

## The Bible Only!

### Lesson 1 Do it only as God commanded it.

Today in the Christian teachings, there are so many different things taught claiming they are right. Who is correct in teaching? The fact is most teaching some things right but not all things. If this done on purpose it is a severe sin against God. You know it takes time to know all things necessary. The simple things in scripture are clear. You may be taught by the simple scriptures quickly. They will bring you to an understanding in the simplicity of Christ. Don't try to explain away the simple scriptures by complicated means. This will lead you away from true salvation. The response people normally given is "Well no one gets it all right but we get enough to please God". Well who said that man or God. The obvious answer is man. Do you think God is pleased with those who try to speak for God when he hasn't? Remember we have the written record of what God and his Apostils said which is translated to our language, the Bible. "The practice of speaking when God did not" is false teaching. They usually respond by saying "God lead me to say that through the Holy Spirit". Well did he? This cannot be proven. Then how do we know what is right? The answer is simple. God inspired the Bible by using the Apostils. Only by using the Bible, we can be safe.

**“2Corinthians 11:3** *But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*” **KJV (King James Version)**

**“Acts 17:10** Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night *to Berea*. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews **11** *These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.*” **NKJV (New King James Version)**

We should study all the Bible to see who is teaching correctly as the Bereans did.

**“1Corinthians 4:6** Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, *that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written*, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.” **NKJV** Only teach what God has taught in scripture. God's word is always the path of belief we should take.

**“ 2Timothy 3:14** But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, **15** and that *from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.* **16** *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,* **17** *that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*” **NKJV** The wisdom of scripture in obedience to it, is the only way to salvation.

You can plainly see that we are to stick with exactly what scripture says and not go beyond that. *From; First Corinthians chapter four verse six*. All scriptures are to be used to understand salvation, doctrine, and for correction & instruction in righteousness. No other authority is acceptable. *From; Second Timothy chapter three verses fourteen through seventeen*. None of us were there so the written record is necessary to know the mind of God which has been revealed. Because the Bible has been translated from Hebrew, Greek, and Arabic, we need to stick with the translations that are faithful. Use bibles which are translations not commentaries. The majority of Bibles use the same ideas showing they are

translations. They agree and keep out opinions not faithful to direct translations. This study will be from mainly the King James Version and the New King James Version.

Present day revelation is plainly not from God but man. Scripture repudiate further revelation. See this scripture: “ **Galatians 1:6** *I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. 10* For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? *For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. 11* But I make known to you, brethren, that *the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man.* “**NKJV** If you find anyone teaching other things not taught by Paul then they are teaching according to man and not what Paul taught which was from God. They are adding to what God teaches. Their revelation is not from God. The Bible speaks strongly about adding to what scripture says and we are not to add to or remove any scripture from teaching; *Revelation chapter twenty-two verses eighteen and nineteen.* It is speaking about prophecy but other scriptures show it also applies to all scripture. “**Revelation 22:18** For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: *If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*“ “**2Peter 1:20** *Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21* For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.“ **KJV** “**1Corinthians 4:6** Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, *that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written,* that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.” **NKJV**

“**2Timothy 2:15** *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 16 But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. 17 And their message will spread like cancer.*“ **NKJV** Notice it says rightly dividing the word of truth not the word of men. “**Ephesians 1:13** In Him you also *trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,*” **NKJV** Jesus spoke this to show God is delivering his word in the Bible. “**John 17:16** They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.**” **NKJV** See how important, strict obedience to God’s word, is! “**2Thesalonians 1:7** and to *give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*“ **NKJV** You cannot know God without studying his word and obeying all of it. Knowledge comes a little at a time not instantly. This why it says study. It takes a lifetime of effort. “**1Corinthians 4:5** Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. *Then each one’s praise will come from God. 6* Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, *that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written,* that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.” **NKJV** You cannot know all the commands God has given without studying all the scriptures. Turn away from man’s ideas!

The Old Testament taught many similar things: Don't Add to It or Take Away from Scripture; Do it exactly the way God commanded it. Example Scripture - The command from God; **“1Samuel 15:2** Thus says the LORD of hosts: *'I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt. 3 Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'* --- **20** And Saul said to Samuel, *"But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21 But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."* **NKJV** (This shows Saul's arrogance and self-deception. Saul's excuse; The people did it not me. He was their leader, so he must bear the responsibility for not doing what God told him to do. Just because it sounded like a good idea, surely God would be pleased. "No" wrong thinking: God's way is always better. God sees the consequences we do not see for now and the future. Doing it man's way, always has consequences, even if the consequences don't appear quickly.)

**“1Samuel 15:22** So Samuel said: *"Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."* **KJV**

**“Deuteronomy 4:2** *Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you."* **KJV** **“Jeremiah 26:2** Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD'S house, *all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word."* **KJV** **“Proverbs 30:5** Every word of God *is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. 6 Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar."* **KJV** Satan is the father of liars.

**“Joh 8:44** *Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."* **KJV**

Remember turning to the left or right and not following what God commanded is, adding to or taking away from God's commands.

