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PREFACE

It is by **faith** that Christians are saved. Why is **faith** so necessary for Salvation? Just believe God and you will be **saved**. Seems simple or is it? Isn't it difficult for humans to keep from sinning? Wouldn't it be better to be **sinless** so you can receive **Salvation**? Why doesn't **righteousness** count more than **faith**? Why is **faith** so **vital to your Salvation**? The purpose of this book is to **biblically** show how **faith** can save you and why it is so important to God. God demands **faith** for **Salvation**. What kind of **faith** can actually **save you**? Comments and criticisms are welcomed. As usual, no monies are 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). Your job is to pray, study and grow to The Stature of Christ!

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INTRODUCTION

Why are you saved by **faith**? How important is **faith**? To understand **faith** you must find out why sin by God is not considered for **Salvation**.

Most of you forget Christ died for **the sins of the world**. “**All manner of sin shall be forgiven men**” (Matthew 3:28). The blood of Christ **forgives all human sin worldwide**. Quite plain and simple! Sin isn't even an issue at The White Throne Judgment. Only the rejection of God's **Holy Spirit** matters in the **judgment** (Mark 3:29). Refusing God's **Holy Spirit** is never forgiven. To follow God's **Holy Spirit** takes **faith**. **Faith** is absolute **trust** in God. When God grants His **Holy Spirit** you accept His **spirit** in **faith** that **The Holy Spirit** leads you to truth. God's **word** is **truth**. It is all about **faith** or absolute trust in God whatever His **word** commands you to do.

Does that mean you can **willfully sin**? God **forbid**! By following every **Word of God** in **faith your nature, mind and heart** (without **fault**) changes you (Ephesians 1:14). It is God's **Holy Spirit** in **faith** that you receive God's **love** (Romans 5:5). By learning **to love God** through **faith**, He grants His **love to you**. Secondly, you can only walk together in Christ when you are in total agreement (Amos 3:3). Only those **living by every Word of God “in faith”** makes it possible for you to always **walk together**. To live in **Paradise** forever, everyone must **think** the same way in **heart and mind**. If one believes in another **way** besides having God's **mind** (way), you cannot be in **eternal Paradise**. Until everyone is in agreement with **God** you cannot have **Salvation**.

It is all predicated on absolute “**faith that saves**.” A Blood Covenant or contract is when your faith in God and Christ is so intense you are willing to die for them. That is agapé love (love to the death) or absolute **trust** in God, always. Read about that **faith that** will save you so God can be “**All In All**” (I Corinthians 15:28).

CHAPTER 1

DOES SIN MATTER?

If faith saves you, does that mean sin doesn't count when it comes to Salvation? You, as a Christian, understand with spiritual growth, you are to be Holy and without blame before God (Ephesians 1:4). To be sinless is important to God. Faith, however, is necessary for you, so God can give you a very precious gift. There seems to be a dilemma.

Mankind And Sin

Some of God's most **saintly humans** were horrible **sinners**. King David was an adulterer and a murderer. Yet, God called him "a man after His own heart." Jesus picked Peter to be an **Apostle**, yet Peter himself said he was a **heinous sinner**. The Apostle Paul spent his career jailing Christians. What a group!

Why did God choose them? One day a female employee came into this author's office with one of my books and said, "You mean God will **save the most evil** people and I have to go through all this?" She quit and stormed out of my office in a fit! God must choose some humans by a **different criteria** than others. Jesus had this same problem with the religious leaders of His day. Notice what He said to them, "**But woe unto you, scribes [scholars] and Pharisees [leaders], hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven**

against men: for you neither go in yourselves, neither suffer [allow] you them that are entering to go in” (Matthew 23:13). **Hypocrisy** must be of more **significance** to God than being **good**. Again, as humans, many of you have difficulty understanding God and how He **thinks**. God places **faith** as **foremost for Salvation** and not how **good you are**. The question is why does He put **Salvation** foremost and not how good you are? At the same time, God demands you to be **Holy** or **without sin**. Looks like God contradicted Himself. For some, this dichotomy keeps them from believing God. They have **no faith**.

God permits, in some cases, to have His **saints suffer** or be in **pain**. Why? Here is what Paul said concerning **faith**, “**And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yes, moreover of bonds [being in bondage] and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And, these all, having obtained a good report through faith, never received the promise”** (Hebrews 11:36-39).

God does allow His **saints** to experience **pain** and **suffering**, so their **faith** can be a witness to others. A **loving** God must permit such misery, pain or suffering, for a very important reason. The sinful ones are chosen as His **people** (for future responsibilities). When they repent, they are still loved by God, even though they had been vile and sinful in the past (Ephesians 1:4). Does this seem contradictory? Since God wants everyone saved, why doesn't He treat everyone

the same? Because not everyone has the same **faith**. An example: King David was **faithful** when he defeated Goliath. Sometime later, he turned into a murderer and adulterer. Yet, when his sins were laid out before him, he realized what a terrible sinner he was.

