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PREFACE

***History of The Law* is greatly misunderstood. Many people believe *The Law in The Bible* is *The Old Covenant* made with Israel (Deuteronomy 5:3). Others believe, *The Torah* is *The Old Covenant* while still others believe *The Law of Moses* (*The Old Covenant*) was added to *The Torah* four hundred and thirty years later. *The Book of Deuteronomy* is the rewriting of *The Law* which was added to *The Torah* (Galatians 3:17). *The Law of God* is much more, than just *The Old Covenant*. Much will be revealed, as you continue to read this book. As usual, no money can be accepted. You can order your free CD containing the latest books which can be read on your computer. If one particular book is of interest to you, order that book. As you finish each one, order another free book. It is suggested that after you read the book, reread it while looking up *The Scriptures* as a Bible Study. Criticisms are welcomed along with any questions which will aid in developing your knowledge of The One True God and Father of everyone. All books are absolutely free. We are not a church and are non-denominational. Our job is to spread *the word* (freely received – freely given). Use your donations to help the orphans, widows and the truly poor. Should you have objections, please include scripture to prove the point.**

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INTRODUCTION

Everyone should know, laws are made for criminals. Honest individuals try to always keep The Law. Laws are, only, written when people are ignorant of right and wrong. When a street's intersection has few or no accidents, there is no reason for a stop sign or a traffic light. *The Law* changes when that juncture has more than average accidents. You are about to embark on a journey concerning God's Law. On this path, you will discover how God thinks.

TWO TYPES OF SIN

“Sin is the transgression of the law” (I John 3:4). The trouble is, this type of law was given for *the unrighteous* or criminals (I Timothy 1:7-10 and Hebrews 7:16-18). The Law was made for *“carnal”* people who are weak and succumb to committing crimes. This *covenant* had to be annulled. However, *The Law* is not done away with. Only *The Old Contract*, which was made for *the unrighteous*, is done away. Christ's *grace* and *mercy* entered the picture, and God's *Law* was made for those who chose to be *righteous* (Acts 10:35). *The Law* was magnified or enlarged (Isaiah 42:21), as the text in *The Book of Hebrews* signified (Hebrews 10:25-29). Therefore, *The Law* is now made superior to, or more honorable than, *The Letter of The Law* or *The Law of Moses*, in *The Old Covenant* and in *The Old Testament*. *The Law* becomes *spiritual* and far more superior, because it makes you perfect and Holy, thus, you can receive the forgiveness of Christ (Romans 7:14). *The Law* is never done away with, but is elevated to *a saintly standard*, so you can be like God, *“All unrighteousness is sin”* (I John 5:17). *The New*

Covenant has no weaknesses as long as, Christians live *in the spirit*. *Physical works* change absolutely nothing. Only, The Holy Spirit can change your nature and that, my friend, is a *gift* from God.

LAW OF THE SPIRIT

Jesus said, “*That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit*” (John 3:6). You cannot exist in both realms (the spirit and the flesh). To be born again, you must put your flesh to death and, ultimately, you will only live *in the spirit*. That is why Paul remarked, “*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh* [doing human works], *but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life* [Salvation] *in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death*” (Romans 8:1-2). To live in The Spirit cannot be any simpler! If you believe, you must do all the legal works of *The Law* to be saved, then your end result will be death, “*That the righteousness of the law* [spiritual] *might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit*” (Romans 8:4).

If you want to become *righteous* and receive Salvation, you must keep *The Law, spiritually*. Christ removed the curse of *The Law* (death) by keeping *The Law spiritually*. *The Law* gives no *mercy*. Only by The Blood of Christ are you forgiven. There is no condemnation for delivering you from the curses (Deuteronomy 28). You must be under *grace* and *mercy*. A God-fearing person who is neither circumcised, nor keeps *The Letter of The Law*, but is still accepted by God, as long as the person works and strives for righteousness. God, through His Holy Spirit, continues to

produce His mind “*In You.*” As you grow and mature, you become a saint or a Righteous One (Ephesians 1:4). Christ demands each believer exceed the “*righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees*” as required in *The Law of Moses* (Matthew 5:20). *The New Covenant* expects more. John 5, 6 and 7 expands *The Law, spiritually*. Christians are told to become *spiritually perfect*, so they can receive Salvation (Matthew 5:48). A law is necessary when humans are weak and cannot control themselves. The Letter of *The Law* with all its works, will change nothing in your *spiritual* life. God’s *Law* plays an extremely vital role in every civilization. It is imperative to keep *The Commandments* (Luke 17:10). *The Commandments* must be kept as a duty to God, so the society in which you live can be a civil place. Remember, keeping The Letter of *The Law* makes you “*spiritually useless*” to God.

GOD’S PURPOSE FOR LAW

The Old Covenant Law was given because of sin and was added to *The Torah*, which describes God’s *path* to Salvation. The Israelites lacked *faith* in God and did not know His ways (Hebrews 3:10 and Galatians 3:19). *The Law*, added to *The Torah*, was a pathway to God and to remain until Jesus came to earth (Galatians 3:19). Why was this *Old Covenant Law* to remain until Jesus came? Obviously, The Messiah brought Salvation, which demanded a *New Covenant*. In *The New Covenant*, *The Law was not done away, but was changed to The Spirit of The Law.* This change is why Paul called *The Law* “*spiritual*” (Romans 7:14). Any *covenant* or *law* must be studied in “*the light of its historical setting.*” Keeping *The Law, spiritually*, required a change in the heart and mind of every Chris-

tian. With a change in The Priesthood, *The Law*, also, had to change (Hebrews 7:12), (Isaiah 42:21) “*For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ*” (John 1:17). *The Law of Moses* was only a shadow, or a prophecy about a better law that could make the believer perfect (Hebrews 10:1). *The Old Covenant – Law of Moses* could never give grace, mercy or truth, but was simply a future shadow of truth. How did Jesus bring the truth to *The Law* so it could make you perfect? “*The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness’ sake; He will magnify the law and make it honorable*” (Isaiah 42:21). Jesus brings truth to The Law by magnifying it which causes you to have God’s righteousness. Thus, *The Law* is made more honorable or superior. “*To magnify,*” in Hebrew, means “*to enlarge*” or “*make larger*” in scope, but this is beyond *the righteousness of The Law*.

Christ came to write *The Law* in every Christian’s heart and mind (which was perfection). God hates the sinful nature of mankind. For this reason, He planned to change it through Christ. With Jesus, *The Law* became *spiritual*. You must seek God, become a God-fearing person and forsake your thoughts, which are mostly wicked (Isaiah 55:6-11). God shows you His thoughts and mind are superior to yours. God reveals that the words from His mouth will not go forward in vain, but will accomplish what pleases Him. His words will prosper and succeed – that is a *guarantee*! It is reassuring to have The Word of God given as your proof. God’s Law can be administered in various ways with different purposes. Under *The New Covenant* of Christ, *The Law* can change your very heart and mind. Emulating God’s mind is what The Tree of Life is all about.

CHAPTER 1

IN THE GARDEN

Eating from The Tree of Life was the opportunity of Adam and Eve to obtaining Salvation with no “*Law Keeping*” required. Why have Christians and Jews wasted their time and energy arguing over *The Law* for 2,000 years? Debates continue regarding *The Old Covenant* and *The New Covenant*. Does one, do away with the other? For Adam and Eve, *The Law* was not an issue for Eternal Life. They had *free choice*.

NO LAW – NO SIN

The Bible makes a bold statement concerning *The Law*, “*For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law*” (Romans 5:13). Sin will always exist, whether there is *a law* or not. Do you realize what Paul is telling you? Sin, by its very nature, results in death. Rather, it is a natural and automatic result of a criminal society. In nations where the laws are lax, or weak, society will be unstable. Immorality is the basis of all sin. Total freedom from law becomes a *free choice* to sin or not.

Citizens complain when their jurisprudence (science or philosophy of law) system fails them. Any nation, that does not have laws to protect its sovereignty and

allows illegal immigrants to enter – is a farce. When no law exists, there can be no crime, even though an act can be sinful. “*Sin*,” in its major definition, means “*to miss the mark*” of *Paradise* (God’s house). In order to have peace, prosperity and eternal life, a house must always be Holy or *good*. This is the only way to have everlasting Salvation (Ephesians 1:3). “Holiness” is “The Goodness of God” and anything less is sin. Laws define sin, or crimes in a civil society and can change according to conditions. This is the purpose or reason for making laws. *The Torah* is considered “*the way to life*” by Muslims. Christians and Jews consider “the way to life” as being from God.

GOD’S REST

In The Garden of Eden (God’s Kingdom), there was no sin. Everything God created was very good (Genesis 1:31). Adam and Eve were truly living in God’s *rest*. “*Shalom*” in Hebrew means “*peace*” or “*God’s Sabbath Rest*.”

Adam and Eve did not sin in The Garden, until they ate from The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. Until Adam and Eve sinned, no law was needed. Thus, Paul said, “*Sin is not imputed when there is no law*” (Romans 5:13). Paul’s statement describes society with laws. If there is no law concerning a crime, then no crime has been committed.

Since there was no written or codified law, God allowed Adam and Eve to stay in Eden, but without access to The Tree of Life. God gave Adam and Eve *free*

choice and they chose the path ending in death.

LAW AND GRACE

Once *The Law* was codified (made legal), no *grace* or *mercy* could be given to those who were under *The Law*. Each and every sin, or crime, had a curse or penalty, with no exceptions. In short, *The Law* must be *obeyed* and kept *perfectly*, if a society is to know any peace. Citizens continue to have a wrong heart (no conscience), they will have a criminal nature. A criminal's nature, or mind, demands the existence of God's *Laws*. The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil is comparable to the human mind with all its imaginations of *good* and *evil*. Every human looks at life differently, because they do not know what *good* or *evil* is. They can only learn by observation and experience.

The Tree of Life is God's *word* – The Very Mind of God. People can only learn through God's Holy Spirit (John 14:17). Amazing! Only God is full of *goodness* (Matthew 19:17). God knows all that is good for you, because He created you (Genesis 1:26). God does not need *to observe*, to know what is *good* or *evil*. God is *Holy* and *perfect*. God wants you to become like His Son, Jesus. You, through God's Holy Spirit (The Mind of God), are to be just like God and Jesus. God's purpose is to be "*All In All*" (I Corinthians 15:28).

REPENTANCE

Why does God require repentance, in order, for you to receive *grace* or *mercy*? "*To repent*" means "*to have*

a change of mind from a human mind to God's mind." Adam and Eve chose to follow their human mind to learn *good* and *evil* on their own. A *repentant* person seeks God out of *fear* and desires to learn from Him. They also labor to seek His *righteousness*. Initially, you must become a God-fearer (Acts 10:35). Then, when God knows your heart's desire, He bestows *grace* and *mercy* on you. God knows, when you are ready to change your mind (in faith) and, eventually, have a mind like His. Why? Because God promised it and He does not lie, but your responsibility is to, completely, *trust* God. God's "*goal*" and "*will*" is to make you in His "*image*" (Genesis 1:26).

Repentant people have psychologically bottomed out. They want their lives to continue in its current state and are ready to truly change. God knows when all this happens and, consequently, bestows *grace* through *The Blood of Christ*. Christ removed the curse of *The Law* (death) and from then on, Christians were reborn *spiritually* (Galatians 3 and John 3). Through His Holy Spirit, God reveals His word in your heart, because of His love for you (Romans 5:5). Once the conversion from a *human mind* to a *Godly mind* begins, your human flesh is dead. Death occurs after *baptism* and through *faith* a *new mind* begins. You must keep eating from The Tree of Life, so you may receive The Holy Spirit and begin your journey towards The House of God (Request the free book, *Faith That Saves*).

Those who keep eating from The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil, by choice, are destined to die. They are using their human nature to decide what is

good and what is *evil*. God's purpose is to have Christ "*Save The World.*" He is not intending to destroy it (I John 4:14). To offset human nature, God assigned *The Law*, so that *the unrighteous* would know what sin was (I John 3:4). God, first sent His Prophets (before Christ) to preach about "*righteousness*" (God's mind) (Isaiah 55:8-9 and Hebrews 1:1-2). *The Law* (which reveals sin) was needed for the unconverted (I Timothy 1:7-10 and I John 3:4). The "*converted*" must advance, or climb the steps, of what is known as "*Jacob's Ladder.*" Jacob's Ladder describes the steps taken to reach The Temple of God. There are the seven pillars, you must climb to reach "*wisdom*" (Proverbs 9:1).

The first step is called *fear*, which is why God accepted Israel as His people. Israel feared God. The fear of The Lord gives you *wisdom* (Proverbs 9:10). The Prophets preached God's *righteousness* and not *the righteousness* of *The Law*. Always remember, *The Law* was only for *the unrighteous* and, later, the law was given through *a covenant*. Noah was The Eighth Preacher of Righteousness (II Peter 2:5). Genesis 5 lists the ten sons of Adam who were like God and were called The Sons of God. The list begins with Seth's son, Enos, whose name, in Hebrew, means "*named after God.*" Counting from Enos to Noah makes Noah The Eighth Preacher of *Righteousness*.

When The Sons of God and their progeny saw the daughters of men (Cain's lineage), they started marrying them. By doing so, they corrupted themselves. God spoke about these conditions which had become so *evil*. The conditions were so bad, many people

were *evil and violent*. God had to stop the world from, continually, sinning and committing suicide. So, He flooded the world and drowned all mankind except for Noah and his family (Genesis 6:11-12). Noah was saved, because he was perfect in his ways through *faith*. God baptized, or put the old world to death, by means of the flood. Once the flood receded, God was ready to make a new beginning.

THE RAINBOW COVENANT

After the flood, God allowed mankind to live 120 years. Before the flood, being able to live for nearly 1,000 years, brought violence and murder. Up to this point, sin was not imputed through *a codified law*. *The Law* had always existed and was available, but only “*spiritually*.” One had to eat from The Tree of Life which was lost, until The Promised Seed returned. Only, The Sons of God, The Prophets and The Preachers were God-fearers, waiting in *faith*, for The Promises of The Messiah.

Enoch, The Seventh Prophet from Adam, preached The Gospel of Christ. He stated, “*Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of his saints* [angels]” (Jude 14). Enoch was The Prophet before the flood and, then, God decided it was time for *The Law*.

CHAPTER 2

THE NOACHIAN COVENANT

The Law was about to change. God was about to change His *Law* from a *Spiritual Covenant* (The Tree of Life) to a *Conditional Physical Covenant*. The “*covenant*” with Adam and Eve was an agreement concerning *free choice* and the ability to choose The Tree of Life, or The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil (and death). Now, God gave a new *Law* pertaining to the entire world and not just God’s people (the God-fearing). This new *Law* was known as *The Noachian Covenant*.

CIRCUMCISION

Since *The Spiritual Law* ended with the murder of Abel, God created a *New Legal Covenant*. Conditions changed from The Time of The Garden of Eden. God gave the world a *new law*, which only prohibited murder. This *Law* was necessary, because The Tree of Life had been lost (Genesis 3:24). Circumcision of the flesh was the male’s acceptance of this new *Law*. Signifying all future generations accepted circumcision and were legally bound to keep this *Law*. This generation came from human parents and did not have God’s Holy Spirit, but circumcision validated humans were born in sin (Galatians 3:22). Whether death was by an ani-

mal or by a human, a curse or judgment was issued.

A law must have judgments, or penalties, as punishment for transgressions. Having committed these transgressions, humans could not receive any *mercy*. If *mercy* was given, then *The Law* was weak and corrupted by human reason. The penalty for breaking this *Law* by murder was *death*. Cain received no death penalty when he murdered Abel. Having no *Law* in Eden against murder, his penalty had to be “*banishment*” from God by losing his Salvation. For this reason, Cain said, “*my penalty is greater than I can bear.*” He needed to repent, but never did.

A biography about Cain's life is called *The Epic of Gilgamesh*. The work depicted a pre-flood king/priest legend, who, continually, sought Eternal Life and died. At that time, God was ready to mandate a law against murder – to guarantee that society would not end in violence again. Even drinking human blood was forbidden. This was God's *first legal covenant*, which was ratified, not in writing, but through circumcision. God had to put His *mark* of approval on this *covenant* with the world. What was His signature? One of His signatures was God's throne in heaven has a rainbow testifying how this *covenant* was endorsed by Him. The seal of “*the rainbow*” affirms God's promise to never again flood the world. Consequently, “*the rainbow*” was “*The Signature of God.*” This signature is similar to when kings press their rings into wax on a document. This practice was used when a new law was proclaimed. Now, this new law was a command for all mankind and was agreed upon (for legal sta-

tus) through circumcision. The appearance of God's rainbow after rain provided protection for the people. Now, this *law* was enjoined upon humanity and they no longer had *free choice*. This *law* had a curse – the death penalty for committing heinous crimes such as murder.

GOD-FEARING

God gave every nation, not just Israel, the opportunity to receive Salvation (Acts 10:34-35). After Christ's crucifixion, the rest of mankind was acceptable to God. Humans had to fulfill two conditions, mandated by God, to be considered His people, "*But in every nation he that fears him and works righteousness, is accepted with him*" (Acts 10:35). A God-fearing person, such as Cornelius, The Gentile, was uncircumcised and not a keeper of *The Law*. There were people from all nations who feared God and deeply desired to be *righteous*. The Greek word "*ergazomai*" is translated as "*works*" and means "*to labor intensely, like pulling an ox out of a ditch while it is resisting you.*" God accepts any person of any nation, whether Gentile, Pagan, Atheist or Agnostic, who meets these conditions. Why is this? These individuals have a *right heart*.

Now, with Christ's death, your sins, as well as, everyone else's sins, are forgiven and forgotten. *Repentance* is the change of a person's mind to have The Mind of God (Romans 8 and Philippians 2:5). If you keep growing *spiritually*, you will become either a *faithful Christian* or a *saint*. To have *faith* means to have absolute trust "*In Christ*" and "*In God.*"

“A saint” in Greek, is “hagios” or “a Holy One.” In Hebrew, the word “tsedeq” means “a righteous one.” A “saint,” who has achieved *spiritual righteousness*, is “one who has grown spiritually to the point, they are willing to die for God.” They have attained *agapé love*, which fulfills or completes *The Law* (Romans 13:10). These individuals will become The Bride of Christ. Those who are *faithful*, or God-fearing, will be the ones saved, not as The Bride, but as guests. They must come to New Jerusalem, annually, under The New Heavens and on The New Earth (Revelation 21:24). They must bring their *glory* as an admission to be able to eat from The Tree of Life.

Salvation – *spiritual growth* continues in The Kingdom of God. The healing leaves from The Tree of Life will be available to all nations (Revelation 22:2). Never forget, Salvation is a gift – but a person’s work determines the reward they will receive.

THE LAW CHANGES

When a priesthood changes, *The Law* has to change (Hebrews 7:12). The Priesthood of Levi, under Aaron, could not give Salvation, only a successful, long, safe and prosperous human life. Only God can bestow The Gift of Eternal Life. That is exactly, what Jesus said, “So likewise you, when you shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, *We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do* [human obligation to do]” (Luke 17:10). To be “*unprofitable*” in Greek means “*one is useless.*” God cannot use you if you are only keeping The Letter of *The*

Law; keeping it only brings death at the end of your life. There is no Salvation, because The Letter of *The Law* only provides a good, decent human life in this present physical world (II Corinthians 3). The Letter of *The Law* can only tell you the meaning of sin (I John 3:4). To receive Salvation, you must become *righteous* or *Holy* (Ephesians 1:4).

The definition of a “*Christian*” is to “*spiritually grow toward righteousness.*” To grow “*spiritually*” one must have God’s Holy Spirit. The Temple of God is where God’s Holy Spirit dwells (I Corinthians 3:16). A *saint* or *Holy One* must become *righteous*, or totally like Jesus, to be Christ’s Bride. One has to become worthy to be His Wife (Revelation 19:7). All those on The New Earth must continue growing, *spiritually*, to become like God (II Peter 1:3-4).

The Letter of *The Law* gave no grace or *mercy* (Exodus 23:20-21). God changes The Keeping of *The Law* under the administration of Melchizedek, “*For the law was given by Moses, but grace [mercy] and truth came by Jesus Christ*” (John 1:17). Only the administration of Jesus, allows *The Law* to forgive sin, or give *grace*. Only Christ gives *The Truth of Salvation*. The Letter of *The Law* cannot save anyone, only God can make you *righteous* through His Holy Spirit, giving you *the truth that will save you* (Romans 5:5). *The Law* changes from The Letter, or *the physical law*, to *God’s Spiritual Law*, which is a *continually growing entity*. Christ came to enlarge, increase or magnify *The Law* (to become *spiritual*). Being *spiritual* makes one honorable, but *spiritual growth* is required, to achieve the fulfill-

ment of *The Law* which is composed of one specific element – *love* (Romans 13:10 and Isaiah 42:21).

BACK TO NOAH

In summary, God was in The Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. He initiated *The Law, spiritually*, which allowed access to The Tree of Life. Access to Paradise will be in the future. Sin entered, and after the end of civil violence (the flood), God was ready to *codify or enforce* part of His Law, which was *The Noachian Covenant*. This *covenant* was sanctified through *the rainbow*, and then, was ratified by “*circumcision*,” which only prohibited murder, because of its prevalence in the pre-flood civilization. God’s Law is a growing entity depending upon the condition of the people in the world at a specific time in human history. God, in *The Torah*, makes many *covenants*, depending on the behavior of mankind in any particular time period.

CHAPTER 3

THE SPIRITUAL LAW AND THE FLESHLY LAW

Keeping *The Law* is a continuous process. Ultimately, the goal of *The Law* is to achieve God's *righteousness*. Those who choose The Tree of Life are led to God's *righteousness* by His Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit directs you to *the truth*. *The revelation* of The Mystery of God allows you to become Holy and divine like God and Jesus (Ephesians 1).

TALENTS OF GOD

God is The One who has life, and is The Only One, who can grant you Eternal Life, as a gift through His Son, Jesus. Because of His love for you, God grants you heavenly gifts and blessings, so you can achieve Salvation (Ephesians 1:3). Christ gives you a parable about God's talents. Christ said, *the kingdom* is like a man who goes to a far country and gives his goods to his servants to manage in his absence (Matthew 25:14-20). He gives the servants one, two and five talents, respectively. When the man returns, he checks his books. The servant with one talent was afraid of his lord and buried the talent, figuring it would not get lost. The servants with two and five talents doubled

their talents. When the lord looked at the account of the one who did not increase his talent, the lord took the talent which laid idle and gave it to the servant who had ten talents. Then, the one who gained nothing was cast into outer darkness where there was weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth. This parable proves how “*spiritual growth*” is a process and how Salvation cannot be achieved by attempting to follow *The Law*.

