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# **Gospel Of MATHEW**

## **Here is a brief Summary of the Gospel of MATHEW:**

--Jesus Christ is born in Bethlehem as prophesied.

--Herod the governor kills babies in a massive slaughter to try and kill Jesus also.

--John the Baptist appears on the scene telling people to Repent, get Baptized, and he says One is coming after me--who will Baptize you with the Holy Ghost and Fire.

--Jesus comes on the scene at around 30 years old.--He is Baptized, and is tested by God and the devil in the wilderness. Jesus quotes God's Word and overcomes all the temptations of satan.--Jesus heals everyone, does miracles, and teaches that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

--Jesus says--"To love your enemies and do good to them."

--"To be Holy just as your Heavenly Father is Holy and perfect."

--"If you do Not forgive others--then God will Not forgive you."

--Jesus commands the winds and waves of the sea during a storm to be calm and they obey him.

-In Matthew chapter 24 Jesus gives the Last Days Signs to happen before he comes back to the earth again.

--The Parable of the Talents is given and explained.

--Jesus is betrayed, tortured, and crucified. Jesus defeats death and is resurrected.

# **Gospel Of MATHEW**

## **CHAPTER 1**

18 Now the Birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed/engaged to Joseph, Before they came together in sexual relations she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. 19 And Joseph her husband, being a Righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. 20 But when he had considered this, behold, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying,

“Joseph, son of David, do Not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her--is of the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus--for He will Save His people from their Sins.” 22 Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means--“God with us.” 24 And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the Angel of the Lord Commanded him--and took Mary as his wife, 25 but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

## **CHAPTER 2**

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi/wise men from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 2 “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His Star in the east and have come to Worship Him.” 3 When Herod the king heard this--he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

5 They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:

6 “And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah;  
For out of you shall come forth a Ruler  
Who will Shepherd My people Israel.”

7 Then Herod secretly called the magi/wise men and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.” 9 After hearing the king, they went their way; and the Star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned by God in a

dream Not to return to Herod, the wise men left for their own country--by another way.

13 Now when they had gone, behold, an Angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up Take the Child and His mother and--go to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

14 So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. 15 He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

16 Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he became very enraged, and sent and murdered--all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. 17 Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

18 "A voice was heard in Ramah,  
Weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
And she refused to be comforted,  
Because they were no more."

19 But when Herod Died, behold, an Angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, 20 "Get up, take the Child/Jesus and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for all those who sought the Child's life--are dead." 21 So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being Warned by God--in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, 23 and came and lived in a city--called Nazareth. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: "He/Jesus shall be called a Nazarene."

## **CHAPTER 3**

1 Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2 "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven--is at hand." 3 For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said,  
"The Voice of one crying/yelling in the wilderness,  
'Make ready the Way/path--of the Lord,  
Make His paths straight' "

4 Now John himself had a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food--was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then people in Jerusalem were going out to him, and all Judea and all the district

around the Jordan; 6 and they were--being Baptized by him--in the Jordan River,  
--as they Confessed their Sins/repented.

7 But when John saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them--“You brood/family of Vipers/snakes--who warned you to flee from the Wrath/of God to come?

8 Therefore bear fruit in keeping with Repentance; 9 and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father’; for I say to you that from these stones--God is able to raise up children to Abraham.

10 The ax is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore--every tree/person that does Not bear Good Fruit--is cut down and thrown into the Fire(s) of Hell.

11 “As for me, I Baptize you with water for Repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit--to remove His sandals; He will Baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear/sift His threshing floor; and  
--He will gather His wheat/Saints--into the barn/Heaven,--but He will Burn Up--the  
--chaff/wicked people with Unquenchable Fire/hell.”

13 Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be Baptized by him. 14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying--“I have Need to be Baptized by You, and do You come to me?” 15 But Jesus answering said to him, “Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us--to fulfill all righteousness--Then John permitted Him. 16 After being Baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, --the Heavens were Opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting/landing on Him, 17 and behold, a Voice out of the Heavens said,  
--“This is My beloved Son--in whom I am Well-Pleased.”

## CHAPTER 4

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness--to be Tempted by the devil. 2 And after He had Fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became Hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” 4 But Jesus answered and said, “It is written,  
--‘A person shall Not live on bread/food alone, but--on every Word--that proceeds out of the mouth of God--shall they live.’

5 Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written,  
‘He will command His Angels concerning You’;

and ‘On their hands they will bear You up,  
So that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.’ ”

7 Jesus said to him, “ It is written--‘You shall Not Tempt/provoke--or put the Lord  
your God to the Test.’

8 Again, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and--  
--showed Him all the Kingdoms of the World and their glory-- and he said to Him,  
--“All these Kingdoms and powers/glory are mine to give to whoever I want. I will give  
them to You--if You fall down and worship me--Then Jesus said to him, “Go, satan For it  
is written--You shall Worship the Lord your God, and Serve Him Only--

11 Then the devil left Him; and behold, Angels came and began to minister to Him.  
12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into  
Galilee; 13 and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the  
sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.

14 This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:  
15 “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—  
16 The people who were sitting in darkness--saw a great Light,  
And those who were sitting in the land and shadow of death,  
Upon them--a Light dawned.”

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say,  
--“Repent/turn from your Sins, for the Kingdom of Heaven--is at hand/right here.”

18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who  
was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were  
fishermen. 19 And He said to them--“Follow Me, and I will make you--fishers of  
people.”

20 Immediately--they left their nets and Followed Jesus. 21 Going on from there He saw  
two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with  
Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He Called them. -- Immediately they left  
the boat and their father--and Followed him.

23 Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, Teaching in their synagogues and  
proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and  
--Healing--every kind of Disease--and--every kind of Sickness among the people--

24 The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to Jesus all who  
were ill, those Suffering with various diseases, sicknesses, and pains, demon-possessed,

## epileptics, Paralytics--and Jesus Healed Them.

25 Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

## **CHAPTER 5**

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. 2 He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying,

3 “Blessed are the Poor in Spirit--for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

4 “Blessed are those who Mourn--for they shall be Comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek/Humble--for they shall Inherit the Earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for Righteousness--for they shall be Satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the Merciful--for they shall receive Mercy.

8 “Blessed are the Pure in Heart--for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the Peacemakers--for they shall be called the Children of God.

10 “Blessed are those who have been Persecuted/suffered--for the sake of righteousness, --for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when people Insult you and Persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me-- Rejoice and be glad--  
--for your Reward in Heaven is Great--for in the same way they also persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 “You are the Salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless/bland--how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything--except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by people.

14 “You are the Light of the World. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15 nor does anyone light a Candlestick and put it under a basket/bushel, but on the lamp-stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.”

16 “Let--Your Light--shine--before people in such a way that they may see--  
--Your Good Works--and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.”

17 “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. 18 For truly I say to you, until Heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter/jot, or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be--called Least in the Kingdom of Heaven; --but whoever keeps and teaches them,--they shall be called Great in the Kingdom of

Heaven.

20 “For I say to you that unless Your Righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will Not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

21 “You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘You shall not commit murder’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.’ 22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother, or sister shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother or sister, ‘You good-for-nothing,’ shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, ‘You Fool,’--shall be guilty enough to go into the fires of Hell.

23 Therefore if you are presenting your offering/to the Lord--at the altar, and there Remember that your brother, or sister has something against you, 24 leave your offering there before the altar and go;--First be Reconciled to your brother, or sister and then come and present your offering. 25 Make friends quickly with your Adversary (the person you owe money to) while you are with them on the way, so that your adversary may not hand you over to the Judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. 26 Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid up the last cent.

27 “You have heard that it was said--‘You shall not commit adultery/sexual sins’; 28 but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman or man--with Lust for them --has already committed adultery/sexual sins with them--in their Heart.”

29 If your right eye--makes you stumble/sin, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body--than for your whole body to be thrown into Hell. 30 If your right hand--makes you stumble/sin, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body--than for your whole body to go into Hell.

31 “It was said, ‘Whoever sends his wife away, let him give her a certificate of divorce’; 32 but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the reason of adultery/sexual sins, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.”

33 “Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, ‘You shall not make false vows, but shall fulfill your vows to the Lord.’ 34 But I say to you, make No oath/vow at all, either by Heaven, for it is the throne of God, 35 or by the earth--for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 But let your statements be--‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond these is of Evil.”

38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39 But I say to you, do not resist/fight an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek,



turn the other to them also. 40 If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let them have your coat also. 41 Whoever forces you to go one mile--go with them two miles. 42 Give to them who asks of you, and do Not turn away--from those truly in need who wants to borrow from you.

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor--and hate your enemy.’”

44 But I say to you--”Love your Enemies--and Pray for those who Persecute you--so that you may be children of your Father who is in Heaven; for God causes the Sun to rise and shine on the evil and the good persons, and he sends Rain on the righteous and the unrighteous persons.”

46 “For if you love those who love you--what Reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors/sinners do the same? 47 If you greet only your brother, and sister what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?”

48 --”Therefore you are to be Perfect—just as your Heavenly Father is Perfect.”

## CHAPTER 6

1 “Beware of practicing your righteousness before people to be noticed by them; otherwise you have--No Reward with your Father who is in Heaven.”

2 “So--when you Give to the Poor--do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be--honored by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the Poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your Giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in Secret--will Reward you openly.”

5 “When you Pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by people. Truly I say to you--they have their reward in full. 6 But you--when you Pray, go into your inner room, close your door and Pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret--will Reward you openly.”

7 “And when you are Praying--do Not use meaningless Repetitions--as the heathen do, for they suppose that they will be heard--for their many words. 8 So do Not be like them; for your Heavenly Father knows what You Need--Before--you Ask Him.

9 “Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father who is in Heaven,  
Hallowed/Revered be your Name.

10 Your Kingdom come.

--Your Will be done,

On Earth--as it is in Heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And Forgive us our Sins/debts, as we also--have Forgiven those that are our debtors/and have sinned against us..

13 And do not lead us into temptation/hard testing--but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.'

14 "For IF-you Forgive others for their sins/transgressions, your Heavenly Father will also--Forgive you."

15 "But IF--you do Not Forgive Others--then God will Not Forgive your Sins/Transgressions."

16 "Whenever you Fast--do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by people when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 17 But you, when you Fast, anoint your head and wash your face 18 so that your fasting--will not be noticed by people, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will Reward you openly."

19 --"Do Not--Store up/Hoard for Yourselfes--Treasures on the Earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal."

20 --"But Store Up for Yourselfes--Treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

21 for where--Your Treasure is--there Your Heart will be also."

22 "The Eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is Pure, your whole body will be full of Light. 23 But if your Eye is bad, your whole body will be full of Darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness--how great is the darkness"

24 "No one can serve two masters; for either they will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other, --You cannot serve God and wealth/money/gold."

25 "For this reason I say to you--do Not be Worried about your Life--as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to 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, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your Heavenly Father--feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? 27 And who of you by being Worried can add a single hour to their life?

28 And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, 29 yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his

glory clothed himself like one of these. 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you?--You of little Faith

31 Do Not Worry--saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' 32 For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; --for your Heavenly Father knows--that you Need all these things.

33 "But Seek--First--God's Kingdom and His Righteousness,--and All these things will be added/given to you."

34 --"Do Not Worry about Tomorrow--for Tomorrow will care for itself--Each day has enough trouble/sin in it--for you to Overcome."

## CHAPTER 7

1 "Do Not Judge so that you--will not be Judged."

2 "For in the way you Judge--you will be Judged; and by your standard of Mercy, it will be measured to you. 3 Why do you look at the Speck that is in your brother's or sister's eyes, but do Not Notice--the Log that is in your Own Eyes?"

4 Or how can you say to your brother or sister, 'Let me take the Speck out of your eyes,' and behold, the Log is in your own eyes? 5 You hypocrite, first take the Log out of your Own Eyes, and then you will see Clearly-- --to take the Speck out of your brother's or sister's eyes.

6 "Do not give what is Holy to evil people, and do not throw your pearls before swine/deceitful people, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

7 --Ask--and it will be Given to you;

--Seek--and you Will Find;

--Knock--and it will be Opened to you.

8 For everyone who keeps Asking--Receives, and whoever keeps Seeking-- Finds, and to the person who keeps Knocking--it will be Opened.

9 What parent is there among you who, when their child asks for a loaf of bread--will give them a stone? 10 Or if they ask for a fish, will give them a snake,?

11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, --how Much More will your Father who is in Heaven--give Gifts--and Good Things to his Children who Ask him"

12 "In everything, therefore--Treat People the Same Way--you want them to treat you,

--for this is the entire spirit of the Law.”

13 --Enter through--the Narrow Gate/that leads to Heaven--

for on the earth—the Gate is Wide and the Way is Broad that leads to Destruction/hell-- and there are Many/most peoples--who enter through it.

14 For the Heavenly Gate has a tight opening to get through  
and the way/Path is Narrow--that leads to Everlasting Life/with God,  
--and there are Few/hardly anyone--who Finds it.

15 “Beware of the false prophets--who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them--by their Fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 So every good tree--bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears--bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot--produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree--produce good fruit.

19 --Every tree that does Not bear good Fruit is cut down--and thrown into the everlasting fire/hell.

20 So then--you will know good people and phonies/bad people--by their fruits/actions.

21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’--will enter the Kingdom of Heaven,  
--but Whoever Does the Will of My Father who is in Heaven  
--will Enter the Kingdom Of God.

22 Many will say to Me on that Judgment Day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never Knew You/Intimately;  
-- depart from Me-- you who practice lawlessness/sinning.’

24 “Therefore everyone who hears these Words of Mine and Does them, may be compared to a Wise Person who built their house on a rock/concrete. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on a rock/solid foundation.

26 Everyone who hears these Words of Mine--and does Not Act on them--will be like a Foolish Person who built their house on the sand. 27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall/ruin.”

28 When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were amazed at His teaching; 29 for He was teaching them--as one having Authority, and not as their scribes.

## CHAPTER 8

1 When Jesus came down from the mountain, large crowds followed Him. 2 And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said,

--“Lord, if You are Willing--You can make me clean/Healed completely.”

3 Jesus stretched out His hand and--touched him, saying, --“I am Willing/I want you Healed;--be cleansed/Healed completely.” --And immediately his leprosy was cleansed/Healed.

4 And Jesus said to him, “See that you tell no one; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”

5 And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, imploring Him, 6 and saying, “Lord, my servant is--lying Paralyzed--at home, fearfully tormented.”

7 --Jesus said to him--“I will come and Heal him--” 8 But the centurion said, “Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the Word, and my servant--Will Be Healed.

9 For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, ‘Go’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this’ and he does it.”

10 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled--and said to those who were following, “Truly I say to you--I have not found--such Great Faith--with anyone in Israel.”

11 “I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven; 12 but the children of the Kingdom will be cast out into the Outer Darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” 13 And Jesus said to the centurion,

“Go--it shall be done for you--as You Have Believed.

And the Paralyzed servant--was Healed--that very moment.

14 When Jesus came into Peter’s home, He saw his mother-in-law lying Sick in bed with a fever. 15 He touched her hand, and the Fever left her; and she got up and waited on Him.

16 When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and Jesus cast out the spirits with a word,

---and Jesus Healed All--who had Illnesses, Sicknesses, Paralysis

17 This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:

--“Jesus Christ took/carried our infirmities/sicknesses and carried/took our diseases.”

18 Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him, He gave orders to depart to the other side of the sea. 19 Then a scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.” 20 Jesus said to him, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere--to lay His head.” 21 Another of the disciples said to Him, “Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.” 22 But Jesus said to him, “Follow Me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead.”

23 When He got into the boat, His Disciples followed Him. 24 And behold, there arose a --Great Storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered--with the waves; but Jesus Himself was Asleep. 25 And they came to Him and frantically woke Him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing” 26 He said to them--“Why are you Afraid, you men of little Faith?”

Then Jesus got up and Rebuked/Commanded the winds and the sea--and it became perfectly calm. 27 The men were amazed, and said, “What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

28 When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs. They were so extremely violent that no one could pass by that way. 29 And they cried out, saying, “What business do we have with each other, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the judgment day time?” 30 Now there was a herd of many swine feeding at a distance from them.

31 The demons began to entreat Him, saying, “If You are going to cast us out, send us into the herd of swine.” 32 And He said to them, “Go” And they came out and went into the swine, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the waters. 33 The herdsmen ran away, and went to the city and reported everything, including what had happened to the two demon-possessed men/and the herd of pigs/swine. 34 And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they implored Him to leave their region.

## CHAPTER 9

1 Getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over the sea and came to His own city.  
2 And they brought to Him a Quadriplegic lying on a bed. Seeing--Their Faith--Jesus said to the Quadriplegic, “Take courage--your Sins are Forgiven 3 And some of the scribes said to themselves, “This fellow blasphemes.” 4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, “Why are you thinking Evil in your hearts? 5 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your Sins are Forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get Up--and Walk’? 6 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to Forgive Sins”—then Jesus said to the Quadriplegic

--"Get Up--pick up your bed and go home."--And the Quadriplegic--Got Up/Healed and Forgiven and went home.

8 But when the crowds saw this, they were awestruck, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

9 As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax collector's booth; and He said to him, "Follow Me"--And he got up and followed Him.

10 Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?"

12 But when Jesus heard this, He said, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire Compassion, and not sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to Repentance."

14 Then the disciples of John came to Him, asking, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not Fast?" 15 And Jesus said to them, "The children/friends of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. 16 But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results.

17 Nor do people put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

18 While He was saying these things to them, a synagogue official came and bowed down before Him, and said, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live." 19 Jesus got up and began to follow him, and so did His disciples.

20 And a woman who had been suffering from a blood hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of his cloak; 21 for she was saying to herself, "If I only Touch His garment--I will get Healed."

22 But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, take courage; Your Faith in me has made you Healed." At once the woman was made completely Healed.

23 When Jesus came into the official's house, and saw the flute-players and the crowd in noisy disorder, 24 He said, "Leave; for the girl has Not died, but is asleep." And --they began Laughing at Him.

25 But when the crowd had been sent out, He entered and took her by the hand, and the girl got up Healed. 26 This news spread throughout all that land.

27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David" 28 When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you Believe that I am able to Heal you of your Blindness?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying--  
--"It Shall be Done to you According to Your Faith." --And their Eyes were Opened.  
And Jesus sternly warned them: "See that no one knows about this" 31 But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout all that land.

32 As they were going out, a mute, demon-possessed man was brought to Him. 33 After --the demon was cast out--the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed, and were saying, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel." 34 But the Pharisees were saying, "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

35 Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom of God,  
--and Healing Every Kind of Disease and Every Kind of Sickness--

36 Seeing the people, He felt Compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The Harvest is great/plentiful--but the Workers are few. 38 Therefore beg/ask the Lord of the harvest --to send out workers--into His harvest."

## CHAPTER 10

1 Jesus summoned His twelve Disciples and gave them  
--Authority over unclean spirits/demons--to Cast Them Out,  
and to Heal--Every Kind of Diseases and Every Kind of Sicknesses.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: "Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans; 6 but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."



7 And as you go, Preach, saying--‘The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.’-- Heal the Sick, --raise the dead, cleanse the lepers--Cast out demons.

Freely you received--Freely Give. 9 Do not acquire currency, gold, silver, or copper for your money belts, 10 or a bag for your journey, or even two coats, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is worthy of their support.

11 And whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it, and stay at their house until you leave that city. 12 As you enter the house, give it your greeting. 13 If the house is worthy, give it your blessing of peace. But if it is not worthy, take back your blessing of peace. 14 Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet. 15 Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Day of Judgment--than for that city.

16 “Behold, I send you out as sheep--in the midst of wolves; so be Wise as serpents--and Innocent as doves.”

17 But beware of certain evil people, for they will hand you over to the courts and scourge/whip/beat you in their synagogues; 18 and you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. 19 But when they hand you over, do Not Worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say. 20 For it is not you who speak, but it is the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

21 Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death.

22 You will be Hated by all peoples--because of My Name, but it is --the person/saint who Endures to the End of their Life on earth--who will be Saved.

23 But whenever they Persecute you in one city, flee to the next; for truly I say to you, you will not finish going through the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes.

24 “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. 25 It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign the members of his household”

26 Therefore do Not Fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. 27 What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops.

28 Do Not Fear--those who can kill the body but--are unable to kill the soul;

but rather--Fear God Almighty--who is able to kill the body and  
--has the Power to cast the Soul into Hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a few pennies? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground and die apart from your Heavenly Father.

30 But the very--Hairs of your Head--are all numbered.

31 So do Not Fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

32 “Therefore-- Whoever Confesses Me before people--I will also Confess them before  
My Father who is in Heaven.

33 But--Whoever Denies Me before people--I will also Deny them--before My Father who is in Heaven.

34 Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did Not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; 36 and a person’s enemies will be the members of their household.

37 Whoever Loves father or mother more than Me is--Not worthy of Me;  
and whoever Loves son or daughter more than Me is--Not worthy of Me.

38 And whoever does Not take--Their Cross--and Follow after Me is Not worthy of Me. 39 Whoever has found their life will lose it, and  
--whoever has Lost Their Life for My Sake and the Gospel's--will find/gain it.

40 Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives God who sent Me.

41 Whoever receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. 42 And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones--even a cup of cold water to drink  
--truly I say to you-- they shall Not lose--Their Reward.

## **CHAPTER 11**

1 When Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.

2 Now when John, while imprisoned, heard of the works of Christ, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to Him, “Are You the Expected One/Messiah, or shall we look for someone else?” 4 Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and report to John what you

hear and see: 5 the blind receive sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. 6 And blessed is whoever is--Not Ashamed of Me.”

7 As these men were going away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft/expensive clothing? Those who wear soft/expensive clothing are in kings’ palaces. 9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written,  
‘Behold, I send My messenger ahead of You,  
Who will prepare Your way before You.’

11 Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist Yet the one who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffers Violence/people pressing into the Kingdom of God with Passion, and these kind of people take Heaven violently (by entering in by their strong Faith). 13 For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to accept it, John himself is Elijah who was to come. 15 Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.

16 “But to what shall I compare This Generation? It is like children sitting in the market places, who call out to the other children, 17 and say, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’ 18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’

19 The Son of Man came—eating/foods and drinking/wine--and they say, ‘Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners’  
--Yet Wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

20 Then Jesus began to Denounce the cities in which most of His miracles were done,  
--Because they Did Not Repent of their Sins--

21 “Woe to you, Chorazin Woe to you, Bethsaida For if the Miracles/healings had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have Repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 Nevertheless I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the Day of Judgment--than for you.

23 And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to Heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; for if the Miracles/healings had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day. 24 Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the Day of Judgment--than for you.”

25 At that time Jesus said, “I praise You, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them--to new

baby converts of mine. 26 Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight. 27 All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.

28 --“Come to Me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden, and--I will give you Rest.

29 Take My yoke/teachings upon you and learn from Me, for I am Gentle and Humble in heart, and you will find Rest--for your Souls. 30 For My yoke/teachings are easy and My burden is light.”

## CHAPTER 12

1 At that time Jesus went through the grain fields on the Sabbath, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat. 2 But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath.” 3 But He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions, 4 how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone?”

5 Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent? 6 But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here. 7 But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire Compassion, and not an animal sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the innocent.

8 For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.

9 Departing from there, He went into their synagogue. 10 And a man was there whose hand was withered. And they questioned Jesus, asking, “Is it lawful to Heal on the Sabbath?”--so that they might accuse Him. 11 And He said to them, “What man is there among you who has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out? 12 How much more valuable then is a man than a sheep So then, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

13 Then Jesus said to the man,

“Stretch out your withered damaged Hand.”\_He stretched it out, and  
--it was Restored to Normal--just like his other healthy hand.

14 But the Pharisees went out and conspired against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.

15 But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and  
--Jesus Healed them All,--

16 and warned them not to tell who He was. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken

through Isaiah the prophet:

18 “Behold, My Servant whom I have chosen;  
My Beloved in whom My soul is Well-Pleased;  
I will put My Spirit upon Him,  
And He shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

19 He will not quarrel, nor cry out;  
Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.

20 A battered reed He will not break off,  
And a smoldering wick He will not put out,  
Until He leads justice to victory.

21 And in His Name the Gentiles will hope.”

22 Then a demon-possessed man who--was Blind and Mute--was brought to Jesus, and  
--Jesus Healed him--so that the mute man--spoke and saw.

23 All the crowds were amazed, and were saying, “This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?” 24 But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, “This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons.”

25 And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, “Any Kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand. 26 If satan casts out satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his Kingdom stand?”

27 If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? For this reason they will be your judges. 28 But if I Cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 Or how can anyone enter the strong man’s house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

30 Whoever is Not with Me--is Against Me; and whoever does Not Gather Souls with Me for the Kingdom of God--scatters/the souls.

31 Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Holy Spirit--shall Not be forgiven. 32 Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven them; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall Not be forgiven them, either in this age or in the age to come.

33 Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known--by its fruit.

34 You brood of vipers/snakes, how can you, being evil, speak what is good?

35 The Righteous person brings out of their heart's what is good; and the evil person

brings out of their evil heart's what is evil.

36 But I tell you that every careless/idle/worthless Words --that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it--in the Day of Judgment.

37 “For by Your Words--you will be Justified--  
--and by Your Words--you will be Condemned.”

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.” 39 But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it--but the Sign of Jonah the prophet; 40 for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart/belly of the earth.

41 The people of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the Final Judgment, and will condemn it--because they Repented--at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, somebody greater than Jonah is here.

42 The Queen of the South will rise up with this generation at the Final Judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold--someone greater than Solomon is here.

43 Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a person, it passes through dry places seeking rest, and does not find it. 44 Then it says, ‘I will return to the body from which I came’; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order. 45 Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that person--becomes worse than the first.

46 While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him. 47 Someone said to Him, “Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You.” 48 But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said,

--“Who is My mother and who are My brothers?” 49 --And stretching out His hand--toward His Disciples--He said, “Behold My mother and My brothers.”

50 For whoever Does the Will of My Father who is in Heaven--they are my Everlasting Family (My brother and sister and mother).

## CHAPTER 13

1 That day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea. 2 And large crowds gathered to Him, so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd was standing on the beach.

3 And He spoke many things to them in Parables, saying--“Behold, the Sower went out to sow; 4 and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.

6 But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had No Root, they withered away. 7 Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and Choked them out. 8 And others fell on Good Soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

10 And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in Parables?” 11 Jesus answered them, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it has not been granted. 12 For whoever has, to them--more shall be given--and they will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what they have shall be taken away from them. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

14 In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says,  
‘You will keep on hearing, but will not understand;  
You will keep on seeing, but will not perceive;  
15 For the heart of this people has become dull,  
With their ears they scarcely hear,  
And they have closed their eyes,  
Otherwise they would see with their eyes,  
Hear with their ears,  
And understand with their heart and return,  
And I would Heal them.’

16 But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. 17 For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous people desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

18--Hear then the Parable/interpretation of the Sower--When anyone hears the Word of the Kingdom of God and does not understand it, the evil one/devil--  
-- comes and snatches away what has been sown in their heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.

20 --The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places--this is the person who hears the Word and immediately receives it with joy--yet they have no firm Root in themselves--and when affliction or persecution arises because of the Word of God--immediately they fall away.

22 And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns/weeds--  
--this is the person who hears the Word, and the fears/worries of this world and the  
deceitfulness of wealth/pride of life--Choke the Word--and it becomes Unfruitful.

23 And the ones on whom seed was sown on--the Good Soil--these are the persons who  
hear the Word and Understand it--who indeed Bears Fruit--and brings forth, some 30  
fold, some 60 fold, and some 100 fold.

24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, “The Kingdom of Heaven may be  
compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while his servants were  
sleeping, his enemy came and sowed Tares among the wheat, and went away. 26 But  
when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also. 27 The  
servants of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your  
field? How then does it have tares?’

28 And he said to them, ‘An enemy has done this’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you  
want us, then, to go and gather them up?’ 29 But he said, ‘No; because--while you are  
gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Allow both to grow  
together until the harvest/end of the world;

and in the time of the harvest/end of the world--I will say to the reapers/Angels, “First  
gather up the Tares/evil people--and bind them in bundles--to Burn them up;  
but gather the Saints/wheat--into my barn/Heaven.”

31 He presented another Parable to them, saying, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a  
Mustard Seed--which a man took and sowed in his field; 32 and this/mustard seed is  
smaller than all other seeds, but when it is full grown, it is Larger than the garden plants  
and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.”

33 He spoke another Parable to them, “The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast/leaven,  
which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened.”

34 All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, and He did not speak to them  
without a parable. 35 This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

“I will open My mouth in parables;  
I will utter things hidden--since the foundation of the world.”

36 Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and  
said, “Explain to us--The Parable of the Tares of the field.”

37 And Jesus said--“The person who sows the Good Seed--is the Son of Man,  
38 and the Field--is the World; and as for the Good Seed,--these are the Saints of the  
Kingdom--and the Tares are the evil people/Sinners;  
39-- and the Enemy who sowed them--is the Devil,



--and the Harvest is the End of the age/World--and the Reapers are the Angels.

40 So just as the Tares are gathered up--and burned with Fire, so shall it be at the End of the Age/world. 41 The Son of Man will send forth His Angels--and they will gather out of His Kingdom--all those who commit lawlessness/sins and never Repented, 42 and will throw them--into Hell Fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the Righteous/Saints--will shine forth as the Sun in the Kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

44 "The Kingdom of Heaven is--like a Treasure hidden in a Field--which a person found and hid again; and from joy over it they go --and sell All that they have--and Buy that Field.

45 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven--is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, 46 and upon finding One Pearl of great value. They went and sold All that they had--and bought it.

47 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea, and gathering fish-- of every kind; 48 and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw/cast away.

49 So it will be at the End of the Age/world--the Angels will come forth and take out the wicked from among the righteous--and will throw them into the furnace of fire/Hell; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes." 52 And Jesus said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a Disciple/follower of the Kingdom of Heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure things new and old."

53 When Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from there. 54 He came to His hometown and began teaching them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers? 55 Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?"

56 And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" 57 And they took Offense and didn't believe Him/Jesus. But Jesus said to them, "A Prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household." 58 And Jesus--Could Not--do many healings/miracles there--because of--Their Unbelief.

## CHAPTER 14

1 At that time Herod the governor heard the news about Jesus, 2 and said to his servants,

“This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.”

3 For when Herod had John arrested, he bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. 4 For John had been saying to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” 5 Although Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded John as a prophet.

6 But when Herod’s birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod, 7 so much that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. 8 Having been prompted by her mother, she said, “Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.” 9 Although he was grieved, the king commanded it to be given because of his oaths, and because of his dinner guests.

10 He sent and--had John beheaded--in the prison. 11 And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. 12 His disciples came and took away the body and buried it; and they went and reported to Jesus.

13 Now when Jesus heard about John, He withdrew from there in a boat to a secluded place by Himself; and when the people heard of this, they followed Him on foot from the cities. 14 When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and--felt Compassion for them and --Healed the people who were sick, had diseases, or were paralyzed.

15 When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, “This place is desolate and the hour is already late; so send the crowds away, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” 16 But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat” 17 They said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.” 18 And He said, “Bring them here to Me.”

19 Ordering the people to sit down on the grass, He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward Heaven, He blessed the food, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds, 20 and they all ate--and were satisfied. They picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full baskets. 21 There were about five thousand men who ate--besides women and children.

22 Immediately He made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away. 23 After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to Pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone. 24 But the boat was already a long distance from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came to them, walking on the sea.

26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost" And they cried out in Fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying--"Take Courage, it is I; do Not Be Afraid."

28 Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 And He said, "Come" And Peter got out of the boat--  
--and Walked on the Water and came toward Jesus. 30 But seeing/feeling the strong wind/large waves--he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me"

31 Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him--"You of little Faith--why did you Doubt?" 32 When they got into the boat, the wind stopped. 33 And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly the Son of God"

34 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. 35 And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent word into all that surrounding district and brought to Jesus All who were Sick-- and they implored Him that  
they might just touch the fringe of His cloak--and as many as Touched It --were  
cured/Healed.

## CHAPTER 15

1 Then some Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, 2 "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." 3 And He answered and said to them, "Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? 4 For God said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother is to be put to death.'

5 But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother--I am a gift from God to help you,' does Not have to honor his father or his mother.' And by this you have invalidated the Word of God for the sake of your tradition.

7 You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you:

8 'This people honors Me with their lips,  
But their Heart--is far away from Me.

9 But in vain do they worship Me,  
Teaching as doctrines the precepts of evil people/religions.

10 After Jesus called the crowd to Him, He said to them, "Hear and understand. 11 It is Not what enters into the mouth (foods, drinks) that defiles the person, but what proceeds/speaks from the Heart and then comes out of the mouth, this defiles the

person.”

12 Then the disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?” 13 But He answered and said, “Every plant which My Heavenly Father did not plant--shall be uprooted. 14 Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind person guides a blind person--both will fall into a pit/ditch.”

15 Peter said to Him, “Explain the Parable to us.” 16 Jesus said, “Are you still lacking in understanding also? 17 Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and is eliminated? 18 But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the person.

19 For out of a person's Heart come--evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual sins, thefts, false witness, slanders. 20 These are the things which defile/make sinful the person; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the person.

21 Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed.” 23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, “Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us.” 24 But He answered and said, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” 25 But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, “Lord, help me”

26 And He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” 27 But she said, “Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” 28 Then Jesus said to her, “O woman, --Your Faith is Great--it shall be done for you as you want/desire--And her daughter was Healed at once.

29 Departing from there, Jesus went along by the Sea of Galilee, and having gone up on the mountain, He was sitting there. 30 And large crowds came to Him--bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, sick, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet--and--Jesus Healed them--

So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking--the crippled restored, and the lame/paralyzed--walking, and the blind--seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

32 And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, “I feel Compassion for the people, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.”

33 The disciples said to Him, “Where would we get so many loaves in this desolate place to satisfy such a large crowd?” 34 And Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven, and a few small fishes.” 35 And He directed the people to sit down on the ground; 36 and He took the seven loaves and the fishes; and giving thanks, He broke them and started giving them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

37 And they all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, seven large baskets full. 38 And those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

39 And sending away the crowds, Jesus got into the boat and came to the region of Magadan.

## **CHAPTER 16**

1 The Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and Testing Jesus, they asked Him to show them a Sign from Heaven. 2 But He replied to them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.’ 3 And in the morning, ‘There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ You know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times? 4 An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and a sign will not be given it, except the sign of the prophet Jonah.” And He left them and went away.

5 And the disciples came to the other side of the sea, but they had forgotten to bring any bread. 6 And Jesus said to them, “Watch out and beware of the Leaven/yeast/their doctrines of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” 7 They began to discuss this among themselves, saying, “He said that because we did not bring any bread.” 8 But Jesus, aware of this, said, “You men of Little Faith, why do you discuss among yourselves that you have no bread?

9 Do you not yet understand or remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets full you picked up? 10 Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many large baskets full you picked up? 11 How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” 12 Then they Understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of--the Teachings--of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” 14 And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” 15 He said to them--“But who do You say that I am?”-- 16 Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” 17 And Jesus said to

him, “Blessed are you, Peter--because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in Heaven.

18 I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. 19 I will give you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; and whatever you Bind on earth in My Name--shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you Loose on earth in My Name--shall be loosed in Heaven.

20 Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.

21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and Suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be murdered, and be raised up on the third day. 22 Peter took Him aside and began to Rebuke Jesus, saying, “God forbid it, Lord This shall never happen to You.” 23 But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, satan You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your Mind on God’s interests, but man’s/evil worldly thinking.”

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples--If anyone wants to come/follow after Me, they --must Deny Themselves, and take up--Their Cross--and Follow Me. 25 For whoever wants/tries to save their sinful life--will lose it; but whoever loses their sinful life for My sake--will find it.

26 For what will it profit/help/ a person if they gain the whole world--and forfeit/lose their Soul? Or what will a person give--in exchange for their Soul?

27 For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His Angels, and will then pay every person--according to their Works/deeds.

28 “Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His Kingdom.”

## CHAPTER 17

1 Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. 2 And He was Transfigured before them;

--and his Face--shined like the Sun, and His garments became as white as Pure Light. 3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. 4 Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, God's Voice--came out of the cloud and said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am Well-Pleased--Listen to Him”

6 When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified. 7 And Jesus came to them and touched them and said, "Get up, and do Not be Afraid." 8 And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.

9 As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the Vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead." 10 And His disciples asked Him, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" 11 And He answered and said, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things; 12 but I say to you that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wanted. So also the Son of Man is going to Suffer at their hands." 13 Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about--John the Baptist.

14 When they came to the crowd, a man came up to Jesus, falling on his knees before Him and saying, 15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lunatic and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not Heal/cure him." 17 And Jesus answered and said, "You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me." 18 And Jesus Rebuked/commanded the demon and it came out of him, and the boy was healed/delivered at once.

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we Not send the demon out?" 20 He said to them, "Because of the littleness/smallness of Your Faith; for truly I say to you, IF--you have Faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to the sea,' and it shall remove; and nothing will be impossible to you. 21 But this kind/of demon possession does not go out except by prayer and fasting."

22 And while they were gathering together in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men; 23 and they will murder Him, and He will be Raised on the third day." And they were deeply grieved.

24 When they came to Capernaum, those who collected the city's taxes came to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay taxes?" 25 He said, "Yes." And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth collect customs or poll-taxes, from their own sons or from strangers?"

26 When Peter said, "From strangers," Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are exempt. 27 However, so that we do Not Offend Them--go to the sea and throw in a hook, and take the--First Fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for you and Me."

## CHAPTER 18

1 At that time the Disciples came to Jesus and said, “Who then is Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?” 2 And He called a Child to Himself and set him before them, 3 and said, “Truly I say to you--Unless you Repent--and Humble Yourself--and become like children/a little child, you will--Not Enter the Kingdom of Heaven. 4 Whoever then--Humbles Themselves--as this little Child--  
--they are the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

5 And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; 6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who Believe in Me to stumble/do sinning--it would be better for them to have a heavy millstone hung around their neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 Woe to the world because of its sinful stumbling blocks/plans For it is inevitable that evil stumbling blocks come; but woe to that person--through whom the stumbling block/sins comes

8 If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than to have two hands or two feet and be cast into the Eternal Fires of Hell. 9 If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than to have two eyes and be cast into the Fires of Hell.

10 “See that you do not despise one of these little ones/children, for I say to you that their Angels in Heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in Heaven. 11 For the Son of Man has come to Save that which was lost.

12 “What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he Not Leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and--go and search for the one that is straying? 13 If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. 14 So it is Not the Will of your Father who is in Heaven that one of these little ones/children of God perish.

15 If your brother or sister sins, go and show them their fault in Private; if they listen to you, you have won your brother, or sister back. 16 But if they do Not Listen to you, take one or two more believers with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact/word--may be confirmed. 17 If they refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, let them be to you as an unbeliever.

18 Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven.



19 “Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask/according to God's approval/His will-- it shall be done for them by My Father who is in Heaven. 20 For where two or three have gathered together in My Name--I am there in their midst.”

21 Then Peter came and said to Him, “Lord, how often shall my brother, or sister Sin against me and I Forgive them? Up to seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times--but up to seventy times seven.”

23 For this reason the Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a King who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he had begun to settle them, one who owed him millions of dollars was brought to him. 25 But since he did not have the means to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made.

26 So the servant fell to the ground and prostrated himself before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.’ 27 And the lord of that servant felt Compassion and released him

--and Forgave him the whole debt.

28 But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred dollars--and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay back what you owe’ 29 So his fellow servant fell to the ground and began to plead with him, saying, ‘Have Patience with me and I will repay you back everything I owe you.’ 30 But he was unwilling and went and threw him--in prison until he should pay back what was owed. 31 So when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened.

32 Then summoning him, his lord said to him, ‘You Wicked servant, I Forgave you All that Debt you owed me because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you Not also have had Mercy on your fellow servant, in the same way--that I had Mercy on you?’ 34 And his lord, moved with anger/Wrath--cast him into jail, and over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him.

35 My Heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you--does Not Forgive his brother, sister, neighbor, or anyone else--from their heart completely/totally.

## CHAPTER 19

1 When Jesus had finished these words, He departed from Galilee and came into the region of Judea beyond the Jordan; 2 and large crowds followed Him, and--He Healed them there.

3 Some Pharisees came to Jesus, Testing Him and asking, “Is it lawful for a man to Divorce his wife for any reason at all?” 4 And He answered and said, “Have you not

read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, 5 and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?

6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no person separate. 7 They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give her a certificate of divorce and send her away?" 8 He said to them, Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.

9 And I say to you, whoever divorces their wife, or husband except for immorality/adultery, and marries another person commits adultery."

10 The disciples said to Him, "If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry." 11 But He said to them, "Not all people can accept this statement, but only those to whom it has been given. 12 For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother's womb; and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there are also eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whoever is able to accept/receive this, let them accept/receive it."

13 Then some Children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, "Let the children alone, and do Not hinder them from coming to Me--for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." 15 After laying His hands on them, He departed from there.

16 And someone came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?" 17 And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you want to enter into eternal life, keep the commandments." 18 Then he said to Him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not commit murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; 19 Honor your father and mother; and You shall Love your neighbor as yourself."

20 The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?" 21 Jesus said to him, "If you want to be complete/perfect, go and Sell All your possessions and give to the Poor, and you will--have Treasure in Heaven; and come, Follow Me."

22 But when the young man heard this statement, he Went Away grieving--for he owned much property/gold/money/expensive possessions.

23 And Jesus said to His disciples, "Truly I say to you, it is very hard for a rich person to Enter the Kingdom of Heaven. 24 Again I say to you, it is easier for a Camel to go through the eye of a Needle--than for a Rich Person--to enter the Kingdom of God.