Realizing what a horrible sinner he really was, David repented. God **forgave** him, but he had to pay painful penalties for those **sins of the flesh**. The child he had by Bathsheba **died** and later his wives were ravished. He experienced **war** with **no peace** throughout his entire life. Instead, there was war after war. In too many cases, David's **faith** was **weak**. At times David's works showed **a lack of faith**. So, why did God say he had a **right heart**? If you bottom out and cry out for God's help, He is very forgiving.

You can get a complete picture of David's honest **repentance** in Psalm 51. King David knew he needed God's **Holy Spirit** to help him. Because of David's sincere and heartfelt prayer, God granted his request.

But, don't forget, David had to pay some very severe penalties for his **sins**. He still **pleaded** for God's **Holy Spirit**. When he repented God gave King David His **Holy Spirit**. It wasn't David's human heart that was like God's, but David's desire to receive His **Holy Spirit**. He wanted to be given a heart like God's. God's **Holy Spirit** was a **gift** because of David's **faith**. It was God's **Holy Spirit** that gave David and gives **each Christian** a heart like God's. When God forgives you, He gives you **The Gift of Salvation**.

Abraham, on the other hand, even though he was a sinner, always had **faith** in God. When God told him to leave Ur,

he obeyed. Then, God told him to leave Haran and he did. Ultimately, without hesitancy, he offered to sacrifice Isaac, his legitimate son. Because of his faith, God gave him The Abrahamic Covenant, to **bless the whole world** through his **seed** (Genesis 22).

Abraham always **obeyed** God's **voice** in **faith** by keeping God's **Commandments** and **Statutes**, along with *The Torah* (Genesis 26:5). Abraham did all this **by faith**. This is **faith with works** – Godly **works**. That is why Abraham is **The Father of The Faithful**.

When individuals repent of their sins, God always **forgives** them. It is the **same with you**. If you sin but are so sorry and truly repent, from the depths of your heart, you will be forgiven. Faith with works, such as Abraham had, is **always blessed**. That is **the account** of God's **people** throughout history. Read Hebrews 11. God always blesses your faith. Faith in God is vital for your **Salvation**.

Doctrine cannot **save you**. Your righteousness, like Job's, cannot save you. Only **faith will save you**. When Job (who was **perfect in all his ways**) was plagued by Satan, he wanted to go before God to plead his case. Why was Job **wrong**?

When all of Job's friends tried to make him see he was a **sinner**, God intervened. It wasn't a matter of **sin**, for Job was **perfect** in all his ways. Even when his children frolicked at their parties, Job would make a **sacrifice**. Job did not take a **chance**, just in case the children may have **sinned** when they had their parties. Job was **sin conscious** and **feared when he thought his children might have sinned when they had a party**. Even then, he offered a **sacrifice** for sin. Job was

guiltless before The Law. So, what was Job's **sin**?

Although, Job was aware of **all things**, such as knowing **right** from **wrong**, God said, "**Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge**" (Job 38:2)? Job lacked true knowledge. Sin doesn't keep you from **Salvation** when you **repent** as when King David repented. When Job realized he lacked faith, he answered, "**I know that you can do every thing and that no thought can be withheld from you. Who is he that hides counsel without knowledge? Therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. Hear, I beseech [beg] you, and I will speak: I will demand of you, and declare you unto me. I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear [preaching]; but now my eye sees you. Wherefore I abhor *myself*, and repent in dust and ashes**" (Job 42:2-6).

So, it looks like Job was **self-righteous**. Job **lacked faith**. Unlike Abraham and King David, who had **faith**, Job's **self-righteousness** lacked **trust** in God. Only God knows the **true depth** of a person's **heart**. Job didn't trust God because of his **lack of faith**. His **pain** and **suffering overwhelmed** him and he had questions.

Are you getting some insight into **Godly faith** – a **faith** that **saves**? Saving **faith** demands **total trust** in God. Jesus took **all the pain** or **torture** and still **trusted** His Father. That is why Christ's suffering on the cross, paid for **your sins** (even though others were crucified on a cross).

Jesus had one difference that others **did not**. Jesus went through His **suffering**, even though He committed **no sin**, because He knew **in faith** that God would **resurrect** Him. Job

lacked faith or complete trust in God. Faith is **the greatest gift** God gives you. Now you know how important **faith** is. But you still need to **biblically** find God's **reason** as to why **faith** is so necessary for **Salvation**.

CHAPTER 2

SIN, TRANSGRESSION, LAW AND FAITH

Christianity and avoiding sin is paramount to gain “life eternal.” What is it about sin that God hates so much? What is the difference between a sin and a transgression? Which is more evil? “Sin is a transgression of The Law” (I John 3:4). What is a Law? Faith saves, but sin, The Transgression of The Law, carries a negative outcome.