**“Deuteronomy 5:32** Therefore you shall *be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 33 You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess."* **KJV**

**“Deuteronomy 17:10** You shall do according to the sentence which they pronounce upon you in that place which the LORD chooses. And *you shall be careful to do according to all that they order you. 11 According to the sentence of the law in which they instruct you, according to the judgment which they tell you, you shall do; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left from the sentence which they pronounce upon you. 12 Now the man who acts presumptuously and will not heed the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD your God, or the judge, that man shall die. So you shall put away the evil from Israel."* --- **20** *that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel."* **NKJV**

Don't think because the Bible doesn't say not to, you can do whatever your opinion thinks is ok. Respect God's silence. Why? "**1Corinthians 1:18** For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written: "**I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND BRING TO NOTHING THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRUDENT.**" **20** Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? **21** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. **22** For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; **23** but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, **24** but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. **25** Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men." **NKJV** "**Isaiah 55:8-9** "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts." **NKJV**

Man does not have the right to misuse, what God has said. Using man's opinion as if it is from God should be rejected. We can't use scripture to contradict scripture. Scripture when used correctly does not contradict other scriptures in teaching. This actually challenges us to understand the scriptures as God intended. When we presumptuously assume, it is ok to add to or ignore scripture, "we are wrong", and it leads to a "Proud Attitude" ignoring God's teachings and not respecting God's silence. This attitude is a rebellious one. God told us exactly how to do his will. Remember this kind of pride is a sin.

"**Mathew 4:4** But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" "**Mathew 15:8** 'THESE PEOPLE DRAW NEAR TO ME WITH THEIR MOUTH, AND HONOR ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. 9 AND IN VAIN THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.'" **NKJV**

We should always prove all things by scripture. If God gave us what to do and how to do his will, we must prove our practices by scripture. "**1Thessalonians 5:19** Quench not the Spirit." **NKJV** Remember when you obeyed the word of God you are sealed by the Holy Spirit. Don't quench using the word of God which is the sword of the spirit. "**Ephesians 6:17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;" **NKJV** "**Ephesians 1:13** In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise," **NKJV** "**1Thessalonians 5:20** Do not despise prophecies." **NKJV** Remember prophecies at this time were revealing the word of God. "**1Thessalonians 5:21** Test all things; hold fast what is good. **22** Abstain from every form of evil. **21** Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. **22** Abstain from all appearance of evil." **NKJV** We must prove all things by scripture. If we cannot prove it, we don't need to use it or do it.

A command given does require observation and understanding of how to do it. Example: "**Mark 16:15** And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"."**NKJV** The Apostils were told to preach the gospel to the entire world. From this statement we understand we must choose how we should do this because Jesus did not

specify which method to do it. They understood walking, riding a camel, or any form of transportation was necessary. *Adding to this command would be:* having someone else to do it for them. *A removing from the God's command would be:* Only going to Jerusalem. This would be a removal of part of God's command. All these things would be changing what God told them to do. This is why it is so important to do things exactly as God commanded you to do.

## Lesson 2 The Understanding of Covenants.

A Covenant defined from Hebrew; *ber-eeth'* -- A confederacy, [con-]feder[-ate], covenant, league.

### English Definition:

"A covenant is a mutual agreement between parties to do as stipulated as agreed upon. The breaking of that covenant will result in the warnings of dire actions to those breaking the covenant."

### God's covenant with Abraham and his descendants:

“**Genesis 17:1** When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I *am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. **2** And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly." **3** Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: **4** "As for Me, behold, *My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.* **5** No longer shall *your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham;* for I have made you a father of many nations. **6** I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. **7** *And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.* **8** *Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.*” **NKJV**

This covenant continued to the Jewish nation. God punished the Jews only when he saw no other alternative. He always forgave when they repented. This shows God's longsuffering patience. The Jews always went astray. They were continually breaking the covenant. But remember God will at some point give up on those who will not turn to him. God knew this would happen but it was necessary to make the first covenant to show how bad sin was. He had always planned to make a better covenant to last forever with a sacrifice which would cover the sin of man. Scripture says: "**Jeremiah 31:31** Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when *I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah* **32** not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.” **NKJV**

The making of the new covenant was in the New Testament but was not in force until the perfect sacrifice for sin was accomplished. Christ death accomplished this.

“**Hebrews 9:13** For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, **14** *how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?* **15** *And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new*

**covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.**” (When people die, they leave a Will and Testament which tells those left behind what to do with his goods. God did a similar thing. He left us the New Testament through the apostils by the Holy Spirit delivering his will for man. The Holy Spirit brought complete remembrance to the apostils so they could accomplish this. “**John 14:25** *“These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. **26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.” NKJV* ) “” **Hebrews 9:16** *For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. **17** For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. **18** Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. **19** For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, **20** saying, “THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD HAS COMMANDED YOU.” **21** Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. **22** And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission. **23** Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. **24** For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; **25** not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— **26** He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. **27** And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, **28** so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.”” NKJV*

” **Mathew 26:24** The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.” **25** Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, “Rabbi, is it I?” He said to him, “You have said it.” **26** And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” **27** Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. **28** For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. **29** But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom.”” NKJV “ **2 Corinthians 3:5** Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as *being* from ourselves, but *our sufficiency is from God, **6** who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. **7** But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which *glory* was passing away, **8** how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?” NKJV*