25 When the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, “Then who can be Saved?” 26 And looking at them Jesus said to them,  
“With people this is impossible, but with God--All Things are Possible.”

27 Then Peter said to Him, “Behold, we have Left Everything--and Followed You; what then will there be for us?” 28 And Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones--judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And everyone who has left/or given away possessions/money, houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or land--for Me and the Gospel/Kingdom of God --will receive many times as much in this life, and will Inherit Eternal Life.

30 But many who are first will be last; and the last, first.

## CHAPTER 20

1 “For the Kingdom of Heaven is like the owner of an estate who went out in the morning at dawn to hire workmen for his vineyard. 2 When he had agreed with the laborers for a--set wages/amount paid for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And he went out about the third hour/9:00am and saw others standing idle in the market place;

4 and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right and they went to work. 5 He went out about the sixth hour/noon and the ninth hour/3:00 pm, and did the same thing.

6 And about the eleventh hour/5:00pm he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’ 7 They answered him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He told them, ‘You go into the vineyard also.’

8 “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last to be hired and ending with the first to be hired.’ 9 Those who had been hired at 5pm came and received each a day’s wage.

10 Now when the first to be hired came, they thought they would get more; but each of them also received a day's wages. 11 When they received it, they protested and grumbled at the owner of the estate, 12 saying, ‘These men who came last worked only one hour--and yet you have made them equal in wages to us who have carried most of the burden and worked in the scorching heat of the day.’

13 But the owner of the estate replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no injustice. Did you not agree with me for a day's wages? 14 Take what belongs to you and go, but I choose to give to this last man hired the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not lawfully permitted to do what I choose with what is mine? Or is your eye envious

because I am generous?’ 16 The last shall be first, and the last first. Many are called--but few are Chosen.

17 As Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, He took the twelve disciples aside, and along the way He said to them, 18 “Listen carefully: we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will judicially condemn Him and sentence Him to death, 19 and will hand Him over to the Roman authorities to be mocked and whipped, beaten, and crucified, and He will be Raised to Life on the third day.”

20 Then Salome the mother of Zebedee’s children James and John came up to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down in respect, asked a favor of Him. 21 And He said to her, “What do you wish?” She answered Him, “Command that in Your Kingdom these two sons of mine may sit in positions of honor and authority one on Your right and one on Your left.”

22 But Jesus replied, “You do not realize what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup of suffering that I am about to drink?” They answered, “We are able.” 23 He said to them, “You will drink My cup of suffering; but to sit on My right and on My left this is not Mine to give--but it is for those for whom it has been --Prepared by My Father.”

24 And when the other ten heard this, they were resentful and angry with the two brothers. 25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles have absolute power and lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them tyrannizing them. 26 It is not this way among you, but whoever wants to become great among you--shall be your servant,

27 and whoever wants to be first among you shall be your willing and humble servant; 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many paying the price--to set them Free from the penalty of sin.”

29 As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed Him. 30 And two blind men were sitting by the road, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David (Messiah).” 31 The crowd sternly told them to be quiet, but they cried out all the more, “Lord, Son of David (Messiah) have mercy on us” 32 Jesus stopped and called them, and asked, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

33 They answered Him, “Lord, we want our eyes to be opened.” 34 Moved with Compassion--Jesus touched their eyes--and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him as His disciples.

## CHAPTER 21

1 When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied there and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.”

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

5 “Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold your King is coming to you,  
Humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
Even on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden. ”

6 The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, 7 and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats. 8 Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road. 9 The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting,

“Hosanna to the Son of David;  
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord;  
Hosanna in the highest”

10 When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, “Who is this?” 11 And the crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee.”

12 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. 13 And He said to them, “It is written, ‘My Father's House shall be called a House of Prayer--but you have made it a robbers’ den.”

14 And the Blind and the Lame came to Him in the temple--and Jesus Healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became indignant 16 and said to Him, “Do You hear what these children are saying?” And Jesus said to them, “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouth of children, infants and nursing babies You have prepared praise for Yourself’?” 17 And He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

18 Now in the morning, when He was returning to the city, He became hungry. 19 Seeing a lone Fig Tree by the road, He came to it and found No Fruit on it except leaves only; and He said to it, “No longer shall there ever be any fruit from

you.” --And at once the fig tree withered/died.

20 Seeing this, the disciples were amazed and asked, “How did the fig tree wither all at once?” 21 And Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly I say to you, if you have Faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ it will happen/obey you. 22 And all things you Ask in Prayer (according to my Will and Words), Believing, you will receive.”

23 When He entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him while He was teaching, and said, “By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?” 24 Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.

25 The Baptism of John was from what source, from Heaven or from men?” And they began reasoning among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From Heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’ 26 But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the people; for they all regard John as a Prophet.” 27 And answering Jesus, they said, “We do not know.” He also said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

28 “But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go work today in the vineyard.’ 29 And he answered, ‘I will not’; but afterward he regretted it/repented and went. 30 The man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered, ‘I will, sir’; but he did Not go.

31 Which of the two did the Will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing this, did not repent or believe him.

33 “Listen to another Parable. There was a Landowner who planted a vineyard and put a wall around it and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey. 34 When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the vine-growers to receive his produce. 35 The vine-growers took his servants and beat one, and killed another, and stoned a third. 36 Again he sent another group of servants larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them. 37 But afterward he sent his Son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

38 But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ 39 They took him, and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes,

what will he do to those vine-growers?" 41 They said to Him, "He will bring those evil people to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers who will pay him the proceeds/profits owed at the proper seasons."

42 Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures,  
'The stone which the builders rejected,  
This became the chief corner stone;  
This came about from the Lord,  
And it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

43 Therefore I say to you, the Kingdom of God will be Taken Away from you and given to a people--producing the Fruits of it.

44 And whoever falls on this stone/Jesus will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter them like dust."

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them. 46 When they sought to seize Him, they feared the people, because they considered Him to be a prophet.

## **CHAPTER 22**

1 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying, 2 "The Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. 3 And he sent out his servants to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come.

4 Again he sent out other servants saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are all butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast."' 5 But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business, 6 and the rest seized his servants and mistreated them and killed them.

7 But the king was enraged, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The Wedding is ready, but those who were invited were Not Worthy. 9 Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find there, invite to the wedding feast.' 10 Those servants went out into the streets and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests.

11 "But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes, 12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?' And the man was--Speechless. 13 Then the King said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the Outer Darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

14 For many are called--but few are Chosen.

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted together how they might trap Him in what He said. 16 And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any. 17 Tell us then, what do You think? Is it lawful to give Taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus perceived their trickery, and said, "Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites?

19 Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax." And they brought Him a denarius. 20 And He said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 21 They said to Him, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, --"Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's--and to God the things that are God's." 22 And hearing this, they were amazed, and leaving Him, they went away.

23 On that day some Sadducees (who say there is no resurrection) came to Jesus and questioned Him, 24 asking, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies having no children, his brother as next of kin shall marry his wife, and raise up children for his brother.' 25 Now there were seven brothers with us; and the first married and died, and having no children left his wife to his brother; 26 so also the second, and the third, down to the seventh. 27 Last of all, the woman died. 28 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had married her."

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not understanding the Scriptures nor the Power of God. 30 For in the Resurrection--they/glorified saints neither marry nor are given in marriage--but are like the Angels in Heaven.

31 But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God: 32 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is not the God of the dead but of the Living." 33 When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at His teaching.

34 But when the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered themselves together.

35 One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, 36 "Teacher, which is the Great Commandment in the Law?"

37 And Jesus said to him, --'You shall Love the Lord your God with All your heart, and with All your soul, and with All your mind.'

38 This is the greatest commandment. 39 The second is like it, --'You shall Love your neighbor as Yourself.'



40 On these two commandments depend/hang--the whole Law and the Prophets.

## CHAPTER 23

Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples,

2 Saying The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:

3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not you after their works: for they say, and do not.

4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,

6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,

7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi.

8 But do not be called Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers. 9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in Heaven. 10 Do not be called Master; for One is your Master, that is, Christ.

11 But the Greatest among you--shall be your Servant.

12 Whoever exalts themselves--shall be Humbled; and  
--whoever Humbles Themselves--shall be Exalted.

23 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites For you tithe mint and dill and spices, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: Justice and Mercy and Faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

24 You blind guides, who--strain at a gnat--and swallow a camel.

34 Therefore, behold, I am sending you prophets and wise men and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge/whip in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city, 35 so that upon you may fall the guilt of all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. 36 Truly I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

37 Jerusalem, Jerusalem--who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings--and you were unwilling. 38 Behold, your house is being left to you

desolate. 39 For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.'

## CHAPTER 24

1 Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. 2 And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying,

"Tell us, when will these things happen, and What will be the Signs of Your coming, and of the End of the Age/World?

4 And Jesus answered and said to them--"See to it that no one misleads you. 5 For many/religions,cults, false doctrines will come in My Name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. 6 You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.

7 For nation will Rise/make War against nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom, and in various places there will be Famines and Earthquakes. 8 But all these things are the beginning of birth pangs.

9 "Then they will arrest and torture you, and will kill you, and --you will be Hated by all nations/peoples--because of My Name. 10 At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. 11 Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. 12 Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.

13 But--the follower/disciple/believer of mine--who Endures to the End--will be Saved--

14 This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations--and then the End will come.

15 "Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. 17 Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in their house. 18 Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get their cloak.

19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days. 20 But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. 21 For then there will be--a Great Tribulation--such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

22 Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect/saints--those days will be cut short. 23 Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe them. 24 For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the saints.

25 Behold, I have told you in advance. 26 So if they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the wilderness,' do not go out, or, 'Behold, He is in the inner rooms,' do not believe them. 27 For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. 28 Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

29 "But immediately After the Tribulation of those days-- the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the Heavens will be shaken. 30 And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky--with power and great glory. 31 And He will send forth His Angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together--His elect/body of Christians from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

32 "Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; 33 so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that the end is right at the door. 34 Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

35 Heaven and earth will pass away--but My Words will Not pass away.

36 "But of that final Day and hour--no one knows, not even the Angels of Heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. 37 For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the Ark,

39 and they did not understand/know--until the flood came and took them all away--so will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

42 Be Watching and on the Alert-for you do not know which day your Lord is Coming.

43 But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into. 44 For this reason you also must be Ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.

45 Who then are the Faithful and Wise Servants whom his master/God put in charge of his household/ministry/saints--to give them their food/Word of God at the proper time?

46 Blessed are those Servants whom the master finds so doing--when he comes.

47 Truly I say to you that God will put them in Charge--of All His Possessions.

48 But if an Evil Servant says in their heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,' 49 and begins to beat his fellow servants and eat and drink with drunkards; 50 the master of that servant will come on a day when they do not expect him and at an hour which they do not know, 51 and will cut them in pieces and assign them a place/hell with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

## CHAPTER 25

1 "Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be comparable to Ten Virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the Bridegroom. 2 Five of them were Foolish, and five were Wise/prudent.

3 For when the Foolish took their lamps--they took No Oil with them, 4 but the Wise took oil in flasks along with their lamps. 5 Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Behold, the bridegroom--Come out to meet him.'

7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the Wise--'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the Wise answered, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

10 And while they were going away to make the purchase, the Bridegroom/Jesus came, and--those--who Were Ready--went in with Him to the wedding feast/Heaven--and the Door was Shut.

11 Later the Foolish virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, lord, open up for us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly I say to you, I do Not Know you.'

13 Be on the Alert/Watch then--for you do not know the day nor the hour when I will come back.

14 "For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own servants and entrusted his possessions to them. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according--to their own ability; and he went on his journey.

16 Immediately the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents. 17 In the same manner the one who had received the two talents gained two more. 18 But he who received the one talent went away, and dug a hole in the ground and--Hid his master's money.

19 “Now after a long time the Master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 The one who had received the five talents came up and brought five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.’ 21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and Faithful Servant. You were Faithful with a few things--I will put you in charge--of many things; enter into the Joy of your master.’

22 “Also the one who had received the two talents came up and said, ‘Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have gained two more talents.’ 23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and Faithful servant. You were Faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

24 “And the one also who had received the one talent came up and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you scattered no seed. 25 And I was Afraid, and went away--and Hid your talent in the ground. So, you can have back what is yours.’

26 “But his master answered and said to him--‘You wicked, Lazy Servant --you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. 27 Then you ought to have put my talent/money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my talent/money back with interest. 28 Therefore Take Away--the Talent from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.’

29 “For to everyone who has, more shall be given--and they will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what they do have shall be Taken Away. 30 Throw out the Worthless Servant--into the Outer Darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

31 “But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the Angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; 33 and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.

34 “Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom Prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; 36 naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’

37 Then the Righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? 38 And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? 39 When did we see You sick, or

in prison, and come to You?’ 40 The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did Good Works even to--the least of them/peoples, --you did it to Me.’

41 “Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me--accursed ones, into the Eternal Fire which has been prepared for the devil and his Angels; 42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; 43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’

44 Then they themselves also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?’ 45 Then He will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did--Not Do it to one of the least of these, you did Not do it to Me.’ 46 These will go away--into Eternal Punishment, but the righteous--into Eternal Life.”

## CHAPTER 26

1 When Jesus had finished all these words, He said to His disciples, 2 “You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man is to be handed over for crucifixion.”

3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people were gathered together in the court of the high priest, named Caiaphas; 4 and they plotted together to seize Jesus by ambush/stealth and kill Him. 5 But they were saying, “Not during the festival, otherwise a riot might occur among the people.”

6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, at the home of Simon the leper, 7 a woman came to Him with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume, and she poured it on His head as He reclined at the table. 8 But the disciples were indignant when they saw this, and said, “Why this waste? 9 For this perfume might have been sold for a high price and the money given to the poor.” 10 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me.

11 For you always have the poor with you; but you do not always have Me. 12 For when she poured this perfume on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial. 13 Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.

14 Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and said, “What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?” And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him. 16 From then on he began looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus.

17 Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?" 18 And He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, "My time is near; I am to keep the Passover at your house with My disciples." ' " 19 The disciples did as Jesus had directed them; and they prepared the Passover.

20 Now when evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the twelve disciples. 21 As they were eating, He said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me." 22 Being deeply grieved, they each one began to say to Him, "Surely not I, Lord?" 23 And He answered, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the bowl is the one who will betray Me.

24 The Son of Man is to go, 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 And Judas, who was betraying Him, said, "Is it I, Master?" Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself."

26 While they were eating, Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." 27 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; 28 for this is My Blood of the Covenant, which is poured out for many for  
--Forgiveness 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."

30 After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

31 Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night, for it is written, 'I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.' 32 But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." 33 But Peter said to Him, "Even though all may fall away because of You, I will never fall away." 34 Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you that this very night, before a rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

35 Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You." All the disciples said the same thing too.

36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and Pray." 37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed. 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me."

39 And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My

Father, if it is possible--let this cup pass from Me;  
--yet not as I will--but as You will.

40 And He came to the disciples and found them Sleeping, and said to Peter, “So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? 41 Keep Watching and Praying that you may Not enter into Temptations;  
-- the spirit is willing--but the flesh is weak.”

42 He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it-Your Will be Done.” 43 Again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. 44 And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more.

45 Then He came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand.”

47 While He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a large crowd with swords and clubs, who came from the chief priests and elders of the people. 48 Now he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him.” 49 Immediately Judas went to Jesus and said, “Hail, Master” and kissed Him. 50 And Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you have come for.” Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.

51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus reached and drew out his sword, and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. 52 Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword--shall perish by the sword. 53 Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than 10,000 Angels? 54 How then will the Scriptures be fulfilled, which say that it must happen this way?

55 At that time Jesus said to the crowd, “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me as you would against a robber? Every day I used to sit in the temple teaching and you did not seize Me. 56 But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets.” Then All the Disciples--left Him and fled.

57 Those who had seized Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. 58 But Peter was following Him at a distance as far as the courtyard of the high priest, and entered in, and sat down with the officers to see the outcome.

59 Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. 60 They did not find any, even



though many false witnesses came forward. But later on two came forward, 61 and said, "This man stated, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to rebuild it in three days.' " 62 The high priest stood up and said to Him, "Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?"

63 But Jesus kept Silent. And the high priest said to Him, "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God." 64 Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of Heaven."

65 Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, you have now heard the blasphemy; 66 what do you think?" They answered, "He deserves death"

67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him with their fists; and others slapped Him, 68 and said, "Prophecy to us, You Christ; who is the one who hit You?"

69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard, and a servant-girl came to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." 70 But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about."

71 When he had gone out to the gateway, another servant-girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

72 And again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." 73 A little later the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; for even the way you talk gives you away." 74 Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know the man" And immediately a rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, "Before a rooster crows, you will Deny Me three times." And he went out--and wept/cried bitterly apologizing to God.

## **CHAPTER 27**

1 Now when morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus to put Him to death; 2 and they bound Him, and led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate the governor.

3 Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that Jesus had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to that yourself" 5 And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself.

6 The chief priests took the pieces of silver and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the temple treasury, since it is the price of blood." 7 And they conferred together and

with the money bought the Potter's Field as a burial place for strangers.

8 For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. 9 Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one whose price had been set by the sons of Israel; 10 and they gave them for the Potter's Field, as the Lord directed me."

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor questioned Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "It is as you say." 12 And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He did not answer. 13 Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" 14 And He did not answer him with regard to even a single charge, so the governor was quite amazed.

15 Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the people any one prisoner whom they wanted. 16 At that time they were holding a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. 17 So when the people gathered together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?" 18 For he knew that because of Envy/jealousy--they had handed Jesus over.

19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him a message, saying, "Have nothing to do with that righteous Man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him." 20 But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to put Jesus to death.

21 But the governor said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." 22 Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Crucify Him"

23 And he said, "Why, what Evil has He done?" But they kept shouting all the more, saying, "Crucify Him"

24 When Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this Man's blood; see to that yourselves."

25 And all the people said--"His blood shall be on us and on our children" 26 Then he released Barabbas for them; but after having Jesus scourged/whipped, he handed him over to be crucified.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into a big room and gathered the Roman cohort around Him. 28 They stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. 29 And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews" 30 They spat on Him, and took the reed/cane and began to beat Him on the head. 31 After they had mocked Him, they took the scarlet robe off Him and put

His own garments back on Him, and led Him away to crucify Him.

32 As they were coming out, they found a man of Cyrene named Simon, whom they pressed into service to carry His cross.

33 And when they came to a place called Golgotha, which means Place of a Skull, 34 they gave Him wine to drink mixed with gall; and after tasting it, He was unwilling to drink.

35 And when they had Crucified Him, they divided up His garments among themselves by casting lots. 36 And sitting down, they began to keep watch over Him there. 37 And above His head they put up the charge against Him which read, "This Is Jesus The King Of The Jews."

38 At that time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. 39 And those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads 40 and saying, "You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." 41 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Him and saying,

42 "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him. 43 He trusts in God; let God rescue Him now, if He delights in Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.' " 44 The robbers who had been crucified with Him were also insulting Him with the same words.

45 Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour. 46 About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying--"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

47 And some of those who were standing there, when they heard it, began saying, "This man is calling for Elijah." 48 Immediately one of them ran, and taking a sponge, he filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed, and gave Him a drink. 49 But the rest of them said, "Let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him."

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice--and yielded up His spirit. 51 And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. 52 The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep--were Raised Up-- and Coming Out of the Tombs after Jesus's Resurrection. They entered the holy city--and Appeared to Many.

54 Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said--"Truly this was the Son of God"

55 Many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee while ministering to Him. 56 Among them was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. 58 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. 59 And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the tomb and went away. 61 And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave.

62 Now on the next day, the day after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered together with Pilate, 63 and said, “Sir, we remember that when He was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I am to rise again.’

64 Therefore, give orders for the grave to be made secure until the third day, otherwise His disciples may come and steal Him away and say to the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last deception will be worse than the first.” 65 Pilate said to them, “You have a guard; go, make it as secure as you know how.”

66 And they went and made the grave secure, and along with the guard they set a seal on the stone.

## CHAPTER 28

1 Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. 2 And behold, a severe earthquake had occurred, for an Angel of the Lord descended from Heaven and came and--rolled away the stone--and sat upon it.

3 And his appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men.

5 The Angel said to the women--“Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. 6 He is not here--for He Has Risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.

7 Go quickly--and tell his Disciples that He has Risen from the Dead; and behold, Jesus is going ahead of you into Galilee, there you will see Him; behold, I have told you.”

8 And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to report it to His

disciples. 9 And behold, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

11 Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and reported to the chief priests all that had happened.

12 And when they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, 13 and said, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came by night and stole Him away while we were asleep.’ 14 And if this should come to the governor’s ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble.” 15 And they took the money and did as they had been instructed; and this story was widely spread among the Jews, and is to this day.

16 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the Mountain which Jesus had designated. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All Authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on earth.

19-- Go therefore and Make Disciples of peoples of all the nations--

--Baptizing them in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

20 --Teaching them to observe/Do All--that I Commanded you;

-- and lo--I Am--With You Always--even to the End of the age/world.

## **End Gospel Of MATHEW**

# **Gospel Of MARK**

## **Here is a brief Summary of the Gospel of MARK:**

--John the Baptist comes on the scene as a Voice yelling in the wilderness saying Repent.

--Jesus chooses his disciples. Jesus does miracles, healings, and signs all the time.

--the Parable of the Sower is told and explained.

--A woman touches Jesus's garment in Faith to be Healed, and power from Jesus goes into her and Heals her Sickness. Jesus says--"Your Faith has made you whole/healed."

--John the Baptist is beheaded.

--Jesus feeds over 4,000 people with loafs of bread and fishes.

Jesus says--"If you can Believe all things are possible to those who Believe."

"Whoever is the Greatest among you must be the Servant of all." "Love God with all your heart--and your neighbor just like yourself."

--The rich young ruler won't give his gold, money, and treasures to the poor and follow Jesus.

--In Chapter 13--Jesus talks about the Last Days Signs before his return back to the earth.

--Peter denies Jesus three times. Jesus is crucified and rises up from the dead.

--In Chapter 16--Jesus gives the Great Commission to preach the Gospel, and Heal in My Name those who are sick and afflicted.

# Gospel Of MARK

## CHAPTER 1

1 The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2 As it is written in Isaiah the Prophet:

“Behold, I send My messenger ahead of You,

Who will prepare Your way;

3 The voice of one crying/yelling in the wilderness,

‘Make ready the way of the Lord,

Make His paths straight.’

4 John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching--a Baptism of Repentance for the Forgiveness of Sins. 5 And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and All the people of Jerusalem; and they were being--Baptized by him in the Jordan River, --Confessing their Sins. 6 John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey.

7 And he was preaching, and saying, “After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. 8 I baptized you with water; but He will Baptize you --with the Holy Spirit.”

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was Baptized by John in the Jordan. 10 Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the Heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; 11 and a Voice/from God came out of Heaven saying--“You are My beloved Son, in whom--I am Well-Pleased.”

12 Immediately the Spirit urged Jesus to go out into the wilderness. 13 And He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the Angels were ministering to Him.

14 Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, Preaching the Gospel of God, 15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; Repent--and Believe/have Faith completely in the Gospel of God.”

16 As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, his brother, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. 17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of people.” 18 Immediately they Left their nets and followed Him. 19 Going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets. 20 Immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went away to follow Him.

21 They went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and began to teach. 22 They were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes/lawyers of the Mosaic Law. 23 Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried/yelled out, 24 saying, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us?"

-- I know who You are--the Holy One of God."

25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet/shut up, and come out of him" 26 Throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit/demon cried out with a loud voice and came out of him. 27 They were all amazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He Commands--even the unclean spirits--and they obey Him." 28 Immediately the news about Him spread everywhere into all the surrounding district of Galilee.

29 And immediately after they came out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and immediately they spoke to Jesus about her. 31 And He came to her and raised/healed her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her--and she waited on them.

32 When evening came, after the sun had set, they began bringing to Him all who were ill/sick/afflicted/paralyzed, and those who were demon-possessed. 33 And the whole city had gathered at the door. 34 And Jesus Healed many who were ill--with various diseases/sicknesses, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was.

35 In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there. 36 Simon and his companions searched for Him; 37 they found Him, and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." 38 He said to them, "Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, so that I may preach there also; for that is what I came for." 39 And He went into their synagogues throughout All Galilee, preaching--and casting out the demons.

40 And a leper came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, "If You are Willing, You can make me clean/Healed Completely." 41 Moved with Compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him,

-- "**I am willing; be cleansed/Healed.**" 42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was--cleansed/Healed Completely.

43 And Jesus sternly warned him and immediately sent him away, 44 and He said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and offer



for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” 45 But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news around, to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but stayed out in unpopulated areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere.

## CHAPTER 2

1 When He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home. 2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, not even near the door; and He was speaking the Word of God to them. 3 And they came, bringing to him a paralyzed person, carried by four men. 4 Being unable to get to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralyzed person was lying.

5 And Jesus seeing their Faith said to the paralyzed person, “Son, your Sins are Forgiven.” 6 But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7 “Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can Forgive Sins but God alone?” 8 Immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, said to them, “Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts?

9 Which is easier, to say to this paralyzed person ,--‘Your Sins are Forgiven--or to say, --‘Get up--and pick up your bed--and Walk’?

10 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has Authority on earth--to Forgive Sins” Jesus said to the paralyzed person,

11 --“I say to you--Get Up--Pick up your bed and go home.” --

-12 And the paralyzed person Got Up--and immediately picked up his bed--and went out in the sight of everyone, so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this.”

13 And Jesus went out again by the seashore; and All the people were coming to Him, and He was teaching them.

14 As He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting in the tax booth, and He said to him-- “Follow Me” And he got up and Followed Him.

15 And it happened that He was reclining at the table in his house, and many tax collectors and sinners were dining with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many of them, and they were following Him.

16 When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that Jesus was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they said to His disciples, “Why is He eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners?” 17 And hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but

sinner to Repentance.”

18 John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and they came and said to Him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not Fast?” 19 And Jesus said to them, “While the bridegroom is with them, the attendants of the bridegroom cannot fast, can they? So long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. 20 But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will Fast in that day.

21 “No one sews a patch of new cloth on an old garment; otherwise the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear results. 22 No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost and the skins as well; but one puts new wine into fresh wineskins.”

23 And it happened that He was passing through the grain fields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to make their way along while picking the heads of grain. 24 The Pharisees were saying to Him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” 25 And He said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions became hungry;

26 how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for anyone to eat except the priests, and he also gave it to those who were with him?” 27 Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made for people--and not people for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”

### CHAPTER 3

1 Jesus entered again into a synagogue; and a man was there whose hand was withered. 2 They were watching Him to see if He would Heal him--on the Sabbath, so that they--might accuse Him. 3 He said to the man with the withered hand, “Get up and come forward” 4 And He said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to kill?” But they kept silent. 5 After looking around at them with anger, He was grieved/saddened at their Hardness of heart,

Jesus said to the man--“Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched his damaged/withered hand out--and his damaged Hand--was restored/Healed Completely.

6 The Pharisees went out and immediately began conspiring with the Herodians against Him, as to how they might destroy Him.

7 Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and a great multitude from Galilee followed; and also from Judea, 8 and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the

Jordan, and the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon, a great number of people heard of all that He was doing and came to Him. 9 And He told His disciples that a boat should stand ready for Him because of the crowd, so that they would not crowd Him; 10 for He had Healed Many, with the result that all those who had afflictions pressed around Him in order to touch Him. 11 Whenever the unclean spirits saw Him, they would fall down before Him and shout, “You are the Son of God” 12 And He sternly warned them not to tell who He was.

13 And He went up on the mountain and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. 14 And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to Preach, 15 and to have Authority to Cast Out the demons.

16 And He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter), 17 and James, the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, “Sons of Thunder”); 18 and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot; 19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.

20 And He came home, and the crowd gathered again, to such an extent that they could not even eat a meal. 21 When His own family heard of this, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, “He has lost His senses.” 22 The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.”

23 And He called them to Himself and began speaking to them in Parables, “How can satan cast out satan? 24 If a Kingdom is divided against itself, that Kingdom cannot stand. 25 If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26 If satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished.

27 But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder/steal his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.

28 “Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven men and women, and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29 but whoever blasphemes--against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness--but is guilty of an eternal sin”— 30 because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit/devil in him.”

31 Then Jesus's mother and His brothers arrived, and standing outside they sent word to Him and called Him. 32 A crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, “Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are outside looking for You.” 33 Answering them, Jesus said, “Who are My mother and My brothers & sisters?”

34 Looking about at those who were sitting around Him, He said, “Behold My mother and My brothers 35 For whoever--Does the Will of God--they are My brother and sister and mother.”

## CHAPTER 4

1 Jesus began to teach again by the sea. And such a very large crowd gathered to Him that He got into a boat in the sea and sat down; and the whole crowd was by the sea on the land. 2 And He was teaching them many things in parables, and was saying to them in His teaching, 3 “Listen to this Behold, the Sower went out to sow seeds; 4 as he was sowing, some seed fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate it up.

5 Other seed fell on the rocky ground where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil.

6 And after the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. 7 Other seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns came/sprang up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. 8 Other seeds fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.” 9 And He was saying, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

10 As soon as He was alone, His followers, along with the twelve, began asking Him about the parables. 11 And He was saying to them, “To you has been given the mystery of the Kingdom of God, but those who are outside get everything in parables, 12 so that while seeing, they may see and not perceive, and while hearing, they may hear and not understand, or be forgiven.”

13 And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How will you understand all the parables?

14 The Sower sows--the Word of God.

15 These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately satan comes and takes away The Word which has been sown in them. 16 In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; 17 and they have--No Firm Root in Themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the Word, immediately they Fall Away.

18 And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the Word, 19 but--the Worries/cares of the world, and the Deceitfulness of Riches--and the lusts for other things enter in and Choke the Word, and it becomes--Unfruitful.

20 And the Peoples/Saints--on whom seed was sown on the Good Soil—are those who hear the Word of God--and accept/do it/Obey--and bear Fruit of--thirty-fold, sixty-fold, and a hundredfold.

21 And He was saying to them, “A Lamp/light--is Not brought to be put under a bushel, is it, or under a bed? Isn't it supposed to be put on a lamp stand? 22 For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has anything been secret, but that it would come to light. 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.”

24 And Jesus was saying to them,  
“Take care what you Listen to. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you; and more will be given you besides. 25 For whoever has, to them more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what they have shall be taken away from them.”

26 And He was saying, “The Kingdom of God is like--a man who casts Seed upon the soil; 27 and he goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows—how, he himself does not know. 28 The soil produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head. 29 But when the crop ripens, he immediately puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

30 And He said, “How shall we picture the Kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it? 31 It is like--a Mustard Seed, which, when sown upon the soil, though it is --smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil, 32 yet when it is sown, it grows up and --becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that the birds of the air can nest under its shade.”

33 With many such parables He was speaking the Word to them, so far as they were able to hear it; 34 and He did not speak to them without a parable; but He was explaining everything privately to His own disciples.

35 On that day, when evening came, He said to them, “Let us go over to the other side.” 36 Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him. 37 And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up.

38 Jesus Himself was in the stern, Asleep on the cushion; and they shook him, and woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?” 39 And Jesus got up and--Rebuked/commanded the wind and said to the sea, “Quiet, be still.” And the wind died down--and it became perfectly Calm.

40 And He said to them, “Why are you afraid?--Do you still have no Faith?” 41 They became very much afraid and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea--Obey Him?”

## CHAPTER 5

1 They came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes.

2 When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him, 3 and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain; 4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him.

5 Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains, and gashing himself with stones. 6 Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him; 7 and shouting with a loud voice, he said, "What do we have to do with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?--I implore You by God, do not torment me"

8 For He had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit" 9 And He was asking him, "What is your name?" And he said to Him, "My name is Legion; for we are many." 10 And he began to implore Him earnestly not to send them out of the country. 11 Now there was a large herd of swine feeding nearby on the mountain. 12 The demons implored Him, saying, "Send us into the swine so that we may enter them."

13 Jesus gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine--and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand of them--and they were drowned in the sea.

14 Their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and in the country. And the people came to see what it was that had happened. 15 They came to Jesus and observed the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down--clothed and in his Right Mind, the same man who had had the demons in him and they became frightened. 16 Those who had seen it described to the villagers how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and all about the swine.

17 And they began to implore Jesus to leave their region. 18 As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was asking Jesus that he might accompany Him. 19 And He did not let him, but He said to him, -- "Go home to your people and report to them --what Great Things the Lord has done for you, and-- how He had Mercy on you." 20 And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

21 When Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him; and so He stayed by the seashore. 22 One of the synagogue officials named Jairus came up, and on seeing Him, fell at His feet 23 and implored Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death; please come and lay Your

hands on her, so that she will get well and live.” 24 And He went off with him; and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him.

25 A woman who had had a Blood Hemorrhage for twelve years, 26 and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was Not Helped at all--but rather had grown worse— 27 after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind Him and touched His clothing/garment. 28 For she thought, “If I just touch His garment--I will get Healed.” 29 Immediately after touching Jesus's garment--the flow of her blood--was dried up; and she felt in her body that--she was Healed of her Affliction.

30 Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that—God's Healing Power proceeding from Him--had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said,--“Who touched My garment?” 31 And His disciples said to Him, “You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’ ”

32 And He looked around to see the woman who had done this. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Jesus--and told Him the whole truth. 34 And Jesus--said to her, “Daughter, --Your Faith--has made you Healed--go in Peace you are--Healed of your Disease.”

35 While He was still speaking, they came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, “Your daughter has died; why trouble the Teacher anymore?” 36 But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, “Do Not be Afraid any longer--only Believe/have Faith--in Me.”

37 And He allowed no one to accompany Him, except Peter and James and John the brother of James. 38 They came to the house of the synagogue official; and He saw a commotion, and people loudly weeping and wailing.

39 And entering in, He said to them, “Why make a commotion and weep? The child has Not died--but is asleep.” 40 They began--Laughing at Him. But putting them all out, He took along the child's father and mother and His own companions, and entered the room where the child was. 41 Taking the child by the hand,

Jesus said to her--“Little girl, I say to you--Get Up”-- Immediately the girl got up Healed--and began to Walk, for she was twelve years old. And the people were completely astounded/amazed/speechless. 43 And He gave them strict orders that no one should know about this, and He said that something should be given her to eat.

## CHAPTER 6

1 Jesus went out from there and came into his Hometown; and His disciples followed Him. 2 When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many

listeners were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things, and what is this wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands?

3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?”-- And they took Offense/mockered at Him.--4 Jesus said to them--“A Prophet is not without Honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own household.”

5 And Jesus could--do No Mighty miracles/healings there--except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them.

6 And Jesus was Amazed--at their Unbelief.

And He was going around the villages teaching.

7 And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them Authority over--the unclean spirits/demons; 8 and He instructed them that they should take nothing for their journey, except a mere staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belt— 9 but to wear sandals; and He added, “Do not put on two tunics.” 10 And He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town.

11 Any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet for a testimony against them.”

12 They went out and Preached that people--should Repent--13 And they were Casting Out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people--and Healing Them.

14 And King Herod heard of it, for Jesus's name had become well known; and people were saying, “John the Baptist has risen from the dead, and that is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him.” 15 But others were saying, “He is Elijah.” And others were saying, “He is a Prophet, like one of the Prophets of old.” 16 But when Herod heard of it, he kept saying, “John, whom I beheaded, has risen.”

17 For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her. 18 For John had said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” 19 Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death and could not do so;

20 for Herod was afraid of John, knowing that--he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was very perplexed; but he used to enjoy listening to him.

21 A strategic day came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his lords and military commanders and the leading men/nobles of Galilee; 22 and when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you want and I will give it to you.”



23 And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask of me, I will give it to you; up to half of my Kingdom." 24 And she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist."

25 Immediately she came in a hurry to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26 And although the king was very sorry, yet because of his oaths and because of his dinner guests, he was unwilling to refuse her. 27 Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded him to bring back his head. And he went and had him beheaded in the prison, 28 and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. 29 When his disciples heard about this, they came and took away his body and laid it in a tomb.

30 The disciples gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught. 31 And He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and Rest a while." (For there were many people coming and going, and they did not even--have time to eat.) 32 They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves.

33 The people saw them going, and many recognized them and ran there together on foot from all the cities, and got there ahead of them. 34 When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things. 35 When it was already quite late, His disciples came to Him and said, "This place is desolate and it is already quite late;

36 send them away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." 37 But He answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "Shall we go and spend two hundred denarii on bread and give them something to eat?"

38 And He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go look." And when they found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." 39 And He commanded them all to sit down by groups on the green grass. 40 They sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. 41 And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward Heaven, He blessed the food and broke the loaves and He kept giving them to the disciples to set before them; and He divided up the two fish among them all.

42 They all ate--and were satisfied/satiated, 43 and they picked up twelve full baskets of the broken bread pieces, and also of the fish. 44 There were five thousand men who ate the loaves.

45 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away. 46 After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray.

47 When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land. 48 Seeing the disciples straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the fourth watch of the night Jesus--came to them, walking on the sea--and He intended to pass by them. 49 But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out;

50 for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke with them and said to them,

“Take Courage; it is I--do-Not-be-Afraid.”

51 Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were utterly astonished, 52 for they had not gained any insight from the incident of the loaves, but their heart was hardened.

53 When they had crossed over--they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore. 54 When they got out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, 55 and ran about that whole country and began to carry here and there on their mats/beds those who were sick, to the place they heard He was.

56 Wherever Jesus entered villages, or cities, or countryside--they were laying the Sick in the market places, and imploring Jesus that they might with their hand(s)--just touch/with their Faith--the outside of His garment--and as many as Touched it--were Healed.

## CHAPTER 7

1 The Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered around Him when they had come from Jerusalem, 2 and had seen that some of His disciples were eating their bread with impure hands, that is, unwashed. 3 (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands, thus observing the traditions of the elders;

4 and when they come from the market place, they do not eat unless they cleanse themselves; and there are many other things which they have received in order to observe, such as the washing of cups and pitchers and copper pots.) 5 The Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with impure/unwashed hands?”

6 And He said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy--of you Hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, But their Heart--is far away from Me.

7 But in vain do they worship Me, Teaching as Doctrines the precepts of men/religion.’

8 Neglecting the commandments of God, you hold to the tradition of men.”

9 He was also saying to them, “You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition. 10 For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘whoever speaks evil of their father or mother, is to be put to death’; 11 but you say, ‘If a child or teenager says to their father or their mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (I am a Gift to you from God) so I don't have to reverence you and do what you tell me to do.

13 thus invalidating the Word of God by your tradition/religion which you have handed down; and you do many other things such as that.”

14 After He called the crowd to Him again, He began saying to them, “Listen to Me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing/foods/drinks outside a person which can defile them/spiritually if it goes into them; but the things which proceed out of the person's Heart--are what defile the person. 16 If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.”

17 When he had left the crowd and entered the house, His disciples questioned Him about the Parable. 18 And He said to them, “Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the person from outside/foods/drinks cannot defile them, 19 because it does Not go into their heart, but into their stomach, and is eliminated?” 20 “That which proceeds out of the person--that is what defiles the person.

21 For from within, out of the Heart of people--proceed the evil thoughts, sexual sins, thefts, murders, adulteries, 22 deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, lies, slander, pride and foolishness. 23 All these Evil Things proceed from within the spirit/heart/mind--and defile/make sinful the person.”

24 Jesus got up and went away from there to the region of Tyre. And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know of it; yet He could not escape notice. 25 But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit/demon immediately came and fell at His feet. 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, of the Syrophoenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

27 And He was saying to her, “Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” 28 But she answered and said to Him, “Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs.” 29 And He said to her, “Because of this answer go; the demon has gone out of your daughter.” 30 And going back to her home, she found the child lying on the bed, the demon having left.

31 Again He went out from the region of Tyre, and came through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of Decapolis. 32 They brought to Him one who was Deaf and

spoke with difficulty, and they implored Him to lay His hand on him. 33 Jesus took him aside from the crowd, by himself, and put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting, He touched his tongue with the saliva;

34 and looking up to Heaven with a deep sigh, He said to him, “Ephphatha” that is, “Be opened” 35 And his ears were opened--and the impediment of his tongue was removed, and he began speaking--plainly. 36 And He gave them orders not to tell anyone; but the more He ordered them, the more widely they continued to proclaim it. 37 They were utterly astonished, saying, “He has done all things well; He makes even --the Deaf--to Hear and the Mute--to Speak.”

## CHAPTER 8

1 In those days, when there was again a large crowd and they had nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples and said to them, 2 “I feel Compassion for the people because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat. 3 If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come from a great distance.”

4 And His disciples answered Him, “Where will anyone be able to find enough bread here in this desolate place to satisfy these people?” 5 And He was asking them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven.”

6 And He directed the people to sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks and broke them, and started giving them to His disciples to serve to them, and they served them to the people. 7 They also had a few small fish; and after He had blessed them, He ordered these to be served as well.

8 And they ate and All--were satisfied/full; and they picked up seven large baskets full of what was left over of the broken pieces. 9 About four thousand were there; and He sent them away. 10 And immediately He entered the boat with His disciples and came to the district of Dalmanutha.

11 The Pharisees came out and began to contend/argue with Him, seeking from Him a Sign from Heaven, to test Him. 12 Sighing deeply in His spirit, Jesus said, “Why does this generation seek for a sign? Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.” 13 Leaving them, He again embarked and went away to the other side.

14 And they had forgotten to take bread, and did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them. 15 And He was giving orders to them, saying, “Watch out. Beware of the leaven/yeast/teachings--of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.”

16 They began to discuss with one another the fact that they had no bread. 17 And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you discuss the fact that you have no bread? Do

you not yet see or understand? Do you have--a Hardened Heart? 18 Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear?

