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Some of the virgins who are waiting to become The Bride of Christ are *wise*, while some are *unwise* (Matthew 25). The *wise* keep their lamps lit by having a continual source of oil, which is The Holy Spirit of God. How do Christians keep their supply of oil increasing? Simply by *growing* from one talent to two, to five and, then, to ten talents.

Doctrine or *spiritual* learning never ceases. Some understand The Seventh Day as the "only" Sabbath Day, a sign of the people of God. However, to spiritually grow in doctrinal understanding means you must understand The Sabbath is a place and a condition of rest. The Sabbath is more than just a day, because it is *Eternity* or *Salvation*. You must regard each and every day as Holy and you must live your life accordingly.

Each doctrinal truth is good and a helpful talent. However, forcing "a dogmatic doctrine to be kept" – stops spiritual growth. Honor all faiths or as Paul said, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Romans 14:23).

The True Churches of God are His, as long as each Christian continues *growing* in doctrinal truth. This

continues until all are in "the love" or "The Righteousness of God!" It is "by their fruits (not doctrines) – you shall know them" (Matthew 7:20). Everyone has many talents. In fact, when a person is young, they usually, do not know what to choose for their life's work. Each person can, literally, go in many directions. As you go through life, you can utilize these talents in any job you have. These talents will help in your family life, or assisting those who may <u>not</u> have, as many talents as, you do. Do not be the one who decides to bury your talents. Also, if you are in a position of authority, do not stifle any talents others may have.

In the end, only God can help you grow, *spiritually* to increase your talents. The key is to pray and study to show yourself approved. With God on your side, you will harvest more talents than you ever thought possible. You need these talents to perform the tremendous *good works* you will be doing in The Kingdom of God.

Your hands will be full. You will have an abundant life accomplishing all the things you may have dreamed of doing in your physical life. But you will not be dreaming in The Kingdom of God – it will be a reality. You will be doing fantastic. It will be more fantastic than your wildest dreams could ever be.

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"Thank you so much for letting God inspire you to put His *word* out. Everything you have written has confirmed what I have understood over the years as in God's truth. You write in an understandable way and it is easy to read. His plan is for all mankind to become like Him. It is so heart-warming, awesome and it brings joyous tears to my eyes."

"I am sharing these books with others who work in The WWCG (Worldwide Church of God)."

"Your insight and revelation from God is a true blessing and conformation from The Spirit of God. Bless you for giving so willingly and freely."

"I would like to thank you for the time and expense required to send me all the requested publications. I have been extremely blessed by your books. They have increased my understanding of God's purpose for my life, enhanced my relationship with our Father and enlightened my perception of how God works in God's House - The Church

our every day life."

I've really been enjoying my new journey in Christ. You guys have been helping me a great deal in my journey. I'm a new Christian. My life has been getting better spiritually since I've been studying The Word. I've got a new outlook on life. I want to pass on what I have learned to my daughter who is 3 years old. I want to raise her differently than the way I was raised."

"I appreciate your love and commitment in Christ's vineyards. Thanks for being 'Jesus focused,' 'grace oriented' and is love-motivated."

"Thank you so much for sending me your wonderful book, God's Puzzle Solved. The book is logically wellwritten and I appreciate your efforts."

"Shalom. Allow me to thank you and your organization for the Art Mokarow CD. I acquired a computer last week and on inserting it in, I notice the many great teachings in it. Thanks very much, may The Almighty bless you."

"I have finished reading *Faith With Works*. To get faith, one should get the full knowlege (faith) about God and His plans for mankind. And should apply the knowledge (faith) to produce action (works). God bless you for honoring God's word in Matthew 10:8, *freely you have received, freely give.*"

"I have gone through your meticulous and marvelous

books. They are, indeed, appreciated."

"The spiritual material you sent me has helped me to develop in the spiritual aspect of life and to other individuals."

I really enjoy reading and learning from your books. They are so understandable.

Thank you – thank you – thank you and God bless you. I just received your books at 12:50 pm. I am so thankful to God and for your obedience. You told me to start with God's Story and as I read and go back to The Word, the puzzle sets me FREE. Thank you, –and God bless you and yours.

I may not understand it all right now and I know you do not take money for the books, but how can I bless the work you are doing? *"We cannot accept any money." The Staff of Art Mokarow suggest you grow in God's word, help the poor, orphans and widows. Art cannot accept any money. He was given it freely – so he freely gives to those who want to follow God."*

Received my book today. I am excited to start reading it.

I would just like to thank you. You are a blessing. If at anytime you need funds donated, please let me know. Thank you and God bless?

I just got the books today. I must say they are really, really good books. Not only can they be useful

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for Christians but non-Christians as well as the first chapter describes very clearly to them that God created everyone.

