

# SCRIPTURAL. FOUNDATIONS OF CATHOLIC BELIEF

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## SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATIONS OF CATHOLIC BELIEF

"CHURCH" What is it?

The official title of the Catholic Church is: The One Holy Catholic (Universal) and Apostolic Church. This church was founded approximately 30 AD by the Nazarite Jew, Jesus Christ of Nazareth (born in Bethlehem, Judea approximately 0 AD), whom we believe to be the Son of God, second Person of the Divine Trinity, and therefore God. ALL other churches were founded by men.

The word Catholic to many people means a group of people who follow the Pope of Rome. Most people are unaware that there are different rites within this Church or what they are, so regardless of which rite we belong to, we are all defined as 'Roman Catholics' since we have in common that we follow the leadership of the Bishop of Rome known as 'The Pope', or Papa. See the discussion on the Rites of the Church later.

### THE BIBLE AS A RECORD.

The compendium of writings we call the Bible began approximately 1300 BC with the Jewish writer and Patriarch Moses, who first set down in writing both Divine inspiration and Jewish tradition thousands of years old. Various others contributed to Moses' beginnings until by the time of Christ many "books" had been written as a combination of chronicles, poetry, sayings and laws. The Jewish people kept this heritage alive for over 1,200 years before Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem.

Jesus, as a prime contributor through His Father, was PERFECTLY versed in all these Judaic writings by the time His public ministry began, about 30 AD. For the next hundred years after His living Earthbound ministry ended, the "books" of the "New" testament were produced. The Catholic Church in the Council of Hippo, 393 AD, determined the structure and contents of the Catholic Bible as it is still organized and composed today. It was there that the great division between "Old" and "New" testaments was declared, the Ministry of Christ on earth, the promised Messiah, being the obvious dividing line.

There are many historical documents outside of the Bible which independently prove that events mentioned in the Bible actually existed. For example, archeology, which uncovered the walls of Jericho, and the paving in the courtyard where Jesus awaited trial by Pilate; Greek and Roman history; and certain writings, as the Dead Sea Scrolls. Paintings and inscriptions on the walls and tombs of ancient kings and peoples. Sociology, history, and geography all give us an understanding of these peoples and their background, but this can be read elsewhere.

The Catholic Church goes to the New Testament first as a historical document. This tells of the birth of a man called the Messiah who had many wonders (miracles) attributed to him. Examples: raising the dead. That Christ was born, performed Miracles, had a following of men and women, and founded a Church, naming one man, Peter, as visible head of it on earth,

that he promised this church and its teachings would last until the end of time, is historical fact. Secondly the Church declares the New Testament to be a spiritual document and in this, the spiritual truths and teachings which are in it, are declared to be inspired.

The Bible is a Sacred Book; sacred in the sense that it is a history of God's intervention in history: the creation of man and his disobedience; the promise of a Messiah to come from the Jews, the chosen people of God, as a descendant of King David.

The whole Old Testament could then be summed up by saying that it was one of preparation through the prophecies which speak of hope in the salvation to come through a Messiah. The coming of this Messiah fulfilled the Old Law and ushered in the New Testament - the redemption by the Cross.

The New Testament is one of Revelation. This man, this Messiah, is no mere prophet. He is the Son of God. He proves this by his miracles and by his teachings and Resurrection. The Jews understood this claim for what it was, that he was the literal Son of God. This is why they accused him of Blasphemy and sacrilege and why he was crucified.

On the third day it is recorded he arose from the dead, a man from whom every Drop of blood had been drained. The tomb was found empty, and for forty days the risen Christ appeared to many of his disciples. After Pentecost, his apostles who were once so frightened, now are strengthened by the Power of the Holy Spirit, and go out and preach the Good News of Salvation and hope in the second coming of Christ on the last day in all his glory.

Who and What God Is.

Gen.1:1 "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Gen.1:26 God said, " Let us make man in our image and likeness."

"God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

Gen.3:21 "Yahweh God made clothes out of skins for the man and his wife."

Gen.4:15 Yahweh put a mark on Cain's forehead to prevent anyone who might come across him from striking him down.

Gen.6:13 God told Noah to build an ark for he was going to send a flood to the earth.

Gen.7:1-5 "Yahweh said to Noah, go on board the ark, you and all your household, for you alone among this generation do I see as good man in my judgment. Of all the clean animals you must take seven of each kind, both male and female. Of the birds of the air also, seven of each kind, both male and female; of the unclean animals you must take two of each kind, both male and female."

Gen.14:22 Abram said, "I raise my hand in the presence of Yahweh, God most High, Creator of Heaven and earth."

Gen.15:6 Abram put his trust in Yahweh, who counted this as making him justified.

Gen.17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, Yahweh appeared to him and said, "I am El Shaddi."

Gen.26:24 Yahweh appeared to Isaac and said, "I am the God of Abraham your father, do not be afraid for I am with you."

Gen.28:13 To Jacob. "I am Yahweh, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac."

Gen.21:33 Abraham invoked Yahweh, the everlasting God.

Gen.35:11 God said to him, "I am El Shaddi."

Gen.48:3 "El Shaddi appeared to me."

Exodus 3:14 "And God said to Moses, 'I Am Who Am.'"

Ex.3:15 "Yahweh, the God of the Hebrews, has come to meet us."

Ex.6:2 "God spoke to Moses and said to him, "I am Yahweh. To Abraham and to Isaac and Jacob I appeared as El Shaddi; I did not reveal myself to them by my name Yahweh.

Ex.15:1-3 "Yah is my strength, my song, he is my salvation. This is my God, I praise and extol him."

Ex.15:18 "You Lord, will be king forever and ever."

Ex.28:1-2 "I am Yahweh your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You will have no gods except me."

Ex.34:6-7 "Yahweh, Yahweh a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness; for thousands he maintains his kindness, forgives faults, transgressions, sin."

Lev.19:2 "Be holy, for I, Yahweh your God, am holy."

Num.23:19 'God is no man that he should lie."

Deut.4:29 "You will seek Yahweh your God from there, and if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul, you will find him. For Yahweh your God is a merciful God and will not destroy you or forget the covenant he made on oath with your fathers."

Deut.4:33 "Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive?"

Dent.4:39 "Yahweh is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other."

Deut 6:4 "Listen, Israel: Yahweh our God is the One Yahweh. You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength."

Deut 6:15 "Do not follow other gods, gods of the people around you, for Yahweh your God who dwells among you is a jealous God, his anger could blaze out against you and wipe you from the face of the earth."

Deut.18:12 "Listen, Israel, what does Yahweh your God ask of you? Only this: to fear Yahweh your God, to follow him in all his ways, to love him, to serve him with all your heart and all your soul, to keep the commandments and laws of Yahweh that for your God I lay down for you today."

Deut.13:5 "Yahweh your God shall you follow, him shall you serve, him shall you fear, his commandments you shall keep, his voice shall you obey, to him shall you cling."

Deut.32:39 "Learn then that I, I alone shall you serve, I alone am your God, and there is no other god besides me. It is I who deals death and life, I who inflict wounds and heal them, and from my hand there is no rescue."

Joshua 21:45 "Of all the promises that Yahweh had made to the house of Israel, not one failed;

all were fulfilled."

1 Kings 8:23 "Yahweh, God of Israel, not in heaven above nor on earth beneath is there such a God as you, true to your covenant and your kindness towards your servants when they walk wholeheartedly in your way."

2 Kings 19:15 "Yahweh Sabaoth, God of Israel, enthroned on the cherubs, you alone are God of all the kingdoms of the earth, you have made heaven and earth."

2 Chronicles 6:14 'Yahweh, God of Israel, not in heaven or on earth is there such a God as you, true to your covenant and your graciousness towards your servants when they walk wholeheartedly in your way."

I Chronicles 28:20 "Be strong, stand firm; be fearless, be dauntless and set to work, because Yahweh God, my God is with you."

Nehemiah 9:6 "Yahweh you are the only one. You made the heavens and the heaven of heavens with all their array, the earth and all it bears, the seas and all they hold. To all of these you give life and the array of the heavens bows down to you."

Tobit 3:2 "You are just, oh Lord, and just are all your works. All your ways are grace and truth and you are the judge of the world."

Tobit 13:1-4 "Blessed be God who lives forever, for his reign endures throughout all ages! By turns he punishes and pardons; he sends men down to the depths of the underworld and draws them up from supreme destruction; no one can escape his hand. Declare his praise before the Nations, you who are the sons of Israel! For if he has scattered you among them, there too he has shown you his greatness. Extol him before all the living; he is our Master and he is our God and he is our Father for ever and ever."

Job 9:2 "How can man be in the right against God? If any were so rash as to challenge him for reasons, one in a thousand would be more than they could answer. His heart is wise, and his strength is great: who then can successfully defy him? He moves mountains, though they know it not; he throws them down when he is angry. He shakes the earth, and moves it from its place, making all its pillars tremble. The sun at his command, forbears to rise, and on the stars he sets a seal. He and no other stretched out the skies, and trampled the sea's tall waves. The Bear, Orion too are of his making, the Pleiades and the Mansions of the South. His works are great, beyond all reckoning, his marvels, past all counting,"

Ps.7:10-12 "God is the shield that protects me, he preserves upright hearts, God the righteous judge is slow to show his anger, but he is a God who always is enraged by those who refuse to repent."

Ps.14:1 "The fool says in his heart, there is no God!"

Ps.18:2 "Yahweh is my rock and my bastion, my deliverer is my God."

Ps.24:1 "To Yahweh belong the earth and all it holds, the world and all who dwell in it; he himself founded it on the ocean, based it firmly on the nether sea."

Ps.27:4 "One thing I ask of Yahweh, one thing I seek: to live in the house of Yahweh all the days of my life."

Ps.30:2 "Yahweh, my God, I have cried to you for help and you have healed me,"

Ps.33:12 "Happy the Nation whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen for his heritage."

Ps.53:1 "The fool says in his heart, there is no God!"

Ps.42:2 "My soul thirsts for God, the God of life."

Ps.46:1 "God is our shelter and our strength."

Ps.54:4 "The Lord supporter of my life."

Ps.62:1 "In God alone is there rest for my soul, from him comes my safety."

Ps.65:1 "Praise is rightfully yours, God, in Zion. Vows to you must be fulfilled for you answer prayers."

Ps.67:6 "God, our God has blessed us and let him be feared to the very ends of the earth."

Ps.68:20 "This God of ours is a God who saves."

Ps.74:16 "You are master of day and night, you instituted light and the sun, you fixed the boundaries of the world, you created summer and winter."

Ps.84:2 "For I claim that love is built to last forever and your faithfulness founded firmly in the heavens."

Ps.90:2 "Before the mountains were born, before the earth or the world came to birth, you were God from all eternity and forever."

Ps.102:25 "Aeons ago, you laid the foundations of the earth, the heavens are the works of your hands; all will vanish, though you remain, all wear out like a garment, like clothes that need changing you will change them, but yourself, you will never change, and your years are unending."

Ps.19:1 "The heavens declare your glory oh God, the vault of heaven proclaims his handiwork."

Ps.104:1 "You stretch the heavens out like a tent."

Ps.104:12 "You set springs gushing out in ravines, running down between the mountains, supplying water for wild animals, attracting the thirsty wild donkeys; near thee the birds of the air make their nests and sing among the branches."

:14 "You make fresh grass grow for cattle and those plants made use of by man, for them to get food from the soil; wine to make them cheerful, oil to make them happy, bread to make them strong."

Ps.104:16 "The trees of Yahweh get rain enough, those cedars of Lebanon he planted; here the little birds build their nests and, on the highest branches, the stork has its home. For the wild goats there are the mountains, in the crags the rock - badgers hide."

:19 "You made the moon to tell the seasons, the sun knows when to set: you bring darkness on, night falls, all the forest animals come out: savage lions roaring for their prey, claiming their food from God."

:22 "The sun rises, they retire, going back to lie down in their lairs, and man goes out to work, and labor until dusk."

:23 Yahweh, what variety you have created, arranging everything so wisely! Earth is completely full of things you have created: among them vast expanse of ocean, teeming with countless creatures large and small, with ships going to and fro an leviathan whom you made to amuse you.

:24 All creatures depend on you to feed them throughout the year. You provide food they eat, with generous hand you satisfy their hunger."

Ps.107:1 "Alleluia! Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good, his love is everlasting!"

Ps.135:6 "I have learnt for myself that Yahweh is great, that our God surpasses all other gods. In heaven, on earth, in the ocean, in the depths, Yahweh's will is sovereign."

Ps.139:13 "It was you who created my inmost self, and put me together in my mother's womb: for all these mysteries I thank you: for the wonders of myself, for the wonders of your works."

:15 You know me through and through, from having watched my bones take shape when I was being formed in the limbo of the womb."

Ps.145:8 "He, Yahweh, is merciful, tenderhearted, slow to anger, very loving, and universally kind; Yahweh's tenderness embraces all his creatures."

:14 Always true to his promises, Yahweh shows love in all he does. Only stumble and Yahweh at once supports you, if others bow you down, he will raise you up.

:17 Righteous in all he does, Yahweh acts only out of love, standing close to all who invoke him, close to all who invoke Yahweh faithfully.

:19 Those who fear him need only to ask to be answered; he hears their cries for help and saves them. Under his protection the pious are safe, but Yahweh is

destruction to the wicked."

Ps. 146:5 "Happy the man who has the God of Jacob to help him, whose hope is fixed on Yahweh his God and maker of heaven and earth, and all that these hold!"

Ecclesiasticus 17:1-20 "The Lord fashioned man from the earth, to consign him back to it. He gave them so many days determined time, he gave them authority over everything on earth. He clothed them with strength like his own, and made them in his own image. He filled all living things with the dread of man, making him master over beasts and birds. He shaped for them a mouth and tongue, eyes and ears, and gave them a heart to think with. He filled them with knowledge and understanding, and revealed to them good and evil. He put his own light into their hearts to show them the magnificence of his works. They will praise his holy name, as they tell of his magnificent works. He set knowledge before them, he endowed them with the Law of Life. He established an eternal covenant with them, and revealed his judgment to them. Their eyes saw his glorious majesty, and their ears heard the glory of his voice. He said to them, "Beware of all wrong-doing; He gave each a commandment concerning their neighbour. Their ways are always under his eyes, they cannot be hidden from his sight. Over each nation he has set a governor, but Israel is God's own portion. All their works are as the sun to him, and his eyes rest continually on their ways. Their iniquities are not hidden from him, all their sins are before the Lord. A man's almsgiving is like a signet ring to him, he cherishes a man's generosity like the pupil of his eye. One day he will rise and reward him, he will pay back their deserts on their own heads. But to those who repent he permits return, and he encourages those who were losing hope."

Isaiah 6:3 "Holy, Holy is Yahweh Sabaoth. His glory fills the whole earth."

Is.29:16 "Can something that was made say of its maker, 'He did not make me', or a pot say of the potter, he is a fool?"

Is.40:18 "To whom could you liken God? What image could you contrive of him?  
:21 "Did you not know, had you not heard? Was it not told you from the

beginning? Have you not understood how the earth was made? To whom would you liken me and who could be my equal? Says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes and look. Who made the stars if not he who drills them like an army, calling each one by name; so mighty is his power, so great his strength, that not one fails to answer. Yahweh is an everlasting God, he created the boundaries of the earth. He does not grow tired or weary, his understanding is beyond fathoming. He gives strength to the weary, he strengthens the powerless. Young men may grow tired and weary, youths may stumble, but those who hope in Yahweh renew their strength, they put out wings like eagles. They run and do not get weary, walk and do not get tired."

Is.42:6-8 "Thus says Yahweh God, he who created the heavens and spread them out, who

gave shape to the earth and what comes from it, who gave breath to its people and life to the creatures that move in it. I, Yahweh, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as a covenant of the people and light of nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free the captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon... My name is Yahweh, I will not yield my glory to another, nor my honor to idols."

Is.43:3 "For I am Yahweh, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior (Jeshua). "

Is.43:11 "No god was formed before me, nor will be after me. I, I am Yahweh, there is no other savior but me. It is I who have spoken, have saved, have made the proclamation, not any stranger among you. You are my witnesses - it is Yahweh who speaks - and I, I am your God, I am he from eternity. No one can deliver from my hand, I act and no one can reverse it."

Is. 44:2 "Thus says Yahweh who made you, who formed you from the womb, who is your help: 'Do not be afraid, Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.

:6 "Thus says Israel's king and his redeemer, Yahweh Sabaoth: 'I am the first and the last there is no other God besides me.'"

Is.44:24 "Thus says Yahweh your redeemer, He who formed you in the womb: 'I, myself, Yahweh, made all things, I alone spread out the heavens. When I gave the earth shape, did anyone help me? I am he who foils the omens of wizards and makes fools of diviners; who makes sages recant and shows the nonsense of their knowledge; who confirms the word of my servant and makes the plans of my envoys succeed. I am Yahweh, unrivalled, I form the light and create the dark.' "

Is.45:22 "Am I not Yahweh? There is no other god besides me, a God of integrity and savior; there is none apart from me; turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God unrivalled."

Is.48:12 "I am the first and the last. My hand laid the foundations of the earth and my right hand spread out the heavens."

Is.54:5 "For now your creator will be your husband, his name, Yahweh Sabaoth: your redeemer will be the Holy One of Israel, he is called the God of the whole earth."

Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you."

Jeremiah 10:10 "But Yahweh is the true God, he is the living God, the everlasting king. The earth quakes when he is wrathful, the nations cannot endure his fury. By his power he made the earth, by his wisdom set the world firm, by his discernment spread out the heavens. When he thunders there is a tumult of waters in the heavens;

he raises clouds from the boundaries of the earth, makes lightning flash for the downpour, and brings the wind from his storehouse."

Jeremiah 32:18 Great and Mighty God who's name is Yahweh."

Jeremiah 32:26 "See, I am Yahweh, the God of all mankind: is anything impossible to me?"

Lamentations 3:37 "Who has only to speak to make things exist? Who commands if not the Lord?"

Zachariah 4:6 "Not by might and not by power but by my spirit says Yahweh Sabaoth."

Mat.1:23 Emmanuel- God is with us.

Mat.22:32; Mark 12:27 "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; God is God, not of the dead but of the living."

Mark 12:29 "Listen Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, the second is this: you must love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

John 4:24 "God is spirit and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth."

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word; the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning, through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him."

John 8:58 "I tell you most solemnly, before Abraham ever was, I am."

John 13:19 "I tell you this now before it happens, so when it does happen, you will believe that I am who I am."

Acts 17:24-29 "Since the God who made the world and everything in it is himself Lord of heaven and earth, he does not make his home in shrines made by human hands. Nor is he dependent on anything that human hands can do for him, since he can never be in need of anything; on the contrary, it is he who gives everything - including life and breath - to everyone. From one single stock he not only created the whole human race so that they could occupy the entire earth, but he decreed how long each nation should flourish and what the boundaries of each should be. And he did this so that all nations might seek the deity and, by feeling their way towards him, succeed in finding him. Yet in fact he is not far from any of us, since it is in him that we live, and move, and exist, as indeed some of your own writers have said: 'We are all his children.' Since we are all the children of God, we have no excuse for thinking that the deity looks like anything in gold, silver or stone that is carved and designed by man."

Rom.4:3 "Abraham put his faith in God, and this faith was considered as justifying him."

Rom.9:20 "What right have you a human being, to cross-examine God? The pot has no right to say to the potter: 'Why did you make me this shape?' surely the potter can do what he likes with the clay? It is surely for him to decide whether he will use a particular lump of clay to make a special pot or an ordinary one?"

Rom. 11:33-36 "How rich are the depths of God-how deep his wisdom and knowledge-and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who would ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever!  
Amen."

Rom.15:4 "And indeed everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from examples scripture gives us of how people who did not give up were helped by God."

I Cor.3:16 "Didn't you realize that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God would destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple."

James 1:13-18 "Never, when you are tempted say that God sent the temptation! God cannot be tempted to do anything wrong, and he does not tempt anybody. Everybody who is tempted is attracted and seduced by his own wrong desire. Then the desire conceives and gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it too has a child, and this child is death.

Make no mistake about this, my dear brothers: it is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first fruits of all that he had created."

James 4:7 "Give in to God then; resist the devil, and he will run away from you."

I John 4:16 "God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him."

I John 5:9-12 "This is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son. Everybody who believes in the Son of God has this testimony inside him; and anyone who will not believe God is making God out to be a liar, because he has not trusted the testimony God has given about his Son. This is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son; anyone who has the Son has life, anyone who does not have the Son does not have life."