--And do you Not Remember--when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces you picked up?" They said to Him, "Twelve." 20 "When I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of broken pieces did you pick up?" And they said to Him, "Seven." 21 And He was saying to the-- "Do you not yet understand/Believe/have Faith in me completely?"

22 And they came to Bethsaida. And they brought a Blind man to Jesus and implored Him to touch him. 23 Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him, "Do you see anything?" 24 And he looked up and said, "I see men, for I see them like trees, walking around."

25 Then again Jesus--laid His hands on his eyes; and the man looked up and his Vision was restored completely, and began to see--everything clearly. 26 And He sent him to his home, saying, "Do not tell anyone or enter the village."

27 Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way He questioned His disciples, saying to them, "Who do people say that I am?" 28 They told Him, saying, "John the Baptist; and others say Elijah; but others, one of the Prophets." 29 And He continued by questioning them, "But who do You say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him--"You are the Christ." 30 And He warned them to tell no one about Him.

31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be murdered, and after three days rise again. 32 And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. 33 But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind Me, satan; for you are not setting your Mind on God's interests, but the world's."

34 And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wants to come after Me--they must Deny Themselves--and take up--Their Cross--and follow Me.

35 For whoever wants to Save their life will lose it, but

--whoever Loses their Life for My Sake and the Gospel's--will Save it.

36 --For what does it Profit a person to gain the whole world, and--Lose their Soul?

37 --For what will a person give in exchange--for their Soul?

38 For whoever--is Ashamed of Me and My Words--in this adulterous and sinful

generation--the Son of Man will also be Ashamed of them--when He comes in the Glory of His Father with the holy Angels.

## CHAPTER 9

1 And Jesus was saying to them, “Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Kingdom of God after it has come with power.”

2 Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; 3 and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them. 4 Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus.

5 Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” 6 For he did not know what to answer; for they became terrified.

7 Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a Voice came out of the cloud, “This is My beloved Son, Listen to Him” 8 All at once they looked around and saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone.

9 As they were coming down from the mountain, He gave them orders not to relate to anyone what they had seen, until the Son of Man rose from the dead. 10 They seized upon that statement, discussing with one another what rising from the dead meant. 11 They asked Him, saying, “Why is it that the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”

12 And He said to them, “Elijah does first come and restore all things. And yet how is it written of the Son of Man that He will suffer many things and be treated with contempt? 13 But I say to you that Elijah/John the Baptist has indeed come, and they did to him whatever they wished, just as it is written of him.”

14 When they came back to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. 15 Immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him, they were amazed and began running up to greet Him. 16 And He asked them, “What are you discussing with them?”

17 And one of the crowd answered Him, “Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit/demon which makes him mute; 18 and whenever it seizes him, it slams him to the ground and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth and stiffens out. I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not do it.”

19 And He answered them and said, “O Unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me” 20 They brought the boy to Him. When he saw Him, immediately the demon threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he began rolling around and foaming at the mouth.

21 And He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. 22 It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us” 23 And Jesus said to him, “

--‘IF--You can Believe?’--All things are Possible to those who Believe.’”

24 Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, “I do believe--help my unbelief.” 25 When Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean demon, saying to it, “You deaf and mute demon--I Command you, come out of him and do not enter him again.” 26 After yelling, and throwing him into terrible convulsions--the demon came out--and the boy became so much like a corpse that most of them said, “He is dead”

27 But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he got up. 28 When He came into the house, His disciples began questioning Him privately, “Why could we not drive the demon out?” 29 And He said to them, “This kind cannot come out by anything but by prayer and fasting.”

30 From there they went out and began to go through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know about it. 31 For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, “The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will murder Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise three days later.” 32 But they did not understand this statement, and they were afraid to ask Him.

33 They came to Capernaum; and when He was in the house, He began to question them, “What were you discussing on the way?” 34 But they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another which of them--was the Greatest. 35 Sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, they shall be last of all and--Servant of all--Taking a Child, He set him before them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them,

37 “Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me also receives Him who sent Me.”

38 John said to Him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we tried to prevent him because he was not following us.” 39 But Jesus said, “Do not hinder him, for there is no one who will perform a Miracle in My name, and be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me.

40 For whoever is Not against us--is for us.

41 For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because of your name as followers/disciples of Christ, truly I say to you, they will Not Lose their Reward.

42 “Whoever causes one of these little ones who Believe in Me to stumble/sin, it would be better for them if, with a heavy millstone hung around their neck--they were cast into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to stumble/sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed, than, having your two good hands, to go into Hell, into the unquenchable fire,

44 where their worm does not die, and the Fire is not quenched. 45 If your foot causes you to stumble/sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than, having your two good feet, to be cast into Hell, 46 where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.

47 If your Eye causes you to stumble/sin, throw it out; it is better for you to enter the Kingdom of God with one eye, than, having two good eyes, to be cast into Hell, 48 where their worm does not die, and the Fire is not Quenched/put out.

49 “For everyone will be salted with fire. 50 Salt is good; but if the salt becomes unsalty/bland, with what will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at Peace with one another.”

## **CHAPTER 10**

1 Getting up, He went from there to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan; crowds gathered around Him again, and, according to His custom, He once more began to teach them.

2 Some Pharisees came up to Jesus, testing Him, and began to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce his wife. 3 And He answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?” 4 They said, “Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.” 5 But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.

6 But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. 7 For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, 8 and the two shall become one flesh; so they are no longer two, but one flesh. 9 What therefore God has joined together--let no person separate.”

10 In the house the disciples began questioning Him about this again. 11 And He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her; 12 and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is



committing adultery.”

13 And they were bringing Children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked/prevented them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, He was Indignant and said to them,-- “Permit the Children to come to Me--do Not hinder them; --for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 15 Truly I say to you, --whoever does Not Receive the Kingdom of God like a Child--will Not enter it at all.” 16 And Jesus took the Children in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them.

17 As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 18 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. 19 You know the commandments, ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’

” 20 And he said to Him, “Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up.” 21 Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, “One thing you lack: go and--Sell All you possess and Give to the Poor--and you will have --Treasures in Heaven--and come, Follow Me.” 22 But at these words he was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one--who owned much possessions.

23 And Jesus, looking around, said to His disciples, “How Hard it will be for those who are wealthy/rich to Enter the Kingdom of God” 24 The disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God

25 It is Easier for a camel--to go through the eye of a needle--than for a Rich Person--to enter the Kingdom of God.--26 They were even more astonished and said to Him, “Then who can be Saved?” 27 Looking at them, Jesus said--

“With people it is impossible--but Not with God--for All things Are Possible with God.”

28 Peter began to say to Him, “Behold, we have Left Everything--and followed You.” 29 Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the Gospel’s sake, 30 but that they will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last, first.”

32 They were on the road going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took

the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him, 33 saying, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles. 34 They will mock Him and spit on Him, and scourge/whip Him and kill Him, and three days later--He will Rise Again.”

35 James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus, saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.” 36 And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” 37 They said to Him, “Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left, in Your glory.” 38 But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”

39 They said to Him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized. 40 But to sit on My right or on My left, this is not Mine to give; but it is for those for whom--it has been Prepared.”

41 Hearing this, the ten began to feel indignant/anger with James and John. 42 Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them/boss them around; and their great men exercise authority over them.

43 But it is not this way among you, but

--whoever wants to become Great--among you shall be--your Servant;

44 --and whoever wants to be Chief among you shall be--the Servant of all.

45 For even the Son of Man did Not come to be served--but to Serve, and to give His Life a ransom/sacrifice for many.”

46 Then they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to yell out and say, “Jesus, Son of David/messiah, have mercy on me” 48 Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept yelling out all the more, “Son of David, have Mercy on me”

49 And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him here.” So they called the Blind man, saying to him, “Take courage, stand up He is calling for you.” 50 Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus. 51 And answering him, Jesus said--“What do you want Me to do for you?” And the blind man said to Him, “Master--I want to Regain my Sight”

52 And Jesus said to him, “Go--**Your Faith**--has made you—Healed/of your blindness--  
” Immediately he Regained his Sight and began following Him on the road.

## CHAPTER 11

1 As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, 2 and said to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here. 3 If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ you say, ‘The Lord has need of it’; and immediately he will send it back here.” 4 They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they untied it.

5 Some of the bystanders were saying to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” 6 They spoke to them just as Jesus had told them, and they gave them permission. 7 They brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it. 8 And many spread their coats in the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. 9 Those who went in front and those who followed were shouting:

“Hosanna

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;

10 Blessed is the coming Kingdom of our father David;

Hosanna in the highest”

11 Jesus entered Jerusalem and came into the temple; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.

12 On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry. 13 Seeing at a distance a Fig Tree, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was Not the season for figs. 14 He said to it, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And His disciples were listening.

15 Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; 16 and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple.

17 And He began to teach and say to them, “Is it not written--‘My house shall be called a House of Prayer--for all the nations’? But you have made it--a robbers’ den.” 18 The chief priests and the scribes heard this, and began seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching.

19 When evening came, they would go out of the city.

20 As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the Fig Tree withered from the roots up. 21 Being reminded, Peter said to Him, “Look, the Fig Tree which You cursed has withered/is dead.” 22 And Jesus answered saying to them,

--Have the Faith of God--

23 Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ and does--Not Doubt in their Heart--but Believes that what they say is going to happen, it will be granted/done them. 24 Therefore I say to you, all things/according to God's will--for which you Pray and Ask—Believe/keep on Believing--that you have received them--and they will be granted you.

25 Whenever you are praying--Forgive, if you have anything unforgiven against anyone--so that your Father who is in Heaven will also--Forgive you your transgressions/sins.

26 But if you do Not Forgive-- neither will your Father who is in Heaven--Forgive Your Transgressions/Sins.”

27 They came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to Him, 28 and began saying to Him, “By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do these things?” 29 And Jesus said to them, “I will ask you one question, and you answer Me, and then I will tell you by what authority I do these things. 30 Was the baptism of John from Heaven, or from men? Answer Me.”

31 They began reasoning among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From Heaven,’ He will say, ‘Then why did you not believe him?’ 32 But shall we say, ‘From men’?”—they were afraid of the people, for everyone considered John to have been a real Prophet. 33 Answering Jesus, they said, “We do not know.” And Jesus said to them, “Nor will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

## CHAPTER 12

1 And He began to speak to them in Parables: “A man planted a vineyard and put a wall around it, and dug a vat under the wine press and built a tower, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey. 2 At the harvest time he sent a servant to the vine-growers, in order to receive some of the produce of the vineyard from the vine-growers.

3 They took him, and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 4 Again he sent them another servant, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully. 5 And he sent another, and that one they killed; and so with many others, beating some and killing others. 6 He had one more to send, a beloved son; he sent him last of all to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

7 But those vine-growers said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us murder him, and the inheritance will be ours’ 8 They took him, and murdered him and threw him out of the vineyard. 9 What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine-growers, and will give the vineyard to others. 10 Have you not even read the Scripture:

‘The stone which the builders rejected,  
Has become--the chief corner stone;  
11 This came about from the Lord,  
And it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

12 And they were seeking to seize Him, and yet they feared the people, for they understood that He spoke the parable against them. And so they left Him and went away.  
13 Then they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Him in order to trap Him in a statement. 14 They came and said to Him, “Teacher, we know that You are truthful and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay a Taxes to Caesar, or not?

15 Shall we pay or shall we not pay?” But He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, “Why are you testing Me? Bring Me a denarius coin to look at.” 16 They brought one. And He said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” And they said to Him, “Caesar’s.” 17 And Jesus said to them, “Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s--and to God the things that are God’s.” And they were amazed at Him.

18 Some Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection) came to Jesus, and began questioning Him, saying, 19 “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves behind a wife and leaves no child, his brother should marry the wife and raise up children to his brother. 20 There were seven brothers; and the first took a wife, and died leaving no children.

21 The second one married her, and died leaving behind no children; and the third likewise; 22 and so all seven left no children. Last of all the woman died also. 23 In the resurrection, when they rise again, which one’s wife will she be? For all seven had married her.”

24 Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the Power of God?

25 For when the Saints rise from the dead--they neither marry nor are given in marriage--but are like the Angels in Heaven.

26 But regarding the fact that the dead rise again, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’?

27 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; you are greatly mistaken.”

28 One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, “What commandment is the foremost of all?” 29 Jesus answered, “The foremost is,

‘Hear, O Israel The Lord our God is one Lord;

30 and You Shall Love the Lord your God with--All your heart, and--with All your soul, and--with All your mind, and--with All your strength.’

31 The second is this, ‘You shall Love your neighbor/anybody--As Yourself.’ There are no other commandments greater than these.”

32 The scribe said to Him, “Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that He is One, and there is no one else besides Him; 33 and to love Him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as himself, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” 34 When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.” After that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.

35 And Jesus began to say, as He taught in the temple, “How is it that the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? 36 David himself said in the Holy Spirit,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at My right hand,

Until I put Your enemies beneath Your feet.” ’

37 David himself calls Him ‘Lord’; so in what sense is He his son?” And the large crowd enjoyed listening to Him.

38 In His teaching He was saying: “Beware of the scribes who like to walk around in long robes, and like respectful greetings in the market places, 39 and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets, 40 who devour widows’ houses, and for appearance’s sake offer long prayers; these will receive--greater condemnation.”

41 And He sat down opposite the Treasury, and began observing how the people were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums. 42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent. 43 Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; 44 for they all put in--out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty--put in all she owned--all she had to live on.”

## CHAPTER 13

1 As He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, “Teacher, behold what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings” 2 And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left upon another which will not be torn down.”

3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?” 5 And Jesus

began to say to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. 6 Many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am Christ--and will mislead many. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; those things must take place; but that is not yet the end. 8 For nation will rise up against nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom; there will be Earthquakes in various places; there will also be Famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

9 “But be on Your Guard; for they will deliver you to the courts, and you will be beaten in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them. 10 The Gospel of God--must first be preached to all the nations. 11 When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit.

12 Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. 13 You will be Hated by all peoples Because of My Name--  
--but the person/Saint who Endures to the End/keeps the Faith--will be Saved.

14 “But when you see the Abomination of Desolation standing where it should not be then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. 15 The one who is on the housetop must not go down, or go in to get anything out of their house; 16 and the one who is in the field must not turn back to get their coat. 17 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days 18 But pray that it may not happen in the winter.

19 For those days will be--a time of Tribulation--such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now--and never will. 20 Unless the Lord had shortened those days--no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the Elect/Body of Christ/Saints, whom He chose, He has shortened the days. 21 And then if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ’; or, ‘Behold, He is there’; do not believe them;

22 for false Christs and false Prophets will arise, and will show signs and wonders, in order to lead astray, if possible, the Saints. 23 But take heed; behold, I have told you everything in advance.

24 “But in those days--After the Great Tribulation--the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from Heaven, and the powers that are in the Heavens will be shaken. 26 Then--they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then He will send forth the Angels, and will gather together His Saints from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of Heaven.

28 “Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 Even so, you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that The End is near, right at the door. 30 Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

31 --Heaven and earth will pass away--but My Words--will Not pass away--

32 But of that Day or hour--No one knows, not even the Angels in Heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

33 “Take heed--keep on the Alert/Watch--for you do not know when the appointed End will come. 34 It is like a man away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and putting his servants in charge, assigning to each one their task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert.

35 Therefore, be on the Alert—for you do not know when the master/Jesus Christ of the house is coming/back to earth for Judgment, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— 36 in case he should come suddenly and find You--Asleep.

37 What I say to you--I say to all,--Be on the Alert/Watch

## CHAPTER 14

1 Now the Passover and Unleavened Bread were two days away; and the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to seize Jesus by stealth/clandestinely and murder Him; 2 for they were saying, “Not during the festival, otherwise there might be a riot of the people.”

3 While He was in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper, and reclining at the table, there came a woman with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard; and she broke the vial--and poured it over His head. 4 But some were indignantly remarking to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted?

5 For this perfume might have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.” And they were scolding her. 6 But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me. 7 For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want to--you can do good to them; but you do Not always have Me. 8 She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial. 9 Truly I say to you, wherever the Gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.”

10 Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went off to the chief priests in order to betray Him to them. 11 They were glad when they heard this, and promised to give him money. And he began seeking how to betray Him at an opportune time.



12 On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was being sacrificed, His disciples said to Him, “Where do You want us to go and prepare for You to eat the Passover?” 13 And He sent two of His disciples and said to them, “Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him;

14 and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher says, “Where is My guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?”’ 15 And he himself will show you a large upper room furnished and ready; prepare for us there.” 16 The disciples went out and came to the city, and found it just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

17 When it was evening He came with the twelve. 18 As they were reclining at the table and eating, Jesus said, “Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me—one who is eating with Me.” 19 They began to be grieved and to say to Him one by one, “Surely not I?” 20 And He said to them, “It is the one who dips with Me in the bowl. 21 For the Son of Man is to go 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.”

22 While they were eating, He took some bread, and after a blessing He broke it, and gave it to them, and said, “Take it; this is My Body.” 23 And when He had taken a cup of wine and given thanks, He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. 24 And He said to them, “This is My blood of the covenant--which is poured out for many. 25 Truly I say to you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the Kingdom of God.”

26 After singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

27 And Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away, because it is written, ‘I will strike down the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.’ 28 But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”

29 But Peter said to Him, “Even though all may fall away, yet I will not.” 30 And Jesus said to him, “Truly I say to you, that this very night, before a rooster crows twice, you yourself will deny Me three times.” 31 But Peter kept saying insistently, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You” And they all were saying the same thing also.

32 They came to a place named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, “Sit here until I have prayed.” 33 And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be very distressed and troubled. 34 And He said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch.” 35 And He went a little beyond them, and fell to the ground and began to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass Him by.

36 And He was saying, "Abba Father All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet --not what I will--but what You will/want."

37 And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? 38 Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation--the spirit is willing--but the flesh is weak."

39 Again He went away and prayed, saying the same words. 40 And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him.

41 And He came the third time, and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough; the hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

42 Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand"

43 Immediately while He was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, came up accompanied by a crowd with swords and clubs, who were from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. 44 Now he who was betraying Him had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the one; seize Him and lead Him away under guard."

45 After coming, Judas immediately went to Him, saying, "Rabbi" and kissed Him. 46 They laid hands on Him and seized Him. 47 But one of those who stood by drew his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. 48 And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest Me, as you would against a robber? 49 Every day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me; but this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures." 50 And they all left Him and fled.

51 A young man was following Him, wearing nothing but a linen sheet over his naked body; and they seized him. 52 But he pulled free of the linen sheet and escaped naked.

53 They led Jesus away to the high priest; and all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes gathered together. 54 Peter had followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the officers and warming himself at the fire. 55 Now the chief priests and the whole Council kept trying to obtain testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, and they were not finding any.

56 For many were giving false testimony against Him, but their testimony was not consistent. 57 Some stood up and began to give false testimony against Him, saying,

58 "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.' " 59 Not even in this respect was their

testimony consistent. 60 The high priest stood up and came forward and questioned Jesus, saying, "Do You not answer? What is it that these men are testifying against You?" 61 But He kept silent and did not answer. Again the high priest was questioning Him, and saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed One?"

62 And Jesus said, "I am; and you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of Heaven." 63 Tearing his clothes, the high priest said, "What further need do we have of witnesses? 64 You have heard the blasphemy; how does it seem to you?" And they all condemned Him to be deserving of death. 65 Some began to spit at Him, and to blindfold Him, and to beat Him with their fists, and to say to Him, "Prophesy" And the officers received Him with slaps in the face.

66 As Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came, 67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked at him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Nazarene." 68 But he denied it, saying, "I neither know nor understand what you are talking about." And he went out onto the porch. 69 The servant-girl saw him, and began once more to say to the bystanders, "This is one of them."

70 But again he denied it. And after a little while the bystanders were again saying to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean too." 71 But he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about" 72 Immediately a rooster crowed a second time. And Peter remembered how Jesus had made the remark to him, "Before a rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times." And he began to weep/cry hurtfully.

## **CHAPTER 15**

1 Early in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes and the whole Council, immediately held a consultation; and binding Jesus, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pilate. 2 Pilate questioned Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him, "It is as you say." 3 The chief priests began to accuse Him harshly.

4 Then Pilate questioned Him again, saying, "Do You not answer? See how many charges they bring against You" 5 But Jesus made no further answer; so Pilate was amazed.

6 Now at the feast he used to release for them any one prisoner whom they requested. 7 The man named Barabbas had been imprisoned with the insurrectionists who had committed murder in the insurrection. 8 The crowd went up and began asking him to do as he had been accustomed to do for them. 9 Pilate answered them, saying, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 10 For he was aware that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

11 But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to ask him to release Barabbas for them instead. 12 Answering again, Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?" 13 They shouted back, "Crucify Him" 14 But Pilate said to them, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify Him" 15 Wishing to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas for them, and after having Jesus whipped, he handed Him over to be crucified.

16 The soldiers took Him away into the palace and they called together the whole Roman cohort. 17 They dressed Him up in purple, and after twisting a crown of thorns, they put it on Him; 18 and they began to acclaim Him, "Hail, King of the Jews" 19 They kept beating His head with a reed, and spitting on Him, and kneeling and bowing before Him.

20 After they had mocked Him, they took the purple robe off Him and put His own garments on Him. And they led Him out to crucify Him.

21 They pressed into service a passer-by coming from the country, Simon of Cyrene to carry His cross.

22 Then they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. 23 They tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh; but He did not take it. 24 And they crucified Him, and divided up His garments among themselves, casting lots for them to decide what each man should take. 25 It was the third hour when they crucified Him.

26 The inscription of the charge against Him read, "The King Of The Jews."

27 They crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left. 28 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with transgressors."

29 Those passing by were hurling abuse at Him, wagging their heads, and saying, "Ha You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, 30 save Yourself, and come down from the cross" 31 In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes, were mocking Him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. 32 Let this Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, so that we may see and believe" Those who were crucified with Him were also Insulting Him.

33 When the sixth hour came, darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice-- "My God, My God, why have You Forsaken Me?"

35 When some of the bystanders heard it, they began saying, "Behold, He is calling for Elijah." 36 Someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed, and gave

Him a drink, saying, "Let us see whether Elijah will come to take Him down." 37 And Jesus uttered a loud cry--and breathed His last. 38 And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. 39 When the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said--"Truly this man was the Son of God"

40 There were also some women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome. 41 When He was in Galilee, they used to follow Him and minister to Him; and there were many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

42 When evening had already come, because it was the preparation day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, 43 Joseph of Arimathea came, a prominent member of the Council, who himself was waiting for the Kingdom of God; and he gathered up courage and went in before Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. 44 Pilate wondered if He was dead by this time, and summoning the centurion, he questioned him as to whether He was already dead. 45 And ascertaining this from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

46 Joseph bought a linen cloth, took Him down, wrapped Him in the linen cloth and laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. 47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were looking on to see where He was laid.

## CHAPTER 16

1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 They were saying to one another--"Who will roll away the big Stone/boulder for us from the entrance of the tomb?"

4 Looking up, they saw that--the Stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large. 5 Entering the tomb, they saw a young man/an Angel sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. 6 And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified--He has Risen--He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him.

7 But go, tell His disciples--and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.' " 8 They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

9 -Now after Jesus--had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to

Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. 10 She went and reported to those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping. 11 When they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they refused to believe it.

12 After that, He appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking along on their way to the country. 13 They went away and reported it to the others, but they did not believe them either.

14 Afterward He appeared to the eleven/disciples themselves as they were reclining at the table; and He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had Not Believed those who had seen Him after He had risen. 15 And He said to them, Go--into All the world and Preach/teach the Gospel--to all peoples.

16 Whoever Believes and is Baptized--shall be Saved; but whoever doesn't Believe--shall be condemned/damned.

17 These Signs--will accompany those who have Believed/become Saints--  
--in My Name/Jesus Christ--they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues;

18 and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on those with Sicknesses and Diseases, and they--Will be Healed and recover completely--

19 So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into Heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and Preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them--and confirmed the Word--by the Signs that followed.

**End Of Gospel Of MARK**

# **Gospel Of LUKE**

## **Here is a brief Summary of the Gospel of LUKE:**

--The births of John the Baptist and Jesus are given--and the events before and after that. --John the Baptist preaches repentance and does baptizing.

--Jesus preaches and teaches the Kingdom of God is here now. He heals everybody and performs many miracles.

--Jesus said--"Don't judge others"--"Take the log out of your own eye before taking the splinter out of your neighbors eye."

--"Take up Your Cross daily." "Deny yourself."

--"Fear God who can cast a soul into Hell."

--"Seek the Kingdom of God first and his righteousness before everything else."  
"Except you Repent you shall all likewise perish."

--Jesus casts out a legion of demons from a possessed crazy violent man--He casts the demons into a herd of pigs.

--Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus on a mountain glorified.

--The Prodigal Son Parable is told. The rich man in hell and Lazarus the leper in paradise story is told.

--Jesus rides on a donkey humbly.

--Jesus prays to God--"Not my will but your will be done."

--Jesus is crucified, but he rises from the dead.

# Gospel Of LUKE

## CHAPTER 1

1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were Eyewitnesses and Servants of the Word, 3 it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; 4 so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

5 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 They were both Righteous--in the sight of God, walking Blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord. 7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years.

8 Now it happened that while Zacharias was performing his priestly service before God in the appointed order of his division, 9 according to the custom of the priestly office, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. 10 And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer outside at the hour of the incense offering. 11 And an Angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense.

12 Zacharias was troubled when he saw the Angel, and fear gripped him. 13 But the Angel said to him, "Do Not be Afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John.

14 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 he will drink no wine/alcohol, and he will be --filled with--the Holy Spirit while yet--in his mother's womb.

16 And he will turn many of the people of Israel back to the Lord their God. 17 It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people Prepared for the Lord."

18 Zacharias said to the Angel, "How will I know this for certain? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years." 19 The Angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands--in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. 20 And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because--You--did Not Believe my Words--which will be fulfilled in their proper time."



21 The people were waiting for Zacharias, and were wondering at his delay in the temple. 22 But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them; and they realized that he had seen a Vision in the temple; and he kept making signs to them, and remained mute. 23 When the days of his priestly service were ended, he went back home. 24 After these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant, and she kept herself in seclusion for five months, saying,

25 “This is the way the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He looked with favor upon me, to take away my disgrace among people.”

26 Now in the sixth month the Angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the descendants of David; and the virgin’s name--was Mary. 28 And coming in, he said to her, “Greetings, favored/blessed one The Lord--is with you.”

29 But she was very perplexed at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this was. 30 The Angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found Favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him--Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His Kingdom will have--no end.” 34 Mary said to the Angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?”

35 The Angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the Holy Child shall be called the Son of God. 36 And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month.

37 **For nothing will be/or is Impossible with God.** 38 And Mary said, “Behold, I am--the Bond Slave--of the Lord; may it be done to me--according to your word.” And the Angel departed from her.

39 Now at this time Mary arose and went to the hill country, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 And she cried out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 And how has it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me? 44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.

45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord.”

46 And Mary said:

“My soul exalts the Lord,

47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

48 For He has had regard for the humble state of His bond slave;

For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.

49 For God has done great things for me;

And Holy is His name.

50 And His Mercy is upon generation after generation Toward those--who Fear Him.

51 He has done mighty deeds with His arm;

He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart.

52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones,

And has exalted those who were humble.

53 He has filled the hungry with good things;

And sent away the rich empty-handed.

54 He has given help to Israel His servant,

In remembrance of His mercy,

55 As He spoke to our fathers,

To Abraham and his descendants forever.”

56 And Mary stayed with her about three months, and then returned to her home.

57 Now the time had come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she gave birth to a

son. 58 Her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had displayed His great mercy toward her; and they were rejoicing with her.

59 And it happened that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they

were going to call him Zacharias, after his father. 60 But his mother answered and said,

“No indeed; but he shall be called John.” 61 And they said to her, “There is no one

among your relatives who is called by that name.” 62 And they made signs to his father,

as to what he wanted him called. 63 And he asked for a tablet and wrote as follows, “His

name is John.” And they were all astonished.

64 And at once his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he began to speak in

Praise of God. 65 Fear came on all those living around them; and all these matters were

being talked about in all the hill country of Judea. 66 All who heard them kept them in

mind, saying, “What then will this child turn out to be?” For the hand/power of the Lord was certainly with him.

67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

68 “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people,

69 And has raised up a horn of salvation for us

In the house of David His servant—

70 As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old—

71 Salvation from our enemies,

And from the hand of all who hate us;

72 To show mercy toward our fathers,

And to remember His holy covenant,

73 The oath which He swore to Abraham our father,

74 To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies,

Might serve Him in Holiness and Righteousness before God all our days.

76 And you, child, will be called the Prophet--of the Most High;

For you will go on before the Lord--to prepare His ways;

77 To give to His people the knowledge of Salvation

By the Forgiveness of their Sins,

78 Because of the tender Mercy of our God,

With which the Sunrise from on high will visit us,

79 To shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,

To guide our feet into the--Way of Peace.

80 And the child (John the Baptist) continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

## CHAPTER 2

Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the Roman Empire. 2 This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. 4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,

5 in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. 6 While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

8 In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And an Angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. 10 But the Angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news--of great joy which will be for all peoples; 11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior--who is Christ the Lord.

12 This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 And suddenly there appeared with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth goodwill, and peace to mankind.”

15 When the Angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, “Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

17 When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. 20 The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

21 And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the Angel before He was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”), 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, “A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

25 And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s ‘Christ’. 27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, 28 then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, 29 “Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace,  
According to Your word;

30 For my eyes have seen Your Salvation,  
31 Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,  
32 A Light of revelation to the Gentiles,  
And the glory of Your people Israel.”

33 And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.

34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, “Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed, 35 and a sword will pierce even your own soul, to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be

revealed.”

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers. 38 At that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

39 When they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth. 40 The Child/Jesus continued to grow, become strong, and increase in Wisdom.

41 Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. 42 And when Jesus became twelve, they went up there according to the custom of the Feast; 43 and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents were unaware of it, 44 but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day’s journey; and they began looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

45 When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him. 46 Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them--and asking them questions.

47 And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. 48 When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You.” 49 And He said to them, “Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to--be about doing My Father’s business?” 50 But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them.

51 And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and people.

## CHAPTER 3

1 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, 2 in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the Word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness. 3 And he came into all the district around the Jordan, Preaching--a Baptism of Repentance--for the Forgiveness of Sins;

4 as it is written in the book of the Words of Isaiah the prophet,  
“The voice of one crying in the wilderness,  
‘Make ready the way of the Lord,  
Make His paths straight.

5 Every valley will be filled,  
And every mountain and hill will be brought low;  
The crooked will become straight,  
And the rough roads smooth;  
6 And all flesh will see the Salvation of God.’ ”

7 So he began saying to the crowds who were going out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers/snakes, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Therefore bear Fruits in keeping with Repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father,’ for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.

9 Indeed the ax is already laid at the root of the trees; so every tree/person that Does Not bear Good Fruit is cut down--and thrown into the Fires of Hell.”

10 And the crowds were questioning him, saying, “Then what shall we do?” 11 And he would answer and say to them, “The person who has two robes is to share with someone who has none; and whoever has food is to do likewise.” 12 And some tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” 13 And he said to them, “Collect no more than what you have been ordered to.” 14 Some soldiers were questioning him, saying, “And what about us, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and be content with your wages.”

15 Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were wondering in their hearts about John, as to whether he was the Christ, 16 John answered and said to them all, “As for me, I Baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will Baptize you--with the Holy Spirit and Fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat/saints into--His barn/heaven; but He will burn up the chaff/sinners with unquenchable Fire.”

18 So with many other exhortations he preached the Gospel/good news to the people. 19 But when Herod the tetrarch was reprimanded by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the wicked things which Herod had done, 20 Herod had locked John up in prison.

21 Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also Baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form

like a dove, and a Voice from God--came out of Heaven,  
--“You are My beloved Son, in You--I am Well-Pleased.”  
23 When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age.

## CHAPTER 4

1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Holy Spirit to the wilderness 2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. 3 And the devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God--tell this stone to become bread.” 4 And Jesus answered him, “It is written--‘People shall not live by bread/foods alone--but by Every Word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

5 And satan led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, “I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it--to whomever I want. 7 Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours.” 8 Jesus answered him, “It is written,  
--You shall Worship the Lord your God and Serve Him only--  
9 And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here;

10 for it is written,  
‘He will command His Angels concerning You to guard You,’  
11 and, ‘On their hands they will bear You up,  
So that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.’ ”  
12 And Jesus answered and said to him, “It is said/written,  
--‘You shall Not tempt/or Provoke the Lord your God.’

13 When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until a more opportune time.

14 And Jesus returned to Galilee in the Power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. 15 And He began teaching in their synagogues.

16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. 17 And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,  
Because He Anointed Me to preach the gospel--to the poor.  
He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives,  
And recovery of sight to the blind,  
To set free those who are oppressed/in bondage to sins,

19 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.”

20 And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” 22 And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips; and they were saying, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

23 And He said to them, “No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself. Whatever we heard was done at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.’ ” 24 And He said, “Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome/honored--in their own city.

25 But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land; 26 and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. 27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”

28 And all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; 29 and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff. 30 But passing through their midst, He went His way.

31 And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and He was teaching them on the Sabbath; 32 and they were amazed at His teaching, for His message was with authority. 33 In the synagogue there was a man possessed by the spirit of a demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 34 “Let us alone What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God”

35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet and come out of him” And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst of the people, he came out of him without doing him any harm. 36 And amazement came upon them all, and they began talking with one another saying, “What is this message? For with authority and power He Commands--the unclean spirits and they come out.” 37 And the report about Him was spreading into every locality in the surrounding district.

38 Then He got up and left the synagogue, and entered Simon’s home. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Him to help her. 39 And standing over her, Jesus Commanded the Fever to go--and it left her; and she immediately got up and waited on them.



40 While the sun was setting, all those who had any who were Sick with various  
--diseases/sicknesses/paralysis/cripples-brought them to Him; and laying His hands on  
--each one of them--Jesus Healed them All.

41 Demons also were coming out of many, shouting, "You are the Son of God" But rebuking them, He would not allow them to speak, because they knew Him to be the Christ.

42 When day came, Jesus left and went to a secluded place; and the crowds were searching for Him, and came to Him and tried to keep Him from going away from them. 43 But He said to them, "I must Preach the Kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose."

44 So He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

## CHAPTER 5

1 Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the Word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; 2 and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. 3 And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and began teaching the people from the boat.

4 When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets."

6 When they had done this, they enclosed/caught a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break; 7 so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man"

9 For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken; 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do Not Fear, from now on you will be catching people/converts for the Kingdom of God."

11 When they had brought their boats to land--they left Everything--and followed Jesus. 12 While He was in one of the cities, behold, there was a man covered with leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing--You can make me Healed and completely clean-- 13 And Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, --I am Willing--be Healed and cleansed." And

immediately the leprosy--left him.

14 And He ordered him to tell no one, “But go and show yourself to the priest and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.” 15 But the news about Him was spreading even farther, and large crowds were gathering to hear Him and to be Healed of their sicknesses. 16 Jesus withdrew himself to the wilderness to Pray.

17 One day He was teaching; and there were some Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem; and the Power of the Lord was present for Healing.

18 And some men were carrying on a bed a man who was paralyzed; and they were trying to bring him in and to set him down in front of Him. 19 But not finding any way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down through the tiles with his stretcher, into the middle of the crowd, in front of Jesus. 20 Seeing Their Faith, He said, “Friend, your Sins are Forgiven you.” 21 The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?”

22 But Jesus, aware of their thinking, answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts? 23 Which is easier, to say, --‘Your sins have been Forgiven you,’ or to say--‘Get up and walk’? 24 But, so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,”—Jesus said to the crippled paralyzed man--“I say to you, Get Up--and Pick up your stretcher and go home.”

25 Immediately the man Got Up--before them, and Picked up his stretcher/bed and went home--Glorifying God. 26 They were all struck with astonishment and began glorifying God; and they were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen remarkable things today.”

27 After that Jesus went out and noticed a tax collector named Levi sitting in the tax booth, and He said to him--“Follow Me.”

28-- And he Left Everything Behind--and got up and began--to Follow Him.

29 And Levi gave a big reception for Him in his house; and there was a great crowd of tax collectors and other people who were reclining at the table with them. 30 The Pharisees and their scribes began grumbling at his disciples, saying, “Why do you and your master eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?” 31 And Jesus answered and said to them, “It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous but Sinners to Repentance.”

33 And they said to Him, “The disciples of John often fast and offer prayers, the disciples of the Pharisees also do the same, but Yours eat and drink.” 34 And Jesus said to them, “You cannot make the attendants of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you? 35 But the days will come; and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days.”

36 And He was also telling them a parable: “No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise it will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. 37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined. 38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. 39 And no one, after drinking old wine wishes for new; for they say, ‘The old is better.’

## CHAPTER 6

1 Now it happened that He was passing through some grain fields on a Sabbath; and His Disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating the grain. 2 But some of the Pharisees said, “Why do you do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” 3 And Jesus answering them said, “Have you not even read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him, 4 how he entered the house of God, and took and ate the consecrated bread which is not lawful for any to eat except the priests alone, and gave it to his companions?” 5 And He was saying to them, “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

6 On another Sabbath He entered the synagogue and was teaching; and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. 7 The scribes and the Pharisees were watching Him closely to see if He healed on the Sabbath, so that they might find reason to accuse Him. 8 But He knew what they were thinking, and He said to the man with the withered hand, “Get up and come forward.” And he got up and came forward. 9 And Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to destroy it?”

10 After looking around at them all, Jesus said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” And he did so; and his hand--was Healed completely. 11 But they themselves were filled with rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus.

12 It was at this time that Jesus went off to a mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in Prayer to God. 13 And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles: 14 Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James and John; and Philip and Bartholomew; 15 and Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot; 16 Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

17 Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place; and there was a large crowd of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon, 18 who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured. 19 And all the people were trying to touch Him, for Power was coming from Jesus and  
--Healing Them All.

20 And turning His gaze toward His disciples, He began to say,  
Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

22 Blessed are you when people Hate you, and ostracize you, and Insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. 23 Be glad in that day and leap for joy,

-- for behold--your Reward is Great in Heaven--

24 But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your consolation/reward in full. 25 Woe to you who are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. 26 Woe to you when all people speak well of you, for people treated the False Prophets of old in the same way.

27 “But I say to you who hear--Love your enemies,

--Do Good --to those who hate you--

-- Bless those who curse you,

-- Pray for those who mistreat you.

29 Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer them the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them either. 30 Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back.

31 Treat Others--the same way you want them--to treat you.

32 If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same amount.

35 But Love your enemies, and do good, and Lend, expecting nothing in return; and--your Reward will be Great, and you will be Children of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil people.

36-- Be Merciful, just as--your Father is Merciful.

37 “Do Not Judge--and you will Not be Judged;  
and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned;

pardon, and you will be pardoned.

38 Give, and it will be given to you. People will pour into your lap a good measure/return/bounty pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your giving standard of measuring out to others--will be measured to you in return."

39 And He also spoke a Parable to them: "A blind person cannot guide another blind person, can they? Will they not both fall into a pit? 40 A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.

41 Why do you look at the Speck that is in your brother's eye, but do Not Notice--the Log that is in--your own eye?

42 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do Not See--the Log that is in your own eye?  
You hypocrite, first take the log out of your Own Eye--and then you will see clearly to take out the Speck that is in your brother, sister, or neighbor's eye.

43 For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. 44 For each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. 45 The good person out of the good treasure of their heart brings forth what is good; and the evil person out of their evil treasure brings forth what is evil.  
For the mouth speaks from that which fills mostly/abundantly--in the Heart/mind.

46 "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do--Not Do what I say? 47 Everyone who comes to Me and hears My Words and acts on them, I will show you whom they are like:

48 they are like a person building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on a rock; and when a flood occurred, the storm burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built solidly on a rock. 49 But the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly, is like a person who built a house on the ground/sand without any foundation; and the storm burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."

## CHAPTER 7

1 When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum.

2 And a centurion's servant, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die. 3 When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his servant. 4 When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him,

saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him; 5 for he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue." 6 Now Jesus started on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof; 7 for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just Say the Word, and my servant will be healed.

8 For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go' and he goes, and to another, 'Come' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this' and he does it." 9 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such Great Faith." 10 When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant--completely Healed.

11 Soon afterwards He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd. 12 Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a crowd from the city was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, He felt Compassion for her, and said to her, "Do not weep."

14 And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise" 15 The dead man sat up and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother. 16 Fear gripped them all, and they began Glorifying God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us." and, "God has visited His people."

17 This report concerning Jesus went out all over Judea and in all the surrounding district.

18 The disciples of John reported to him about all these things. 19 Summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the Christ, or do we look for someone else?" 20 When the men came to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, to ask, 'Are You the Christ, or do we look for someone else?'" 21 At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He gave sight to many who were blind.

22 And He answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them. 23 Blessed is anyone who does Not take offense at Me."

24 When the messengers of John had left, He began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 25 But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Those who are

splendidly clothed and live in luxury are found in royal palaces 26 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and one who is more than a prophet. 27 This is the one about whom it is written,  
'Behold, I send My messenger ahead of You,  
Who will prepare Your way before You.'

28 I say to you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet he who is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he." 29 When all the people and the tax collectors heard this, they acknowledged God's justice, having been baptized with the baptism of John. 30 But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose for themselves, Not having been baptized by John.

31 "To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? 32 They are like children who sit in the market place and call to one another, and they say, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.' 33 For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' 34 The Son of Man has come eating/foods and drinking/wine, and you say, 'Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.'