I have these books: the prophecies, End Times, God's Puzzle, Occult Holidays, Revelations Warnings yet to be fulfilled, The anti-Christ, Martyrdom, Rapture

We need so many more people like you in this country reaching out!!!! Our United States needs so much help for the Christian world – especially in Washington D.C.

I received today your CD Books to be read on the computer. I LOVE IT!!! I have been reading some as soon as I got it (around 1:00 pm – it is now 2:00 am). Thank you !!! I also received the order form to order 4 books at a time. But, I was wondering rather mailing it in can I please order them by e-mail. I would love to have your books to be able to carry with me, where ever I go, so I may be reading and studying them.

E-mailing you again! And each time that we e-mail, we have learned so much more and feel God is pulling the scales off our eyes to realize basic fundaments of truth as we never knew them before. (Having existed in the dark parts of Gods Sabbath churches for 40 years (you could say). This unscaling is a result of reading your works. We feel a blessing. Having gone through all your books now, after picking them up at a Festival site last year, we feel a bit "alone" for the lack of a better word, I guess you could say. There is only one other family who share our enthusiasm that we know of!!

My husband and I have read your three books. Your books put the truth in plain language that a young child could understand.

I am a 67 year old retiree. Eight years ago last September 1, I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, then became a student of The Bible. When I began studying The Bible, I found out that much of what main stream Christianity teaches is not biblical. That is when I began contacting ministries such as yours to determine the real Bible truth. When I initially found The Lord, the Holy Spirit indicated that I didn't come to Christ, but was called. For the past several years I have been spending most of my waking hours studying "in one form or another." I also have had the constant urge to "evangelize" whenever I can and now when I do, I evangelize the truth of. No more fairy tales for me. Many of the people I meet an speak to about the Lord have a little "Bible" knowledge and most times have a hard time believing the truths I promote because they don't agree with what they previously have learned. This is where the information I have received from you and your minister gets to be put to good use again. They tend to listen more when I produce other written proof and The Bible reference(s). That's the first part of my "Thank you."

Being that I only receive the basic social security (no private retirement funds), my disposable income is limited and I cannot donate to any of the worthwhile ministries, such as yours. You have never asked me for any money. Being born and raised in a Roman Catholic environment, that is a real switch. Thank you. I don't own my own computer and I have to go to the library to use theirs. The Des Moines Library only allows one hour per day, so computer use time is also a factor. I don't do any reading on line. The library charges \$.15 per page. You send valuable biblical resources at no cost to me, which makes them even more valuable. Thank you ever so much.

The Bible has a number of references to the importance of a witness. In my testimony to The Lord of the people I am grateful for Him bringing into my life, you, and your ministry, are high on that list. Thank you again. God bless you and your ministry.

Hello, there, I want to send a word of thank you to you. I received the CD and I am a grateful person. May the Almighty God bless you big.

I love your books. Thank you for the books you have already sent. Enjoying them very much.

Your books have profoundly changed my reading of The Bible. I read your books and The Bible everyday. God bless you!

I find your books very useful and on praying to God to give you more knowledge about The Gospel Truth to be able to write more books that will reach every nation in the world. May you continue to lend to many nations but borrow from none. Thank you very much

once again and God richly bless you.

You seem to be more knowledgeable than most.

I just wanted to let you know that what you are doing is a blessing. I have prayed to God that if He wanted to teach me about His word than please do. I read The Bible and with a thesaurus I ask God for wisdom, knowledge and understanding So, I can learn his truth His way. I also use whatever material that comes my way as Bible aids. Unless my spirit tells me different. I just got your books on the 26th of this month. I am on my second book and I will be done with it soon. Very informative and my spirit doesn't disagree. So until it does keep sending me your Bible helper books. They have been helpful so far. Keep the good work up. Thanks for helping fellow Christians grow.

Your books are wonderful. I was able to understand fully the Book of Revelation through your books. In fact, I immediately began to study The Book of Revelation you sent to me.

Honestly, if those books were sold for money, I will not hesitate to pay any amount to get them. I sincerely pray that God grant you the grace to send me all your books as I will continue to order them.

I would like for you to send me your DVD video seminar in Pasadena, CA. I loved every book you have sent me, total of 15! Good for the soul, mind and heart. They are very compelling and I love to share "the word of God and Christ" with my family and friends. God bless you!

Thank you! Thank you! You have really opened my eyes. I hope it is not a bother to order the above books in print form. When I start reading I can't put the books down. May God continue to inspire you.

You are an interesting fellow. It can be told by what you have published. Do you have anything new I might be interested in reading?

I am sorry for writing you this late, however, I want to give you a big thank you for you and your ministry for the very good work God is doing through your ministry and the entire team. I got the CD "book" you sent me a couple of weeks back and it is very enlightening to see the scripture in such a simple and clear perspective. I appreciate the CD "book" and I pray that God