The history of *The Law* begins with Adam and Eve having an opportunity to remain in God's *rest*, forever. If they had eaten from The Tree of Life, they would have remained in The Garden and grown in God's *grace* and *truth*, without having to repent. Adam was a figure of Jesus (Romans 5:14). Adam, Eve and their children could have experienced Paradise, forever, while maturing in God's likeness. Adam and Eve made a wrong choice which required a painful restoration process (Genesis 3:15). Jesus came to save (restore) what was lost (Matthew 18:11). Adam and Eve lost Paradise and The Tree of Life, which is Eternal Life. Jesus said, you shall know them by their fruits. How is this? “*Even so every good tree brings forth good fruits; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit...Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire*” (Matthew 7:17-19).

This should begin to be quite clear. The Tree of Life, only brings forth good fruit, but The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil causes death. A person who eats from The Tree of Life, which gives Eternal Life, will receive Salvation. In comparison, The Tree

of The Knowledge of Good and Evil is a mixture which produces both *good* and *evil* fruit. Human nature can only bring forth a mixture of good and evil. Why? Humans can only guess what is good or evil based on their observations. No one was present when God made everything to see how it was created, which was a miracle in itself. How can anyone know what God knows?

WHAT IS THE LAW?

The Law of Moses was incomplete and weak. *The Old Covenant Law* could not give Salvation, because the flesh is weak. *The Old Covenant Law* was not *the fulfilled law* or *the complete law*, but only for *carnal* people, to help them repent. What makes *The Law* complete? “*Love*” is “*the fulfilling of The Law*” (Romans 13:10). I hope you understand this. Love is the most important part of *The Law*. Until you achieve love, you are not keeping *The Whole Law*. Keeping *only a part of The Law* is sin (James 2:10). Love has no desire to do any harm to anyone.

Three different words are translated as “*love*” in *The New Testament*. They are “*eros*,” “*philia*” and “*agapé*.” *The fulfilling love* is *agapé love* (Romans 13:10). *Agapé love* is caring for the welfare of others and you would be willing to die for them. Only by achieving the *spiritual* level of *The Law* can Salvation be given, but anything less will not allow you to enter The Kingdom of God. The Letter of *The Law* was made for criminals or the *unrighteous* (I Timothy 1:7-10). Unless you keep *The Law* according to its *spiritual* demands, you can-

not enter The Kingdom of God (Matthew 5:20).

God never allows anyone to receive Eternal Life, unless they loved His creation more than their own life. That is why Paul said, "*The law is spiritual*" (Romans 7:14). God made humans subject to death until they, by *free choice*, grow in God's *agapé love*. Then, and only then, do they fulfill or complete *The Law*. God could not impose or assign *the spiritual law* until The Israelites' hearts were ready. He gave them a *carnal commandment*, which applied to *carnal* people (Hebrews 7:16). Any *carnal* commandment is a law with curses and penalties, intended to stop individuals from sinning. Some people commit crimes because they have no conscience.

God limited His blessings in *The Law of Moses* to physical things, because a person could perform a duty in a civil society and still have a wrong heart. God still considered individuals to be *useless* in The Kingdom of God, unless they kept (or keep) *The Law, spiritually* (Luke 17:10). Keeping *The Law spiritually* automatically, includes keeping *The Law*, physically. Therefore, *The Law* no longer requires The Works of *The Law*, which are only *shadows* of better things to come (Christ) (Romans 2 and Colossians 2:16-17). God's Law allows you to grow *spiritually* so you can reach maturity and "*internally*" become "*The Law – spiritually.*"

Jesus came to give *grace, mercy* and *truth* (John 1:17). The Letter of *The Law* did not destroy sin. Only The Keeping *The Law, spiritually*, can give *grace*. You must keep *The Law*, internally and *spiritually*, in or-

der to actually fulfill *The Law*. Paul summarized this demand by saying, if Jesus were on earth, He would not be a priest. *The Law of Moses* was kept, as long as, *the temple* was standing. However, *this temple worship* was only *a shadow* of the real *temple* in heaven. In due time, a better “*covenant*” was introduced that makes Christians perfect, without all the legal requirements of the *carnal* (work) *commandments*. (Read the first chapter of Isaiah).

The author of this book has written, at length, about *The History of God’s Law* *The Bible* teaches a *superior, magnified Law*, which gives honor to God’s complete Law (Isaiah 42:21). This volume proves how God alone reveals *the spiritual part* of *The Law*, when mankind is ready to accept the *truth*.

CHAPTER 4

THE TWO TREES

The history of *The Law* begins with God. God is *agapé love* which fulfills *The Law*. God is *The Law*. God and Christ are *The Torah*.

THE TREE OF LIFE

God introduced *The Law* to Adam and Eve, which, at that time, was called The Tree of Life. This was not *The Law of Moses*, which came later, but was *The Law of The Spirit of Life* (Salvation). Paul said, “*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death*” (Romans 8:2). *The Old Mosaic Covenant* (keeping *The Letter of The Law*) brings death.

There are two types of *laws*. These are the same laws, however, they are *administered differently*. These two laws represent two types of trees – The Tree of Life and The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. Paul described, the law of *The Spirit of Life*, as The Tree of Life (Romans 8). The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil is *The Law of Sin and Death*. Both trees in The Garden were very good (Genesis 1:31).

God gave *the two trees* to allow mankind the opportunity to choose. Adam and Eve were first to make

this choice. They were faced with *the spiritual decision* between: 1) the *righteousness* of *The Spirit of The Law* or 2) the *carnal commandment* intended for *carnal* people, which leads to *death* (Genesis 3). The Law was not *carnal* (beast like), the people were *carnal*, like beasts.

God did not create death. A person's human behavior leads to death (Hebrews 7:16). By refusing The Tree of Life, they forsook God's *way of righteousness* or *perfection*. There are two definitions for sin, "*Sin is the transgression of the law*," (I John 3:4) and "*all unrighteousness is sin*" (I John 5:17). The first definition for *carnal* (unrepentant) is *people*. The latter definition for *converted people* are those working to achieve God's *righteousness*. *The Law* given to Moses is for criminals (I Timothy 1:7-10). *The Spiritual Law* is for God-fearing Christians, who are striving to attain *The Righteousness of Christ* (Ephesians 4:11-13).

WHAT IS THE LAW?

The Law is defined as something a person must do to achieve a goal. Laws are created for individuals to follow, to live in a human form of *peace* and *security*. Laws require consequences which can be either *good* or *bad*. The outcome of God's Law is based on conditions. *The Law* can produce different outcomes. For instance, The Tree of Life produces Salvation and The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil results in death. Laws are directions either to *life eternal*, or *death*. However, a law cannot be in force, unless ratified or codified. One can still sin by breaking a law,

but the person cannot be held responsible if the law is not known, or in force. Thus, ignorance of the law is only a temporary excuse. Paul said (about Adam and Eve), “*For until the law [of Moses] sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law*” (Romans 5:13). Humans may not be aware, or understand, a certain law, but breaking it is a transgression which may result in a penalty. However, without knowing *The Law*, a penalty cannot be exacted, which is *Biblically* called “*a curse.*”

In order for a law to be legal, a person must be “*aware*” of the law. Also, it must have a specific penalty, or curse, that can be enforced. Adam and Eve were unaware, they had sinned against God’s Law. No penalty was exacted, only a choice. However, their choice would, ultimately, produce death instead of life. Life was only possible if they ate from The Tree of Life. That is the reason God had to remove them from The Garden. If they ate from The Tree of Life, they would have had Eternal Life. Now, they had to live their lives by their own human effort or imagination. They were living without their coach. Since sin was not revealed as a law, Adam and Eve were denied access to The Tree of Life, until they were ready to repent and be resurrected into a *spiritual* life.

Adam and Eve had to wait for Christ to come and pay for their sins. Because they did not know about sin, their only penalty was the natural result of their choice. They chose, knowingly or not, to die at the end of their lives. God is not the one who causes death, Adam and Eve made that choice. The *carnal*

law, for *carnal* people, imposed death as the punishment for capital crimes. God only imposes laws when the conditions demand it. God imposed sin after Israel knowingly sinned (Deuteronomy 5:29). Israel received God's *Ten Commandments* and nothing else. However, because of their wrong heart, God demanded *The Law of Moses* be observed, without fault, or they would be cursed (Deuteronomy 22 and 29-31).

Deuteronomy is "the added" *Law* in *The Bible* and was added only for Israel (Deuteronomy 5:3). Adam and Eve's transgression was not a matter of breaking *The Ten Commandments*, but a lack of *faith*, or *trust*, in God. On the other hand, Israel knew they had transgressed *The Ten Commandments*. God was ready to impose the death penalty. Because *The Commandments* were not yet codified, or made legal, God listened to Moses' plea for Israel and sent them into the wilderness for testing. That generation died because of their lack of *faith* (Hebrews 3:8-19).

CONDITIONS

The Tree of Life represents God's Law both *spiritually* and *physically*. Through God's Holy Spirit, His love is manifested and completes all of His *Laws of Righteousness*. Adam and Eve broke *the spiritual* aspect of God's Law, because of their lack of *faith* or trust "*In Him.*"

Israel was given God's *Ten Commandments*, but broke them. Since *The Commandments* were not codified or legal, God gave them *grace*, which allowed them an-

other chance to be tested in the wilderness.

Both cases had different conditions and, therefore, different penalties. The Law of God is a process. He could not, immediately, impose all of His *righteousness*, since it was to be fulfilled when freely chosen. The history of God's Law begins with a choice – The Tree of Life or The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. That is why Jesus said, “*By their fruits you shall know them*” (Matthew 7:20). If Adam and Eve had chosen The Tree of Life, they would have *physically* and *spiritually* matured into God's *agapé love* and then fulfilled *The Law* (Romans 13:10).

***The Law* varies according to human conditions. As God's people change, or the general population changes, God reveals His *Law* with *diverse* or *different conditions of administration*. In fact, you are about to discover how *sin changed The Law* and *the priesthood* (Hebrews 7:12).**

God and His loving, *righteous Law*, reveals The Mind of God. He is making you in His *image* (Genesis 1:26). It is “*kind after kind*,” so God can be “*All In All*” (I Corinthians 15:28).

CHAPTER 5

THE PRIESTHOOD AND SIN

“Once sin entered the picture, God instituted a priesthood *system*,” so mankind could be pardoned for their sins. This priesthood was chosen either by human genealogy, or directly, from God. God chose The Tribe of Levi and Aaron as His *priesthood*, so all the male Levites were priests. This priesthood sacrificed meal offerings and animals for those who sinned (had a wrong or *carnal* heart) and had not repented (Hebrews 5:1-2). This priesthood was for *carnal, beast-like* individuals.

GOD’S GRACE

The second priesthood originated from The Order of Melchizedek and did not exist, genealogically. This priesthood was conditional, and the priests were directly appointed by an oath from God. The priesthood was based on a person’s *faith* in God and their love of *righteousness*. However, Jesus was God’s ultimate choice (Hebrews 1). This priesthood, through Christ, would pardon and forgive sin, because it was meant for *repentant people*. Moses instituted The Letter of *The Law*, but *grace*, which is total forgiveness of sin, gives *truth* and only comes from Jesus Christ (John 1:17). *The Law of Moses* cannot give *mercy* or

truth, it is only a shadow of the truth to come (Hebrews 10:1). The Priesthood of Levi forgave sin each year on The Day of Atonement. This priesthood reflected a type of The Melchizedek Priesthood, “*Which are a shadow of good things to come*” (Colossians 2:17). The Levitical Priesthood was a witness of The True Priesthood of Christ (Hebrews 3:1-5). Why did God have two types of priesthoods? God’s *patience* and *longsuffering* has been consistent for thousands of years (II Peter 3:8-9). Why? God’s *longsuffering* will, eventually, produce Salvation when His plan is accomplished, “*And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation*” (II Peter 3:15). This description of Salvation cannot be any clearer!

God made the administration of His Law *conditional*. Likewise, God made the two priesthoods *conditional*. God makes a distinction between *repentant* and *unrepentant* people. God brought Christ into the world to Save The World (I John 4:14). God’s *grace* or *mercy* is not given to individuals with criminal minds. God only gives *grace* or *mercy* to people who repent, or have a *change of mind* and want *to be righteous*.

Repentant people have a conscience and decide to “*no longer sin.*” They desire or want to be *righteous* with a *right heart*. God alters how His Law is administered according to two principles. First, God does not command humans to do, anymore than they are able to do (Adam and Eve were babes). Secondly, God does not require people to do what they do not desire or want to do (which may include repenting). The entire *Law* of God is dependant upon these two conditions, as well

as The Priesthood. Both *The Law* and *The Priesthood* are intended to guide mankind to become like God and Jesus Christ, in God's "*image*."

The first covenant change that affected the world was *The Noachian Covenant*, ratified by *circumcision* and *the rainbow*. Up to this point, humans were given almost 1,000 years to live. These years gave them all the time needed to repent and follow God. However, mankind became corrupt, and hence, violence was still prevalent worldwide. Noah and his family were saved because of Noah's *obedience* and *faith*. God, therefore, reduced the human lifespan to 120 years. He gave them His Noachian Law, which stated that the killing of a man, either by another man or a beast, is considered murder and punishable by death. You could not drink blood because human existence relies on blood for life. At that time, it was *all* God demanded of the world. This *Law* was intended to mitigate murder, which filled the world at the end of the pre-flood society. God knew that most humans had not repented and, therefore, He protected society with this Law forbidding murder. This Law gave no *mercy*, because the people were *carnal* and acted like beasts (sometimes acting like a goat who kicks or a lion who kills).

THE PROPHETS

Why were The Prophets called by God? The Prophets revealed The Truth of God and witnessed, to the *carnal* world, His great loving purpose for an Eternal Paradise (Hebrews 1). Most of the world, in the pre-flood days, was concerned with self-interest, much

like today. Except for The Prophets and their families, most humans had no time for God and His plan. Seth was Abel's replacement (Genesis 4:25). Seth had a son named *Enos*. The name "*Enos*" means "*called by God's name*" or "*The Son of God*" (Genesis 4:26). (In Genesis 5, read the list of the names of God's Sons from Adam to Noah). Enoch (The Seventh Son of God) prophesied about The Return of Christ with 10,000 of His angels (Jude 14). Noah was The Eighth Preacher of *righteousness* (counting from Enos) and called upon God (II Peter 2:5). (Read about The Prophets and preachers of God's *righteousness* before the flood in Genesis 5). God's Prophets were important, because they pleaded with the world to repent and turn their hearts and minds to God. God, through His angels, is very aware of the human condition and because of His *love*, God changed prophecies according to the responses of human beings.

God declares how *prophecies* will fail (I Corinthians 13:8). In Greek, the word "fail" means "*to delay which God directs according to human nature.*" God and Christ will never fail you, because The Word of God is absolute. Prophets and preachers were God's witnesses to the world. This message left *carnal* people without excuse. In these last days (The Image of Daniel 2 – The Fourth Beast – Rome), Christ became The Witness of God and replaced The Prophets (Hebrews 1:1-2).

Christ reveals God's *word* through The Holy Spirit. You are warned, "*you better hear the voice of God's Holy Spirit while it is still available*" (Paraphrased) (He-

brews 3:15). This is God's *word*, as The Tree of Life reveals. Because of sin, a priesthood was instituted to bring God's people – "To Christ" (Galatians 3:24). The Priesthood of Melchizedek does away with your sins and makes you *righteous* through God's Holy Spirit. God's Law changed to a *spiritual law of life* and gives Salvation. Thus, Christians can become Holy like God and Jesus. God's *perfect plan* will cover all the different options of human behavior and, ultimately, fulfills God's purpose.

God will do His *pleasure*, "*Declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure*" (Isaiah 46:10). (Read all of Ephesians 1 for God's complete counsel). Many Christians may be surprised to learn that *The Torah* and *The Law of Moses* are *not the same*. Genesis and Exodus, before Moses, are *The Torah*, the specific *Law of Moses* began at Mount Horeb. *The Torah* has existed since the beginning of the universe. When God created the heavens and the earth, *The Torah* began, although it was not written down until much later (Genesis 1:1-2). *The Torah* is *spiritual*, and most of *The Torah* does not include *The Law of Moses*. *The Torah* was already over 2,000 years old when *The Law of Moses* was added. *The Law of Moses* only lasted from about 1500 B.C. until the destruction of *the temple* in 70 A.D. Always remember, *The Law of Moses* cannot be kept, perfectly, without *the temple*. In order to keep *The Law of Moses*, it would have to be kept perfectly (which is impossible) (James 2:10). In order to keep *The Law of Moses*, you need to wait until Christ returns. Why did God cause

The Old Covenant Law to vanish (Hebrews 8:13)?

ORIGINAL TORAH

God created *The Torah* when He first created the universe. The House of God was *the earth*. God put His protective roof, or canopy, around the earth to protect His creation. This canopy is the earth's atmosphere. It provided God's children with a safe place to live (Genesis 1).

THE OLD COVENANT

The rest of the universe was in darkness. The solar systems and other elements of the universe were working against each other at various times. The earth received God's protection so human life could be sustained. Science proves there is no place in the universe like the earth. The House of God was His creation and for all mankind. *The Torah Law*, from its inception, had no legal demands until *The Law of Moses* was given to Israel. *The Torah*, then, became a court requirement with legal demands judgments or curses. The added *Law of Moses* is not the same *covenant (Torah)* made with Abraham (Deuteronomy 5:3). These are two different agreements from God (Galatians 3:17).

The Torah, under Moses, is known as *The Old Covenant*, which was to last until Shiloh comes (until Christ came) (Genesis 49:10). When, Jesus Christ came to His nation, Judah rejected Him and Jesus turned to The Gentiles (Matthew 21:43-46). Christ came to re-

store *The Law of Moses* to Israel. When they rejected John, The Baptist, as Elijah, a curse continued upon the world (Malachi 4:6). (Request the free book, *God's Story*, which clearly relates details of this restoration).

The Prophets preached to mankind, *The Original Torah* (Hebrews 1:1). The *Original Torah* had no legal demands to follow, except *faith* – which is the reason Abraham kept God's commandments and statutes (there were no judgments) (Genesis 26:5). Abraham was under The Melchizedek Priesthood, which was a Priesthood of *Faith*, and based upon *free choice*. To receive Salvation, you must have *free choice*, because Eternal Life is a *gift* and has no human demands, but only requires *faith*. The element of *faith* was needed from the time of Adam and Eve, until Moses.

Moses introduced *The Old Covenant* to Israel, because they feared God would kill them (Exodus 20). The Israelites wanted Moses to tell them what God desired and then, they, would do what God wanted. God said, they were correct in knowing they had wrong hearts. They could not keep His *Commandments*, no matter how hard they tried. Without *repentant hearts*, they could never keep them (Deuteronomy 5:29). *The Old Covenant* was, therefore, added to *The Original Torah* four hundred and thirty years after Abraham, “*And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law [The Law of Moses], which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect*” (Galatians 3:17). Do you understand Paul's amazing words? Before *The Law* was administered by Moses,

The Torah (the original promise, or contract, with Abraham) was based upon *faith* and not any command. Israel needed an order, or a command.

From Adam and Eve until Moses, ***The Original Torah Law*** was built upon *faith* without a legal court command. All nations have citizens with a criminal nature with no heart or conscience and need a written law outlining *right* from *wrong* (I Timothy 1:7-10). The law has judgments and penalties. When demanded, ***The Law*** had to be followed, or curses would result. When Jesus came and proved His amazing *agapé love* for humanity, He became Melchizedek, The High Priest for Christians (Hebrews 10).

Christ was the body God required to pay for mankind's sins. ***The Law of Moses*** was instituted as a *shadow* or a *witness* to, eventually, bring the people to Christ (Galatians 4:19 and Hebrews 10:1), "***Wherefore the law [of Moses] was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith***" (Galatians 3:24). Now, ***The Original Torah Law*** has come full circle. From Adam to Moses, ***The Spiritual Torah*** was based upon *faith*. Then, from Moses to Jesus, with the addition of ***The Law of Moses***, it became a command with curses and blessings. (Deuteronomy 29-31).

These curses and blessings were removed later (Hebrews 7:1-19). ***The Torah Law*** is *spiritual* and remains forever. ***The Law of Moses***, was added to ***The Torah***, and used as a temporary measure because of sin and wrong hearts. This measure ended when Christ appeared (Hebrews 3:10). Once again, ***The Old Covenant***

will be instituted during The Millennium to bring Israel and other nations “To Christ” (Romans 11:25-26). The Millennium is to invite the whole world to The Wedding Feast, including both the *bad* and the *good* (Matthew 22:10). Christ turned to another nation (The Gentiles and The Ten Lost Tribes), because The Jews rejected Him. God reinstated *The Original Torah Law* based upon *faith* through Melchizedek, The High Priest. *The Torah* was administered by *faith* or *spiritual* worship. When a change of priesthood occurred, a change in *The Law* was required. *The Torah* was now administered by Melchizedek through *faith* (Hebrews 7:12).

SPIRITUAL WORSHIP

“*For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ*” (John 1:17). Christians are under *grace*. *The Law of Moses* was written in such a way, it required human works, which are called “*dead works*” (Hebrews 6:1). These were *dead works*, because they only led to a successful human existence and not Eternal Life. The House of God needs to be built by God and not by any human effort. This is the reason, Jesus warned about the house built on a foundation of sand (meaning human works). The *house* will not remain stable, just as *human works* are not stable and can never bring Salvation.

THREE HOUSES

Biblically, you read Christ’s description of two houses: 1) A house built on a rock (Christ); and 2) A house

built on sand (human) (Matthew 7:24-27 and I Corinthians 10:4). **When you read about these two houses, ultimately, you will see there is a third house. Christ is your Apostle and High Priest** (Hebrews 3:1). **Moses was *faithful* over his house** (*The Law of Moses*), which required human effort to build. ***Righteousness* requires human effort or good deeds, “*For this man [Jesus] was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who has built the house has more honour than the house*”** (Hebrews 3:3). There are two houses. One was built during Moses’ time by The Israelites and their own human effort. This house failed, because it was built upon sand. The second house was built by Christ, who is your High Priest. This house had more honor, because it was built upon a rock (Jesus). The House of Moses was not intended to last, because it was merely a witness to Christ’s *house* (Hebrews 3:5).