“**Hebrews 8:6** But now *He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. **7** For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. **8** Because finding fault with them, He says: “BEHOLD, THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I WILL MAKE A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH **9** NOT ACCORDING TO THE COVENANT THAT I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS IN THE*

**DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT; BECAUSE THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT, AND I DISREGARDED THEM, SAYS THE LORD.” NKJV**

**“Hebrews 8:13 In that He says, “A NEW COVENANT,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.” NKJV**

**“Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. 2 Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. 3 And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that he is a debtor to keep the whole law. 4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love. 7 You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?” NKJV**

You cannot justify adding to the new covenant or taking away from what it says. One old covenant cannot be used to add in old commands into the new covenant. The example of this was you cannot add physical circumcision in the new law or covenant. If you wish to use anything in the first covenant to justify yourself you must obey all the old law without sin. Man is not physically able to do this because all have sinned. **“Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;” NKJV** Consider this scripture: **“Mathew 9:16 No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. 17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.” NKJV** Is Jesus only speaking about just new wine in new bottles or Is he showing how covenants cannot be mixed? If you do combine the covenants the new is broken. God has the right to change requirements since he created both covenants.

This does not mean we can disregard the Old Testament. We must understand this only applies to following the Law given to the Jewish nation. The old law was to only apply to the Jews who received the law. For a Gentile to be under this covenant you had to become a proselyte. This was what was required for Gentiles to be under the (Old Law) Mosaic Law. (Everyone who is not a Jew is a Gentile.) Even so, God had plans for the Gentiles even during these times. **“Romans 2:13 (for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; 14 for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, 15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) 16 in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.” NKJV**

The Old Testament helps us in many ways. It helps us to understand what pleases God. It shows the nature of God. We see his longsuffering, his love, his anger at sin, and his self-sacrifice to save man. It shows us examples of how man must deal with God. It is a teacher to show what we should do and what we should not do. It shows us why Jesus Christ had to die for our sins. The sacrifices of animals were for sin but only pushed sin away for a short time. Christ took the sin away forever as a perinate sacrifice. **“Galatians 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. 24**

**Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.** NKJV **“Romans 15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”** NKJV **“Romans 7: 9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. 11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. 12 Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. 13 Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.”** NKJV **“Galatians 3:8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.” 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham. 10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT CONTINUE IN ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO DO THEM.” 11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.” 12 Yet the law is not of faith, but “THE MAN WHO DOES THEM SHALL LIVE BY THEM.” 13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. 15 Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it. 16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “AND TO YOUR SEED,” who is Christ. 17 And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. 18 For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise. 19 What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. 20 Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one. 21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. 22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. 23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. 26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”** NKJV

Most people want to go to Heaven but few are willing to do the work God requires. If you don't love God's word you have no place in Heaven. Why? Because everything in Heaven is built on God's word. Not loving God's word is rejecting God. **“2Ti 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”** NKJV This is what many Jews did and became unworthy of everlasting life. **“Act 13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.”** NKJV

**We must understand All scripture will remain until all is fulfilled.**



**“Mathew 5:17 *Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.*” NKJV**

## Lesson 2 Between the Testaments

Between the Old Testament and The New Testaments. Approximately four hundred years no new revelation came from God. Here are the results of that. God knew what would happen. He allowed it so man could see the results. Until Jesus came, man did not recognize the results of it. The errors came after the 430 years of silence. Amos the prophet predicted it. God gave no new revelations as he said he would. **“Amos 8:11 *Behold, the days are coming,*” says the Lord GOD, **“That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD. 12 They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it.”** NKJV The book of Galatian’s gives the time at 430 years. **“Galatians 3:17 *And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.*”** NKJV During this period of silence many of the false teaching came into being because of the Jewish leaders. They taught by their own opinions. They also taught things for their benefit and not for the benefit of mankind.**

Lesson 3 Jesus exposes the errors taught by the predominate leaders.

**“Mathew 15:1 *Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus,*” Jesus told them this; **“Mathew 15:7 *Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 ‘THESE PEOPLE DRAW NEAR TO ME WITH THEIR MOUTH, AND HONOR ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. 9 AND IN VAIN THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.’*”** These are the leaders Jesus was talking about; **“Luke 11:44 *Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like graves which are not seen, and the men who walk over them are not aware of them.*” --- **52 *Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered.*”** NKJV We need to be careful to preach only what God delivered in scripture because if we put our opinion in our teaching we can also take away the key of knowledge.****

It seems John scolded them also ; **“Mathew 3:7 *But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, 9 and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. 10 And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”* NKJV (About the birth of John; Remember John had the holy Spirit from his mother’s womb.) **“Luke 1:11 *Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. 13*****

But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. **14** And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. **15** For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. He will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb." **NKJV** (John's Baptism of Jesus; ) " **Mathew 3:11** I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **12** His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." **13** Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. **14** And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" **15** But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit *it to be so* now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him." **16** When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. **17** And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." **NKJV** (John recognized Jesus because Holy Spirit of God made it so.)