I John 5:19-28 "We know that we belong to God, but the whole world lies in the power of the Evil one. We know too, that the Son of God has come, and has given us the power to know the true God. We are in the true God, as we are in his Son, Jesus Christ. This is the true God. This is everlasting life."

Rev.1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is, was, and is to come. The Almighty."

Rev.1:17 "Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live forever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld."

Rev.4:II "You are Lord and our God, you are worthy of glory and honor and power, because you made all the universe and it was only by your will that everything was made and exists."

Rev.19:13 "He is known by the name, Word of God."

Rev.21:5-6 "Then the one who sits on the throne said: "And now I make all things new!" He also said to me, "Write this, because these words can be trusted and are true." And he said, "It is done! I am the First and the Last, the beginning and the End."

Rev.22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."

## Messiah Promised

To Adam. Gen.3:14 "The seed of the woman shall crush the serpent's head."

To Abraham. Gen.22:18 "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed because thou hast obeyed my voice."

Isaac Gen.26:4 "I will multiply thy seed like the stars of heaven and in thy seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed."

Jacob Gen.28:13 "The land wherein thou sleepest I will give to thee and thy seed and in thy seed shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed."

Juda Gen.49:18 "The scepter shall not be taken away from Juda nor a ruler from his thigh til he come that is to be sent, and he shall be the expectations of all nations."

Moses Deut.18:15-18 "I will raise up a prophet out of the midst of their brethren like to thee, and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak all that I shall command him."

David 2 Sam.7:13 "I will raise up a seed after thee, and I will establish his kingdom forever."

## Some Chief Prophecies

### Birthplace

Micah 5:1; Mat.2:6 "And thou Bethlehem of Juda are not the least amongst the princes of Juda; for out of thee shall come forth the Captain that shall rule my people Israel."

### Born at Midnight.

Wis.18:14-15 "When peaceful silence lay over all and night had run half its course, down from heaven, from the royal throne, leapt your all powerful Word."

### To be born of a virgin.

Is. 7:14; Mat.1:23 "Behold a virgin shall be with child, and bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emanuel which being interpreted Means, God with us."

Is. 9:6 "For there is a child born for us, a son given for us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give unto him: Wonder-Counselor, Mighty God.

Eternal Father, Prince of Peace."

Wise men will come and worship him.

Ps.72:10-11; Mat.2:7-8 "The three kings of Tarshish and of the Islands will pay him tribute. The Kings of Sheba and Seba will offer gifts; all kings will do him homage, all nations will become his servants. (Kings from Persia, Arabia, and Saba).

Is. 45:14 "The peasants of Egypt and the traders of Cush, and the tall men of Seba, will submit to you and be yours."

Is. 60:6 "Camels in throngs will cover you, and the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of Yahweh."

Flight into Egypt.

Osee 11:1; Num.23:22; Mat.2:15 "Out of Egypt have I called my Son."

Massacre of the Holy Innocent\*.

Jer.31:15; Mat.2:16 "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamenting and great mourning, Rachel bewailing her children and would not be comforted because they are not."

Mission of John the Baptist.

Is. 41:3; Mat.3:3 "A voice crying in the desert, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Mal.3:1; Mat.II:10 "Behold I send my angel before thy face who shall prepare the way before thee."

Healing of the sick.

Is.53:4; Mat.8:17 "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."  
By his stripes we are healed. Is.53:5; I Pet.3:24

Our Lord's zeal.

Ps.69:9; Jn.2:17 "The zeal of thy house has eaten me up."

Our Lord's gentleness.

Is.42:1; Mat.12:18 "Behold my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved in whom I am well pleased. I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the gentiles: he shall not contend nor cry out, neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets."

## SOME Chief Prophecies

Triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Zach9:9; Jn.12:15 "Fear not, daughter of Zion: behold thy king cometh, sitting on a colt, the foal of an ass."

Stone rejected by the builders.

Is.28:16; Luke 21:17; Ps.118:22 "The stone which the builders rejected, the same shall become the head of the corner."

Flight of the disciples.

Zach.13:7; Mat.26:32 "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be dispersed."

The betrayal and the price.

Zach.II:12-13; Mat.27:9. "And they took thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was prized, whom they priced of the children of Israel."

Parting of Christ's garments,

Pa.22:18; Mat.27:35 "They divided my garments among them and upon my vestiture they cast lots."

Piercing of Christ's side.

Zach.12:18; Jn.19:37 "They shall look upon him whom they pierced."

Christ led as a sheep to the slaughter:

Is. 53:7; Acts8:32-33 "He was led as a sheep to slaughter; and like a lamb without voice before his shearers, so opened he not his mouth."

No bone will be broken.

Ex.12:46; Pa.34:28; Jn.19:36 "His bones are disjointed and can be counted."

He thirsts.

Ps.22:14-18; Ps.69:21; Mat.27:34 "They gave him wine and vinegar to drink."

## RESURRECTION.

Ps.16:8-11; Acts 2:25-28 "I saw the Lord before me always for with him at my right hand, nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out for joy; my body

too will rest in hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption."

Ps.118:1; Acts 2:35 "The Lord said to my Lord; sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for you."

Acts 13:33; Ps.2:7 "You are my son; today I have become your father."  
Is.55:3; Acts 13:35 "To you I shall give the sure and holy things promised to David."

A warning.

Hab.1:5; Acts 13:42 "Cast your eyes around you, mockers; be amazed and perish!  
For I am doing something in your days, that you would not believe if you were told of it."

Isaiah 53:3-12 "A thing despised and rejected by man, a man of sorrows and familiar with suffering, a man to make people screen their faces; he was despised and we took no account of him. And yet ours was the sufferings he bore, ours the sorrows he carried... Yet he was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins. On his lies a punishment that brings us peace, and through his wounds we are healed. We had all gone astray like sheep, each taking his own way, and Yahweh burdened him with the sins of all of us. Harshly dealt with he bore it humbly, he never opened his mouth, like a lamb that is led to the slaughter-house, like a sheep that is dumb before his shearers never opening its mouth. By force and by law he was taken; would anyone plead his cause? Yes he was torn away from the land of the living; for our faults struck down in death. They gave him a grave with the wicked, a tomb with the rich, though he had done no wrong and there had been no perjury in his mouth. Yahweh has been pleased to crush him with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what Yahweh wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Hence I will grant whole hordes for his tribute, he shall divide the spoil with the mighty, for surrendering himself to death and letting himself be taken for a sinner, while he was bearing the faults of many and praying all the time for sinners."

Dan.9:24 "Seventy weeks are decreed for your people and your holy city, for putting an end to transgressions, for placing the seals on sin, for expiating crime for anointing the Holy of Holies. Know this then, and understand: from the time this message went out: 'Return and rebuild Jerusalem' to the coming of an anointed Prince, seven weeks and sixty two weeks with squares and ramparts rebuilt and restored, but in a time of trouble. And after the sixty-two weeks an anointed one will be cut off- and.. will not be for him- the city and the sanctuary will be destroyed by a prince who will come. His end will come in catastrophe and, until the end, there will be war and all the devastation decreed."

(In 70 A.D. the Temple was destroyed thus ending the role of High Priest.)

#### HOLY EUCHARIST.

Gen.14:18-20; Mal. 1:11 "From the rising of the sun even to the going down, my Name is great among the gentiles, and in every place there is sacrifice, and there is offered to my name a clean oblation: for my name is great among the Gentiles, saith the Lord of Hosts."

#### OUR LORD'S PRIESTHOOD.

Ps.111:4 (189:4); Heb.5:7-18; 6:28; 7:3; 7:11-14; 7:17-28;"Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedek."

Jesus' life was planned before he was born. Normal men have their life written after they die.

## Divinity of Christ

Mat.16:13 (He is the only begotten the true and natural Son of God.) Christ asked his apostles who he was and Peter said "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God."

Because he had answered correctly, Christ commended him: 'Blessed art thou Simon-Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to thee, but my Father in heaven.'

Before the Jewish people he said that he possessed the same nature as the Father.

John 1:1-14 "In the beginning was the Word (Son), and the Word was God...and the Word was made flesh and lived amongst us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is His as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth."

Jn.1:29 "A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me."

Jn.3:16-18 "Yes God loved the world so much that he gave his Only Begotten Son so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son."

John 5:18-23 "But that only made the Jews even more intent on killing him, because, not content with breaking the Sabbath, he spoke of God as his own Father, and so made himself God's equal. To this accusation Jesus replied: "I tell you most solemnly, the Son can do nothing of himself, he can do only what he sees his Father doing: and whatsoever the Father does, the Son does too. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he does himself, and he will show him even greater things than these, works that will astonish you. Thus as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so the Son gives life to anyone he chooses; for the Father judges no one; he has entrusted all judgment to the Son, so that all may honor the Son as they honor the Father. Whoever refuses honor to the Son, refuses honor to the Father who sent him."

Jn.8:58 "I tell you most solemnly that before Abraham ever was, I am."

Jn.18:31 "The Jews therefore took up stones to stone him. Many good works have I shown you from my Father. For which of these works do you stone me? Not for good works do we stone thee, but for blasphemy, and because thou being a man makest thyself God."

Jn.13:19 "I tell you this now before it happens, so when it does happen, you will believe that 'I Am who I Am.'"

Jn.14:9 "To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, let us see the Father? Do you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work if for no other reason."

Jn.16:14-15 "Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: all he tells you will be taken from what is mine."

Jn.17:5 "Father! Give me glory in your presence now, the same glory I had with you before the world was made."

Jn.19:7 "The Jews told Pilate: "We have a law, and according to that law He must die, because He has made himself the Son of God." This charge would have no meaning if Christ had claimed to be the Son of God in a metaphorical sense."

Jn.20:27 "Thomas when he saw the risen Christ, gave testimony to his belief in Christ's claim of his divinity by saying: "My Lord and my God."

Jn.20:30 "There are many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book; these are recorded that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and believing this you may have life through his name."

Rom.8:32 "Since God did not spare his only Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give."

Rom.9:5..."And from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all. God forever blessed Amen."

2 Cor.4:4 Christ is the image of God. '

I Tim.2:3 "Both God and man. "To do this is right, and will please God our Savior; he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Jesus Christ."

I Tim.4:18 "I mean that the point of all our toiling and battling is that we have put our trust in the living God and He is the Savior of the whole human race but particularly of all believers."

Phil.2:5 "In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became what men are; and being as all men are, he was humble and yet, even to accepting death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the father."

Titus 2:13 ..."We are awaiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ."

Heb.1:3 "He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command."

Heb.1:5-12 "God has never said to any angel :You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First Born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him. About the angels, he says: He makes his angels winds and his servants flames of fire, but to his Son he says: God, your throne shall last forever and ever; and his royal scepter is the scepter of virtue, virtue you love as much as you hate wickedness. This is why God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness, above all your rivals. And again: It is you Lord, who laid the earth's foundations in the beginning, the heavens are the works of your hands."

Mat.4:7&10; Lk.4:8&12 Jesus answered: "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shall you serve."...Thou shalt not tempt the Lord Thy God.'

I Jn.4:9 "God's love for us was revealed when God sent his Only Son into the world so that we could have life through him."

I Jn.5:7 (The same God with his Father and equal to him.) "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: The Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one."

1 Jn.5:20 'And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, that we may know the true God and may be in him true Son. He is the true God and eternal life.'

Rev.1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is, was, and is to come, the Almighty."

2 Pet.1:17 For he received from God the Father, honor and glory.

Rev.1:17 "Do not be afraid, it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld."

Rev.19:13 "He is known by the name, Word of God."

Rev.21:6; 22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

## Trinity

Defined as The union of three distinct persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in one Godhead.

Lk.1:35 Holy Spirit will come upon you, the Power of the Most High overshadow you. The Child who is born of you will be called God's own Son.

Mat.3:16 "As soon as Jesus was baptized he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened up and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him."

Mat.28:19 "Go therefore make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Jn.1:29-34 "A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove and resting on him."

Jn.14:16 "If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him, but you know him because he is with you, he is in you."

Jn.14:23-26 "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you."

1 Cor.12:3-7 "I want you to understand that on the one hand no one can be speaking under the influence of the Holy Spirit and say, 'Curse Jesus,' and on the other hand, no one can say 'Jesus is Lord,' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit."

There are a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them."

2 Cor.3:14-18 "And anyway, their minds had been dulled; indeed, to this very day, that same veil is still there when the old covenant is being read, a veil never lifted, since Christ alone can lift it. Yes, even today, whenever Moses is read, the veil is over their minds. It will not be removed until they turn to the Lord. Now this Lord is Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, with our unveiled faces reflecting like mirrors the brightness of the Lord, all grow brighter and brighter as we are turned into the image that we reflect; this is the work of the Lord who is Spirit."

2 Cor.13:13 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

I Cor.6:13 "But now you have been washed clean, and sanctified, and justified through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and through the Spirit of our God."

Jn.15:26 (Proceeds from the Father and the Son.) "But when the comforter comes, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me."

I Pet.1:2... "Who have been chosen, by the provident purpose of God the Father, to be made holy by the Spirit, obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood."

I Jn.5:7 "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one."

Rev,22:1 "Then the angel showed me the river of life, rising from the throne of God and of the Lamb."

Jn.7:39 "As scripture said: From his breast shall flow fountains of living water. He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believe in him were to receive."

#### HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON:

Rev,2:11 The Spirit says.

Jn.16:13 The Spirit of Truth will teach you.

Acts 5:3-4 Holy Spirit is God.

Acts 13:2 Holy Spirit said.

#### JESUS' RESURRECTION:

Jn.2:19 Jesus will raise himself from the dead.

Acts 17:3 God raised him from the dead.

Rom.8:11 The Spirit raised him.

I Thess.1:10 The Father raised him.

Conclusion: the Trinity raised him.

TRINITY one Godhead, three persons: no one at any time has seen the Trinity save Jesus Christ.

Is.44:6 "I am the First and the Last and besides me there is no other."

## Faith

Mark 16:16-18 (To the eleven after his resurrection.) "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These signs will be associated with believers, in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover."

Luke 6:46-49 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord' and not do what I say? Everyone who comes to me and listens to my words and acts on them - I will show you what he is like. He is like the man who when he built his house dug, and dug deep, and laid the foundations on rock; when the river was in flood it bore down on that house but could not shake it, it was so well built. But the one who listens and does nothing, is like the man who built his house on soil, with no foundation: as soon as the river bore down on it, it collapsed; and what a ruin that house became! '(Mat.7:24-27)

Jn.3:36 "Anyone who believes in the Son has eternal life, but anyone who refuses to believe in the Son will never see life: the anger of God stays on him."

Jn.6:29 "This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent."

Jn. 6:48 "Yes, it is my father's will that whosoever sees the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and that I shall raise him up on the last day."

Jn.S:24 'Yes, if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.'

Jn.12:44-58 "Whoever believes in me, believes not in me but in the one who sent me, and whoever sees me, sees the one who sent me. I, the Light, have come into the world, so that whoever believes in me need not stay in the dark anymore. If anyone hears my words and does not keep them faithfully, it is not I who shall condemn them, since I have not come to condemn the world, but to save the world: he who rejects me and refuses my words has his judge already: the word itself that I have spoken will be his judge on the last day."

Luke 8:21 "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the words of God and put it into practice.'

Acts 16:30 "Sirs, what must I do to be saved? They told him, 'Become a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, and your household too.' Then they preached the word of the Lord to him and all his household; and was baptized there with all his family."

Rom.1:17 "For I am not ashamed of the Good News: it is the power of God saving all who have faith."

Rom.2:13 "It is not listening to the Law but keeping it that will make people holy in the sight of God. For instance, pagans who never heard of the Law but are led by reason to do what the Law commands, may not actually 'possess' the Law but they can be said to 'be' the Law. They can point to the substance of the Law engraved on their hearts - they can call a witness, that is, their own inner dialogue. On the day when, according to the Good News I preach, God, through Jesus Christ, judges the secrets of mankind."

Rom.3:28 "On the contrary, it is the law of faith, since, as we see it, a man is justified by faith and not by doing something the Law tells him to do."

Rom.10:9-11 "If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved."

Gal.5:6 "Christians are told by the Spirit to look to the faith for those rewards that righteousness hopes for, since in Christ Jesus whether you are circumcised or not makes no difference - what does matter is having faith."

James 1:22-25 "But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. To listen to the word and not obey it is like looking at your reflection in a mirror and then, after a quick look, going off and immediately forgetting what you looked like. But the man who looks steadily at the perfect law of freedom and makes that his habit, not listening and then forgetting, but actively putting it into practice - will be happy in all that he does."

James 2:14 "Take the case my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead."

Hebrews chapter II is all on faith.

## Cross

According to Webster's dictionary: Cross - Latin crux, crucis. 1. An upright post, beam, or stick with another one fastened horizontally across it near the top, on which convicted persons were executed in ancient times.

Ezekiel 9:4-6 "Go through all the city, all through Jerusalem, and mark a cross on the foreheads of all who deplore and disapprove of all the filth practiced in it. Do not touch any one with a cross on his forehead."

Mat.18:38 "Any one who does not take up his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me."

Mat.16:24, Mark 8,34; Luke 9:23; Luke 14:27 "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Mat.27:23 "Let him be crucified!"

Mat.27:32; Luke 23:16 Simon from Cyrene helps Jesus carry his cross.

I Cor.1:18 "The language of the cross may be illogical to those who are not on the way to salvation, but to those of us who are on the Way see it as God's power to save."

Gal.2:19 "I have been crucified with Christ...."

Gal.6:14; Gal.6:12 "As for me, the only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Christ, by his death on the cross, opened the gates of heaven for us. By his shedding his blood, we are cleansed from sin.

## Founding His Church

Mat.16:18 "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell will not hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Speaking to the eleven disciples after His Resurrection:

Mat.28:18 'He said, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes to the end of time.'

Mark 16:16 "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned."

Luke 6:13-16 "When day came he summoned his disciples and picked out twelve of them; he called them Apostles) Simon whom he called Peter, and his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alpheus, Simon called the Zealot, Judas son of James, and Judas Escariot, who became a traitor."

Luke 19:16 "Anyone who listens to you listens to me; anyone who rejects you, rejects me, and who those reject me reject the one who sent me."

John 10:16 "And there are other sheep which I have that are not of this fold, and these also I have to lead. They too will listen to my voice and there will be one flock, and one shepherd."

Jn.14:16-26 "I shall ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever. That Spirit of Truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him ... But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you."

John 16:13 "But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth."

John 21:21 "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: after saying this he breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit, for those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven, for those whose sins you retain, they are retained."

Mat.18:18 "I tell you most solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven."

John 21:15-17 "After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do? he answered, 'Yes, Lord you know I love you.' Jesus said, feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes,

Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said, 'Look after my sheep.' Then a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

Acts 28:28-38 "Be on your guard for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to feed the Church of God which he bought with his own blood. I know quite well that when I have gone fierce wolves will invade you and will have no mercy on the flock. Even from your own ranks there will be men coming forward with a travesty of the truth on their lips to induce the disciples to follow them."

Rom.12:4-6 "Just as each of our bodies has several parts and each part has a separate function, so all of us, in union with Christ, form one body, and as parts of it we belong to each other."

Dissent among the faithful - True wisdom and false.

I Cor.1:19-31 "All the same, I do appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice: From what Cloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean is all these slogans you have, like: I am for Paul, I am for Apollo, I am for Cephas, I am for Christ. Has Christ been parceled

out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? I am thankful that I never baptized any of you after Crispus and Baius so none of you can say he was baptized in my name, Then there was the family of Stephanus, of course that I baptized too, but no one else as far as I can remember.

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Good News and not to preach that in terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed. The language of the cross may be illogical to those who: are not on the way to salvation, but those of us who are on the way see it as God's power to save. As scripture says: I shall destroy the wisdom of the wise and bring to nothing all the learning of the learned. Where are the philosophers now? Where are the scribes? Where are any of the thinkers today? Do you see now how God has shown up the foolishness of human wisdom? If it was God's wisdom that human wisdom should not know God, it was because God wanted to save those who have faith through the foolishness of the message that we preach. And so while the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here we are preaching a Crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the same time when you were called. How many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning, those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom and our virtue and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture

says: If anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord."

I Cor.12:12-27 "Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because of all these parts though many, make up one body, so it is with Christ. In one Spirit we were all baptized, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one spirit was given us to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with anyone of its many parts. If the foot were to say, I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body, would that mean that it stopped being a part of the body? If the ear were to say: I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body, would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it were just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be one body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, I do not need you, nor can the head say to the feet, I do not need you.