Now, for a surprise! A third house, will be built by God, “*For every house is built by some man [Moses or Christ]; but he that built all things is God*” (Hebrews 3:4). ***Biblically*, you will discover God is creating a New Heaven and a New Earth. Jesus said, that He was going to His Father to build a mansion for you** (John 14:1-3). **God’s *house* will not be in heaven, but will be brought to earth. God is creating a New Heaven and a New Earth, because the first heaven and earth will pass away by fire** (II Peter 3). Then, coming out of heaven, New Jerusalem will descend, as a Bride glistening like precious jewels, complete with diamonds and gold, “*And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle [house] of God is with men and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people*

and God himself shall be with them and be their God" (Revelation 21:3). God, who creates all things, will make a new universe on The New Earth.

This will be God's "*new house*" where all mankind can dwell with Him. The New Jerusalem, which will be on The New Earth, is God's "*new house.*" At that time, God will dwell with mankind because sin will not exist, "*Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear*" (Isaiah 59:1-2). God will not, and cannot, dwell where sin exists. When people sin, God leaves them alone in *the wilderness* as He did with Israel until He sent Christ. Christ was sinless, so God delivered Him from Satan and *the wilderness*. Until people repent of their sins and have a change of mind or heart, God does not hold them responsible (John 9:41). God's *new house* will be a *spiritual* (eternal) *tabernacle*. God will only allow a specific number of people to enter this *house*. God is a Spirit and wants only those who come and worship Him "*spiritually*" (John 4:24). *The Torah*, in The House of God, must be within a person's heart and mind so that, in the future, he/she can enter God's new earthly house.

CHAPTER 6

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

The Torah, or The Way to Christ, and The House of God have many covenants, not just The Old Covenant. The most important contract that God made with mankind allowed people to receive The Free Gift of Salvation.

GOD'S FRIEND

When you are with a close, long-time friend, you feel safe and secure. A true friend would not harm you, or go against you, in any way. Abraham was a friend of God, because Abraham could be trusted and he was *faithful* to God. Abraham was so, completely, trusting “*In God*” he was willing to offer Isaac, his son, as a sacrifice. Abraham absolutely *knew*, in *faith*, that God would resurrect him (Hebrews 11:19 and James 2:23).

God made *two contracts, or promises*, with Abraham – each with different results. “*One contract*” was a physical promise and “*the second contract*” was a spiritual promise. The first contract promised the land, while the second offered Salvation for everyone. God told Abraham to enter into a “*covenant*” regarding The Promised Land (Genesis 17). He was told that Sarah would become The Mother of Nations through

Isaac, and this, miraculously, born son would become the inheritor. God instructed Abraham's male children to be circumcised and continue God's agreement with him. This *rite of circumcision* was a token of the promise and physical *covenant* made with Abraham.

After Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac, God's angel intervened and stopped him, "*By myself have I sworn, said the LORD, for because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only [legal] son: That in blessing [additional] I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in your seed shall all the nations of the earth [the world] be blessed; because you have obeyed my voice*" (Genesis 22:16-18). Christ, Abraham's seed, came to Save The World (I John 4:14). Why was Abraham the father, or the originator, of *the faithful ones*? Abraham obeyed God's voice, whatever Abraham was asked to do, he obeyed without hesitation.

Most individuals are required to take many tests and endure many trials before they finally get the message and obey God. God could tell Abraham anything and he would obey. How many times does God's *word* tell you something and you just read over it and wonder if it means what it says? Often, it may take individuals years to get the point. Thankfully, God loves you and is extremely *patient* and *longsuffering* (II Peter 3:9). God is willing to wait ages and ages, therefore, you have the time you need to repent. Abraham always obeyed and did what God told him, no matter how

difficult the command might have been. He, truly, is **The Father of The *Faithful***. Comparing Abraham to Peter – Peter lived with Jesus for three years and still denied Him three times at His crucifixion. After He was resurrected, Jesus had to remind Peter, he denied Him three times (John 21).

ABRAHAM ALWAYS OBEYED

God instituted His promise to Abraham and gave the reason He made His *covenant* (The Abrahamic Covenant) with him. God's reason was, "*Because that Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes and my laws*" (Genesis 26:5). The word "*laws*" translated in Hebrew is "*Torah*." This statement includes far more than *The Law of Moses*. Abraham was ready to obey, no matter what God told him. Because he was willing to do whatever God wanted him to do, Abraham left his father's house.

Abraham had a human nature and sinned just like everyone else. He should not have followed his wife's advice concerning Hagar, her servant. However, if God told Abraham to do something, he did it without reservation. His "*faith*," not his *righteousness*, saved him. Some believe *The Ten Commandments* and statutes, known as *The Law of Moses*, were in force in Abraham's day. For a law to be in force, God would produce judgments as well. A law is made for convicts and criminals (I Timothy 1:9-10). There are no judgments given in Genesis 26:5. God's commandments and statutes are not laws with judgments; rather, they are "*a matter of faith*." The only law from God, up to

this point, was *The Noachian Law* concerning murder and drinking blood. Abraham, by *faith*, did what God said – no matter what. He kept all of *The Commandments* or statutes that God told him to observe. This was accomplished by Abraham's *faith* and not because of *The Law of Moses* (Request the free book, *Faith With Works*).

MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD

Remember, Abraham was under The Priesthood of Melchizedek, which is a Priesthood of *faith* and *righteousness*. No matter what God told him to do, he did it. Abraham tithed to God because he, had not received the promises (Genesis 14, Hebrews 1 and Hebrews 11). Moses was completely different. God issued a decree, because Levi and Simeon (his brothers) had violent tempers (Genesis 49). They lost the opportunity to receive land in Canaan as an inheritance, causing God to choose Moses.

While The Tribe of Levi were to become priests, they were not to receive any inheritance (land). Therefore, they could take tithes, to survive. Tithes are *sacred*, but only to The Priests who have no inheritance, or to those who have not, received an inheritance. The Melchizedek Priesthood gave *righteousness* and Salvation while The Levitical Priesthood only gave physical blessings and curses. This was “*a law*” to be obeyed, but it was not The Way to Salvation. The Letter of *The Law* had physical blessings and curses, but the end result was not the promise of Salvation. (Read Deuteronomy 27-28). God gives mankind what is good for

them, according to their physical and *spiritual* condition. God always loves those who have no inheritance including the priests, widows and orphans. He has a *plan* to take care of them.

PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL

God only requires from you, what you are able to do and what you desire to do. But, *you must have a right heart*. The Letter of *The Law* is designed for people with a wrong heart and only bestows physical blessings in this lifetime and does not promise Salvation. Repentant people with a right heart are willing to let God write His Laws in their hearts and minds. This writing is done *spiritually*, without The Letter of *The Law* telling them what sin is (I John 3:4). When *The Law* is a part of you, *you never even think of sinning*. Despite being subject to temptation, sinning would never enter your mind. This will occur when you are glorified like Christ who resides in each *spiritual body*. The Spirit of *The Law* is The Spirit of Life, which goes beyond The Letter of *The Law*. It actually magnifies *The Law* and makes it more honorable (Isaiah 42). *The Spiritual Law* of God changes your very nature, mind and heart to become like God and Christ. *The Bible* continues with the history of *The Law* according to human conditions and needs. The *Abrahamic Covenant* guaranteed not only physical blessings, but *spiritual* blessings, as well. This included a very important gift – Salvation. Only God can give Salvation. Your job is to follow the steps God has outlined, so you will receive your reward.

CHAPTER 7

ISRAEL'S CHOICE

When Israel departed from Egypt (under Moses), they left *a polytheistic nation*. Egypt was filled with idolatry and Israel understood those beliefs too well. However, they were to go out from that land and sacrifice to The True God. The choice was theirs, if they had the *faith*.

A MATTER OF CHOICE

When Israel came to Mount Sinai, they had no idea what to expect. Everyone knew there were many *gods* in Egypt. When God revealed His *glory* (The Shekinah), they were truly frightened to death by the lightning, earthquakes and roaring thunder. Who was this God? They had never experienced anything like it. Each *word* God spoke through His messenger sounded like *thunder* or *an earthquake*, reminding them of how Egypt's gods had to be appeased.

Israel's own God was to be feared, because He had demonstrated true power, a form of power that the Egyptian gods did not have. Then, they heard *The Ten Commandments* being delivered with a full display of sight and sound. The people saw and heard this before Moses went up to the mountain to receive *the codified Commandments*. These *Ten Commandments* were

truly the oracles, or the words of God (Acts 7:38). An “*oracle*” in Greek is “*one who speaks God’s words.*”

The Israelites separated *The Ten Commandments* from *the statutes and ordinances* since God, divinely, delivered *The Ten Commandments* and added nothing more (Deuteronomy 5:22). Moses had not, gone on the mountain to receive the two tables of stone and Israel had not sinned. Notice how God was considering Israel’s heart, “*O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them and with their children forever*” (Deuteronomy 5:29).

Why did God make this statement? Remember, God had not offered Salvation to anyone. After hearing of Israel’s fear of Him, He warned Moses to tell the people what He expected of them, “*I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken to you [Moses]: they have well said all that they have spoken*” (Deuteronomy 5:28). God knew they feared Him, but their hearts were not right. Because of their fear of Him, God accepted Israel, but they still needed to change. You must fear God, but you must desire to be *righteous*, which is a prerequisite for you to be accepted by God (Acts 10:35). As Moses said, God had to try and prove them, so He needed to know they had *a right heart* (Exodus 20:20).

ISRAEL’S SIN

When Moses went up the mountain to receive *The Ten Commandments* written on stone, Israel sinned almost,

immediately, by building the golden calf. They worshipped the calf and broke *The Commandments* which God had just given to them. How could they do this so quickly? They kept *the Egyptian ways* of worshipping the deity, because they had a wrong heart. God wanted to kill them, but Moses intervened on Israel's behalf. God, because of Israel's sin, decided to come up with *a new priesthood*, which was different than Melchizedek's. This *priesthood* was required to keep Israel from sinning.

First, and foremost, since Israel did not know good from evil, God devised The Letter of *The Law*, which was a written decree defining sin (I John 3:4). Also, God made *statutes and judgments with blessings and curses* to keep them from sinning. With this agreement, called *The Old Covenant* or The Letter of *The Law* (a decree), Israel was given a chance to become God's witnesses to the world. They, however, had to be *a righteous people*. Furthermore, they had to keep every part of *The Law*, or else were guilty of breaking God's *contract* (James 2:10). Israel was to represent God.

This covenant was not made with any of The Fathers (Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac or Jacob) (Deuteronomy 5:3). This was the first time God introduced The Letter of *The Law* to mankind. The Fathers were under *a different covenant of righteous faith* with The Priesthood of Melchizedek (Deuteronomy 5:3). When there is a different priesthood, there must be a change of *The Law* also (Hebrews 7:12). *The Old Covenant*, administered by Moses and Levi, was different since

its priesthood was Levitical and not from Melchizedek. How was *The Law* under Levi different? “*This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, said the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts and in their minds will I write them*” (Hebrews 10:16). This was a new decree. Only a *spiritual covenant* can change a Christian’s nature (what a person desires and what is in their minds). **Amazing!**

The Law was not destroyed, rather, *The Law* is to reside in your very conscience and heart. That is why *The Old Covenant* (and not God’s Law) was disannulled (Hebrews 7:18). *The Old Covenant Law* should have brought *righteousness*, but The Letter of *The Law* had an inherent weakness. What was that weakness? The weakness was *the flesh!*

The Old Covenant Law could not change *human nature*. The Letter of *The Law* only explained what sin was and could not make anyone *righteous* (I John 3:4). Israel had to be tried and tested before God would allow them to enter The Promised Land. If God was to have a Holy Land as His own, then the people were, also, required to be Holy (Hebrews 3).

GOD’S REST

In order for Israel to be sinless, there had to be no sin in the land. All sin in The Promised Land of God, or Canaan, had to be removed or destroyed. For this reason, God told The Israelites to kill all *the inhabitants of the land*, so no sin would be present. The Israelites were not permitted to marry foreigners, allow them

to exist in The Land of Canaan or to sign any pacts or agreements with the nations. *The Law* demanded these “*rules.*” No sin can exist in The Promised Land (*God’s rest*).

One generation was tried and tested for 40 years, but, still, they lacked *faith* in God (just as did Adam and Eve). Therefore, that generation died in the wilderness. A new generation under Joshua entered the land and started to live within The Letter of *The Old Covenant Law*. They accomplished this by eradicating all sin and destroying all the sinful nations in the land.

All Israel’s males had to be circumcised when they entered God’s *promised land, a physical covenant* (Joshua 5). Circumcision proved, they had to keep *The Law*, because they were still physical. However, over the years, the people grew lazy and never fully conquered the entire land. Instead, they intermarried, and ended up as sinners, like the people they were to replace. Therefore, God removed Israel leaving only two and a half tribes remaining under The Davidic Line of Judah. God’s people still had not entered His “*rest.*”

CHAPTER 8

THE NEW COVENANT

God has made many *covenants* with mankind, many different individuals and groups. Each *covenant* depended upon the personal condition or works that God would accept. God accepts people from all nations who fear or honor Him and who will work *righteously* (Acts 10:35). Paul said, “*For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now*” (Romans 8:22). When Christ came, The Time of Liberation for the entire world came.

FROM MOSES TO CHRIST

Before Christ was human, He was “*the word*” (John 1:1). In the flesh, He was filled with God’s Holy Spirit. God was pleased with “*the works*” of His Son. Consequently, when Jesus was baptized, God’s Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove (Matthew 3:16-17). Jesus was God’s *first faithful witness* by being resurrected from the dead and glorified (Revelation 1:5), “*For the law was given by Moses, but grace [mercy] and truth [Salvation] came by Jesus Christ*” (John 1:17). God’s goodness should be clear to everyone. Moses explained what sin was, along with its curses. Jesus brought *grace* and Salvation. Always remember, the

definition of *sin* has to do with *righteousness* (I John 5:17). This verse declares there is *an unpardonable sin*. With *unrighteousness* as the theme, would John mention what sin was? “*Any unrighteousness*” is “*sin*” for a Christian. John warns about *an unpardonable sin* which, because of Christ’s blood, *will not be forgiven*. The rejection, of God’s Holy Spirit, or blasphemy, is the *unpardonable sin* (Matthew 12:31-32). God will forgive all other sins. John warns that without The Holy Spirit, they had to repent (because of sin) before they could be accepted. Why is The Holy Spirit so vital? Without The Holy Spirit, there is no forgiveness.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

When Jesus preached *The Gospel*, He only went to Israel to restore *The Law of Moses*. Initially, He preached *The Gospel* to Israel only (Matthew 10:6). When Israel rejected Christ and John, The Baptist (who came in The Spirit of Elijah), God cursed the world. (A greater understanding can be found in *The Book of Malachi*). Jesus turned to another nation, which was more worthy and willing, to become His followers (Matthew 21:43). Jesus, while preparing for His crucifixion to pay for the world’s sins, changed The Letter of *The Law* to The Spirit of *The Law* (Hebrews 7:12). With the destruction of *the temple* in 70 A.D., keeping The Letter of *The Law* with its works was impossible.

The Old Covenant was set aside and replaced by *The Spiritual Law* which demanded a change of nature (Hebrews 7). *The Law* was not done away with. Rather, Christ, through The Priesthood of Melchizedek,

changed the administration from death and curses to *mercy* (Deuteronomy 28).

THE ENLARGED LAW

Christ came to magnify, or enlarge, *The Law*. He intended to make it more honorable than The Letter of *The Law*, which could only explain what sin was (I John 3:4). Now, *The Law* became a *spiritual* matter, and could, actually, make you *righteous*. Thus, you could receive Salvation. What a difference *The Law* makes! *The Old Covenant* brought *death*, while *The New Covenant* brings *life*.

The Enlarged Law reveals how *The Law of Moses* was not the complete law. Jesus said, “*Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought you to have done and not to leave the other undone*” (Matthew 23:23).

The Pharisees and scribes were under *The Law of Moses*. They had to tithe because The Levites served in *The Temple*. Once *The Temple* was gone, *The Works of The Law* were finished. However, Jesus made a startling announcement regarding *The Law*. The weightier, or more important aspects of *The Law* were *mercy, judgment* and *faith*. These were the unknown aspects of *The Law*, because they required *spiritual* growth from *spiritually-minded* individuals. A change in The Priesthood required *The Law* to be changed to a *spiritual law* with *righteousness* (Hebrews 7:12). Salvation

can be obtained only through God's *righteousness*. Now, you are aware of a different definition for sin relating to Christians (I John 5:17).

THE LAW OF "THE SPIRIT OF LIFE"

Paul said, "*There is therefore now no condemnation [no curse, only mercy] to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death*" (Romans 8:1-2). Plainly, for Christians, *The Old Covenant Law of Moses*, which ends in death, is replaced by *The Law of Mercy through faith*. God's Law is still in force (not to sin), but now it gives you *the power of God's Holy Spirit* (Romans 5:5). *The Law*, under Melchizedek, is based upon *righteousness and faith*. Now, God's Law guarantees life by causing an individual to grow, *spiritually*, in the *perfection of Christ*.

GOD'S LAW AND SALVATION

God summarizes what His *Spiritual Law* is. He implores you to seek The Lord, while He may be found and call upon Him while He is near. He calls out to *the wicked* to forsake their ways and their *unrighteous thoughts* which can lead to sin (Isaiah 55:6-11), "*Of a truth 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). This is the meaning of "*Salvation*" for those who fear God and strive for *righteousness*. God gives *mercy* to sinners and defines *The Law of Life*, which corresponds

to The Tree of Life and was God's intention from the beginning. Adam and Eve did not obey their God, rather, they followed their own human thoughts, nature and desires.

God defines His Law as being His thoughts and way of thinking. The *heart* and *nature* of God are the ways in which God thinks. God says, "*So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it*" (Isaiah 55:11). How does God perform His pleasure? "*For God has not given us the spirit of fear [cowardice]; but of power and of love [agapé] and of a sound mind*" (II Timothy 1:7). The power of God will give Salvation through His *agapé* love, which can change your mind into an amazing sound mind. In Greek, "*a sound mind*" is "*a disciplined mind.*" God has this sound mind, which makes Him think *rationally* and *truthfully*. "*God's love*" is given to you by His Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

God grants you Salvation when you receive His Holy Spirit through His Law, which is written in your heart and mind through Christ. This *Law* is *The New Covenant* and not The Letter of *The Law*. *The Law* is never done away with and, is never null or void. *The Law* is, now, written in your *mind, thoughts* and *heart*. God, by His Holy Spirit and through Christ, has given you The Very Mind of God, The Father. How marvelous and what a *loving, giving, compassionate* God and Father you have! (Request the free book *God's Plan of Salvation* which will give you the history of *The Law*

from The Garden of Eden to Salvation. The history covers the seven steps to wisdom which allow you to, finally, receive Salvation). **You must climb the seven steps to reach Paradise and you must understand God's entire purpose and plan for you.**

God is composed of *true love* and *honest thoughts*. The Will of God, and His *desire*, are for you to make the right choices in your life, but you must first decide to follow God. As a human, you have made some right choices that were good for you. There were times, when you have made some wrong choices – which led to sorrow and sadness. The best advice you will ever receive is to choose *rightly* while there is still time. You must pray, study and ask God for understanding and to change your heart so that it becomes pure and clean. God will reveal that *The Law*, being instilled in your heart, is the clue to The Mystery of God. Should the thought of lying, stealing or breaking any of *The Ten Commandments* come into your mind, know you must quash those thoughts. The reason you can accomplish this fete is through *The New Covenant*. You have received the power to override those thoughts. Only then can God give you The Gift of Salvation. Salvation means you will live in complete joy and happiness for Eternity. What can beat that?

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PREFACE

Who is right? Is The Sabbath on Saturday or is it Sunday? *The Bible* declares God's Sabbath is Saturday, The Seventh Day of The Week. There is not *a single scripture* declaring Sunday as The Sabbath. That is a serious allegation. Consider the following: Only humans decided to worship on *the first day* instead of on The Seventh Day. Who is right – *biblically*?

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INTRODUCTION

The Sabbath *debate* between Saturday and Sunday (The Seventh Day or the first day of the week) seems to go on endlessly. Which day does God consider Holy? And how are Christians to keep it? Few people realize, The Seventh Day Sabbath began when God created Adam and Eve. Later, according to historical records, The Israelites and some Gentiles claimed The Sabbath as their own.

The Bible clearly states how The Sabbath or The Seventh Day is *a sign* which designates God's *chosen people*. Moses was told, "*Speak you also to the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths you shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that you may know that I am the LORD that does sanctify you*" (Exodus 31:13).

The Bible is quite clear. The Seventh Day is "*a sign.*" When keeping The Sabbath, Christians are *sanctified* (set apart) by God for a special reason. However, keeping The Sabbath according to *The Commandments* becomes a complex issue. Keeping The Sabbath is more than the day itself, as it also concerns what *the day* represents (as a sign). It is important to know what God's *intentions* are for a special group of people, such as the ancient Israelites (who were told to keep The Sabbath). Remember, The Seventh Day was a special sign to show God's people *the truth*. God would sanctify or make His people Holy.

The Jews, themselves, debate about how to keep The Seventh Day *Holy* and have oral (human) laws numbering into the hundreds. There are man-made rules

on how to keep God's *day* Holy. Some examples are: No sewing, no cooking, no writing, no buying, no selling, no lighting fires and a host of other forbidden activities. However, there is more. The Seventh Day "*keepers*" and many Christians differ within their own congregations concerning how to keep The Sabbath. In fact, it is difficult to find two individuals in the same Christian *denomination* who keep The Sabbath the same way.

Surprisingly, even God differs concerning how His people should keep The Seventh Day Holy. You are about to discover that God has different purposes, reasons and ways for His people to keep The Sabbath. The Sabbath "*sign*" was intended to reveal how God will make His people Holy. They can become Holy, but not through any human works involving *The Law*. Only God is Holy therefore, only God can make you Holy. God's only intention is to make man in His "*image*" (Genesis 1:26).