35 Yet Wisdom is Vindicated/substantiated/made right--by all her children."

36 Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him, and He entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that Jesus was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, 38 and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume.

39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner."

40 And Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he replied, "Say it, Teacher." 41 "A moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. So which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have judged correctly." 44 Turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

45 You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. 46 You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with

perfume. 47 For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many--have been forgiven, for she loved much; but whoever is forgiven little, loves little.” 48 Then He said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.” 49 Those who were reclining at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this man who even forgives sins?” 50 And He said to the woman--“Your Faith--has Saved you; go in Peace.”

## CHAPTER 8

1 Soon afterwards, Jesus began going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the Kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him, 2 and also some women who had been Healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.

4 When a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a Parable: 5 “The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up. 6 Other seed fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.

7 Other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out. 8 Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great.” As He said these things, He would call out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

9 His disciples began questioning Him as to what this parable meant. 10 And He said, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.

11 “Now the Parable is this: the Seed is--the Word of God. 12 Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the Word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved.

13 Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the Word with joy; and these have--No Firm Root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.

14 The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries, and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring--No Fruit to maturity.

15 But the seed in the Good Soil, these are the ones who have heard the Word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance/Faith.



16 “Now no person after lighting a lamp/candle covers it over with a container, or puts it under a bed; but he puts it on a lamp stand, so that those who come in may see the light. 17 For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor anything secret that will not be known--and come to light. 18 So take care how you Listen; for whoever has, to them more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what they think they have shall be taken away from them.”

19 And His mother and brothers came to Him, and they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd. 20 And it was reported to Him, “Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wishing to see You.” 21 But Jesus answered and said to them, “My mother and My brothers are those who Hear the Word of God--and Do/obey it.”

22 Now on one of those days Jesus and His disciples got into a boat, and He said to them, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” So they launched out.

23 But as they were sailing along He fell asleep; and a fierce gale of wind descended on the lake, and they began to have their boat fill up with water and to be in danger. 24 They came to Jesus and woke Him up, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing” And Jesus got up and rebuked/commanded--the wind and the surging waves, and they stopped, and it became calm.

25 And He said to them, “Where is your Faith?” They were fearful and amazed, saying to one another, “Who manner of man is this, that He Commands even the winds and the water--and they obey Him?”

26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 And when He came out onto the land, He was met by a man from the city who was possessed with demons; and who had not put on any clothing for a long time, and was not living in a house, but in the tombs. 28 Seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, “What do we have to do with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me.”

29 For He had commanded the unclean demon to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times; and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard, and yet he would break his bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert. 30 And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. 31 They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss/pit.

32 Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain; and the demons implored Jesus to permit them to enter the swine. And He gave them permission. 33 And the demons came out of the man and entered the swine; and the herd

rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they ran away and reported it in the city and out in the country. 35 The people went out to see what had happened; and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down at the feet of Jesus, clothed--and in his right mind; and they became frightened. 36 Those who had seen it reported to them how the man who was demon-possessed had been made well.

37 And all the people of the country of the Gerasenes and the surrounding district asked Jesus to leave them, for they were gripped with great fear; and He got into a boat and returned. 38 But the man from whom the demons had gone out was begging Him that he might accompany Him; but He sent him away, saying, 39 “Return to your house and describe what great things God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.

40 And as Jesus returned, the people welcomed Him, for they had all been waiting for Him. 41 And there came a man named Jairus, and he was an official of the synagogue; and he fell at Jesus’ feet, and began to implore Him to come to his house; 42 for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as He went, the crowds were pressing against Him.

43 And a woman who had a blood hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone, 44 came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her blood hemorrhage stopped. 45 And Jesus said, “Who is the one who touched Me?” And while they were all denying it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You.” 46 But Jesus said, “Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that Power--had gone out of Me.”

47 When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been Immediately Healed. 48 And Jesus said to her, “Daughter--Your Faith--has made you completely Healed--go in Peace.”

49 While He was still speaking, someone came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, “Your daughter has died; do not trouble the Teacher anymore.” 50 But when Jesus heard this, He answered him,

--“Do Not be afraid-- only Believe, and she will be made Well.” 51 When He came to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl’s father and mother. 52 Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her; but He said, “Stop weeping, for she has not died--but is asleep.” 53 And they began Laughing at Him, knowing that she had died. 54 He, however, took her by

the hand and called, saying, “Child, arise.” 55 And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately; and He gave orders for something to be given her to eat. 56 Her parents were amazed; but He instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

## CHAPTER 9

1 And He called the twelve Disciples together,  
-- and gave them Power and Authority--over all the demons and-to Heal Diseases. 2 And He sent them out to proclaim the Kingdom of God and--to perform Healing. 3 And He said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, neither a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not even have two garments apiece. 4 Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that city. 5 And as for those who do not receive you, as you go out from that city, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

6 Departing, the disciples began going throughout the villages,  
--Preaching the Gospel of God--and Healing people.

7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was happening; and he was greatly perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead, 8 and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen again. 9 Herod said, “I myself had John beheaded; but who is this man about whom I hear such things?” And he kept trying to see Him.

10 When the Disciples returned from ministering, they gave an account to Jesus of all that they had done. Taking them with Him, He withdrew by Himself to a city called Bethsaida. 11 But the crowds were aware of this and followed Him; and welcoming them, Jesus began speaking to them about the Kingdom of God and  
--Healing All those who--had Need of Healing.

12 Now the day was ending, and the twelve came and said to Him, “Send the crowd away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are in a desolate place.” 13 But He said to them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless perhaps we go and buy food for all these people.”

14 For there were about five thousand men. And He said to His disciples, “Have them sit down to eat in groups of fifty each.” 15 They did so, and had them all sit down. 16 Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and broke them, and kept giving them to the Disciples to set before the people. 17 And they all ate and were satisfied; and the broken pieces which they had left over were picked up, twelve baskets full.

18 And it happened that while He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and

He questioned them, saying, “Who do the people say that I am?” 19 They answered and said, “John the Baptist, and others say Elijah; but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again.” 20 And He said to them, “But who do You say that I am?” And Peter answered and said--“The Christ of God.” 21 But He warned them and instructed them not to tell this to anyone, 22 saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be murdered and be Raised Up on the third day.”

23 And He was saying to them all,--“If anyone wants to come after Me--  
--they must Deny themselves, and take up--Their Cross Daily--and Follow Me. 24 For whoever wants--to Save Their Life in this World--will Lose it Eternally,  
but Whoever--Loses Their Life for My sake and the Gospel's--will Save it Eternally.

25 For what will it Profit a person if they--gain the whole world--and Lose their Soul Eternally?

26 For whoever is Ashamed of Me and my Words, the Son of Man will be--Ashamed of them--when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy Angels. 27 But I say to you truthfully, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death until they see the Kingdom of God.”

28 Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to Pray. 29 And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing became white and gleaming. 30 And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, 31 who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him.

33 And as these were leaving Him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not realizing what he was saying. 34 While he was saying this, a cloud formed and began to overshadow them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. 35 Then a Voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him” 36 And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent, and reported to no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.

37 On the next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met Jesus. 38 And a man from the crowd shouted, saying, “Teacher, I beg You to look at my son, for he is my only boy, 39 and a demon seizes him, and he suddenly screams, and it throws him into a convulsion with foaming at the mouth; and only with difficulty does it leave him, mauling him as it leaves.

40 I begged Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not.” 41 And Jesus answered and said, “You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.” 42 While he was still approaching, the demon slammed him to the ground and threw him into a convulsion.

--But Jesus rebuked the demon out of the boy--and he was Healed. Jesus gave him back to his father. 43 And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

But while everyone was marveling at all that He was doing, He said to His Disciples, 44 “Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men.” 45 But they did not understand this statement, and it was concealed from them so that they would not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement.

46 An argument started among them as to which of them might be the Greatest. 47 But Jesus, knowing what they were thinking in their heart, took a child and stood him by His side, 48 and said to them, “Whoever receives this child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me; for the one who is meek/humble among all of you, this is the one who is great.”

49 John answered and said, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name; and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow along with us.” 50 But Jesus said to him, “Do not hinder him--for whoever is Not against us is for us.”

51 When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem; 52 and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him. 53 But they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem.

54 When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” 55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, “You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; 56 for the Son of Man did not come to destroy people’s lives, but to save them.” And they went on to another village.

57 As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, “I will follow You wherever You go.” 58 And Jesus said to him, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has--nowhere to lay His head.” 59 And He said to another, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.” 60 But He said to him, “Allow the dead to bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim Everywhere--the Kingdom of God.”

61 Another also said, “I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to

those at home.” 62 But Jesus said to him,-- “No one, after putting their hand to the plow  
--and--Looking Back--is fit for the Kingdom of God.”

## CHAPTER 10

1 Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. 2 And He was saying to them, “The Harvest is plentiful, but the Laborers/workers are few; therefore beseech/beg the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers--into His harvest. 3 Go; behold, I send you out as lambs--in the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no money belt, no bag, no shoes; and greet no one on the way. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house.’ 6 If a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you.

7 Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of their wages. Do not keep moving from house to house. 8 Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat what is set before you;

9 and--Heal those in it who are Sick--and say to them, ‘The Kingdom of God has come near to you.’ 10 But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say, 11 ‘Even the dust of your city which clings to our feet we wipe off in protest against you; yet be sure of this, that the Kingdom of God has come near.’ 12 I say to you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city.

13 “Woe to you, Chorazin Woe to you, Bethsaida For if the miracles had been performed in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment than for you. 15 And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven. You will be brought down to Hell.

16 “The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me.”

17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your Name.” 18 And He said to them, “I saw satan fall from heaven like lightning. 19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and --over All the Power of the Enemy/satan,--and Nothing will injure/hurt you.

20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this--that the demons are subject to you, but Rejoice that your Names--are Written/in the Book of Life in Heaven.

21 At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, “I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to new followers of yours. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight. 22 All things have been handed over to Me by My

Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”

23 Turning to the disciples, He said privately, “Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see, 24 for I say to you, that many prophets and kings wished to see the things which you see, and did not see them, and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear them.”

25 And a scribe/lawyer stood up and put Jesus to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?”

27 And he answered, “You shall Love the Lord your God with--All your Heart, and with All your Soul, and with--All your Strength, and with--All your Mind; --and love your Neighbor--as Yourself.”

28 And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this--and you will live.” 29 But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And Who is my Neighbor?”

30 Jesus replied and said--“A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance a Priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by--on the other side.

32 Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt Compassion, 34 and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

35 On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.’ 36 Which of these three do you think proved to be a Neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers’ hands?” 37 And he said, “The person who showed Mercy toward him.” Then Jesus said to him,--“Go and do the same.

38 Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. 39 She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord’s feet, listening to His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.” 41 But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many

things; 42 but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen--the good/better part, which shall not be taken away from her.”

## CHAPTER 11

1 It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples.” 2 And He said to them, “When you pray, say:

‘Father, hallowed/Holy be Your name.

Your Kingdom come.

3 Give us this day our daily bread.

4 And Forgive us our sins,

For we ourselves also--Forgive Everyone who offended us--or is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation/hard testing.”

5 Then He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to them at midnight and says to them, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves; 6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before them’; 7 and from inside they answer and say, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though they will not get up and give him anything because he is their friend, yet because of their persistence they will get up and give them as much as they need.

9 “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you;

Seek, and you will find;

Knock, and it will be opened to you.

10 For everyone who asks/keeps on asking--Receives;

and whoever seeks/keeps on seeking--Finds;

and to whoever knocks/keeps on knocking--it will be Opened.

11 Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his child for a fish; he will not give them a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give them a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit--to those who Ask Him?”

14 And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute; when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed. 15 But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.” 16 Others, to test Him, were demanding of Him a sign from heaven. 17 But He knew their thoughts and said to them, “Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house divided against itself falls. 18 If satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.



19 And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? So they will be your judges. 20 But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the Kingdom of God--has come upon you.

21 When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are undisturbed. 22 But when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied and distributes his plunder. 23 Whoever is Not with Me is against Me;--and whoever does Not gather/work with Me--scatters.

24 “When the demon goes out of a person, it passes through dry/arid places seeking rest, and not finding any, it says, ‘I will return to my house/body from which I came.’ 25 And when it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. 26 Then it goes and takes along seven other spirits/demons more evil than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that person--becomes worse than the first.”

27 While Jesus was saying these things, one of the women in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts at which You nursed.” 28 But He said, “On the contrary--  
--Blessed are those--who Hear the Word of God and--observe/obey it.”

29 As the crowds were increasing, He began to say, “This Generation is a wicked generation; it seeks for a sign, and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah. 30 For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. 31 The Queen of the South will rise up with the peoples of this generation at the Final Judgment and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, someone greater than Solomon is here.

32 The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the Final Judgment and condemn it, because--they Repented--at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, someone greater than Jonah is here.

33 “No one, after lighting a candle, puts it under a basket/bushel/box, but on the lamp stand, so that those who enter may see the light. 34 The Eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye is Pure--your whole body also is full of light; but when it is sinful, your body is full of darkness/evil.

35 Then watch out that the light in you is Not Darkness. 36 If therefore your whole body is full of light, with no dark part in it, it will be wholly illuminated, as when a lamp shines brightly with its rays.”

37 Now when He had spoken, a Pharisee asked Him to have lunch with him; and He

went in, and reclined at the table. 38 When the Pharisee saw it, he was surprised that He had not first ceremonially washed before the meal. 39 But the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; -- but Inside of your Hearts and Minds--you are full of robbery and wickedness. 40 You foolish ones, did not He who made the outside make the inside also? 41 But give--charity/offerings to the Poor, and then all things are clean for you.

42 “But woe to you Pharisees For you pay tithe of mint and rue and every kind of garden herb, and yet disregard--Justice and the Love of God; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. 43 Woe to you Pharisees For you love the chief seats in the synagogues and the respectful greetings in the market places. 44 Woe to you For you are like concealed tombs, and the people who walk over them are unaware of it.”

45 One of the lawyers/scribes said to Him in reply, “Teacher, when You say this, You insult us too.” 46 But He said, “Woe to you lawyers as well. For you weigh people down with burdens hard to bear, while you yourselves will not even touch the burdens with one of your fingers. 47 Woe to you For you build the tombs of the prophets, and it was your fathers who killed them. 48 So you are witnesses and approve the deeds of your fathers; because it was they who killed them, and you build their tombs.

49 For this reason also the Wisdom of God said, ‘I will send to them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and some they will persecute, 50 so that the blood of all the prophets, shed since the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, 51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the house of God; yes, I tell you, it shall be charged against this generation.’

52 Woe to you scribes/lawyers For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you yourselves did not enter--and you hindered those who were entering.”

53 When He left there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile and to question Him closely on many subjects, 54 plotting against Him to catch Him in something He might say.

## **CHAPTER 12**

1 Under these circumstances, after so many thousands of people had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first of all, “Beware of the leaven/doctrine of the Pharisees--which is Hypocrisy.

2 But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. 3 Accordingly, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops.

4 “I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do to a person's soul and spirit. 5 But I will Warn you whom to Fear--Fear Almighty God, who after He has killed the Body--has the Power--  
--to Cast the spirit and soul into Hell--yes, I tell you--Fear Him

6 Are not five sparrows sold for two cents? Yet not one of them can fall to the ground and die--without God knowing about it.

7 Indeed,--the very Hairs of your Head--are all Numbered--  
Do Not Fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

8 “And I say to you, everyone who Confesses Me before people, the Son of Man will Confess them also--before the Angels of God; 9 but whoever Denies Me before people will be Denied--before the Angels of God.

10 And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven them; but whoever Blasphemes against the Holy Spirit--it will Not be forgiven them. 11 When they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not worry about how or what you are to speak in your defense, or what you are to say; 12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

13 Someone in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” 14 But He said to him, “Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?” 15 Then He said to them, “Beware, and be on your guard--against every form of Greed; for a Person's Life--does not consist of having an abundance of riches and things.

16 And He told them a Parable, saying, “The land of a rich man was very productive. 17 And he began reasoning to himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?’ 18 Then he said, ‘This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store--all my grain and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul/self, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come--take your ease/have a good time and--eat, drink and be merry.”

20 But God said to him--“You fool This very night--your Soul is Required of you to give an account of it--and be Judged by Me; and now who will own what you have stored up for yourself?” 21 So is the person--  
who stores up treasures/money--for themselves--and is Not Rich--toward God.”

22 And He said to His Disciples, “ I say to you, do Not worry about your life, as to what you will eat; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap;

they have no storeroom nor barn, and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than birds.

25 And which of you by Worrying--can add a single hour to their life's span?

26 If then you cannot do even a very little thing--why are you concerned about other matters?

27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will He clothe you?

29 And do Not seek/fretting about/worrying what you will eat and what you will drink. -- **Do Not Worry**-- 30 For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Heavenly Father knows that you--need these things.

31 But --**Seek First the Kingdom of God**--and all these things--will be added to you. 32 Do not be afraid, little flock/new converts, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the Kingdom.

33 "Sell your possessions and Give—to help charities/the poor; and --get yourselves Treasures in Heaven--where no thief comes near nor moth destroys.

34 --For where Your Treasure is-- there your Heart will be also.

35 "Be Alert spiritually/mentally in readiness to--do Good Works--for the Kingdom of God, and keep your lamps lit/lights burning in the process. 36 Be like servants who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open the door to him--when he comes and knocks.

**37 Blessed are those servants whom the master/the Lord will find on the alert/Ready--when he comes;**

truly I say to you, that he will gird himself to serve, and have them recline at the table, and will come up and wait on them. 38 Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants/saints.

39 "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into. 40 You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect."

41 Peter said, "Lord, are You addressing this parable to us, or to everyone else as well?" 42 And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their meals at the proper time?"

43 Blessed are those--faithful obeying servants/Saints whom their master/Jesus Christ-- finds so doing when he comes.

44 **Truly I say to you that He/God--will put them--in charge of All that He has.**

45 But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master/Jesus will be a long time in coming,' and begins to beat the slaves, both men and women, and to eat and drink and gets drunk/drugged and fellowships/has sexual relations with sinners; 46 the master of that servant will come on a day when they do not expect Him and at an hour they do not know, and will cut them in pieces, and assign them a place/hell with the unbelievers.

47 And that servant who knew his master's/Jesus's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will--will receive many lashes/whippings/tortures, 48 but the one who did not know it, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging/whipping, will receive but few. From everyone who has been given much--much will be Required.

49 "I have come to cast Fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled. 50 But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished.

51 Do you suppose that I came to grant Peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division; 52 for from now on five members in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three. 53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

54 And He was also saying to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming,' and so it turns out. 55 And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, 'It will be a hot day,' and it turns out that way. 56 You Hypocrites You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not analyze/discern this present time?

57 "And why do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right? 58 For while you are going with your opponent to appear before the magistrate, on your way there -- make an effort to settle with them--so that they may Not take you before the Judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. 59 I say to you, you will not get out of there until you have paid the very last cent."

## **CHAPTER 13**

1 Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this fate?

3 I tell you, no, but unless You Repent--you will all likewise Perish. 4 Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem?

5 "I tell you, again--unless--You Repent/of your sinning--you will all likewise Perish."

6 And He began telling this Parable: "A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any. 7 And he said to the vineyard-keeper, 'Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down Why does it even use up the ground?' 8 And the gardner answered and said to him, 'Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; 9 and if it Bears Fruit next year, fine; but if not--Cut it down.' "

10 And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And there was a woman who for eighteen years had a Sickness/illness caused by an evil spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all.

12 When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed--from your Sickness/illness/infirmity."

13 And Jesus laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect/stood up again and began glorifying God.

14 But the synagogue official, indignant/mad because Jesus had Healed on the Sabbath, began saying to the crowd in response, "There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day."

15 But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead him away to water him? 16 And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is--whom satan has Bound for eighteen long years--should she not have been released from this Bondage on the Sabbath day?" 17 As Jesus said this, all His opponents were being humiliated; and the rest of the crowd/audience was rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him.

18 Jesus said--"What is the Kingdom of God like, and to what shall I compare it?

19 --It is like a tiny mustard seed, which a person took and threw into their own garden; and it grew and became a tree--and the birds of the air nested in its branches."

20 And again He said, "To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God? 21 It is like leaven/yeast which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened."

22 And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem. 23 And someone said to Him, "Lord, are there just a few who are being saved?" And He said to them,

24 --“Strive/Press in--to Enter through the narrow/tight door”--

for Many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will Not be able. 25 Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open up to us’ then He will answer and say to you, ‘I do not know you/or where you are from’ 26 Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets’; 27 and He will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know you--Depart from Me--all you Evildoers.’

28 In that place/Hell--there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the Kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out/denied access. 29 And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline at the table in the Kingdom of God. 30 And behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.”

31 Just at that time some Pharisees approached, saying to Him, “Go away, leave here, for Herod wants to kill You.” 32 And He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform Healings today and tomorrow, and the third day I reach My goal.’ 33 Nevertheless I must journey on today and tomorrow and the next day; for it cannot be that a prophet would perish outside of Jerusalem.

34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her How often I wanted to gather your children together--just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not have it.

35 Behold, your house is left to you desolate; and I say to you, you will not see Me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord’ ”

## CHAPTER 14

1 It happened that when He went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees on the Sabbath to eat bread, they were watching Him closely. 2 And there in front of Him was a man suffering from dropsy/fluids retention in the body. 3 And Jesus answered and spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to Heal on the Sabbath, or not?” 4 But they kept silent.

And Jesus took hold of him and Healed him completely, and sent him away.

5 And He said to them, “Which one of you will have a son or an ox fall into a well, and will not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?” 6 And they could make no reply to this.

7 And He began speaking a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how they had been picking out the places of honor at the table, saying to them, 8 “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for someone more

distinguished than you may have been invited by him, 9 and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this man,' and then in disgrace you proceed to occupy the last place.

10 But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will have honor in the sight of all who are at the table with you. 11 For everyone who Exalts themselves--will be Humbled,  
--and whoever Humbles themselves--will be Exalted.

12 And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return and that will be your repayment/reward.

13 But when you give a reception/dinner party,  
--invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, 14 and you will be Blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you;  
**for you will be repaid/Rewarded at the Resurrection of the Righteous.**

15 When one of those who were reclining at the table with Him heard this, he said to Him, "Blessed is everyone who will eat bread--in the Kingdom of God"

16 But He said to him, "A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many; 17 and at the dinner hour he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' 18 But they all alike--began to Make Excuses. The first one said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.'

19 Another one said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.' 20 Another one said, 'I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.' 21 And the servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became Angry--and said to his servant, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.'

22 And the servant said, 'Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' 23 And the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel them to come in, so that my house may be filled. 24 For I tell you, --None of those people who were Invited and--Didn't want to come--shall taste of my Feast/in Heaven.

25 Now large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to



them, 26 “If anyone comes to Me, and does not Hate/by comparison their own father and mother, and husband or wife, and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even their own life--  
--they Cannot be my Disciple/follower.

27 Whoever does Not Carry their Own Cross and come after me--Cannot be my Disciple. 28 For which one of you, who when you want to build a building, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if they have enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when they have laid a foundation and are not able to finish it. All who observe it begin to ridicule them, 30 saying, ‘This person began to build and was Not able to finish.’

31 Or what King, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand men to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand? 32 Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 So then,--  
--None of you can be my Disciple/Follower who does Not give up--all their own possessions/everything they have.

34 “Therefore, Salt is good; but if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned? 35 It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; it is thrown out. Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

## CHAPTER 15

1 Now all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming near Jesus to listen to him. 2 Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

3 So Jesus told them this parable, saying, 4 “What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? 5 When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost’ 7 I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner/backslider who Repents--than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8 “Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp/or candle and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost’ 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is Joy in the presence of the Angels of God--over one sinner/backslider who Repents.”

11 And He said, "A man had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.' So he divided his wealth between them. 13 And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there--he squandered/lost his inheritance--with sinful riotous/partying/debauchery living.

14 Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be completely down and out. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine/pigs.

16 And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods/husks that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him.

17 But when he came to his senses--he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough food--but I am dying here with hunger 18 I will get up and go to my father, and will say/repent/ask forgiveness to him, "Father, I have Sinned against heaven, and in your sight;

19-- I am no longer Worthy to be called your son--make me as one of your hired men." ' 20 So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his Father saw him and felt Compassion for him--and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have Sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet; 23 and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and Celebrate; 24 for this son of mine--Was Dead/spiritually--and has come--to Life Again; he Was Lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.

25 "Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things could be. 27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come back, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.' 28 But he became Angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began pleading with him.

29 But he answered and said to his father, 'Look For so many years I have been serving you and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you have never given me a fattened calf, so that I might celebrate with my friends; 30 but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes/debauchery/partying, you killed the fattened calf for him.'

31 And the Father said to him--"Son, you have always been Faithful and Obedient with me, and --All that is Mine is Yours--

But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and is Alive Again/spiritually, and was lost/backsliding and has been found.”

## CHAPTER 16

1 Now He was also saying to the Disciples, “There was a rich man who had a Manager, over his financial affairs and this manager was reported to him as squandering/wasting his possessions. 2 And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ 3 The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough--to dig; I am ashamed--to beg. 4 I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the management job--his debtors will welcome me into their homes.’

5 And he summoned each one of his master’s debtors, and he began saying to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6 And he said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ 7 Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’

8 And his master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are in their generation wiser/shrewder than the children/saints of light. 9 And I say to you, make friends for yourselves/by giving to others by means of the wealth of unrighteousness/money, so that when you fail/can't work or make money anymore--they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.

10 Whoever is Faithful in little things--is Faithful also in big things; and whoever is unrighteous in little things--is unrighteous also in big things. 11 Therefore if you have Not been Faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth/money--who will entrust the True Riches in Heaven to you?

12 And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is someone's money or business, who will give you that which is your own? 13 No servant can serve--two masters; for either they will hate the one and love the other, or else they will be devoted to one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and love wealth/money/possessions--more than God.**

14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money/mammon, were listening to all these things and were scoffing at Him. 15 And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of people, but God knows your Hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among sinful people--is detestable in the sight of God.

16 “The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John; since that time the Gospel of

the Kingdom of God has been preached, and many are forcing their way/by Faith into it. 17 It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.

18 “Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

19 “Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor/pleasures every day. 20 And a poor man named Lazarus/a Leper--was laid at his gate, covered with sores, 21 and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man’s table. The dogs were coming and licking his sores.

22 Now the poor man died and was carried away by the Angels--to Abraham’s bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.

23 In Hell the Rich Man lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water--and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this Fire/flames.’

25 But Abraham said--remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being Comforted here, and you are in constant Agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed--so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.’

27 And he said, ‘Then I beg you, Abraham, that you send Lazarus to my father’s house 28 for I have five brothers—in order that he may Warn Them, so that they will not also come to this place of endless Torment.’ 29 But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ 30 But he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31 But Abraham said to him--

“If they do Not Listen to Moses and the Prophets/the Bible/Word of God--they will Not be persuaded/Repent even if someone Rises from the Dead.”

## CHAPTER 17

1 Jesus said to His disciples, “It is inevitable that stumbling blocks/sins come, but woe to them through whom they come 2 It would be better for them if a millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea, than that they would cause one of these little ones/children/new converts to stumble/sin. 3 Be on your guard If your brother or sister sins, rebuke/correct them; and if they Repent, forgive them. 4 And if they sin

against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent/I'm sorry,'--Forgive Them."

5 The disciples said to the Lord, "Increase our Faith." 6 And the Lord said, "If you had Faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you.

7 "Which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to them when they have come in from the field, 'Come immediately and sit down to eat'? 8 But will he not say to them, 'Prepare something for me to eat, and properly clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and afterward you may eat and drink'? 9 He does not thank the servant because they did the things which were commanded, does he? 10 So you too, when you do all the things which are Commanded you by God, say, 'We are unworthy servants/bond slaves; we have done only that--which we ought to have done.'

11 While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; 13 and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have Mercy on us" 14 When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going--they were cleansed/completely Healed.

15 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been Healed--turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, 16 and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet--giving Thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine--where are they? 18 Was no one found who returned to Give Glory to God--except this foreigner?" 19 And He said to him, "Stand up and go; Your Faith--has made you well."

20 Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the Kingdom of God was coming, Jesus answered them and said, "The Kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; 21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is' or, 'There it is' For behold, the Kingdom of God is in your midst/within you."

22 And He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. 23 They will say to you, 'Look there Look here' Do not go away, and do not run after them. 24 For just like the lightning, when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be--when he returns.

25 But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. 26 And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the Ark, and the flood came and

destroyed them all.

28 It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; 29 but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 It will be just the same on that final day that the Son of Man comes in his glory to the earth.

31 On that day, the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house must not go down to take them out; and likewise the one who is in the field must not turn back.

32 --Remember Lot's wife/she Looked Back.--

33 Whoever seeks to save their life will lose it, and

**whoever--loses their life/overcomes the world--for my sake and the gospel's--will preserve/save it.** 34 I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left. 35 There will be two women grinding at the same place; one will be taken and the other will be left. 36 Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left." 37 And answering they said to Him, "Where, Lord?" And He said to them, "Where the body is, there also the vultures will be gathered."

## CHAPTER 18

1 Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to Pray and not to lose heart/stop believing/or faint, 2 saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect people. 3 There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent/adversary.' 4 For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect any persons, 5 yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.

6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said; 7 now, will not God bring about Justice/vindication for his Saints who pray to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? 8 I tell you that --He will bring about justice/vindication for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find Faith on the earth?"

9 And He also told this Parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:

10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast

twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ 13 But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying--‘God, be Merciful to me, a sinner.--’

14 I tell you, this man went to his house justified/with God--rather than the other; for everyone who exalts themselves will be humbled, but--whoever Humbles themselves will be Exalted.”

15 And they were bringing their babies/toddlers to Him so that He would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they began rebuking them. 16 But Jesus called for them, saying, “Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, --for the Kingdom of God--belongs to such as these. 17 Truly I say to you, whoever does Not receive the Kingdom of God like a Child--will Not Enter it at all.

18 A ruler questioned Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to Inherit Eternal Life?” 19 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. 20 You know the Commandments--‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’ ” 21 And he said, “All these things I have kept from my youth.”

22 When Jesus heard this, He said to him, “One thing you still lack--Sell All that you possess and--distribute it to the Poor, and you shall have--Treasure in Heaven; and come, Follow Me.”

23 But when he had heard these things, he became very sad/depressed, for he was extremely rich. 24 And Jesus looked at him and said,

--“How Hard it is for those who are wealthy--to Enter the Kingdom of God

25 For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle--than for a rich person--to enter the Kingdom of God.”

26 They who heard it said, “Then who can be Saved?” 27 Jesus answered--

--“The things that are impossible with people--are Possible with God.”

28 Peter said, “Behold, we have left our own homes and followed You.” 29 And He said to them, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children--for the sake of the Kingdom of God, 30 who will not receive many times as much at this time--and in the age to come, Eternal Life.”

31 Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. 32 For He will be handed over to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon, 33 and after they have scourged/whipped Him, they will murder Him; and the third day--He will Rise Again--

34 But the disciples understood none of these things, and the meaning of this statement was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend the things that were said.

35 As Jesus was approaching Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the road begging. 36 Now hearing a crowd going by, he began to inquire what this was.

37 They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. 38 And he called out, saying, “Jesus, Son of David, have Mercy on me” 39 Those who led the way were sternly telling him to be quiet; but he kept yelling out all the more, “Son of David, have Mercy on me” 40 And Jesus stopped and commanded that he be brought to Him; and when he came near, He questioned him, 41 “What do you want Me to do for you?” And he said, “Lord, I want to regain my sight” 42 And Jesus said to him--“Receive your sight; --Your Faith--has made you Healed.” 43 Immediately--he Regained his Sight and began following Him--glorifying God; and when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God.

## CHAPTER 19

1 He entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. 3 Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way. 5 When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” 6 And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly.

7 When they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” 8 Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions--I will give to the Poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.” 9 And Jesus said to him, “Today Salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to Save that which was lost.”

11 While they were listening to these things, Jesus went on to tell a Parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the Kingdom of God was going to appear immediately. 12 So He said, “A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and then return. 13 And he called ten of his servants, and gave them ten talents and said to them, ‘Do business with this until I come back.’ 14 But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’

15 When he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these servants, to whom he had given the money, be called to him so that he might know what business they had done. 16 The first appeared, saying, ‘Master, your talent has made ten talents more.’ 17 And he said to him, Well done--good servant, because you have been Faithful



in a very little thing--you are to be in Authority/rule over ten cities.'

18 The second came, saying, 'Your talent, master, has made five talents.' 19 And he said to him also, 'And you are to be--Ruler over five cities.' 20 Another came, saying, 'Master, here is your talent, which I kept put away in a handkerchief; 21 for I was afraid of you, because you are an exacting/unfair man; you take up what you did not lay down and reap what you did not sow.'

22 He said to him, 'By your own words--I will Judge you—Worthless Lazy Servant. Did you know that I am an exacting man, taking up what I did not lay down and reaping what I did not sow? 23 Then why did you not put my money in the bank, and having come, I would have collected it with interest?'

24 Then he said to the guards, 'Take the talent away from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents.' 25 And they said to him, 'Master, he has ten talents already.' 26 'I tell you--that to everyone who has--More shall be Given, but from the one who does not have, even that which they do have--shall be Taken Away. 27 But these enemies of mine, who--did Not Want me to Reign over them,--bring them here--and slay them in my presence.

28 After He had said these things, He was going on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 When He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say, 'The Lord has need of it.'

" 32 So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 They said, "The Lord has need of it." 35 They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus on it. 36 As He was going, they were spreading their coats on the road.

37 As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, 38 shouting:  
"Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord;  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." 40 But Jesus answered, "I tell you, if these become silent--the stones will cry out in Praise"

41 When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and Wept/cried over it, 42 saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace But now they have been hidden from your eyes. 43 For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, 44 and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did Not recognize--the time of your visitation."

45 Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling, 46 saying to them, "It is written, 'And My house shall be a House of Prayer,'--but you have made it a robbers' den."

47 And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him, 48 and they could not find anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging on to every word He said.

## **CHAPTER 20**

1 On one of the days while He was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders confronted Him, 2 and they spoke, saying to Him, "Tell us by what authority You are doing these things, or who is the one who gave You this authority?" 3 Jesus answered and said to them, "I will also ask you a question, and you tell Me: 4 Was the Baptism of John from heaven or from men?"

5 They reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why did you not believe him?' 6 But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet." 7 So they answered that they did not know where it came from. 8 And Jesus said to them, "Nor will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

9 And He began to tell the people this Parable: "A man planted a vineyard and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time. 10 At the harvest time he sent a servant to the vine-growers, so that they would give him some of the produce of the vineyard; but the vine-growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 And he proceeded to send another servant; and they beat him also and treated him shamefully and sent him away empty-handed.

12 And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out. 13 The owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my Beloved Son; perhaps they will respect him.' 14 But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, 'This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance will be ours.'

15 So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What, then, will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and destroy--these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others/the Gentiles." When they heard it, they said, "May it never be."

17 But Jesus looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written:  
'The stone which the builders rejected,  
This became--the chief corner stone'?"

18 Everyone who falls on that stone/Jesus Christ will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter them like dust."

19 The scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against them. 20 So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, in order that they might catch Him in some statement, so that they could deliver Him to the rule and the authority of the governor. 21 They questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, we know that You speak and teach correctly, and You are not partial to any, but teach the way of God in truth.

22 Is it lawful for us to Pay Taxes to Caesar, or not?" 23 But He detected their trickery and said to them, 24 "Show Me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?" They said, "Caesar's." 25 And He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's--and Give to God the Things that are God's." 26 And they were unable to catch Him in a saying in the presence of the people; and being amazed at His answer, they became silent.

27 Now there came to Him some of the Sadducees (who say that there is no resurrection), 28 and they questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife, and he is childless, his brother should marry the wife and raise up children to his brother. 29 Now there were seven brothers; and the first took a wife and died childless; 30 and the second 31 and the third married her; and in the same way all seven died, leaving no children. 32 Finally the woman died also. 33 In the resurrection therefore, which one's wife will she be? For all seven had married her."

34 Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, 35 but those who are considered worthy to go to Heaven by the resurrection from the dead, neither marry--nor are given in marriage; 36 for they cannot even die anymore, because they are like Angels, and are sons of God, being heirs from the resurrection. 37 But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the burning bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

38 Now He is not the God of the dead--but of the living; for all live to Him." 39 Some of the scribes answered and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well." 40 For they did not

have courage to question Him any longer about anything.

41 Then He said to them, “How is it that they say the Christ is David’s son? 42 For David himself says in the book of Psalms,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at My right hand,

43 Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.” ’

44 Therefore David calls Him ‘Lord,’ and how is He his son?”

45 And while all the people were listening, He said to the disciples, 46 “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love respectful greetings in the market places, and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets, 47 who devour widows’ houses, and for appearance’s sake offer long prayers. These will--receive Greater Condemnation.”

## CHAPTER 21

1 And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury. 2 And He saw a poor widow putting in two small copper coins. 3 And Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them; 4 for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty--put in all that she had to live on.”

5 And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said, 6 “As for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down.”

7 They questioned Him, saying, “Teacher, when therefore will these things happen? And what will be the Signs when these things are about to take place?” 8 And He said, “See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not go after them. 9 When you hear of wars and disturbances/commotions, do Not be Terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately.”

10 Then He continued by saying to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, 11 and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from Heaven.

12 “But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name’s sake. 13 It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. 14 So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; 15 for I will give you utterance and Wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.

16 But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, 17 and you will be Hated by all peoples because of My Name. 18 Yet not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your patience/endurance-- you will gain/possess your souls/lives.

20 “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. 21 Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; 22 because these are days of Vengeance, so that all things which are written will be Fulfilled.

23 Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people; 24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

25 “There will be Signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay/distress among nations, in perplexity/great fear at the roaring of the sea and the waves, 26 people fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the Heavens will be Shaken. 27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your Redemption is drawing near.”

29 Then He told them a parable: “Behold the fig tree--and all the trees; 30 as soon as they put forth leaves, you see it and know for yourselves that summer is now near. 31 So you also, when you see these things happening--recognize that the Kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all things take place. 33 Heaven and Earth will pass away,--but My Words will Not Pass away.

34 “Be on guard/Alert--so that your Hearts will not be weighted down with partying and drunkenness, and the worries of life--and that Day will not come on you suddenly like a Trap--and you are Not Ready; 35 for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth. 36 But keep on the Alert at All Times--Praying that you may be able to escape all these things that are about to take place, --and are Ready to stand--before the Son of God.

37 Now during the day He was teaching in the temple, but at evening He would go out and spend the night on the mount that is called Olivet. 38 And all the people would get up early in the morning to come to Him in the temple to listen to Him.

## CHAPTER 22

1 Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was approaching. 2 The chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they might put Him to death; for they were afraid of the people.

3 And satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve. 4 And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them. 5 They were glad and agreed to give him money. 6 So he consented, and began seeking a good opportunity to betray Him to them apart from the crowd.

7 Then came the first day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 And Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it." 9 They said to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare it?" 10 And He said to them, "When you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters.

11 And you shall say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' 12 And he will show you a large, furnished upper room; prepare it there." 13 And they left and found everything just as He had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

14 When the hour had come, He reclined at the table, and the disciples with Him. 15 And He said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; 16 for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." 17 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He said, "Take this and share it among yourselves; 18 for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine from now on until the Kingdom of God comes."

19 And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in Remembrance of Me." 20 And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant--in My Blood.

21 But behold, the hand of the one betraying Me is with Mine on the table. 22 For indeed, the Son of Man is going as it has been determined; but Woe to that man by whom He is betrayed" 23 And they began to discuss among themselves which one of them it might be who was going to do this unbelievable evil.

24 And there arose also a dispute among them as to which one of them was regarded as the Greatest. 25 And He said to them, "The Kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them boss them around--claiming superiority. 26 But it

is not this way with you, but the one who is the Greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the Leader--like the Servant. 27 For who is greater, the one who reclines at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at the table? But--I am among you as the person--who Serves.

28 “You are those who have stood by Me--in My trials; 29 and just as My Father has granted Me a Kingdom, I grant you 30 that you may eat and drink at My Table--in My Kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

31 “Simon, Simon, behold, satan has demanded permission to sift you--like wheat; 32 but I have prayed for you, that Your Faith--may Not fail; and once you have turned again/repented--strengthen your fellow disciples 33 But he said to Him, “Lord, for You I am ready to go both to prison and to death” 34 And He said, “I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have Denied three times that you know Me.”

35 And He said to them, “When I sent you out Without money belt and bag and sandals, you did Not Lack anything, did you?” They said, “No, nothing.”

36 And He said to them, “But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one. 37 For I tell you that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, ‘And He was numbered with transgressors’; for that which refers to Me has its fulfillment.” 38 They said, “Lord, look, here are two swords.” And He said to them, “It is enough.”

39 And He came out and proceeded as was His custom to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed Him. 40 When He arrived at the place, He said to them, “Pray that you may Not enter into temptation.” 41 And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and began to pray, 42 saying, “Father, if You are willing, remove this cup/trial from Me; --yet--Not My Will--but Your Will be Done--

43 Now an Angel from heaven appeared to Him--strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony Jesus was praying very fervently; and His sweat--became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground. 45 When He rose from prayer, He came to the disciples and found them sleeping from sorrow, 46 and said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may Not enter--into temptation.”

47 While He was still speaking, behold, a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was preceding them; and he approached Jesus to kiss Him. 48 But Jesus said to him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” 49 When those who were around Him saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, shall we strike with the sword?” 50 And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

51 But Jesus answered and said, "Stop. No more of this." And He touched his ear and Healed him. 52 Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders who had come against Him, "Have you come out with swords and clubs as you would against a robber? 53 While I was with you daily in the temple, you did not lay hands on Me; but this hour and the power of darkness are yours."