Torah

The first five books became The Law by the addition of Deuteronomy. Some believe *The Torah* is The Law. In reality *The Torah* does not mean a Law until The Law was added to it four hundred and thirty years after Abraham (Galatians 3:17). *The Torah* existed for thousands of years before The Law. *The Torah begins at The Time of The Creation.* The Law was added to *The Torah* for a reason that was different than God originally had planned. “*The Torah*” in Hebrew denotes “**a shooting arrow.**” *The Torah* is a **path, or way to life**, to The Kingdom of God. *The Torah* became The Law when transgression occurred. Sin happened and The Law then became *The Torah*. The Law was added to *The Torah* which was preached by **the prophets** before The Law was written. (Hebrews 1:1-3)

The Garden of Eden started in God’s **rest**, which was a pro-

totype of The Kingdom of God. It offered The Tree of Life or **Salvation** from **the beginning**. Adam and Eve **sinned** and **lost paradise** and **eternity**. Christ came to **restore** what was **lost** (Matthew 18:11). Because of Satan's deception, Eve's children became Satan's enemies, but through Eve's seed, Satan will be defeated (Genesis 3:15). The arrow of *The Torah* began in **Paradise** and had to be **shot** until Eve's **seed** comes a second time to restore God's **rest**. Her children become The Nation of Israel and are to be restored to God's **Promised Land** (through Abraham's seed).

As Israel began their journey to this **property**, they **sinned** and **The Law** had to be added. Israel had much more to learn with The Laws that were added to *The Torah*. Why was it necessary for God to add The Law to *The Torah* as part of **the way to the promised land** (Galatians 3:19 and 24)? Christians should **fear that the promised land will** be denied them because they came **short of what was expected of them** (Hebrews 4:1). Short of what? Israel could **not enter** The Promised Land because they **lacked faith**. Sin didn't keep Israel out of God's **property**, but their **lack of faith** did (Hebrews 4:2-3). Why didn't **sin** keep them out?

God's Loving Law

The Torah, God's **path to life eternal**, was altered because of Israel's **lack of faith**. What caused Israel to have a **lack of faith**? "**Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, they do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways**" (Hebrews 3:10). *The Torah* had expressed **the faith** of Abraham and the promise given for them to enter the land. *The Torah* hadn't been written, as yet, but was preached by The Prophets such as Moses (Hebrews 1:1).

Why didn't they follow Abraham's **faith**? They had a **wrong heart**; they didn't have God's **heart**, or understand **the way God thinks**. Moses asked God not to destroy Israel, so with His **great love**, added The Law of Moses as part of *The Old Covenant* to *The Torah*. Even though Israel sinned by building the idol of The Golden Calf and worshipping it, God decided to lay down some Laws for those who **lacked faith**. They needed to be told what **sin** was (I John 3:4). **Faith** is the real issue and not **the transgression**. God recognized their weakness which was having a lack of faith. So God gave Israel another chance by giving a Law that **allowed** them to become **citizens** on God's **property**. God, from this point, could **not permit** Israel onto His **property** unless they kept *The Torah* Law. No **illegal immigrants were allowed** who would break The Law. If anyone **transgressed** on God's **land** by not obeying God's **Law**, that person **sinned**. If they had had a **right heart** and had **faith in God**, no Law would have been necessary. In **faith**, they would have obeyed **God's voice** when they were told **the commandments, statutes** and *Torah* without it being a Law (Genesis 26:5).

You can define God's **terms** for **Salvation**. If they had **faith**, as Abraham did (who kept The Commandments, Statutes and *The Torah*) they would not have needed a Law. The Law is only made for **the unrighteous** (the criminals) (I Timothy 1:7-10). The Law by definition is a **court matter** with **judgments** or **curses**. The Law is not a Law unless **there are penalties**. Abraham obeyed God's **voice** in keeping *The Commandments* because of his **faith**, without the necessity of a Law. Abraham had a **right heart** while Israel did not. That is what God said about Israel when He gave them His *Commandments*, "**O that they had such a heart [desire] 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).

What a **lesson in faith**. If they had just **trusted** God with a **right heart** as Abraham did, they would not have needed a Law. **Faith** is a weightier matter of God’s **Law** (Matthew 23:23). *The Old Covenant Law* – The Law of Moses – did not require **faith** as God’s **spiritual magnified Law** does. God’s **spiritual Law** demands **faith** which **magnifies The Law** and makes **The Law** more **honorable** (Isaiah 42:21). The Spiritual Law is based upon **faith** and not **curses**. That is the reason Jesus removed **the curse** of The Law of Moses (Galatians 3:13). The Law must be written in a Christian’s **heart and mind**. No curses or works required. It is all based upon **faith**. Why is **faith** so important? God gave Israel His **Law** because He loved them. But they **lacked faith**. That was the reason God had to add The Judgments and curses to keep them obedient (as with **all criminals** in a **Court of Law**) (I Kings 8:31-32). The Law of Moses had to be kept **perfectly** (James 2:10). If not, they would be **cursed**. If a person had **faith** by keeping **The Spirit of The Law**, he/she could receive **mercy** when they sinned. They did not commit a **trespass**. They could, therefore, stay in God’s **land**. In light of what *The Bible* has revealed, each of the following words should be defined:

- 1 “**Sin**” in Greek is “**hamartia**.” It means “**to miss the mark**” or “**the goal of life**.” It does **not** annul the general character of the degenerate. Sin is not necessarily an **evil act**. “**Evil**” in Greek means “**to labor** (ponos), **to cause pain or sorrow to self or others** (poneros).” Sin is “**missing the specific mark or**

goal to achieve Salvation or Paradise,” knowingly or not.