THE SEVENTH DAY IN THE GARDEN

After six days, God completed His *work* of reshaping the earth (Psalm 24:1). When He dwelt in The Garden of Eden, it was The Holy House of God. This Land of Eden was a Paradise and a very pleasant land. This Garden was situated on a hill (Psalm 24:1-3). God protected this earth by placing *a tent* or *tabernacle* over it. This protective tent was called "*heaven*." It is comprised of the atmosphere. The earth was sanctified by God as "*heaven on earth*" (Genesis 1:7-8). God's *house* was a tent or tabernacle, a Holy place where God dwelt in His rest. Everything was very good (Genesis 1:31). Before Israel sinned, God orally

gave them *The Seventh Day Commandment*. The Sabbath had different purposes. The reason for keeping it after *the first couple* sinned changed – drastically. This change occurred when Moses brought down the second set of clay tablets from God’s Holy *mountain*. (Refer to *the purpose* God gave for keeping His *Fourth Commandment*).

Before Israel built the golden calf, God orally stated the purpose for their keeping The Seventh Day Holy, “*For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it*” (Exodus 20:11).

Quite obviously, The Sabbath was a sign long before Israel sinned. In The Garden, The Sabbath was Holy because God is Holy. Why is this? The reason is because only God can make a nation, a person or an object Holy (Ephesians 1 and Genesis 2:1-3). Israel was to be a Holy nation, and The Seventh Day Sabbath was Israel’s *sign* for them to become a Holy people. What a wonderful God! Peter repeated this in his first Epistle (I Peter 2:9). How are Christians, therefore, to keep God’s Sabbath?

When Moses went up the mountain to receive the stone tablets (*The Ten Commandments*), Israel after *forty days* became tired of waiting for him. When in Egypt, they had learned the Babylonian mystery system of worshipping idols. They built a *golden calf* and began to worship it after, *orally*, receiving *The Ten Commandments* from God. They knew they were not allowed to worship idols. God warned Moses there will be *no idol worship*. However, that warning did not stop *the*

rebellious Israelites.

When Moses returned and saw their idolatry, he could not control himself. He slammed down the tablets, breaking them into pieces. God, too, was angry with the people and was about to kill them for *this capital crime* against Him and His Law. However, Moses prayed to God to forgive the people. God heard Moses' prayer and gave *mercy* to The Israelites. Moses went back on the mountain and received "*the second set of tablets*" (Exodus 34:1-5). This time, God changed *the purpose* of *The Fourth Commandment*. The second set of stone tablets had a different purpose than the first ones. The Israelites learned the reason they rested from their work was for a different purpose. Read what *The Sabbath Commandment* meant after they came out of slavery in Deuteronomy 5:12-15.

Deuteronomy is "*the added law*" that God included in *The Torah*. This *Law of Moses* was a *special covenant* made with Israel and not their fathers (Abraham, Isaac or Jacob). This *Old Covenant* was made for a very special reason (Deuteronomy 5:3). *The grace and mercy* God gave to Moses was *the reason* He made this new *fourth commandment*, "*Wherefore then serve the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed [Jesus] should come to whom the promise was made [to Abraham]; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator [Moses]*" (Galatians 3:19). This time, after the people sinned, the two tablets had to be changed, because it was for a different purpose. Now, God's *Seventh Day Sabbath sign* is changed from having *Paradise* (eternally), to bringing them out of slavery and introducing them to *repentance*. Then, *The Law* had *curses* or *judgments* when the people committed

sins, especially when they transgressed the slightest point (I Timothy 1:7-10 and James 2:10). Now, The Sabbath becomes *a sign* of God's people being delivered from slavery rather than entering into God's *rest*. God's *purpose* concerning the keeping of The Seventh Day and not working on The Sabbath was for them to, "*Remember that you were a servant [slave] in the land of Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out then through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm [Moses]: therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day*" (Deuteronomy 5:15). Now, Israel had to repent in order to remain God's *people*. God demanded repentance by means of The Seventh Day Sabbath *sign*.

Remember, The Sabbath was not a sign of God's *rest* in The Garden, but it was instituted because the people had sinned. Consequently, they needed God to deliver them out of slavery. They had become *idol worshippers*. As idolaters, they were slaves to sin. Slaves must work each and every day. By keeping them from working on The Sabbath, they could rest from their works. The solution was for them to go into *the wilderness* to be tried and tested.

According to The Abrahamic Covenant, this Sabbath Commandment put an end to God's *rest* in The Promised Land. This commandment was not *the covenant* which had been made with Abraham. Rather, this one was made with Israel, "*For we [Christians] which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation [beginning] of the world. For he spoke in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh*

day from all his works” (Hebrews 4:3-4). Paul said, God finished His works in The Garden and The Seventh Day represented His *rest* (not Adam and Eve’s). God changed how His Seventh Day Sabbath was to be kept. Adam and Eve did not do any of the work for this original Sabbath.

No longer would God allow Israel to enter The Promised Land. They did not work on The Sabbath, thus it gave them *a rest*. Showing *faith* and *trust* in God was the only way to enter God’s *rest*. They rested on The Sabbath from their own works and not because of God’s Sabbath, where He finished *the work* for them. Adam and Eve never did any of the work, but were in God’s *rest*.

While resting on The Seventh Day, The Israelites remembered that, as slaves, they worked seven days a week. Until they grew in *faith*, they kept The Sabbath and rested from their work. *Biblically*, this proves how only God can make a day Holy. Only God can do *the work* to create His Holy House (Hebrews 4:9). You are going to study *scriptures* and learn how to keep The Sabbath.

CHAPTER 1

THE ORIGINAL SABBATH

The Seventh Day Sabbath was not started because of a certain race, ethnic group or gender. Rather, it began as a benefit for the entire human family living in The Garden of Eden. Later, as Adam and Eve's family grew into a nation (Israel), they were expected to keep The Sabbath as *a sign* which designated that God called them *His chosen people* (Exodus 31:12-18). To understand, how The Seventh Day Sabbath was to be viewed by all people, you need to read how the original Seventh Day Sabbath was sanctified (Genesis 2:1-3).

BLESSED AND SANCTIFIED

There are four commands which God decreed The Israelites must keep regarding The Seventh Day Sabbath rest (Genesis 2:2-3). The four designations were: 1) God ceased from His *work* of creation; 2) He rested; 3) God blessed The Seventh Day; and 4) God sanctified The Seventh Day. God rested from His *work* on that day and said, "*it was very good*" (Genesis 1:31). Adam and Eve never had to do any work, because God prepared everything for them. Adam and Eve knew God made that day *special* for them and their future children. To understand this first Seventh Day Rest,

you must define the specific Hebrew meaning:

- 1) What work did God create? Creating everything was His work. God stopped being The Creator and *rested* when He finished creating. This was God's *creation*, which only He had the power to do. This was God's *profession*, or career, and only He could perform it. In Hebrew, the word "*work*" means an "*effort which produces a profit*." "*Work*" is the fruit of one's labor, just as it is with a farmer, fisherman or hunter. Adam and Eve were given professions as gardeners to dress and keep The Garden (Genesis 2:15). Adam and Eve dwelt with God in His *house*. God wanted His *house* to be kept in very good order. They were servants of God and were to be *the keepers* of His earth. Everything in The Garden was very good and Holy. No sin existed.**

- 2) God rested from His work of the creation. This "*rest*," in Hebrew, does not mean not doing anything, or just studying, praying, sitting and laying around. This "*rest*" means to "*stop doing what makes profit or produces some kind of fruit*." The "*rest*," also, means "*to cease from one's profession*," or "*what their life's work may be*."**

- 3) God blessed the day. In Hebrew, the word "*barak*" means "*to kneel*" or "*to bless God as an act of adoration*." When one knelt, they were making a request for something good or**

exceptional. The Sabbath was to be “*a day of good works*” but not “*a day of self-profit*.” It was to be a happy day or a day of *great delight*.

- 4) Finally, God sanctified The Seventh Day, which means “*set apart or to be clean*” in Hebrew. This day was supposed to be *Holy or without flaw, which is a perfect, sinless day*. Remember, everything in The Garden was “*very good*.”

This was the first Sabbath Day. Adam and Eve could follow their profession for self-profit for six days, but not on The Seventh Day. Creating is God’s profession for both profit and pleasure (Ephesians 1). You can now understand how the true Seventh Day Sabbath is to be kept and not simply observed. It was a day of blessings and joy. The Seventh Day was to be a happy day, not one of boredom. It was a sinless day, needing to be kept Holy. Everything was good. It was not a day of suffering, or not doing good deeds in any sense. Everything, on that day, was exactly as God said, “*very good*” (Genesis 1:31).

SIN ENTERED

When Adam and Eve disobeyed, this rebellious act ended God’s *rest* in The Garden. Everything in The Garden was for their own good. They had the chance to live *forever*. This was God’s *rest* and the fruit of His work produced a Paradise. During this “*rest*” in The Holy House of God, Adam and Eve lived in God’s “*rest*.” The Seventh Day was more than a day, but a

day when God rested with His *family*. The Sabbath's *rest* was, eventually, lost to the whole world. Jesus Christ had to come and save (restore – Matthew 18:11) what was lost (The House of God and a place of rest for His family).

A SIGN

A *sign* gives information. What type of information did The Seventh Day Sabbath reveal? A *sign* has to be seen or observed. Now, The Sabbath was no longer a place of God's "*rest*", but a day observed, as a "*sign*" for those who were chosen to become God's "*people*." God's "*rest*," which began on The Seventh Day, was to continue eternally, but was lost and became something observed only as a *sign*. The Sabbath's "*rest*," as a place, or condition for you to be in Paradise, was lost. Paradise was lost and had to be restored as a *rest*, or dwelling place for God and mankind. Christ came to *Save The World* and to be in God's *rest* or Paradise (I John 4:14). God's entire plan will be made known step-by-step, for you. God's Sabbath "*rest*" is what God and Christ are doing until all mankind is in *The Image of God*.

CHAPTER 2

GOD'S SABBATH SIGN

In keeping The Sabbath, The Israelites had to cease from all forms of their labor. Remember, Sabbath *observance* began in *the wilderness* long before they could enter The Promised Land. The people rested from their labor on The Seventh Day. God's creation *work* in Genesis had nothing to do with this "*rest*." Adam and Eve and later The Israelites, could never be a part of God's "*rest*," until they developed *faith* in God with a pure heart (Hebrews 3:8-19).

A SABBATH'S SIGN

This Sabbath was beyond The Seventh Day Sabbath in The Garden of Eden. On God's original Seventh Day, Adam and Eve never did any of *the work*. They were living in God's *rest* while residing in The Holy House of God. When they rested on The Sabbath, was because of God's work and not theirs. Everything had been provided for them in The Garden. This was a contrast from *the wilderness*, where The Israelites lived and had to work to survive. Israel did not know what God was doing with them, survival was their main concern. The people complained to God, ten times, for water and grumbled about the food they had to eat. God, because of Moses, gave *mercy* to Israel and

miraculously, supplied them with all their needs. God was very demanding, whenever He intervened and supplied their needs. For example, The Sabbath was to be observed, rigidly. Exodus 16 explains how God provided Israel with angel's food (manna) throughout their wilderness journey. They received twice as much on "*the sixth day*," because there was no manna supplied on The Sabbath (Exodus 16:26). Remember, their Sabbath *keeping* was constantly to remind them of their former *seven-days-a-week slavery* in Egypt. The Israelites had no *rest* in Egypt. In *the wilderness*, God gave them *rest* on every Seventh Day. They could not enter His "*rest*" (The Promise Land in Canaan) until they *trusted* God and had *faith* in Him.

The Sabbath was more than *a sign*, but *a place* (The Holy House of God). Their Father would provide everything in The Holy House of God.

This Sabbath sign, the observance of The Seventh Day, was very strict. They were forbidden to go out and pick manna on The Sabbath. God did not give them any manna on The Sabbath because it was a "*Day of Rest*" (Exodus 16 explains The Promise Land and The Holy House of God). In the same way, The Pharisees reprimanded Jesus when His Disciples picked corn on The Seventh Day. They thought The Disciples had broken The Sabbath, which Israel had always kept; however, they did not understand the reason. (Keep in mind Christ brought *The New Covenant* which disannulled *The Old Covenant*). Israel was instructed to remember their time of slavery in Egypt, when they had to work every day, and there was no *mercy*. So, *The*

Law had to be strictly obeyed (Exodus 23). This was *an added Law* for Israel, because they had criminal hearts (I Timothy 1:7-10). The “added” or *The Added Law* meant keeping *The Sabbath* which became *a cardinal point of sin* for Israel.

Over the years, their *oral laws* (which God *allowed*) became burdensome (fear of God). He made strict demands upon those who had *a wrong heart*. That is why Jesus said, “*The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. All, therefore, whatsoever they [Pharisees] bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not you after their works: for they say and do not...But all their works they do for to be seen of men*” (Matthew 23:2-5). These oral laws were observed since the days of Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law (Exodus 18). God made the oral laws binding.

The Sabbath was intended as *a sign*, showing they were God’s *people*. They never seemed to understand God or His *ways* (Hebrews 3:10). Therefore, God demanded they keep His *Laws (The Old Covenant)*. He made this extreme observance, because His followers did not know Him as *The True God*. Even *the oral laws* of The Pharisees were binding upon Israel (Matthew 23:1-4), because Christ said so. You will later read how *The Christian Sabbath* was changed.

The Rabbis, although God-fearing, had a wrong heart. Each time, Israel had to be punished, God increased the number of oral laws. Now, you have *The Talmud, Mishnah and Halakah (Jewish) laws* along with many others. When a nation lacks faith, God always in-

creases their man-made laws.

No laws would have been needed if mankind had a *right heart, faith* in God and kept His *Commandments*. A *right heart with faith* is what God wanted Israel to glean from all these “rules” and “regulations” (Deuteronomy 5:29). Instead of Israel observing The Sabbath *merely as a sign*, they could have become a part of God’s “rest.” He would provide for all their needs, exactly like the original Sabbath in The Garden. Now, The Christian Sabbath is completely different.

Since Israel never had *faith* in God, that particular generation had to die in *the wilderness*. Because of their lack of *faith*, Joshua and Caleb led the new generation into God’s *property*. As Israel’s leaders, this new generation had to be circumcised before crossing The Jordan River. They promised to keep *The Letter of The Law*, because they “*were the children of unrepentant parents.*” To be citizens in God’s land, *The Old Covenant* had to be kept *perfectly*. No undocumented aliens were allowed. This was a nation with *laws*, because the people had a wrong heart. They had no *faith* in God. *The Law of Moses* and *The Old Covenant* was added to *The Torah* as Israel’s constitution.

Throughout history, Israel neither kept the property given to them as God had intended, nor did they keep *The Letter of The Law* as He intended. They kept adding more burdensome *oral laws*, like prescribing a Sabbath Day’s journey. They did not understand that God wanted them to obey Him. *The Law* was only to lead them “*To Christ*” (Galatians 3:19). Then,

Christ magnified *The Law* by giving *mercy* and *grace* without adding works. (And Christ brought a secret gift – Salvation).

Many Seventh Day Churches are still arguing over the correct “dos” and “don’ts” of a Sabbath Day’s journey. These often cause outsiders to wonder. No one seems to know how to keep God’s Sabbath.

Ultimately, Israel went after their lovers (The Gentile Nations) and completely, misunderstood God’s Holy and *righteous Law*. This was the reason Israel was sent into captivity. They had to learn a huge lesson.

God’s *property* and *house* were given to The Gentiles (their lovers) and, thus, The Time of The Gentiles began.

In 586 B.C., Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon took over God’s Holy *house* – *the temple*. Then, The Amorites turned God’s Promised Land into a place of violence. Then, when Israel did the same, they lost the right to God’s *property*. The land became violent and filled with wars. The Amorites and Israelites had to build *walled cities* to protect themselves.

The United States is now in the same predicament, where there is a dire need to erect a wall on the southern border to keep the illegal immigrants out. Some individuals do not like waiting to legally enter The United States. The United States is, also, guilty of not enforcing their own laws to the fullest extent. (Read all of Isaiah 1 for an overall perspective).

SABBATH CHANGES

The Sabbath is the only day God made Holy, and only God decides which day should be Holy. No man or minister can make that decision. Christ said, when He was human (susceptible to sin), only God was good (Matthew 19:17). When you are completely within God's *glory*, then you, too, will be Holy. That is why Jesus asked God to give Him, "*the glory which I had with you before the world was*" (John 17:5). No one, or any group of men, can make any day Holy, including those with God's Holy Spirit. No man has the right to change which day The Sabbath should be.

Church leaders cannot decide how to keep a day Holy, no matter what ideas they may come up with. To be Holy, one must become perfect, like God and, for the time being, there are *no perfect individuals*. Individuals are perfect, only, when God makes them Holy by giving them His *glory*. The same glory Christ received after His *resurrection*. God changed how His Sabbath is to be kept. God's Sabbath *rest* was to be kept, as in The Garden of Eden, when The Sabbath meant more than just a day. The Sabbath is a place and a condition and not merely the observance of a day, as *a sign* to His *people*. Keeping The Sabbath demanded multitude of oral human laws, which had become burdensome, but fulfilled several different purposes. *A sign* to God's *people* entering into His *rest* was *one purpose*. The second purpose was also *a sign for bringing God's people out of slavery*. There is great depth to God's *love* and *patience*. Now, you are at the point in time, when God began to bestow His *property* on The

Gentiles, which, *biblically*, is called The Time of The Gentiles (Luke 21:24).

CHAPTER 3

TIMES OF THE GENTILES

Many are in a quandary concerning what God refers to, when Christ said, “*The times of the Gentiles must be fulfilled before he can return*” (paraphrased) (Luke 21:24). Jesus was referring to The Holy House of God and His property. It was time to give His land over to The Gentiles. Israel, God’s chosen people, corrupted themselves along with “*the temple*” and His land. How was this corruption accomplished?

ISAIAH

The Book of Isaiah is a prophecy occurring at a critical time in world events. Adam and Eve sinned, so God gave the prophecy of a Promised Seed. Christ was to come and restore Salvation to the fallen race. This promise was to be fulfilled because of The Abrahamic Covenant.

The Book of Isaiah covers the complete prophecy of Christ from Israel’s time forward. The name “*Isaiah*” in Hebrew means “*God saves.*” *The Book of Isaiah* also covers the end of Israel living in God’s land and the fulfillment of The Times of The Gentiles. Read God’s indictment and judgment, of those who were against His people (Isaiah 1:2-15). This indictment

concerns the whole world, “*Hear, O heavens and give ear, O earth: for the LORD has spoken, I have nourished and brought up children and they have rebelled against me*” (Isaiah 1:2). Then God asks, “*Why should you [want to] be stricken [suffer] any more?*” (Isaiah 1:5). It could not be denied that they were deeply religious, and made sure they kept all The Works of *The Law*.

Here is what God said, “*Bring no more vain oblations [stop bringing meaningless offerings]; [your] incense is an abomination [detestable] to me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies [convocations and appointed feasts], I cannot away with [I cannot bear]; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates: they are a trouble to me; I am weary to bear them [they have become a burden to me]. And when you spread forth [out] your hands [in prayer], I will hide my eyes from you: yea, when you make [offer] many prayers, I will not hear [listen]: your hands are full of blood*” (Isaiah 1:13-15). They were loyal churchgoers and completed all the works of *The Law of Moses*, however, they still continued sinning. He said, “*Do not pray because I will not hear you.*” Then, God told them their problem, “*Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil*” (Isaiah 1:16).

The Israelites followed the culture of The Gentile Nations around them. They took advantage of the poor, orphans and widows by allowing them to go hungry. They loved to pray and do all the rituals, including keeping The Holy Days (acting so pious), but they were hypocrites. Their great sin was following The Gentile

nations, which they loved to imitate. Basically, they were criminals transgressing the weightier matters of *The Law*, as Jesus said during His days on earth (Matthew 23:23). They made a show of tithing, but tithed only to flaunt their religion. *The Law of Moses* was supposed to create “*church-going people*” with “*restored faith*.” However, they did not change their behavior, so it was time for The Promised Land to be returned to The Gentiles. Israel was very religious but they stole, bribed, cheated and acted like their sinning neighbors (The Gentiles). It was time for The Gentiles to take control of The House of God, His *land and people*.

FOUR GENTILE KINGDOMS

Four Gentile Kingdoms ruled the world (Daniel 2). This will be the case until The Messiah comes. Now, God’s people (Israel) must keep *The Works of The Law* while living in captivity. They had to be martyred before they learned their lesson of hypocrisy. These four kingdoms ruled God’s *Kingdom* on earth. The four world rulers were Babylon, Media-Persia, Greco-Macedonia and Rome. Each Gentile *Kingdom* remained in power, as long as their rulers acknowledged God, as the absolute ruler (Daniel Chapters 7-8). That is why Nebuchadnezzar became a wild man in the wilderness for seven years. After seven years *in the wilderness* and learning his lesson, Nebuchadnezzar praised God as “The Supreme” God and Ruler. God restored him to his Kingdom as *the head of gold*. This situation is the same with every world ruler, until The Gentile *rule* is completed and Christ returns,

which will be “*the end*” of The Gentiles and Satan’s rule! *The Book of Isaiah is the prophecy about The Times of The Gentiles.* (Request the free book, *Satan’s Image*).

CHRIST’S EARTHLY MINISTRY

The time for comfort and peace has come (Isaiah 40:1-11). Judah and Israel’s *time of trouble and war* was over. God forgave the sins of His people. The Last Days were at hand. When was this prophecy to occur? A voice in *the wilderness* proclaimed it is, “*The Year of Our Lord.*” Whose voice was this? It was God’s messenger (Elijah), “*in spirit,*” who came as John, The Baptist (Matthew 11:7-11 and Malachi 3:1). This messenger announced The Coming of The Bridegroom (John 3:28-29). Jesus went to *the temple* for The Wedding Feast that God had prepared, but found *the temple* utterly corrupt (John 2:13-16). Jesus had come for His Bride during The Engagement *period*, but Judah was not ready (Matthew 22:4 and Matthew 21:43).