What is more it is precisely the parts of the body that seem the weakest which are indispensable ones; and it is the least honorable parts that we clothe with the greatest care. So our most improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts don't need. God has arranged that body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honor, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ's body, but each of you is a different part of it.

In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers, after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?"

Gal.1:8 "Some troublemakers among you want to change the Good News of Christ; and let me warn you that if anyone preaches a version of the Good News different from the one we have already preached to you, whether it be ourselves or an angel from heaven, he is to be condemned.'

Eph.2:20 "You are part of a building that has the Apostles and prophets for its foundations, and Christ Jesus himself for its main cornerstone."

Eph.4:4-6 "There is one body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called, there is One Lord, one baptism, one faith, and One God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all."

Eph.5:23 "Christ is head of the church."

Eph.5:24 "The church submits to Christ."

Eph.5:25 "Christ loved the church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her

clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless."

Col.1:18 "Now the church is his body, he is its head."

I Tim.3:14-15 "At the moment of writing to you, I am hoping that I may be with you soon; but in case I should be delayed, I wanted you to know how people ought to behave in God's family - that is in the church of the Living God, which upholds the truth and keeps it safe."

I Tim.4:1-5 "The Spirit has explicitly said that during the last times there will be some who will desert the faith and choose to listen to deceitful spirits and doctrines that come from devils; and the cause of this is the lies told by hypocrites whose consciousness is branded as though with a red - hot iron. They will say marriage is forbidden, lay down rules about abstaining from foods which God created to be accepted with thanksgiving by all who know the truth. Everything God created is good, and no food is to be rejected, provided grace is said for it: the word of God and the prayer make it holy."

## Priesthood

Ps.109:4 "The Lord has sworn an oath and he will not repent: 'Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedek.'"

Is.52:7 "How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, and that preacheth peace: of him that showeth forth good, that preacheth salvation, that saith to Zion: thy God shall reign."

Is.62:10 "Go through the gates, prepare the way for the people, make the road plain, pick out the stones, and lift up the standard to the people."

Mal.2:6 "The Law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and turned many away from iniquity."

Jer.3:15 "And I will give you pastors according to my own heart, and they shall feed you with knowledge and doctrine."

Dan.3:84 "O ye priests of the Lord, praise the Lord, and exalt him above all forever."

Mat.5:16 "In the same way your light must shine among men so, that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father which is in heaven."

Luke 22:20 At the Last Supper, Christ tells his Apostles: "Do this,' He said, 'In remembrance of me."

Jn.19:2-4 "The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them but, when he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice."

Acts 13:2-3 "One day while they were offering worship to the Lord and keeping a fast, the Holy Spirit said: 'I want Barnabas and Saul set apart for the work which I have called them to. So it was that after fasting and prayer they laid their hands upon them and sent them off.'"

Acts 14:22-23 "They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe."

Acts 21:8 Here we called on Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven, and stayed with him. He had four virgin daughters who were prophets.

Acts 21: 18 On our arrival in Jerusalem the brothers gave us a very warm welcome. The next day

Paul went with us to visit James, and all the elders were present.

Acts 26:15-18 Then I said: who are you Lord? And the Lord answered, I am Jesus, and you are persecuting me. But get up and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this reason: to appoint you as my servant and as a witness of this vision in which you have seen me, and of others in which I shall appear to you. I shall deliver you from the people and from the pagans to whom I am sending you to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light, from the abomination of Satan to God, and receive, through faith in me, forgiveness of their sins and a share in the inheritance of the sanctified.

Rom.11:13 "Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their Apostle and I am proud of being sent."

Rom.15:16 "He has appointed me as a priest of Jesus Christ, and I am to carry out my priestly duty by bringing the Good News from God to the pagans, and so make them acceptable as an offering, made holy by the Holy Spirit."

I Cor.1:1 "I Paul, appointed by God to be an Apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings."

II Cor.4:1 "People must think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God.

1 Cor.4:9 "But instead, it seems to me, God has put us Apostles at the end of his parade, with the men sentenced to death."

1 Cor.9:1 "I personally, am free: I am an Apostle and I have seen Jesus our Lord. You are all my work in the Lord. Even if I were not an Apostle to others, I should still be an Apostle to you who are the seal of my apostolate in the Lord."

1 Cor.15:9 "I am the least of the Apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the church of God, I hardly deserve the name Apostle."

2 Cor.3:6 God. He is the one who has given us the qualifications to be the administrators of this new covenant, which is not a covenant of written letters but of the Spirit.

2 Cor.5:18-20 "It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding man's fault against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled, so we are Ambassadors of Christ."

2 Cor.6:3 "We do nothing that people might object to, so as not to bring discredit on our function as God's servants."

2 Cor.11-13 "These people are counterfeit Apostles, they are dishonest workmen disguised as Apostles of Christ."

Eph.2:28 "You are part of a building that has for its foundation Apostles and prophets, and Christ Jesus himself for its main cornerstone."

Eph.3:5 "This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy Apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in the past generations."

Eph.3:8-12 "I, who am the least of all the saints, have been entrusted with this special grace, not only of proclaiming to the pagans the infinite treasure of Christ but also of explaining how the mystery is to be dispensed. Through all the ages this has been kept hidden in God, the center of everything. Why? So that the Sovereignities and Powers should learn only now, through the church, how comprehensive God's wisdom really is, exactly according to the plan which he had from all eternity in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Eph.4:11 "And to some his gifts was that they should be Apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers."

I Thes.5:12 "We appeal to you, my brothers, to be considerate to those who are working among you and are above you in the Lord as your teachers."

I Tim.3:1 "This is a true saying, if a man desires the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach."

I Tim 4:6 "if you put all this to the brothers, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus and show that you have really digested the teaching of the faith and the good doctrine which you have always followed.

I Tim. 4:14 "You have in you a spiritual gift which was given to you when the prophets spoke and the body of elders laid their hands on you."

I Tim.5:17: "The elders who do their work well while they are in charge are to be given double consideration, especially those who are assiduous in preaching and teaching."

:19 "Never accept any accusations brought against an elder unless it is supported by two or three witnesses. If any of thee are at fault, reprimand thee publicly, as a warning to the rest."

Titus 1:1 "Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness."

Titus 1:5-7 "For this cause I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are wanting, and appoint elders in every town, in the way that I told you: that is, each of them must be a man of irreproachable character; he must not have been carried more than once, and his children must be believers and not uncontrollable or liable to be charged with disorderly conduct. Since, as bishop, he will be God's representative ..."

Heb.5:1-18 "Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to act for God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathize with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to take an offering for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor for himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my Son, today I have become your Father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchisedek, and for ever. During his life on earth, he offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation and was acclaimed by God with the title of high priest of the order of Melchisedek."

Heb.7:11 "Now if perfection had been reached through the Levitical priesthood because the Law given to the nation rests on it, why was it still necessary for a new priesthood to arise, one of the same order of Melchisedek not counted as being of the same order as of Aaron? But any change in the priesthood must mean a change in the Law as well."

James 5:14 "If any of you is ill, he should send for the elders of the church, and they must anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord and pray over him."

1 Pet.1:1 "Peter, apostle of Jesus Christ, sends greetings to all those living among foreigners in the Dispersion of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who have been chosen, by the provident purpose of God the father, to be made holy by the Spirit, obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood."

2 Pet.1:1 "From Simeon Peter, servant and apostle of Jesus Christ; to all who treasure the same faith as ourselves, given through the righteousness of our God and savior Jesus Christ."

## Deacons

Acts 6:5-6 "And the plan met with approval of the whole multitude and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip and Prochorus and Nicanor and Timon, Parmenas, Nicholas, a proselyte from Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them."

I Tim.3:8 "In the same way, deacons must be respectable men whose word can be trusted, moderate in the amount of wine they drink and with no squalid greed of money."

I Tim.3:12-13 "Deacons must not have been married more than once, and must be men who manage their children and families well. those men who carry out their duties well as deacons, will earn a high standing for themselves and be rewarded with great assurance in their work for the faith in Christ Jesus."

I Tim.4:14 "You have in you a spiritual gift which was given to you when the prophets spoke and the body of elders laid their hands on you; do not let it lie unused."

Phil.1:1-2 "From Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus, together with their presiding elders and deacons. He wish you the grace and peace of God our Father and of the Lord Jesus Christ."

IPet.5:1 "Now I have something to tell your elders: I am an elder myself, and a witness to the suffering of Christ .."

### Women in Ministry

Luke 8:2-3 Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and several others who provided for Jesus and the Twelve out of their own resources.

Luke 11:38-42 Martha and Mary  
Acts 16:14 Lydia

Acts 18:18 Priscilla or Prisca  
Acts 21:18 Philip's four virgin daughters who were prophets.

Rom.16:3 Phoebe a deaconess. Helpers: Mary, Prisca, Tryphaena, Tryphosa, Rufus' mother, Patrobas, Hermas, Julia, Nereus' sister, Olympas.

I Cor.9:5 Women went with the Apostles and assisted them.

Phil.4:2-3 Evodia and Syntyche deaconesses, they apparently had an argument and were exhorted to remember Our Lord's teaching and to love one another in Christ.

I Tim.3:11 "In the same way women must be respectable, not gossips but sober and quite reliable."  
Instructions for those widows who wished to be deaconesses.

I Tim.5:6 "But a woman who is really widowed and left without anybody can give herself up to God and consecrate all her days and nights to petition and prayer."

I Tim.5:9 "Enrollment as a widow is permissible only after a woman at least sixty years old who has had only one husband. She must be a woman known for her good works and for the way she has brought up her children, shown hospitality to strangers and washed the saints feet, helped people who are in trouble and been active in all kinds of good work."

Titus 2:3-6 "Similarly, the older women should behave as though they were religious, with no scandal mongering and no habitual wine - drinking they Are to be teachers of the right behavior and show the younger women how they should love their husbands and love their children, how they are to be sensible and chaste, and how to work in their homes, and be gentle, and so as their

husbands tell them, so the message of God is never disgraced."  
The role of deaconess is the same as the nuns of today. Their role was different from that of the deacon.

## Celibacy

Mat.19:12 "There are eunuchs who have made themselves that way for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let any one accept this who can."

I Cor.7:1 "Yes it is a good thing for a man not to touch a woman;"

:6 "This is a suggestion not a rule: I should like everyone to be like me, but everyone has his own particular gifts from God, one with a gift for one thing and another with a gift for the opposite.

17 "There is another thing I would like to add for the sake of the widows and those who are not married: it is a good thing for them to stay as they are, like me, but if they cannot control their sexual urges, they should get married, since it is better to be married than tortured."

I Cor.7:32-35 "I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit . The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter around your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

I Cor.7:37 "On the other hand, if someone has firmly made up his mind, without any compulsion and in complete freedom of choice, to keep his daughter as she is, he will be doing a good thing. In other words, the man who sees his daughter is married has done a good thing but the man who keeps his daughter unmarried has done something even better."

## Long Hair Nazarite Vow

Num.6:1-8 "If a man or woman wishes to make a vow, the vow of the Nazarite by which he is pledged to Yahweh, he shall abstain from wine and strong drink, and neither drink the juice of grapes, nor eat grapes, fresh or dried. For the duration of his vow he shall touch nothing that comes from the vine, not even verjuice or lees. As long as he is bound by his vow, no razor shall touch his head until the time of his consecration to Yahweh is completed, he remains under vow and shall let his hair grow free."

Num.39:4-9 "If a woman makes a vow to Yahweh or takes a formal pledge during her youth, while she is still in her father's house, and if he hears about this vow or pledge made by her and says nothing to her, her vow whatever it may be, shall be binding .. But if the father on the day he hears of it expresses disapproval of it, then none of the vows or pledges are binding. If being bound by vows or a pledge voiced without due reflection, she then marries and if her husband hears of it but says nothing on the day he hears of it, her vows and pledges she has taken will be binding. But if on the day he learns of it he expresses disapproval to her, this will annul the vow that she has taken or the pledge that binds her, voiced with undue reflection. Yahweh will not hold her to it."

Judges 13:5 "Samson's birth foretold. Take no wine or strong drink, eat nothing unclean. For you will conceive and bear a son. No razor will touch his head, for the boy will be God's Nazirite from his mother's womb."

I Sam.1:11 "Yahweh Sabaoth! If you will take notice of the distress of your servant, and bear me in mind and not forget your servant and give her a man - child, I will give him to Yahweh for the whole of his life and no razor shall touch his head."

Luke 1:15 Angel foretells John the Baptist's conception, he must drink no wine, no strong drink.

Mat.11: 18 For John came, neither drinking or eating ... The Son of Man, (Though his birth was foretold by an angel) came eating and drinking.

Acts 18:18 Paul had his hair cut off because the vow he had made ended.

Acts 21:24 "We have four men here who are under a vow; take these men along and be purified with them and pay the expenses connected with the shaving of their heads."

I Cor.11:14 "Long hair in a man is not to be admired."

## Original Sin

Wisd.2:23 "Yet God made man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Job.4:17 "Was ever a man found blameless in the presence of God? or faultless in the presence of his maker?"

Job 14:14 "Who can bring the clean out of the unclean? no man alive."

Ps.51:5 "You know I was born guilty, a sinner from the moment of conception."

Prov.20:9 "What man can say: I have cleansed my heart, I am purified of my sin?"

I Kings 8:46 "For there is no man who does not sin."

Jn.3:5 Nicodemus asked Jesus how a man could be born again; Jesus answered, "Unless a man is born through water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Rom.3:23 "Both Jew and Pagan sinned and forfeited God's glory."

Rom.5:8 "What proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners."

Rom.5:12 "Well then, sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned."

Rom.5:19 "As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous."

I Cor.15:21-22 "Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead came through one man."

Eph.2:5 "When we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ. It is through grace that you have been saved."

Gal.3:27 "All you who have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ."

When God conferred on Adam, father of the human race, the gifts of Sanctifying Grace, integrity and immortality, Adam did not receive them as a purely personal gift, but as a racial gift. He received a legacy which was to be passed down to all his descendants. This (the gift of Sanctifying Grace) he lost when he sinned.

Original sin is not a personal sin which is committed when we have come in to the use of reason. It is something we inherit. Through baptism, original sin is remitted and Sanctifying Grace infused, so the soul which was deprived of its friendship with God is, through Baptism, restored to his friendship. Original sin does not mean that man's nature is essentially corrupt, nor does baptism simply cover up man's tendency to sin. The restoring of Sanctifying Grace makes him a

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Creature. Since the gift of integrity is not restored, man's reason does not rule supremely, governing his lower nature; and so concupiscence, the tendency to sin, remains. So since the gift of immortality is withheld, man must undergo such physical disabilities as sickness and death and suffering.

It was not a question of Adam's eating an apple, but something more serious and the most serious affront which creature could offer his Creator. The motive behind eating the apple through temptation of the devil was that Adam and Eve the creatures, would, if they disobeyed God, become God themselves. In other words it was an of tense against the very goodness of God or treason of the most serious kind.

In Baptism we receive the Spirit of Christ, new life, adopted children of God. We are now dead to sin, born again to new life. If we, all of us, are born with Adam's sin, and if Christ's saying is true, no man may enter heaven (eternal life) unless he has the life of Christ in him, obtained through Baptism.

A grown person must receive instruction. But a child, who is much closer to God than we are, why deny him baptism? When a child is born we register the child a citizen of his parent's country; we have not allowed him to choose, have we? How much more should we register that child as a citizen of heaven through Baptism. He still has an opportunity to make a choice of his own later on, or to reaffirm the decision his parents made for him at birth.

Confession

Lev.5:5 "He will have to confess the sin committed ... "

Num.5:7 "He must confess the sin committed ... "

2 Esdras 9:1-2 "And in the four and twentieth day of the month the children of Israel came together with fasting and with sackcloth, and earth upon them. And the seed of the children of Israel separated themselves from every stranger; and they stood, and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers."

Job 31:33-41 "If as a man I have hid my sin, and have concealed my iniquity in my bosom; if I have been afraid at a great multitude, and the contempt of kinsmen hath terrified me; and I have not rather held my peace, and not gone out the door; who would grant me a hearer, that the Almighty may hear my desire; and that he himself that heareth would write a book, that I may carry it on my shoulder, and put it about me as a crown? At every step of mine I would pronounce it, and offer it as to a prince. If my land cry out against me, and with it the furious therewith mourn; if I have eaten the fruits thereof without money, and have afflicted the soul of the tiller thereof, let thistles grow up to me instead of wheat, and thorns instead of barley."

Ps.31:5 "My sin I confessed to Thee, and my guilt I did not hide; I said, My iniquity I confess to the Lord; and Thou forgavest the guilt of my sins."

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Prov.28:13 "He that hideth his sins, shall not prosper; but he that shall confess, and forsake them, shall obtain mercy."

Eccles.4:31 "Be not ashamed to confess thy sins, but submit not thyself to every man for sin."

Ezec.18:30 "Therefore will I judge every man according to his ways, o house of Israel, saith the Lord God. Be converted and do penance, for all your iniquities, and iniquity shall not be your ruin."

Is.44:22 "I have blotted out thy iniquities as a cloud, and thy sins as a mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you."

Mat.3:5-6 "Then Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, they confessed their sins."

Mat.16:19 "And to you I will give the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. Everything you bind on earth will be bound in heaven; and all that you unbind on earth will also be unbound in heaven."

Jn.28:21-23 "The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and He said to them, 'Peace be with you' and showed them his hands and side. He repeated, peace be with you, as the Father sends me, so am I sending you. After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'"

Acts 19:18 "Some believers came forward to confess in detail now they had used spells and a number of them who had practiced magic, collected their books and made a bonfire of them in public."

James 5:16 'Confess then, your sins one to another and pray for one another, so you may be saved, because the persevering prayer of the just has much value.'

I Jn.1:9 "If we say we have no sin in us, we are deceiving ourselves and refusing to admit the truth, but if we acknowledge our sins, then God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and purify us from everything that is wrong. To say we have never sinned is to call God a liar and to show that His word is not in us.

I am writing this my children to stop you from sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours but the whole world's.

## Eucharist

John 6:51-56 "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread which I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world."

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: How can this can give us his flesh to eat? Jesus replied, I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you."

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day: For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him."

Jn.6:27 (Promise.) "I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the son of man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal."

Mat.26:26 (Institution) "Now as they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to the disciples: "Take it and eat,' he said, 'This is my body,' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them. 'Drink all of you from this;' he said 'For this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many and for the forgiveness of sins."

Mark 14:22-24 "And as they were eating he took some bread and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them: 'Take it:' he said, 'This is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many, I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink new wine in the kingdom of heaven."

Luke 22:19 "Then he took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying: 'This is my body which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.' He did the same with the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood which will be poured out for you."

I Cor.18:16-28 "The blessing cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we share in this one loaf. Look at the Other Israel, the race, where those who eat the sacrifices are in communion with the Altar. Does this mean that the food sacrificed to idols has real value, or the idol itself is real? Not at all. It simply means that the sacrifices that they offer they sacrifice to demons who are not God. I have no desire to see you in communion with demons."

I Cor.11:24-38 "The Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you, do this in memory of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do it in memory of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death, and so anyone who drinks the cup or eats the bread of the Lord unworthily will be behaving unworthily towards the body and blood of the Lord.

A person who eats and drinks without recognizing the Body is eating and drinking his own condemnation."

Heb.13:10 "We have our own altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have not right to eat. The bodies of animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for the atonement of sins are burnt outside the camp, and so Jesus too suffered outside the gate to sanctify the people with his own blood."

Acts 2:38 "Everyone of you must be baptized in the name of Je<sup>h</sup>us Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made for you and your children ..."

Acts 2:42 "These remained faithful to the teachings of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to prayers."

Acts 6:3 "Continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the Word."

Acts 20:7 "On the first day of the week we met to break bread."

## Idols

Ex.20:1-5 "You shall have no gods except Me. You shall not make unto yourself a carved image or likeness of anything in heaven above or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth. You shall not bow down to them nor serve them."

Ex.20:22-23 "You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven, you shall not make any gods of silver or gods of gold to stand beside me; you shall not make things like this for yourselves."

Lev.19:4 "Do not turn to idols and cast no gods of metal. I am Yahweh your God."

Ex.25:18 "For the two ends of this throne of mercy you are to make two golden cherubs; you are to make them of beaten gold."

Ex.32:4 Aaron melted the metal down and cast an effigy of a calf. They worshiped it and God was angry and punished them.

Ex.34:14 "You shall bow down to no other God."

Ex.34:17 "You shall not make yourselves any god of molten metal."

Num.21:8 "Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live."

2 Kings 18:4 Hezekiah smashed the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for up to that time the Israelites had offered sacrifice to it.