- 2 “**Transgression**” in Hebrew is “**pesha,**” which means “**a revolt or willful intention to miss the goal or sin.**” Therefore, it **trespasses** a known Law intentionally. One cares nothing about **the goal** – the mark.
- 3 “**Law**” in Greek is “**anomia**” which means “**to not accept the existence of a Law.**” One does not care about **the curse** or **penalty**. To the transgressor, there is **no debt** or **penalty**. That person is not a **debtor to themselves**. They need no **Law** because they are above it.
- 4 “**Faith**” in Greek is “**pistis**” which means “**persuasion**” or “**conviction.**” It is everything “**opposite to sin, transgression and evil.**” Faith has to do with having **deep desire**. It is a **state of one’s heart**. If **agapé love** or intense desire is one’s **motivation**, that becomes a person’s **faith**. Paul said, “**Whatever is not of faith [deep desire] is sin [or misses the mark]**” (Romans 14:23).

Therefore, “**God’s Law**” is defined as “**love**”. It is a deep, caring love for God’s **children** who have a **wrong heart**, whether they know better or not, “**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes [faith] in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved**” (John 3:16). That is Godly **faith** founded

upon agapé, which produces **an intense love**. God's **Law** was given as a **command** to Israel because their hearts were unconverted. The bottom line is that they didn't know better. God loved them so much that He gave them a Law administered by Moses. This Law had **curses** or **penalties**, so they could catch the vision of what God expected of them. All God wanted was for Israel to realize what they were doing. Then they could be His **people**, in His **blessed promised land**. This *Old Covenant* Law of Moses had **severe penalties** to keep them from **sin**, or worse, being a **transgressor** on God's **property**. They had a **wrong heart**, or **desire**, but the strict adherence to The Law made them **righteous**. The Law was their **righteousness** (Deuteronomy 6:25).

CHAPTER 3

GOD'S LOVING FAITH

The real story of *The Bible* represents God's "love story." In The Garden of Eden, God, from the beginning, always wanted to give everything He had, to His beloved creation. That love was so great He gave His Son to save the world from themselves. They were their own worst enemy.

God Is Love

God is **love** (I John 4:8). When a "being" consists of **love**, one is speaking of a **definition of consistency**. It goes beyond being **loving**. It is referring to **one's makeup**. All of God's **desire, motivation (very state of being)** is **love**. In Greek, this "**agapé love**" is defined as an "**intense internal love**, where one is willing to give all they are, even to death." Ego is **non-existent**. This is The God who created you.

God cannot **lie** because of who He is. God's **word** is absolute. It can be trusted, because it is His **desire** and **motivation**. His **plan is perfect**. It is the way God **thinks**. God is the most faithful. His **thoughts** are **superior** to your thoughts and His **ways** are better than any of your ways. You get consumed with your ego; but God has no ego. To ascribe ego to God would be a **sin**. You would miss the mark of knowing who God is. *The Bible* is The Mystery of God, telling who and what **your Heavenly Father** is all about. Through *The*

Bible you learn how He thinks, behaves and functions. With prayer and study you will receive God's **Holy Spirit**. Then, you can begin to learn who **the real God** is. It is a process for you to be like **God** and His **Son**. Godly **faith** increases because God has **love that never ceases for you**. God has no other desire or motivation besides **goodness**. God always wants what is good for you (Hebrews 12).

Love Fulfills The Law

Love – Godly **love** – fulfills or **completes**, The Law (Romans 13:10). God's **Law** is **Holy, just and good**, because God's **Laws** are generated by His **love**. Love and God's **Laws** are one and the same.

Laws are made for those humans who do not have God's **love**. God's **Laws** are written into your heart and mind through God's **Holy Spirit** (Romans 5:5). A true Christian does not need to have God's **Laws** written down to remind them what **sin** is. God's **love** miraculously writes them into their very **minds** (thoughts) and **hearts** (desires). A true Christian who has **The Law** written in their heart would never **think** of lying, stealing or murdering. Your job is to grow to **The Stat-ure of Christ**, who has **no ego** and is in **the express image** of God (Hebrews 1:1-3). "**For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love, and of a sound mind**" (II Timothy 1:7). God's **love** empowers you **not** to be a coward. Through His **power**, you can have **a sound mind**. In Greek, the word "**sound**" is defined as "**a disciplined mind filled with wisdom.**" As you become more like Christ, with God's **love** "**In You,**" you begin to lose your **fleshy mind** or **ego**. No longer are you motivated to live by **survival of the fit-test**. Your beastly, animal-like, carnivorous nature changes

to become like Christ's **mind**. Paul said, "**Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ, Jesus**" (Philippians 2:5). It is **The Very Mind of God**. It is filled with Godly **wisdom**, which according to David, is given when you have God's **Holy Spirit** (Psalm 51:6).