Therefore, invitations to The Wedding Feast were sent to the whole world (The Gentile world). This time, Christ’s *Bride* would be selected from all nations, from both *the good and the bad* (Matthew 22:8-10). These were The Last Days of Daniel 2, but not, as of yet, The End of Days (Daniel 12). In the days of Jesus’ ministry, The Roman Government was bribing the priests. King Herod (a Gentile Edomite) and The Jewish Priests selected by The Roman Government were all evil. The Sadducees were chosen as The Priests élite in Rome, yet they never believed in “*the*

resurrection.” A curse was placed upon the earth, so **The Times of The Gentiles** continued, until the fruit of its rule manifested the truth (Malachi 4:6). **Gentiles, without God, only had human nature to rely upon, which is a mixture of *good* and *evil*.**

The world truly was cursed without God. (Read Matthew 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13 to learn the outcome of The Gentiles before The Wedding Feast can take place). **For the curse to end, thousands of years would transpire** (Galatians 3:13). **The Bride has to be ready to be The Groom’s wife. Repentance is the critical issue. The Times of The Gentiles continues *the world curse*. God’s *house* (the earth) is destined to remain as a *wilderness* (just like Israel was in *the wilderness*) (Psalm 24). God’s *property* and The Holy House of God were given to The Gentiles. To this day, Judah owns part of The Land of God, but The Gentiles still claim their ownership. God calls this present conflict “*troublesome times*.” A fight is occurring in the world over who has the deed, or the right to God’s land. Politicians claim, “*Peace, peace; when there is no peace*” (Jeremiah 6:14). God’s Sabbath *rest* will not come until Jesus, The Christ, returns at the conclusion of The Times of The Gentiles (Luke 21:24). At that time, His Bride will be ready to become His Wife (Revelation 19:7). When will this be?**

CHAPTER 4

HEBREWS 3 – HEBREWS 4

Were you aware there are two chapters in *The New Testament* which define what The Christian Sabbath is all about? Chapters 3 and 4 of *The Book of Hebrews* reveal The Sabbath can be “*a day*,” “*a place*” and/or “*a condition*” – it is a broad application for a narrow concept concerning The Sabbath. There will always be debates over The Seventh Day versus *the first day*. The controversy is so divisive that some *seventh day* ministers will preach to congregations on The Seventh Day and then, again, on *the first day*. However, through careful study, they know what Paul said to the Roman Church. The Roman Church knew which day *a believer* was to worship. Little by little, after Christ was crucified, the keeping of the first day (Sunday) became popular.

ROMANS 14:5-6

Paul understood the process in becoming a – Christian was having “*Christ – In You.*” He knew this spiritual growth evolved over time. The word “*repentance*” means “*change from a human mind to Christ’s mind*” (the very mind of God) (Philippians 2:5-12). Christians become responsible for their own Salvation. The mat-

ter of Salvation is not one for the church to decide, but is *a choice* everyone must make on their own. Paul said, each person possesses *a part* of the truth. Therefore, you are required to strive and do what has been proven to be the truth. Your life's endeavor cannot ever be canceled out, "*For we know in part*" (I Corinthians 13:9). Quite clearly, *Salvation* is a personal process and does not concern any one group. Paul called "*denominational*" Christianity "*carnal*." Why? It causes division and competition in the church (I Corinthians 3). *Love, not dogmatic doctrine*, keeps The Body of Christ together. What is taught and understood doctrine is only for an individual's growth process. Being stuck on *one teaching* will stifle your growth and can lead you to The Lake of Fire (Matthew 25). It is far better to be open-minded, so new truth can be investigated and determine if this doctrine is acceptable or not. Until an individual knows every word of God concerning a doctrine, it will not be understood.

What does Paul say about weak Christians? The Greeks define the word "*weak*" as "*sickly*" or "*a lack of strength*," referring to people who lack faith and are often *self-righteous* (like Job). Paul said, "*One man esteems one day above another: another esteems every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind*" (Romans 14:5).

Your decision to worship God is your personal choice, "*He that regards the day, regards it to the Lord; and he that regards not the day, to the Lord he does not regard it. He that eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he that eats not, to the Lord he eats not and*

gives God thanks” (Romans 14:6).

The meaning is clear. Gaining *spiritual growth*, or achieving the mind of God, is an individual matter. There is no “*think-tank*” to direct you. Thus, you must, individually, strive to receive The Gift of Salvation. *Denominational* or *divisive dogma* always leads to division which, in turn, creates more denominations. Even the founders of America understood the benefit of religion, as a testament of personal growth. However, they did not feel religion should be mixed with matters of government. This notion led to the *separation of church and state*. The founders were not *deists*, but *Christians* who believed *spiritual growth* was a personal choice that everyone had to make. The founders believed The United States Supreme Court had no right to decide questions about religion.

Why is this? Congress does not have the authority, or *right* to make laws concerning religion. The Supreme Court can only consider laws which Congress passes, but on the other hand, religion is transferred to each person’s preference. Whenever a religious point comes before the courts, they should, constitutionally, reject it and refuse to make a decision regarding any religion. They should only make decisions when it concerns a *law-breaking crime*, or prohibits criminals from causing harm.

The founders of the Republic understood human nature and, therefore, understood *The Bible*. Some use human imagination to tie in things like being a vegetarian with *the day*, they esteemed to God. The

problem is *The King James Bible erroneously translated the word “esteem” to have many meanings. The Greek word for “esteem” is “krima,” meaning “an indictment.” The three Greek words for “judgment” are: 1) “Krima” which means “a judgment” or “to indict;” 2) “Krino” which means “to try” or “argue” and 3) “Krisis” which means “a crisis” or “a critical or stressful time.” “Krima” is not “esteem,” but “a process of individual judgment” and is the same word translated as “judging another man’s [Christ’s] servant” (Romans 14:4). Christians are not to judge (krima) another Christian’s *spiritual growth* or their level of understanding. Spiritual growth is *an individual matter* (Philippians 2:12).*

As Christians, you are *not* permitted to argue about another’s faith, unless you are asked to comment. *Spiritual Christians* are never to offend other Christians regarding doctrine. The Greek language does not have any words that have to do with *vegetarianism*. That is why Paul said, “*For whatsoever is not of faith is sin*” (Romans 14:23). *One’s faith* reveals a Christian’s *level of spiritual understanding*. These individuals are not argumentative. God and Christ are your masters and will judge you (“*krima*”) – *spiritually*.

GOD’S SABBATH REST

Keeping The Christian Sabbath has to do with God’s Holy Spirit. Until you grow *spiritually* into God’s *rest*, you cannot receive the inheritance (dwelling in The House of God) (Hebrews 3:6-7). Adam and Eve could only be in God’s Sabbath “*rest*” by keeping The Sev-

enth Day Holy, because they refused The Tree of Life (God's Holy Spirit) and God's Sabbath "*rest*." When God finished all His *work*, it was known as God's *rest* (Hebrews 4:3-4). This meaning is very plain! On God's Sabbath *rest* (a place and a condition), God said, they would not be able to enter His *rest*. This Sabbath was more than The Seventh Day, but was Salvation which depended upon the first couple eating from The Tree of Life. From the time of Adam and Eve, God's *rest* could not be given until The Messiah came. The Promise of Christ, The Messiah, had to come first. Jesus came to Save The World, so He could restore (save) what had been lost (I John 4:14 and Matthew 18:11). This is the true Christian Sabbath which started on The Seventh Day. God's *rest* is *a condition and a place*.

SABBATH – A SIGN

The Seventh Day became a sign to *identify* God's *people*. The difference is, they had to do the work in order to enter God's *rest*. The Seventh Day Sabbath became a day of many *dos* and *do not's*. Finally, those restrictions included hundreds of oral laws (examples previously given). One restriction was *how far they could walk* on The Sabbath. Jesus changed the approach to The Keeping of The Sabbath by removing not only "*the oral laws*," but changed other restrictions that *The Law* required. When Christ came, He magnified *The Law*. They were not required to do The Works of The Law. So, when Christ and His Disciples picked corn from the edges of the cornfields, they committed no sin. They did not pick corn from sun up to sundown. They only needed a few kernels of corn be-

cause they were hungry (Exodus 16). Amazingly, Paul clearly defined The True Christian Sabbath as a future prophesied *rest*. The real Sabbath rest is defined by the word “*Sabbatismos*.”

Most translations give *this word* – the true meaning, “*There remains therefore a rest [sabbatismos] to the people of God*” (Hebrews 4:9). This Sabbath *rest* means just that. This is The True Seventh Day *rest* in The New Garden of Eden and on The New Earth with New Jerusalem, where God’s Tree of Life (The Holy Spirit) will be restored. New Jerusalem will have The Tree of Life (Salvation) with its *healing leaves*, which will restore the nations (Revelation 22:1-2).

Salvation, which is *The Gospel of The Kingdom of God*, will be restored to the world. Christ will fulfill His *purpose* and Save The World (I John 4:14). This is God’s real Sabbath *rest* and not merely a *sign* signified by a day. This is the real Christian Sabbath known as The Kingdom of God. This is God’s ultimate “*rest*” where God does *the work* which no human could possibly do. So, most of the Christian’s *divisions* are for *nothing*, except to reveal a group’s level of *spiritual understanding*.

CHAPTER 5

GOD'S REST IS NOT A SIGN

The purpose of Moses and *The Old Covenant* was to be, “*a testimony [a witness] of those things which were to be spoken after*” (Hebrews 3:5). What type of witness was this?

GOD'S GLORY

A witness usually testifies about *what happened*, “*For this man [Christ] was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who has built the house has more honour than the house*” (Hebrews 3:3).

God's Sabbath “*rest*” has everything to do with God's “*glory*” which is “*Shekinah*” in Hebrew. God's *glory* is all of God's *goodness* (Exodus 33:18-19 and II Corinthians 3). Israel's problem was, they rejected God's *glory* and failed to remember this important fact. Furthermore, *The Letter of The Law* blinded them into thinking they were “*the only ones*” who had to keep God's *Law*. In reality, they were afraid of God's *glory*, especially, since Moses had to wear a vail over his face every time he came down from the mountain.

The people felt whatever God said, they would do, but they were afraid to see His *goodness* and *glory*. *The Letter of The Law* became their *righteousness* and they

took *pride in doing the work* (Deuteronomy 6:25). *The Law* blinded them, because they were afraid to see **The Glory of God** (II Corinthians 3). **Jesus brought more *glory and honor* to the nation because He built The Temple of God (The Church of God) (I Corinthians 3:9, 16). God's Holy Spirit, where God's glory dwells, is in each and every *true Christian*. This allows them to become His *Holy Temple*.**

GOD'S GLORY

The Sabbath "*sign*" no longer denotes the people belonging to God. The Holy Spirit is an earnest (down payment) of God's inheritance which is now the sign of God's *people* instead of The Seventh Day Sabbath. God's Seventh Day Sabbath is *the former sign* of His people, before they received His Holy Spirit. Once God's Holy Spirit is granted, the inheritance of God's *land* is given as a down payment (Ephesians 1).

***The debate* in Acts 15 was over circumcision and God's *Law*. James, as The Bishop of The Jerusalem Church, reasoned that since God was giving His Holy Spirit to The Gentiles, this gift became *a new sign* revealed to His people.**

God's people with His Holy Spirit have an earnest (down payment) of God's *glory* which makes Christians *Holy*. Therefore, faith and God's Holy Spirit give you Salvation. The *righteousness* of *The Law* cannot give you Salvation. Christians, by having total faith in God as children, are guaranteed God's *glory* at "*the resurrection*." Jesus was their example (John 17:5).

GOD'S SEVENTH DAY SABBATH

“God’s Holy Spirit” is “*the sign of the people of God.*” What significance does The Seventh Day Sabbath play? As it turns out, it plays a big part. God’s *fourth commandment is the sign* for people *who do not have a right heart*, God’s Holy Spirit. Those who have a right heart and work for six days can rest from their work.

On The Sabbath, God does *the work*. Keeping *The Ten Commandments to The Letter* is *the first talent* that God gives. Humans can strive to receive the last talent which is *love*. They are following this path so they can receive the gift of Salvation (Matthew 19:16-17).

It is *a must* that you come to *the love* of God, just as it was for Israel and will be again during The Groom and Bride’s Engagement Period throughout The Millennium. Once God’s Holy Spirit is offered, you must *spiritually* continue to increase in faith. You must repent, or be willing, to change human nature in your human mind. When you do change, you will begin to have The Mind of God. God’s Sabbath is *a sign* for His people. You must grow to become *perfect* in order to receive Salvation (Matthew 19:20-21).

At the time of a person’s repentance, a new mind is born through God’s Holy Spirit. Ultimately, you are destined to receive *the same glory* that Christ received when He was resurrected (I Corinthians 15). God’s *Laws* are written in your heart and mind (Hebrews 10). You no longer need *The Letter of The Law* to tell you what sin is (I John 3:4). Christians must grow “*spiritually*”

in order to receive God's *righteousness* which allows them to become perfect (Matthew 5:48 and I John 5:17). Moses' *glory*, which was hidden with a veil, could only be a witness to, or a testimony of what God was doing (but could never give Salvation). Merely keeping *The Letter of The Law* is not enough, because it only tells what sin is and, is only a sign (shadow) of all the good things to come (Colossians 2:16-17).

“*The Christian Sabbath*” is “*not a day*” but a *condition* (God's Holy Spirit) on a *place* (New Jerusalem), as *The Scriptures* tell you. That is why Paul said, it is a Christian's choice to judge regarding what day a person is to *worship* God (Romans 14:6). Everyone is at a *different understanding or growth level* in their personal *faith*. For this reason, some Christians started to keep the first day of the week as if it were The Sabbath. The author of this book believes, because of The Seventh Day's physical sign, he chooses to worship on God's Seventh Day. There is no *Bible scripture* to keep the first day as a Sabbath. It is purely a matter of human choice.

Before His *resurrection*, Jesus started to change the keeping of *the fourth commandment* along with the many dos and don'ts. The change was made to *the spiritual keeping* of The Seventh Day Sabbath. *Biblically*, The Christian Sabbath is a condition of having God's Holy Spirit, as well as, being a literal place (New Jerusalem). No longer does a day *signify* God's people. Instead, it is through *the fruits* by which Christians live and show their good works. That is *the true sign*. Christ told you how you can identify

His people, “*Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them*” (Matthew 7:20). That is *a sign* of God’s people once they receive God’s Holy Spirit (Hebrews 4:7-11). The Holy Spirit reveals that when God’s people are in His *rest*, God and Jesus will be doing *the work*. God’s Holy Spirit is what makes you *Holy* like Jesus, The Son of God. “*Christ – In You*” is your Sabbath’s Rest (Matthew 11:28-30).

CHAPTER 6

CHRIST CHANGES THE SABBATH

The difference between *The Old Covenant* and *The New Covenant* is significant – you need to understand that difference. *The Old Covenant* was made for people who do not have a *right heart*. *The New Covenant* is for people who have a *right heart*.

WHAT IS A RIGHT HEART?

King David was a man who committed many heinous sins. On one occasion, he broke two of God's commandments. David murdered a man and committed adultery. Yet, God said, David was a man after His own heart. How could that be? King David realized what he had done after The Prophet, Nathan, pointed out his horrible sins. Then, David immediately prayed for repentance (Psalm 51:1). He admitted, he was a sinner from the time he was born (Psalm 51:5), and never justified his actions.

God wants to be worshipped, *spiritually*, from your inward parts and not by *outward ceremony*. Then, God will give you wisdom (Psalm 51:6). What did this need for wisdom have to do with David? God purged him with hyssop and he was clean (Psalm 51:7). God purged David after he said, "*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me*" (Psalm

51:10). David knew God restored Salvation “*to him*” and allowed him to have a free spirit and chose *not to sin*. He decided not to be *subject to sin* (Psalm 51:12). Thus, David had a right heart. King David understood, he was a sinner from birth with a wrong heart. *A right heart* was given to David through God’s *grace, mercy* and Holy Spirit. This is the same for you and everyone else.

Only God can give you a Godly *heart*, which is a *spiritual* matter and no one can do it for you. That is why God gave *The Letter of The Law* to people who have a wrong heart. *The Law* is necessary for you and others to be able to live in a safe society. True Christians who have *right hearts* must have God’s *Law* written in their hearts. The very thought of committing a sin does not even come into their minds. They remain, totally, *faithful* and look – “To Him (Romans 7:14). David could not have *a right heart* unless God granted it to him, *spiritually*. It is the same for you. *The Ten Commandments* must be *spiritually written* in your heart, which occurs when you *repent* and you begin to grow *spiritually* (Deuteronomy 5:29).

SABBATH IN YOUR HEART

You are about to see how Christ writes *the sign* of The Sabbath in your heart (spiritually). Jesus made two amazing statements about The Sabbath First, He said, “*The sabbath was made for man,*” and, secondly, “[Jesus] *the Son of man is Lord [Master] also of the sabbath*” (Mark 2:27-28). Christ revealed the original Sabbath was in The Garden of Eden where God rested

from His *work*. Adam and Eve did not need to rest, since they had *not done any of the work*. They only benefited from being on God's property. This Sabbath *rest* was more than a day; it was, also, "*a place*" – a place where God rested from His work. This Sabbath was truly made for man. The Keeping of The Christian Sabbath is *spiritual*, since only God does *the work*. Christ changed the keeping of the physical Sabbath into *a spiritual rest*. Jesus explains why His Disciples were not guilty of breaking The Sabbath Law when picking and eating corn (Matthew 12:1-9). However, Israel was not to go out and pick manna on The Seventh Day Sabbath (Exodus 16). They were still under *The Old Covenant* – not understanding Christ brought *The New Covenant*.

So, The Disciples *did* break *The Letter of The Law*. However, they did not break *The Magnified Law* (specifically). Remember, Jesus *healed* people on The Sabbath. Jesus changed the way The Sabbath was kept from a physical keeping to a *spiritual keeping*. There were to be no more sacrifices *in the temple*. Christ was and is the sacrifice, giving *mercy* to all mankind, "*But if you had known what this meant, I will have mercy and not sacrifice, you would not have condemned the guiltless*" (Matthew 12:7). *The Fourth Commandment under The Letter of The Law (The Old Testament – The Old Covenant)* gave no mercy when people sinned. There was always a penalty or curse. Now, keeping The Sabbath becomes *a spiritual matter*. Jesus gives four examples where it is *lawful* or *legal* to break The Sabbath. The first example is when David took the shewbread in the temple (which was not lawful) for

himself and his men. The second example is, when The Priests did heavy work by lifting animals and offering sacrifices on The Sabbath. Thirdly, He had His own example of *healing* on The Sabbath (lifting a sheep out of the pit). Lifting an animal from a pit is hard work, but was allowed in order to save the sheep. The fourth example is, when Jesus and His Disciples were hungry and ate the corn from the cornfields. How did Christ change the keeping of The Sabbath, *spiritually*, as a *sign* of God's people (The Church of God)? "*How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days*" (Matthew 12:12). This is how Christians keep The Sabbath *spiritually*.

The Greek word translated "*do well*" is defined as "*worth more good*" which is God's "*goodness*." Jesus magnified or enlarged *The Law* making it more honorable (Isaiah 42:21). Jesus, The Christ, made The Sabbath into a condition affecting those who had a *right heart* like God.

There is a final change in *keeping* The Christian Sabbath. The difference in God's Sabbath *rest* is obvious, when comparing the two Greek words "*Sabbatismos*" and "*Sabbaton*." "*Sabbatismos*" is "*a rest which is future*" (Hebrews 4:9). "*Sabbaton*" is "*a specific day of rest*" (Colossians 2:16-17). *Sabbaton* is only a shadow or a prophecy of good things to come. The original Sabbath in The Garden was a place with a condition for Eternal Life, which was available by eating from The Tree of Life. All *the work* was done by God and not man. In God's Sabbath, He did the work *spiritually*. The Seventh Day Sabbath was only "*a day*,"

which was “*a sign*” of what would become a Paradise. This is the difference when comparing The Christian Sabbath and *man’s* Sabbath. Man’s Sabbath represented mankind resting from their personal work, which God had nothing to do with. God has nothing to do with it today. Those who had a wrong heart needed this Sabbath *sign* to tell them they were wrong (Exodus 23). How do God and Christ keep The Sabbath today? Jesus answered, those who criticized Him for working on The Sabbath, “*But Jesus answered them, My Father works hitherto and I work*” (John 5:17). (For further insight, read John 5:1-16).

The work being done by God and Christ on a Holy Day Sabbath was known as a High Sabbath Day. The Greek word for “*work*” was not “*ergo*” but “*ergazomai*” meaning “*intense labor.*” That is why Jesus gave the example of pulling the sheep out of a ditch. Anything that God and Christ do on The Sabbath is for your Salvation, including *any good works* no matter how laborious (even on The Sabbath). From that time forward (after Christ’s death), The Christian Sabbath was to be kept by Christians doing *good works*. Why? Because the original Sabbath rest, as a place, started on The Seventh Day and was considered *very good*. *Jesus came to “save (restore) what had been lost”* (Matthew 18:11). Saving life is God’s purpose even on The Sabbath and Christ will do God’s work, especially, on The Sabbath. God will work to save life on The Sabbath.

The Sabbath “*sign*” was only a type or shadow of *very good things* to come – The New Jerusalem un-

der The New Heavens and on The New Earth. This is where God and Jesus are working to restore the original Sabbath, as a place of God's *rest* from His work and not man's work. The question becomes, "*When does God and Jesus stop their work of Salvation?*" "*While it is said, To day [have God's Spirit] if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the [day of] provocation*" (Hebrews 3:15). If you do this, God gives the answer, "*So we [Christians] see that they could not enter in [God's rest] because of unbelief*" (Hebrews 3:19). God's warning is, "*Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, less any man fall after the same example of unbelief*" (Hebrews 4:11). You are to keep doing *good works* each and every day and are, also, to do *good works* on The Sabbath, just as God and Christ did. To enter into God's Sabbath rest, you must do *good works* each and every day. God's *Sabbath rest* is a place, which is conditional upon doing *good works* during your life. You keep The Christian Sabbath by doing *good works* – *every day* – *seven days a week*. *Your fruits will show your good works* (Matthew 7:20). *Good works* are a *sign* of being one of God's people. Now, you know, *scripturally*, what The Christian Sabbath is all about and how to keep it. Paul said, "*You, yourself, are to judge what day you decide to worship*" (paraphrased) (Romans 14). The author chooses to worship on The Seventh Day because it is a type of God's *rest* in The Garden of Eden (The New Earth – Paradise). Finally, the future Sabbath's *rest* is when all of God's "*work*" will be finished, as it was from the foundation of the world (Hebrews 4). Each Christian must choose his own day to worship God.