Every time that they worshiped anything other than Yahweh, they were punished and the objects destroyed.

We honor our patriots and our flag and have pictures of our loved ones, both past and present. We sometimes pray Before them asking God to look after them; we honor the persons they represent. But were we to worship these objects or people, as God, then we will be punished just as the Israelites were. We Adore Christ, we Venerate saints.

## Law

Lev.19:18 "You must love your neighbor as yourself, I am Yahweh. You must keep my laws."

Mat.5: 17-18 "Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have not come to abolish but to complete them. I will tell you most solemnly; til heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the law until it's purpose is achieved."

Luke 16:17 "It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for one little stroke to drop out of the law."

Jn.13:34-35 "I give you a new commandment: Love one another just as I have loved you, you must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know you are my disciples."

Acts 18:13 Paul accused of persuading people to worship God in a way that breaks the law.

Acts 21:21 The Christian Jews were upset because Paul did not make the gentiles adhere to the Mosaic Law.

Acts 15 Peter settles this and James backs him up.

Acts 24:14 "What I admit to you is this: it is according to the Way which they describe as a sect that I worship the God of my ancestors, retaining my belief in all points of the law and in what is written in the prophets, and I hold the same belief that they do, that there will be a resurrection of good men and bad men alike."

Rom.1:16-17 "For I am not ashamed of the Good News: it is the power of God saving all who have faith."

Rom.2:12+ "Sinners who were not subject to the law will perish just the same, without that Law. Sinners who were under the Law will have that Law to judge them, It is not listening to the Law but keeping it that will make people holy in the sight of God."

Rom.3:28 "No one can be justified in the sight of God by keeping the Law: all that the Law does is to tell us what is sinful.

:21 God's justice that was made known through the Law and the prophets has now been revealed outside the Law, since it is the same justice of God that comes through faith to everyone, Jew and pagan alike, who believes in Jesus Christ. Both are justified through the free gift of grace by being redeemed in Christ Jesus who was appointed by god to sacrifice his life so as to win reconciliation through faith. "

Rom.3:28-31 "Since there is only one God, and he is the one who will justify the circumcised because of their faith and justify the uncircumcised through their faith. Do we mean that faith makes the Law pointless? Not at all: we are giving the Law its true value."

Rom.6:13-16 "You should make every part of your body a weapon fighting on the side of God: and then sin will no longer dominate your life, since you are living by grace and not by Law. Does this fact that we are living by grace and not by Law mean we are free to sin? Of course not."

Rom.7:4-13 "That is why my brothers, who through the body of Christ are now dead to the Law, can now give yourselves to another husband, to him who rose from the dead to make us productive for God. But now we are freed of the Law, freed by death from our own judgment, free to serve in the new spiritual way not the old way of a written Law."

Rom.8:1-3 "The reason therefore, why those who are in Christ Jesus are not condemned, is that the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the Law of sin and death. God has done what the Law, because of our unspiritual nature, was unable to do. God dealt with sin by sending his own Son in a body as physical as any sinful body, and in that body God condemned sin."

Rom.8:9-11 "Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through His Spirit living in you."

Rom.8:14 "Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God ... But the Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory."

Rom.18:4 "But now the Law has come to an end with Christ, and everyone who has faith may be justified."

Rom.13:8-18 "All the commandments; You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbor as yourself that is why it is the answer to everyone of the Commandments."

Gal.2:15 "We acknowledge that what makes a man righteous is not obedience to the Law, but faith in Christ Jesus."

Gal.3:15-22 "The Law was given through an intermediary (Moses). The promise came directly from God.

Gal.4:4 "God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted sons."

Gal.5: 1+ "When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. If you look to the Law to make you justified, then you have separated yourself from Christ and have fallen from grace. Christians are told by the Spirit to look to faith for those rewards that righteousness hopes for, since in Christ Jesus whether you are circumcised or not makes no matter. What does matter is having faith."

Eph.2:8-22 "Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith, not in anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Do not forget then, that there was a time when you who were pagans physically, termed the uncircumcised by those who speak of themselves as the circumcision by reason of a physical operation, do not forget, I say, that you had no Christ and were excluded from the membership of Israel, aliens with no part in the covenants, with their Promise; you were immersed in this world with no hope and without God. But now in Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed hostility. Later he came to bring the Good News of peace, peace to you who were far away from peace and peace to those who were near at hand. Through Him, both of us have in the One Spirit, our Way to come to the Father.

So you are no longer aliens or foreign visitors: you are citizens like all the saints, and part of God's household. You are part of a building that has the Apostles and prophets for its foundations, and Christ Jesus himself for its main cornerstone. As every structure is aligned on him, all grow into one holy temple in the Lord; and you too in him, are being built into a house where God lives, in the Spirit."

Col.2:14-15 "He has overridden the Law, and canceled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross; and so he got rid of Sovereignities and the Powers, and paraded them in public, behind him in his triumphal procession."

I Tim.1:8-11 "We know of course, that the Law is good, but only provided it is treated like any Law., in the understanding that Laws are not framed for the people who are good. On the contrary; they are for criminals and revolutionaries, for the irreligious, the wicked, for the sacrilegious and the irreverent; they are for people who kill their mothers and fathers and for murderers, for those who are immoral with women or with boys or with men, for liars and for perjurers and for anything else that is contrary to the sound teaching that goes with the Good News of the glory of the blessed God, the gospel that was entrusted to me."

Heb.2:1-4 "We ought, then, to turn our minds more attentively than before to what we have been taught so that we don't drift away. If a promise that was made through angels proved to be so true that every infringement and disobedience brought its own proper punishment, then we shall certainly not go unpunished if we neglect this salvation that is promised to us. The promise was first announced by the Lord himself, and is guaranteed to us by those who heard him; God himself confirmed their witness with signs and marvels and miracles of all kinds, and by freely giving the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

Heb.7:12-18 "You are a priest of the order of Melchisedek and forever. But any change in the priesthood must mean a change in the Law as well.

The earlier commandment is thus abolished because it was neither effective nor useful, since the law could not make anyone perfect; but now this commandment is replaced by something better - the hope that brings us closer to God.

What is more this is not done without the taking of an oath. The others, indeed, were made by priests without any oaths, but he with an oath sworn by the one who declared to him: "The Lord has sworn an oath which he will never retract: You are a priest, and forever" And it follows that it is a greater covenant for which Jesus has become our guarantee."

Heb.3:1 "Jesus, the apostle and the high priest of our religion."

Eph.3:14 "This then is what I pray, kneeling before the Father from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name: Out of his infinite glory, may he give you that power through his Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith and then, planted in love, you will with all the saints have the strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth until, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen."

## Tradition

1 Cor.11:2 "You have done well in remembering me so constantly and in maintaining the traditions just as I passed them on to you."

2 Thess.2:15 "Stand firm then, brothers, and keep the traditions that we taught you, whether by word of mouth or by letter."

2 Thess.3:6 "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we urge you to keep away from any of the brothers who refuses to work or to live according to the traditions we passed on to you."

2 Tim.1:13 "Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus."

2 Tim.2:2 "You have heard everything that I teach in public; hand it on to reliable people so that in turn they will be able to teach others."

2 Tim.3:14 "You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true."

1 Tim.6:28 "My dear Timothy, take great care of all that has been entrusted to you. Have nothing to do with pointless philosophical discussions and antagonistic beliefs of the 'knowledge' which is not knowledge at all; by adopting this, some have gone right away from the faith. Grace be with you."

## Blood

Even though cannibalism is mentioned, Lev.26:29; Deut.28:53-57; 2 Kings 6:28-31; Jer.19:9; Lam.2:28; 4:18; Baruch 2:3; Ez.5:18, this is a punishment. The Jews were not cannibals. All blood refers to animal blood; blood is considered life principle of the animal and was used in the rite of atonement and was used to sprinkle on the people as a sign of purification from sin. The Law forbade people from eating it; Lev.1:5 and the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall offer the blood. They shall pour it out on the borders of the altar which stands at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

Lev.17: 11 "If any man of the House of Israel or stranger living among them eats blood of any kind, I will set my face against the man who has eaten the blood and will outlaw him from his people. The life of the flesh is in the blood. This blood I myself have given you to perform the rite of atonement for your lives at the altar; for it is blood that atones for a life. That is why I have said to the sons of Israel: None of you nor any stranger living among you shall eat blood.'

Those who ate blood, were not killed but outlawed for a period of time after which they offered an atonement sacrifice and were allowed to be a part of the community

again. Because of the Law, the Jews were reluctant to dispense pagans from this prohibition. As blood remains in strangled animals, this is part of the previous prohibition.

James, in Acts 15:28-29 tells pagans to 'Abstain from fornication, from meat from strangled animals and from blood and from anything polluted by idols.'

Acts 10:11-16 God has made all animals clean, all fit to eat.

I Cor.8:1-13 Since we know there is only one God, and there is no other gods though people may think there are, we lose nothing if we refuse to eat, we gain nothing if we eat but don't abuse this freedom for in doing so you could cause scandal and make your brother sin and in so doing you are sinning, for by eating idol meat you could imply that you are taking part in sacrilegious worship so for your brother's sake don't do it."

Charity Towards Scrupulous in Food.

Rom.14:1-6 "People range from those who believe they may eat any sort of meat to those whose faith is so weak they dare not eat anything except vegetables. Meat-eaters must not despise the scrupulous, on the other hand, the scrupulous must not condemn those who feel free to eat anything they choose, since God has welcomed them. It is not for you to condemn someone else's servant: whether he stands or falls is his master's business; he will stand, you may be sure, because the Lord has power to make him stand. If one man keeps certain days holier than others, and another considers all days equally holy, each must be left free to hold his own opinion. The one who observes special days does so in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God. But then the man who abstains does so in honor of God, and so he too gives God thanks."

## Hell Deepest Part of Sheol

Luke 16:23 Good separated from the bad by a deep impassable gulf.

Deut.32:22 "A fire blazed from my anger, it will burn to the depths of Sheol."

Job 26:6 "Before his eyes sheol is bare, Perdition itself is uncovered."

Ps.9:17 "May the wicked return to hell."

Prov.5:5 "Her steps take hold in hell."

Prov.7:27 "Her house is way to hell."

9:18 "Her guests are in the depths of hell."

15:11 "Hell and destruction are before him."

27:19 "Hell and destruction are never satisfied."

Is.14:9 "Hell beneath us is astir to greet your arrival."

14:15 "What! Now you have fallen to hell to the very bottom of the Pit!"

Mat.3: 10 "The tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Mat.5:29-30 "If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown to hell."

Mat.10:28 "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul, fear him rather who can kill both body and soul in hell."

Mat.13:41-43 "Well then just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so will it be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offenses and all who do evil, and throw them into blazing furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth!"

Mat.25:30 "As for the good for nothing steward, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth!"

Mat.25:41 "Go away from me, with your curses upon you, to the eternal fires prepared for the devil and his angels,"

Mat.25:46 "And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life."

Mark 9:43 "It is better for you to enter life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into fire that cannot be put out."

Luke 3:17 "But the chaff will burn in a fire that will never go out."

Luke 13:27 "Away from me all you wicked men!"

:28 "Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned aside."

2 Thes.1:7-9 "It will be their punishment to be lot eternally"

Heb.10:31 "It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

2 Pet.2:4 "When angels sinned, God did not spare them: he sent them down to the underworld and consigned them to the dark underground cave: to be held there until the day of judgment."

Rev.9:10 "In fire and brimstone they will be tortured in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb and the smoke of their torture will go up for ever and ever. there will be no respite night or day for those who worshiped the beast or statue or accepted branding with his name."

Rev.20:14 "The sea gave up all it's dead. Death and Hades were thrown into the burning lake."

Rev.21:8 "But the legacy for cowards, for those who break their word, or worship obscenities, for murderers and fornicators, and for fortunetellers, idolaters or any sort of liars, is the second death in the burning lake of sulphur. First death is on earth, second death is failure to gain eternal life.

2 Mac.7:9 "Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the king of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again forever."

:14 "Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life."

Wis.3:1-4 "But the souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going appeared like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as man sees it, their hope was rich with immortality.

Dent.32:22 "A fire is kindled in my wrath, and shall burn even to the lowest hell."

Is. 33:14 "Which of you can dwell with everlasting burnings? Which of you shall dwell with devouring fire?"

Is.66:24 "Their worm shall not die, and their fire will not be quenched, and they shall be a loathsome sight to all flesh."

Judith 16:21 "He will give fire, and worms into their flesh, that they may burn, and may feel forever."

Ecclesiasticus 7:19 "The punishment for the godless is fire and worms."

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SHEOL.

Deut.33:3 "You who have such love for the forefathers, in your hand are all the holy ones."

Ps.16:10 "For you will not abandon my soul to sheol, nor allow the one you love to see the pit."

Num.16:33 "They went down alive to sheol."

I Sam.2:6 "Yahweh gives death and life, brings down to sheol and draws up."

I Sam.28:15 "Why have you disturbed my rest conjuring me up?"

I Sam.28:19 "Tomorrow you and your sons will be with me."

Ecclesiasticus 46:28 "And after he fell asleep he prophesied again, warning the king of his death."

Ez.32:17-32 The Circumcised and uncircumcised together in sheol, the deepest part of the earth.

Job.33:16 " To save his soul from the pit and his life from the pathway to sheol.  
:22 "The dwelling of the dead."

Ps.30:3 "Yahweh, you have brought up my soul from sheol, of all those in the pit you have revived me."

I Pet.3:19 "Jesus, in the body was put to death, in the Spirit he was raised to life, and in the Spirit he went to preach to the souls in prison. (sheol)

## **He descended into hell.**

Eph.4:8-10 "When he went up to the vary heights he took many captives with him; he gave gifts to mankind, now, what does 'he went up' mean? It means that first he came down to the lowest depths of the earth. So the one who came down is the same one who want up, above and beyond the heavens, to fill the whole universe with his presence."

I Pat.3:19 "In the body he was put to death, in the spirit, he was raised to life, and in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison."

I Pat.4:16 "And because he is their judge too, the dead had to be told the Good News as well, so that though, their life on earth, they had been through the judgment that comes to all humanity, they might come to God's life in the spirit."

## **Resurrection.**

Job.19:25 "This I know: that my Avenger lives, and he, the Last, will take His stand on earth. After my awakening, he will set me close to Him, and from my flesh I will look on God."

Ps.30:3 "Yahweh, you have brought my soul up from sheol, of all those in the pit you have revived me."

Is. .26:19 "Your dead will come to life, their corpses will rise; quake, exult, all you who lie in the dust, for your dew is a radiant dew and the land of ghosts will give birth."

Ez.37:3-14 "The Lord Yahweh says this to these bones: 'I am now going to make the breath enter you and you will live. I will put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you, I shall cover you with skin and give you breath, and you shall live; and you will learn that I am Yahweh. I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know I am Yahweh, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your soil and you shall know that I, Yahweh, have said and done this.'"

Dan.12:2 "Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace."

Mat.22:23-32 "Some Sadducees, who deny the resurrection, approached him and they put this question to him, Master, Moses said that if a man dies childless, his brother is to marry his widow, his sister in - law, to raise children for his brother. Now we

had a case involving seven brothers; the first married and then died without children, leaving his wife to his brother; the same thing with the second and the third and so on to the seventh, and then last of all the woman herself died. Now at the resurrection to which of the seven will she be wife, since she had been carried to them all? Jesus answered them, 'You are wrong, because you understand neither the scriptures nor the power of God. For at the resurrection men and women do not marry; no they are like the angels in heaven.

Mark 12:25 When people rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage but live like the angels in heaven.

Luke 20:36 The children of this world marry and are given in marriage. But those who shall be accounted worthy of that world and of the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor take wives. For neither will they die anymore, for they are equal to the angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead rise even Moses showed in the passage about the Bush, when he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all are alive to him."

Luke 23:43 To the good thief he said, 'Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Jn. 11:24 "Your brother, said Jesus, 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said 'I am the resurrection. If any one believes in me, even though' he dies he will live.'

Mat. 27:53 "The tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and appeared to a number of people."

Acts 4:2 "They were extremely annoyed at their teaching the people the doctrine of the resurrection from the dead by proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus."

Acts 23:6 "Brothers, I am a Pharisee and the son of Pharisees. It is for our hope in the resurrection that I am being tried."

Acts 24:15 "And I hold the same hope in God as they do, that there will be a resurrection of good men and bad men alike."

Rom. 8: II "And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give your own mortal bodies life through the Spirit living in you."

I Cor. 6:14 "God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will, by his power raise us up too."

I Cor.15:12-22 "Now if Christ raised from the dead is what is being preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, Christ himself cannot have been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and your believing it is useless; indeed we are shown up as witnesses who have committed perjury before God, because we swore in evidence before God that he raised Christ to life. For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised you are still in your sins. and what is more serious, all who have died in Christ, have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first - fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man."

I Cor.15:35-49 "Someone may ask, 'how are dead people raised up, and what sort of body do they have when they come back?' They are stupid questions. Whatever you sow in the ground has to die before it is given new life and the thing that you sow is not what is going to come up again; you sow a bare grain, say of wheat or something like that, and then God gives it the sort of body that he has chosen: each sort of seed gets it's own body. Everything that has flesh is not the same flesh: there is human flesh, animal flesh the flesh of the birds and the flesh of fish. Then there are heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but heavenly bodies have a beauty of their own and the earthly bodies a different one. The sun has its brightness, the moon a different brightness. It is the same with the resurrection of the dead: the thing that is sown is perishable but what is raised is imperishable; the thing that is sown is contemptible but what is raised is glorious; the thing that is sown is weak but what is raised is powerful: when it is sown it embodies the soul, when it is raised it embodies the spirit.

1 Cor.15:53 "Because our present perishable nature must put on imperishability and this mortal nature must put on immortality."

2 Cor.5:1-8 'For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

This is the purpose for which God made us, and he has given us the pledge of the Spirit. We are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord."

Phil.3: 11 "All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead."

1 Thes.4:13 "We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him."

2 Tim.1: 11 "He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News."

1 Pet.3:19 "In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison."

Acts 18:39-43 "Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people, but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to the people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name."

## **Purgatory**

A place where those who have died are purified of faults not atoned for.

Baruch 3:4 "Almighty Lord God of Israel, hear the prayers of the dead of Israel."

2 Mac.12:45 "For if he had not expected the fallen to rise again, it would have been foolish to pray for the dead, whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense reserved for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. This is why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sins."

Mat.5:25-26 "Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you most solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny."

Luke 12:48 "The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be punished for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When man has a great deal given him in trust, then more will be expected of him."

1 Cor.3:15 "If this structure stands up to it, he will get his wages; if it is burnt down, he will be the loser, and though he is saved himself, it will be as one who has gone through fire."

2 Cor.5:7-10 "We are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the court of law of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad."

Mat.12:32 Sin against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven in this life or the next.

I Jn.5:16 He who knows his brother is committing a sin that is not unto death, shall ask, and shall give life to him who does not commit a sin unto death. There is a sin unto death; I do not mean that anyone should ask as to that."

### **Communion of saints**

Col.1:12 "Thanking the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them inherit the light."

Heb.12:1 "With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us we too, then should throw off everything that hinders us, specially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started."

Heb.12:23 "You have come to God himself, the supreme judge, and been placed with the spirits of the saints who have been made perfect;"

Rev.5:8 "Each one of them was holding a harp and had a golden bowl full of incense made of the prayers of all the saints."

Rev.7:9 "After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe, and language, they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands."

:13 "One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's own throne and serve him night and day in his sanctuary;'"

Rev.8:3 "A large quantity of incense was given to him to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that stood in front of the throne;"

Rev.6:9-10 "When he broke the fifth seal, I saw beneath the altar the souls of all the people who had been killed on account of the Word of God, for witnessing to it. They shouted aloud and cried, 'Holy, faithful Master, how much longer will you wait before you pass sentence and take vengeance for our death on the inhabitants of the earth?'"

## **Body made of spirit and matter**

Duut.4:29 "If you seek God with all your heart and with all your soul you will find him.'

Deut.6:4 "You will love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength."

I Kings 17:21 "He stretched himself three times on the child, and cried out to Yahweh, Yahweh my God, may the soul of this child, I beg of you, come into him again!"

Ps.42:5 "Why so downcast, my soul, why do you sigh within me?"  
:6 When my soul is downcast within me, I think of you."

Ps.77:5-6 "My soul refusing to be consoled, I thought of God and sighed, I pondered and my spirit failed me."

Prov.19:14 "Sickness the spirit of man endures, but when the spirit of man is broken, who can bear this?"