54 Having arrested Him, they led Him away and brought Him to the house of the high priest; but Peter was following at a distance. 55 After they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter was sitting among them. 56 And a servant-girl, seeing him as he sat in the firelight and looking intently at him, said, "This man was with Him too." 57 But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." 58 A little later, another saw him and said, "You are one of them too." But Peter said, "Man, I am not"

59 After about an hour had passed, another man began to insist, saying, "Certainly this man also was with Him, for he is a Galilean too." 60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." Immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed. 61 The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the Word of the Lord, how He had told him, "Before a rooster crows today--you will deny Me three times." 62 And Peter went out and wept bitterly--in anguish/sorrow/repentance.

63 Now the men who were holding Jesus in custody were--Mocking Him and Beating Him, 64 and they blindfolded Him and were asking Him, saying, "Prophecy, who is the one who hit You?" 65 And they were saying many other things against Him, blaspheming.

66 When it was day, the Council of elders of the people assembled, both chief priests and scribes, and they led Him away to their council chamber, saying, 67 "If You are the Christ, tell us." But He said to them, "If I tell you, you will not believe; 68 and if I ask a question, you will not answer. 69 But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand--of the Power of God." 70 And they all said, "Are You the Son of God, then?" And He said to them, "Yes, I am." 71 Then they said, "What further need do we have of testimony? For we have heard it ourselves from His own mouth."

## **CHAPTER 23**

1 Then the whole body of them got up and brought Him before Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse Him, saying, "We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King." 3 So Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And He answered him and said, "It is as you say." 4 Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man." 5 But they kept on insisting, saying, "He stirs up the people, teaching all over Judea, starting from Galilee even as far as this place."



6 When Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. 7 And when he learned that He belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent Him to Herod, who himself also was in Jerusalem at that time.

8 Now Herod was very glad when he saw Jesus; for he had wanted to see Him for a long time, because he had been hearing about Him and was hoping to see some Sign performed by Him.

9 And he questioned Jesus at some length; but He answered him--Nothing. 10 And the chief priests and the scribes were standing there, accusing Him vehemently. 11 And Herod with his soldiers, after treating Him with contempt and mocking Him, dressed Him in a elegant robe and sent Him back to Pilate. 12 Now Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been enemies with each other.

13 Pilate summoned the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14 and said to them, "You brought this man to me as one who incites the people to rebellion, and behold, having examined Him before you, I have found--No Guilt--in this man regarding the charges which you make against Him. 15 No, nor has Herod, for he sent Him back to us; and behold, nothing deserving death has been done by Him. 16 Therefore I will punish/whip Him and release Him." 17 Now he was obliged to release to them at the feast one prisoner.

18 But they cried out all together, saying, "Away with this man, and release for us Barabbas" 19 (He was one who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection/causing a riot in the city, and for murder.) 20 Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again, 21 but they kept on calling out, saying, "Crucify, crucify Him" 22 And he said to them the third time, "Why, what Evil--has this man Jesus done? I have found in Him No guilt demanding death; therefore I will punish Him and release Him."

23 But they were insistent, with loud voices asking that He be Crucified/murdered. And their voices began to prevail. 24 And Pilate pronounced sentence that their demand be granted. 25 And he released the man they were asking for who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, but he delivered--Jesus to their evil plans.

26 When they led Him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, coming in from the country, and placed on him the cross to carry behind Jesus.

27 And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him. 28 But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

29 For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' 30 Then they will begin to

say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' 31 For if they do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

32 Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.

33 When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. 34 But Jesus was saying, "Father, Forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.

35 And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One." 36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine, 37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself" 38 Now there was also an inscription above Him, "This Is The King Of The Jews."

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us" 40 But the other criminal answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even Fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man--has done Nothing Wrong."

42 And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your Kingdom" 43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, Today--you shall be with Me in Paradise."

44 It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 because the sun was obscured; and the veil of the temple was torn in two. 46 And Jesus, yelling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last. 47 Now when the centurion saw what had happened, he began praising God, saying--"Certainly this was a Righteous/innocent Man."

48 And all the crowds who came together for this spectacle, when they observed what had happened, began to return, beating their breasts. 49 And all His acquaintances and the women who accompanied Him from Galilee were standing at a distance, seeing these things.

50 And a man named Joseph, who was a member of the Council, a good and righteous man 51 (he had Not consented to their plan and action), a man from Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was waiting for the Kingdom of God; 52 this man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 53 And he took it down and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid Him in a tomb cut into the rock, where no one had ever lain. 54 It was the preparation day, and the Sabbath was about to begin. 55 Now the women who had come

with Him out of Galilee followed, and saw the tomb and how His body was laid. 56 Then they returned and prepared spices and perfumes. And on the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

## CHAPTER 24

1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 And they found--the Stone Rolled Away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did Not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men/Angels suddenly stood near them in dazzling/bright clothing;

5 and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living One--among the dead? 6 He is not here, but --He has Risen-- --Remember how He spoke to you while He was still in Galilee, 7 saying that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful people, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

8 And they remembered His words, 9 and returned from the tomb and reported all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now they were Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James; also the other women with them were telling these things to the Disciples. 11 But these words appeared to them as wishful thinking, and they would Not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings only; and he went away to his home, marveling at what had happened.

13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they were talking with each other about all these things which had taken place. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and--began walking with them.

16 But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. 17 And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?"

19 And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and Crucified Him. 21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things

happened. 22 But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning,

23 and did Not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of Angels who said that He was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see.” 25 And He/Jesus Christ said to them--“O foolish men and slow of heart to Believe in all that the prophets have spoken. 26 Was it not necessary for the Christ to Suffer these things and to enter into His Glory?” 27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself--in all the Scriptures.

28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther. 29 But they urged Him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over.” So He went in to stay with them. 30 When He had reclined at the table with them, He took the bread and blessed it, and breaking it, He began giving it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished from their sight.

32 They said to one another, “Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?”

33 And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them, 34 saying, “The Lord has really Risen and has appeared to Simon.” 35 They began to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.

36 While they were telling these things,  
--Jesus stood--in their midst and said to them, “Peace be to you.” 37 But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit. 38 And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39 See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

40 And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. 41 While they still could not believe it because of their joy and amazement, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42 They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish; 43 and He took it and ate it before them.

44 Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then He opened their hearts/minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, 47 and that Repentance for

Forgiveness of Sins would be proclaimed in His Name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed/indwelt--with Power from on High.

50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. 51 While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into Heaven. 52 And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple Praising God.

## **End Gospel Of LUKE**

# **Gospel Of JOHN**

## **Here is a brief Summary of the Gospel of JOHN:**

--The Word was God and the Word/Jesus became a human body and lived among us.

--Jesus chooses his 12 disciples.--Jesus turns water into wine at a wedding.

--Jesus said--"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son."

--Jesus teaches a Samaritan woman at a well.

--Jesus heals a man at the pool of Bethesda.

--Jesus feeds thousands with loaves of bread and fishes.

--Jesus prevents the stoning of a woman taken in adultery.

--Jesus said--"The devil comes to steal, kill, lie, and destroy--but I have come that you might have abundant life/eternal life."

-- "I am the Good Shepherd." "Love one another as I have loved you." "Let not your heart be troubled--I go to prepare a mansion for you in my Kingdom in Heaven" "My Peace I leave with you." "I am the Vine and you are the branches."

--Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

--Jesus washes the disciples feet.

Jesus is bound, tortured, mocked, and crucified. He rises up from the dead.

--Jesus shows 'Doubting Thomas' his wounds.

# Gospel Of JOHN

## CHAPTER 1

1-- In the Beginning--was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
--and **the Word--was God**--He was in the Beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him--nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of people. 5 The Light shines in the darkness--and the darkness did not comprehend it.

6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a Witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might Believe through him. 8 He was not the Light, but he came to--Testify about the Light.

9 Then came the True Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every person.

10 He was in the world, and  
**--the World was made through Him/Jesus Christ,  
--and the World--did Not know Him.**

11 He came to His own/the Jews, and those who were His own did Not Receive Him. 12 But as many as Received Him, to them--He gave the right/power to become Children/Sons of God, even 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's Will and Purpose.

14 And the Word became a Human Body, and dwelt among us--and we saw His glory,  
--glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of Grace and Truth. 15 John testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a much higher authority than I, for He existed--before me.' " 16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. 17 For the Law was given through Moses; -- but--  
--Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ--

18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained/declared Him.

19 This is the testimony of John the Baptist, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, "I am Not the Christ/Messiah." 21 They asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No."

22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said, "I am a Voice of one yelling in the wilderness--'Make straight the Way of the Lord,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. 25 They asked him, and said to him, “Why then are you Baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” 26 John answered them saying, “I Baptize in water, but among you stands One whom you do not know.

27 It is He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.” 28 These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was Baptizing.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away--the Sin of the World 30 This is He on behalf of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who has a much greater authority than I, for He existed before me.’ 31 I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water.”

32 John testified saying, “I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. 33 I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to Baptize in water said to me, ‘He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who Baptizes--in the Holy Spirit.’ 34 I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

35 Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, 36 and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” 37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38 And Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, “What do you seek?” They said to Him, “Master--where are You staying?”

39 He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah/'The Christ'.

42 Andrew brought Peter to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

43 The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He found Philip--And Jesus said to him-- Follow Me.

44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” 46 Nathanael said to him, “Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit.”



48 Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." 49 Nathanael answered Him, "Master, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel." 50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, is why you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the Heavens opened and the Angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

## **CHAPTER 2**

1 On the third day there was a Wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; 2 and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever Jesus says to you--Do It." 6 Now there were six stone water pots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the water pots--with Water." So they filled them up to the brim.

8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it to him. 9 When the headwaiter tasted the water--which had become Wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom, 10 and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when the people have drunk freely, then he serves the poorer wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." 11 This beginning of his Signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples Believed in Him.

12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days.

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And Jesus found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables.

15 And He made a scourge of cords, and drove them all out of the Temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables; 16 and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house--a place of selling merchandise."

17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "The Zeal for Your house will consume you." 18 The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." 20 The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and

will You raise it up in three days?”

21 But He was speaking of--the Temple of His Body. 22 So when He was Raised from the Dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the Word which Jesus had spoken.

23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His miracles/healings which He was doing. 24 But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all peoples, 25 and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning people,

--for Jesus Himself knew--what was in every person.

### CHAPTER 3

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a Ruler of the Jews; 2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Master, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these Signs/miracles that You do unless God is with them.” 3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a person is Born Again they Cannot--see/inherit the Kingdom of God.”

4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a person be born when they are old? They cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb and be born, can they?”

**5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you--unless a person is Born-Again--of water/Baptism and the Spirit/receives the Holy Ghost--they 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 Do not be amazed that I said to you, --‘You must--be Born Again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is Born of the Spirit.”

9 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony. 12 If I told you Earthly Things and you do Not Believe, how will you Believe if I tell you Heavenly Things?

13 No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from Heaven: the Son of Man. 14 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; 15 so that whoever Believes in him/trusts completely--should Not Perish but have Eternal Life.

16 --“For God so Loved the World, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever

Believes in Him/trusts completely--should not Perish, but have Eternal Life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

18 Whoever Believes in Him is not condemned; whoever does not believe has been judged/condemned already, because they have Not Believed--in the Name of the only begotten Son of God.

**19 This is the Judgment/Condemnation--that Light/the Gospel of God--has come into the world, and People--Love Darkness/sinning--rather than the Light--because their Deeds are Evil.**

20 Everyone who Does Evil--Hates the Light--and does Not--come to the Light  
-- for Fear that Their Sinful Deeds/works--will be Exposed.

**21 But whoever does/practices the Truth comes--to the Light, so that their deeds/Works may be manifested/known--as having been wrought/done in God.**

22 After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and Baptizing. 23 John also was Baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and people were coming and were being baptized— 24 for John had not yet been thrown into prison.

25 Therefore there arose a discussion on the part of John's disciples with the Jews about purification. 26 And they came to John and said to him--He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, behold, He is Baptizing and all are coming to Him.”

27 John answered and said, “A person can receive nothing unless it has been given them from Heaven. 28 You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent ahead of Him.’ 29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 “He who comes from above is above all, He who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from Heaven is above all. 32 What He has seen and heard, of that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. 33 Whoever has received His testimony has set their seal to this, that God is True.

34 For He whom God has sent speaks the Words of God; for He gives to him the Spirit without measure.

35 The Father loves the Son and has given--All things into His hand.

36 --Whoever Believes and Obeys the Son--has Eternal Life; but--whoever does Not Obey the Son will--Not see Eternal Life, but--the Wrath of God abides on them.

## CHAPTER 4

1 Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and Baptizing more disciples than John 2 (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were), 3 He left Judea and went away again into Galilee. 4 And He had to pass through Samaria. 5 So He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; 6 and Jacob's well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7 There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." 8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. 9 Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the Gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you --Living Water." 11 She said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that Living Water? 12 You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?"

13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; 14 but Whoever drinks of the water that I will give them--shall never thirst; but the water that I will give them will become in them a well of water--springing up to --Eternal Life."

15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw." 16 He said to her, "Go, get your husband and then come here." 17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly." 19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

20 Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 But an hour is coming, and now is, when --the True Worshipers will Worship the Father in spirit and Truth--for such people the Father seeks to be His Worshipers.

24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship him--in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He/Messiah/The Christ."

27 At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why do You speak with her?" 28 So the woman left her water pot, and went into the city and said to the men, 29 "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; Is this not the Christ?" 30 They went out of the city, and were coming to Jesus.

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, "Master, eat." 32 But He said to them, "I have food/spiritual to eat--that you do not know about." 33 So the disciples were saying to one another, "None of us brought Him anything to eat, did we?" 34 Jesus said to them, --My food/Life--is to Do the Will of Him who sent Me and --to Accomplish His Work.

35 Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the Harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields--that they are white for harvest. 36 Whoever reaps receives wages/rewards and is gathering fruit--for Life Eternal; so that whoever sows and whoever reaps may Rejoice together. 37 For in this case the saying is true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor."

39 From that city many of the Samaritans Believed in Him because of the words of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done."

40 So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. 41 Many more Believed because of His Word; 42 and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and Know that this One--is indeed the Savior of the world.

43 After the two days He went forth from there into Galilee. 44 For Jesus Himself testified that a Prophet has no honor in their own country. 45 So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves also went to the feast.

46 Therefore He came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a royal official/nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. 47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and was imploring Him to come down and Heal his son; for he was at the point of death. 48 So Jesus said to him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not

believe.”

49 The royal official said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

50 Jesus said to him, “Go; your son lives.”--The man Believed the Word--that Jesus spoke to him and started off. 51 As he was now going down, his servants met him, saying that his son was living. 52 So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. Then they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.”

53 So the father knew that it was at that hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives”; and he himself Believed and his whole household. 54 This is again a second Miracle that Jesus performed when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

## CHAPTER 5

1 After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes/porches. 3 In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame/paralyzed, and withered, waiting for the moving of the waters; 4 for an Angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease/sickness,paralysis with which they were afflicted.

5 A man was there who had been ill/crippled--for thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time in that condition, Jesus said to him, --“Do you Want to get Healed?” 7 The invalid man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”

**8 Jesus said to him--“Get Up--Pick Up--your bed and Walk.”**

9 Immediately the man became --Healed, and picked up his bed--and Walked.

Now it was the Sabbath on that day. 10 So the Jews were saying to the man who was Healed, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your bed.” 11 But he answered them, “He who made me well was the one who said to me, ‘Pick up your bed and walk.’” 12 They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Pick up your bed and walk’?” 13 But the man who Was Healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in that place.

14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, Behold, you have become Healed--  
**--do Not Sin anymore--so that nothing worse--happens to you.”**

15 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. 16 For this reason the Jews were Persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these

things on the Sabbath. 17 But He answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working.”

18 For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also  
--because Jesus was calling God His own Father--making Himself Equal--with God.

19 Therefore Jesus answered and said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner. 20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and the Father will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.

21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them Life, even so the Son also gives Life to whom He chooses. 22 For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given All Judgment--to the Son, 23 so that all will Honor the Son even as they Honor the Father.  
--Whoever does Not Honor/fear and respect the Son/Jesus Christ--does Not honor the Father who sent Him.

24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My Word, and Believes Him who sent Me, has Eternal Life, and does Not come into Condemnation, but has passed out of death into Life.

25 Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. 26 For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself; 27 and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.

28 Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice, 29 and will come forth; those who Did the Good deeds/Works--to a Resurrection of Life,  
--and those who committed the evil deeds/works--to a resurrection of Condemnation in Hell.

30 “I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

31 “If I alone testify about Myself, My testimony is not true. 32 There is another who testifies of Me, and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me is true. 33 You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth. 34 But the testimony which I receive is not from people's knowledge, but I say these things so that you may be Saved. 35 He/John the Baptist was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

36 But the testimony which I have is greater than the testimony of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish—the very works that I do—testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.

37 And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form. 38 You do Not have His Word abiding in you, for you do Not Believe Him whom He sent.

39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; 40 and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life/eternal. 41 I do not receive glory from people; 42 but I know you, that you do not have the Love of God in yourselves. 43 I have come in My Father's name--and you do not receive Me; if another comes in their own name, you will receive them.

44 How can you Believe, when you receive glory--from one another and --you do Not Seek the Glory that is from the one and only God? 45 Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. 46 For if you Believed Moses--you would Believe Me, for he wrote about Me. 47 But if you do Not Believe Moses's writings--how will you Believe My Words?"

## CHAPTER 6

1 After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). 2 A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the Miracles which He was performing on those who were Sick. 3 Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. 5 Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?"

6 This He was saying to Test him--for He Himself knew what He was intending to do. 7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little." 8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?"

10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted. 12 When they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost."

13 So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five



barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. 14 Therefore when the people saw the miracle which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

15 So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him King, withdrew again to the mountain--by Himself alone.

16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, 17 and after getting into a boat, they started to cross the sea to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 The sea began to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing. 19 Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles, --they saw Jesus Walking on the Sea--and drawing near to the boat; and they were frightened. 20 But **Jesus said to them, "It is I--do Not be Afraid."** 21 So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately--the boat was at the land to which they were going.

22 The next day the crowd that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with His disciples into the boat, but that His disciples had gone away alone. 23 There came other small boats from Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks. 24 So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus. 25 When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Master, when did You get here?"

26 Jesus answered them and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw miracles, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. 27 Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food/spiritual--which Endures to Eternal Life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal." 28 Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you --Believe in Him whom He has sent."

30 So they said to Him, "What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.' " 32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. 33 For the Bread of God is that which comes down out of Heaven--and gives Life to the world." 34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread."

35 Jesus said to them--"I am the Bread of Life; whoever comes to Me will not hunger, and whoever Believes in Me will never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen

Me, and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me--I will certainly not cast out. 38 For I have come down from Heaven, not to do My own will, but the Will of Him who sent Me.

39 This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise them up on the last day. 40 For this is the Will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and Believes in Him will have Eternal Life, and I Myself will Raise them Up on the Last Day."

41 Therefore the Jews were grumbling about Him, because He said, "I am the Bread that came down out of Heaven." 42 They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, 'I have come down out of Heaven'?" 43 Jesus answered and said to them, "Do not grumble/murmur among yourselves. 44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws them; and I will raise them up on the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught of God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me. 46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father. 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever Believes in me--has Eternal Life.

48 I am the Bread of Life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the Bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the Living Bread that came down out of Heaven--if anyone eats of this bread, they will Live Forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is--My flesh/body."

52 Then the Jews began to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. 54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day.

55 For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. 56 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood Abides in Me, and I in them. 57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, whoever eats Me, they also will live because of Me. 58 This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; whoever eats this bread will live forever."

59 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this said, "These are difficult/hard statements/new beliefs; who can listen to it?" 61 But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble? 62 What then if you see

the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?

63 --It is the Spirit who gives life--the flesh profits nothing; the Words that I have spoken to you--are spirit and are life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did Not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. 65 And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted them from the Father.”

66 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were Not Walking with Him anymore. 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?” 68 Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You only have the words of Eternal Life. 69 We have Believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.” 70 Jesus answered them, “Did I Myself not Choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?” 71 Now He meant Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to Betray Him.

## CHAPTER 7

1 After these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him. 2 Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was near. 3 Therefore His brothers said to Him, “Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing. 4 For no one does anything in secret when they himself seeks to be known publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.”

5 For not even His brothers were believing in Him. 6 So Jesus said to them, “My time is not yet here, but your time is always opportune. 7 The world cannot hate you, but--the World Hates Me because I Testify of it--that its deeds/Works are Evil/Sinful.

8 Go up to the feast yourselves; I do not go up to this feast because My time has not yet fully come.” 9 Having said these things to them, He stayed in Galilee.

10 But when His brothers had gone up to the feast, then He Himself also went up, not publicly, but as if, in secret. 11 So the Jews were seeking Him at the feast and were saying, “Where is He?” 12 There was much grumbling among the crowds concerning Him; some were saying, “He is a good man”; others were saying, “No, on the contrary, He leads the people astray.” 13 Yet no one was speaking openly of Him for Fear of the Jews.

14 But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and began to Teach. 15 The Jews then were astonished, saying, “How has this man become learned, having never been educated?” 16 So Jesus answered them and said, “My Teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

17 If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself. 18 Whoever speaks from themselves seeks their own glory; but whoever is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, is true, and there is no unrighteousness in them.

19 “Did not Moses give you the Law, and yet none of you carries out the Law? Why do you seek to kill Me?” 20 The crowd answered, “You have a demon. Who seeks to kill You?” 21 Jesus answered them, “I did one deed, and you all marvel. 22 For this reason Moses has given you circumcision (not because it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and on the Sabbath you circumcise a man.

23 If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath so that the Law of Moses will not be broken, are you angry with Me because I Healed a man completely on the Sabbath? 24 Do Not Judge according to appearance--but Judge with Righteous Judgment.”

25 So some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, “Is this not the man whom they are seeking to kill? 26 Look, He is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him. The rulers do not really know that this is the Christ, do they? 27 However, we know where this man is from; but whenever the Christ may come, no one knows where He is from.” 28 Then Jesus cried/yelled out in the temple, teaching and saying, “You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

29 I know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent Me.” 30 So they were seeking to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come. 31 But many of the crowd Believed in Him; and they were saying, “When the Christ comes, He will not perform more miracles than those which this man has, will He?”

32 The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to seize Him. 33 Therefore Jesus said, “For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me. 34 You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come.” 35 The Jews then said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find Him? He is not intending to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks, is He? 36 What is this statement that He said, ‘You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come’?”

37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let them come to Me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From their innermost being will flow rivers of Living Water.’ ” 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who Believed in Him were to receive; for the

Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was Not yet Glorified.

40 Some of the people therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, “This certainly is the Prophet.” 41 Others were saying, “This is the Christ.” Still others were saying, “Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He? 42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” 43 So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him. 44 Some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

45 The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, “Why did you not bring Him?” 46 The officers answered, “Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks.” 47 The Pharisees then answered them, “You have not also been led astray, have you? 48 No one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he? 49 But this crowd which does not know the Law is accursed.”

50 Nicodemus (he who came to Him before, being one of them) said to them, 51 “Our Law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?” 52 They answered him, “You are not also from Galilee, are you? Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee.” 53 Everyone went to their home.

## CHAPTER 8

1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. 2 Early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and began to teach them. 3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in Adultery, and having set her in the center of the court, 4 they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?” 6 They were saying this, testing Him, so that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground.

7 But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, “Whoever is--Without Sin among you--let them be the first to throw a stone at her.” 8 Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. 9 When they heard it, they began to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the center of the court. 10 Straightening up, Jesus said to her, “Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?”

11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “I do Not Condemn You, either. Go--And Sin No More.”

12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the World; whoever

Follows Me will Not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of Life.” 13 So the Pharisees said to Him, “You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not true.” 14 Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I testify about Myself, My testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.

15 You judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone. 16 But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone in it, but I and the Father who sent Me. 17 Even in your law it has been written that the testimony of two people is true. 18 I am He who testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me.” 19 So they were saying to Him, “Where is Your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father; if you knew Me--you would know My Father also.” 20 These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.

21 Then He said again to them, “I go away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come.” 22 So the Jews were saying, “Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come’?” 23 And He was saying to them, “You are from below,  
--I am from above; you are of this world--I am Not of this world.

24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you Believe that I Am He, you will die in your sins.” 25 So they were saying to Him, “Who are You?” Jesus said to them, “What have I been saying to you from the beginning?

26 I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world.” 27 They did not realize that He had been speaking to them about the Father. 28 So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.

29 And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always Do--the things/Works that are Pleasing to Him/God.” 30 As He spoke these things, many came to Believe in Him.

31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him,  
--“IF-you Continue in My Word--then you are Truly Disciples of Mine;  
**32 and you will know the Truth, and the Truth--will make you Free.”**

33 They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, ‘You will become Free’?”

34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you,  
--Everyone who Commits Sin--is the Slave of Sin.

35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. 36 So if the Son makes you Free--you will be Free Indeed. 37 I know that you are Abraham's descendants; yet you seek to kill Me, because My Word--has no place in you. 38 I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from your father/satan."

39 They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham. 40 But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do. 41 You are doing the deeds of your father." They said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God." 42 Jesus said to them,  
--If God were your Father--you would Love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.

43 Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My Word. 44 You are of your father--the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a Murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is --No Truth in him/satan. Whenever he speaks a Lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a Liar--and the Father of Lies.

45 But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. 46 Which one of you convicts Me of doing sin(s)? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me? 47 Whoever is of God hears the Words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are Not of God."

48 The Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" 49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. 50 But I do not seek My glory; there is One who seeks and judges. 51 Truly, truly, I say to you,

--IF--anyone Keeps/Does My Word they will--never see death/2<sup>nd</sup> death/hell.

52 The Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets also; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word, they will never taste of death.' 53 Surely You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom do You make Yourself out to be?"

54 Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God'; 55 and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I will be a liar like you, but I do know Him/God and Keep/Do His Word. 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." 57 So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

58 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I

Am.” 59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

## CHAPTER 9

1 As He passed by, He saw a man Blind from Birth. 2 And His Disciples asked Him, “Teacher, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be Born Blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “It was neither that this man sinned--nor his parents; but it was so that the Works of God--might be displayed in him. 4 I must Work the Works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

5 While I am in the world, I Am--the Light of the World.”

6 When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to the Blind man's eyes, 7 and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” . So the Blind Man went away and washed, and came back Seeing. 8 Therefore the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, “Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?” 9 Others were saying, “This is he,” still others were saying, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the one.” 10 So they were saying to him, “How then were your eyes opened?”

11 He answered, “The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went away and washed, and I received Sight.” 12 They said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who was formerly blind. 14 Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also were asking him again how he received his sight. And he said to them, “He applied clay to my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” 16 Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, “This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others were saying, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such miracles?” And there was a division among them.

17 So they said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?” And he said, “He is a prophet.”

18 The Jews/leaders then did not believe it of him, that he had been blind and had received sight, until they called the parents of the very one who had received his sight,

19 and questioned them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was Born Blind? Then how does he now see?” 20 His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; 21 but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had



already agreed that if anyone Confessed Jesus to be the Christ, they were to be put out of the synagogue. 23 For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

24 So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner.” 25 He then answered, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; –

--one thing I do know, that though I Was Blind--now I See perfectly.” 26 So they said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” 27 He answered them, “I told you already and you did Not Listen; why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?”

28 They reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He is from.” 30 The man answered and said to them, “Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-Fearing and does His Will, He Hears them.”

32 Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” 34 They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?” So they put him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, “Do you Believe in the Son of Man?” 36 He answered, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?” 37 Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.” 38 And he said, “Lord--I Believe.” And he Worshiped Jesus. 39 And Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind.”

40 Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, “We are not blind too, are we?” 41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, ‘We see,’ your Sin Remains.

## CHAPTER 10

1 “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his/Jesus's voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his/Jesus's voice. 5 A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from them, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 This figure of speech Jesus spoke to

them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them.

7 So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you--I am the Door of the Sheep. 8 All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I/Jesus am the Door/to Heaven; if anyone enters through Me--they will be Saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10 The thief/devil comes only--to Lie, steal and kill and destroy--I have come that you might have Life/born-again from above and have it--more abundantly/eternal life.

11 “I am the Good Shepherd--the good shepherd lays down His life--for the Sheep. 12 He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.

14 I am the Good Shepherd, and I know/intimately My own sheep/followers and My own know/intimately Me, 15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep/saints.

16 I have other sheep, which are not of this fold/Gentiles/Greeks/new converts to come into the fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father Loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. 18 No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.”

19 A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words. 20 Many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?” 21 Others were saying, “These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?”

22 At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; 23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the porch of Solomon. 24 The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” 25 Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me.

26 But you do Not Believe--because you are Not of My sheep.

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them/intimately, and they Follow/Obey Me; 28 and I give Eternal Life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. 30 I and the Father are

one.”

31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. 32 Jesus answered them, “I showed you many Good Works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?” 33 The Jews answered Him, “For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God.” 34 Jesus answered them, “Has it not been written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’?”

35 If he called them gods, to whom the Word of God came and the Scripture cannot be broken, 36 do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?”

37 If I do not do the Works of My Father--do not believe Me; 38 but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the Works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father.” 39 Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him, and He eluded their grasp.

40 And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing, and He was staying there. 41 Many came to Him and were saying, “While John performed no miracle, yet everything John said about this man was true.” 42 Many believed in Him there.

## CHAPTER 11

1 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. 3 So the sisters sent word to Him, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.” 4 But when Jesus heard this, He said, “This Sickness is not to end in death, but for the Glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.”

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was. 7 Then after this He said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” 8 The disciples said to Him, “Master, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?”

9 Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, they do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. 10 But if anyone walks in the night, they stumble, because the light is not in them.” 11 This He said, and after that He said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I may awaken him out of sleep.” 12 The disciples then said to Him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.”

13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking of literal sleep. 14 So Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, 15 and I am glad for your sake's that I was not there--so that you may Believe; but let us go to him." 16 Therefore Thomas, who is called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, so that we may die with Him."

17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off; 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother. 20 Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house. 21 Martha then said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

22 Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

25 Jesus said to her, "--I Am the Resurrection and the Life--whoever Believes/trusts and obeys Me will live/eternally even if they die/physically, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me--will Never Die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world."

28 When she had said this, she went away and called Mary her sister, saying secretly, "The Master is here and is calling for you." 29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and was coming to Him.

30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met Him. 31 Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and consoling her, when they saw that Mary got up quickly and went out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. 32 Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, 34 and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus wept. 36 So the Jews were saying, "See how He Loved him." 37 But some of them said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have kept this man also from dying?"

38 So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 39 Jesus said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has

been dead four days.” 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you --that IF You Believe--you will see the Glory of God?” 41 So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

42 I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may Believe that You sent Me.” 43 When He had said these things, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.”-- And Lazarus who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

45 Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary, and saw what He had done, Believed in Him. 46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them the things which Jesus had done.

47 Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, “What are we doing? For this man is performing Many Miracles. 48 If we let Him go on like this, all people will Believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” 49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, 50 nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish.”

51 Now he did not say this on his own initiative, but being high priest that year, he Prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, 52 and not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.

53 So from that day on they planned together to murder Him.

54 Therefore Jesus no longer continued to walk publicly among the Jews, but went away from there to the country near the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim; and there He stayed with the disciples.

55 Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover to purify themselves. 56 So they were seeking for Jesus, and were saying to one another as they stood in the temple, “What do you think; that He will not come to the feast at all?” 57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where Jesus was, they were to report it, so that they might seize Him.

## CHAPTER 12

1 Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining at the table with Him. 3 Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet

with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

4 But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said, 5 “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor people?” 6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a Thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer/steal what was put into it. 7 Therefore Jesus said, “Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial.

8 For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.” 9 The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He Raised from the Dead. 10 But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also; 11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.

12 On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, “Hosanna Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel.”

14 Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, 15 “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt.” 16 These things His disciples did Not Understand at the first; but when Jesus was Glorified, then they Remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

17 So the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify about Him. 18 For this reason also the people went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this miracle. 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him.”

20 Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast; 21 these then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and began to ask him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” 22 Philip came and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip came and told Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be Glorified.

24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 Whoever Loves Their Life--in this evil world-- Loses It eternally,  
and whoever Hates Their Life--in this sinful world--will Keep It to Life Eternal.

26 If anyone serves Me, they must follow Me; and where I am--there My servant will be

also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor them.

27 “Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify Your name.” Then a Voice came out of Heaven saying--“I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.” 29 So the crowd of people who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, “An Angel has spoken to Him.”

30 Jesus answered and said, “This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sake's. 31 Now Judgment is upon this world; now the ruler/the devil of this world will be cast out.

32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.” 33 But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die. 34 The crowd then answered Him, “We have heard out of the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?” 35 So Jesus said to them, “For a little while longer the Light is among you.

Walk while you have the Light, so that Darkness will Not Overtake you; whoever walks in the Darkness does Not know where they are going. 36 While you have the Light, Believe in the Light, so that you may/might become people of Light.”

These things Jesus spoke, and He went away and hid Himself from them. 37 But though He had performed so many Miracles before them--yet they were Not Believing in Him. 38 This was to fulfill the Word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke: “Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?” 39 For this reason they could Not believe, for Isaiah said again,

40 “God has blinded their eyes and He hardened their heart, so that they would not see with their eyes and perceive with their heart, and be converted and I heal them.” 41 These things Isaiah said because he saw His glory, and he spoke of Him. 42 Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were Not Confessing Jesus, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue;

43 for they Loved the praise/approval of people--rather than the praise/approval of God.

44 And Jesus cried out and said, “Whoever believes in Me, does not believe in Me only, but in Him who sent Me.

45 Whoever sees Me sees the One who sent Me. 46 I have come as Light into the World, so that everyone who Believes in Me--will Not remain in Darkness. 47 If anyone hears My sayings/words and does not keep/do them, I do not judge them; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 Whoever rejects Me and does not receive My

sayings, has one who judges them; the Word I spoke is what will Judge Them at the Last Day.

49 For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. 50 I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”

## CHAPTER 13

1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having Loved His own who were in the world--He Loved Them to the end. 2 During supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon, to betray Him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, 4 got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself.

5 Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded. 6 So He came to Simon Peter. He said to Him, “Lord, do You wash my feet?” 7 Jesus answered and said to him, “What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter.”

8 Peter said to Him, “Never shall You wash my feet” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.” 9 Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, then wash not only my feet, but also my hands and my head.” 10 Jesus said to him, “He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.”

11 For He knew the one who was betraying Him; for this reason He said, “Not all of you are clean.”

12 So when He had washed their feet, and taken His garments and reclined at the table again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Master and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, the Lord and the Master, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one each other's feet.

15 For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. 17 If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. 18 I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but it is that the Scripture may be fulfilled, ‘He who eats My bread has lifted up his heel against Me.’ 19 From now on I am telling you before it comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may believe that I am He. 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and



he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”

21 When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me.” 22 The Disciples began looking at one another, at a loss to know of which one He was speaking. 23 There was reclining on Jesus’ bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. 24 So Simon Peter gestured to him, and said to him, “Tell us who it is of whom He is speaking.”

25 He, leaning back thus on Jesus’ bosom, said to Him, “Lord, who is it?” 26 Jesus then answered, “That is the one for whom I shall dip the morsel/bread and give it to him.” So when He had dipped the morsel, He took and gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot.

27 After taking the morsel, satan then entered into Judas. Therefore Jesus said to him, “What you do, do quickly.” 28 Now no one of those reclining at the table knew for what purpose He had said this to him. 29 For some were supposing, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus was saying to him, “Buy the things we have need of for the feast”; or else, that he should give something to the poor. 30 So after receiving the morsel Judas went out immediately; and it was night.

31 Therefore when he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him; 32 if God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately. 33 Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’”

34 A new Commandment I give to you, that you Love One another--even as I have Loved you--that you also Love one another. 35 By this all peoples will know that you are My Disciples, IF-you have Love for one another.”

36 Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus answered, “Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later.” 37 Peter said to Him, “Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You.” 38 Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times.

## CHAPTER 14

1 “Do Not--let your Heart be Fearful/troubled--believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 --In My Father’s House--are many Mansions/magnificent dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to Prepare a special place--for You. 3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and Receive You to Myself, that where I am --there you may be also. 4 And you know the way where I am going.”

5 Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life;  
--no one comes to the Father--but/except through Me.

7 If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; from now on you know Him, and have seen Him.”

8 Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have Not come to Know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you Not Believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His Works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the Works themselves.

12 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever Believes in Me, the Works that I do, they will do also--and greater works than these they will do; because I go to the Father. 13 Whatever you Ask in My name--that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you Ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

15 “IF you Love Me--keep/Do My Commandments.”

16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He Abides with you and will be --In You.

18 “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. 20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

21 Whoever has My commandments and keeps/does them--is the one who Loves Me; and whoever Loves Me will be Loved by My Father, and I will love them intimately and will disclose/manifest Myself to them.”

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?” 23 Jesus answered and said to him, --If anyone Loves Me--they will Keep/do My Words--and My Father will love them, and We will come to them and make Our abode with them.

24 Whoever does Not Love Me--does Not keep/do My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father’s who sent Me.

25 “These things I have spoken to you while abiding 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 that I said to you.

27 --Peace I leave with you; My Peace I give to you--not as the world gives do I give to you.

--Do Not--let Your Heart be Troubled/stressed--nor let it be Fearful/worried.

28 You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' IF-you Loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

29 Now I have told you before it happens, so that when it happens, you may believe. 30 I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world/satan is coming, and he has Nothing in Me; 31 but so that the world may know that I Love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here.

## CHAPTER 15

1 "I am the true Vine, and My Father is the vine dresser/Farmer.

2 --Every Branch in Me that does Not grow Fruit--He takes away;  
--and every branch that grows Fruit--He Prunes it--so that it may bring forth--More Fruit.

3 You are already clean because of the Word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the Branch/you Cannot bear Fruit of itself unless it Abides in the Vine, so neither can you unless you Abide in Me. 5 I am the Vine, you are the Branches; whoever Abides/stays in Me and I in them--bears Much Fruit, --  
--for apart from Me--you can do Nothing.

6 **If anyone does--Not--Abide/stay in Me--they are thrown away as a Dead Branch;**  
and people gather them, and cast them into the Fire and they are burned.

7 IF you Abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, Ask whatever you want--and it will be done for you. 8 My Father is glorified by this, that you grow Much Fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

9 Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; Abide in My Love.

10 IF--you keep/do My Commandments/teachings, you will--Abide in My Love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and Abide in His love. 11 These things I have spoken to you so that My Joy may be in you, and that your Joy may be made full.

12 "This is My Commandment--that you Love one another, just as I have loved you. 13 Greater Love has no one than this, that one lay down their life for their Friends. 14 --You are My Friends--IF-you Do what I Command you.

15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what their master is doing; but I have called you Friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me--but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and--bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

17--This I Command you--that you Love One Another.

18 “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world--the World/sinful people would love its own; but because you are Not of the world, but I chose you--out of the world--because of this the world Hates you.

20 Remember the Word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things they will do to you for My Name’s sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have--No Excuse for their Sins.

23 Whoever hates Me--hates My Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well. 25 But they have done this to fulfill the Word that is written in their Law, ‘They hated Me/Jesus Christ--without a cause.’

26 “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, 27 and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

## CHAPTER 16

1 “These things I have spoken to you so that you may be kept from stumbling/sinching/back-sliding. 2 They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that they are offering service to God. 3 These things they will do because they have Not Known the Father or Me. 4 But these things I have spoken to you, so that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them. These things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

5 “But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper/Holy Spirit will not come to you; but when I go, I will send Him to you. 8 And He, when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they do not Believe in Me; 10 and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11 and concerning

Judgment, because the Ruler of this world/satan has been judged.

12 “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will Guide you into All the Truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 He will Glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

16 “A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me.” 17 Some of His Disciples then said to one another, “What is this thing He is telling us, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me’; and, ‘because I go to the Father’?” 18 So they were saying, “What is this that He says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what He is talking about.”

19 Jesus knew that they wanted to question Him, and He said to them, “Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, ‘A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me’? 20 Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into Joy. 21 Whenever a woman is in labor she has pain, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy that a child has been born into the world.

22 Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your Heart will Rejoice, and no one will take your Joy away from you.

23 In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you Ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. 24 Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; Ask and you will Receive--so that your Joy may be made full.

25 “These things I have spoken to you in figurative/symbolic language; an hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request of the Father on your behalf/because it won't be needed; 27 for the Father Himself Loves you, because you have Loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father. 28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again and going to the Father.”

29 His Disciples said, “Lo, now You are speaking plainly and are not using a figure of speech. 30 Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we believe that You came from God.” 31 Jesus answered them, “Do you now Believe? 32 Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not

alone, because the Father is with Me.

33 These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have Peace.

In the world--you will have Tribulation, but be of good Courage; I have Overcome the World.

## CHAPTER 17

1 Jesus spoke these things; and lifting up His eyes to Heaven, He said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the Son may glorify You, 2 even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. 3 This is Eternal Life--that they may Know You/intimately, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the Glory which I had with You before the world was.

6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You; 8 for the words which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.

9 I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours; 10 and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11 I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be One even as We are.

12 While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

13 But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My Joy made full in themselves. 14 I have given them Your Word; and the World has Hated them, because they are Not of the World, even as I am Not of the world.

15 I do not ask You to take them out of the world--but to keep them from the evil one/satan.

16 They are Not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your Word is Truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 For their sake's I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

20 “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who Believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

22 The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. 24 Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

25 “O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; 26 and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that The Love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

## **CHAPTER 18**

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His Disciples over the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden, in which He entered with His disciples. 2 Now Judas also, who was betraying Him, knew the place, for Jesus had often met there with His disciples. 3 Judas then, having received the Roman cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons.