Jesus has exposed all the hypocritical things that were being done even what was done by the leaders in Jewish society. "**Mat 6:1** "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 3 But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly. 5 "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him." **NKJV**

They were teaching men to follow the traditions they started just like the commands of God. "**Mathew 15:1** Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, **2** "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." **3** He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4 For God commanded, saying, 'HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER'; and, 'HE WHO CURSES FATHER OR MOTHER, LET HIM BE PUT TO DEATH.' **5** But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God" **6** then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. **7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 'THESE PEOPLE DRAW NEAR TO ME WITH THEIR MOUTH, AND HONOR ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME. 9 AND IN VAIN THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.'" **NKJV****

Observation:

This kind of thinking is still happening today. All the pomp and ceremony and pep rallies are favored over the teaching of the Bible. They invoke emotion without the knowledge God gives in all his word. Excitement, derived by show and not by knowledge, is displeasing to God in worship. God expects you to become excited about all of God's word. **"Romans 10:1** Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. **2** *For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.* **3** *For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.* **4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes." **NKJV**

Some Old Testament examples of how true believers are; **"Psalms 119:1** *I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the LORD."* KJV **"Psalms 122:1** *Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD!* **2** *Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart!* **3** *They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways.* **4** *You have commanded us To keep Your precepts diligently.* **5** *Oh, that my ways were directed To keep Your statutes!* **6** *Then I would not be ashamed, When I look into all Your commandments.* **7** *I will praise You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments.* **8** *I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not forsake me utterly!* **9** *How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.* **10** *With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!* **11** *Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.* **12** *Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes.* **13** *With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth.* **14** *I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches.* **15** *I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways.* **16** *I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.* **17** *Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word.* **18** *Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law."* **NKJV**

(I suggest you read the rest of this chapter. It is a long reading but a profitable one.)

These Sadducees, Pharisees, Scribes, and Lawyers still were trying to stop Jesus and his apostils from teaching God's word. You can see from this those determined to believe a lie are capable of deception of the truth. They were deceiving and were being deceived. (by Satan and his ministers) Do you not see even in our time this is still happening? Those deceived will defend false doctrine and are very sincere. Remember Saul was deceived thinking he should do many things contrary to Christ. At this time, it was his sincerity. Jesus appeared to him on the road to Damascus. God renamed him Paul. (Read all of **Acts 9:1- 22**) **"Acts 9:5** And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, **"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."** **6** *So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."* --- **10** Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." --- **12** And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting *his* hand on him, so that he might receive his sight." --- **17** And *Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."* **18** *Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.* --- **19** So when he had received food, he was strengthened. *Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.* **20** *Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.* --- **22** *But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ.* **23** *Now*

***after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him.***” NKJV

**“2Timothy 3:12** Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. **13** ***But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.*** **14** But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, **15** and that ***from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.***” **2Corinthians 11:12** But what I do, I will also continue to do, that ***I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast.*** **13** ***For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.*** **14** ***And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.*** **15** ***Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.***” NKJV

False teachers will add to and ignore scriptures if it suits their purpose. Recognize by their works and teaching, avoid them! If they will not change and reject the clear teaching from scripture do not continue, if they will not listen. They will try to make a spectacle of you and the teaching you do, so their false teaching can continue. **“Mat 7:6** ***Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.***” NKJV

**“” Mathew 22:14** ***For many are called, but few are chosen.***” **15** Then ***the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk.*** **16** And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, ***Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men.*** **17** ***Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?***” **18** ***But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? 19 Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. 20 And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" 21 They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.***” NKJV

**“” Mathew 23:1** Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, **2** saying: ***"The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. 3 Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do. 4 For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. 5 But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries broad and enlarge the borders of their garments. 6 They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, 7 greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called by men, 'Rabbi, Rabbi.' 8 But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. 9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. 10 And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. 11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. 13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. 14 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation. 15 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won,***

**you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. 16 "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'Whoever swears by the temple, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gold of the temple, he is obliged to perform it.' 17 Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that sanctifies the gold? 18 And, 'Whoever swears by the altar, it is nothing; but whoever swears by the gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform it.' 19 Fools and blind! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that sanctifies the gift? 20 Therefore he who swears by the altar, swears by it and by all things on it. 21 He who swears by the temple, swears by it and by Him who dwells in it. 22 And he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits on it. 23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. 24 Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel! 25 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. 26 Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. 27 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. 28 Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. 29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, 30 and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.' 31 "Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. 32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt. 33 Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? 34 Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, 35 that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. 36 Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.'"** NKJV

There are more scriptures that show the division and false teaching during and after the period of silence. I would need to use most of the New Testament. This is enough for this study.

#### Lesson 4 The love of God. The nature of love:

**"1Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. 4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but**

*then I shall know just as I also am known. 13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” NKJV* We must recognize all things we are doing no matter how impressive they are. It is still love that is the most important. Love draws us to help others. It draws us to study God’s word. It draws us to obey God. It makes us confident without fear. Why? Because we are doing as God requires us, to be like him. God’s love inspires us to do his will.

*“1John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.” NKJV*

*“1John 4:6 We are of God; he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.” KJV* *“Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” NKJV*

*“Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.” NKJV* *“Jas 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.” KJV*

*“John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.” NKJV*

*“John 15:9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.” NKJV* *“1John 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.” NKJV*

*“Romans 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. KJV* No one can take you from God’s love. We can turn away from his love if we don’t obey his commandments. God’s love remains and wants us to repent. He will forgive if we repent and return to him.