Ecclesiastes 12:7 "The body returns to dust and the breath to God who gave it."  
Is.26:9 "At night my soul longs for you and my spirit in me seeks you."  
Is.38:16 "My spirit will live for you alone."

Mat.10:28 "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but not the soul; fear him, rather who can kill both body and soul in hell.

Luke 1:46 "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

Luke 8:53 "They laughed knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called her, 'Child get up!' And her spirit returned to her and she got up at once."

Rom.8:16 "The Spirit Himself and our spirit bear united witness together that we are children of God."

Phil.4:23 "May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."

Heb.4:12 "Where the soul is divided from the spirit."

James 2:26 "A body dies when it is separated from the spirit."

## **Free Will**

Gen.4:7 Yahweh asked Cain: 'Why are you angry and downcast? If you are well disposed, ought you not to lift up your head? But if you are ill disposed, is not sin at the door like a crouching beast hungering for you; which you must master?'

Deut.30:19 "Choose life then, so that you and your descendants may live."

Josh.24:15 "But if you will not serve Yahweh, choose today whom you would wish to serve."

Eccli.15:15 "If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power."

Prov.1:24 Often resists God. "Since I have called and you have refused me, since I have beckoned and no one has taken notice, since you have ignored all my advice and rejected all my warnings, I, for my part, will laugh at your distress."

Ezekiel 18:20-32 "The man who has sinned is the one who must die; a son is not to suffer for the sins of his father, nor a father for the sins of his son. To the upright man his integrity will be credited, to the wicked, his wickedness. But if the wicked man renounces all the sins he has committed, respects ay laws and is law - abiding and honest, he will certainly live; ha will not die. All the sins he has committed, will be forgotten; from then on, he shall live because of the integrity he has practiced. What! Am I likely to take pleasure in the death of a wicked man - it is the Lord Yahweh who speaks - and not prefer to see him renounce his wicked ways and live?

But if the upright man renounces his integrity, commits sin, copies the wicked man, practices every kind of filth, is he to live? All the integrity he has practiced shall be forgotten from then on; but this is because he himself has broken faith and committed sin, and for this he shall die."

Ez.33:11 "As I live - it is Yahweh who speaks - I take pleasure, not in the death of a wicked man, but in the turning back of a wicked man who has changed his way to win life. Come back, come back from your evil ways. Why are you so anxious to die, House of Israel?"

Acts 7:51 "You stubborn people, with your pagan hearts and pagan ears. You are always resisting the Holy spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Can you name a single prophet your ancestors never persecuted? In the past they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, now you have become his betrayers, his murderers. You who had the Law brought to you by angels are the very ones who have not kept it."

2 Pet.3-9 "The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody lost and everybody brought to change his ways."

## **God's will and suffering**

Mat.26:39 "My Father," he said, 'if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it."

Mark 14:36 "Abba!" He said, 'everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. But let it be as you, not I, would have it."

Luke 22:42 "Father," he said, 'if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, let your will be done not mine."

Acts 3:16 "It is the name of Jesus which through our faith in it, has brought back the strength of this man whom you see here. It is faith in that name that has restored this man to health."(he was dead and brought back to life.)

Rom.5:3 "But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience."

Rom.8:17 "And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co - heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory."

:18 I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us."

1 Cor.10:13 "You can trust God not to let you be tried beyond your strength, and with any trial he will give you a way out of it and the strength to bear it."

2 Cor.7:10 "To suffer in God's way means changing for the better and leaves no regrets. But to suffer as the world sees suffering brings death."

Heb.12:7 "Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him?"

I Pet.4:2 "Anyone who in this life has bodily suffering has broken with sin, because for the rest of his life on earth, is ruled by the will of God."

I Pet.4:19 "So even those whom God allows to suffer must trust themselves to the constancy of the Creator and go on doing good."

1 Pet.5:10 "You will only have to suffer for a little while: the God of grace who called you to eternal glory in Christ will see that all is well again: he will confirm, strengthen and support you. His power lasts for ever and ever, Amen." (exhortation to have faith and trust in the midst of trials and temptations.)

Col.1:24 "It makes me happy to suffer for you as I am suffering now and in my own

body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of the church."

2 Cor.12:7-8 Paul asked God to take his sickness away but he said, 'My grace is sufficient for you: My power is at it's best in weakness.'

Gal.4:12 "Brothers, all I ask is that you should copy me as I copied you. You have never treated me in an unfriendly way before; even at the beginning, when that illness gave me an opportunity to preach the Good News to you, you never showed the least sign of being revolted or disgusted by that disease that was such a trial to you; instead you welcomed me as an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself. What has become of this enthusiasm you had? I swear that you would have gone so far as to pluck out your eyes and give them to me." (Shingles?)

James 4:15 "The most you should say is, 'if it is the Lord s will, we shall be alive to do this or that.'"

James 5:15 "The prayer of faith will save the sick man and the Lord will raise him up again; and if he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.'

I Jn.5:14-15 "We are quite confident that if we ask him for anything and it is in accordance with his will, he will hear us. And knowing that whatever we may ask for he hears us, we know that we have already been granted what we ask for."

## **Against Spiritualism**

Lev.18:22 "You must not lie with a man as with a woman. This is a hateful thing. You must not lie with an animal; you will thereby become unclean. A woman must not offer herself to an animal, to have intercourse with it. This would be a foul thing."

Lev.19:26 "You must not practice divination or magic."

Lev.19:28 "You are not to tattoo yourselves. I am Yahweh."

Lev.19:29 "Do not profane your daughter by making her a prostitute."

Lev.19:31 "Do not have recourse to the spirits of the dead or to magicians."

Lev.20:6 "If a man has recourse to the spirits of the dead or to magicians, to prostitute himself by following them, I shall set my face against that man and outlaw him from his people."

Lev.20:13 "The man who lies with a man in the same way as with a woman: they have done a hateful thing together; they must die."

Lev.20:16 "The woman who approaches any animal to have intercourse with it: you shall kill the woman and the animal."

Deut.18:10-11 "There must never be among you anyone who makes his son or daughter pass through fire, who practices divination, who is a soothsayer, augur or sorcerer, who uses charms, consults ghosts or spirits or calls up the dead."

Deut.22:5 "A woman must not wear men's clothing nor a man put on women's dress; anyone who does this is detestable to Yahweh your God."

1 Sam.28:4 "Saul consulted a necromancer and said, 'Disclose the future to me by means of a ghost. Conjure up Samuel!' Then Samuel said to Saul, 'Why have you disturbed my rest, conjuring me up? And why do you consult me when Yahweh has abandoned you?' He again told Saul he would die for his sin."

Ecclesiasticus 46:20 "And after he fell asleep he prophesied again, warning the king of his death."

2 Kings 17:17 Israel punished because they became: idol, star, and creature worshipers and practiced divination and sorcery, etc.

I Chron.10:13 "Saul died because he had shown himself unfaithful to Yahweh; and he even questioned and consulted a necromancer."

I Cor.10:20 "I have no desire to see you in communion with demons. You cannot drink

of the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons."

I Tim,4:1 "Now the Spirit speaks expressly; that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils."

## **Brothers in Old Testament**

Gen.12:5 Abram took his wife Sarah, his nephew Lot,

Gen.13:8 Accordingly Abram said to Lot, 'Let there be no dispute between me and you, nor between my herdsmen and yours, for we are brothers.

Gen.14:16 And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot.

Gen.29:10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother,

Gen.29:15 "And Laban said to Jacob, because thou art ay brother.

Lev.10:1-3 Nadab and Abihu, sons of Aaron, each took his censer, put fire in it and incense on the fire, and presented unlawful fire before Yahweh, fire which he had not prescribed for thee. Then from Yahweh's presence a flame leapt out and consumed thee, and they perished in the presence of Yahweh.

Lev.10:4 "Moses summoned Mishael and Elzaphan, sons of Aaron s uncle Uzziel, and said to them, 'Come take your brothers far away from the sanctuary, out of the camp.'

There is no word for cousin in the bible. Just as in Latin America, the word Primo, or 'First' is used to designate relationship up to the third generation, to prevent close marriages.

## **Brothers of Christ.**

Mat.10:3 John and James, sons of Zebedee and James, son of Alphas.

Mat.12:46 James the Lesser, Simon, Judas Thaddeus, Joseph the Just, sons of Cleophas and Mary, and Alpheus.

Mat.13:55 James, Joseph, Simon, Judas and sisters.

Mat.27:55 Mary mother of James and Joseph, and Mary the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Mark 3:32; Luke 8:19; Now his mother and brethren came to him.

Mark 6:3 Brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon.

Mark 10:35 "John and James sons of Zebedee.

Mark 15:40-41 Mary mother of James and Joseph and Mary the mother of James the Lesser, Joseph and Salome.

John 7:10 Brethren.

John 19:25 Standing by the cross. Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary's sister Mary of Cleophas and Mary Magdalene.

Acts 1:13-16 Brethren

Gal.1:19 James son of Cleophas and Mary.

### **Until " Greek particle**

2 Sam.6:23 (2 Kings) Michal had no children until her death.

I Sam.15:35 Samuel did not see Saul again til the day of his death.

Isa.22:14 "Most certainly this sin will not be atoned for until you die.

Mat.1:25 And he did not know her til the day she gave birth.

Mat.12:20 He will not break the crushed reed, nor put out the smoldering wick til he has led the truth to victory: in his name the nations will put their hope.

I Tim.4:13 Make use of the time til I come by reading to the people, preaching and teaching.

### **All first born belong to God.**

Ex.13:2, 12, 13, 15. Ex.22:29; Ex.34:19. Lev.27:26; Num.18:15; Luke 2:7,21; Jesus is first born son, the first to come out of the womb. Does not imply there were any more children born. Just that according to Law he was to be dedicated to God.

Ez.44:2 This gate is to remain closed; it is not to be opened for any one to enter by it; since the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it, it shall remain closed, (Mary, mother of Jesus, Son of God).

Sealed book mentioned in Is.29:11-12; Dan.12:4&9, is opened by Jesus, Rev.5:1-14.

### **Marriage and Divorce**

Mal.2:14-16 "It is because Yahweh stands as witness between you and the wife of your youth, the wife with whom you have broken with, even tho' she was your partner and your wife by covenant. Did he not create a single being that has flesh and that breathes life? And what is this single being destined for? God-given offspring. Be careful of your own life then, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. For I hate divorce says Yahweh the God of Israel."

Gen.2:23-24 "Then the man said, 'She is now bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh; she is to be called woman, for from man she has been taken!' For this reason a man must

leave his father and mother and cling to his wife, and the two become one flesh.

Eph.5:31 "For this reason a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. this mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and his Church."

Mat.19:5-9 "He answered, have you not read that the Creator from the beginning made them male and female and that he said: 'This is why a man must leave father and mother and cling to his wife, and the two become one body? They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide."

They said to him; then why did Moses command that a writ of dismissal should be given in cases of divorce? It was because you were so unteachable,' he said, 'that Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but it was not like this from the beginning."

Mat.5:31 "Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman, commits adultery."

Mark 10:10-12 "But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has joined together, man must not divide. The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if the woman divorces her husband and marries another, she is guilty of adultery too."

Luke 16:18 "Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery, and the man who marries a woman divorced by her husband commits adultery."

Rom.7:2-3 "A woman who is married, for instance, has legal obligation to her husband while he is still alive, but all these obligations come to an end if the husband dies. So if she gives herself to another while her husband is still alive, she is legally an adulteress; but after her husband is dead, her legal obligations come to an end, and she can marry someone else without becoming an adulteress."

I Cor.7:10-11 "A wife must not leave her husband - or if she does leave him, she must either remain unmarried or else make up with her husband - nor must a husband send his wife away."

I Cor.7:39 "A wife is tied as long as her husband is still alive, but if her husband dies, she is free to marry anybody she likes, only it must be in the Lord."

I Cor.6:15-18 (Why it is wrong to have sex outside of marriage.) "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I than, take the members of Christ and

make them members of a harlot? By no means! Or do you not know that he who cleaves to a harlot becomes one body with her? 'For the two,' it says, shall become one flesh.' But he who cleaves to the Lord is one spirit with him, Flee immorality. Every sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your members are the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have from God and that you are not your own? For you have been bought at a great price."

I Tim.2:15 She shall be saved in childbearing.

## Civil Authority

Ps.2:10 "So now, you kings, learn wisdom, earthly rulers, be warned; serve Yahweh, fear him, tremble and kiss his feet: or he will be angry and you will perish, for his anger is very quick to blaze."

Prov.8:15 "By me monarchs rule and princes issue just laws; by me rulers govern, and the great impose justice on the world."

Wis.6:1-7 "Listen then, kings, and understand, rulers of remote lands take warning; hear this, you who have thousands under your rule, who boast of your hordes of subjects. For power is a gift to you from the Lord, sovereignty from the Host High; he himself will probe your acts and scrutinize your intentions.

If as administrators of his kingdom, you have not governed justly nor observed the law, nor behaved as God would have you behave, he will fall on you swiftly and terribly. Ruthless judgment is reserved for high and mighty; the lowly will be compassionately pardoned, the mighty will be mightily punished."

Ecclesiasticus 10:4 "The government on the earth is in the hands of the Lord, he sets the right man over it at the right time. A man's success is in the hands of the Lord, it is he who invests the lawgiver with honor."

Mat.22:21 "He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.'"

Jn.19:11 "You would have no power over me, 'replied Jesus, 'if it had not been given you from above; that is why the one who handed me over to you has the greater guilt."

Rom. 15; 1-7 "You must obey the governing authorities. Since all government comes from God, the civil authorities were appointed by God, and so anyone who resists authority is rebelling against God's decision, and such an act is bound to be punished. Good behavior is not afraid of magistrates, only criminals have anything to fear. If you want to live without being afraid of authority, you must live honestly and authority might even honor you. The state is there to serve God for your benefit. If you break the law, however, you may well have fear: the bearing of the sword has its significance. The authorities are there to serve Gods they carry out God's revenge by punishing wrongdoers. You must obey, therefore, not only because of fear of being punished, but also for conscience sake. This is also the reason why you must pay taxes, since all government officials are God's officers. They serve God by collecting taxes. Pay every government official what he has the right to ask. Whether it be direct tax or indirect, fear, or honor."

I Tim.2:1 "My advice to you is, that, first of all, there should be prayers offered

for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially to kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet."

Titus 3:1 "Remind them that it is their duty to be obedient to the officials and representatives of the government."

I Pet.2:15-15 "For the sake of the Lord, accept the authority of every social institution; the emperor, as supreme authority, and the governors as commissioned by him to punish criminals and praise good citizenship. God wants you to be good citizens, so as to silence what fools are saying in their ignorance. You are not slaves of any one except God, so behave as free men, and never use your freedom as an excuse for wickedness. Have respect for everyone and love for our community; fear God and honor the emperor."

## **How a Christian Must Live**

Matt.12:34-37 "For a man 's words flow out of what fills his heart. A good man draws good things from his store of goodness: a bad man draws bad things from his store of badness. So I tell you this, that for every unfounded word men utter, they will answer on judgment day, since it is by your words that you will be acquitted or condemned."

Mat.15:19 "For from the heart come evil intentions: murder, adultery, fornication, theft, perjury, slander. These are the things that make a man unclean."

Rom.1:26 "That is why God has abandoned them to degrading passions: why their women have turned from natural intercourse to unnatural practices and why their men folk have given up natural intercourse to be consumed with passion for each other, men doing shameless things with other men and getting an appropriate reward for their perversion. In other words, since they refused to see it was rational to acknowledge God, God has left them to their own irrational ideas and to their monstrous behavior; and so they are steeped in all sorts of depravity, rottenness, greed and malice, and addicted to envy, murder, wrangling, treachery, and spite. Libelers, slanderers, enemies of God, rude, arrogant and boastful, enterprising in their sin, rebellious to parents, without brains, honor, love or pity. They know what God's verdict is: that those who behave like this deserve to die - and yet do it, and what is worse, encourage others to do the same."

I Cor.5:11 "You should not associate with a brother Christian who is leading an immoral life, or is a usurer, or idolater, or a drunkard, or is dishonest; you should not even eat a meal with people like that."

I Cor.6:9 "You know perfectly well that people who do wrong will not inherit the kingdom of God: people of immoral lives, idolaters, adulterers, catamites, sodomites, thieves, usurers drunkards, slanderers and swindlers will never inherit the kingdom of God." (unless they repent.)

I Cor.6:13 "The body is not meant for fornication, it is for the Lord."

I Cor.6:16-20 "As you know, a man who goes with a prostitute is one body with her, since the two, as is said, become one flesh. But anyone who is joined with the Lord is one spirit with him. Keep away from fornication. All other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God."

I Cor.3:16-17 "Didn't you realize that you were God's temple and that the spirit of

God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred, and you are that temple."

Eph.4:29-32 "Guard against foul talk; let your words be for improvement of others, as occasion offers, and do good to your listeners, otherwise you will only be grieving the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have any grudges against others, or lose your tempers, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ."

Eph.5:3-9 "Among you there must not be even a mention of fornication or impurity in any of its forms, or promiscuity: this would hardly become the saints! There must be no coarseness, or salacious talk and jokes; all this is wrong for you; raise your voice in thanksgiving instead. For you can be quite certain that nobody who actually indulges in fornication or impurity or promiscuity " which is worshipping a false God - can inherit anything from the kingdom of God. Do not let anyone fool you with empty arguments: it is for this loose living that God's anger comes down on those who rebel against him. Make sure that you are not included with them. You were in darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord!"

Eph.5:15-20 "So be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognize what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourself with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit."

I Cor.15:33 "You must stop being led astray, bad friends ruin the noblest people."

Gal.5:15-26 "If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch out or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self - indulgence, since self - indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, The Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self - indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self - control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self - indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit. We must stop being conceited, provocative and envious."

Col.3:8 "But now you, of all people, must give these things up: getting angry, being bad tempered, spitefulness, abusive language and dirty talk."

I Thes.4:3 "What God wants is for you to be holy. He wants you to keep away from fornication, and each one of you to know how to use the body that belongs to you in a way that is holy and honorable, not giving way to selfish lust like the pagans who do not know God. He wants nobody at all ever to sin by taking advantage of a brother in these matters. The Lord always punishes sins of that sort, as we told you before and assured you. We have been called by God to be holy and not to be immoral."

1 Tim.1:8 "The Law is for criminals and revolutionaries, for irreligious, wicked, sacrilegious, irreverent, people who kill their father or mother, for murderers, for those who are immoral with women or boys or men, for liars, for perjurers and for everything else that is contrary to the sound teaching that goes with the Good News."

2 Tim.2:16 "Have nothing to do with pointless philosophical discussions - they only lead further and further away from true religion."

James 1:13 "Never when you are tempted say, 'God sent the temptation;' God can't be tempted to do anything wrong, and he does not tempt anyone. Everyone who is tempted is attracted and seduced by his own wrong desire. Then desire conceives and gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully grown, it too has a child and that child is death."

James 1:19-27 "Remember this, my dear brothers: be quick to listen but slow to speak and slow to rouse your temper; God's righteousness is never served by man's anger; so do away with all impurities and bad habits that are still left in you - accept and submit to the Word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the Word says to you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. To listen to the Word and not obey is like looking in a mirror and then, after a quick look, going off and immediately forgetting what you looked like. But the man who looks steadily at the perfect law of freedom and makes this his habit - not listening and then forgetting, but actively putting it into practice - will be happy in all that he does. Nobody must imagine that he is religious while he still goes on deceiving himself and not keeping control over his tongue; anyone who does this has the wrong idea of religion. Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God the Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world."

James 3 on controlling your tongue.

James 4:1-17 "Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't

it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your own way by force, why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you prayed for something to indulge your desires.

You are as unfaithful as adulterous wives; don't you realize that making the world your friend is making God your enemy? Anyone who chooses the world for his friend turns himself into God's enemy. Surely you don't think the scripture is wrong when it says: the Spirit he sent to live in us wants us for himself alone? But he has been generous to us, as scripture says: God opposes the proud but gives generously to the humble. Give in to God then, resist the devil, and he will run away from you. The nearer you go to God, the nearer he will come to you. Clean your hands, you sinners, and clear your minds, you waverers. Look at your wretched condition, and weep for it in misery; be miserable instead of laughing, gloomy instead of happy. Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will lift you up.

Brothers do not slander one another. Anyone who slanders a brother, or condemns him, is speaking against the Law. But if you condemn the Law, you have stopped keeping it and become a judge over it. There is only one lawgiver and he is the only judge and has the power to acquit or to sentence. Who are you to give a verdict to your neighbor?