God's Faith

How do you **grow spiritually** in God's **love** which will implant His **Law** in your heart and mind? You come to a **critical** part of being able to understand a **saving Godly faith**. Never forget God's **purpose** is to be **All In All** (I Corinthians 15:28). You must strive, by your own free choice, to eventually become **Holy**. By your own choice, you must have **The Mind of God**. How? By **falling in love** with God as He loves you. That is The Great Commandment, "**And you shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, and with all your soul [life], and with all your might**" (Deuteronomy 6:5). That is **agapé love**, which **never fails** (I Corinthians 13:8)!

Once you grow in that **love**, you **think** like God. You will be like Christ and become a Son of God. As a son, you are no longer a **servant** (slave) but **an heir** of God (Galatians 4:1-7). Since Christians are **heirs of nobility** and no longer **slaves**, they are completely **free** or **at liberty**. "**Liberty**" in Greek means "**without restrictions – totally free.**" You do not need any Law to describe **sin** or have to be told **wrong from right**.

You do not have to have anyone explaining **good** from **evil**. You become filled with God's **goodness** (Matthew 19). You have God's **righteousness** and you begin to **think** and **desire** the way God thinks. That gives God **pleasure** and you will have a Godly **pleasure** within your being (Ephesians 1:8-9).

Here is God's **promise**, "**Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption [slavery of death] into the glorious liberty of the children of God**" (Romans 8:21). When you are resurrected, you will have complete **liberty** and **no longer** have any **restrictions**. You will be able to do anything you choose to do. You could even eat of The Tree of Good and Evil because as Satan told Eve, you will know God's **goodness**.

Satan lied to Eve, "**For God does know that in the day you eat thereof [Tree of Life], then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil**" (Genesis 3:5). He didn't tell her about The Tree of Good and Evil, but about The Tree of Life in The Garden. He was answering his **own** question, "**Yes, has God said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden**" (Genesis 3:1). How deceptive. Once you are resurrected and God is **All In All** (In You), you will be like Him. You will be **free** to do whatever you want. God is The "**I Am**," which means "He can be what He chooses to be." You will be **free** because **you will be like He is** (I Corinthians 13:12).

The word is "**eleutheria**" in Greek, which means "**liberty**" or "**absolute freedom**." Faith **guarantees** you will always be faithful to God and His **Holy ways**. You will be just like Him. Your mind and thoughts will be **exactly** like God's, as a Son of God, in whom He will be **well-pleased**, as He was with Jesus. Only then can two walk together (Amos 3:3).

Godly **faith** does **save**. It is **scripturally evident** why you are **saved by faith**. Complete **trust** in your Father occurs at **the resurrection**, but until then, you must continue to grow **spiritually**. Faith is more than **trust**. Faith has to do with the

very way you think, as well as what is your **heart's desire**. Solomon said, "**Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeks and intermeddleth with all wisdom**" (Proverbs 18:1). Godly **faith** is far more than **trust**. Paul said, "**Now faith is the substance [assurance] of things hoped for, the evidence [proof] of things not seen**" (Hebrews 11:1). Godly **faith**, besides needing absolute **trust**, has **substance** or **assurance** (a guarantee) that shows **proof** or **evidence it is true**. Wow! Godly **faith** can always be relied upon because of God's **love (motivation and desire)** within your mind and heart. You will have all of God's **wisdom** because then you think like God and Jesus. That is a **saving faith**. You can take it to **the bank (God's bank)**. It is **absolutely guaranteed** by God.

Now is the time for you to know what God has in store for you and the rest of the world. This present heaven (atmosphere) and earth are extremely **tenuous**. Being temporary makes humans very stressful and at times in torment. Historically, the earth has experienced much **violence** and **chaos**. The earth's tectonic plates are very shaky and when they shake, **earthquakes** occur. The atmosphere, which is God's **heavenly protection**, is subject to **corruption**. It is the Godly **canopy** or The House of God for mankind to dwell in. Dark holes, meteors and universal changes can **instantly** make the earth **untenable** for human life.

In ages past, God took six days to structure **the earth** as an acceptable **habitat** for mankind. Adam and Eve and their children lost **Paradise** and God waits upon you to choose His **way** as opposed to the human way. Mankind has had seven different opportunities for God to dwell with humans. You need to investigate these **seven events**.

CHAPTER 4

GOD'S SEVEN EARTHLY HOUSES

Seven times God gave mankind an opportunity to dwell with Him on earth. On seven different occasions, God built a house as a place where individuals could prepare to live with Him. Why did it take so many times for God to give mankind a chance to live with Him?

Seven Houses

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was in chaos and it took God six days before it became habitable for humans, animals and plants. On **The Seventh Day**, God rested from all His **work** and made The Seventh Day "**Holy.**" In fact, everything in God's **first earthly house** was **very good** (Genesis 1:31). Adam and Eve lived with God in The Garden and could have lived in Paradise **forever** if they had **eaten** of The Tree of Life. They **sinned** or **missed the mark** and chose The Tree of Good and Evil, which brought **death** to them and all future generations.