4 So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” 5 They answered Him, “Jesus the Nazarene.” He said to them, “I am He.” And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them. 6 So when He said to them, “I Am He,” --they drew back and fell to the ground. 7 Therefore He again asked them, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus the Nazarene.”

8 Jesus answered, “I told you that I Am He; so if you seek Me, let these go their way,” 9 to fulfill the word which He spoke, “Of those whom You have given Me I lost not one.”

10 Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest’s servant, and cut off his right ear; and the servant’s name was Malchus. 11 So Jesus said to Peter, “Put the sword into the sheath; the Cup/trial which the Father has given Me--shall I not drink it?”

12 So the Roman cohort and the commander and the officers of the Jews, arrested Jesus and bound Him, 13 and led Him to Annas first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. 14 Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people.

15 Simon Peter was following Jesus, and so was another disciple. Now that disciple was

known to the high priest, and entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest, 16 but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought Peter in.

17 Then the slave-girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." 18 Now the servants and the officers were standing there, having made a wood coal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter was also with them, standing and warming himself.

19 The high priest then questioned Jesus about His disciples, and about His teaching. 20 Jesus answered him, "I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret. 21 Why do you question Me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; they know what I said." 22 When He had said this, one of the officers standing nearby struck Jesus, saying, "Is that the way You answer the high priest?"

23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike Me?" 24 So Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest. 25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it, and said, "I am not." 26 One of the servants of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" 27 Peter then denied it again, and immediately a Rooster crowed.

28 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium so that they would not be defiled, but might eat the Passover. 29 Therefore Pilate went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" 30 They answered and said to him, "If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him to you."

31 So Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves, and judge Him according to your law." The Jews said to him, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death," 32 to fulfill the word of Jesus which He spoke, signifying by what kind of death He was about to die.

33 Therefore Pilate entered again into the main hall of Justice, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?" 35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?"

36 Jesus answered,--My Kingdom is Not of this World--If My Kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My Kingdom is not of this realm."



37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a King?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a King. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world,  
--to Testify to the Truth. Everyone who is of the Truth--hears My Voice." 38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"

And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, "I find No Guilt in Him. 39 But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover; do you wish then that I release for you the King of the Jews?" 40 So they cried out again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a robber.

## CHAPTER 19

1 Pilate then took Jesus and scourged/whipped Him. 2 And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him; 3 and they began to come up to Him and say, "Hail, King of the Jews." and to give Him slaps in the face. 4 Pilate came out again and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." 5 Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold, the Man"

6 So when the chief priests and the officers saw Him, they cried out saying, "Crucify, crucify him" Pilate said to them, "Take Him yourselves and crucify Him, for I find no guilt in Him." 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law He ought to die because He made Himself out to be the Son of God."

8 Therefore when Pilate heard this statement, he was even more afraid; 9 and he entered into the Praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. 10 So Pilate said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" 11 Jesus answered, -- "You have No Authority over Me, unless it had been given you from Heaven; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin."

12 As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release Him, but the Jews cried out saying, "If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out to be a king opposes Caesar."

13 Therefore when Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. 14 Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold, your King." 15 So they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him, crucify Him" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar."

16 So he then handed Him over to them to be Crucified.

17 They took Jesus, therefore, and He went out, bearing His own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. 18 There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between. 19 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "Jesus The Nazarene, The King Of The Jews."

20 Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and in Greek. 21 So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.' " 22 Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written."

23 Then the soldiers, when they had Crucified Jesus, took His outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and also the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. 24 So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, to decide whose it shall be"; this was to fulfill the Scripture: "They divided My outer garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." 25 Therefore the soldiers did these things.

But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus then saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved/John standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son." 27 Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." From that hour the disciple took her into his own household.

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, to fulfill the Scripture, said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon a branch of hyssop and brought it up to His mouth. 30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine,  
--He said--"It is Finished"--And Jesus bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

31 Then the Jews, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 So the soldiers came, and broke the legs of the first man and of the other who was crucified with Him; 33 but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth--so that you also may believe. 36 For these things came to pass to fulfill the Scripture, "Not a bone of Him shall be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

38 After these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a Disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate granted permission. So he came and took away His body. 39 Nicodemus, who had first come to Him by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight.

40 So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. 41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. 42 Therefore because of the Jewish day of preparation, since the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there.

## CHAPTER 20

1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the Stone already taken away from the tomb. 2 So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." 3 So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb.

4 The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first; 5 and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in. 6 And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed.

9 For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that Jesus must Rise Again from the dead. 10 So the disciples went away again to their own homes.

11 But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; 12 and she saw two Angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. 13 And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there-- and did not know that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him Master. 17 Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to

Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.’ ” 18 Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the Disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and that He had said these things to her.

19 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the Disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them--“Peace be with you.”--

20 And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also--Send You.”

22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained.”

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples were saying to him, “We have seen the Lord” But he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

26 After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, --“Peace be with you.” 27 Then He said to Thomas, “Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side; and do Not be Unbelieving, but Believing.”

28 Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God” 29 Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen Me, you have believed? --More Blessed are they--who do Not see (me Physically)--and yet still Believe.--

30 Therefore Many Other Miracles--Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these have been written so that you may Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; --and that Believing you may have Life--in His name.

## CHAPTER 21

1 After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested Himself in this way. 2 Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. 3 Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will also come with you.” They went out and got into the boat; and that

night they caught nothing.

4 But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the Disciples did Not know that it was Jesus. 5 So Jesus said to them, “Children, you do not have any fish?” They answered Him, “No.” 6 And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat--and you will find a catch.” So they cast, and then they were not able to haul it in--because of the great number of fish.

7 Therefore that disciple/John whom Jesus loved said to Peter--“It is the Lord.” So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work), and threw himself into the sea. 8 But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish.

9 So when they got out on the land, they saw a charcoal-wood fire already laid and fish placed on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.” 11 Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. 12 Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples ventured to question Him, “Who are You?”--knowing that it was the Lord.

13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise. 14 This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested/appeared to the Disciples,--After He was Raised from the Dead.

15 So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you Love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him--“Tend/feed My lambs/young saints.” 16 He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him--“Shepherd/feed My sheep/older saints.”

17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him--Tend/feed My lambs/sheep/saints young and old.

18 Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go.” 19 Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, “Follow Me.”

20 Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; the one

who also had leaned back on His bosom at the supper and said, “Lord, who is the one who betrays You?” 21 So Peter seeing him said to Jesus, “Lord, and what about this man?” 22 Jesus said to him, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? --You Follow Me-- 23 Therefore this saying went out among the brethren that that disciple would not die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but only, “If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you?”

24 This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and wrote these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that would be written.

## **End Gospel Of JOHN**

# **Book Of ACTS**

## **Here is a brief Summary of the Book of ACTS:**

--The disciples and followers of Jesus wait in an upper room praying together on the day of Pentecost.

--A rushing mighty wind from Heaven came into the upper room and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in different languages or tongues.

--This was a Prophecy being fulfilled that was written in the book of Joel.

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--Peter preaches and afterwards 3,000 people get saved. A paralyzed man is healed in front of the temple.

--Peter says--"There is Salvation in no other name. Only the Name of Jesus Christ can Save someone."

--Ananias and Sapphira are killed by the Holy Spirit.

--God heals lots of sick and afflicted people through Peter.

--The apostles rejoice that they were counted worthy to be physically tortured, and persecuted for Christ.

--Stephen is stoned to death by the order of Saul of Tarshish and the ruling Jews.

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--Evangelist Phillip preaches to many and baptizes a eunuch.

--Saul becomes Paul the Apostle after an encounter with Jesus on the Damascus road.

--An Angel delivers Peter from jail.

--Paul preaches/teaches to the gentiles everywhere that he can in person, and also by letters.

# Book Of ACTS

## CHAPTER 1

1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus Christ began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the Apostles whom He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to--Wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be Baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

8 --But you shall receive Power--when the Holy Spirit has come upon you--and you shall be Witnesses--to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey. 13 And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. 14 These all continued with One Accord in Prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the Disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, 16 “My fellow Saints, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; 17 for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry.”

18 Now this man/Judas--purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails/guts gushed out. 19 And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.



20 “For it is written in the Book of Psalms:

‘Let his dwelling place be desolate,  
And let no one live in it’;

and, ‘Let another take his office/as an Apostle.’

21 “Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John to that day when Jesus was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.”

23 And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, “You, O Lord, who know the Hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen 25 to take part in this ministry and Apostleship from which Judas by transgression/betrayal fell, that he might go to his own place.” 26 And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven Apostles.

## **CHAPTER 2**

1 When the Day of Pentecost had 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 the whole house where they were sitting.

3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of Fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all Filled with the Holy Spirit--and began to speak with other tongues--as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in their own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?

9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them Speaking in our Own Tongues the wonderful works of God.” 12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”

13 Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all peoples who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 ‘And it shall come to pass in the Last Days, says God,  
That I will pour out of My Spirit--on all flesh;  
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
Your young men shall see visions,  
Your old men shall dream dreams.

18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants  
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;  
And they shall prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in heaven above  
And signs in the earth beneath:  
Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness/an eclipse,  
And the moon into blood/an eclipse,  
Before the coming of the great and awesome--Day of the Lord.

21 And it shall come to pass  
That whoever--calls on the Name of the Lord  
--Shall be saved.’

22 “People of Israel, hear these words--Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— 23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands--have Crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up--having loosed the pains/holds of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 For David says concerning Him:

‘I foresaw the Lord always before my face,  
For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.  
26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad;  
Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope.  
27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades,  
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.  
28 You have made known to me the ways of life;  
You will make me full of Joy in Your presence.’

29 “Men and peoples, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the Resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.

32 This Jesus God has raised up--of which we are all witnesses. 33 Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

34 “For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:

‘The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at My right hand,

35 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

36 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, “Men and brethren, What shall we do to be Saved?”

38 Then Peter said to them--“**Repent, and let every one of you--be Baptized--**in the Name of Jesus Christ--for the remission/forgiveness of Sins;

and you shall receive--the Gift of the Holy Spirit-- For this Promise is to you and to your children--and to all who are afar off, and as many--as the Lord our God will call.

40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation--Then those who gladly received his word--Were Baptized--and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

42 And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many --wonders, healings, and signs were done through the Apostles.

44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all--as anyone had Need.

46 So continuing daily with One Accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily--those who were being Saved.

## CHAPTER 3

1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man Lame/paralyzed from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms/money from those who entered the temple; 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. 4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.”

5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you:

**--In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth--Rise Up and Walk--**

7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up--and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength--So he, leaping up, stood and Walked and entered the

temple with them—walking, leaping--and Praising God. 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God. 10 Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

11 Now as the lame/paralyzed man who was Healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, and were greatly amazed. 12 So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Peoples of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though--by our own power or godliness--we had made this man walk?"

13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. 14 But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and killed the Prince/author of Life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

**16 --And Jesus Christ's Name--through Faith in His Name--has made this man--completely Healed,** whom you see and know. Yes, the Faith which comes through Jesus Christ has given him this perfect soundness/Healing--in the presence of you all.

17 "Yet now, you people, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

19 Repent therefore and be converted-- that your Sins may be Blotted Out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

22 For Moses truly said to the Israelites, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. 23 And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

24 Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days. 25 You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' 26 To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities/sins."

## CHAPTER 4

1 Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached about Jesus, and the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4 However, many of those who heard the Word Believed--and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

5 And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, 6 as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what Power or by what Name have you done this?"

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9 If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless paralyzed man, by what means he has been made Completely Healed, 10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel,

that--by the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth--whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by --Him--this man stands here before you Healed.

11 This is the 'Stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'

12-- **Nor is there Salvation in any other--**for there is No other Name under heaven given among people by which we must be Saved.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. 14 And seeing the man who had been Healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, 16 saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. 17 But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this Name."

18 So they called them and commanded them--not to speak at all nor teach--in the Name of Jesus Christ. 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." 21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all Glorified God for what had been done. 22 For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of Healing had been performed.

23 And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief

priests and elders had said to them. 24 So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: “Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, 25 who by the mouth of Your servant David have said:

‘Why did the nations rage,  
And the people plot vain things?  
26 The kings of the earth took their stand,  
And the rulers were gathered together  
Against the Lord and against His Christ.’

27 “For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together 28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.

29 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that--with all Boldness they may--speak Your Word, 30 by stretching out Your hand to Heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the Name of Your holy servant Jesus Christ.”

31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all Filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the Word of God with Boldness.

32 Now the multitude of those who Believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things they possessed was their own--but they had all things in common.

33 And with Great Power--the Apostles gave Witness to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. 34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, 35 and laid them at the Apostles’ feet;-- and they distributed to each--as anyone had need.

36 And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the Apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, 37 having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the Apostles’ feet.

## CHAPTER 5

1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession.

2 And he kept back--part of the proceeds/money, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the Apostles’ feet. 3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has satan filled your heart--to Lie to the Holy Spirit--and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? 4 While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not Lied to men--but to God.”

5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great Fear came upon all those who heard these things. 6 And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him.

7 Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" She said, "Yes, for so much."

9 Then Peter said to her--"How is it that you have agreed together -- to Test/tempt/provoke--the Spirit of the Lord? Look/ behold--the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." 10 Then immediately she fell down at his feet--and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carried her out, and buried her by her husband. 11 So great Fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.

12 And through the hands of the Apostles many Signs and Wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. 13 Yet none of the rest/unbelievers dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. 14 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 15 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. 16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem,

-- bringing sick people and--those who were tormented by unclean spirits,  
--and they--were All Healed.

17 Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation/mad rage--and laid their hands on the Apostles--and put them in the common prison.

19 But at night an Angel of the Lord--opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 "GO--stand in the temple and speak to the people --all the words/from God--of This Life."

21 And when they heard that, they entered the temple--early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

22 But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, 23 saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside" 24 Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. 25 So one came and told them, saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison--are standing in the temple and --teaching the people"

26 Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. 27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, 28 saying, “Did we not strictly command you Not to teach--in this name/Jesus Christ? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us”

29 But Peter and the other Apostles answered and said: “We ought to Obey God rather than any person. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus--whom you Murdered by hanging on a tree/cross. 31 Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior--to give Repentance to Israel and--Forgiveness of Sins.

32 And we are His Witnesses to these things, and  
--so also is--the Holy Spirit whom God has given to--those who Obey Him.”

33 When they heard this, they were furious and--plotted to Kill them. 34 Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the Apostles outside for a little while. 35 And he said to them: “Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men.

36 For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing. 37 After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed. 38 And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone;

for if this plan or this work--is of men--it will come to Nothing; 39 but if--it is of God, you cannot overthrow/stop it—lest you even be found--to Fight against God.

40 And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the Apostles and --Beaten Them,-- they commanded--that they should Not Speak in the Name of Jesus-- and let them go. 41 So they departed from the presence of the council,

-- Rejoicing--that they were counted Worthy to suffer shame/and beatings for Jesus Christ--

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house--  
--they did Not Cease--teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

## CHAPTER 6

1 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. 2 Then the twelve/Apostles summoned the multitude



of the disciples/followers and said, "It is not desirable that we should--leave the Word of God and serve tables. 3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; 4 but we will give ourselves--Continually to Prayer and to--the ministry of the Word."

5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of Faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, 6 whom they set before the Apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

7 Then the Word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

8 And Stephen, full of Faith and Power--did great wonders and signs among the people. 9 Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen. 10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. 11 Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God."

12 And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council. 13 They also set up false witnesses who said, "This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law; 14 for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses delivered to us." 15 And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his Face--as the face of an Angel.

## **CHAPTER 7**

1 Then the high priest said, "Are these things so?"

2 And he said, "Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, 3 and said to him, 'Get out of your country and from your relatives, and come to a land that I will show you.' 4 Then he came out of the land of the Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And from there, when his father was dead, He moved him to this land in which you now dwell.

5 And God gave him no inheritance in it, not even enough to set his foot on. But even when Abraham had no child, He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his descendants after him. 6 But God spoke in this way: that his descendants would dwell in a foreign land, and that they would bring them into bondage and oppress them four hundred years. 7 'And the nation to whom they will be in bondage I will judge,' said

God, ‘and after that they shall come out and serve Me in this place.’ 8 Then He gave him the covenant of circumcision; and so Abraham begot Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth day; and Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot the twelve patriarchs.

9 “And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him 10 and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house. 11 Now a famine and great trouble came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and our fathers found no sustenance.

12 But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first. 13 And the second time Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph’s family became known to the Pharaoh. 14 Then Joseph sent and called his father Jacob and all his relatives to him, seventy-five people. 15 So Jacob went down to Egypt; and he died, he and our fathers. 16 And they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem.

17 “But when the time of the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt 18 till another king arose who did not know Joseph. 19 This man dealt treacherously with our people, and oppressed our forefathers, making them expose their babies, so that they might not live.

20 At this time Moses was born, and was well pleasing to God; and he was brought up in his father’s house for three months. 21 But when he was set out, Pharaoh’s daughter took him away and brought him up as her own son. 22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.

23 “Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel. 24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian. 25 For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that God would deliver them by his hand, but they did not understand.

26 And the next day he appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and tried to reconcile them, saying, ‘Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?’ 27 But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, ‘Who made you a ruler and a judge over us? 28 Do you want to kill me as you did the Egyptian yesterday?’ 29 Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons.

30 “And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai. 31 When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight; and as he drew near to observe, the voice of the Lord came to him, 32 saying, ‘I am the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ And Moses trembled and dared not look. 33 ‘Then the Lord said

to him, "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. 34 I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt; I have heard their groaning and have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt." '

35 "This Moses whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?' is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush. 36 He brought them out, after he had shown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

37 "This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear.'

38 "This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us, 39 whom our fathers would not obey, but rejected. And in their hearts they turned back to Egypt, 40 saying to Aaron, 'Make us gods to go before us; as for this Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' 41 And they made a calf in those days, offered sacrifices to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands. 42 Then God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets:

'Did you offer Me slaughtered animals and sacrifices during forty years in the wilderness,

O house of Israel?

43 You also took up the tabernacle of Moloch,  
And the star of your god Remphan,  
Images which you made to worship;  
And I will carry you away beyond Babylon.'

44 "Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Moses to make it according to the pattern that he had seen, 45 which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought with Joshua into the land possessed by the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of David, 46 who found favor before God and asked to find a dwelling for the God of Jacob. 47 But Solomon built Him a house.

48 "However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says:

49 **'Heaven is My throne,  
And earth is My footstool.**

What house will you build for Me? says God Almighty.

Or what is the place of My rest?

50 Has My hand/Power not made all these things?'

51 “You stiff-necked and uncircumcised--in heart and ears You always--Resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did. 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One/Jesus, of whom you now have become--the betrayers and murderers, 53 who have received the law by the direction of Angels and have not kept it.”

54 When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth. 55 But Stephen--being full of the Holy Spirit—gazed/looked into Heaven and--saw the Glory of God, and Jesus--Standing at the right hand of God,

56 and said, “Look I see the Heavens opened and--the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God”

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; 58 and they cast him out of the city and--stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying--“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”--60 Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not charge them with this sin.”

And when he had said this, he fell asleep/died and went to meet Jesus.

## CHAPTER 8

1 Now Saul had planned Stephen's death.

At that time a Great Persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the Apostles. 2 And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

3 As for Saul-- he made havoc/persecution of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women--committing them to prison.

4 Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the Word. 5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. 6 And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the Miracles which he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed--and many who were Paralyzed and Lame were completely Healed.

8 And there was great joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced Sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, 10 to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, “This man is the great power of God.” 11 And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorcery for a

long time.

12 But when they Believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the Kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were Baptized. 13 Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was Baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the Miracles and Signs which were done.

14 Now when the Apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, 15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For as yet He had not fallen upon any of them. They had only been Baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid hands on them--and they received the Holy Spirit.

18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the Apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, 19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

20 But Peter said to him, "Your money--perish with you, because you thought that the Gift of God--could be purchased with money 21 You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. 22 Repent--therefore of this your Wickedness, and pray to God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. 23 For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity/evil."

24 Then Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me."

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.

26 Now an Angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 The place in the Scripture which he read was this:

"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;  
And as a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
So He opened not His mouth.

33 In His humiliation His justice was taken away,  
And who will declare His generation?  
For His life is taken from the earth."

34 So the eunuch answered Philip and said, “I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?” 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. 36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, “See, here is water--What hinders me--from being Baptized?”

37 Then Philip said, “If you Believe with All your Heart, you may.”

And he answered and said, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”

38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he--Baptized Him. 39 Now when they came up out of the water,-- the Spirit of the Lord--caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

## CHAPTER 9

1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of The Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a Light--shone around him from Heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him,-- “Saul, Saul, why--are you Persecuting Me?”

5 And he said, “Who are You, Lord?”

Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus Christ, whom you are persecuting. Is not it 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.”

7 And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. 8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

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.”

11 So the Lord said to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. 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.”

13 Then Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.”

15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for--he is a Chosen Vessel of Mine--to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 For I will Show him how many things he Must Suffer for my Name’s sake.”

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.

21 Then all who heard were amazed, and said, “Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name/Jesus Christ in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?”

22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the Christ/messiah/chosen one.

23 Now after many days were past, the Jews plotted to kill him. 24 But their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates day and night, to kill him. 25 Then the disciples took him by night--and let him down through the wall in a large basket.

26 And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the Disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the Apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how--he had preached Boldly at Damascus --in the Name of Jesus.

28 So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out. 29 And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him. 30 When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.

31 Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified.

And walking/living in--

--the Fear of God Almighty and--in the Comfort/encouragement of the Holy Spirit—and

they were multiplied.

32 Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. 33 There he found a certain man named Aeneas, --who had been--Bedridden eight years--and was Paralyzed. 34 And Peter said to him--“Aeneas,-- Jesus Christ--Heals You--Arise and make your bed.”

**--Then he arose immediately Completely Healed.\_**

35 So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

36 At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. 37 But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. 38 And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them.

39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and Prayed. And turning to the dead body he said--“Tabitha, arise.”-- And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter--she sat up.

41 Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her Alive. 42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord. 43 So it was that he stayed many days in Joppa with Simon, a tanner.

## CHAPTER 10

1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, 2 a devout man and--one who Feared God--with all his household, who Gave Alms/food/clothing Generously--to the people--and prayed to God always. 3 About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a Vision an Angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius.”

4 And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, “What is it, lord?”

So he said to him,

“Your Prayers and your Giving Alms--have come up for a Memorial before

God. 5 Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. 6 He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do.” 7 And when the Angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him



continually. 8 So when he had explained all these things to them, he sent them to Joppa.

9 The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. 10 Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready--he fell into a trance--and saw Heaven Opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. 12 In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. 13 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat."

14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord. For I have never eaten anything common or unclean."

15 And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call unclean." 16 This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.

17 Now while Peter wondered within himself what this Vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate. 18 And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there.

19 While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you. 20 Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them."

21 Then Peter went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius, and said, "Yes, I am he whom you seek. For what reason have you come?"

22 And they said, "Cornelius the centurion, a just man, one who Fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy Angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you." 23 Then he invited them in and lodged them.

On the next day Peter went away with them, and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

24 And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25 As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. 26 But Peter lifted him up, saying--"Stand up; I myself am also a man." 27 And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together.

28 Then he said to them, "You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. 29 Therefore I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?"

30 So Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was Fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a Man/Angel stood before me in bright clothing, 31 and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your Alms/giving to

the needy are remembered in the sight of God. 32 Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will speak to you.’ 33 So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God.”

34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.

35 But in every nation--Whoever-Fears Him--and Works Righteousness is accepted by Him.

36 The Word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching--Peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all— 37 that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power--who went about Doing--Good Works

--and--Healing All--who were oppressed/with sicknesses, diseases, paralysis--by the devil, for God--was with Him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree/cross. 40 Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, 41 not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us--who ate and drank with Him--after He Arose from the dead.

42 And He Commanded us--to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. 43 To Jesus Christ all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever Believes in Him will receive remission/forgiveness--of their Sins.”

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the Word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter,-- because the Gift of the Holy Spirit--had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Then Peter answered, 47 “Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be Baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” 48 And he commanded/ordered them to be Baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

## CHAPTER 11

1 Now the Apostles and saints who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the Word of God. 2 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with him, 3 saying, “You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

4 But Peter explained it to them in order from the beginning, saying: 5 “I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object descending like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me. 6 When I observed it intently and considered, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.

7 And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ 8 But I said, ‘Not so, Lord. For nothing common or unclean has at any time entered my mouth.’ 9 But the voice answered me again from Heaven, ‘What God has cleansed you must not call common/unclean.’ 10 Now this was done three times, and all were drawn up again into heaven.

11 At that very moment, three men stood before the house where I was, having been sent to me from Caesarea. 12 Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. 13 And he told us how he had seen an Angel standing in his house, who said to him, ‘Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, 14 who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.’

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. 16 Then I remembered the Word of the Lord, how He said, ‘John indeed baptized with water--but you shall be Baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ 17 If therefore God gave them the same Gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?”

18 When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles/unbelievers/non-Jews --Repentance to life.”

19 Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the Word to no one but the Jews only. 20 But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. 23 When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. 24 For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of Faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.

25 Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to seek Saul. 26 And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the Disciples/followers of Jesus Christ--were first called --Christians-- in Antioch.

27 And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. 29 Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to--send relief to the saints dwelling in Judea. 30 This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

## CHAPTER 12

1 Now about that time Herod the King stretched out his hand to harass/persecute some from the church. 2 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. 3 And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. 4 So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover.

5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant Prayer was offered to God for him by the church. 6 And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. 7 Now behold, an Angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly" And his chains fell off his hands. 8 Then the Angel said to him, "Gird yourself/get dressed and tie/put on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment/robe and follow me."

9 So he went out and followed the Angel, and did not know that which was being done by the Angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. 10 When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the Angel departed from him.

11 And when Peter had come to himself/woke up, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His Angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."

12 So, when he had considered this, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying. 13 And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer. 14 When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate. 15 But they said to her, "You are beside yourself" Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, "It is his Angel."

16 Now Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. 17 But motioning to them with his hand to keep silent, he declared to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Go, tell these things

to James and to the brethren/saints.” And he departed and went to another place.

18 Then, as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers about what had become of Peter. 19 But when Herod had searched for him and not found him, he examined the guards and commanded that they should be put to death.

And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and stayed there.

20 Now Herod had been very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; but they came to him with one accord, and having made Blastus the king’s personal aide their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was supplied with food by the king’s country.

21 So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. 22 And the people kept shouting, “The voice of a god and not of a man” 23 Then immediately an Angel of the Lord--struck him, because he did Not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms/maggots and died.

24 But the Word of God grew and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark.

## CHAPTER 13

1 Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” 3 Then, having Fasted and Prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. 5 And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the Word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant.

6 Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus, 7 who was with the proconsul/deputy/officer, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the Word of God. 8 But Elymas the sorcerer withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

9 Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit--looked intently at him 10 and said, “O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight/truthful ways of the Lord? 11 And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall--be Blind, not seeing the sun for a time.”

And immediately--a dark mist fell on him--and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the officer believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

13 Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem. 14 But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down. 15 And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men and brethren/saints, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on."

16 Then Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, "People of Israel, --and you who Fear God, listen: 17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted/strong arm He brought them out of it. 18 Now for a time of about forty years He-put up with their ways in the wilderness. 19 And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land to them by allotment.

20 "After that He gave them Judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. 21 And afterward they asked for a King; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. 22 And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as King, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David--a man after My own Heart--who will Do all My Will.'

23 From this man's seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior— Jesus— 24 after John had first preached, before His coming, the Baptism of Repentance to all the people of Israel. 25 And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.'

26 "Men and brethren/saints, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who Fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent. 27 For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him. 28 And though they found no cause for death in Him, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death.

29 Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree/cross and laid Him in a tomb. 30 --But God Raised Him --from the Dead. 31 He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. 32 And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. 33 God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm:

'You are My Son,  
Today I have begotten You.'

34 And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus:

‘I will give you the sure mercies of David.’

35 Therefore He also says in another Psalm:

‘You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.’

36 “For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep/died, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; 37 but He whom God raised up saw no corruption. 38 Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Jesus Christ is preached to you--the Forgiveness of Sins; 39 and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you--could Not be justified by the Law of Moses. 40 Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you:

41 ‘Behold, you mockers/scoffers--  
Marvel and perish,  
For I work a work in your days,  
A work which you will by no means believe,  
Though one were to declare it to you.’ ”

42 So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. 43 Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the everyday people and devout Jews followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

44 On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the Word of God. 45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. 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/unbelievers. 47 For so the Lord has commanded us:

‘I have set you as a Light to the Gentiles,  
That you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.’ ”

48 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the Word of the Lord. And as many as had been Appointed/chosen to Eternal Life believed.

49 And the Word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region. 50 But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. 51 But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. 52 And the Disciples were filled with--Joy and--with the Holy Spirit.

## CHAPTER 14

1 Now it happened in Iconium that they went together to the synagogue of the Jews, and so spoke that a great multitude both of the Jews and of the Greeks believed. 2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brethren/saints. 3 Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking Boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

4 But the multitude of the city was divided: part sided with the Jews, and part with the Apostles. 5 And when a violent attempt was made by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to abuse and stone them, 6 they became aware of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding region. 7 And they were preaching the gospel there.

8 And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a Cripple from his mother's womb--who had Never Walked. 9 This man heard Paul speaking.

-- Paul, observing him intently and--seeing that he--had Faith--to be Healed-- said with a loud voice,--“Stand up straight on your feet”

**--And he/the paralyzed/crippled man--leaped and Walked.**

11 Now when the people saw what Paul had done, they raised their voices, saying in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in the likeness of men” 12 And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. 13 Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple was in front of their city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, intending to sacrifice with the multitudes.

14 But when the Apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out 15 and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things?-- We also are men with the same Nature as you--and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,

16 who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. 17 Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.” 18 And with these sayings they could scarcely restrain the multitudes from sacrificing to them.

19 Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes,--they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. 20 However, when the disciples gathered around him, he Rose up--and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

21 And when they had preached the Gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, 22 strengthening the souls of the



disciples, exhorting them--to Continue in the Faith--and saying,

-- “We must through many Tribulations/trials/testings--Enter the Kingdom of God.”--

23 So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed. 24 And after they had passed through Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.

25 Now when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. 26 From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had completed.

27 Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. 28 So they stayed there a long time with the disciples.

## CHAPTER 15

1 And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” 2 Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.

3 So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren. 4 And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them. 5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, “It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.”

6 Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. 7 And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: “Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. 8 So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, 9 and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

10 Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? 11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they.”

12 Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles. 13 And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, “Men and brethren, listen to me: 14 Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. 15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is

written:

16 ‘After this I will return  
And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down;  
I will rebuild its ruins,  
And I will set it up;

17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord,  
Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name,  
Says the Lord who does all these things.’

18 “Known to God from eternity are all His works. 19 Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, 20 but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood. 21 For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath.”

22 Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas,[g] and Silas, leading men among the brethren.

23 They wrote this letter by them:

The apostles, the elders, and the brethren,

To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia:

Greetings.

24 Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, “You must be circumcised and keep the law”—to whom we gave no such commandment— 25 it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

27 We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same things by word of mouth. 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: 29 that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.

30 So when they were sent off, they came to Antioch; and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter. 31 When they had read it, they rejoiced over its encouragement. 32 Now Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets also, exhorted and strengthened the brethren with many words. 33 And after they had stayed there for a time, they were sent back with greetings from the brethren to the apostles.

34 However, it seemed good to Silas to remain there. 35 Paul and Barnabas also remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

36 Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they are doing.” 37 Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. 38 But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work.

39 Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus; 40 but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God. 41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

## CHAPTER 16

1 Then Paul came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. 2 He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek.

4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to keep, which were determined by the apostles and elders at Jerusalem. 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. 7 After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. 8 So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

9 And a Vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” 10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

11 Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and the next day came to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is the foremost city of that part of Macedonia, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days. 13 And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there.

14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. 15 And when she and her household were Baptized, she begged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” So she persuaded us.

16 Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." 18 And this she did for many days.

But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and

--said to the spirit/demon--"I command you--in --the Name of Jesus Christ--to come out of her." And the--demon came out--that very hour. 19 But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities.

20 And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; 21 and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." 22 Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods.

23 And when they had--laid many stripes/lashes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 But at midnight Paul and Silas--were Praying and Singing Hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. 28 But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."

29 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must--I do to be Saved?"

31 So they said--"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be Saved, you and your household/if they Believe also." 32 Then they spoke the Word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds. And immediately he and all his family--were Baptized. 34 Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having Believed in God with all his household.

## CHAPTER 17

1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with

them out of the scriptures,

3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.

10 And the saints immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: and they went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the Word of God was preached of Paul at Berea, they came there also, and stirred up the people.

14 And then immediately the saints sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still.

15 And they that escorted Paul brought him unto Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timotheus for to come to him with all speed, they departed.

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to Idols. 17 Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. 18 Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babblers want to say?"

Others said, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the Resurrection.

19 And they took Paul and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak? 20 For you are bringing some strange things to

our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean.”

21 For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

To The Unknown God. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: 24 God--who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of Heaven and Earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 2

5 Nor is He worshiped with people’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

26 And He has made from one blood every nation of peoples to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should Seek the Lord, in the hope that they might earnestly grasp for Him and find Him-- though He is not far from each one of us;

28 --for in Him/God we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ 29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising. 30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked,

--but now--**God Commands all people everywhere--to Repent/turn from Sinning,**

31 because He has appointed a Day on which He will Judge the World in Righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by Raising Him from the Dead.”

32 And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, “We will hear you again on this matter.” 33 So Paul departed from among them. 34 However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

## CHAPTER 18

1 After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth. 2 And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Roman Emperor Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them. 3 So, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked; for by occupation they were tent makers. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.

5 When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ. 6 But when they opposed him and

blasphemed, he shook his garments and said to them--“Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean. From now on--I will go to the Gentiles.”

7 And he departed from there and entered the house of a certain man named Justus, one who worshiped God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. 8 Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed--and were Baptized.

9 Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a Vision,

--Do Not be afraid/scared--but speak, and do not keep silent/stop preaching-teaching--  
for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.” 11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the Word of God among them.

12 And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat,

13 Saying, This fellow persuades people to worship God contrary to the law.

14 And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would dictate that I should bear with you:

15 But if it be a question of words and names, and of your law, look you to it; for I will be no judge of such matters.

16 And he drove them from the judgment seat.

17 Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgment seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things.

18 And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the saints, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn his head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow/Nazarite.

19 And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews.

20 When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not;

21 But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that comes in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus.

22 And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up, and saluted the church, he went down to Antioch.

23 And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

27 And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren/saints wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace:

28 For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, showing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

## CHAPTER 19

1 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 2 he said to them,

--“Did you--Receive the Holy Spirit--when you Believed?”

So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

3 And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?”

So they said, “Into John’s Baptism.”

4 Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a Baptism of Repentance, saying to the people that they should Believe on Him who would 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 hands on them--the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. 7 Now the men were about twelve in all.

8 And he went into the synagogue and spoke Boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the Kingdom of God. 9 But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of The Way/Christianity before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. 10 And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the Word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

11 Now God worked unusual Miracles by the hands of Paul, 12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

13 Then some of the traveling Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” 14 Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest,



who did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?”

16 Then the man in whom the evil spirit/demon was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. 17 This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the Name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 And many who had believed came confessing and disclosing their deeds. 19 Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So the Word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

## CHAPTER 20

1 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into Macedonia.

2 And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece,

3 And there abode three months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia.

4 And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

5 These going before tarried for us at Troas.

6 And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days.

7 And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

9 And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed.

12 And they brought the young man alive, and were comforted and happy.

13 And we went before to ship, and sailed unto Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot.

14 And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene.

15 And we sailed thence, and came the next day over against Chios; and the next day we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium; and the next day we came to Miletus.

16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, You know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

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 witnesses 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 you 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 peoples.

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 has 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.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no person's Possessions--silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 You yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have showed you all things, how that so laboring you ought to support the weak, and to Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said,

**It is more blessed to Give--than to receive.**

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,

38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

## **CHAPTER 21**

1 And it came to pass, that after we were gone from them, and had launched, we came with a straight course unto Coos, and the day following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara:

2 And finding a ship sailing over unto Phenicia, we went aboard, and set forth.

3 Now when we had discovered Cyprus, we left it on the left hand, and sailed into Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unload her cargo.

4 And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

5 And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

6 And when we had taken our leave one of another, we took ship; and they returned home again.

7 And when we had finished our course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, and saluted the saints, and abode with them one day.

8 And the next day we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea: and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was one of the seven; and abode with him.

9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

10 And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.

11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus says the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owns this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break my heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

15 And after those days we took up our carriages, and went up to Jerusalem.

16 There went with us also certain of the disciples of Caesarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge.

17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren/saints received us gladly.

18 And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.

20 And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou sees, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law:

21 And they are informed of you, that you teach all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.

22 What then? The assembly must certainly meet, for they will hear that you have come. 23 Therefore do what we tell you: We have four men who have taken a vow. 24 Take them and be purified with them, and pay their expenses so that they may shave their heads, and that all may know that those things of which they were informed concerning you are nothing, but that you yourself also walk orderly and keep the law.

25 But concerning the Gentiles/new converts who believe, we have written and decided that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality.”

26 Then Paul took the men, and the next day, having been purified with them, entered the temple to announce the expiration of the days of purification, at which time an offering should be made for each one of them.

27 Now when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews from Asia, seeing him in the temple, stirred up the whole crowd and laid hands on him, 28 crying out, “Men of Israel, help This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.” 29 (For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

30 And all the city was disturbed; and the people ran together, seized Paul, and dragged him out of the temple; and immediately the doors were shut. 31 Now as they were seeking to kill him, news came to the commander of the garrison that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

32 He immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down to them. And when they saw the commander and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. 33 Then the commander came near and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and he asked who he was and what he had done. 34 And some among the multitude cried one thing and some another.

So when he could not ascertain the truth because of the tumult, he commanded him to be taken into the barracks. 35 When he reached the stairs, he had to be carried by the soldiers because of the violence of the mob. 36 For the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, “Away with him”

37 Then as Paul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the commander, “May I speak to you?”

He replied, “Can you speak Greek? 38 Are you not the Egyptian who some time ago stirred up a rebellion and led the four thousand assassins out into the wilderness?”

39 But Paul said, “I am a Jew from Tarsus, in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city; and I implore you, permit me to speak to the people.”

40 So when he had given him permission, Paul stood on the stairs and motioned with his hand to the people. And when there was a great silence, he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, saying,

## CHAPTER 22

1 “Brethren and fathers, hear my defense before you now.” 2 And when they heard that he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, they kept all the more silent.

Then he said: 3 “I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers’ law,

and was zealous toward God as you all are today. 4 I persecuted this 'The Way' to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women, 5 as also the high priest bears me witness, and all the council of the elders, from whom I also received letters to the brethren, and went to Damascus to bring in chains even those who were there to Jerusalem to be punished.

6 “Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me. 7 And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?’ 8 So I answered, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And He said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’

9 “And those who were with me indeed saw the light and were afraid, but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me. 10 So I said, ‘What shall I do, Lord?’ And the Lord said to me, ‘Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.’ 11 And since I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of those who were with me, I came into Damascus.

12 “Then a certain Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt there, 13 came to me; and he stood and said to me, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight.’ And at that same hour I looked up at him. 14 Then he said, ‘The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth.

15 For you will be His witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. 16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be Baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the Name of the Lord.’

17 “Now it happened, when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I was in a trance 18 and saw Him saying to me, ‘Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, for they will not receive your testimony concerning Me.’ 19 So I said, ‘Lord, they know that in every synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believe on You.

20 And when the blood of Your martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by consenting to his death, and guarding the clothes of those who were killing him.’ 21 Then He said to me, ‘Depart, for I will send you far from here to the Gentiles.’ ”

22 And they listened to him until this word, and then they raised their voices and said, “Away with such a fellow from the earth, for he is not fit to live” 23 Then, as they cried out and tore off their clothes and threw dust into the air, 24 the commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks, and said that he should be examined under scourging/torture, so that he might know why they shouted so against him.

25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who stood by, “Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman, and not condemned?”

26 When the centurion heard that, he went and told the commander, saying, “Take care what you do, for this man is a Roman.”

27 Then the commander came and said to him, “Tell me, are you a Roman?”

He said, “Yes.”

28 The commander answered, “With a large sum I obtained this citizenship.”

And Paul said, “But I was born a citizen.”

29 Then immediately those who were about to examine him withdrew from him; and the commander was also afraid after he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

30 The next day, because he wanted to know for certain why he was accused by the Jews, he released him from his bonds, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down and set him before them.

## CHAPTER 23

1 Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, “Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.” 2 And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. 3 Then Paul said to him, “God will strike you, you whitewashed wall For you sit to judge me according to the law, and do you command me to be struck contrary to the law?”

4 And those who stood by said, “Do you revile God’s high priest?”

5 Then Paul said, “I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.’ ”

6 But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged.”

7 And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees; and the assembly was divided. 8 For Sadducees say that there is no resurrection—and no angel or spirit; but the Pharisees confess both. 9 Then there arose a loud outcry. And the scribes of the Pharisees’ party arose and protested, saying, “We find no evil in this man; but if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him, let us not fight against God.”

10 Now when there arose a great dissension, the commander, fearing lest Paul might be pulled to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring him into the barracks.