Pray that everyone will receive the love of truth that they might be saved.

**“2Theselonians 2:10** and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.” **KJV**

**“Ephesians 1:13** In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,” **KJV**

**“1John 2:4** He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.” **KJV**

**“1John 5:2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. 9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.” **KJV**

Lesson 5 Are we legalistic to say we must stick strictly to God’s word?

This term was first used to state the laws of man which are not perfect.

“Dictionary.com’s” Definition:

*Strict adherence, or the principle of strict adherence, to law or prescription, especially to the letter rather than the spirit.*

This is not possible with God’s word. Because it claims perfection.

**“James 1:25** But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.” **NKJV**

**“James 2:12** So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty.” **NKJV**

This term does not apply in any way to God’s word. In fact, the scripture talks about the dangers of becoming lawless.

**“Mathew 7:20** Therefore by their fruits you will know them. **21** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. **22** Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' **23** And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'“ **NKJV**

**“Mathew 13:41** The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,” **NKJV**

**“Mathew 23:27** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed

tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men's* bones and all uncleanness. **28** *Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.* **NKJV**

**“Mathew 24:11** *Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.* **12** *And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.* **13** *But he who endures to the end shall be saved.* **NKJV**

**“2Theselonians 2:7** *For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.* **NKJV**

**“1John 3:4** *Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.* **NKJV**

State to the people who claim we are legalistic that can't apply to the word of God because God is perfect and his word is perfect and by it, we will be judged.

#### Lesson 6 How do I become God's child. Salvation

**“Zechariah 12:10** *And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced.* Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.” **NKJV**

Everything taught on salvation is included for salvation. It is not several ways to attain salvation but all taught, is for salvation. The reason all these steps for salvation are not included in every example of salvation is because many had already done those commandments. It was only necessary to teach them what they lacked. It seems almost every time the phrases “remission of sins” or “forgiveness of sin” or “saves” or “saved” have information on salvation. This should not be ignored!

#### Children of God:

**“John 1:11** He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. **12** *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:* **13** *who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.* **14** *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.* *We have the right to become his children by adoption if we obey him.* **NKJV**

**“Romans 8:13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **14** *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.* **15** *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."* **16** *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,* **17** *and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.* **18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” **NKJV** Those lead by the spirit are those who study and keep God's word in their heart and do what God commands. They have the love of truth.

**“1John 3:1** Behold what manner of *love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!* Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. **2**



Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. **3** And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. **4** Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. **5** And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. **NKJV**

**1John 5:2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. **NKJV**

**1John 2:3** Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. **NKJV** The spirit of God requires you know him. You do not know him if you don't study God's word to understand what he has commanded. His commands are known by studying his word.

**1Jn 2:5** But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. **6** He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked." **NKJV**

### Salvation

You must obey God; Jesus was the perfect example.

**Philippians 2:5** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: **6** Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: **7** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: **8** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. **9** Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: **10** That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; **11** And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **12** Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. **NKJV** This does not mean you can choose whatever way you like. It does mean you must be diligent through scriptures to understand what God wants. Then obey him.

**2Thessalonians 1:6** Seeing *it is* a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; **7** And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, **8** In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: **NKJV** God has given every chance for man to know his will and obey him.

Man's plight;

**2Thessalonians 2:9** Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, **10** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **NKJV** If you haven't learned to study God's word and have delight in it, then you don't have a love of truth for your salvation.

Read: **Romans 7:4 - Romans 8:6** It describes man's plight to overcome sin under the first covenant. We have freedom by Christ to be forgiven under his covenant.

Read the parable of the sower: [Mathew 13:10 - 19](#) To see more of man's plight.

**“Romans 3:9** What then? are we better *than they?* No, in no wise: for *we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;* **10** *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:*” **NKJV**

**“Romans 3:23** *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*” **NKJV**

The law refers to the Mosaic law (Jewish Law) in the following scriptures.

**“Galatians 3:22** *But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.* **23** But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. **24** Wherefore *the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.* **25** *But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.* **26** *For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*” **NKJV**

Man's Hope;

**“John 17:17** *Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*” **NKJV** Jesus prayed to the father that they would receive the truth from God in the word of the Bible.

**“Colossians 1:5** *For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;*” **NKJV** The gospel and the truth and the word all refer the Bible.

**“2Timothy 2:14** Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* to the subverting of the hearers. **15** *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* **16** But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.” **NKJV**

This is God's part;

**“Ephesians 2:5** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, *(by grace ye are saved;)*” **NKJV**

**“Romans 5:15** But not as the offence, so also *is the free gift.* For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and *the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.*” **NKJV** Just because God's love has made the free gift of grace for your salvation, it does not mean that he doesn't require you to receive it by obeying his commandments, he does require it. If we do everything, he asks then we still are just unprofitable servants. You don't earn salvation. It is the gift of God. Grace is by God's Good will. We certainly don't deserve it. Nothing you can do can make you worthy to receive it. It is not the works of men that save but obedience to all commands from God in the bible. Anything God commands is not a work of man because God requires it not man. It is received only by God's goodness and forgiveness. He chooses what are the things for our forgiveness not man. **“Luke 17:10** *So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'*” **NKJV**

The teacher's part;

**“1Corinthians 1:21** For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, *it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*” **NKJV** This is the only way to salvation when we obey all things preached in his word. He will not do it any other way.