CHAPTER 7

GOD'S SABBATH REST

A World War will terminate The Times of The Gentiles. The weapons will be so destructive that Christ must intervene or there will be *no flesh to save*. The Gentiles are in control of God's land and had their chance. Today, Babylon is Jerusalem (Sodom and Egypt), which must be saved. The world's armies converge at Armageddon and attack The Great Whore. God's *two witnesses*, who have been martyred in the final tribulation, will be resurrected after three days. The world will be in awe as *the saints* go to meet Christ in the clouds. God's *saints* have been tried, tested and are worthy to be The Wife of Christ. The Bride is ready to meet The Groom in the clouds. Then, Christ and *the saints* who meet Him *will return to the earth*.

GOD'S REST ESTABLISHED

Jesus, as King of Kings, will be Lord over the world. This event occurs when Jesus *returns* to establish The Millennial Kingdom of God. David will be restored to life to rule over all Israel. He will rule those who were dead and, then, were resurrected as David was. These happenings are *the physical resurrection* (Ezekiel 37). Now, all Israel can be saved (Romans 11). Jesus, as

King of Kings (over The World), and His Bride are ready to take 1,000 years to announce their engagement to the world. David is King over The Twelve Tribes of Israel, and all Israel will be converted along with the rest of the world (except for Gog and Magog). Israel, who was *last*, once again will become *first* to have their chance to get *a right heart*. The remainder of the inhabitants of the world (both the good and the bad) will be invited to The Wedding.

God has seven houses: 1) The Garden of Eden; 2) The Tent or Tabernacle in the wilderness; 3) Solomon's Temple; 4) Herod's Temple; 5) Christ's Spiritual Temple, known as The Church of God; and 6) Christ's Millennial Temple. The last house will come as God's final spiritual house, which will also be under The New Heavens and on The New Earth in New Jerusalem. It will be The Mother of All (Galatians 4:26). The House of God, during the engagement period, is *a physical temple* designed to bring physical, unconverted people to Christ. *The Old Covenant – Law of Moses* is reinstated to convert the world, so the people can attend The Wedding Feast – God's true Sabbath *rest* (Sabbatismos rest) (Hebrews 4:9). This is a future Sabbath's *rest* for God's people, who believe and have faith in God and Christ. During *the engagement period*, Christ rebuilds the physical temple for the unconverted world. After The Millennium, Satan will be released for a short time when Gog and Magog revolt. Then, Christ will defeat the wicked armies, and The White Throne Judgment will commence. This last battle reveals the rebelliousness of Gog and Magog and who they really are.

THE JUDGMENT

In The White Throne Judgment (The Last Resurrection), the sheep and goats are separated. The sheep will be invited to The Wedding Feast as guests (Christ's Bride was resurrected in The First Resurrection). Both are worthy to attend The Feast, which is God's Sabbath *rest*. The goats must go into The Lake of Fire to give their spiritual lives for the first time and, then, be resurrected as *spirit beings*. They complete their ordeal in *outer darkness* (Jude 12-13). They are resurrected, but they will only be able to wander *in outer darkness* (a mental state of mind), which will be a *spiritual growth process* (Leviticus 25).

GOD'S SABBATH REST

The time for the restoration of The True Sabbath's *rest* has arrived. The Alpha (garden house) is now The Omega, which is God's first *rest* lasting all the way to God's last Seventh Sabbath's *rest*. The Sabbath *rest* that began in The Garden of Eden continues as The Rest of God. God will do the work and will make *all things new* (Revelation 21:1-6). The three groups of *spiritual beings* in God's spiritual kingdom are:

- 1) **Christ and His Wife** (The Church of God and Israel) will live in God's Holy House, who comprise The Temple in New Jerusalem.
- 2) **The Court of Israel and The Court of The Gentiles** are The Guests at The Wedding Feast. These guests are allowed to come into

New Jerusalem and bring their *glory*, as their spiritual growth increases year-by-year. God and Christ are, literally, The Temple giving *mercy* to all and, eventually, give *mercy* to save everyone.

The Guests will continue to grow in The Holy Spirit as they eat of The Tree of Life (Revelation 22:2). The New Heavens and on The New Earth will be *spiritual* and *eternal*. Salvation is for all eternity (Revelation 21:6-7). The Wedding Feast and Salvation, are both – Eternal. God is “The I Am” or whoever He chooses to be, “*eternally*,” as a Spiritual Creator (Romans 8:19-28).

- 3) This group is located in *outer darkness*, which is *a state of mind*. These people repented in The Lake of Fire, but must seek a reprieve from God’s prison, to be rehabilitated to be come like Christ, as they weep and wail in their sorrow. Those seeking reprieve do not come out of *torment* until they pay *the last far-thing* (Matthew 5:25-26).**

This third group needs to eat from the healing leaves (God’s Holy Spirit) floating down The Great River, which is flowing from The Throne of God. With the nourishment from these leaves, they can grow into Christ’s stature and, in time, become God’s Sons. They cannot enter God’s Holy Seventh House (New Jerusalem) and are left outside of The Wedding Feast (Revelation 22:14-15). God’s *rest* for His people is The Wedding Feast itself (Hebrews 4:9), The True Sabbath

for Christians. The real Sabbath *rest* is far more than The Seventh Day. The Christian Sabbath consists of The Sons of God, who are His true witnesses. Otherwise, they are *a sign* of His people and His Sabbath *rest*. The Sabbath is truly “*a delight*.”

Babylon and *The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil* no longer exist. Sin, in the flesh, no longer exists, as it will be destroyed. In God's New Garden of Eden, there is no Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. God will make all things new. *Human nature* and *survival of the fittest* no longer exist. Babylon – The Great Whore, is destroyed and, therefore, there is no sin (I Corinthians 15:54-57). Only The Tree of Life is available, which has *the potential* for “Universal Salvation” and is the ultimate goal of God's *true Sabbath*.

The Sabbath is no longer a day fulfilling different Godly purposes, but it is *a way of life* (*The Torah*) which leads to Salvation. It is *The Torah, spiritually*, without *The Law of Moses* kept in *The Letter*. As “*spirit beings*,” there is no need to try to survive as the fittest. Now, everyone is *faithful*. Those in *outer darkness* must become like Christ as the leaves of The Tree of Life heal them. *The Torah* is shooting the arrow straight and hitting the target. Your target should be Salvation, *the message* of The Gospel. The Kingdom of God is The Christian Sabbath (God's *rest*), where only God will complete the work. God did the work in the beginning (The Creation). God will do “*the work*” (Salvation) in the future, also. *God's Sabbath rest* (Sabbatismos) is a condition (Holy temple) and a

place (New Jerusalem). **God's Wedding Feast will be the process of Salvation. God's Sabbath "sign" is intended to show how everything is very good (Genesis 1:31). As Sons of God in His Kingdom, you and every Christian are The Sabbath "sign" in God's rest.**

Now, you will be able to put together God's Plan of Salvation from His very word – *The Bible*. It is time for all Christians to stop bickering and look to *the big picture* about The Sabbath. This picture shows you *The Process of Salvation*, which leads you to Life Eternal. You must picture yourself being there.

If you pray and study The Word of God, you will be given *a sound mind*. You will have put a down payment on the best home you will ever live in and your mortgage will be paid in full (you reach *the love* stage). You will be given The Gift of Eternal Life in The House of God and be with God and His Son. In this Eternal Paradise, you will never have to pay any property taxes. God will take care of everything for you.

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PREFACE

Only *a fool* thinks he knows what God is like with all his “creative powers.” The Israelites believed *no one* knew what God looked like, because no one has seen His form, shape or substance. Their perception of God was developed out of *fear*. They had such great respect for Him, they would not even mention His *name*. The Apostle Paul clearly explained, you can understand things like this “*in part*” only. He said, “*For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known*” (I Corinthians 13:12). This is truly good news for everyone, whether they believe in God or not. As usual, no money can be accepted for these books. All books are absolutely *free*. We are not a church and are non-denominational. Our job is to spread *the word* (freely received – freely given). **But please feel free to offer added information. With any criticism, please list *scriptures* which we may have missed.** (Please do not send any money as we are too busy to take the time to return it to you – but we always do. God has blessed us to give you these books free of charge). Use your extra funds to help the orphans, the widows and the truly poor. We offer three CDs which allow you to read all the books on your computer CD #1: Vol. I - Vol. X; CD #2: All Other Books; CD #3: Articles on various religious subjects. There is a DVD with Art’s comments on the first twenty-nine books he has written. The DVD and CDs are free.

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INTRODUCTION

The Twelve Tribes of Israel feared God, when they heard Him at Mount Horeb. Because this fear was so great, they asked Moses to be their Mediator. As long as the people *feared* God and sought His *righteousness*, God accepted them and communicated with them through Moses (Exodus 20:19).

THE HIDDEN GOD

Time and time again, Jesus told mankind *no one has seen or heard* God (John 1:18). Why does God not show Himself, so people would know who He is? If He did, would they follow Him? This seems like a good question – or is it?

First, God hides Himself for a crucial physical reason, “*For our [your] God is a consuming fire*” (Hebrews 12:29). God is a *Lake of Fire* (Isaiah 30:33). The word “*consuming*” describes God as being “*an intense heat that would burn up the entire universe and then disappear in His presence.*”

This is the reason The Israelites were so frightened by His *glory*, which manifested itself in their presence. God had to be clothed by a *dark cloud* to protect His people and His creation. They were truly frightened. Moses’ face would shine, when he had been in the presence of God facing His *glory*. This is *one of the reasons* no one can see God and live.

The second reason is even more compelling. God made everyone *temporary*, so they can grow *spiritually*. God is hidden because He made you without giv-

ing His “*gift of life.*” God did not create death, but left the *free choice* to each individual. Each person can follow The Path to Salvation or to death – to have their chance later after they are resurrected.

God is *love* (I John 4:8). In fact, John said, unless you *love* God, you cannot begin to know Him. God only reveals Himself to those who *love* Him and want to *follow* Him. He reveals Himself to *The Saints* and those who have true *faith* and *understanding* (Ephesians 1:1-9).

Why is this? It is because God is making you *into His own image* (Genesis 1:26). God can do *all things*. He does what He chooses to do. God has complete *liberty* and *freedom* to do His pleasure. He is not restrained by anyone or anything. No one will ever get the upper hand over God. Those who want to follow God will become *Sons of God*. You will have *complete liberty* – like Christ. One day you will be delivered from *the corruption of human bondage* (slavery) (Romans 8:21).

Initially, everyone in the *service* of God was a slave. Slavery has a *Godly purpose*. Slavery can be *good*, or *evil*, depending upon *the motives of the master*. Too many times *earthly fathers* correct, or punish, for *their own pleasure*. However, because of the *great love* of God, He *corrects*, or *punishes you, for your good and profit* (Hebrews 12). Individuals *enslave* others for their personal profit. God places you into *slavery* (temporarily) for *your own good and profit*. All individuals (including *the universe*) are *subject to death*. You will naturally do, whatever, is necessary to *survive*. The desire to live in *this flesh* is *man’s master*. The drive for survival can and will *corrupt* mankind. Only God

has “*life*” to give you (John 5:26).

Only those, who are *exercised in the process of learning*, will find *peace* by becoming *righteous* (Hebrews 12:11). They will have the *righteousness* of God and Jesus. The *love of God* is so *intense*, He allowed His *Son* Jesus, to die for you. When *a loving son dies, the loving father dies a little, too!* “The Word of God” is “God” (John 1:1). Jesus, as The Son of Man (human), gave up His life and died for the sins of everyone. God had to resurrect Him and give “Life Eternal.”

“*Faith*” is the cardinal requirement for “*Salvation*,” which is deliverance from *slavery* or *death*, “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*” (Hebrews 11:1). God does not want you to *follow* and obey Him *out of fear*, only. God would rather have you *love* Him. You should have so much *love* (desire) in your *heart*, you would be *willing to die* for Him.

A part of God died, when His Son died. John declares, “*There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love*” (I John 4:18).

God does not want you to be fearful of Him. He would have you *love* Him *to death*. “*Fear*” is “*the beginning of wisdom*.” Loving God and His creation should be your primary goal, which is the purpose of *the great commandment* (Deuteronomy 6:5). *Faith* (having absolute trust to the death) is *a spiritual growth process*. *Faith* is the act of believing in someone or something *without doubt* – being absolute. If God revealed Himself to you, there would be *no need* to have *faith*. You

would *serve* Him, as your *master*, along with everyone else. Everyone would be His *slave*. God cannot *show* Himself until you *trust* Him without, ever, having *seen* Him.

Being *human* and *temporary* allows you to grow in *faith*, and then you will begin to learn who God *truly* is. It is how you learn to *love* Him. *The Kingdom of God* is guaranteed and everyone will live *eternally*, in *Paradise*, “*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*” (Amos 3:3). In *The Kingdom of God*, you will always *walk* with *The One True God*.

You will *love* Him to *death* and have *complete trust* in Him. *Love* and *trust* guarantees an *Eternal Paradise* for you. That is the reason, God does not *show* Himself. By not being able to see Him, you will begin to *trust* Him – *implicitly*. Your Father has *some wonderful plans* for you!

GOD’S WORD REVEALED

The Bible is the *inspired* Word of God, “*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness*” (II Timothy 3:16). God reveals His *plan* in *The Word of God*. God will not show Himself to you until you have absolute *trust* and *faith* – “*In Him.*”

Therefore, *The Bible* (as God’s word) reveals *who* God is and *what* He is doing for you. *Scriptures* are inspired through *The Holy Spirit of God*, not by physical words.

Israel *feared* God (as everyone should) because of their

innate desire to *live and never die*. With God, there is *no death*, because God is *The God of The Living* and not of *the dead* (Matthew 22:31-32). Now, you are ready to discover *The One True God* (but, of course, only “*in part*”).

GOD BUILDS ALL THINGS

Moses, *faithfully, witnessed* the coming Christ (Hebrews 3:1-4). Jesus came as *The Word of God* and was *His true witness*. Jesus came to reveal His Father – *The One True God* (John 14:8-14).

Jesus prayed before His death, “*That they all may be one; as you, Father, are in me* [God’s word] *and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me*” (John 17:21).

Christ explained The Mystery of God in this manner: Through The Holy Spirit of God teaching you *The Truth*, you are allowed to receive *a portion* of His *righteousness*. Jesus and The Father are “*One*” through the Spirit of God and you have the same Spirit to become “*One*” (through The Very Word of God).

CHAPTER 1

ONE GOD WITH NO NAME

Why did The Church of God, with all The Christian Bishops in Constantine's day, choose "*Athanasius' trinity concept*" of God rather than "*Arius' belief*" in One God? Arius believed, there was a time when Jesus did not exist. Athanasius believed, Christ always existed. Constantine chose the precepts of Rome along with its Bishop (Athanasius). The Roman Bishop became Pontifex Maximus or "*first among equals*" (all Bishops were considered Popes or Papas). The Pope of Rome, as "*first among equals,*" believed Jesus was always in existence. However, *the pagan gods* were, also, involved. The Bishop of Rome, along with Constantine, instituted the concept of *the trinity* in The Churches of God. Before this time, many knew there was only One God and, Jesus was His Son. Constantine made this decree so Pagans, who believed in many "*gods,*" would accept being grouped with Christianity.

"Polytheism" slowly evolved into a "*Christian belief,*" but, by Constantine's time, The Christian World was divided. Was Jesus created or did He always exist? Not only were Christians divided, they also killed each

other over this issue. You are about to discover how they were both “a little right” and “a little wrong,” which is the result of human nature. There is a fine line between the two.

ONE GOD

At The Tower of Babel (Babylon), God divided the languages (because of human nature). He said, “*Now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do*” (Genesis 11:6). Every *good* (logical) human *idea* tends to have a *downside* which can end in something *evil*. These results are unintended consequences and that is “*Babylon!*” The Apostle Paul said, these people *held the truth in unrighteousness*, and started to *worship the creation* instead of *The Creator* (Romans 1:18 and 25). Therefore, *mini-gods* (not The One True God) were *created* by various *groups* and *followers*. Consequently, Christianity fell into *the same trap*, with Constantine’s edict in 325 A.D. at *The Council of Nicea*.

“*The Trinity*” is “*a doctrine of mystery*” (three gods in one). How can one believe “*The Trinity*” if it is unexplainable? The truth must always be clear, logical and sound-minded (II Timothy 1:7). The Holy Spirit of God is given to a person with a sound mind, so His *truth* can be *revealed*. Where did they go wrong? If the Holy Spirit of God leads to *truth* (doctrine), why would any church accept “*a mystery?*” Until God explains *truth* through *The Bible*, it should not be a *church doctrine*. *Truth* must have *substance* or *proof* (Hebrews 11:1). *A living faith* is only a “*Godly faith*” when *prov-*

able. You need to let The Holy Spirit of God lead you to the answer in His word, “*For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus*” (I Timothy 2:5). *The Ten Commandments*, specifically, state there is only *One* God. Therefore, if you believe *The Bible* is The Word of God, you should not have any other “*god*” (Exodus 20:2-3). The following is truly clear: *The First Great Commandment clearly states there is only One God* (Deuteronomy 6:4-5).

THE TETRAGRAMMATON

Realizing God has *one* “*name*,” but *many* “*titles*” is very important. His name is “*YHVH*.” The Hebrew alphabet does not have any *vowels*, so no one can pronounce His name correctly. In order for individuals to know the correct pronunciation, they would have to be told directly by God, Himself. Do not fool yourself in thinking you know the correct pronunciation.

The Great Name of God has four consonants called *The Tetragrammaton*. *The meaning* of “His name” is “*I Am*.” The words “*I Am*” imply “*to be*” or “*the existing one*.” God is “*The Existing One*,” only because He has *life*. Jesus said, “*For as the Father has life in himself; so has he given to the Son to have life in himself*” (John 5:26). There is only *One* God who has always existed and has *Eternal Life*. Jesus, The Son, was given *life* by God. Only God *has life* – “*In Him*” and is *The Only One who can give life* – *Eternal Life* – *to you*.

There are *many* “*gods*” who are *masters, lords, kings*

or *magistrates*, but there is only *One Existing Eternal* God, a God who has always existed! Only *One* God is called “*YHVH – The I Am.*”

GOD IS SPIRIT

When Jesus spoke to the woman from Samaria, He told her, “*God is a Spirit*” (John 4:24). Besides God being The Only Living God – “*The I Am,*” you will find He is composed of “*Spirit.*” What is a Spirit? Nicodemus, a great *spiritual* teacher and member of The Sanhedrin, said, “*Jesus must be from God since He performed so many miracles*” (John 3:1-2 paraphrased). Then, Christ explained, how to be in The Kingdom of God. In order for this to occur, a person must be “*born again.*” Jesus explained in The Kingdom of God, *one must become “a spirit”* (born of *water* and *spirit*). What is a “*spirit being?*” Christ answered, “*That which is born of the flesh is flesh [human]; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit*” (John 3:6). “*The flesh*” and “*the spirit*” are *not the same*. Jesus explains, “*a spirit*” is like “*the wind,*” you can feel it, but you cannot *see it* – it is invisible to the human eye.

The word “*wind*” is derived from a Greek word “*pneuma*” – which means “*spirit.*” The translation is used as a *physical comparison* for you to understand. Some *winds* are gentle while others are violent, like tornadoes. “*Wind*” is “*energy*” and has different intensities. “*Wind*” was used in this context, because Jesus was making a comparison to “*earthly things.*” (Details can be found in John 3:1-10). Jesus said, “*For as the Father raises up the dead [in the resurrection]*

and quickens them [gives life energy to the dead]; *even so the Son quickens* [gives life energy to] *whom he will*" (John 5:21). "*Spirit,*" therefore, is "*a life-giving entity*" or "*energy.*"

God is The Only God who is "*The I Am*" – *The Eternal Existing One* (a spirit). Since God has always existed and is *a Spirit*, He is The Only One who gives *life*. Only *The One True God* can give *life*. All other rulers (so-called *gods*) cannot be God (*The YHVH*). The word "*YHVH*" – "*God*" in Hebrew, is not often used in *The Bible*. Rather, other titles are used (such as "*Elohim*").

In the beginning, God created The Heavens and The Earth (Genesis 1:1). The word "*God*" in Hebrew is "*Elohim,*" which means "*covering everything created in heaven and the earth.*" You are told, "*He that builds all things is God*" (Hebrews 3:4). "*Elohim*" is one of the titles of God and states that He created everything that exists. *Biblically,* you must be aware of whether the word "*God*" comes from "*YHVH,*" or describing one of the *abilities* of God. In many cases, human rulers wanted to be praised as a "*god.*" However, "*Elohim*" is "*The Only God.*" This "*word*" represents *The One God* who creates all things.

WHAT IS THE FLESH?

God is "*a Spirit*" and not flesh. So, what is *flesh*? You already know *The Spirit does not die,* but *the flesh* does die. Why can the flesh die, but not *The Spirit*? Peter calls your *human bodies* "*a tabernacle*" (II Peter 1:14). "*A tabernacle*" in Greek is "*a tent*" or "*a place*

where one can dwell,” much like *the tabernacle* in “*the wilderness,*” where God would come and dwell, *temporarily*. A tent deteriorates and goes back to *the earth* through *the process of decomposition*, just like human or animal bodies. Your flesh, therefore, is not really you. Consider Shakespeare’s expression, “*To be or not to be.*” Do you exist or do you not exist? Your human body, which is only flesh, does not identify “*the self.*” For that reason, Descartes said, “*I think, therefore I am.*” Your *conscience* makes you aware of your existence. If you lose a hand, you will not die, if your foot is cut off, you will still exist. Only *the brain*, which contains *the mind*, determines who you really are. “*Consciousness*” is in your mind is *the real you*. That, my friend, is the difference between *the flesh* and *the spirit*. You are born again, when God gives you His Holy Spirit, which gives you *The Mind of God and Christ* (Philippians 2:5).

When you are *glorified* like Christ, you, too, will have *a spiritual body* (John 17:5). God’s Holy Spirit grants you a sound mind (II Timothy 1:7). You will receive *a spiritual body at the resurrection*, which will be just like the body of Jesus and His Father. God is, therefore, *The One True God* and *The Eternal “YHVH.”* He has *a spiritual* (self-perpetuating) *mind* and *a spiritual* (self-energizing) *body*. What does God look like? What is His real appearance? You are about to understand why Israel would not pronounce the name of God, “*YHVH.*” They revered “*YHVH*” and were fearful of Him. “*The God with no name*” is what Israel called God. Without vowels in the name, they really did not know how to pronounce it.