Here is the answer for those of you who talk like this: 'Today or tomorrow, we are off to this or that town: we are going to spend a year there, trading, and make some money.' You never know what will happen tomorrow; you are no more than a mist that is here for a little while and then disappears. The most you should say is: if it is God's will, we will be alive to do this or that. But how proud and sure you are of yourselves now! Pride of this kind is always wicked. Everyone who knows what is the right thing to do and doesn't do it, commits a sin."

2 Pet 2:11-22 "Self willed people who only insult anything that they do not understand are not reasoning beings but simply animals born to be caught and killed, and they will quite certainly destroy themselves by their own work of destruction, and get their reward of evil for the evil that they do. They are unsightly blots on your society; men whose only object is dissipation all day long, and they amuse themselves deceiving you even when they are your guests at a meal; with their eyes always looking for adultery, men with an infinite capacity for sinning, they will seduce any soul which is unstable. Greed is the one lesson their minds have learnt. They are under a curse. They have left the right path and wandered off to follow the path of Balaam the son of Beor, who thought he could profit by sinning, until he was called to order for his faults. People like this are dried up rivers, fogs swirling in the wind and the dark underworld is the place reserved for them. With their high flown talk which is hollow, they tempt back the ones who have only just escaped from

paganism, playing on their bodily desires with debaucheries. They may promise freedom but themselves are slaves, slaves to corruption; because if anyone lets himself be dominated by anything, then he is a slave to it. And anyone who has escaped the pollution of the world once by coming to know the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and who then allows himself to be entangled by it a second time and mastered, will end up in a worse state than he began in."

## **Second Coming of Christ**

Ps.110:1-7 "Yahweh's oracle to you, my Lord, sit at my right hand and I will make your enemies a footstool for you. Yahweh will force all your enemies under the sway of your scepter in Zion.

Royal dignity was yours from the day you were born, on the holy mountains, royal from the womb, from the dawn of your earliest days. Yahweh has sworn an oath which he will never retract, you are a priest of the order of Melchisedek, and forever. The Lord is at your right hand. When he is angry he shatters kings, he gives nations their deserts, smashing their skulls, he heaps the wide world with corpses. Drinking from the stream as he goes, he can hold his head high in victory."

Is.6:11 "Until towns have been laid waste and deserted, houses left untenanted, countryside made desolate, and Yahweh drives his people out. There will be great emptiness in the country and, though a tenth of the people remain, it will be stripped like a terebinth of which once filled, only a stock remains. The stock will be a holy seed."

Is.13:9-13 "The day of Yahweh is coming, merciless, with wrath and fierce anger, to reduce the earth to desert and root out sinners from it. For the stars of the sky and Orion will not let their light shine; the sun will be dark when it rises, and the moon will not shed its light. I will punish the world for its evil doing, and the wicked for their crimes, to put an end to the pride of the arrogant men and humble the pride of despots. I will make men scarcer than pure gold, human life scarcer than the gold of Ophir. That is why I am going to shake the heavens and make the earth reel from it's place, before the wrath of Yahweh Sabaoth, the day his anger flares."

Is.14:12-15 "How did you come to fall from the heavens, Daystar, son of Dawn? How did you come to be thrown to the ground, you who enslaved the nations? You who used to think of yourself, 'I will climb up to the heavens; and higher than the stars of God I will set my throne. I will sit on the Mount of Assembly in the recess of the North. I will climb to the top of the thunderclouds, I will rival the Most High.' What! Now you have fallen to sheol to the very bottom of the abyss!"

Is. 24:19 "Yes, the sluice gates above will open, and the foundations of the earth will split into fragments, the earth will be riven and rent. The earth will shiver and shake, the earth will stagger like a drunkard, sway like a shanty; so heavy will be its own sin upon it, it will fall never to rise again.

That day; Yahweh will punish above, the armies of the sky, below, the kings of the earth; they will be herded together, shut up in a dungeon, confined in a prison and,

after long years, punished. The moon will hide her face, the sun be ashamed, for Yahweh Sabaoth will be king on Mount Zion in Jerusalem, and his glory will shine in the presence of his elders."

Is.26:19-20 "Your dead will come to life, their corpses will rise; awake exult, all you who lie in the dust, for your dew is a radiant dew and the land of ghosts will give birth.

Go into your rooms my people, shut your doors behind you. Hide yourselves a little while until the wrath has passed. For see, Yahweh will come soon out of his dwelling to punish all the inhabitants of earth for their crimes. The earth will reveal its blood and no longer hide its slain."

Is.34:2-4 "Yahweh is angry with all nations, enraged with all its hordes. He has vowed them to destruction, and marked them down for slaughter. Their dead are thrown into the streets, a stench comes up from their corpses, the mountains run with their blood, the armies of heaven rot. The heavens are rolled up like a scroll and their armies drop like leaves, like vine leaves falling, like fig leaves, falling."

Is.51:6 "The heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth wear out like a garment, and its inhabitants die like the vermin, but my salvation shall last forever and my justice have no end."

Is.59:19 "In the west men will see the Name of Yahweh and in the east his glory; for he will come like a pent up steam impelled by the breath of Yahweh."

Is.60:19-20 "No more will the sun give you daylight, nor the moonlight shine on you, but Yahweh will be your everlasting light, your God will be your splendor. Your sun will set no more nor your moon wane, but Yahweh will be your everlasting light and your days of mourning will be ended."

### **A remnant will return to Zion.**

Is.27:12-13 "That day, Yahweh will start his threshing from the course of the river to the Wadi of Egypt, and you will be gathered one by one, sons of Israel; that day the great trumpet will be sounded and those lost in the land of Assyria will come, and those exiled to the land of Egypt, and they will worship Yahweh on the holy mountain in Jerusalem."

Is.35:10 "For those Yahweh has renounced will return. They will come to Zion shouting with joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended."

Jer.23:7-8 "So, then, the days are coming - it is Yahweh who speaks - when people will no longer say; 'As Yahweh lives who brought the sons of Israel out of Egypt!'

But, 'As Yahweh lives who led back and brought home the descendants of the house of Israel out of the land of the North and from all countries to which he had dispersed them, to live on their own soil!'

Jer.30:4-10 "The days are coming when I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel and Judah, and bring them back to possess the land I gave to their ancestors.' These are the words Yahweh spoke about Israel and Judah; 'I have heard a cry of panic, and of terror, not of peace. Now I ask, consider: can man bear children? Then why do I see each man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor? Why has every face changed, turned pale? This is indeed a great day, no other like it: a time of distress for Jacob; but he will be freed from it."

Ezekiel 9:4-6 "Go through the city, all through Jerusalem, and mark a cross on the forehead of all who deplore and disapprove of all the filth practiced in it. Show neither mercy nor pity; old men, young men, virgins, children, women, kill and exterminate them all. But do not touch anyone with a cross on his forehead."

Dan.7:25-28 "This was the horn I had watched making war on the saints and proving stronger, until the coming of the one of great age who gave judgment in favor of the saints of the Most High, when the time came for the saints to take over the kingdom. This is what he said: the fourth beast is to be a fourth kingdom on earth, different from all other kingdoms. It will devour the whole earth, trample it underfoot and crush it. As for the ten horns: from this kingdom will rise the ten kings, and another after them; this one will be different from the previous ones and will bring down three kings; he is going to speak words against the Most High, and harass the saints of the Most High. He will consider changing seasons and the Law, and the saints will be put into his power for a time two times and half a time. But a court will be held and his power will be stripped from him, consumed and utterly destroyed: and sovereignty and kingship, and the splendors of all the kingdoms under heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Most High. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty and every empire will serve and obey him."

Dan.8:23-26 "At the end of their reign, when the measure of their sins is full, a king will arise, a proud - faced, ingenious minded man. His power will gather strength - but not through power of his own - he will plot incredible schemes, he will succeed in what he undertakes, he will destroy powerful men and the people of the saints. Such will be his resourcefulness of mind that all his treacherous activities will succeed. He will grow arrogant of heart, take many unawares and destroy them. He will challenge the power of the Prince of princes but, no hand intervening, shall himself be broken."

Dan.9:25-27 "- the city and the sanctuary will be destroyed by a prince who will come. His end will come in catastrophe and until the end, there will be war and all the devastation decreed. He will make a covenant with many for a space of a week; and for the space of one - half a week he will put a stop to sacrifice and oblation,

and on the wing of the Temple will be the disastrous abomination until the end, until the doom assigned to the devastation."

Dan.11:31-45 "Forces of his will come and profane the sanctuary citadel; they will abolish the perpetual sacrifice and install the disastrous abomination there. Those who break the covenant he will corrupt by his flatteries, but the people who know their God, will stand firm and take action. Those of the people who are learned will instruct many for some days, however, they will be brought down by sword and flame, by captivity and by plundering. And thus brought down, little help will they receive, though many will be plotting on their side. Of the learned some will be brought down, as a result of which certain of them will be purged, purified and made white - until the time of the end, for the appointed time is still to come.

The king will do as he pleases, growing more and more arrogant, considering himself greater than all the gods; he will utter incredible blasphemies against God, and he will thrive until the wrath reaches bursting point; for what has been decreed will certainly be fulfilled. Heedless of his father's gods, heedless of the one whom women love, heedless of any god whatever, he will consider himself greater than them all. Instead of them, he will honor a god unknown to his ancestors with gold and silver, precious stones and valuable presents. He will use the people of an alien god to defend the fortress, he will confer great honors on those who will acknowledge him, by giving them wide authority and by farming out the the land at a price.

When the time comes for the End, the king of the South will try conclusions with him; but the king of the North will come storming down on him with chariots, Calvary, and a large fleet. He will invade countries, overrun them and drive on. He will invade the Land of Splendor and many will fall; but Edom and Morab, and what remains of the sons of Ammon will escape him.

He will reach out and attack countries: the land of Egypt will not escape him. The gold and silver treasures and all the valuables of Egypt will not escape him. The gold and silver treasures of Egypt will lie in his power. Libyans and Cushites will be at his feet; but reports coming from the East and the North will worry him, and in great fury he will set out to bring ruin and complete destruction to many. He will pitch his tents of his royal headquarters between the sea and the Mountains of the Holy Splendor. Yet he will come to his end - there will be no help for him."

Dan.12:1-12 "At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a great distress unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose name is in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some, to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.

Many will be cleansed made white and purged; the wicked will go on doing wrong; the wicked will never understand; the learned will understand. From the moment that the perpetual sacrifice is abolished and the disastrous abomination erected: one thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he who stands firm and attains a thousand three hundred and thirty five days."

Joel 2:10 "The invading army' 'As they come on, the earth quakes, the skies tremble, sun and moon grow dark, the stars lose their brilliance. Yahweh makes his voice heard at the head of his army, and indeed his regiments are innumerable, all - powerful is the one that carries out his orders, for great is the Day of Yahweh, and very terrible - who can face it?"

Joel 3:4-5 "The sun will turn into darkness, and the moon into blood before the Great Day of Yahweh dawns, that Great and Terrible Day- All who call on the name of Yahweh will be saved, for on Mount Zion there will be some who have escaped, as Yahweh said, and in Jerusalem some survivors whom Yahweh will call."

Joel 4:15-17 "Sun and moon grow dark, the stars lose their brilliance. Yahweh roars from Zion, makes his voice heard from Jerusalem; heaven and earth tremble.

But Yahweh will be a shelter for his people, a stronghold for the sons of Israel. You will learn that I am Yahweh your God, dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain, Jerusalem will be a holy place, no alien will ever pass through it again."

Amos 5:18-20 "Trouble for those who are waiting so longingly for the day of Yahweh! What will this day of Yahweh mean for you? It will mean darkness, not light, as when a man escapes a lion's mouth, only to meet a bear; he enters his house and puts his hands on the wall, only for a snake to bite him. Will not the day o^ Yahweh be darkness, not light? It will all be gloom, without a single ray of light."

Nahum 1:1-8 "Yahweh is a jealous God, Yahweh avenges, he is full of wrath; Yahweh takes vengeance on his foes, he stores up fury for his enemies. Yahweh is slow to anger but immense in power. Most surely Yahweh will not leave the guilty unpunished. In storm and whirlwind he takes his way; the clouds are the dust stirred up by his feet. He rebukes the sea and drains it, he dries up all the rivers. Basham and Carmel wither, the green of Lebanon fades, the mountains tremble before him, the hills; the earth collapses before him, the world and all who live in it. His fury - who can stand it? Who can endure his burning wrath? His anger pours out like fire and the rocks break to pieces before him. Yahweh is good, he is a stronghold in the day of distress; he calls to mind those who trust in him when the flood overtakes them. Those who defy him, he will destroy utterly, he will pursue his foes into darkness."

Zephaniah 1:14-18 "The great day of Yahweh is near, near and coming with all speed. How bitter the sound of the day of Yahweh, the day when the warrior shouts his cry of

war. A day of great distress and agony, a day of wrath, that day, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of cloud and darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against fortified town and high corner - tower. I am going to bring such distress on men that they will grope like the blind because they have sinned against Yahweh; their blood will be scattered like the dust, their corpses like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will have any power to save them.

On the day of the Anger of Yahweh, in the fire of his jealousy, all the earth will be consumed. For he means to destroy, yes, to make an end of all the inhabitants of the earth."

Zephaniah 2:3 "Seek Yahweh, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of anger of the Lord."

Zechariah 14:2-5 "Yahweh will gather all the nations to Jerusalem for battle. The city will be taken, the houses plundered, the women ravished. Half the city will go into captivity, but the remnant of the people will not be cut off from the city. Then Yahweh will take the field; he will fight against these nations as he fights in the day of battle. On that day, his feet will rest on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem from the East. The Mount of Olives will be split in half from east to west, forming a huge gorge, half the Mount will recede northwards, the other half southwards. And the vale of Hinnon will be filled up from the Goah to Jasol; it will be blocked as it was by the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Yahweh your God will come, and all the holy ones with him."

**Enoch and Elijah to return before the second coming of Christ.** These are the witnesses in Rev.1:4-8.

Mal.3:19-24 "For the day is coming now, burning like a furnace and all the arrogant and the evildoers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says Yahweh Sabaoth, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for those who fear my name the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays; you will leap like calves going out to pasture. You will trample on the wicked, who will be like the ashes under your feet on the day I am preparing, says Yahweh Sabaoth.

Remember the Law of my servant Moses to whom at Horeb I prescribed Laws and customs for the whole of Israel. Know that I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before my day comes, that great and terrible day, he shall turn the hearts of fathers towards their children and the hearts of children towards their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a curse."

2 Kings 2:11 "Now as they walked on, talking as they went, a Chariot of fire appeared and horses of fire, coming between the two of them; and Elijah went up to heaven in

the whirlwind."

Ecclesiasticus 44:16; 49:14; "Enoch pleased the Lord and was taken up an example for the conversion of generations."

Heb.11:5 "It was because of his faith that Enoch was taken up and did not experience death: he was not to be found because God had taken him. This was because before his assumption it is attested that he had pleased God."

Ecclesiasticus 48:1-11 "Then the prophet Elijah arose like a fire, his word flaring like a torch. It was he who brought famine on them, and who decimated them in his zeal. By the word of the Lord, he shut up the heavens, he also, three times, brought down fire. Rousing a corpse from the dead, from sheol by the word of the Most High; dragging kings down to destruction, and high dignitaries from their beds; heaving reproof on Sinai, and decrees of punishment on Horeb; anointing kings as avengers, and prophets to succeed you; taken up in a whirlwind of fire, in a chariot with fiery horses, designated in the prophesies of doom to allay God's wrath before the fury breaks, to turn the hearts of fathers towards their children and to restore the tribes of Jacob.

Happy shall they be who see you and those who have fallen asleep in love; for we too will have life."

Mat.24:15-44 "So when the disastrous abomination, of which the prophet Daniel spoke, is set up in the Holy Place, let the reader understand, then those in Judaea must escape to the mountains; if a man is on the housetop, he must not turn back to collect his belongings; if a man is in the fields, he must not turn back to fetch his cloak.

For then there will be great distress such as, until now, since the world began, there has never, nor ever will be again; and if that time had not been shortened, no one would have survived; but shortened that time will be, for the sake of those who are chosen.

If anyone says to you then, look, here is Christ, or, he is there, do not believe it, for false Christ's and false prophets will arise and produce great signs and portents, enough to deceive even the chosen, if that were possible, there I have forewarned you." The coming of the Son of Man will be like lightning striking in the east and flashing in the west.

Immediately after the distress of those days the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will fall from the sky and the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then the Son of Man will appear in heaven; then too all the peoples of the earth will beat their breasts; and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great Glory, and he will send his angels with

a loud trumpet to gather his chosen from the four winds, from one end of the heaven to the other.

But as for that day and hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, no one but the Father only.

As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the flood came and swept them away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one is left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one taken one left. So stay awake because you do not know the day when your master is coming: Therefore you must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Mark 13:14-27 "When you see the disastrous abomination set up where it ought not to be, then those in Judaea must escape to the mountains; if a man is on the housetop, he must not come down to go into the house to collect any of his belongings; if a man is in the fields, he must not turn back to fetch his cloak. - For in those days there will be such distress as, until now, has not been equaled since the beginning when God created the world, nor ever will be again. And if the Lord had not shortened that time, no one would have survived; but he did shorten the time, for the sake of the elect whom he chose. And if anyone says to you then, look here is the Christ or, look, he is there, do not believe it; for false Christ's and fake prophets will arise and produce signs and portents to deceive the elect if that were possible: You therefore must be on your guard. I have forewarned you of everything.

But in those days, after that time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling down from heaven and the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven."

Luke 17:22-30 "He said to the disciples, a time will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man and will not see it. They will say to you, look there' Or, look here! Make no move; do not set off in pursuit; for as lightning flashing from one part of heaven lights up the other, so will be the Son of Man when his day comes.

As it was in Noah's day, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. People were eating and drinking, marrying wives and husbands, right up to the time Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. It will be the same as it was in Lot's day: people were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but the day Lot left Sodom, God rained fire and brimstone from heaven and it destroyed them all. It will be the same when the day comes for the Son of Man to

be revealed.”

Acts 2:20 "The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great day of the Lord dawns. All who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Rom. 11:25-32 "One section of Israel has become blind, but this will last only until the whole pagan world has entered, and then after this the rest of Israel will be saved as well. As scripture says: the liberator will come from Zion, he will banish godlessness from Jacob, and this is the covenant I will make with them when I take their sins away. The Jews are God's enemies only with regards the Good News, and enemies only for your sake; but the chosen people, they are still loved by God, loved for the sake of their ancestors. God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also eventually enjoy mercy. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.'

1 Thes.5:2-11 "Since you know that the Day <sup>of</sup> the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, how quiet and peaceful it is that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labor pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as though you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are the sons of light and sons of the day; we do not belong to the night or to the darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay awake and sober. Night is the time for sleepers to sleep and drunkards to be drunk, but we belong to the day and we should be sober; let us put on faith and love for a breastplate, and the hope for salvation for a helmet. God never meant us to experience the Retribution, but to win salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that, alive or dead, we should still live united to him. So give encouragement to one another, as you do already."

2 Thes.1:7-10 "God will repay very rightly with injury those who are injuring you, and reward you, who are suffering now, with the same peace as he will give us, when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven with the angels of his power. He will come on flaming fire to impose the penalty on all who do not acknowledge God and refuse to accept the Good News of our Lord Jesus. It will be their punishment to be lost eternally, excluded from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his strength on that day when he comes to be glorified among his saints and seen in his glory by all who believe in him; and you are believers through your witness."

2 Thes.2:2-12 "Please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumor of any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has

already arrived. Never let anyone deceive you in this way.

It cannot come about until the Great Revolt has taken place and the Rebel, the Lost One, has appeared. This is the Enemy, the one who claims to be so much greater than all that men call God,' so much greater than anything that is worshiped, that he enthrones himself in God's sanctuary and claims that he is God. Surely you remember me telling you about this when I was still with you? And you know well too what is still holding him back from appearing before his appointed time. Rebellion is at work already; but in secret, and the one who is holding him back has first to be removed before the Rebel appears openly. The Lord will kill him with the breath of his mouth and will annihilate him with his glorious appearance at his coming.

But when the Rebel comes, Satan will set to work: there will be all kinds of miracles and a deceptive show of signs and portents, and everything evil that can deceive those who are bound for destruction because they would not grasp the love of the truth which could have saved them. The reason why God is sending a power to delude them and make them believe what is untrue is to condemn all who refused to believe in the truth and chose wickedness instead."