Why? Because God choose this method to save man. So be weary of anyone teaching any other way, even if they say their way is taught from scriptures, because God does not make his teaching contradictory one scripture to another.

**“Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” NKJV** Preaching and teaching are the only way to bring people to study and understand God’s word. The Holy Spirit does not zap you into believing and obeying his word. Nevertheless, the Bible helps us to believe God’s word. The Holy Spirit will help us if put God’s word in our minds.

**Romans 8:26** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

**“Eph 1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,” NKJV** See how important it is to study and know God’s word! The Holy Spirit seals those who know him by his word.

Man’s part;

Hear and obtain faith:

**“Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.” NKJV**

**“Romans 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” NKJV**

**“Hebrew 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” NKJV** Hearing the gospel leads to believing.

Believe:

**“Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.” NKJV** Do you not understand that the word was God? God gave us his word in the gospel.

**“John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (The next verse is talking about Jesus being with God in the of creation) **“John 1:2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.” NKJV****

**“Act 8:25 So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.” NKJV**

**“John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.” NKJV**

Can you not see the Bible is God’s word and it was of God? If you reject God’s word in the Bible you are rejecting God!

**Repent:**

**“Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;” NKJV**

**“Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” NKJV**

You see here the Holy Spirit was not given until complete obedience was accomplished!

**Confess:**

**“1John 4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.” NKJV**

**“Mathew 10:32 Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” NKJV**

**Obey in Baptism:**

**“Luke 6:46 But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?” NKJV**

If you reject any of the teachings of the Bible you can not call Jesus Christ your lord. If you cannot truthfully call him lord then you are not saved.

**“Romans 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?” NKJV** See how important believing all the gospel is. If you don't believe the Bible there is no hope.

The Bible says baptism now saves us:

**“1Pe 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. 21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.”**

**NKJV** It is not power in the water that saves us. It is obedience to God that saves. God test you to see if you will obey him in all things even if we cannot see why! To obey him is the only way we can have a clear conscience. Doubt does not give a clear conscience!

**“Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” NKJV**

From this scripture repentance and baptism are necessary. Repentance and baptism given for any other cause other than the remission of sin is false teaching!

**“1Jn 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.” NKJV** This clearly what being born again of God means. It is by obeying in God, in all commands. Baptism is a command. See how it shows how we come in contact with his Blood for our salvation.

**“Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.” NKJV** A burial was to prevent the corpse from stinking the air. No one buries some one by sprinkling dirt on them. They are totally covered by dirt rocks or anything to prevent stinking of the air ,even if only bones are buried. They provide a place to prevent the stinking of the air. Our burial in baptism helps us to die to sin. It removes the stink of sin in our lives.

Consider how the Baptism was accomplished by examples:

John’s baptism was with much water. **“Joh 3:23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.” KJV** Jesus was baptized this way to fulfill all righteousness. This shows the baptism was an emersion. **Mat 3:13** Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. **14** But John forbid him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? **15** **And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.** Then he suffered him. **16** **And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.** KJV Shouldn’t we follow his example?

Ethiopia, an eunuch was baptized by going down into the water:

**“Act 8:26** And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. **27** And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, **28** Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. **29** Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. **30** And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? **31** And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. **32** The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: **33** In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. **34** And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? **35** Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, **and preached unto him Jesus.” KJV** See how preaching Jesus involved the teaching of Baptism. **“Act 8:36** And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? **37** And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. **38** And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.” KJV The fact they both went down into the water indicates emersion. Follow these examples in your Baptism. Do all things shown in biblical examples!

You must be faithful to God to the end of life:

**“Mat 10:22 And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.” NKJV**

In the following scripture: The natural branches are the Jewish nation. The wild olive tree was and is the Gentiles. So be careful to continue the end of life to be faithful to God.

**Rom 11:17** And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, **18** do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, *remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.* **19** You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." **20** Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. **21** For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. **22** Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. **NKJV**

## Lesson 7 Understanding the Kingdom of God

The Kingdom was predicted it would last forever and was prophesied in the old testament;  
**Daniel 2:43** As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. **44** And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. --- **Daniel 7:18** But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever. --- **Daniel 7:27** Then the kingdom and dominion, And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And all dominions shall serve and obey Him. **KJV**

Most Christians realize the kingdom of iron was the Romans. The Kingdom of Rome later became divided as clay which was weak and iron in which was strong. As iron doesn't mix with clay, the Roman kingdom became divided and did not stand. During this time God would establish a kingdom which would last forever. The kingdom is spoken throughout the New Testament. It being at hand indicates it will come shortly. I will not include every passage which states this. However, I encourage you to read these on your own.

The Kingdom of God is at hand: You must repent and believe all the gospel:

**Mark 1:15** And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. **KJV**

**Mathew 4:16** THE PEOPLE WHO SAT IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT, AND UPON THOSE WHO SAT IN THE REGION AND SHADOW OF DEATH LIGHT HAS DAWNED." **17** From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." **KJV**

Christ preached the Gospel of the Kingdom.