CHAPTER 2

THE NAME OF GOD

The Israelites were not permitted to pronounce the “*name*” of God – “*YHVH.*” In Hebrew, the word “*Hashem*” means “*The God With No Name.*” The name of God is “*YHVH,*” but He has many other titles (lesser names describe different abilities). Only The High Priest knew how to pronounce the name of God. God uses different words (or names) to describe different individuals and things. The word “*Jesus*” means “*Savior*” in Greek. God has many names for many reasons. No single name ever, completely, describes God. Jesus is known as *The Word of God*, which describes The Christ. Jesus in Greek is “*Yesous*” or “*Zeus.*” In Hebrew it is “*Yahshua,*” which means – “*Savior.*”

DAY OF ATONEMENT

The Day of Atonement was a very *Holy Annual Sabbath*, when *no work* could be done. The Israelites observed it as *a day of fasting*. This *fast day* was their way to draw closer to God.

On *The Day of Atonement*, *The High Priest* entered The Holy of Holies in The Temple. There, The High Priest

would call upon the name of God. He had to offer *animal sacrifices*, which symbolized Israel's human nature (because they acted like *animals*), and was the only time *The High Priest* was allowed to say the name of God, "YHVH." Then God, *The One True God*, would *pardon* the people's sins for another year. They were still *sinner*s, but were temporarily *pardoned*. Eventually, this process would bring them "*To Christ*" (Galatians 3:17). Israel needed *a right heart* (Hebrews 3:9). God, *The One True God*, dealt with Israel through His *one name* – YHVH – because He was *Holy* and *righteous*.

PAGAN RELIGIONS

In Latin, the word "*pagan*" merely means "*country people*." The Greeks, Romans and Hebrews regarded themselves as cultured and educated, as *the élite*. The rest of the world lived away from civilization and, therefore, their religion was based on *an uneducated system*, not from God.

Biblically, from the time of The Garden of Eden until The Tower of Babel, *the truth* was known, but was corrupted by Satan's influence. The first world empire (the original Babylon) was ruled by Nimrod. *Polytheism* was created at that time (combining gods with astrology). Originally, *mathematics*, *algebra* and *geometry* were looked upon as *divine instruction* from God. Everyone knew that *The One True God* created everything. At *The Tower of Babel*, they called Him "*The SkyGod*" and regarded everyone from The Garden of Eden as *semi-gods* (they worshipped Adam, Eve

and Satan). They twisted *the truth* into *unrighteousness* (Romans 1:18). They knew *The One Real Creator*, but they worshipped “*the creation*” instead (Romans 1:24-25).

Adam, Eve and Satan became the *trinity* – *an unholy trinity*. Eve, the mother of *all living*, was The Queen of Heaven. Since then, all cultures and nations have worshipped The Queen of Heaven. However, they used names in their own languages such as Horus, Isis and Osiris. *The One True God* became *many gods* (usually three) and was called “*the trinity*.”

THE BABYLONIAN MYSTERY

How can *three individual gods* be *The One True God*? Many religions explain this question by saying, “*it is a mystery*.” Something is *a mystery* when you do not understand it, or have not gathered *all the facts*. *Doctrine* or any *teaching*, should contain *the whole truth*. Anyone can see that a “*doctrine*” becomes *a mystery* when you do not have *the whole truth*. It is only *a guess*, at best and, you end up with *a false doctrine* or *teaching*. This is why such unfavorable results occurred at *The Tower of Babel*. Consequently, God *divided the nations* by confusing *their languages*. God knew there would be *chaos in the world* regarding *religion*, because every human would have *their own ideas about the truth*. *Many strong leaders* would dominate as *saviors* or *anti-Christ*s (Genesis 11:6, II Thessalonians 2:7-9 and I John 4:3). And, that, my friend, is *world history in a nutshell*. The American Indians worship *The Great Spirit* (God) and *believe* He lives in *the mountains, rivers,*

trees, plants and animals. The Hindu Religion believes in the term “*nirvana*” – a state of “*being one with the universe.*” The Hindus believe, there is no need to be reincarnated, once a person reaches *the nirvana state*. The Asiatics worship *The Dragon*. Each religion has its own *concept* of God. The world is in a *Babylonian “state of confusion”* (human nature). Christ said, “*Come out of her, my people*” (Revelation 18:4).

God is *a mystery*, but reveals Himself to His *people* as *a true doctrine* or *teaching* (Ephesians 1). God is *The One God*, but *The Mystery of God* is “*Christ – In You*” (Colossians 1:27). (Request the free book, *The Mystery of God*). This book will reveal God, The Father. To know Christ is to know God (John 14:6-7). When you understand Jesus, you will begin to know and understand *The One True God Almighty*. There seems to be so much confusion in the world concerning God, but what other options do you have? You must, therefore, *learn the identity of The Real God* and His Son, Jesus.

THE TRUE GOD

Because the “*love*” of God is *so strong*, He was able to have His Son die for you. It is known as “*a blood covenant,*” which means “*lasting to the death.*” God is *a Spirit*, who does not consist of *flesh*. As Christ said, “*flesh is flesh and Spirit is spirit,*” but the two are not the same. Jesus said, “*a spirit is like the wind.*” You cannot *see* it, but you can feel its presence depending upon its *degree of force*. Everyone must stop *trying to make God look like a human*. God can be, whatever, He chooses to be. Israel believed no one could

describe God. They knew He was “*The Almighty*” and “*The I Am*” (YHVH). With the power of God, He can become anything He decides to be.

The world worships God in many different ways and forms. The problem is Christians will never know *everything* about *The One True God*, “*The flesh* [being human] *profits nothing*” (John 6:63). Your body is a *tent* where “*The Spirit – In Man*” temporarily dwells.

When you, finally, *see* God, you will know Him. As a *Son of God*, you will look like *Jesus* (I Corinthians 13), which is *The Mystery of God* (Colossians 1:27). Thus, *the stage* is set. Through your *Bible Study*, you have some of *the basic scriptures* about God. You need to know what God is like – with regard to His Son, Jesus, The Christ (Ephesians 3:15). God resides in *every part* of His *Creation* as “*a nirvana of one.*” You need to *understand the purpose* of God. God will be “*All In All*” (I Corinthians 15). God is both imminent and transcendent. God is above all and *throughout* everything. This concept is difficult for humans to comprehend, but God promised His people, they would understand *this truth* (Ephesians 3:8-9). You need to understand *this Mystery of God* (through Christ). If you are one of His, you will understand. God promises to, eventually, *reveal His whole being* to you.

“*A being*” is not necessarily “*an individual.*” “*A being*” means “*to be*” or “*not to be,*” which was the question Shakespeare asked. The phrase merely means “*to exist*” or otherwise to “*not be real.*” You are about to find out your human body is *not real* but “*a phantom,*”

whether you realize it or not. In short, the human body is *temporary*.

Your mistake is similar to those at The Tower of Babel, trying to make *humans* into *gods*. The religious leaders made *the same mistake* at The Council of Nicea in 325 A.D. Since that time, too many Christians accepted the same error. There are not two or three gods – they do not exist. There is only *One God*, and your *Mediator* is Jesus, The Christ. The *First Begotten Son of God* is Jesus. Although, “*The Work of God*” and Jesus does not end there. God plans to have many more Sons (like you) in *the future*. You need to, *Biblically*, understand *The Godhead* and how God *thinks* (Isaiah 55:6-9). God has *no name* except “*YHVH*” because He is “*The I Am*” or whatever He chooses to be at any given time. The Israelites knew *this truth*, and called Him “*Hashem!*” The Muslims, also, knew there is only *One God*.

CHAPTER 3

THE WORD – THE HOLY SPIRIT

What is The Trinity? Can there be “*three*” in “*one*?” How is that possible? Are there, actually, three individuals? If so, how can they be “*one*?” Is God three separate beings, or is God, The Only One, as *The Bible* clearly states? This is the paradox of multiplicity within unity. Some describe it as *The Mystery of The One God* and this caused the man-made creation of “*many gods*.”

MAN IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

“*And God said, Let us make man in our image*” (Genesis 1:26). It seems simple enough, God, originally planned for everyone to *look* like Him. Is that true? Do you look like God in your human form? What do *the scriptures* say? The Hebrew word for “*image*” comes from *the root* meaning “*a phantom*” or “*ghost*.” *The Ten Commandments* tell you, do not make *images* of God. An “*icon*” is “*a finished image*” which represents what you desire to *worship*. An “*icon*” or “*idol*” is not a *shadow*, but a “*representation*” of what *the real thing* may look like. That is the reason you are *not to worship man-made types*, or *images* of God. God *does not look like any idol* created by humans. They cannot imagine the “*form of God*.” Notice how the

word “*imagine*” means to “*image in.*” Humans cannot imagine God, nor can they imagine “*the likeness of God.*” Until you are exactly *like* God, as His Son, you cannot know what He is really like. Since God can be, whatever He chooses to be, how can you make *an image* in His likeness? Moses asked God, “*Who shall I say sent me?*” (paraphrased), “*And God said to Moses, ‘I AM THAT I AM:’ and he said, Thus shall you say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you*” (Exodus 3:14). Moses told this to Pharaoh and to The Children of Israel. God simply states, “*He will be what He chooses to be.*” This applies to many different time periods. Making you into the *image* of God is not as *easy* as it sounds.

First, you need to know what He wants you to be. He is The God *with no name*, “*Hashem.*” There is more. He is *The Only Creator and Father of All*. The Hebrew word “*us*” includes “*the heavenly host*” and all that God is (Genesis 1). *The Book of Hebrews* declares “*the angels*” are “*the servants of God.*” They are sent to help *the heirs of God* (Hebrews 1:13-14). The primary question is as follows. Since *man* was created in the *image, of God which image are you like?* God makes everyone like Him (Genesis 1:26). The word “*make*” has a Hebrew root meaning “*to cut down a tree.*” This “*making*” is not about Adam, but about “*The First Christ*” (Romans 5). Adam was only “*a type*” or “*shadow*” of Jesus. Why is this? It is because Adam was not *deceived*. Eve was the only one who succumbed to Satan’s *sales pitch* (I Timothy 2:14).

Adam did not *transgress* (as Paul said). Adam ate what

his wife gave him, because she was “*bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh.*” He loved her (to death) just like Christ loves you. That is why God made Adam her *master or lord*. He would *take care* of her. Adam was “*a shadow,*” “*an image*” or “*a phantom*” of Christ. It is *no different* than *The Law*, which was “*a shadow of things to come*” – *Christ* (Hebrews 10). That *shadow*, like God, is *a mystery*. The *mystery* is all about Christ (Colossians 1:27). Now, you know what image *the phantom* represents, Jesus, The Christ or “*Christ – In You*” (Ephesians 4:13). *This mystery was hidden* and, then, revealed when Jesus came in *the flesh* (John 14:6-7).

Jesus is just like His Father (*spiritually*). That is why *The Disciples* did not recognize Jesus after His Resurrection. The “*resurrected body*” was only “*a phantom*” or “*a shadow of Jesus.*” Scholars call it “*a theophany*” (only a likeness). “*Existing*” as *a human*, which is “*living in a tent*” (human body), is only the beginning of consciousness. This describes where “*the spirit of man*” dwells (*consciousness*). The external human figure is, in reality, *a ghost* (merely *a tent* or *tabernacle*). That man was not God. The Holy Spirit of God was *in that shadow*.

God warns you about entertaining angels unaware, that you may not realize who they are. God and the angels are *spirit* and *not flesh*. Now, you are closer to knowing who God is. He is exactly like Christ, but not in *the same human form*. That is why Jesus prayed before His *death*, “*O Father, glorify you me with your own self with the glory which I had with you before the world was*” (John 17:5). Wow! Before He was human,

Jesus became “*The Glory of God.*”

You are going to be resurrected, and have *a glorified, spiritual body* where the Holy Spirit of God will dwell – *eternally*. There it is, in plain *Biblical language*. (Read in detail what Paul said in I Corinthians 15:40-45). All creation was made from *the power* of The Glory of God. Everyone will vary in the *glory* of God and have different appearances. Also, *your good works* will vary according to your talents, abilities and how you utilized them (Romans 8:28).

“*The Holy Spirit – In You*” will lead you *to the truth*. The Holy Spirit is The Very Words of God, which set you *free (liberty)*, “*For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love and of a sound [wise] mind” (II Timothy 1:7). This is quite plain! The *Holy Spirit* of God cannot be another *individual* because, then, everyone would be *possessed*. Slavery or possession is not the way of God. The Holy Spirit of God is His *Spirit* which bestows all of His *riches* (Ephesians 1:3). “*Christ – In You*” is the same as *the riches* of the *glory* of God (Colossians 1:27). What is *The Glory of God*?*

GOD’S GLORY – GOD’S GOODNESS

The Glory of God is the totality of the *goodness* of God (Exodus 33:18-19). The word “*glory*” in Greek is “*doxa*” which means “*a massive weight.*” In Hebrew, the word “*glory*” means the same thing. The weight is like *a huge stone* full of the *goodness* or *riches* of God and so *full* and *heavy* that *a person* cannot lift it.

So, this comparison of *glory* uses *volume, density and weight*. The *glory* of God has *eternal life, prosperity, success, peace, joy and all the goodness that was, is and will be!* God is *Holy, filled with light and without any darkness – the pearl of great price*. Jesus said, you should be willing to sell *everything* in order to have a chance to obtain it. This applies to your *very life*. This heavy weight or *stone* is “*Christ – In You*” (The Chief Corner Stone of the temple). This temple is “*spiritual,*” not “*physical.*”

THE FOUR EARTHLY TEMPLES

God *dwells in a temple*, but only, when it is *Holy*. *The four earthly temples* were only *temporary*, because God dwelt “*In Them*” at *specific times and for special purposes*. Three of the *temples* of God are *spiritual*. One “*spiritual house*” is “*Christ – In You*” (John 4). Moses and Christ built houses, but God *builds everything* (Hebrews 3:1-5).

Mankind made *a huge doctrinal error* by not understanding where God dwelt. God will only *dwell with man* when He builds His *own house or temple*. The “*house*” of God” is called “*a temple*” because it must be a *Holy House* without *any sin*. *A house* can be *eternal* when there is *no sin*. The password is, “*Do no harm to anyone or anything.*” Otherwise, with even a little bit of sin, the house will *die* because it would have been *corrupted*.

Human history, determined by man’s imagination and theories, can only relate to *the physical creation* and

not to *the spiritual creation*. That is what Christ said to Nicodemus, telling him, if he could not understand *the physical things*, then he could never understand *the spiritual things* like being “*born again*.” (Read John 3 in detail). Always keep in mind “*Spirit is spirit*” while “*flesh is flesh*.” Throughout religious history, mankind always looked to *the physical* (in its natural state), such as men going to *war* over religion and questions such as “*where God dwells*.” When *the temple* in Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D., it remained a heap of garbage until Omar built The Mosque. He believed God dwelt there. Then, Constantine and Justinian built The New Rome in Constantinople with The Great Cathedral of Sophia thinking God would *dwell* there. On the other hand, the Catholic Church insisted they inherited Christianity and that God was *dwelling* in *The Vatican*. *The religious fight over Jerusalem and the temple continues to this very day*. Given current global events, you may witness the final war over The Temple in Jerusalem before Jesus returns.

God only *dwells* in physical houses, *temporarily*, with His *glory* – *The Shekinah*. He does this to *teach* and *reveal righteousness* to mankind. When humans lack *faith* “*In God*,” His glory leaves them just as it did in 70 A.D. God is *a Spirit* and, therefore, must be *worshipped in spirit* and *in truth* (John 4:24). The purpose of God must be understood to comprehend The One True God. (Request the free book, *What’s It All About*).

PURPOSE OF GOD

Paul tried to reveal the *purpose* of God by explain-

ing *The Resurrection* (I Corinthians 15). Paul did this by stating the “*goal God has for mankind.*” After Jesus defeats all the enemies of God – *death being the last enemy* – Christ will present The Kingdom to God, “*And when all things shall be subdued to him, then shall the Son also himself be subject to him [God] that put all things under him, that God may be “All In All”* (I Corinthians 15:28)! Since God is *The Only One* who builds *all things*, He is *the owner of everything*. All of the *property* of God belongs to Him and He will accomplish His *plan*. Hopefully, you are beginning to understand who God is, and His purpose for His *creation*. Now, to *Biblically* answer the controversy. *The relevant scriptures* will prove how God, The Father, The Word and The Holy Spirit of God are not *three separate personal beings*.

The three entities are:

- 1) God Almighty (*Elohim*).
- 2) The Word of God.
- 3) God’s Holy Spirit.

For God to be “*All In All,*” these three categories must apply to *one personal being* and *not to as many as two or three beings*. These categories represent *the attributes which God possesses under one of His names* – “*Elohim.*”

CHAPTER 4

GOD IS ONE

So far, you have learned God has no limits. The One True God can decide, at any time, to be whatever He chooses to be and do whatever He may choose to do or allow. His name is “YHVH,” “*The I Am.*” God, in totality, is *goodness, glory* and everything He can be. Whatever was, is, or will be, is The One True God!

HUMAN IMAGINATION – LOGIC

“In the beginning God created The Heaven and The Earth.” It is indisputable that God, “*The Elohim,*” made everything in the beginning. The creation was not made by Jesus or anyone else. *The Bible* states that *the word of God* made everything (Genesis 1:1). How did Christ come to *make* all things? *The Bible* plainly tells, how Jesus made everything, “*God, who at sundry times and in divers [various] manners spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets. Has in these last days spoken to us by his Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds*” (Hebrews 1:1-2).

God, not Jesus, revealed *The Gospel* to *The Prophets of Old*. So, how did Jesus create *everything*? Christ created everything through His *inheritance*. What

did Jesus *inherit*? Christ had to *inherit* or receive something from The Father which He did not already have. Christ did not, by Himself, *make* any part of the world. Rather, He was *the heir* through *inheritance*. He only *existed* as the “*word*” of God. How did Jesus *inherit all things* and, therefore, actually *create them*? This question poses a great mystery. *The Mystery of God* is “*Christ – In You*” (Colossians 1:27). This great revelation is not revealed to everyone, but what does it mean?

CHRIST’S BIRTH

You are about to, *scripturally*, understand how Christ inherited everything. Jesus, *as the physical human being*, did not exist before He was born. At His birth, He became the First Begotten Son of God in *the flesh* (John 1:14). To understand how He *became the “word” of God as a human*, you need to find out what the *word* of God is. Jesus told The Jews who He was, “*Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuses you, even Moses, in whom you trust. For had you believed Moses, you would have believed me: for he wrote of me*” (John 5:45-47).

Moses, *a Prophet of God*, revealed the identity of Jesus, “*The LORD your God [one] will raise up to you a Prophet from the midst of you, of your brethren, like to me; to him [Jesus] you shall hearken [listen]; According to all that you desire of the LORD [one God] your God [Elohim] in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God [YHVH], neither let me see this great fire any more,*

*that I die not. And the LORD said to me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a Prophet [Christ] from among their brethren, like to you [Moses] and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak to them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken [listen] to my words which he shall speak in my name [inherit], I will require it of Him” (Deuteronomy 18:15-19). Jesus was given “The Word,” as His inheritance, at His birth. But, remember before Jesus was born, He was the “word” of God Jesus was *the very words of God* about which Moses wrote. Jesus was *that Prophet*, Christ did not exist as His own being before He was human. Rather, He existed as “The Word of God” who made all things (Genesis 1:1). By being given the very words of The One True God, Jesus became The Son of God. He received everything God created and everything God knew, which was Christ’s “inheritance.”*

Thus, *“Christ – In You”* solves *The Mystery of God.* Christians become the “word” of God through inheritance (Ephesians 1:11). As inheritors, you are **The Sons of God** (Galatians 4:1-7). (Request the free book, *Sons of God*). You are *adopted* from human parents in *sin*, destined to die. Eventually, you will inherit *all things* with *Christ* (through the *Holy Spirit of God*) – what a wonderful thought!

How did Christ become The Word of God? *“And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Ghost [Spirit] shall come upon you and the power of the Highest shall overshadow you [Mary]: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of you shall be called the Son of*

God [Christ in the flesh – was *human*]” (Luke 1:35). ***Biblically***, you are told how Jesus and Christians become Sons of God. ***The overshadowing of the Spirit of God*** (the essence of God) caused Jesus to become **The Word of God**. John 1:1 reveals, “***In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God***” (Genesis 1:1). These words are from **God’s own “mind”** (Deuteronomy 18). **Everything God ever thought became The Word of God and was given to Jesus and became a part of Him**. By having The Word of God, as a human, Jesus was destined to be, **not only The Messiah, but a Prophet, also**. ***A Prophet must speak God’s very words or else that person is a false prophet*** (Deuteronomy 18:20-22). ***Jesus inherited all things*** and became ***The First Begotten Son of God***. Followers of Christ, ***The Author of Salvation***, become Sons of God by inheritance (through The Holy Spirit) (Hebrews 12:25).

Jesus did not exist, as His own *being*, before becoming *human* (flesh). **He pre-existed only as the thoughts and words of God, which made all things**. **The Words of God were given to Christ when He was born**. **The word became flesh**.

PREDESTINATION

What did God predestine? “***According as he has chosen us in him*** [Christ] ***before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame*** [mercy] ***before him in love***. ***Having predestinated*** [purposed] ***us to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of His will*** [God’s]” (Eph-

sians 1:4-5). God *preplanned* and *predestined* all those living in the world to become, eventually, *The Sons of God* through Christ (I John 4:14). Christ came to Save The World. How did God predestinate *these plans* according to His *will*? God predestined *these plans* through His *thoughts, mind, power* and *love*. The *mind of God is superior to any human mind* (Isaiah 55:6-11). *God is the totality of His glory and goodness*. Through His *thoughts* and *glory*, the *words* of God are *directed* by His Holy Spirit, which leads you to *truth* (John 14:17). Christ said, “*Thy word is truth*” (John 17:17). “*Thy word*” refers to “the *words of God*” just as Jesus is The One who *spoke* “*The Word*.” The angel said to Mary, “*For with God nothing shall be impossible*” (Luke 1:37). Jesus said, “*Thy word* [God’s word not Christ’s word] *is truth*.”