11 But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome.”

12 And when it was day, some of the Jews banded together and bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. 13 Now there were more than forty who had formed this conspiracy. 14 They came to the chief priests and elders, and said, "We have bound ourselves under a great oath that we will eat nothing until we have killed Paul.

15 Now you, therefore, together with the council, suggest to the commander that he be brought down to you tomorrow, as though you were going to make further inquiries concerning him; but we are ready to kill him before he comes near."

16 So when Paul's sister's son heard of their ambush, he went and entered the barracks and told Paul. 17 Then Paul called one of the centurions to him and said, "Take this young man to the commander, for he has something to tell him." 18 So he took him and brought him to the commander and said, "Paul the prisoner called me to him and asked me to bring this young man to you. He has something to say to you."

19 Then the commander took him by the hand, went aside, and asked privately, "What is it that you have to tell me?"

20 And he said, "The Jews have agreed to ask that you bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire more fully about him. 21 But do not yield to them, for more than forty of them lie in wait for him, men who have bound themselves by an oath that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him; and now they are ready, waiting for the promise from you."

22 So the commander let the young man depart, and commanded him, "Tell no one that you have revealed these things to me."

23 And he called for two centurions, saying, "Prepare two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen to go to Caesarea at the third hour of the night; 24 and provide mounts to set Paul on, and bring him safely to Felix the governor." 25 He wrote a letter in the following manner:

26 Claudius Lysias, To the most excellent governor Felix: Greetings.

27 This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them. Coming with the troops I rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman. 28 And when I wanted to know the reason they accused him, I brought him before their council. 29 I found out that he was accused concerning questions of their law, but had nothing charged against him deserving of death or chains. 30 And when it was told me that the Jews lay in wait for the man, I sent him immediately to you, and also commanded his accusers to state before you the charges against him.

Farewell.

31 Then the soldiers, as they were commanded, took Paul and brought him by night to Antipatris. 32 The next day they left the horsemen to go on with him, and returned to the barracks. 33 When they came to Caesarea and had delivered the letter to the governor,



they also presented Paul to him. 34 And when the governor had read it, he asked what province he was from. And when he understood that he was from Cilicia, 35 he said, “I will hear you when your accusers also have come.” And he commanded him to be kept in Herod’s Praetorium.

## CHAPTER 24

1 Now after five days Ananias the high priest came down with the elders and a certain orator named Tertullus. These gave evidence to the governor against Paul.

2 And when he was called upon, Tertullus began his accusation, saying: “Seeing that through you we enjoy great peace, and prosperity is being brought to this nation by your foresight, 3 we accept it always and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness. 4 Nevertheless, not to be tedious to you any further, I beg you to hear, by your courtesy, a few words from us. 5 For we have found this man a plague, a creator of dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.

6 He even tried to profane the temple, and we seized him, and wanted to judge him according to our law. 7 But the commander Lysias came by and with great violence took him out of our hands, 8 commanding his accusers to come to you. By examining him yourself you may ascertain all these things of which we accuse him.” 9 And the Jews also assented, maintaining that these things were so.

10 Then Paul, after the governor had nodded to him to speak, answered: “Inasmuch as I know that you have been for many years a judge of this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself, 11 because you may ascertain that it is no more than twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem to worship. 12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing with anyone nor inciting the crowd, either in the synagogues or in the city. 13 Nor can they prove the things of which they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess to you, that according to The Way which they call a sect, so I worship the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the Law and in the Prophets. 15 I have hope in God, which they themselves also accept, that there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. 16 This being so,

I myself always strive to have a Conscience without offense/sin toward God and people.

17 “Now after many years I came to bring alms and offerings to my nation, 18 in the midst of which some Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with a mob nor with tumult. 19 They ought to have been here before you to object if they had anything against me. 20 Or else let those who are here themselves say if they found any wrongdoing in me while I stood before the council, 21 unless it is for this one statement which I cried out, standing among them, ‘Concerning the resurrection of the dead I am being judged by you this day.’ ”

22 But when Felix heard these things, having more accurate knowledge of the Way, he adjourned the proceedings and said, “When Lysias the commander comes down, I will make a decision on your case.” 23 So he commanded the centurion to keep Paul and to let him have liberty, and told him not to forbid any of his friends to provide for or visit him.

24 And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the Faith in Christ. 25 Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, “Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.” 26 Meanwhile he also hoped that money would be given him by Paul, that he might release him. Therefore he sent for him more often and conversed with him.

27 But after two years Porcius Festus succeeded Felix; and Felix, wanting to do the Jews a favor, left Paul bound.

## CHAPTER 25

1 Now when Festus had come to the province, after three days he went up from Caesarea to Jerusalem. 2 Then the high priest and the chief men of the Jews informed him against Paul; and they petitioned him, 3 asking a favor against him, that he would summon him to Jerusalem—while they lay in ambush along the road to kill him. 4 But Festus answered that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself was going there shortly. 5 “Therefore,” he said, “let those who have authority among you go down with me and accuse this man, to see if there is any fault in him.”

6 And when he had remained among them more than ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day, sitting on the judgment seat, he commanded Paul to be brought. 7 When he had come, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood about and laid many serious complaints against Paul, which they could not prove, 8 while he answered for himself, “Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I offended in anything at all.”

9 But Festus, wanting to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, “Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and there be judged before me concerning these things?”

10 So Paul said, “I stand at Caesar’s judgment seat, where I ought to be judged. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you very well know. 11 For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar.”

12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, “You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall go”

13 And after some days King Agrippa and Bernice came to Caesarea to greet

Festus. 14 When they had been there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying: "There is a certain man left a prisoner by Felix, 15 about whom the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, when I was in Jerusalem, asking for a judgment against him. 16 To them I answered, 'It is not the custom of the Romans to deliver any man to destruction before the accused meets the accusers face to face, and has opportunity to answer for himself concerning the charge against him.'

17 Therefore when they had come together, without any delay, the next day I sat on the judgment seat and commanded the man to be brought in. 18 When the accusers stood up, they brought no accusation against him of such things as I supposed, 19 but had some questions against him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who had died, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

20 And because I was uncertain of such questions, I asked whether he was willing to go to Jerusalem and there be judged concerning these matters. 21 But when Paul appealed to be reserved for the decision of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I could send him to Caesar."

22 Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I also would like to hear the man myself."

"Tomorrow," he said, "you shall hear him."

23 So the next day, when Agrippa and Bernice had come with great pomp, and had entered the auditorium with the commanders and the prominent men of the city, at Festus' command Paul was brought in. 24 And Festus said: "King Agrippa and all the men who are here present with us, you see this man about whom the whole assembly of the Jews petitioned me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying out that he was not fit to live any longer.

25 But when I found that he had committed nothing deserving of death, and that he himself had appealed to Augustus, I decided to send him. 26 I have nothing certain to write to my lord concerning him. Therefore I have brought him out before you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after the examination has taken place I may have something to write. 27 For it seems to me unreasonable to send a prisoner and not to specify the charges against him."

## CHAPTER 26

1 King Agrippa said to Paul, "You are permitted to speak for yourself."

So Paul stretched out his hand and answered for himself: 2 "I think myself happy, King Agrippa, because today I shall answer for myself before you concerning all the things of which I am accused by the Jews, 3 especially because you are expert in all customs and questions which have to do with the Jews. Therefore I beg you to hear me patiently.

4 "My manner of life from my youth, which was spent from the beginning among my own nation at Jerusalem, all the Jews know. 5 They knew me from the first, if they were

willing to testify, that according to the strictest sect of our religion--I lived a Pharisee. 6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers.

7 To this promise our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God night and day, hope to attain. For this hope's sake, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews. 8 Why should it be thought incredible by you that God raises the dead?

9 "Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the Name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints--I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. 11 And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

12 "While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, 13 at midday, O king, along the road I saw a Light from Heaven, --brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me. 14 And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a Voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

15 So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 16 But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you.

17 I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, 18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of satan to God, that they may receive Forgiveness of Sins and an Inheritance among those who are sanctified by--Faith in Me.'

19 "Therefore, King Agrippa, I was--Not Disobedient--to the Heavenly Vision, 20 but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles--

--that they should Repent, turn to God, and--Do Works proving/showing Repentance.

21 For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me. 22 Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come — 23 that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to Rise from the Dead, and would proclaim Light/the real Truth to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles."

24 Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you are beside yourself Much learning is driving you mad."

25 But he said, "I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and

reason. 26 For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner. 27 King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe.”

28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.

29 And Paul said, “I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for being in these chains.”

30 When he had said these things, the King stood up, as well as the governor and Bernice and those who sat with them; 31 and when they had gone aside, they talked among themselves, saying, “This man is doing nothing deserving of death or chains.”

## CHAPTER 27

1 And when it was decided that we should sail to Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to one named Julius, a centurion of the Augustan Regiment. 2 So, entering a ship of Adramyttium, we put to sea, meaning to sail along the coasts of Asia. Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, was with us. 3 And the next day we landed at Sidon. And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave him liberty to go to his friends and receive care.

4 When we had put to sea from there, we sailed under the shelter of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. 5 And when we had sailed over the sea which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia. 6 There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing to Italy, and he put us on board.

7 When we had sailed slowly many days, and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, the wind not permitting us to proceed, we sailed under the shelter of Crete off Salmone. 8 Passing it with difficulty, we came to a place called Fair Havens, near the city of Lasea.

9 Now when much time had been spent, and sailing was now dangerous because the Fast was already over, Paul advised them, 10 saying, “Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives.” 11 Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by the helmsman and the owner of the ship than by the things spoken by Paul.

12 And because the harbor was not suitable to winter in, the majority advised to set sail from there also, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete opening toward the southwest and northwest, and winter there.

13 When the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their desire, putting out to sea, they sailed close by Crete. 14 But not long after, a tempestuous head wind arose, called Euroclydon. 15 So when the ship was caught, and could not head into the wind, we let her drive. 16 And running under the shelter of an island called Clauda,

we secured the skiff with difficulty. 17 When they had taken it on board, they used cables to undergird the ship; and fearing lest they should run aground on the Syrtis Sands, they struck sail and so were driven.

18 And because we were exceedingly tempest-tossed, the next day they lightened the ship. 19 On the third day we threw the ship's tackle overboard with our own hands. 20 Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on us, all hope that we would be saved was finally given up.

21 But after long abstinence from food, then Paul stood in the midst of them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me, and not have sailed from Crete and incurred this disaster and loss. 22 And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. 23 For there stood by me this night an Angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve,

24 saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.' 25 Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me. 26 However, we must run aground on a certain island."

27 Now when the fourteenth night had come, as we were driven up and down in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the sailors sensed that they were drawing near some land. 28 And they took soundings and found it to be twenty fathoms; and when they had gone a little farther, they took soundings again and found it to be fifteen fathoms.

29 Then, fearing lest we should run aground on the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern, and prayed for day to come. 30 And as the sailors were seeking to escape from the ship, when they had let down the skiff into the sea, under pretense of putting out anchors from the prow, 31 Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved." 32 Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the skiff and let it fall off.

33 And as day was about to dawn, Paul implored them all to take food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day you have waited and continued without food, and eaten nothing. 34 Therefore I urge you to take nourishment, for this is for your survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of any of you."

35 And when he had said these things, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all; and when he had broken it he began to eat. 36 Then they were all encouraged, and also took food themselves. 37 And in all we were two hundred and seventy-six persons on the ship. 38 So when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship and threw out the wheat into the sea.

39 When it was day, they did not recognize the land; but they observed a bay with a beach, onto which they planned to run the ship if possible. 40 And they let go the anchors and left them in the sea, meanwhile loosing the rudder ropes; and they hoisted the mainsail to the wind and made for shore. 41 But striking a place where two seas

met, they ran the ship aground; and the prow stuck fast and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the violence of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' plan was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim away and escape. 43 But the centurion, wanting to save Paul, kept them from their purpose, and commanded that those who could swim should jump overboard first and get to land, 44 and the rest, some on boards and some on parts of the ship. And so it was that they all escaped safely to land.

## CHAPTER 28

1 The island was called Malta. 2 And the natives showed us unusual kindness; for they kindled a fire and made us all welcome, because of the rain that was falling and because of the cold. 3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper/snake--came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand. 4 So when the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live."

5 But Paul--shook off the creature into the fire and suffered No Harm. 6 However, they were expecting that he would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds and said that he was a god.

7 In that region there was an estate of the leading citizen of the island, whose name was Publius, who received us and entertained us courteously for three days.

8 And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on hi--and Healed him.

9 So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had Diseases also came and were Healed. 10 They also honored us in many ways; and when we departed, they provided such things as were necessary.

11 After three months we sailed in an Alexandrian ship whose figurehead was the Twin Brothers, which had wintered at the island. 12 And landing at Syracuse, we stayed three days.

13 From there we circled round and reached Rhegium. And after one day the south wind blew; and the next day we came to Puteoli, 14 where we found brethren, and were invited to stay with them seven days. And so we went toward Rome.

15 And from there, when the brethren heard about us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum and Three Inns. When Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

16 Now when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him.

17 And it came to pass after three days that Paul called the leaders of the Jews together. So when they had come together, he said to them: "Men and brethren, though I have done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans,

18 who, when they had examined me, wanted to let me go, because there was no cause for putting me to death. 19 But when the Jews spoke against it, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar, not that I had anything of which to accuse my nation.

20 For this reason therefore I have called for you, to see you and speak with you, because for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain."

21 Then they said to him, "We neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of the brethren who came reported or spoken any evil of you.

22 But we desire to hear from you what you think; for concerning this sect, we know that it is spoken against everywhere."

23 So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom Paul explained and solemnly testified--of the Kingdom of God--persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening.

24 And some were persuaded by the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved.

25 So when they did not agree among themselves, they departed after Paul had said one word: "The Holy Spirit spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet to our fathers,

26 saying, 'Go to this people and say:  
"Hearing you will hear, and shall not understand;  
And seeing you will see, and not perceive;

27 For the hearts of this people have grown dull.  
Their ears are hard of hearing,  
And their eyes they have closed,

Lest/otherwise they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears,  
Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn from their Sins,  
So that I should Heal them.

28 "Therefore let it be known to you that the Salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles/non-Jews, and they will hear it"

29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed and had a great dispute among themselves.



30 Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him,

31 preaching the Kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him.

## **End Book Of ACTS**

# **Book Of ROMANS**

## **Here is a brief Summary of the Book of ROMANS:**

--Paul says he is a bond servant of Christ Jesus--and he is Not Ashamed of the Gospel of God.

--Paul explains the law, faith, and the new covenant.

--Paul talks about Faith--using Abraham as an example.

--God gave unrepentant sinners over to a reprobate depraved mind, who professing themselves to be wise they became fools.

--Paul says--"Let God be true, and every person a liar."

--"Being justified by Faith we have Peace with God."

--"Christ died for us while we were still sinners."

--"You are Saved by God's Grace—a Free Gift."

--"Who can separate us from the Love of Christ?"

--"Present your Bodies a living sacrifice to God, holy and acceptable."

--"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

# Book Of ROMANS

## CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, a Bond-Servant--of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the Gospel of God, 2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,

4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the Resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of Holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the Obedience of Faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake, 6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; 7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as Saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

16 For I am Not Ashamed--of the Gospel of God  
--for it is the Power of God for Salvation--to everyone who Believes,  
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the Righteous Person --shall Live by Faith."

18 For the Wrath of God is revealed from heaven against--all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

20 For since the Creation of the world God's invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen--being understood through what has been made, so that they/everybody are--Without Excuse.

21 For even though they knew God, they did Not Honor Him as God or give Thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became Fools/Evolutionists, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God--for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

24 Therefore God gave them over to--the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored/sexual sins among them.

25 For they exchanged the Truth of God--for a Lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them over to Degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural/lesbianism, 27 and in the

same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts/homosexuality and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge/respect God any longer,

God gave them over to a Depraved/Reprobate Mind--to do those things which are sinful and disgusting, 29 being filled with all: unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; 32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of Death, they not only do the same--but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

## CHAPTER 2

1 Therefore you have No excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself;

for you who Judges another person practice the same things2 And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things. 3 But do you suppose this, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape--the Judgment of God? 4 Or do you take lightly the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing--that the kindness/goodness of God leads you to Repentance?

5 But because of your stubbornness and Unrepentant heart you are storing up Wrath for yourself in the Day of Wrath and revelation of the righteous Judgment of God who will render to each person according to Their Deeds/Works:

7 to those who by Perseverance--in Doing Good--seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; 8 but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do Not Obey the truth but obey unrighteousness, and reap wrath and indignation-- There will be tribulation and distress for every person--who Continually does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,

10 but glory and honor and Peace to everyone who does Good Works, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

11 For there is no partiality/respecter of persons with God.

12 For all who have sinned without the Law will also perish without the Law, and all who have sinned under the Law will be judged by the Law;

13 for it is not the hearers of the Law who are just before God, but the Doers of the Law will be justified. 14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, 15 in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and

their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, 16 on the Day when, according to my Gospel, God will Judge--the Secrets of people--through Christ Jesus.

### CHAPTER 3

1 What advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? 2 Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God. 3 What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it? 4 May it never be

Rather--let God be True--and every person/doctrine/religion be found a Liar, as it is written,--“That You may be justified/proved right--in Your words and deeds, And might Overcome--when You are Judged/by God.”

5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (I am speaking in human terms.) 6 May it never be. For otherwise, how will God judge the world? 7 But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner? 8 And why not say (as we are slanderous reported and as some claim that we say), “Let us do evil that good may come”? Their condemnation is just.

9 What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are all under sin; 10 as it is written,

“There is none righteous, not even one;

11 There is none who understands,

There is none who seeks for God;

12 All have turned aside, together they have become useless;

There is none who does good,

There is not even one.”

13 “Their throat is an open grave,

With their tongues they keep deceiving,”

“The poison of asps is under their lips”;

14 “Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness”;

15 “Their feet are swift to shed blood,

16 Destruction and misery are in their paths,

17 And the path of Peace --they have not known.”

18 “There is No Fear of God before their eyes.”

19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; 20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law--comes the knowledge of Sin.

21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

22 --even the Righteousness of God through Faith--in Jesus Christ--for all those who Believe; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have Sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a Gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation/atonement in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the vindicator/guarantee of those whose Faith is in Jesus Christ.

27 Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by having Faith. 28 For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from works of the Law. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one.

31 Do we then nullify the Law through faith? May it never be On the contrary, we establish the Law.

## CHAPTER 4

1 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, has found? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham Believed God and it was credited to him--as Righteousness.” 4 Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his Faith is credited as Righteousness, 6 just as David also speaks of the blessing on the person to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

7 “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds have been forgiven,  
And whose sins have been covered.

8 Blessed is the person whose Sin the Lord will not take into account.”

13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law but through the Righteousness of Faith.

14 For if those who are of the Law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise is nullified; 15 for the Law brings about wrath, but where there is no law, there also is no violation.

16 For this reason it is by Faith in order that it may be in accordance with Grace, so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants, not only to those who are of the

Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, 17 (as it is written, “A father of many nations have I made you”) in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist. 18 In hope against hope he believed, so that he might become a father of many nations according to that which had been spoken, “So shall your descendants be.”

19 Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old--and the deadness of Sarah’s womb; 20 yet, with respect to the Promise of God he did Not waver in unbelief but grew strong in Faith, giving Glory to God,

21 and being fully assured that what God had Promised He was able also to perform. 22 Therefore it was also credited to him as Righteousness. 23 Now not for his sake only was it written that it was credited to him, 24 but for our sake also, to whom it will be credited, as those who Believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

## CHAPTER 5

1 --Therefore, having been Justified by Faith we have Peace with God  
--through our Lord Jesus Christ--

2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by Faith--into this Grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that Tribulation brings about Perseverance; 4 and perseverance brings proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the Love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous person; though perhaps for a good person someone would dare even to die.

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us,  
- in that while we were yet/still unrepentant Sinners--Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been Justified by His Blood  
--we shall be Saved from the Wrath of God--through Him.

10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the Death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be Saved by His Life. 11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin,

and so death spread to all peoples, because all sinned 13 for until the Law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over those who had not sinned in the likeness of the offense of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.

15 But the Free Gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the Grace of God and the Gift by the Grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. 16 The gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification.

17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will Reign/overcome in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

18 So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all peoples, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all peoples. 19 For as through the one man's Disobedience (Adam) the many were made sinners, even so through the Obedience of the One (Jesus Christ) the many will be made Righteous.

20 The Law came in so that the transgression would increase; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, 21 so that, as sin reigned in death, even so grace would reign through righteousness--to Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## CHAPTER 6

1 What shall we say then? Are we to Continue in Sin so that grace may increase? 2 May it never be How shall we who Died to Sin still live in it? 3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been Baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through Baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father,

--so we too might Walk in Newness of life. 5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our Old Self was Crucified--with Him, in order that our body of Sin might be done away with--so that we would No Longer be Slaves to Sin;

7 for whoever--has Died to their evil fleshly desires--is Freed from Sin.

8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also Live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again;



death no longer is master over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

11 Even so Consider yourselves to be Dead to Sinning--but Alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Therefore do Not let Sin reign in your mortal body so that you Obey its Lusts,

13 and do Not go on presenting the members of your body to Sin- -as instruments of unrighteousness;

but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members/bodies-as instruments of Righteousness to God.

14 For Sin shall Not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? May it never be 16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became Obedient from the Heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

18 and having been freed from sin you became--Slaves of doing Righteousness. 19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your bodies as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness,

so now present your bodies as slaves/servants to Righteousness, resulting in Sanctification.

20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. 21 Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those evil things--is death. 22 But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification/holiness, and the outcome, Eternal Life.

23 For the wages of sin is death,

but the Free Gift of God is Eternal Life--in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **CHAPTER 7**

Do you not know, brothers and sisters for I am speaking to those who know the law that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? 2 For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. 3 So then, if she has sexual relations with another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress

if she marries another man.

4 So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear Fruit for God. 5 For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. 6 But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

7 What shall we say, then? Is the law sinful? Certainly not. Nevertheless, I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. For I would not have known what coveting really was if the law had not said, "You shall not covet/steal." 8 But sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, produced in me every kind of coveting. For apart from the law, sin was dead.

9 Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died. 10 I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. 11 For sin, seizing the opportunity afforded by the commandment, deceived me, and through the commandment put me to death. 12 So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy, righteous and good.

13 Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means. Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognized as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

14 We know that the law is spiritual; but I am nonspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. 15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. 16 And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. 17 As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is Sin living in me.

18 For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is Sin living in me that does it.

21 So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. 22 For in my inner being—I delight in God's law; 23 but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is—subject to death?

25 Thanks be to God—who Delivers Me--through Jesus Christ our Lord

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

## CHAPTER 8

1 Therefore there is now No Condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus who walk Not after the flesh/doing sinning--but walk after--the Spirit/not sinning.

2 For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set you Free--from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an Offering for Sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do Not walk according to the flesh--but according to the Spirit.

5 For those who are according to the flesh set their Minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the Mind set on the Spirit--is Life and Peace, 7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, 8 and those who are in the flesh/sinning--cannot please God.

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. 10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give Life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

12 So then, saints, we are under obligation/debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you are--Putting to Death the deeds/sins of the body--you will Live.

14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are children of God. 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery/bondage leading to tormenting fear again, but you have received a spirit of Adoption as His children by which we cry out, “Abba Father” 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit--that we are children of God,

17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we Suffer with Him--so that we may also be Glorified with Him.

18 For I know emphatically that the Sufferings/persecutions of this present time--are Not Worthy to be compared with the Glory/rewards--that are to be revealed/given to us/in Heaven.

19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the saints of

God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.

23 And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves waiting eagerly for our adoption as His children and getting the new spiritual body from God.

24 For by Hope we have been Saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what they already see? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with Perseverance we Wait eagerly for it.

26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to Pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints--according to the will of God.

28 And we know that God causes All things--to work together for good--to those who Love God--to those who are the Called--according to His purpose.

29 For those whom He foreknew, He also Predestined to become conformed to the Image/likeness of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He Predestined, He also Called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us who can be successful against us? 32 God who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him--freely give us all things?

33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who Justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

35 **What will Separate us from the Love of Christ?**--Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Just as it is written, "For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer/overcome--through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to Separate us from the Love of God--

which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## CHAPTER 9

I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, 4 who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; 5 of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all--the eternally blessed God. Amen.

6 But it is not that the Word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, 7 nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac your seed shall be called." 8 That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed. 9 For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son."

10 And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac 11 (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), 12 it was said to her, "The older shall serve the younger." 13 As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."

14 What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be 15 For He says to Moses, "I will have Mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have Compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 So then it does not depend on the person who wills or the person who runs but on God who has Mercy.

17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My Name--might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth."

18 So then, God has Mercy on whom He desires--and He Hardens whom He desires.

19 You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" 20 On the contrary, who are you, O person, who answers back to God? The thing created will not say to the Creator, "Why did you make me like this," will it? 21 Or does not the Potter have the right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use?

22 What if God--willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known--Endured with much Patience--the vessels of wrath/sinners prepared for destruction?

23 And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, 24 even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles. 25 As He says also in Hosea, “I will call those who were not My people, ‘My people,’ And her who was not beloved--‘Beloved.’

26 “And it shall be that in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not My people,’ There they shall be called people of the living God.”

27 Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, “Though the number of the people of Israel be like the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved; 28 for the Lord will execute His Word on the earth, thoroughly and quickly.” 29 And just as Isaiah foretold, “Unless the Lord had left to us a remnant--We would have become like Sodom, and would have resembled Gomorrah.”

30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, attained Righteousness--even the Righteousness which is by Faith-- 31 but Israel, pursuing a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law. 32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by Faith, but as though it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone, 33 just as it is written,

“Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, And whoever Believes in Him/Jesus--will not be disappointed.”

## CHAPTER 10

1 Brethren, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for them/Jews is --for their Salvation. 2 For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge. 3 For not knowing about God’s righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for Righteousness--to everyone who Believes.

5 For Moses writes that the person who practices the righteousness which is based on law shall live by that righteousness. 6 But the righteousness based on Faith speaks as follows: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ (that is, to bring Christ down), 7 or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).” 8 But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”—that is, the Word of Faith which we are preaching,

9 that if you--Confess with your mouth--Jesus as Lord,--  
and Believe in your Heart that God raised Him--from the Dead  
you will be Saved;

10 for with the Heart a person Believes--resulting in righteousness,  
and with the mouth--Confession is made--resulting in Salvation.

11 For the Scripture says,  
“Whoever Believes in Jesus Christ--will Not be Ashamed of Him.”

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; 13 for “Whoever will Call on the Name of the Lord will be Saved.”

14 How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they Believe in Him whom they have not heard?  
--And how will they hear?--without a Preacher/or a Christian witnessing to them?

15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things”

16 However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, “Lord, who has Believed our report?”

17 So Faith comes from--Hearing the Word of God/and Believing it completely.

18 But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have;  
“Their voice has gone out into all the earth,  
And their words to the ends of the world.”

19 But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? First Moses says,  
“I will make you jealous by that which is not a nation,  
By a nation without understanding will I anger you.”

20 And Isaiah is very bold and says,  
“I was found by those who did not seek Me,  
I became manifest to those who did not ask for Me.”

21 But as for Israel He says, “All the day long I have  
--stretched out My hands--to a disobedient and obstinate/stubborn people.”

## **CHAPTER 11**

I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, 3 “Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life”?

4 But what does God say to him? “I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” 5 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the Election of Grace. 6 And if by Grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise works is no longer works.

7 What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the Elect have obtained it, and

the rest were blinded. 8 Just as it is written:

“God has given them a spirit of stupor,  
Eyes that they should not see  
And ears that they should not hear,  
To this very day.”

9 And David says:

“Let their table become a snare and a trap,  
A stumbling block and a recompense to them.  
10 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see,  
And bow down their back always.”

11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, Salvation has come--to the Gentiles. 12 Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness.

13 For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an Apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, 14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. 15 For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

16 For if the first fruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, 18 do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root but the root supports you. 19 You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” 20 Quite right, they were --broken off for their Unbelief,  
--but You Stand by your Faith. Do not be conceited/high-minded--but Fear God.

21 for if God did Not spare the natural branches/Israelites--He will Not spare you, either.

22 Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God’s kindness,

--IF you Continue/abide--in His goodness/holiness/presence--  
--otherwise you also will be Cut Off.

23 And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree?



25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; 26 and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,

“The Deliverer will come from Zion,  
He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.”

27 “This is My covenant with them,  
When I take away their sins.”

28 From the standpoint of the Gospel/of Jesus Christ they/the Jews are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God’s choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; 29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable/without repentance. 30 For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. 32 For God has declared all in disobedience--so that He may show mercy to all.

33 Oh, the Depth of the Riches both of the Wisdom and Knowledge of God

How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways

34 For who has known the Mind of the Lord--or who became His Counselor? 35 Or who has first given to Him--that it might be paid back to them again? 36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To God Almighty be the glory forever. Amen.

## CHAPTER 12

1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to  
--present your Bodies a living and Holy Sacrifice--acceptable to God, which is your reasonable/very fair service.

2 And do Not be conformed to this sinful world, but be Transformed--by the Renewing of Your Mind/by God's Word so that you may Prove what the Will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of themselves than they ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has given/allotted to each person--a Measure of Faith.

4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Since we have Gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of their faith; 7 if service, in their serving; or who teaches, in their

teaching; 8 or who exhorts, in their exhortation; who gives, does with liberality; who leads, with diligence; who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

9 Let love be genuine--Abhor/resist what is evil--cling to that which is good.

10 Be devoted to one another in saintly love; give preference to one another in honor; 11 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit--serving the Lord; 12 Rejoicing in Hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, 13 Contributing to the Needs of the Saints, practicing hospitality.

14 Bless those who persecute you; Bless and--do Not Curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice--and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty/arrogant/puffed-up in mind, but associate with the lowly/humble. Do not be wise in your own conceits/estimations.

17 Never pay back Evil for evil to anyone.

Be Respectful/do what is right in the sight of all people.

18 If possible, so far as it depends on you--be at Peace with all people.

19 Never take your own Revenge, beloved, but give place instead--to the Wrath of God--for it is written--"Vengeance is Mine--I will Repay,"--says the Lord.--

20 "But if your enemy is hungry--feed them, and if they are thirsty, --give them a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on their head."

21 Do Not be overcome by evil--but Overcome Evil--with Good/righteous deeds.

## CHAPTER 13

1 Every person is to be in subjection/respectful to the governing authorities.

For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. 3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior--but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority?

Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; 4 for they are a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for they do not bear weapons for nothing; for they are a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath/justice--on the persons who practice evil.

5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. 7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

8 Owe Nothing to Anyone--except to Love one another;

for whoever loves their neighbor has fulfilled the law. 9 For this, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,"

and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying,

"You Shall Love your Neighbor as Yourself."

10 Love does No Wrong to a person--therefore Love is the fulfillment of the Law.

11 Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now Salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. 12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us Lay Aside--the Deeds of Darkness

and Put On--the Armor of Light.

13 Let us behave properly as in the day, Not in carousing and drunkenness, Not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, Not in strife/fighting and jealousy.

14 But Put On--the Lord Jesus Christ--

and make No Plans--for the Lusts of your Sinful fleshly desires.

## CHAPTER 14

1 Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on their opinions. 2 One person has faith that they may eat all things, but another who is weak eats vegetables only. 3 The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for God has accepted them. 4 Who are you to Judge--the servant of another? To their own master they stand or fall; and they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 One person regards one day/Saturday/Sabbath above another,

-- another regards every day alike/the same.

--Each person must be fully convinced--in their Own Mind.

6 Whoever observes the day/the Sabbath, observes it for the Lord, and whoever eats, does so for the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever eats not, for the Lord they do not eat, and give thanks to God. 7 For not one of us lives for themselves, and not one dies for themselves; 8 for if we live--we live for the Lord, or if we die--we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die- we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

10 But you, why do you Judge your brother or sister?

Or you again, why do you regard your brother or sister with contempt?

## **For we will--All Stand before the--Judgment Seat of God.**

11 For it is written,--“As I live, says the Lord--Every Knee--shall Bow to Me, And every tongue shall--give praise to God.”

12 So then--**Each one of us will give--an Account of Ourselves--to God.**

13 Therefore let us Not Judge one another anymore, but rather determine this—  
Not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block--in a brother or sister's way.

14 I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself; but to the person who thinks anything to be unclean, to them it is unclean. 15 For if because of food your fellow saint is hurt, you are no longer walking according to love. Do not destroy with your food anyone for whom Christ died. 16 Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil;

17 for the Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking,  
but Righteousness and Peace and Joy in the Holy Spirit.

18 For whoever in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by people. 19 So then we pursue the things--which make for Peace and the building up of one another. 20 Do not tear down the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are clean, but they are evil for the person who eats and gives offense.

21 It is good not to eat meat or to drink wine, or to do anything by which your brother or sister stumbles. 22 The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God.

Happy is whoever does not condemn themselves--in what they approve of doing.

23 But whosoever doubts is condemned if they eat, because their eating is not from Faith; and--Whatever is Not done in or from having Faith--is Sin.

## **CHAPTER 16**

17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned--and Turn Away from them. 18 For such people are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own lustful desires/appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.

19 For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil. 20 The God of Peace will soon crush satan under your feet.

The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my Gospel and the preaching

of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, 26 but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to Obedience of Faith;  
27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the Glory forever. Amen.

## **End Book Of ROMANS**

# **Book Of 1<sup>st</sup> CORINTHIANS**

## **Here is a brief Summary of the Book of 1<sup>st</sup> CORINTHIANS:**

--Paul deals with divisions such as some saying--I am of Apollos, or I am of Paul, etc.

--God has fantastic Rewards for those that Love Him.

--God gives the Increase.

--Everyone's Works will be tried by the Fire of God.

--The Unrighteous will Not Inherit the Kingdom of God.

--Paul says--"I discipline my body to not sin--so that I don't become a Castaway."

--"There is No Temptation that you will not be able to escape from."

--"The Body of Christ has many different members with different gifts and talents."

--"If I have not Love I am nothing."

--"My beloved saints always be abounding in the Work of the Lord."

# Book Of 1<sup>st</sup> CORINTHIANS

## CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, called as an Apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God.

2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who--

--have been Sanctified/set-apart--in Christ Jesus and are Saints by calling,

with all who in every place call on--the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always concerning you for the Grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you are Not lacking in any Gift--awaiting eagerly the Revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

8 who will also confirm/validate you to the End,

--Blameless in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God is Faithful, through whom you were called into Fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 Now I exhort you, saints, by the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be No Divisions--among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. 11 For I have been informed concerning you, my saints, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you. 12 Now I mean this, each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ."

13 Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one would say you were baptized in my name. 16 Now I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void.

18 For the word concerning Jesus Christ dying on a cross for our sins 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 the cleverness of the clever I will set aside."

20 Where is the wise person? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age?

--Has not God made foolish--the wisdom of the world?

21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who Believe. 22 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness,

24 but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks,

--Jesus Christ the Power of God and the Wisdom of God--

25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than people, and the weakness of God is stronger than people.

26 For consider your Calling--saints, that there are Not many wise according to the flesh, not many wealthy or mighty, not many noble—are the ones who become Christians.

27 But God has Chosen--the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, 29 so that No person may boast before God. 30 But by His doing--you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us Wisdom from God, and Righteousness and Sanctification, and Redemption,

31 so that, just as it is written,

“Let whoever does boasting/bragging--Boast in the Lord.”

## CHAPTER 2

1 And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, 4 and my Message and my Preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom--

--but in Demonstration of--the Spirit and Power of God,

5 so that Your Faith--would not rest on the wisdom of people, but in the Power of God.

6 Yet we do speak Wisdom among those who are Mature in Christ; a Wisdom, however, Not of this age nor of the rulers of this age--who are passing away; 7 but we speak God's Wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory; 8 the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; 9 but just as it is written, “The things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard,



And which have not entered the heart of anybody,  
All the fantastic things/Rewards-and Glory--God has Prepared--for those who Love Him.

10 But to us God has revealed them to us through His Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. 11 For who among people knows the thoughts of a person except the spirit of that person which is in them? Even so the Thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, Not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from/of God, so that we may know the things Freely Given to us by God, 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.

14 But a natural sinful person does Not--accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are Foolishness to them; and they cannot understand, because they are Spiritually Blind/discerned . 15 But whoever is Spiritual understands/believes all things, yet they are--Judged by no one.

16 For who has known the Mind of the Lord, that they will--instruct Him?  
--But we have the Mind of Christ.

### CHAPTER 3

1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people, but as to people of flesh, as to Infants in Christ. 2 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are Not yet able, 3 for you are still fleshly/worldly.

--For since there is Jealousy/Envy and Strife among you, are you not fleshly/worldly, --and are you not walking--just like people of the World?

4 For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," --are you not in a fleshly/worldly state of mind and spirit?"

5 Who then is Apollos? And who is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one.

6 --I planted--Apollos watered--but God gave--the growth/increase.

7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, -- but God who gives the growth.

8 Now those who plant and those who water are one;  
--but each Saint-will receive their Own Reward--  
--according to their Own Labor/Works/in God's service.

9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a Foundation, and another is building on it. But each person must be careful how they build on it. 11 For no person can lay a Foundation other than the one which is laid--which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any person builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13-- each person's work will become evident; for the Day of Judgment will show it because it will be revealed by Fire, and  
-- the Fire/of God-- will Test the Quality--of each Person's Work.

14 If any person's Work which they have built on it remains,  
--they will receive a Reward/from God.

15 If any person's work is Burned Up-- they will suffer loss; but they will be saved, yet so as through fire.

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17 If any person destroys the temple of God, God will destroy them,  
for the Temple of God is Holy--and that is what you are.

18 Let no person Deceive themselves. If any person among you thinks that they are wise in this age, they must become foolish, so that they may become wise.

19 For the sinful Wisdom of this World--is Foolishness before God.

For it is written, "God is the one who catches the wise in their craftiness"; 20 and again, "The Lord knows the evil thinking of --the wise of this world, that they are useless." 21 So then let no one boast in any person. For all things belong to you, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you, 23 and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.

## CHAPTER 4

1 Let a person regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 In this case, moreover, it is required of God's stewards that one be found Trustworthy.

3 --But to me it is a very small thing that I may be examined/judged--by you, or by any human court; in fact--I do not even examine myself. 4 For I am conscious of nothing against myself/no guilty conscience, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord.

5 Therefore do not go on passing Judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both--bring to Light the things hidden in the darkness  
--and Disclose the Motives of people's Hearts;

and then each person's Praise will come to them from God.

6 Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sake's, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other. 7 For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

8 You are already filled, you have already become rich, you have become kings without us; and indeed, I wish that you had become kings so that we also might reign with you. 9 For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to Angels and to people.

10 --We are Fools for Christ's sake--but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor.

11 To this present hour we are both hungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are Homeless; 12 and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled/put-down, we Bless; when we are persecuted, we endure; 13 when we are slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, even until now.

14 I do not write these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

15 For if you were to have countless tutors in Christ, yet you would not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. 16 Therefore I exhort you, be imitators of me. 17 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

18 Now some have become arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. 19 But I will come to you soon, IF the Lord wills, and I shall find out, not the words of those who are arrogant but their power.

20 For the Kingdom of God does not consist in words only but--in Power.

21 What do you desire? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love and a spirit of gentleness?

## CHAPTER 5

It is actually reported that there is Sexual Immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father's wife. 2 And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. 3 For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so

done this deed.

4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 deliver such a one to satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote you in my letter--Not to associate--with Immoral sinful people;

10 I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. 11 But actually, I wrote to you Not to associate/have fellowship with any so-called brother or sister if they are--an immoral person--or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? 13 But those who are outside, God judges.

--Remove--the unrepentant wicked persons from--among yourselves.

## CHAPTER 6

1 Does any one of you, when they have a case against their neighbor, dare to go to the law/courts before the unrighteous and not before the saints?

2 --Or do you not know that the Saints--will judge the world?

If the world is judged by you, are you not competent to constitute the smallest law courts? 3 Do you not know that we will Judge Angels? How much more matters of this life? 4 So if you have law courts dealing with matters of this life, do you appoint them as judges who are of no account in the church? 5 I say this to your shame. Is it so, that there is not among you one wise person who will be able to decide between his fellow saints 6 but brother goes to law with brother, and sister against sister, and that before unbelievers?

7 Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded? 8 On the contrary, you yourselves wrong and defraud. You do this even to your fellow saints.

9 Or do you not know that the Unrighteous  
--will Not Inherit the Kingdom of God?--

Do Not be Deceived--neither fornicators/doing sexual sins, nor idolaters--nor  
adulterers--nor homosexuals/lesbians-- nor thieves, nor the covetous--nor drunkards, nor  
revilers/brawlers, nor swindlers/cons--will Inherit the eternal Kingdom of God.

11 --Such were some of you--but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were Justified/forgiven/made righteous in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

12 All things are lawful for me, but Not all things--are Profitable.

--All things are lawful for me--but I will Not be Overcome/mastered--by anything  
sinful/evil.

13 Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, but God will do away with both of them.

--Yet the Body--is Not for Sexual Sins, but for the Lord, and the Lord is--for the body.

14 Now God has not only raised the Lord, but will also Raise us up through His power. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a whorish/perverted/sinful person? May it never be!

16 Or do you not know that the one who joins themselves to a whore/ perverted/sinful person is one body with them? For God says, "The two shall become one flesh."

17 But the one who Joins themselves to the Lord--is One Spirit with Him.

18--Flee Sexual Sins--Every other sin that a person commits is outside the body, but the  
Person/doing sexual sins--Sins/does damage against their--own body.