**Mathew 4:23** And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people." **KJV**

The poor in spirit are blessed for the kingdom of Heaven is theirs:

**Mathew 5:3** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. --- 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

**KJV**

**Jesus prayed for the kingdom to come:**

**“Mathew 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.” KJV**

Later on, in this study it becomes obvious the Kingdom of God is the church. We can now pray that the Kingdom grows since it has already come.”

**Those who are considered great in the Kingdom of Heaven are those who obey by doing and teaching others:**

**“Mathew 5:19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” KJV**

**The Kingdom belongs to God:**

**“Mathew 6:12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.” KJV**

**Don't worry about earthly things God will take care of you. Seek God's Kingdom:**

**“Mathew 6:25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” KJV**

**Not everyone who claims to follow God will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who do his will shall enter:**

**“Mathew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.” KJV**

**The Kingdom of God has come upon you:**

**“Mathew 12:28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.” KJV**

Peter's confession that Jesus is the Christ, the son of God. Upon this rock which is Jesus he would build his Church. From this confession Peter will open up the Kingdom in his preaching with the keys of knowledge given by God's Spirit. This was accomplished when the apostles receive the baptism of the Holy spirit with power in Acts two. This was the keys to the Kingdom. The beginning of Christ Church. The Gates of Hell will not prevail against it. And what Peter and the apostles bind and loose teachings on earth that which would be bound and loosed in heaven.

**“Mathew 16:13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" 14 So they said, "Some say John the**

Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" **16** Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." **17** Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. **18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. **19** And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." **KJV**

**Christ is that Rock:**

**"1Corinthians 10:4** And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. " **KJV**

**To deny oneself and lose your own life to follow Christ is necessary. Some present at his speaking would not taste of death until they see the Kingdom come:**

**"Mathew 16:24** Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. **25** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. **26** For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? **27** For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. **28** Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom." **KJV** The kingdom came in their lifetime or there are some very old people over one thousand years old. He did not say anyone would live this long. It shows the Kingdom is the Church.

**Notice how the Kingdom and the Church are at the same time in many scriptures:**

**There is a Kingdom in heaven in which Christ sits on the throne. His kingdom here is the Church: It was never to be an earthly physical kingdom but a spiritual Kingdom:**

**"John 18:35** Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? **36** Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence." **KJV**

**The prophecy of the Kingdom of God the Holy Spirit Baptism:**

**"Act 1:1** The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **2** Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: **3** To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: **4** And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. **5** For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." **KJV**

**The Baptism of the Holy Ghost:**

**"Acts 2:1** And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. **3** And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." **KJV**

**The witness to the Baptism of the Holy Ghost:**

**The message was heard to all the witness in their native language. These languages were**



**unknown to the apostils:**

**“Acts 2:5** And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. **6** Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. **7** And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? **8** And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? **9** Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, **10** Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. **12** And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? ” **KJV** If people today claim to be baptized of the Holy Ghost, then they should be able to speak as the apostils did to any one of a different language. Even if they have never studied the language. Teaching the word of God in their language. This is a test to show if it was the Baptism of the Spirit.

**The Mockers said they were drunk:**

**“Acts 2:13** Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. **14** But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all *ye* that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: **15** For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day.” **KJV** There always seems to be mockers anytime the work of God is manifest.

**The explanation to what this was; The Professes of Joel: Peter preaches the first gospel sermon which opens the Kingdom of God to man. The Keys to the kingdom was his sermon:**

**“Acts 2:16** But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; **17** And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: **18** And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: **19** And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: **20** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:” **KJV**

**Peter shows them Jesus is the Christ and has risen:**

**“Acts 2:21** And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. **22** Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: **23** Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: **24** Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.” **KJV**

**The affirmation that Jesus is Christ whom you crucified, cut them to the heart. He told them what was necessary for their salvation. Salvation is only attained by the remission of sins. Remission of sins can only be obtained by repentance and salvation:**

**“Acts 2:36** Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. **37** Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? **38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. **39** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call. **40** And with many other words did he testify and exhort,

saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. **41** *Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.* **42** And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. **43** And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles." **KJV**

*God adds the those here to his Church daily those that should be saved by God not man:*

"**Acts 2:44** And all that believed were together, and had all things common; **45** And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need. **46** And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, **47** Praising God, and having favour with all the people. *And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*" **KJV** God does the adding to the Church not men!

*What the calling to the lord entails:*

"**Acts 16:10** And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that *the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.*" **KJV** "**Romans 1:1** Paul, *a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,* **2** (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)" **KJV** "**2Th 2:14** Whereunto *he called you by our gospel,* to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." **KJV** "**2Timothy 2:21** Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. **22** *Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*" **KJV** A pattern for success as a Christian: "**2Peter 1:1** Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: **2** *Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,* **3** as *His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,* **4** by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, *that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.* **5** *But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,* **6** *to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,* **7** *to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.* **8** *For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.* **9** *For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.* **10** *Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;* **11** *for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*" **KJV**

*We must be as little children to be in the Kingdom of Heaven:*

"**Mathew 18:3** And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. **4** *Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.* **5** *And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.* **6** *But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.* **7** Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!" "**Mathew 19:14** But Jesus said, *Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.*" **KJV**

**Riches can make it hard to enter the Kingdom of Heaven:**

**“Mathew 19:23** Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. **24** And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. **25** When his disciples heard *it*, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? **26** But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.” **1Timothy 6:9** But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. **10** For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. **11** But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.” **KJV**