1 Tim.4:1 "The Spirit has expressly said that during the last days there will be some who desert the faith and choose to listen to deceitful spirits and doctrines of devils:"

Acts 20:28 "Be on your guard for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you the overseers, to feed the Church of God which he bought with his own blood. I know quite well that when I have gone, fierce wolves will invade you and will have no mercy on the flock. Even from your own ranks there will be men coming forward with a travesty of the truth on their lips to induce the disciples to follow them."

2 Tim.3:1-17 "But know this, that in the last days dangerous times will come. Men will be lovers of self, covetous, haughty, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, criminal, heartless, faithless, slanderers, incontinent, merciless, unkind, treacherous, stubborn, puffed up with pride, loving pleasure more than God; having a semblance indeed of piety, but disowning its power. Avoid these. For such are they who make their way into houses and captivate silly women who are sin - laden and led away by various lusts: ever learning yet never attaining knowledge of the truth. Just as Jamnes and Mambres resisted Moses, so these men also resist the truth, for they are corrupt in mind, reprobate as regards the faith, but they will make no further progress, for their folly will be obvious to all, as was that of those others.

And all who want to live piously in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But the wicked and imposters will go from bad to worse, erring and leading into error.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true, remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures, from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for reproving, for correcting, for instructing in justice; that the man of God may be perfect, equipped for every good work."

Rom.1:5-4 "Indeed everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the example scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God,"

2 Pet.1:20-21 "At the same time, we must be most careful to remember that the interpretation of scriptural prophesy is never a matter for the individual, why? Because no prophesy ever came from man's initiative. When men spoke for God it was the Holy Spirit that moved them."

2 Pet.3:3-10 "We must be careful to remember that during the last days there are bound to be people who will be scornful, the kind who always please themselves what they do, and they will make fun of the promise and ask, well, where is this coming? Everything goes on as it has since the Fathers died, as it has since it began at creation, they are choosing to forget that there were heavens at the beginning, and that the earth was formed by the Word of God out of water and between the waters, so that the world of that time was destroyed by being flooded by water. But by the same Word, the present sky and earth are destined for fire, and are only being reserved until judgment day so that all sinners may be destroyed."

But there is one thing my friends, that you must never forget. That with the Lord, a day, can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come as a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all it contains will be burnt up." (Ps.90:4 "To you a thousand years are as a day, yesterday now over, an hour of the night.")

2 Pet.3:14-18 "So then, friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace. Think of our Lord's patience as your opportunity to be saved. Our Brother Paul, who is so dear to us, told you this when he wrote to you with the wisdom that is his special gift. He always writes like this when he deals with this sort of subject, and this makes some points in his letter hard to understand; these are the points which the unlearned and the unstable distort, just as they do the rest of the scriptures also, to their own destruction. You therefore, brethren, since you know this beforehand, be on your guard lest, carried away by the error of the foolish, you fall away from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory, in time and in eternity. Amen"

I Jn.2:18-23 "Children, these are the last days; you were told that an Antichrist must come, and now several antichrists have already appeared, we know from this that these are the last days. these rivals of Christ came out of our own number, but they had never really belonged; if they had belonged, they would have stayed with us; but they left us, to prove that not one of them ever belonged to us. But you have an anointing from the Holy One and you know all things. I have not written to you as one who does not know the truth, but as to those who know it, and because no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is the Antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. No one who disowns the Son has the Father, he who confesses the Son has the Father also."

Rev.1:4-8 "From John to the seven churches of Asia: grace and peace to you from him who is, who was, and who is to come, from the seven spirits in his presence before the throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First - born from the dead, the Ruler of kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever, Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him. This is the truth. Amen. I am the Alpha and the Omega says the Lord God, who is, who was, and is to come, the Almighty!"

Rev.11:1 "Then I was given a long cane as a measuring rod, and i was told, Go and measure God's sanctuary, and altar, and the people who worship there, but leave out the outer court and do not measure it, because it has been handed over to the pagans - they will trample on the holy city for forty two months.

But I shall send my two witnesses to prophesy for those twelve hundred and sixty days, wearing sackcloth. These are the two olive trees and the two lamps that stand before the Lord of the World. Fire can come from their mouths and consume their enemies if anyone tries to harm them; and if anyone does try to harm them he will certainly be killed in this way. They are able to lock up the sky so that it does not rain as long as they are prophesying; they are able to turn water into blood and strike the whole world with any plague as often as they like.

When they have completed their witnessing, the beast that comes out of the abyss is going to make war on them and overcome them and kill them. Their corpses will lie in the street of the Great City known by the symbolic names Sodom and Egypt in which their Lord was crucified. Men out of every people, race, language and nation will stare at their corpses, for three and a half days, not letting them be buried, and the people of the world will be glad of it and celebrate the event by giving presents to each other because these two prophets have been a plague to the people of the world. After three and a half days, God breathed life into them and they stood up, and everybody who saw it happen was terrified; then they heard a loud voice from heaven say to them, come up here, and while their enemies were watching, they went up

to heaven in a cloud. Immediately, there was a violent earthquake, and the survivors, overcome with fear, could only praise the God of heaven."

Rev.13:1-18 "I was standing on the sea shore. Then I saw a beast emerge from the sea: it had seven heads and ten horns with a diadem on each of its ten horns, and its heads were marked with blasphemous titles. I saw the beast was like a leopard, with paws like a bear and a mouth that roared like a lion: the dragon had handed over to it his own power and his throne and his world - wide authority. I saw that one of his heads seemed to have a fatal wound but that this deadly injury had healed and, after that, the whole world had marveled and followed the beast. They prostrated themselves in front of the dragon because he had given the beast authority; and they prostrated themselves in front of the beast saying, who can compare with the beast? How could anyone defeat him? For forty two months the beast was allowed to mouth its boasts and blasphemies and do whatever it wanted; and it mouthed blasphemies against God, against his name, his tabernacle and all those who live in heaven. It was allowed to make war against the saints and conquer them, and was given power over every race, people, language and nation; and all the people of the world will worship it whose names have not been written down since the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Sacrificial Lamb.

Then I saw a second beast; it emerged from the ground; it had two horns like a lamb, but made noises like a dragon, this second beast was servant to the first beast, and extended its authority everywhere, making the world and all its people worship the first beast, which had the fatal wound and had been healed. And it worked great miracles, even to calling down fire from heaven on to the earth while people watched. Through the miracles it was allowed to do in behalf of the first beast, it was able to win over the people of the world and persuade them to put up a statue in honor of the beast that had been wounded by the sword and still lived. It was allowed to breathe life into the statue, so that the statue of the beast was able to speak, and to have anyone who refused to worship the statue of the beast put to death. He compelled everyone small and great, rich and poor, slave and citizen - to be branded on the right hand or on the forehead, and made it illegal to buy or sell anything unless he had been branded with the name of the beast or with the number of its name."

Rev.14:9 "A third angel followed, shouting aloud, All those who worship the beast and his statue, or have themselves branded on the hand or the forehead, will be made to drink the wine of God's wrath which is ready, undiluted in his cup of anger; in fire and brimstone they will be tortured in the presence of the holy angels of the Lamb and the smoke of their torture will go up for ever and ever. There will be no respite, night or day, for those who worshiped the beast or its statue or accepted branding with its name. This is why there must be constancy in the saints who keep the commandments of God and the faith in Jesus."

Eph.6:10-20 "Finally, grow strong in the Lord, with the strength of his power. Put

God's armor on so as to be able to resist the devil's tactics. For it is not against human enemies that we have to struggle, but against the Sovereignities and the Powers who originate the darkness in this world, the spiritual army of evil in the heavens. That is why you must rely on God's armor, or you will not be able to put up any resistance when the worst happens, or have enough resources to hold your ground.

So stand your ground, with truth buckled around your waist and integrity for a breastplate, wearing for shoes on your feet the eagerness to spread the gospel of Peace and always carrying the shield of faith so that you can use it to put out the burning arrows of the evil one. And you must accept salvation from God to be your helmet and receive the Word of God from the Spirit to use as a sword. Pray all the time, asking for what you need, praying in the Spirit on every possible occasion. Never get tired of staying awake to pray for all the saints."

## **Healing a sign for faith**

Is.53:4; Mat.8:17 "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."  
Is.53:5; I Pet.2:24 "And by his stripes we are healed."

**CURE OF A LEPER.** Mat.8:1-4; Mark 1:40-42; Lk.5:12-14. "A leper now came up and bowed low in front of him. 'Sir', he said, 'if you want to, you can heal me.' Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him and said, 'Of course I want to! Be cured!' And his leprosy was cured at once."

**CURE OF CENTURION'S SERVANT.** Mat.8:5-13; Lk.7:1-10; "When he went to Capernaum a centurion came up and pleaded with him, 'Sir,' he said, my servant is lying at home paralyzed and in great pain.' 'I will come myself and cure him' said Jesus. The centurion replied, 'Sir, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof; just give the word and my servant will be healed.'

When Jesus heard this he was astonished and said to his followers, 'I tell you most solemnly, nowhere in Jerusalem have I found faith like this.'.. And to the centurion Jesus said, 'Go back then; you have believed, so let this be done for you.' And the servant was cured at that moment."

**CURE OF PETER'S MOTHER IN - LAW.** Mat.8:14-15; Lk.4:38-39; Mk.1:29-31; "And going to Peter's house Jesus found Peter's mother - in - law in bed with a fever. He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him."

**A NUMBER OF CURES.** Mat.8:16-17; Mk.1:24-26; Lk.4:12; "That evening they brought him many who were possessed by devils. He cast out the spirits with a word and cured all the sick." This was to fulfill the prophesy of Isaiah.

**THE DEMONICS OF GARDARA.** Mat.8:28-34; Mk.5: 1-17; Lk.8:26-37; "When they reached the other side, two demoniacs came towards him out of the tombs - creatures so fierce that no one could pass that way. They stood there shouting, what do you want with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torture us before time?' Now some distance away there was a large herd of pigs feeding, and the devils pleaded with Jesus, 'If you cast us out, send us into the herd of pigs' and he said to them, 'Go then,' and they came out and made for the pigs; and at that the whole herd charged down the cliff and perished in the water. The swineherds ran off and made for the town, where they told the whole story, including what happened to the demoniacs. At this the whole town set out to meet Jesus; and as soon as they saw him they implored him to leave the neighborhood."

**CURE OF A PARALITIC.** Mat.9:1-7; Mk.2:15-12; Lk.5:17-25; "Then some people appeared, bringing him a paralytic stretched out on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to

the paralytic, 'Courage, my child, your sins are forgiven,' and at that some of the scribes said to themselves, 'This man is blaspheming.' Knowing what was in their minds, Jesus said, 'Why do you have such wicked thoughts in your hearts? Now, which is easier: to say; 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say; 'Get up and walk?' But to prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins, he said to the paralytic, 'get up, and pick up your bed and go off home.' And the man got up and went home. A feeling of awe came over the crowd when they saw this, and they praised God for giving such power to men."

**CURE OF A WOMAN WITH A HEMORRHAGE.** The official's daughter raised to life. Mat.9:18-26; Mk.5:23-42; Lk.8:41-56; "While he was speaking to them, up came one of the officials, who bowed low in front of him and said, 'My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her and her life will be saved. Jesus rose and, with his disciples, followed him. Then from behind him came a woman, who had suffered from a hemorrhage for twelve years, and she touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If only I can touch his cloak I shall be well again.' Jesus turned around and saw her; and he said to her, 'Courage my daughter, your faith has restored you to health.' And from that moment the woman was well again."

When Jesus reached the official's house, and saw the flute - players, with the crowd making a commotion he said, 'Get out of here; the little girl is not dead, she is asleep.' And they laughed at him. But when the people had been turned out he went inside and took the little girl by the hand; and she stood up. And the news spread all around the countryside."

**CURE OF TWO BLIND MEN.** Mat.9:27-31; "As Jesus was on his way, two blind men followed him shouting, 'Take pity on us, Son of David.' And when Jesus reached the house, the blind men came up with him and he said to them, 'Do you believe I can do this?' They said, 'Sir, we do.' Then he touched their eyes saying, 'Your faith deserves it, so let this be done for you.' And their sight returned. Then Jesus sternly warned them, 'Take care that no one learns about this.' But when they had gone, they talked about him all over the countryside."

**CURE OF THE DUMB DEMONIAK.** Mat.9:32-34; Mk.7:37; Lk.11:14; "They had only just left when a man was brought to him, a dumb demoniac. And they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers in to the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him: 'Ephphata,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak."

**AUTHORITY GIVEN TO HEAL AND CAST OUT DEVILS.** Mat.10:1; Mk.3:14; 6:7; Lk.9:1-2; "He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with

power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness."

**CURE OF THE MAN WITH WITHERED HAND ON THE SABBATH.** Mat.12:9-14; Mk.3:1-6; Lk.6:6-11;

He moved from there and went to the synagogue, and a man was there at the time who had a withered hand. They asked him, 'Is it against the Law to cure a man on the Sabbath day?' hoping for something to use against him. But he said to them, 'If any one of you here had only one sheep and it fell down a hole on the Sabbath day, would he not get hold of it and lift it out? Now a man is far more important than a sheep, so it follows that it is permitted to do good on the Sabbath day.' Then he said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand,' he stretched it out and his hand was better, as sound as the other one. At this the Pharisees went out and began to plot against him, discussing how to destroy him."

**CURES AT GENNESARET.** Mat.14:34-36; Mk.6:56; "Having made the crossing, they came to Gennesaret. When the local people recognized him they spread the news through the whole neighborhood and took all that were sick to him, begging him to just let them touch the fringe of his cloak. And all those who touched it were completely cured."

**THE DAUGHTER OF THE CANNANITE WOMAN HEALED.** Mat.15:21; Mk.7:24-30; "Jesus went out

from there and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him, 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said, 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even the house - dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

**CURES NEAR THE LAKE.** Mat.15:29-31; "Jesus went on from there and reached the shores of the sea of Galilee, and he went up into the hills. He sat there, and large crowds came to him bringing the lame, the crippled, the blind, the dumb and many others; these they put down at his feet, and he cured them. The crowds were astonished to see the blind with their sight, and they praised the God of Israel."

**DEMONIC EPILEPTIC.** Mat.17:14-20; Mk.9:14-29; Lk.9:37-43; As they were rejoining the crowd a man came up to him and went down on his knees before him. 'Lord,' he said 'take pity on my son: he is a lunatic and in a wretched state; he is always failing into the fire or into the water. I took him to your disciples and they were unable to cure him.' Faithless and perverse generation!" Jesus said in reply 'How much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to

me.' And when Jesus rebuked it, the devil came out of the boy who was cured from that moment.

Then the disciples came privately to Jesus. 'Why were we unable to cast it out?' They asked. He answered, 'Because you have little faith, I tell you solemnly, if your faith were the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move; nothing would be impossible for you. As for this kind of devil, it is cast out only by prayer and fasting.'

**THE TWO BLIND MEN FROM JERICHO.** Mat.20:29-34; Mk.10:46-52; Lk.18:35-43; "Now there

were two blind men sitting by the side of the road. When they heard that it was Jesus who was passing by, they shouted, 'Lord! Have pity on us, Son of David.' And the crowd scolded them and told them to keep quiet, but they only shouted more loudly, 'Lord! Have pity on us, Son of David.' Jesus stopped, called them over and said, 'What do you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Lord, let us have our sight back.' Jesus felt pity for them and touched their eyes, and immediately their sight was returned and they followed him.'

**ANOINTING WITH OIL.** Mk.6:13; James 5:15-16; "So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them."

**NAZARETH.** Mk.6:5-6; "And he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith."

**THE SON OF THE WIDOW OF NAIM RESTORED TO LIFE.** Lk.7:11-16; "When he was near the

gate of the town it happened that a dead man was carried out for burial, the only son of his mother and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up.' And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside."

**HEALING OF A CRIPPLED WOMAN ON THE SABBATH.** Lk.13:10-13; "One Sabbath day he was

teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who for eighteen years had been possessed by a spirit that left her enfeebled; she was bent double and quite unable to stand upright. When Jesus saw her he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are rid of your infirmity and he laid his hands on her. And at once she straightened up, and she glorified God.

The synagogue official was angry that he should heal on a Sabbath. Jesus rebuked him and all the people were overjoyed at all the wonders he had worked."

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**HEALING OF A DROPSICAL MAN ON A SABBATH.** Lk.14:1-4; "Now on a Sabbath day he had

gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees) and they watched him closely. There in front of him was a man with dropsy, and Jesus addressed the lawyers and Pharisees. 'Is it against the law' he asked, 'to cure a man on the Sabbath, or not?' But they remained silent, so he took the man and cured him and sent him away. Then he said to them, 'Which one of you here, if his son falls into a well, or his ox, will not pull him out on a Sabbath day without hesitation?' And to this they could find no answer."

**TEN LEPERS.** Lk.17:11-19; "As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'were not all ten made whole? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go your way. Your faith has saved you."

**THE CURE OF A SICK MAN AT THE POOL OF BETHZATHA ON A SABBATH.** Jn.5:1-9; "One man

there had an illness which had lasted thirty - eight years, and when Jesus saw him laying there and knew he had been in this condition for a long time, he said, 'Do you want to be well again?' 'Sir,' replied the sick man, 'I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is disturbed; and while I am still on the way, someone gets in before me.' Jesus said, 'Get up, pick up your sleeping - mat and walk.' The man was cured at once, and he picked up his mat and walked away."

**MAN BORN BLIND.** Jn.9:1-7; "Neither he nor his parents sinned, 'Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.'

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go wash in the Pool of Siloam. So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

The man went before the priests who didn't want to believe Jesus had healed a man born blind and kicked him out of the synagogue. Jesus having heard what had happened to the man, found him and said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied, 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him. Jesus said, 'You are

looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord I believe,' and worshipped him."

**RAISING LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD.** Jn.11:1-45; When Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick and near death, he said, 'This sickness will end, not in death out in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' After he was dead four days, Jesus raised him up from the dead and many believed in him.

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**A LAME MAN IS CURED.** Acts 3:1-9; "It happened that there was a man being carried past. He was a cripple from birth; and they used to put him down every day near the Temple entrance called the Beautiful Gate so that he could beg from the people going in. when this man saw Peter and John on their way into the Temple he begged from them. Both Peter and John looked straight at him and said, 'Look at us.' He turned to them expectantly hoping to get something from them, but Peter said, 'I have neither silver nor gold, but I will give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk' Peter then took the man by the hand and helped him to stand up. Instantly his feet and ankles became firm, he jumped up, stood, and began to walk, and he went into the Temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God. Everyone could see him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the man who used to sit and beg at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple. They were all amazed and couldn't explain what had happened to him."

**MANY CURED.** Acts 5:12-16; "They all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went by. People even came crowding in from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured."

**PHILIP IN SAMARIA.** Acts 8:4-8; "The people united in welcoming the message Phillip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he had worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several people, paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town."

**PETER CURES A PARALYTIC AT LYDIA.** Acts 9:32-34; There he found a man called Aeneas, a paralytic who had been bed ridden for eight years, Peter said to him, 'Aeneas, Jesus Christ cures you: get up and fold up your sleeping mat.' Aeneas got up

immediately; everyone who lived in Lydia and Sharon saw him, and they were all converted to the Lord."

**PETER RAISES DORCAS TO LIFE AT JAFFA.** Acts 9; The whole of Jaffa heard about it and many believed in the Lord.

**HEALING OF A CRIPPLE.** Acts 14:8-10; "A man sat there who had never walked in his life, because his feet were crippled from birth; and as he listened to Paul preaching, he managed to catch his eye. Seeing that the man had faith to be cured, Paul said in a loud voice, 'Get to your feet - stand up,' and the cripple jumped up and began to walk."

**CLAIRVOYANT SPIRIT RELEASED.** Acts 16:16-18; "One day as we were going to prayer, we met a slave girl who was a soothsayer and made a lot of money for her masters by telling fortunes, this girl started following Paul and the rest of us and shouting, 'Here are the servants of the Most High God; they have come to tell you how to be saved!' She did this every day afterwards until Paul lost his temper one day and turned round and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to leave that woman.' The spirit went out of her then and there."

## **Mary Mother of Christ**

Most of what we know about Mary we have from tradition and from revelations of the saints; and from reading the scriptures.

The Book of Esther foreshadows Mary.

The City of God by Mary of Agreda gives one an insight of scriptures on Mary and the Church.

Mary was conceived in the mind of God from the very beginning of creation as the mother of Jesus. Mary and Jesus side by side from the beginning.

The Songs of Solomon describes the love of Mary and God. It describes the beauty and qualities of Mary.

Chap.3 tells of Mary's search for Jesus.5:10 describes what he looks like.

Chap.6:10 "Who is this that comes forth like the dawn, as beautiful as the moon, as resplendent as the sun, as awe-inspiring as bannered troops?"