There was no Law (they had **total liberty**) because they were in **The House of Rest**. What was their sin? Their sin was that they missed **the mark of life**. They **lacked faith in God**. Adam and Eve were told to leave The House of God and they **lost** The Tree of Life in **Paradise**. They could still live on God's **property** in Eden, but now they had **to do all the work to survive**. Because Adam and Eve **lacked faith**, God would

no longer **dwell with them**. Was it cruel of God? They didn't follow God, so He would no longer **dwell** with them or give them **The Gift of Salvation**. They were not **perfect**, so God removed **The Gift of Life**. Without **faith** in God, you cannot **dwell** in **The Holy House** of God. "**Absolute faith**," even to the **death**, guarantees by **free choice** everyone in God's **Kingdom** will do **righteousness**, **God's Righteousness**, and have **eternal Paradise**.

Second House

God gave His great **property** to Abraham, who had proven his faith. Abraham had Isaac by a **miracle**. When Jacob became Israel, The Twelve Tribes of Israel grew to become **many nations**. God allowed The Nation of Israel to become **slaves** in Egypt. Why was that necessary? Adam and Eve did not appreciate **Paradise** and **The Gift of Eternity**. Eventually, God would bring them **out of slavery**, so they would desire His form of government, which is complete **liberty** or **freedom**. Israel needed to have **faith** and had to bottom out to learn God's **way**.

But like Adam and Eve, Israel sinned. They were **afraid** to enter God's **property** (Canaan) because of the people who lived there. Only Joshua and Caleb had **the faith**. Not only was Israel **faithless**, they continued to **sin**. God gave them His *Ten Commandments*. Within forty days, they built The Golden Calf and then worshipped it. It was evident that God would not **dwell** with them because they **lacked faith** and **sinned**. Because their leader, Moses, was **faithful**, God would stay by Israel, but He would only speak to, or be with Moses in God's **second earthly house**. This **second house** was a **tent**. Why was this Godly **house** a tent? God had

to make it portable because Israel had to trek into **the wilderness** (Exodus 23). They didn't learn from **slavery**, so now they were on their own. Israel would have to **seek** God on their own, in **the wilds of the wilderness**. This is **outer darkness**, which is God's prison. They did not have God leading them. Instead, God arranged to have an angel lead them. God was teaching them to have **faith** in Him through stressful **trials**. God's **second Holy house** was on the fringes outside of Israel's camp. When God's **glory – The Shekinah** – was in the tabernacle, Moses would enter to seek God's **will** concerning Israel's training. Ten times Israel showed their **lack of faith** and complained. That generation could not enter God's **rest** on His **property**, so God waited until they **died** in the wilderness. Even though God supplied their basic needs and **protection**, they still **complained**.

With a new generation, Israel, under Joshua's leadership, entered God's **promised land** to be in His **rest**. This rest was on God's **property** and was to be permanent (forever). This land was a land of milk and honey. They would not have to struggle for survival as they did in the wilderness. This generation of Israel had to be circumcised in order to confirm the covenant made with Abraham. They would still have to do the work to survive with God's **help**, just as their fathers. **This contract** was only made with **Israel** (Deuteronomy 5:3).

Third House

Solomon built God's **third house on earth**. It had to wait for Solomon because David had sinned with Bathsheba and caused her husband to be assassinated in battle. David was a **man of war** – a bloody man. Solomon, a man of peace, built **The House of God**.

Over time, Israel, again began to **lose faith** in God and sought her “lovers” (the nations and businesses around her) instead of God (Isaiah 1). After The Ten Tribes of Israel were taken captive by Assyria earlier, God had Nebuchadnezzar take Judah captive. Now, God’s **property** was taken over by Israel’s **lovers**; this period was known as The Times of The Gentiles.

Fourth House

After 70 years, Judah (The Jews in Babylon), because of Daniel’s prayers, returned to Jerusalem to build God’s **fourth earthly house**. Herod, The King, completed this House of God – **the temple** – when Jesus was on earth. The Jews rejected their Savior, The Messiah. They corrupted **the temple** (The House of God) by making a **business** of it. God cursed Judah and this **fourth house** (Malachi 4:6). This **temple** was destroyed by Titus in 70 A.D.

Fifth House

Now, Christ took **The Kingdom of God** away from Israel because they rejected Christ. Then, He gave it to a nation more worthy (Matthew 21:43). This time God was building His **fifth house** – which was to be a **spiritual house**. Now, rather than dwelling in a **physical house**, God would **dwell, spiritually**, in **the mind and heart** of those who **repented** and received **God’s Holy Spirit**. This **temple** was a **spiritual temple**. God wanted to be **worshipped, spiritually**, because God is a **Spirit** (John 4). At this time, Christians were God’s **temple** (I Corinthians 3:17). This **temple** was to be **Holy** through God’s **Holy Spirit**. God’s **Holy Spirit** was to lead His **temple** (The Christians) to **all truth** (I Corinthians 3:16).