**The kingdom in heaven was to be for the faithful man to inherit:**

**“Mathew 25:30** And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **31** When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: **32** And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: **33** And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. **34** Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:” **KJV**

**When we gather two or more Christ is there. When we partake of the lord’s supper Christ will also be there: The Church is the Kingdom of God:**

**“Mathew 26:28** For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. **29** But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” **KJV** **“Mathew 18:20** For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” **KJV**

**The kingdom of God does not come by observation. The kingdom is a spiritual kingdom within us if we are faithful:**

**“Joh 4:23** But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.” **KJV**

**“Luke 17:20** And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: **21** Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.” **KJV**

**The kingdom is not of this world just as those faithful are not of this world. The servants of God are in the physical world but are not of the sinful world. They are spiritual because of God’s teaching:**

**“John 17:14** I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.” **KJV** **“John 18:36** Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.” **KJV**

**Further proof the Kingdom of God on earth is the church:**

**“Luke 18:29** And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God’s sake, **30** Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.” **KJV**

**The Kingdom of God is born of water and the spirit:**

**“John 3:3** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be

born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. **4** Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? **5** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. **6** That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. **8** The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit." **KJV**

*This passage gives further explanation of being born again:*

**1John 5:4** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **5** Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? **6** This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. **7** For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. **8** And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. **9** If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. **10** He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. **11** And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son." **KJV**

**Ephesians 1:13** In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, **14** Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." **KJV** Jesus death gave Blood and water: "**John 19:34** But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water:" **KJV**

*The Holy Ghost gives commandments to the apostles pertaining to the kingdom of God:*

**Acts 1:1** The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **2** Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: **3** To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:" **KJV**

*Some received the word of God and obeyed to John's baptism. They had not received the Holy Ghost and not been taught there was a Holy Ghost. Apollos made Paul aware of it so Paul laid on his hands for them to receive the Holy Ghost. It appears from this passage only the apostils like Paul could cause the receiving of the Holy Ghost. Apparently, Apollos did not:*

**Acts 19:1** And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, **2** He said unto them, have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. **3** And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. **4** Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. **5** When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. **7** And all the men were about twelve. **8** And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God." **KJV**

*The witness in every city to the Jews and the Greeks of repentance toward God through*

**Jesus Christ. Paul has declared the whole council of God of the Kingdom of God:**

**“Acts 20:21** Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. **22** And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: **23** Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. **24** But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. **25** *And now*, behold, I know that ye all, among whom *I have gone preaching the kingdom of God*, shall see my face no more. **26** Wherefore *I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.* **27** For *I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.* **28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which *the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God*, which he hath purchased with his own blood. **29** For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.” **KJV**

**Paul's testimony to Kings and those in power about the Kingdom of God:**

**“Act 28:21** And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee. **22** But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against. **23** And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into *his* lodging; to whom *he expounded and testified the kingdom of God*, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and *out of* the prophets, from morning till evening. **24** And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.” **KJV**

**The Kingdom of God is righteousness peace and joy in love in the Holy Ghost:**

**“Romans 14:15** But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died. **16** Let not then your good be evil spoken of: **17** For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. **18** For he that in these things serveth Christ *is* acceptable to God, and approved of men. **19** Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.” **KJV**

**Paul begot the Corinthians through the gospel to the Kingdom of God with power:**

**“1Corinthians 4:15** For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *have ye* not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus *I have begotten you through the gospel.* **16** Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. **17** For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church. **18** Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you. **19** But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power. **20** For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. **21** What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?” **KJV**

**Those who will not inherit the Kingdom of God:**

**“1Corinthians 6:6** But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. **7** Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather *suffer yourselves to be defrauded?* **8** Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that *your* brethren. **9** Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of

**God. 11** And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” **KJV**

“**Galatians 5:16** *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.*” “**Ephesians 5:1** Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; **2** And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. **3** *But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.*” **KJV**

***God has delivered us through his knowledge to inherit the Kingdom of his dear Son:***

“**Colossians 1:10** *That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son; 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*” **KJV**

***To be called into God's Kingdom and glory:***

“**1Theselonians 2:9** For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. **10** Ye *are* witnesses, and God *also*, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: **11** As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father *doth* his children, **12** *That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. 13* For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.” **KJV**

***What is necessary an entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ:***

“**2Peter 1:1** Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: **2** *Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3* According as his divine power *hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4* *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers*

**of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” KJV**

It seems obvious to me God has always had a Kingdom in heaven before our creation. God has made promises to bring us to be part of his Heavenly Kingdom. But is also equally obvious Christ has set up a Kingdom of God on this earth. This is not a Kingdom in an earthly manner as human kingdoms. His kingdom is a spiritual kingdom which dwells in Christians. When you become a faithful Christian and added to his Church, you are in his kingdom. Our king is in heaven not on the earth. If you are faithful then you are no longer of this sinful world just as Christ is not of this world. **“Luke 17:20** And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, **The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21** Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, **behold, the kingdom of God is within you.” KJV** **“John 17:14** **I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.” KJV**

**Please, please give head to all these scriptures. Consider all scripture important! God’s word is the power not man! Study to show yourself approved of God.**

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