Rev.12:1 "And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon was under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

Rev.21:1 Mary is the new heaven and the new earth; the second Eve, perfect; the holy of holies for in her she carried Our Lord, the New Ark of the Covenant, where Christ came to live in a new way.

The heavens were made new after the Incarnation, for men could live therein; the whole of creation was renewed. The new earth was not stained or laden with the guilt of sin and reprobation and in this new earth were all of mankind renewed.

The first earth and the first heaven with no hope of remedy vanished. The sea of abomination and sin ceased to exist with the coming of Mary and Christ, for the sea of His Blood overwhelmed the sea of sin.

Rev.21:2 As all these mysteries had their beginning in Mary and were founded in her, John says he saw the New Jerusalem; it is also a symbol of the Church, for both Mary and the Church are similar - the Bride, and the Mother of Christ who is Son of God. The most beautiful, the most perfect, without blemish, the most faithful of all creation, Mary and the Church are one, brides of the Holy Spirit, Mary a symbol of the Church.

Verse 3 He will be their Brother and will assume human form in this tabernacle - Mary - whom you see descending from heaven by her conception and formation.

The tabernacle of God is for us, for it is our own tabernacle, and in it God becomes

our own. From it he will receive life and blood which he offers up to buy us and make us his people.

Verse 4 All sin is abolished. True mourning is for those who are lost. The City of God tells us that the vengeance will happen in the last ages of the world but will be a new punishment, greater than which neither before nor after is possible during mortal existence. This angel is one through whom God will avenge all the injuries committed against His Holy Mother.

Mary, Mother and Spouse. Surrounded by a great and high wall. The secret refuge, protection, and defense of all men. The forces of evil can't surmount or overthrow its walls.

Having twelve gates, it is free to all nations and generations. Twelve angels to assist her and all those who call on Mary for help. The angels receive their names according to the ministry and service for which they are sent to earth.

All the elect are included with the Twelve tribes of Israel forming the holy people of God. One of these angels is assigned to each of the Twelve tribes; under their protection and charge are all those that enter the portals of the intercession of Mary, into the celestial Jerusalem.

Three gates corresponding to the four corners of the earth. Invites all mortals to draw to the Trinity. The entrance into the open city gates is free and so easy, that if anyone doesn't want to enter, it's his own fault. The strong and unshakeable foundations upon which God built up his Mother are her virtues as governed and proportioned in her by the Holy Spirit. The sanctity and wisdom of Mary, grounded the Apostles after Christ's death and Ascension. Although the measurements of the dignity and benefits, which the Almighty conferred upon her were very great, they were within possibility and also well proportioned. The measure of the dignity, the merits and graces of most holy Mary, was none other than the humanity of her Most Blessed Son. The humanity of Christ is a 'reed' because he assumed the frailty of our human nature. Of gold, on account of His Divinity. He it was who measured her with Himself. By these graces (stadia) then, are measured all the saints and the height of all their merits and virtues. Most unhappy is he who doesn't measure up or can't be measured by it when the Lord shall measure him. Twelve thousand is used in order to include all the rest of the elect headed in the thousands by the twelve Apostles. All the elect must submit to the teachings of the Apostles and the Lamb.

There are many scriptures throughout the bible that speak of Mary and several books have been written about her. So I'll stop here.

Jesus gave his mother to us at the foot of the cross when he handed John over to her,

John representing all of the faithful. (Remember that John's real mother was there too.)

The Second Epistle of John the Apostle refers to Mary, calling her the Elect Lady. Tradition tells us that Mary was teacher and counselor to the early Christians and spiritual mother to all.

In the year 40 A.D. James built the church of Nuestra Senora del Pilar in honor of Our Lady, and this church is in existence today.

In her lifetime, there were many churches built in honor of Mary.

Mary always leads us to her Son Jesus, she is our guide. Jesus leads us to the Father.

"All generations shall call me blessed, because God who is mighty has done great things for me."

Mary, when she said 'yes' to God, in a way said 'yes' for all Christians who would also say 'yes'.

Jesus first miracle was done at his mother's request. He listens to her.

THOUGHT,

What I have done here is to attempt to show that the Catholic Church is the true church founded by Jesus; It is this church that helps us to interpret the scriptures, not leaving it up to each individual.

Will you accept Jesus as your Savior and let him live in you?

Jesus said "Knock on the door of my heart, and I will open it to you and come to you, that you may know I am Real, I am Lord and Savior, and you will doubt no more. I will live in you as long as you will have me."

## HOLY SPIRIT PROMISED

Jer.31:32-33; Ezek.36:26-27 "I shall pour clean water over you and you shall be cleansed: I will cleanse you of all your defilement and all your idols. I shall give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in you. I shall remove the heart of stone from your bodies and give you a heart of flesh instead. I shall put my spirit in you, and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances."

Joel 2:28; (Joel 3:1-2, in some Bibles); "I will pour out my spirit on all mankind. Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men see visions. Even on the slaves, men and women, will I pour out my spirit in those days."

Mat.3:11 "He will Baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Mark 1:8 "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 16:16 And he said to the eleven, go out to the whole world: proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved: he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out demons: they will have the gift of tongues, and they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison: they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it."

Jn.1:33 "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptize with the Holy Spirit."

Jn.7:38-39 "As scripture says: From his breast shall flow fountains of living water." He was speaking about the Spirit which those who believe in him were to receive: for there was no Spirit as yet because Jesus had not yet been glorified."

Jn.14:16-17 "I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he is with you, he is in you."

Jn.14:26 "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you."

Jn.15:26 when the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the

spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

Jn.16:7 "It is for your own good that I am going because unless I go, the Advocate will not come to you."

Jn.16:13 "But when the spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt."

Acts 1:5 "It is what you have heard me speak about: John baptized with water but you, not many days hence, will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth."

## PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-33 "When Pentecost day came around, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting: and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire: these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devote men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. Surely, they said, all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each one of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites: people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Capadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphilia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene: as well as visitors from Rome-Jews and Proselytes alike-Cretans and Arabs, we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God. Everyone was amazed and unable to explain what it all meant. Some however, laughed it off! They have been drinking too much new wine they said. Then Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed them in a loud voice: 'Men of Judaea, and all of you who live in Jerusalem, make no mistake about this, but listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk as you imagine: why it is only the third hour of the day. On the contrary, this is what the prophet spoke of: 'In those days to come-it is the Lord who speaks-I will pour out my Spirit on all mankind. Their sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions your old men shall dream dreams. Even on my slaves, men and women, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will display portents in heaven above and signs on earth below. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great day of the Lord dawns. All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say, Jesus the Nazarene was a man

commended to you by God by the miracles and the portents and signs, that man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the law. You killed him, but God raised him up to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades: for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: 'I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy, my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'

Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: His tomb is with us still. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: He it was who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the Heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit."

Acts 8:14 "When the Apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (As distinguished from John's baptism), Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."

Acts 8:18 "When Simon saw the Spirit was given through the imposition of hands by the Apostles, he offered them money. 'Give me the same power, he said, so that anyone I lay hands on will receive the Holy Spirit. Peter answered, 'May your silver be lost for ever and you with it, for thinking that money could buy what God has given for free."

Acts 9:17-18 "Then Ananias went. He entered the house, and at once laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, I have been sent by the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on your way here so that you may recover your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 10:44-48 "While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners, Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans as well, since they could hear them speaking in strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself said, 'could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just the same as we have? He then gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 19:1-7 "When he asked, did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became

believers? They answered no, we were never told there was such a thing as the Holy Spirit. Than How were you baptized? He asked. With John's baptism they replied. John's baptism, said Paul, was a baptism of repentance: but he insisted that the people be believe in the one who was to come after him-in other words, Jesus. When they heard that, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and the moment that Paul laid hands on them the Holy Spirit came down on them, and they began to speak with tongues and to prophesy. There were about twelve of these men."

Rom.8:9 "Your interests however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you wouldn't belong to him."

Rom,8:14 "Everyone moved by the Spirit is God's son. The Spirit you received is not a spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again: it is the Spirit of sons, and makes us cry out, Abba, Father! The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God."

Rom.8:26 "The Spirit too comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts, knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God."

Rom.12:6 "Our gifts differ according to the grace given us."

I Cor.6:19 "Your body, you know, is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God."

I Cor.14:1-2 "You must want love more than anything else; but still hope for the spiritual gifts as well, especially prophesy. Anyone with the gifts of tongues speaks to God, but not to other people; because nobody understands him when he talks in the spirit about mysterious things."

I Cor.12:27-30 "Now together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gifts of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them teachers? Do all of them have the gift of miracles, or all the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?"

I Cor.13:8-9 "Love doesn't t come to an end; but if there are gifts of prophesy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge-for this too, the time will come when it must fail. for our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear."

I Cor.14:4-22 "The one with the gift of tongues talks for his own benefit, but the man who prophesies does so for the benefit of the community. While I should like you all to have the gift of tongues, I would much rather you could prophecy, since the man who prophesies, is grater importance than the man with the gift of tongues, unless of course the latter offers an interpretation so that the church may get some benefit.

Now suppose, my dear brothers, I am someone with the gift of tongues, and I come to visit you, what use shall I be if all my talking reveals nothing new, tells you nothing, and neither inspires you nor instructs you? Think of a musical instrument, a flute or a harp: if one note on it cannot be distinguished form another, how can you tell what tune is being played? Or if no one can be sure which call the trumpet has sounded, who will be ready for the attack? It is the same with you: If your tongue does not produce intelligible speech, how can anyone know what you are saying? You will be talking to the air. There are any number of different languages in the world, and not one of them is meaningless, but if I am ignorant of what the sounds mean, I am a savage to the man who is speaking, and he is a savage to me. It is the same in your own case: since you aspire to spiritual gifts, concentrate on those which will grow to benefit the community.

That is why anybody who has the gift of tongues must pray for the power of interpreting them. For if I use this gift in my prayers, my spirit may be praying but my mind is left barren. What is the answer to that? Surely I should pray not only with the spirit but with the mind as well? And sing praises not only with the spirit but with the mind as well. Any uninitiated parson will never be able to say Amen to your thanksgiving, if you only bless God with the spirit, for he will have no idea what you are saying. However well you make your thanksgiving, the other gets no benefit form it. I thank God that I have a greater gift of tongues than all of you, but when I am in the presence of the community I would rather say five words that mean something than ten thousand words in a tongue.' You see then, that the strange languages were meant to be a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while on the other hand, prophesy is a sign not for unbelievers but for believers."

I Cor.14:26-32 'If there are people present with the gift of tongues, let only two or three, at the most, be allowed to use it, and only one at a time, and there must be someone to interpret. If there is no interpreter present, they must keep quiet in church and speak only to themselves and to God. As for prophets, let two or three of them speak, and others attend to them. If one of the listeners receives a revelation, then the man who is speaking should stop. for you can all prophesy in turn, so that everybody will be encouraged. Prophets can always control their prophetic spirits, since God is not a God of disorder but of peace."

I Cor.14:39-40 "And so, my dear brothers, by all means be ambitious to prophesy, do not suppress the gift of tongues, but let everything be done with propriety and in

order."

Gal.3:2 "Let me ask one question: Was it because you practiced the law that you received the Spirit, or because you believed what was preached to you? Are you foolish enough to end in outward observances what you began in the Spirit? Have all the favors you received been wasted? And if this was so, they would most certainly have been wasted. Does God give you the Spirit so freely and work miracles among you because you practiced the law, or because you believed what was preached to you?"

Gal.4:6 "The proof that you are sons is that God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries "Abba, Father, and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you sons, then he has made you heirs."

Gal,5:15-35 "Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self indulgence, since self indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you are not always able to carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I have warned you before: Those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like this, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgence, passions and desires."

"Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit. We must stop being conceited, provocative and envious."

Eph.3:14-21 "This then, is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family whether spiritual or natural, takes its name. Out of his infinite Glory, may he give you the power through his Spirit for your hidden selves to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith and then be planted in love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and the length, the height and the depth; until, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God. Glory be to Him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen."

Eph.6:18-20 "Pray all the time, asking for what you need, praying in the spirit on every possible occasion. Never get tired of staying awake to pray for all the saints; and pray for me to be given an opportunity to open my mouth and speak without fear and give out the mystery of the Gospel of which I am the ambassador in chains; pray that in proclaiming it I may speak as boldly as I ought to."

1 Thes.4:7 "We have been called by God to be Holy, not to be immoral; in other words, anyone who objects is not objecting to a human authority, but to God, who gives you his Holy Spirit."

Heb.2:4 "God himself confirmed their witness with signs and marvels and miracles of all kinds, and by freely giving the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

Heb.2:7 The Holy Spirit says: If only you would listen to him today, do not harden your hearts."

Heb.4:1 Be careful then, the promise of reaching the place of rest he had for them still holds good, and none of you must think that he has come too late for it."

2 Pet.1:20-21 At the same time, we must be careful to remember that the interpretation of scriptural prophesy is never a matter for the individual. Why? Because no prophesy ever came from a man's initiative. When men spoke for God it was the Holy Spirit that moved them."

Jude20 But you, my dear friends, must use your most holy faith as your foundation and build on that, praying in the Spirit."

Hail Mary, a greeting by the angel Gabriel, ordered by God, blessed are you among women. The Lord is with you.

Elizabeth greeted her, how is it the mother of my Lord comes to greet me.

So we pray, Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

## Abortion

Ps. 139:13-14 It was you who created my inmost self, and put me together in my mother's womb.

You know me through and through from having watched my bones take shape when I was being formed in secret, knitted together in the limbo of the womb.

Ecclesiastes 11:5 Just as you do not know the way of the Hind or the mysteries of a woman with child, no more can you know the work of God who is behind it all.

Isaiah 44:2 Yahweh who made you, who formed you in the womb.

Is.44:24 "Thus says Yahweh your redeemer, he who formed you in the womb..."

Isaiah 45:12 I it was who made the earth and created man who is on it.  
(Ecclesiasticus 17:1-20)

Isaiah 49:1 Yahweh called me before I was born from my mother's womb he pronounced my name.

Isaiah 64: 7-8 And yet, Yahweh, you are our father: we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hands.

Jeremiah 1: 4-5 Before I formed you; before you came to birth I consecrated you.

Luke 1:31-44 Mary conceived a son by the power of the Holy Spirit. Upon hearing that her cousin Elizabeth was six months pregnant, she left immediately to go see her. It was a three day journey.

As soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honored with a visit from the Mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy."

Mary is called a mother at three days of pregnancy, therefore the little one or fetus, in Latin, is a living child; not a blob as some think today.

I Tim. 2:15 Nevertheless she will be saved by childbearing provided she lives a modest life and is constant in faith and love and holiness.

Exodus 21:22 If, when men come to blows, they hurt a woman who is pregnant and she suffers a miscarriage, though she does not die from it, the man responsible must pay the recompensation demanded of him by the woman's master; should she die because of it, then he shall pay life for life.

## **Wine**

Gen.14:18 Melchisedek offered bread and wine as a clean oblation to the Lord.

Wine offered to God in sacrifice. Lev.2:1; 23:13; Num.15:4; Num.28:14; Deut.7:3; Deut. 12:17.

Excess wine - drunkenness, a sin. Prov.20:1; Prov.23:20; Prov.31:1-7; Is.5:11, 21-22. with meals. Gen.27:25; Is.25:6-8; 62:8-9.

When new wine is found in a bunch of grapes on a grapevine, it is a blessing for the vine. Is.65:8.

Wine is life for man if drunk in moderation. Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 31:25-40.

Used as a disinfectant. Lk.10:34.

Amos 9:13-15; Hosea 14:8;

Wine drunk at Last Supper. Mat.26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Lk.22:17-20;

Jesus changes water into wine at his Mother's request at wedding in Cana. Jn.2:1-12.

Used at a party in Est.1:7.

I Tim.5:23 You should give up drinking only water and have a little wine for the sake of your digestion and frequent bouts of illness that you have.

Acts 2:13 Accused of being drunk with wine at Pentecost.

Gal.5:16-26 warning against being drunk and having orgies

Examples of statues and sacramentals

Lev.19:4 "Do not turn to idols and cast no gods of metal. I am Yahweh your God."

Ex.25:18 "For the two ends of this throne of mercy you are to make two golden cherubs; you are to make them of beaten gold."

Num.21:8 "Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live."

We honor our patriots and our flag and have pictures of our loved ones, both past and present. We sometimes pray Before them asking God to look after them; we honor the persons they represent. But were we to worship these objects or people, as God, then we will be punished just as the Israelites were. We Adore Christ, we Venerate

saints.

Mud and oil and cloths were also used to heal as well as bathing or washing with water.

Man to die once

Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement.

Guardian Angels

Psalms 91:11, Tobit 12:15), Matthew 18:10 and Acts 12:15 indicate humans have guardian angels.

Revelation 8:2 also refers to the seven angels who stand before the Lord. The seven are Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the three named in the Bible, and Raguel, Remiel, Saraqael, and Uriel, named in Enoch (20:1-8), a book found in the Dead Sea Scrolls and in the Bible of the Oriental Orthodox Church of Ethiopia.

Thomas Aquinas was a great medieval theologian, and is known as the "Angelic Doctor" for his extensive writings on angels in his book, the Summa Theologica. Thomas Aquinas believed that angels, being spiritual beings, influence mankind by illuminating one's mind with an idea. Quoting Scripture, he named **9** orders of angels in 3 groups: the highest hierarchy being next to God, Seraphim (Isaiah 6:2), Cherubim (Genesis 3:24, Ezekiel 10:1-22), and Thrones (Colossians 1:16); the middle hierarchy involved in government, Dominations (Colossians 1:16), Virtues (1 Peter 3:22), and Powers (Colossians 1:16); and the third hierarchy involved in work, Principalities (Colossians 1:16), Archangels (1 Thessalonians 4:16), and Angels.

Pagans and Salvation

Rom.2:13 "It is not listening to the Law but keeping it that will make people holy in the sight of God. For instance, pagans who never heard of the Law but are led by reason to do what the Law commands, may not actually 'possess' the Law but they can be said to 'be' the Law. They can point to the substance of the Law engraved on their hearts - they can call a witness, that is, their own inner dialogue. On the day when, according to the Good News I preach, God, through Jesus Christ, judges the secrets of mankind."

## **The Rites of the Catholic Church**

There are twenty-two different "rites" in the Catholic Church, the most widely

known of these in America being the "Roman" or "Latin" rite, a Western rite. (A recent spin off since Vatican II is the unofficial American Rite, which has many adherents in the American Bishops). All true rites of the Roman Catholic Church have the same Sacraments, dogma, moral code, and strictly follow the authority of the Pope, traditionally the chief resident Bishop of Rome when politics permit.

A rite is the manner in which liturgies are carried out. It is comprised of the forms and observances of worship in a common or local languages. It includes a complete Catholic tradition of Liturgy, theology, canon law, schools of spirituality, feasts and fasts, saints and shrines, devotions, religious orders, art, architecture, hymns and music.

#### DEFINITIONS.

Archbishop - also called a Metropolitan. A bishop of a Diocese which is the center of an ecclesiastical province. His duties and authorities vary according to time and place.

Bishop. A successor of the Apostles in their priestly power and administration of the Church. He rules over an ecclesiastical territory called a diocese. Every bishop is appointed by the Pope.

Diocese. The basic divisional unit of the church, headed by a bishop. It usually comprises a large territory with many parishes and churches.

Dean. The senior priest of a diocesan district called the deanery, comprising several parishes. His duties are to supervise church life and conduct, carry out the requests of the bishop, and meet with the priests of the deanery regularly.

Where did the various rites originate?

There are four main divisions: Jerusalem, Antioch, Alexandria and Rome.

Out of Antioch came: Byzantine, Maronite, Armenian and Syrian. From Byzantine came: Greek, Melkite, Lebanese, Malankarese, Chaldean, Hungarians, Georgians, Rumanians, Turks, Byzantine Slavonic, Ruthenians, Russian, Albanian-Italo, Bulgarian and Serbian.

Therefore, the best known Eastern rite in the Church is the Byzantine. It

developed as Constantinople grew and became more important. The original language of this rite was Greek, but as other non-Greek countries were converted, other languages were permitted. Slavonic, Arabic, Romanian, Hungarian, etc. Eastern churches always have had a flexibility to local customs and language, allowing them to absorb and contribute to local cultures.

From Alexandria; Coptic, Ethiopian, Gallican (Lyonese).

From Rome: Latin (what is now widely and mistakenly thought of as the only "Roman" rite"), Ambrosian, Mosarabic, African, Monastic, Mosarabic.

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