By the end of The First Century, God's **temple**, The Church of God – lost their **faith**. Jude pleaded that having once been delivered, they would return to **the original faith** (Jude 3). By 325 A.D., at The Counsel of Nicea; The Roman Emperor, Constantine, took over God's **Church** (all Christians). Rome was **the fourth head** of Nebuchadnezzar's **great image**. In The Days of The Ten Toes, which is God's **fifth house** of this growing **image**, Christ will return and restore The Kingdom of God to Israel (Daniel 2). At this time, The Churches of God were under Gentile control. That was why Jesus tells His **people** in Babylon "**to come out of her**" (Revelation 18:4). This is just like Israel, a Time of Trouble. The word "**Babylon**" is used when humans contrive any device, by their **human imagination**, to survive at any cost – no matter what it takes (Genesis 11:6). With The Second Coming of The Messiah, The Times of The Gentiles will have been **fulfilled** and will **end**. The Bride of Christ is **ready** to be The Wife (Revelation 19:7-8). The Bride is **righteous**, like Christ and can become His **Wife**. It is **The Time For The Engagement** when **The Wedding** has to be announced to The World.

Sixth House

The **sixth house** is built of **stone**. This **temple** is reinstated during The Millennium to announce The Wedding Feast of The Groom and Bride (Ezekiel 40 to 48). The Law of Moses, *The Old Covenant*, is again enforced to bring the world to Christ. The final battle, with Gog and Magog, takes place at the end of The Millennial Engagement Period. This test decides who is worthy. Jesus destroys His enemies and The Great White Throne Judgment will take place. All have been invited to The Wedding Feast both **the good** and **the bad** (Matthew 22). This ends God's **sixth house**.

Seventh House

You are ready for God's **seventh house** which shall be on a **new earth** when God makes **all things new**. It is The Time of The Alpha and The Omega, "**The Beginning and The End.**" What was started in The House of God in The Garden of Eden will be **restored** on The New Earth and The New Heavens (Isaiah 46:10).

CHAPTER 5

PARADISE RESTORED

God declares the entire *Bible* is one story – beginning with Genesis and ending with Revelation – The Alpha and Omega. *The Bible* “declares 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). The entire *Bible* is a prophecy. God’s “will” is for you to have faith.

God tells you the beginning is just like the end. Scripture tells you the beginning is God’s first house on earth, where He dwelt with man. It ends with God’s seventh house on earth where, once again, God will dwell with man. God proves that the whole is the sum total of its parts. You need to study The Word of God as a whole, rather than as doctrine or isolated verses. Doctrine will become apparent as you understand the whole.

It’s All About Faith

God’s **first house** in The Garden was lost because Adam and Eve had **no faith in God**. Instead of believing God so they could stay in **Paradise**, they chose **death**. When Israel was in the wilderness with God’s movable **second house**, they

would not follow God and chose death. They tested God ten times in **the wilderness** and an entire generation died in the wilderness. Without **faith**, there was no Promised Land. The **third house** of God, which was built by Solomon was **the first physical temple** destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, in 586 B.C. Judah lost the right **to rest** in God's **land** and was taken over by The Gentiles. This was the beginning of The Times of The Gentiles. Because The Nation of Israel trusted their **lovers** instead of having **faith** in God, they lost God's **rest**.

God's **fourth house** was a physical temple completed by Herod. Because The Jews corrupted that **temple**, as Christ had foretold, this **temple** would be destroyed. Then in 70 A.D. it was destroyed by Titus. When they rejected Christ, God turned to a more **worthy** nation, a **spiritual nation**, **The Chosen of God**.

Now, God's **fifth house** was to be a **spiritual house** because Jesus sent God's **Holy Spirit** to His **Bride**. This **temple** consists of Christians who have acquired God's **Holy Spirit** and can become **Holy**. As Peter said, "**But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that you show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light**" (I Peter 2:9). The only thing The Churches of God had to do was to keep **the faith**. But, by the end of The First Century, **they lost the faith once delivered to the saints** (Jude 3). Once again they were given to their lovers – The Gentiles. In 325 A.D., Constantine took control of Christianity, The Roman Empire.

The **sixth house** is **the millennial earthly temple**. It is a

physical house because, at The First Resurrection of The Bride (comprising The Church of God and Israel), Jesus **returns** for **His Bride** (The Church of God and Israel) . This is the time to announce The Wedding Feast to the world. Gog and Magog **prove** unfaithful and will be destroyed. They failed **the test**. The Time of The White Throne Judgment will have arrived. God gave the world their chances to come to Christ and **dwell** in God's **house**. However, each time, their **lack of faith** caused God to leave that house. Now The Time of Judgment is at hand. No longer will God wait for **man-kind** to promise to seek Him, **showing their faith**.