Predestination means God, wrote out His *business plan* and, exactly how He will carry everything to perfection. *He did this* in His *mind* and *heart*. He outlined this according to His *own counsel, thoughts* and *power* (Ephesians 1:9). God is busy with His desired plan. That is why you find the “word,” in Greek, is “*logos*” or “*what is logical*.” In English, when you say something is *logical*, you are saying you understand it – in *your mind*. Consequently, this understanding is what *one person predetermines* by their *own counsel*. “*Logos is God’s word*” and therefore logical of a sound mind (II Timothy 1:7).

ONLY GOD IS ONE

God builds *all things* and *all things* are possible with

God. God, through The Word, gave His *mind* and *thoughts* to Jesus. Jesus Christ, in *the flesh*, received the *mind* and *word* of God as *an inheritance*. Jesus, as a human, inherited The Word of God through The *Holy Spirit of God* and, as a result, became *Holy* (Luke 1:35). John, The Baptist clearly said, “*For he whom God has sent speaks the words of God: for God gives not the Spirit by measure to him*” (Deuteronomy 18 and John 3:34). John defines The Word of God. Jesus *inherited all things* and, therefore, *created* all things as The Word of God. At His physical *birth*, Christ *inherited all things* from God through His Holy Spirit. He received God’s *very words*, “*the logos*” or “*the truth.*” The same will happen to mankind, but they will receive only an earnest or down payment of the *truth of God*. They will need the *will power* of God to *grow further* in His *truth*. Jesus, as *The Word of God*, had all the *truth* by having been given *The Word of God*.

Thus, *The Law of Moses* could only tell what *sin* was, but Christ gave *grace* (mercy) and *truth* (*the word*) (John 1:17). There is only One God, and Jesus is *The Mediator* and The Son of God. He inherited *all things* and pre-existed as *The Word* in the *thoughts, mind* and *glory* of God – which is *the power* of the Holy Spirit of God. The mind of God and all His thoughts were in *The Word of God* and God gave this “*Word*” to His Son as an inheritance. God will be “*All In All*” when the world is saved. *The Potential for Salvation* exists forever in The Kingdom of God. God, The Creator, is *The Only One True God*. When God is “*All In All*,” everyone will be *One with God* through “*Christ – In You!*”

CHAPTER 5

WHAT GOD LOOKS LIKE

God created all things through His *word*. *The Word of God is a plan* that originated in the *thoughts* and *mind* of God. The plans of God for His creation was completed by the power of His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit of God is filled with all His *glory* or *goodness*. Jesus tells you, no man has seen God (John 5:37). No one has even been allowed to see His shape. Moses only saw The Glory of God (Exodus 33:18-23). What is the “*glory*” of God.

THE SUN IN ALL ITS BRILLIANCE

Jesus told Nicodemus, if he could not understand *spiritual things* by comparing them to *earthly things*, then he would never understand *the spiritual mystery* (John 3:12). In fact, Nicodemus told Jesus, he could not grasp any of *the heavenly things*, yet, God likens the physical things to *spiritual realities*. *The stars* are likened to angels, the trees represent people, while the mountains represent governments. Because of these realities, humans at The Tower of Babel regarded everything (physical human beings and physical objects) in *the creation*, as “*little gods*,” instead of honoring The One True God. God likens “*the sun in the sky*” to “*a bridegroom*” (or *Christ*) (Psalm 19:4-5). *The sun* is

compared to the *righteousness* of God (Malachi 4:2). *The sun is the most prominent earth-related object that can be physically observed.* God warned Moses, no one can see His *face*. Humans cannot see any part of God because if they did, they would be consumed (Exodus 33:20). God only showed Moses His “*glory*.” The *glory* of God radiates all of His *goodness* which comes from His *body*. Moses was told to hide behind a rock, so only the “*back parts*” of God were seen. Moses could not see the face of God because, if he did, he would have been burned and died (Exodus 33:20-23). God has a face, hands and back parts. God describes His likeness, a human form, similar to your own. Remember, Adam’s image was *a phantom in the likeness of God* (Genesis 1:26). As humans, you have a form (like godliness). In Greek, the word is “*morph*” or “*form of God*,” which is “*a likeness*” or “*an image*” of God (but not God) (Philippians 2). Piece by piece, and part by part, God compares earthly things to heavenly things. You cannot see God, as He really is, until you become exactly like Him (not merely *an image*).

The Son, Jesus, looks like God, because He and The Father are the same. When you look, directly, at the sun on a bright, clear day, you will be blinded by its brilliance or glory (radiation). You do not, actually, see the sun, because it is so radiant. The sun’s radiance is its glory and power. This solar energy gives life to the earth. Its beauty and glory blinds your eyes. The full noon-day sun cannot be observed. Yet, at other times, the sun can be observed in its brilliance, when it is rising or setting. Moses would have been consumed by the full light and power of God. The best Moses could

do was to see God's back side. Moses was not able to make out any form, or shape, because the brilliance around God impaired his vision. Still, beyond the horizon, the sun's glory radiates a great splendid beauty, a brilliance that Moses observed. This exposure made it necessary for Moses to wear a veil to hide his face from the fiery brilliance of God.

SCIENCE AND GOD

Humans understand what they observe through their five senses – sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell. *Science* sounds sophisticated, but is completely dependant upon those five senses (especially sight and sound). Scientists never agree with one another 100% of the time. The best human conclusion is only a mathematical probability based upon logic. Scientists, continually, disagree with each other. Jesus said, "*For whosoever has, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever has not, from him shall be taken away even that he has. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand*" (Matthew 13:12-13). It is called *Science*, which is not so great when all you can depend on is theories – which change every decade. Only the technical tools you possess (observation or sensing devices) reveal the truth or reality to you (but only in part). "*Mathematics*" is employed to determine "*probability*." Observing and sensing the creation of God reveals His Godhead (Elohim) (Romans 1:20). Your Father is wonderful, loving, and willing to explain this revelation to you. He reveals Himself so you can see God everywhere – *on the earth*,

in the sky, in plants, trees, animals and in every human who walks upon the earth.

Science did not begin during The Renaissance, but was started in The Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. When they figured out what they really wanted to know (*good and evil*) – disaster followed. This disaster was the beginning of human science. The Renaissance used more technological tools such as a microscope (for small things) or a telescope (for large things). These instruments allowed mankind better use of their senses. At that time, Satan started to use Science to *replace* God.

Flesh is flesh and Spirit is spirit. You are a phantom, or a living being, that will die. *Spirit* is a true reality (lasting). *Truth* can only come from the *very word* of God and, eventually, everything will be proven true. Some scientists believe that you, along with the universe, are only a hologram (not real). As such, *the universe*, everyone and everything in it, may only be a reflection of the glory of God (*brilliance*). This reflection is like a hologram. These are all interesting possibilities.

What makes you *real* is your *mind*, which should be in the process of becoming like the *mind* of God. Your brain will be sound, as long as you are growing – *spiritually*. Solomon said, “*to think and reason outside of your consciousness makes everything else vanity*” (paraphrased). You need a *spiritual, God-given mind* and a *spiritual body* in order to be *real*. No doubt you have read that God has a head and a back side. You

must always remember, God can be, whatever He decides to be. God has told you to be careful when you entertain strangers, because they may be *angels* and could be *a theophany in the likeness* of God. Angels are the messengers of God, sent to help you become a Son of God. Angels are *spirits*, just like God, and they appear before Him, and, therefore, can see Him as He is. Angels can take human form, just like God did, when He went to see His friend, Abraham. At that time, God was in a human form (the word is “*morphe*” in Greek) (Philippians 2).

Originally, God told the heavenly host, “*let us make man in our image.*” God can change His garments to fit any situation. The saying, “*clothes make the man,*” means that a change of clothes can affect the way a person looks. One Jewish saying is, “*death is but a change of clothes.*” God, Himself identifies, what He wears, as *spiritual garments*. After Christ’s *resurrection*, He asked, to be clothed in *the glory* He had, with The Father, before the world was, as *The Word of God* (John 17:5). It is time to search out the meaning, The Glory of God and its impact upon His creation from *The Bible*. How powerful is The Glory of God? What is all the *goodness* that its weight cannot be measured?

CHAPTER 6

THE GOODNESS AND GLORY OF GOD

The goodness of God is packed full of *weights* (blessings) (Exodus 33). The Christians, with the Holy Spirit of God, will receive His heavenly (*spiritual*) blessings (Ephesians 1:3). The *glory* of God is the totality of His *goodness*. *As a result*, these heavenly blessings will be given to you, just as the sun supplies the earth. In order to sustain human life, the sun must exist in the proper configuration and must keep its precise distance from the earth. If the sun is too close, you will burn up, and if it is too far away, you will freeze to death. The *glory* of God is just like the sun – it can burn or destroy you. By keeping just the right amount of contact with the earth, the sun keeps mankind’s temporal bodies alive. Only then, can these bodies grow to maturity. The sun, rain and other blessings fulfill all human needs.

BLESSINGS AND GIFTS

The Greek word for “*blessings*” means “*happiness*.” “*A blessing*” is “*a gift*,” which bestows joy and well-being. Gifts can be *earthly* like *the sun, the moon and the stars*, which provide *a good life* for human beings. As long as, you are earthly (dust), you must have *faith*

in God, just as Christ asked God to grant Him – the *glory* His Father at His resurrection. When you are resurrected, you will be *glorified* as Christ was glorified. The only difference is, you will be glorified (clothed), according to your works and, the rewards you will be given (Revelation 22:12). The Apostle Paul, clearly wrote, how everyone will be given the *glory* of God but in different measures (I Corinthians 15:41-49). He explained how the entire universe is clothed in the *glory* of God with a variety of blessings and gifts. Remember, *spiritual garments* are different than *earthly garments*. When the glory of God brings all of His *goodness*, there will be a plethora of eternal gifts.

The Shekinah (the glory of God) can be, whatever, God chooses it to be. All of the *goodness* of God radiates from God. The name of God is “YHVH,” “*The I Am*,” and His clothes are ever-changing. His garments are made by Him and, His fashions are whatever He decides to wear. His clothes are always in classic good taste. You are told, “*God is light* [goodness] *and in him is no darkness at all*” (I John 1:5). God is *handsome* and *full of goodness*. God reveals Himself through His *glory*, or His *goodness*, as a theophany, “*a likeness of God*.”

EARTHLY TO HEAVENLY

Jesus cannot return until His Bride is wearing the correct wedding dress. Christ’s Bride, as she comes out of Babylon (unrighteousness) (Revelation 18:4), causes confusion in her choice of clothing (righteousness) (Revelation 19:8). She must have a dowry of proper

clothing. The Bride must make herself ready to become Christ's wife (Revelation 19:7-8). How is she going to do this? The Bride will show absolute *faith* (even to the death). She must love Christ and be ready to be His "wife." Peter told Jesus, he was willing to lay down his life for Him (Christ) (John 13:37-38). Jesus said, Peter would not be able to die for Him. Ultimately, when Peter was old, he was, finally, able to lay down his life for Christ.

Jesus can only return, when His Bride, The Church of God and, The Remnant of Israel is ready. They must love Him, as He loves The Bride. Also, The Bride must be willing to lay down her life for Him, as He did for them. The Father will not allow His Son to marry a woman who does not love Him to the same extent as He loves her. When The Bride is ready to be married, her gown will be made, especially, for The Wedding Feast. Her wedding gown will consist of fine linen (precious cloth) and white in color (Revelation 19:8). *White is the color of the face of God, which, in essence, is not a color, but radiates the glory and goodness of God.*

You are told about The Bride chosen for Christ. She is beautiful on the outside and inside. Why? Because The Bride has selected a gown which is comprised of *righteousness*. The Bride's gown glows with the *glory* of God shining from within like *the sun*. God is the clothier, the manufacturer of all that you wear today and, will wear in all the tomorrows. God makes all things (Hebrews 3). He will be your fashion designer and stylist. God will manufacture your wardrobe.

How can this be done? It will be done by the *glory* and *goodness* of God. God, through Christ *as heir* of all things, will bestow His gifts (earthly and heavenly) upon you.

God plans to dwell with His Son, His Son's wife and all the children who repent and become *the future* Sons of God on earth. No other planet with an atmosphere containing "the *canopy of protection of God*" has been found. This protection is necessary, not only for The Wedding Feast, but for the camping ground for all His children. The sun is just the right distance from the earth to sustain life. This earth is a *temporary dwelling* or *tabernacle* for God and His Sons until The New Heavens and The New Earth are created by your Heavenly Father. Then, everything will be Eternal.

GOD'S GLORY AND POWER

God is clothed in beautiful brilliance from His shoulders to His feet. His *glory* blinds you, when you look at Him, exactly like the sun at the high point of the day. The sun's glory is magnified, but still hidden. If one looks directly at the sun, especially, during an eclipse, then one can become blind or damage their eyesight. However, you will be able to see God, as He is, when you have His *glory, mind* and *heart* (I Corinthians 13:12).

Paul said, when you *see* God with your earthly bodies, you can only observe Him, *partially* (as if looking through a dark glass). That is exactly, what you do, when you observe the sun during an eclipse. A solar

eclipse occurs when the sun is covered by the moon. *The sun*, symbolically, represents God and Christ, while the moon represents The Church of God (Psalm 19 and Revelation 12).

Jesus said, *“If you could not understand spiritual things through earthly examples, then you would never discern the spiritual meaning”* (John 3:11-12) (paraphrased). *“Heavenly blessings”* are *“spiritual blessings”* and must be seen through *spiritual eyes*. God gives to His people, His Holy Spirit, so they can understand *spiritual things* (by comparing them to earthly things) (John 3:10-12). God describes Himself using earthly comparisons. In this way, He reveals who and what He is (Romans 1).

THE WORD OF GOD

Since Jesus inherited all things, as The Word of God, He is The Only One who can reveal The One True God (John 1:17). The *truth* comes from Christ, because He is The Word of God. You have *scripturally* proven how Jesus is The Word of God and was given The Mind of God. How can this be? Jesus was given the Holy Spirit of God without measure. Christ was flesh (human) and was *not composed of spirit* until He was resurrected. He went to sit at the right hand of God as Melchizedek with the *glory* of God. Physically, your flesh is useless (profiting nothing) (John 6:63). Your human body is only *a temporary dwelling place* for your mind and heart.

When you receive your new glorified body, you will be

Eternal like God and have His *mind* and *heart*. Then, you will be born as a Son of God in the *kingdom* of God. *The Bible* is The Word of God revealed to you through the Holy Spirit of God. When you study *The Bible*, you grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, who is The Word of God. It is critical for you to understand, when you mature and become like Jesus, you will see and understand God in your *heart* and *mind*. Through understanding *The Bible* (The Word of God), you start to know who God is. That is why Peter said, “*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture* [The Word of God] *is of any private* [personal] *interpretation*” (II Peter 1:20). Jesus is the interpreter through the Holy Spirit of God.

When you study *The Bible* through *the lens* of The Holy Spirit, you will see who God is. God is *The One True God*. He bestows heavenly blessings and specific gifts upon each Christian, so they can know The Real God. By growing in the *love* of God, a Christian’s *heavenly gifts* can be shared with others. You are learning, and discovering, The One True God. Then, you become *one body* with Jesus. Your journey through this book is coming to its conclusion, “*Here a little and there a little*” (Isaiah 28:10). Like little babies relying upon their mother’s milk (New Jerusalem), you are ready to begin to understand *The One True God*, who created you.

CHAPTER 7

GOD TO BE “ALL IN ALL”

The One True God, with His *glory*, can do all things. Likewise, you must have the *mind* and *heart* of God and be clothed in His Eternal Glory. Following these steps is the only way to know Him. The purpose of God is to be “*All In All*” (I Corinthians 15:28). Then, Paradise will be Eternal. You will be “*One*” with God, when you have His completeness (His mind, heart and *spiritual* body). Just as Jesus is One with God, you will be “*One with God*” (John 17:11).

HOW GOD APPEARS

God can build all things (Hebrews 3:4). The One True God is The Great Manufacturer of the entire universe. The name of God, “*YHVH*,” is “*The I Am*,” meaning, “*God can be whatever He chooses to be.*” What or who does God choose to be?

The answer to this question should be obvious, to everyone, the *mind* and *thoughts of God* are superior to anyone else’s. The *thought process* of God is superior to any of the great minds throughout the centuries. This Supreme Being has an intellect far greater than your own (Isaiah 55). Peter revealed your body, as merely, a tent, or tabernacle, where your *mind* and

heart reside. Your body is only temporary. However, this is not the case with “*The Spirit – In You.*” During The Resurrection, you will receive a *new spiritual body* (the *glory of God*). You will be like God (I Corinthians 13 and Revelation 19:7-8). The garment of God (clothing) is formed by His light. The *light* of God is His *glory* (Psalm 104:2). It is time, to study the wardrobe of God and see what He looks like, as He clothed Himself for different occasions or situations. The Ancient of Days had no beginning (Daniel 7:9 and 7:13). His garments are white as snow. His hair is like pure wool. God looks like a man with various colors (races) running up and down His loins (Ezekiel 1:26-28). Ezekiel wrote these colors are derived from the *glory* of God and are dispersed around Him like a *rainbow*. God, The Father, regardless of His clothing, always has a rainbow around Him (Revelation 4:3). His garments look like precious stones, with diamonds, jasper, sardine stones and emeralds (Lapidary enthusiasts will look at their jewelry creations with new eyes).

Are you beginning to understand *The One True God*? It is vital, you realize, why you must never make an *image*, or an *idol* of anything, even if you think it resembles, or reminds you of God. Praying to God, or worshipping God, while facing a physical form is *idolatry*. These idols can do nothing. Worshipping, or praying to them is not only useless, but God forbids it. God is God, The Almighty One. “*Elohim*” is *complete* and “*In All.*” The two-word phrase “*In All*” is self-explanatory. God is in everyone and everything. Those who lived during the time of The Tower of Babel, made a great mistake, when they chose to

worship *the creation*, instead of The Creator (Romans 1:25). One day, when you are with God, you will see Him, as He really is (I Corinthian 13). No one knows what clothes He will be wearing. At that time, you will see Him as He is, because you will look just like Him. Your works determine how you will be clothed (Revelation 22:12). Your *mind* and *heart* will be just like those of Jesus and God, putting you and God in agreement and walking together, forever, in *Paradise* (Amos 3:3). You will live in The House of God (The Temple of Jesus and God) (Revelation 21:22). God *will* continue to create whatever He wants, whenever He wants. Remember, you will be living on a New Earth, and God will have many surprises in store for you. Perhaps, there will be a new journal written about all The Sons of God. Who knows?

But right now, you should be overwhelmed with what you do know. You will eat from The Tree of Life, and there will be no Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil. Why? Because, through your *faith*, God will be “*All In All.*” You, along with God and Jesus, will be thinking alike. You will have the love of God without *The Law*. *The Law* will be written in your heart and mind.

You will be able to think just like God, who has the greatest mind ever known to man. God, at that time, will be “*All In All.*” The entire creation of God is waiting for that time. You are to be glorified like God and His Son, Jesus (Romans 8:22 and 8:31). Then you will be One With God, just as, Jesus is One with God (Galatians 4:6-7). As a Son of God, you will no longer be a

slave to your body, or your human nature, rather, you will be *an heir* to all that God has created and owns.

GOD'S KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God will be in New Jerusalem. The Children of God will become Sons of God. This plan will continue until *everyone* comes to Christ (I Corinthians 15:23), “*And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said to me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said to me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcomes shall inherit all things [God’s word]; and I will be his God and he shall be my son*” (Revelation 21:5-7). (Reading Revelation 22 will greatly help you understand Revelation 21). When referring to *the healing waters with the healing leaves*, *The Book of Revelation* concludes with, “*And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that hears say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely*” (Revelation 22:17)!

Under The New Heavens and on The New Earth, *Salvation* will continue. No specified *date*, or *time*, has been set to receive *Salvation*. The potential for *Salvation* continues until everyone, of their own free will, comes to Christ. Even those who go into The Lake of Fire (destroyed) will, eventually, be resurrected and can come to Christ. However, they will have to go into *outer darkness* until they repent, as there is no death-bed repentance (Jude 12-13). (Request the free book,

God's Will, which provides some interesting facts on The Resurrection of Christ).

Christ came to “Save The World.” He did not come, for you to remain part of the world (I John 4:14). This process is the same for everyone. All people will repent – sooner or later. God will fulfill His desire through His *long-suffering* and *patience* (God will wait for every single person to repent, so Christ can give you Salvation) (Isaiah 46:10 and II Peter 3:9). God promises to bring birth to every human (eventually), because He will never allow anyone to be aborted (Isaiah 66:9). Always remember, God cannot make a mistake, He wants you in His family, and in time you will, also, want to be in His family.

You will be saved in one of four ways:

- 1) In this life – those who are True Christians.**
- 2) After The Second Resurrection and after paying some penalties.**
- 3) After The Lake of Fire and paying many penalties.**
- 4) Under The New Heavens and on The New Earth, as the final chance to obey *The Old Covenant* (for the unrighteous), which will lead them to *The New Covenant* and Salvation.**

Saving sinners, or mankind, is “*the purpose*” for The Word of God (Christ) and is why “*The One True God*”

will be “*All In All!*” God is reproducing Himself. God consists of many colors and many races. God will be revealed as The Creator of all things through His “*word*” – Jesus, The Christ. The map is laid out for you – just ask God to give you *the wisdom* to choose *the right path* to receive Salvation.

When God is “*All In All,*” you will be in “*The Body*” of God Almighty, “*a vessel*” in His Holy “*house*” used for The Honor of God. You will become “*One with God.*”

Many people want to be on the “*A-list*” of prominent individuals in big cities like New York, London, Paris, Rome, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Hong Kong, Beijing or Tokyo. They would give their eye teeth to have a chance to be with the “*jet-setters.*” Most individuals wish, they were rich, or powerful, but the “*A-list*” of God should be the one most sought after. The lowly, the homeless and the average, along with those with money, fame and power, have the opportunity to be given the greatest power a person could ever have. Everyone can choose the greatest level of prosperity along with the greatest opportunity to create. They can have the most unfathomable, endless amount of things to plan, invent, create but always continuing to grow. You will literally be “*all you can be,*” and you will be able to go beyond anything you ever imagined. Pray, study, repent and look to God for your name to be on the envelope, “*already stamped*” and ready to be sent to you. Open that envelope, so you can fulfill all the opportunities your talents and abilities can perform. That, my friend, is the ultimate gift – *Eternal Life.*