The Judgment

In the future, The White Throne Judgment will bring **the world** to have **faith** in The One True God. Those who were **not faithful** must complete their **final sacrifice** by going into The Lake of Fire. This is the time of **the separation** between **the sheep** and **the goats**. The sheep, willingly, give their lives in **faith** to God, even to **the death**, to show their **faithfulness**. The goats which are thrown into The Lake of Fire still keep kicking and bucking, demanding to do it their own way. They lacked **faith** and had a false faith in themselves. How will they be **judged**? They must be completely destroyed or die. That is, no longer exist just like Christ at His **death**.

Those who **sin** will be **forgiven**, but those who **blaspheme** – abuse God's **Holy Spirit** – will **not** be forgiven. They will not be forgiven in this life or the one to come (Matthew 12:31-32). This is **the unpardonable sin** and they must go into The Lake of Fire. Six times God offered His **Holy Spirit** and each time they rejected Him. They turned their **backs on the truth**. They never allowed **The Holy Spirit** to lead them

to **the truth**. They must go into The Lake of Fire to give **the sacrifice of their lives**. They must completely be **dead** as a **baptism of fire** (Matthew 3:11). They will have to pay the ultimate penalty. (Read the book, *God's Will*) .

By Faith You Are Saved

It isn't **doctrine** or how **good** you are personally, that allows you to enter God's **seventh house** – The New Jerusalem. It will be a **point of faith** – how **faithful** you have remained to allow God's **Holy Spirit** to grow "**In You**," **spiritually**. It is the only way to become **Holy** and **guiltless** like Christ. God, by His **Holy Spirit**, will be **All In All** (I Corinthians 15:28 and Romans 5:5).

You cannot earn **righteousness** by keeping The Law of Moses. Trying to please God doesn't make you have His **righteousness** either. Nothing that you as a human can do, by your works, allows you to dwell in **paradise**. Only by **faith** in God and receiving His **Holy Spirit** are you made **Holy**. Then, as a **gift**, you will be allowed to dwell in God's **temple**.

A Spiritual Temple

This final **temple** of The Church of God is a **spiritual temple**. Of the **seven temples on earth**, **three are spiritual** and **four are physical**. Why? The three **spiritual temples** are all by God's **Holy Spirit** – The Tree of Life.

The **four physical temples** are **physical dwellings** because they require **man's works**. Every time one sinned by transgressing *The Old Covenant* Law of Moses, **the guilty** had to make a sacrifice. These human works were to lead them to

Christ. These **works** couldn't change **the sinner** or make them **perfect** (Hebrews 7). Only **faith** in Christ could make them perfect, through God's **Holy Spirit**. God will tell you what works He wants **to do away with** (Isaiah 1:13 and Galatians 3:10). God doesn't want His **people** to play church anymore.

The **seventh temple** in The New Heaven and The New Earth will be **spiritual**, “**And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it**” (Revelation 21:22). God is **The Light Bringer of Truth** through His Son, Jesus. Notice, that in **Paradise**, there will be a **time of continued Salvation**. This tabernacle is where Christ's **Bride** is adorned for her Husband. She is ready for The Marriage Feast (Revelation 21:1-7).

God will make **all things new** with A **New Heaven** and A **New Earth**, where there is **no death, pain, sorrow or crying**. This is **paradise restored**, as **in the beginning** – The Alpha and Omega. What will go on in God's **kingdom**?

Anyone in the world who is thirsty for God's **Holy Spirit** will be able to **freely drink** from The Fountain of Life. Everyone who is repentant can have access to The Fountain of Life. They have to drink **the waters** with **the floating leaves** from The Tree of Life. These waters are for **the healing of all peoples and all nations** (Revelation 22:2).

In this **seventh house** in **The Kingdom of God** – **Salvation** continues forever until each human being is eventually saved. Spiritual growth never stops even in The Kingdom of God, “**He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be His God, and He shall be My Son**” (Revelation 21:7)! Wow! Salvation is what continues **forever** in The Kingdom of God.

God will keep giving to His **creation**, an **inheritance** of all He has. Whatever God **creates**, He **shares** with His **family** – **forever**. God is **truly The Greatest Servant** – **The Creator** serving you, **His Creation**.

Why Faith?

In all of God's **seven houses**, only **faith** "**In Him**" can **save**. Each of the first six could not continue because the people **lacked faith**. It is obvious throughout *The Bible* that all God wanted was to have Christians have **faith** in Him, even **to the death**.

God is to be **All In All** (I Corinthians 15:28). God is **love** (I John 4:8). This **love** is so **intense** and **strong** it **never** allows you to **lose faith** or **trust** in Him, because "**love never fails**" (I Corinthians 13:8). This is God's **answer** as to why only **Faith Gives Salvation**. Faith proves God's **love** "**In You**," like Christ.

God has planned it so He can be absolutely assured that it will be a **government** of a **continual Paradise**. It is all based upon **faith**. God's **love** completes The Law, so all are **Holy** like Him. God is **love** and for certain, **Faith Saves!** Faith is **the proof** of your **love**. It is the only way to guarantee **peace**. Most children love their parents. Most parents love their children. Most husbands and wives love each other. God loves you and has the power and ability to give you **Life in Paradise, Eternally**. You don't have to be a gambler to realize that if "**ever**" there was a sure thing – **this is it!**