19 Or do you not know that Your Body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are Not your own?

20 For you have been --Bought with a great price: therefore--Glorify--God in your Body.

## CHAPTER 7

1 Now concerning the things about which you wrote,  
--it is good for a man Not to--touch/wrongly a woman. 2 But because of immoralities, each man is to have his own wife, and each woman is to have her own husband. 3 The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the

wife does. 5 Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

6 But I say this as a concession, not as a commandment. 7 For I wish that all people were even as I myself. But each one has their own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that.

8 But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am; 9 but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion/lusts.

10 Now to the married I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband. 11 But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife.

12 But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. 13 And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.

15 But if the unbeliever departs, let them depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to Peace. 16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

17 But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let them walk. And so I ordain in all the churches. 18 Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised. 19 Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters.

20 Let each one remain in the same calling in which they were called. 21 Were you called while a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use it. 22 For whoever is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's free person. Likewise whoever is called while free is Christ's slave. 23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of people. 24 Saints, let each one remain with God in that state in which they were called.

25 Now concerning virgins: I have no commandment from the Lord; yet I give judgment as one whom the Lord in His mercy has made trustworthy. 26 I suppose therefore that this is good because of the present distress—that it is good for a man to remain as he is: 27 Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife.

28 But even if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you.

29 But this I say, fellow saints, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none, 30 those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess, 31 and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

32 I want you to be free from concern.

The saint who is Unmarried--is concerned about the things of the Lord,--how they may Please the Lord; 33 but the saint who is married is concerned--about the things of the world, how they may please their mate, 34 and their interests are divided. The saintly woman who is unmarried, and the virgin, is concerned about the things of the Lord, --that she may be holy both in body and spirit--but one who is married is concerned about the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

35 This I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is appropriate and to give you more Devotion to the Lord.

36 But if any man thinks that he is acting unbecomingly/lusting--toward his virgin girlfriend, if she is past her youth/of marrying age, and if it must be so, let him do what he wishes, he does not sin--let them Marry. 37 But the person who stands firm in their heart, being under no constraint, but has authority over their own will, and has decided this in their own heart--to keep their own virginity, they will do well. 38 So then those who marry does well, and those who don't marry--will do better.

39 A wife is bound as long as her husband lives; but if her husband is dead, she is free to be married to whom she wishes--only in the Lord. 40 But in my opinion she is happier if she remains as she is; and I think that I also have the Spirit of God.

## CHAPTER 8

1 Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but Love--edifies/helps/profits. 2 And if anyone thinks that they know anything, they know nothing yet as they ought to know.

3 But if anyone Loves God--this person is well known by Him.

4 Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. 5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

7 However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. 8 But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

9 But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. 10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of them who are weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? 11 And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother or sister perish, for whom Christ died?

12 But when you thus sin against the saints, and wound their weak consciences--you sin against Christ. 13 Therefore, if food makes my brother or sister stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother or sister stumble.

## CHAPTER 9

Am I not an Apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? 2 If I am not an apostle to others, yet doubtless I am to you. For you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

3 My defense to those who examine me is this: 4 Do we have no right to eat and drink? 5 Do we have no right to take along a believing wife, as do also the other apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and Cephas? 6 Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working? 7 Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?

8 Do I say these things as a mere man? Or does not the law say the same also? 9 For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is concerned about? 10 Or does He say it altogether for our sake's? For our sake's, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow in hope, and he who threshes in hope should be partaker of his hope.

11 If we have sown spiritual things for you, is it a great thing if we reap your material things? 12 If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more?

Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ. 13 Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar?

14 So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living--from the gospel.

15 But I have used none of these things. And I am not writing these things so that it will be done so in my case; for it would be better for me to die than have any person make



my boast an empty one. 16 For if I preach the Gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion;--for woe is me if I do Not--preach the Gospel of God.

17 --For if I do this Voluntarily/service for God's Work--I have a Reward-- but if against my will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me. 18 What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the Gospel of God--without charging for it so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

19 For though I am free from all peoples, I have made myself a servant to all, so that I may win more. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law;

21 to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all peoples--so that I may by all means Save some.

23 I do all things for the sake of the Gospel of God, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? --Run/overcome in such a way/for God-- that you may win/the Prize/Reward.

25 Everyone who competes in the sports games exercises Self-Control in all things. They then-- do it to receive a perishable wreath/trophy--but we an Imperishable Reward--26 Therefore I Run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; 27-- but I Discipline my Body and make it my slave, so that,  
-- after I have preached to others, I myself--will Not be disqualified/or be a Castaway.

## CHAPTER 10

1 For I do not want you to be unaware, my fellow saints, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 and all ate the same spiritual food; 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was Not well-pleased--for they were laid overthrown/dead-in the wilderness.

6 Now these things happened as Examples for us, so that we would Not Lust/crave evil things as they--also craved/lusted after.

7 Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and stood up to play/commit sins."

8 --Nor let us act immorally/doing sexual sins,--as some of them did, and twenty-three

thousand fell/died--in one day.

9 Nor let us Provoke/tempt the Lord, as some of them did--and were Destroyed by the serpents.

10 Don't grumble/Complain--as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

12 Therefore let the person who thinks they stand--Take heed/be on guard--that they don't fall.

13-- No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to everyone; and --God is Faithful, who will Not allow you--to be Tempted beyond/above what you are able to Overcome

--but with the Temptation--God--will provide the way of Escape--also, so that you will be able--to Overcome it.

14 Therefore, my beloved, Flee/run from Lusts of--idolatry/sexual sins/the love of money.

15 I speak as to wise people; you judge what I say. 16 Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? 17 Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread. 18 Look at the nation Israel; are not those who eat the sacrifices sharers in the altar? 19 What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything?

20 No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than He, are we?

23 All things are lawful--but Not all things are Profitable. All things are lawful, but Not all things Edify. 24 Let no one seek their own good-- but that of their neighbor. 25 Eat anything that is sold in the meat market without asking questions for conscience' sake; 26 --for the Earth is the Lord's, and all it contains.

31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do  
--do All to the Glory of God.

32 Give No Offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God; 33 just as I also please all peoples in all things, not seeking my own profit but the profit of the many, so that they may be Saved.

## CHAPTER 11

1 Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

2 Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you. 3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. 4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head. 5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved.

6 For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. 7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. 8 For man is not from woman, but woman from man. 9 Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man. 10 For this reason the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels.

11 Nevertheless, neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord. 12 For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God.

13 Judge among yourselves. Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? 14 Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a dishonor to him? 15 But if a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given to her for a covering. 16 But if anyone seems to be contentious, we have no such custom, nor do the churches of God.

17 Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse. 18 For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. 19 For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you. 20 Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper.

21 For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk. 22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said--"This is My Body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying-- "This cup is the New

Covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner--shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

28 But --a person must Examine Themselves--and in so doing decide if they are to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

29 For whoever eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to themselves if they do Not judge the body of Christ/Communion rightly. 30 For this reason--many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

31 But IF--we Judged/chastened Ourselves/by God's Word--we would Not be-- Judged/by God.

32 But when we are Judged--we are Disciplined/spanked-- by the Lord so that we will Not be condemned along with--the evil sinful World.

## CHAPTER 12

1 Now concerning Spiritual Gifts,--my fellow Saints--I do not want you to be unaware/ignorant.

2 You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to those dumb idols, however you were led/deceived. 3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus is accursed”;  
--and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of Gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 There are varieties of operations, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

7 But to each person/saint--is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good/benefit. 8 For to one is given--the Word of Wisdom through the Spirit,  
and to another--the Word of Knowledge according to the same Spirit;

9 to another Faith by the same Spirit,

and to another--Gifts of Healing by the one Spirit,

10 and to another--the effecting/Doing of Miracles,

and to another Prophecy,

and to another--the distinguishing/Discerning of spirits,

to another--various kinds of Tongues, and to another--the Interpretation of Tongues.

11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one/saint individually just as He wills.

12 For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all Baptized into One Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the Body of Christ--is Not one member--but many members. 15 If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

18 But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. 19 If they were all one member, where would the body be?

20 But now--there are many members, but One Body. 21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

22 On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker--are necessary; 23 and those members of the body which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our less presentable members become much more presentable, 24 whereas our more presentable members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked,

25 so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 And if one member/of the Body of Christ--Suffers, all the members suffer with it--if one member is Honored, all the members rejoice with it.

27 Now you are Christ's Body--and individually members of it.

28 And God has appointed in the church--first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then Gifts of Healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.

29 All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they?

30 All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? 31 --But earnestly--Desire the Greater Gifts.

And I show you a still more excellent way.

## CHAPTER 13

1 If I speak with the tongues of peoples and of Angels--but do Not have Love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all Faith--so as to remove mountains,  
-- but do Not have Love--I am Nothing. 3 And if I give all my possessions to feed the

poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned,  
--but do Not have Love-- it Profits me Nothing.

4 **Love is**--patient, love is kind--and is--Not jealous;

love does Not brag and is--Not arrogant,

5 does not act wickedly--it does not seek its own, is not provoked--does Not take into account a wrong suffered

6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,--endures all things.

8 Love never fails--but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; where there is knowledge, it will be done away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part; 10 but when that which is perfect is done/Jesus Christ returns and gathers his Body together, the partial/not complete will be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, thought like a child, and reasoned like a child. But, when I became an adult--I did away with childish thinking and acting. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face/with God; now I know in part, but then/in Heaven--I will know fully/myself just as I also have been fully known.

13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the Greatest of these--is Love.

## CHAPTER 14

1 Pursue Love--yet desire earnestly Spiritual Gifts, but especially that you may Prophecy. 2 For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God; for no one understands, but in their spirit they speak mysteries. 3 But one who prophesies speaks to people for edification and exhortation and consolation. 4 One who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves; but one who prophesies edifies the church. 5 Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but even more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies--than one who speaks in tongues, unless they interpret, so that the church may receive edifying/profit.

6 But now, saints, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what will I profit you unless I speak to you either by way of revelation or of knowledge or of prophecy or of teaching? 7 Yet even lifeless things, either flute or harp, in producing a sound, if they do not produce a distinction in the tones, how will it be known what is played on the flute or on the harp? 8 For if the bugle produces an indistinct sound, who will prepare themselves for battle? 9 So also you, unless you utter by the tongue speech that is clear, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air.

10 There are, perhaps, a great many kinds of languages in the world, and no kind is without meaning. 11 If then I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be to the one who speaks a barbarian, and the one who speaks will be a barbarian to me. 12 So

also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts  
--seek to abound for the edification/profit--of the church/saints.

13 Therefore let one who speaks in a tongue pray that they may interpret. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. 15 What is the outcome then? I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also.

16 Otherwise if you bless in the spirit only, how will anyone say the "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since they do not know what you are saying? 17 For you are giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not edified. 18 I thank God--I speak in tongues more than you all; 19 however, in the church I desire to speak five words with/from my mind so that I may instruct others also, rather than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.

20 Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking--be Mature. 21 In the Law it is written, "By men of strange tongues and by the lips of strangers I will speak to this people, and even so--they will Not Listen to Me," says the Lord. 22 So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but Prophecy is for a sign, not to unbelievers but to those who believe.

23 Therefore if the whole church assembles together and all speak in tongues, and unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad? 24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever enters, they are convicted by all, and called to account by all; 25 the secrets of their hearts are disclosed; and so they will fall on their face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.

26 What is the outcome then, saints? When you Assemble/in church or Bible Studies--each one of you--has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation/to give for edifying helping others.

-- Let all things be done for Edification.--27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, it should be by two or at the most three, and each in turn, and one must interpret; 28 but if there is no interpreter, they must keep silent in the church; and let them speak to themselves and to God. 29 Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment.

30 But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, the first one must keep silent. 31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted; 32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets; 33 for --God is Not a God of Confusion but of Peace--as in all the churches of the saints.

34 The women are to keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just as the Law also says. 35 If they desire to learn anything,

let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to speak in church. 36 Was it from you that the word of God first went forth? Or has it come to you only?

37 If anyone thinks they are a prophet or spiritual, let them recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment(s).

39 Therefore, my fellow saints, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do Not forbid to speak in tongues. 40 But All Things must be done properly and in an orderly manner.

## CHAPTER 15

1 Now I make known to you, saints, the Gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,

2 by which also --you are Saved--IF you hold fast/obey the Word--which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our Sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was Raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

6 After that--Jesus appeared to more than five hundred saints at one time--most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born--He appeared to me also.

9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I Persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the Grace of God--I am what I am, and His Grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

12 Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised;

14 and if Christ has Not been raised--then our preaching is vain, your Faith also is vain.

15 Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised;

17 and if Christ has Not been raised--your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.

18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all peoples most to be pitied.



20 But now --Christ has been Raised from the Dead--the first fruits of those who are asleep. 21 For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die--so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming, 24 then comes the end, when He hands over the Kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power.

25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be abolished--is Death. 27 For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says, "All things are put in subjection," it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him. 28 When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.

29 Otherwise, what will those do who are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for them? 30 Why are we also in danger every hour? 31 I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

32 If from human motives I fought with wild beasts at Ephesus, what does it profit me? If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die. 33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals."

34 --Become sober-minded as you ought, and Stop Sinning for some have no knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.

35 But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?" 36 You fool. That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; 37 and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else. 38 But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own. 39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.

40 There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies,  
--but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

42 So also is the Resurrection of the Dead/for the Saints of God. It is sown a perishable body,

-- it is raised an Imperishable/eternal Body--

43 it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness--it is raised--in power;

44 it is sown a natural body--it is Raised a Spiritual Body. There is a natural body, and

there is--also a Spiritual Body.

45 So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit. 46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. 47 The first man is from the earth, earthy; the second man/Jesus Christ is from Heaven. 48 As is the earthy, so also are those who are earthy; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly.

49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy,  
--we will also bear the Image of the Heavenly--

50 Now I say this, saints, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

53 For this perishable--must put on the Imperishable,  
-- and this mortal must--put on Immortality.

54 But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is Sin--and the power of sin is the law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the Victory--through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved saints--be steadfast, immovable--Always Abounding--in the Work of the Lord--knowing that your toil/labor is not--in vain--in the Lord.

## CHAPTER 16

1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I directed the churches of Galatia, so do you also. 2 On the first day of every week--each one of you is to put aside and save--as they may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come. 3 When I arrive, whomever you may approve, I will send them with letters to carry your gift to Jerusalem; 4 and if it is fitting for me to go also, they will go with me.

5 But I will come to you after I go through Macedonia, for I am going through Macedonia; 6 and perhaps I will stay with you, or even spend the winter, so that you may send me on my way wherever I may go.

7 For I do not wish to see you now just in passing; for I hope to remain with you for

some time, if the Lord permits. 8 But I will remain in Ephesus until Pentecost; 9 for a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

10 Now if Timothy comes, see that he is with you without cause to be afraid, for he is doing the Lord's work, as I also am. 11 So let no one despise him. But send him on his way in peace, so that he may come to me; for I expect him with the saints.

12 But concerning Apollos our brother, I encouraged him greatly to come to you with the saints; and it was not at all his desire to come now, but he will come when he has opportunity.

13 Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like soldiers/troopers, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be Done in Love.

23 The Grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. 24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

## **End Book Of 1<sup>st</sup> CORINTHIANS**

# **Book Of 2<sup>nd</sup> CORINTHIANS**

## **Here is a brief Summary of the Book of 2<sup>nd</sup> CORINTHIANS:**

--"God comforts us in all our afflictions."

--"God always helps us to Overcome in Christ."

--"We groan inside to be clothed with our eternal new body from Heaven."

"We must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ."

--"God loves a cheerful giver."

--"Take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ."

--"Paul describes his many physical sufferings for the Gospel of God such as whippings, beatings, jail time, etc."

# Book Of 2<sup>nd</sup> CORINTHIANS

## CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
To the church of God which is at Corinth with all the saints who are throughout Achaia:  
2 Grace to you and--Peace from God--our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Mercies and  
God of all Comfort--who Comforts us in--All our Afflictions/hard times.

5 For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our Comfort is  
abundant through Christ. 6 But if we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or  
if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which is effective in the patient enduring of  
the same sufferings which we also suffer; 7 and our hope for you is firmly grounded,  
knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers of our comfort.

8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in  
Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even  
of life; 9 indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves  
--so that we would Not trust in ourselves--  
--but in God who Raises the Dead/the Resurrection;

10 who delivered us from so great a peril of death, and will deliver us, He on whom we  
have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us, 11 you also joining in helping us through  
your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor  
bestowed on us through the prayers of many.

12 For our proud confidence is this: the testimony of our Conscience,  
--that in Holiness and total Honesty--not in fleshly wisdom but in the Grace of God,  
--we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially toward you. 13 For we write  
nothing else to you than what you read and understand, and I hope you will understand  
until the end; 14 just as you also partially did understand us, that we are your reason to  
be proud as you also are ours-- in the Day of our Lord Jesus.

15 In this confidence I intended at first to come to you, so that you might twice receive a  
blessing; 16 that is, to pass your way into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to  
come to you, and by you to be helped on my journey to Judea. 17 Therefore, I was not  
vacillating when I intended to do this, was I? Or what I purpose, do I purpose according  
to the flesh, so that with me there will be yes, yes and no, no at the same time? 18 But as  
God is faithful, our word to you is not yes and no.

19 For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by us—by me and

Silvanus and Timothy—was not yes and no, but is yes in Him.

20 For as many as are the Promises of God--in Him they are Amen/Yes/may they be done-- therefore also through Him is our Amen to the Glory of God through us. 21 Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and Anointed us is God, 22 --who also Sealed Us--and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge.

23 But I call God as witness to my soul, that to spare you I did not come again to Corinth. 24 Not that we lord it over your faith, but are workers with you for your joy; for in your faith you are standing firm.

## CHAPTER 2

1 But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow. 2 For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me?

3 And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all. 4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

5 But if anyone has caused grief, he has not grieved me, but all of you to some extent—not to be too severe. 6 This punishment which was inflicted by the majority is sufficient for such a man, 7 so that, on the contrary, you ought rather to forgive and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow. 8 Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him.

9 For to this end I also wrote, that I might put you to the test, whether you are obedient in all things. 10 Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sake's in the presence of Christ, 11 lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

12 Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened to me by the Lord, 13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find Titus my brother; but taking my leave of them, I departed for Macedonia.

14--Thanks be to God, who Always leads/helps us to--Overcome/triumph in Christ

and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. 15 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; 16 to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things? 17 For we are not like many, peddling the Word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.

## CHAPTER 3

1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you? 2 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all people; 3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart

4 And we have such trust through Christ toward God. 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, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the people of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was, 8 how much more the ministry of the Spirit is with never-ending abundant Glory?

9 For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of Righteousness abound in Glory. 10 For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory because of the glory that surpasses it. 11 For if that which fades away was with glory, much more that which remains is in glory.

12 Therefore having such a hope, we use great boldness in our speech, 13 and are not like Moses, who used to put a veil over his face so that the people of Israel would not look intently at the end of what was fading away. 14 But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant/testament--the same veil remains on them, because--it is only Removed in Jesus Christ.

15 But to this day whenever Moses/the Pentateuch is read, a veil/fog/darkness-- lies over their heart; 16 but whenever a person turns to the Jesus--the veil is taken away.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding/looking as in a mirror the Glory of the Lord--are Being Transformed into the same Image--from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

## CHAPTER 4

1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, 2 but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating/changing the Word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every person's Conscience--in the sight of God.

3 And even if our gospel is hidden/veiled, it is hidden--to those who are perishing, 4 in

whose case the god of this world/satan--has Blinded the Minds of the Unbelieving--so that they might Not see the Light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the Image of God.

5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the Knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

7 But we have this Treasure--in earthen vessels/bodies, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; 8 we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying about in the body--the dying of Jesus Christ, so that the Life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. 12 So death works in us, but life in you.

13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak, 14 knowing that God who raised the Lord Jesus will Raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you. 15 For all things are for your sake's, so that the Grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of Thanks to abound to the Glory of God.

16 Therefore we do Not lose heart, but though our outer person/body is decaying/getting old--yet our Inner Person/born-again--is being Renewed day by day.

17 For our momentary, light Afflictions are producing for us an Eternal Weight of Glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while

--we Look Not at the things which are Seen, but at the things--which are Not seen;

-- for the things which are seen are temporal/perishing--

--but the things of God--which are not seen--are Eternal.

## CHAPTER 5

1 For we know that if the earthly tent/body/earth suit which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house/body--not made with hands--Eternal in the Heavens.

2 For indeed in this house/body--we groan, longing to be Clothed with our dwelling/body/habitation from Heaven,



3 inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found naked. 4 For indeed while we are in this body, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life. 5 Now He who prepared us for this very purpose is God--who gave to us the Spirit as a pledge/guarantee.

6 Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord— 7 for we Walk by Faith--Not by Sight— 8 we are of good Courage, I say, and prefer rather to be Absent from the body and to be at home in Heaven with the Lord. 9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent--to be Pleasing to God.

10 For we must All Appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ--so that each one may be--recompensed/rewarded for our deeds/Works in the body--according to what we have done--whether good or bad.

11 Therefore, knowing the Fear/terror of the Lord, we witness, teach and try to persuade people--to come to God and Repent, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences. 12 We are not again commending ourselves to you but are giving you an occasion to be proud of us, so that you will have an answer for those who take pride in appearance and not in heart.

13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are of sound mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ compels us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might No Longer--live for themselves--  
--but for Jesus Christ who died and rose again on their behalf.

16 Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. 17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, they are-- a New being/creation-- the Old Things are passed away--behold, all New things have come/become new.

18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ--Repent of any Sins--and be reconciled to God.

21 God made Jesus Christ who knew no sin--to Be Sin on our behalf, --so that we Might become--the Righteousness of God--in Him.

## CHAPTER 6

1 And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the Grace of God in vain— 2 for He says,

“At the acceptable time I listened to you,  
And on the day of salvation I helped you.”Behold,  
--Now is the Time behold, Now/today--is the Day of Salvation.

3 Giving no cause for offense in anything, so that the ministry will not be discredited, 4 but in everything commending ourselves as Servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,  
5 in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger, 6 in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love,

7 in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and the left, 8 by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; regarded as deceivers and yet true; 9 as unknown--yet well-known/to God, as dying yet behold, we live; as punished yet not put to death, 10 as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich/in God,  
--as having Nothing/in this world--yet Possessing All Things/Overcomers Rewards--in God's Kingdom.

11 Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our heart is opened wide. 12 You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in your own affections. 13 Now in a like exchange—I speak as to children—open wide to us also.

14 Do not be bound/yoked together with Unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what Fellowship--has Light with Darkness? 15 Or what harmony has Christ with false religions/doctrines,  
or--what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? 16 Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols?

--For we are the Temple--of the living God; just as God said,  
--I will dwell in them and walk among them;  
And I will be their God, and--they shall be My people.

17 Therefore--come out/Leave from the midst of evil sinful worldly-minded people and Be Separate/sanctified--says Almighty God.

“And do not touch what is unclean;  
And I will welcome/receive you.  
18 And I will be a Father to you,  
And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,”  
Says the Lord.

## CHAPTER 7

1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us--Cleanse Ourselves--from all defilement/sins of flesh and spirit-- perfecting Holiness--in the Fear of God.

2 Open your hearts to us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have cheated no one. 3 I do not say this to condemn; for I have said before that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together. 4 Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation.

5 For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears. 6 Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, 7 and not only by his coming, but also by the consolation with which he was comforted in you, when he told us of your earnest desire, your mourning, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more.

8 For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while. 9 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing.

10 For the Godly Sorrow that is according to the Will of God--produces a Repentance without regret/or having to keep repenting of--that leads to Salvation, but the repentance/sorrow of the world produces death.

11 For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter. 12 Therefore, although I wrote to you, I did not do it for the sake of them who had done the wrong, nor for the sake of those who suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear to you.

13 Therefore we have been comforted in your comfort. And we rejoiced exceedingly more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. 14 For if in anything I have boasted to him about you, I am not ashamed. But as we spoke all things to you in truth, even so our boasting to Titus was found true. 15 And his affections are greater for you as he remembers the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling you received him. 16 Therefore I rejoice that I have confidence in you in everything.

## CHAPTER 8

1 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: 2 that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. 3 For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely

willing, 4 imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. 6 So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well.

7 But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also. 8 I am not speaking this as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also. 9 For you know the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich in Heaven--yet for your sake He became poor on this earth, so that you through His poverty might become eternally rich/ in Rewards in Heaven living and having fellowship with him.

10 I give my opinion in this matter, for this is to your advantage, who were the first to begin a year ago not only to do this, but also to desire to do it. 11 But now finish doing it also, so that just as there was the readiness to desire it, so there may be also the completion of it by your ability.

12 If there be a Willing Mind--it is acceptable according to what a person has, and--not according to what they don't have. 13 For this is not for the ease of others and for your affliction, but by way of equality— 14 at this present time your abundance being a supply for their need, so that their abundance also may become a supply for your need, that there may be equality; 15 as it is written, “Whoever gathered much did not have too much, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

16 But thanks be to God who puts the same earnest care for you into the heart of Titus. 17 For he not only accepted the exhortation, but being more diligent, he went to you of his own accord. 18 And we have sent with him the brother whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches, 19 and not only that, but who was also chosen by the churches to travel with us with this gift, which is administered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself and to show your ready mind,

20 avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this lavish gift which is administered by us 21 providing honorable things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of people.

22 And we have sent with them our brother whom we have often proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, because of the great confidence which we have in you. 23 If anyone inquires about Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker concerning you. Or if our brethren are inquired about, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ.

24 Therefore show to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love and of

our boasting on your behalf.

## CHAPTER 9

1 Now concerning the ministering to the saints, it is unnecessary for me to write to you; 2 for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority. 3 Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready;

4 lest if some Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you) should be ashamed of this confident boasting. 5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation.

6 Now this I say, whoever sows/gives sparingly--will also reap sparingly,  
--and whoever sows/gives bountifully--will also reap bountifully.

7 Each one must do/give- just as they have purposed in their hearts,  
--not grudgingly or under compulsion/forced to,  
for--God loves--a Cheerful Giver.

8 And God is able to make All Grace abound to you, so that always having all  
sufficiency in everything--you may have an Abundance--for every good deed/works;

9 as it is written,  
“They scattered abroad-- they Gave to the Poor,  
--Their Righteousness--endures forever.”

10 Now God who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; 11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality/giving things away, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. 12 For the ministry of this service is not only--  
--fully supplying/meeting the Needs--of the Saints--but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.

13 Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the Gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all, 14 while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you. 15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gifts

## CHAPTER 10

1 Now I, Paul, myself urge you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am meek when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent. 2 I ask that when I am present I need not be bold with the confidence with which I propose to be courageous against some, who regard us as if we walked according to the flesh. 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not fight like the world does wars,

4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of evil fortresses/strongholds. 5 We are destroying religious Lies, and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and

-- we are taking every Thought Captive--to the Obedience of Christ.

6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

7 Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in himself, that just as he is Christ's, even so we are Christ's. 8 For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Lord gave us for edification and not for your destruction, I shall not be ashamed—

9 lest I seem to terrify you by letters. 10 “For his letters,” they say, “are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible/mean-spirited.” 11 Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such we will also be in deed when we are present.

12 For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. 13 We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us—a sphere which especially includes you.

14 For we are not overextending ourselves (as though our authority did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ; 15 not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other people's labors, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere, 16 to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's sphere of accomplishment.

17 But “whoever glories, let them glory in the Lord.” 18 For not the person who commends themselves is approved, but whom the Lord approves/commends/has pleasure in.

## CHAPTER 11

1 I would that you would bear with me in a little foolishness; but indeed you are bearing with me. 2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one

husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure Virgin. 3 But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness/lies, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion/serving to Christ.

4 For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have Not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully. 5 For I consider myself not in the least inferior to the most eminent apostles. 6 But even if I am unskilled in speech, yet I am not so in knowledge; in fact, in every way we have made this evident to you in all things.

13 For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, Disguising themselves as apostles/ministers/evangelists of Christ.

14 No wonder, for even satan disguises himself--as an angel of light/false religions and doctrines. 15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose End--will be according to their Deeds.

16 Again I say, let no one think me foolish; but if you do, receive me even as foolish, so that I also may boast a little. 17 What I am saying, I am not saying as the Lord would, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of boasting. 18 Since many boast according to the flesh, I will boast also.

19 For you, being so wise, tolerate the foolish gladly. 20 For you tolerate it if anyone enslaves you, anyone devours you, anyone takes advantage of you, anyone exalts themselves, anyone hits you in the face. 21 To my shame I must say that we have been weak by comparison.

But in whatever respect anyone else is bold—I speak in foolishness—I am just as bold myself.

22 Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. 23 Are they servants of Christ?—I speak as if I was a fool—I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death.

24-- Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine whipping lashes--

25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep/ocean. 26 I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren/fake saints;

27 I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights,

--in hunger and thirst, Often without Food, in cold and exposure. 28 Apart from all these external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches.

## CHAPTER 12

1 Boasting is necessary, though it is not profitable; but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. 2 I know a man/Paul himself--in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man--was caught up to the Third Heaven/where God's Kingdom is.

3 And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows--was caught up into Paradise/Heaven and heard inexpressible words, which a person can't comprehend to explain about here. 5 On behalf of such a man I will boast; but --on my own behalf I will Not Boast--except in regard to my weaknesses.

6 For if I do wish to boast I will not be foolish, for I will be speaking the truth; but I refrain from this, so that no one will credit me with more than they see in me or hears from me.

7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from Exalting Myself, there was given me a Thorn in the flesh/not a sickness, disease, or blindness, a messenger of satan to torment me/--wherever Paul preached satan--got the peoples/Thorns--stirred up against him—to keep me from exalting myself.

8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. 9 And He has said to me, “My Grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses/Thorns, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak/battling thorns in the flesh--then I am strong.

11 I have become foolish; and you yourselves compelled me. Actually I should have been commended by you, for in no respect was I inferior to the most eminent apostles, even though I am a nobody. 12 The signs of a True Apostle were performed among you with all Faith--by doing Signs and Wonders and Miracles/in Jesus Christ's Name. 13 For in what respect were you treated as inferior to the rest of the churches, except that I myself did not become a burden to you? Forgive me this wrong.

## CHAPTER 13

1 This is the third time I am coming to you.  
--Every fact/matter/word is to be confirmed by the testimony of two or three



witnesses. 2 I have previously said when present the second time, and though now absent I say in advance to those who have sinned in the past and to all the rest as well, that if I come again I will not spare anyone, 3 since you are seeking for proof of the Christ who speaks in me, and who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you. 4 For indeed He was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we will live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you.

5 Test Yourselves--to see if you are--In the Faith--Examine Yourselves.

Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you have become a backslider and won't repent? 6 But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves are not backsliders. 7 Now we pray to God that you do no wrong; not that we ourselves may appear approved, but that you may do what is right, even though we may appear unapproved.

8-- For we can do nothing against the truth--but only for the Truth.  
9 For we rejoice when we ourselves are weak but you are strong; this we also pray for, that you be made complete. 10 For this reason I am writing these things while absent, so that when present I need not use severity, in accordance with the authority which the Lord gave me for building up and not for tearing down.

11 Finally, brothers and sisters, Rejoice--be made complete/mature in Christ, be comforted, be like-minded--Live in Peace--and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss/embrace/hug. 13 All the saints greet you. 14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, --and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit--be with you all.

## **End Book Of 2<sup>nd</sup> CORINTHIANS**

# **Book Of GALATIANS**

## **Here is a brief Summary of the Book of GALATIANS:**

--Paul gives some of his history with Jesus after being saved.

--"Remember the poor to help them out."

--"Christ redeemed us from the Curse of the Law."

--"Love your Neighbor as yourself."

--The deeds or Works of the sinful flesh are given.

--"God is Not mocked a person reaps what they sow."

# Book Of GALATIANS

## CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, an apostle who is not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead.

2 To all the saints who are with me, and the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave Himself--for our sins so that He might rescue us--from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forevermore. Amen.

6 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting God who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; 7 which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the Gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we, or an Angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, they are to be accursed

10 For am I now seeking the favor of people, or of God? Or am I striving to please people? If I were still trying to please people--I would not be a Bond-Servant of Christ.

11 For I would have you know, my dear saints, that the Gospel which was preached by me is not according to a person. 12 For I neither received it, nor was I taught it from a person, but I received it--through a Revelation of Jesus Christ.

13 For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it; 14 and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions. 15 But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb--and Called Me through His grace, was pleased

16 to reveal His Son in me so that--I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me; but I went away to Arabia, and returned once more to Damascus.

18 Then three years later I went up to Jerusalem to become acquainted with Peter, and stayed with him fifteen days. 19 But I did not see any other of the apostles except James, the Lord's brother. 20 (Now in what I am writing to you, I assure you before God that I am Not lying.) 21 Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. 22 I was still unknown by sight to the churches of Judea which were in Christ; 23 but only, they kept hearing--"He who once persecuted us is now preaching the Faith which he once tried to destroy."

24 And they were glorifying God because of me.

## CHAPTER 2

1 Then after an interval of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along also. 2 It was because of a revelation that I went up; and I submitted to them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but I did so in private to those who were of reputation, for fear that I might be running, or had run, in vain. 3 But not even Titus, who was with me, though he was a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.

4 But it was because of the false brethren secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage. 5 But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel would remain with you. 6 But from those who were of high reputation (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—well, those who were of reputation contributed nothing to me.

7 But on the contrary, seeing that I had been entrusted with the Gospel to the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been to the circumcised 8 (for He who effectually worked for Peter in his apostleship to the circumcised effectually worked for me also to the Gentiles), 9 and recognizing the Grace that had been given to me, James and Cephas and John, who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, so that we might go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. 10 They only asked us to-Remember the Poor--the very thing I also was eager to do.

11 But when Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. 13 The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy.

14 But when I saw that they were Not straightforward about the Truth of the Gospel--I said to Peter in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

15 "We are Jews by nature and not sinners from among the Gentiles; 16 nevertheless knowing that a person is not justified by the works of the Law--but through Faith in Christ Jesus, even we who have Believed in Christ Jesus--so that we may be Justified by Faith in Christ--and not by the works of the Law; since by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.

17 But if, while seeking to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have also been found sinners, is Christ then a minister of sin? May it never be 18 For if I rebuild what I have once destroyed, I prove myself to be a transgressor. 19 For through the Law I died to the Law, so that I might live to God.

20 I have been Crucified--with Christ; and it is no longer I who live--but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh/body--I live by Faith--in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the Law--then Christ died needlessly.”

### CHAPTER 3

1 You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? 2 This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with Faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit--are you now being Perfected by the flesh? 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

5 So then, does He who provides you with the Spirit and works miracles among you, do it by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith?

6 Even so Abraham Believed God, and it was imputed/reckoned to him as Righteousness. 7 Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of Faith--who are children of Abraham.

8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would Justify the Gentiles by Faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the nations will be blessed in you.” 9 So then those who are of Faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer.

10 For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not abide by All things written in the book of the law, to perform them.” 11 Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, “The righteous person/saint shall--Live by Faith.”

12 However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, “Whoever practices them shall live by them.”

13 Jesus Christ 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/cross”

14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that--we would Receive the Promise of the Holy Spirit--through Faith.

15 Saints, I speak in terms of human relations: even though it is only a man’s covenant,

yet when it has been ratified, no one sets it aside or adds conditions to it. 16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as referring to many, but rather to one, “And to your seed,” that is, Christ. 17 What I am saying is this: the Law, which came four hundred and thirty years later, does not invalidate a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to nullify the promise.

18 For if the inheritance is based on law, it is no longer based on a Promise; but God has granted it to Abraham by means of a Promise.

19 Why the Law then?--It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through Angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made. 20 Now a mediator is not for one party only; whereas God is only one.

21 Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be. For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. 22 But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. 24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be—Justified/saved by Faith.

25 But now that Faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. 26 For you are all children of God only through--Faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For all of you who were Baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is neither male nor female; --for you are all One in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s descendants, and heirs according to promise.

## **CHAPTER 4**

1 Now I say, as long as the heir is a child, he does not differ at all from a slave although he is owner of everything, 2 but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by the father. 3 So also we, while we were children, were held in bondage under the elemental things of the world. 4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,

5 so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the Adoption as sons and daughters. 6 Because you are his child, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba Father.” 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave--but an Heir through God.

8 However at that time, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those which by nature are no gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you Turn Back again--to the weak and worthless things/sins, to which you desire to--be Enslaved all over again? 10 You observe days and months and seasons and years. 11 I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.

## CHAPTER 5

1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep Standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

2 Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you. 3 And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. 4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit, by Faith, are Waiting for the Hope of Righteousness/the completion of our Salvation.

6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but --Faith--working through Love.

7 You were Running well; who hindered you--from Obeying the Truth? 8 This persuasion did not come from Him who calls you. 9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough. 10 I have confidence in you in the Lord that you will adopt no other view; but the one who is disturbing you will bear his judgment, whoever he is.

11 But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been abolished. 12 I wish that those who are troubling you would be cut off.

13 For you were called to freedom, my fellow saints; only--do Not turn your freedom into--a Sinful opportunity for your Flesh, but through Love--serve one another. 14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, “You shall Love your Neighbor--as Yourself.” 15 But if you bite and devour one another--take care that you are not consumed by one another.

16 But I say, Walk in the Spirit--and you will Not do the Desires of the sinful flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit is against the flesh; for these are in opposition--to one another, so that you may Not do the things that you please.

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.

19 **Now the Deeds of the Flesh are evident, which are**—immorality/sexual sins, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hate, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, --that those who Practice such Sinful things--will Not Inherit--the Kingdom of God.

22 **But the Fruit of the Spirit is**--love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus--have Crucified/put to death--the sinful Flesh--with its passions and desires.

25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. 26 Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

## CHAPTER 6

1 Saints, if anyone is caught in any trespass/sins, you who are spiritual--restore such a one in a Spirit of Gentleness; each one looking out for yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. 2 Bear--each others burdens, and thereby fulfill the Law/command of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks they are really something when they are nothing--they deceive themselves.

4 But each one must examine--their own work, and then they will have reason for boasting in regard to themselves alone, and not in regard to another. 5 For each one will bear their own actions done.

6 The one who is taught the Word is to share all good things with the person(s) who teaches them.

7 Do Not be deceived, God is Not mocked--for whatever a person sows, this they will also reap. 8 For the person who sows to their own flesh will from the flesh--reap corruption, but the person who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit--reap Eternal Life. 9 Let us Not lose heart/become weary in Doing Good/righteousness--for in Due Time--we will Reap/get rewarded--IF--we do Not grow weary or faint/or give-up.

10 So then, while we have opportunity--let us Do Good Works to all people, and --especially to those/saints/believers/Christians--who are of the Household of the Faith in Jesus Christ.

18 The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

## End Book Of GALATIANS



# **Book Of EPHESIANS**

## **Here is a brief Summary of the Book of EPHESIANS:**

- "God chose us in Him before the foundations of the world."
- "After you got Saved you were sealed with the Holy Ghost of promise."
- "The Name of Jesus Christ is Above every name."
- "For by Grace you are Saved through Faith."
- "God is able to do exceedingly abundantly, above anything we can ask or think."
- "Walk as Children of Light."
- "Put on the whole Armor of God that you may be able to withstand the onslaughts of the enemy/satan."

# Book Of EPHESIANS

## CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,  
To the Saints who are at Ephesus and who are Faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace to you  
and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
--who has Blessed us--with every spiritual blessing--in the Heavenly Places in Christ,

4 --just as He Chose Us in Him Before--the Foundation of the world,  
--that we would be Holy and Blameless--before Him in Love.

5-- God Predestined us to Adoption as Children--through Jesus Christ to Himself,  
according to the kind intention of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace,  
which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

7 In Jesus Christ we have redemption/salvation--through His Blood,  
--the Forgiveness of our trespasses/sins--according to the riches of His Grace 8 which  
He lavished on us.

In all wisdom and insight 9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to  
His kind intention which He purposed in Him 10 with a view to an administration  
suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things  
in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him 11 also we have obtained an Inheritance,  
--having been Predestined--according to His purpose who works all things after the  
counsel of His will, 12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be  
to the praise of His glory.

13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation  
—having also Believed--you were Sealed in Him--with the Holy Spirit of promise,  
4 who is given as a pledge of our Inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's  
own possession, to the praise of His glory.

15 For this reason I too, having heard of the Faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among  
you and--your Love for--All the Saints,

16 do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my  
prayers; 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may

-- give to you a Spirit of Wisdom and of Revelation--in the Knowledge of Him.

18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is

the Hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His Inheritance in the Saints,

19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who Believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.

21 Jesus Christ is far Above ALL--rule and authority and power and dominion, and every Name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And He put all things in subjection under Jesus Christ's feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

## CHAPTER 2

1 You Were Dead--in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked --according to the course of this world, -- according to the prince of the power of the air/satan--of the spirit that is now working in--the people of Disobedience.

3 Among them we too all formerly lived in the Lusts of Our Flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature Children of Wrath, even as the rest.

4 But God, being rich in Mercy, because of His great Love with which He loved us-- even when we were dead in our transgressions--made us alive together with Christ. By Grace you have been Saved, 6 and raised us up with Him, --and seated us with Him in the Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

8 For by Grace you have been Saved through Faith--and that Not of yourselves, --it is the Gift of God--not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

10 For we are His Workmanship--created in Christ Jesus--for doing Good Works-- which God prepared beforehand--so that We would Walk in them.

11 Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands— 12 remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the Blood of Christ.

14 For Jesus Christ is our Peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two

into one new person, thus establishing peace, 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

17 And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; 18 for through Jesus we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets--Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a Holy Temple--in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together--into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

### CHAPTER 3

1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles 2 if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you; 3 that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. 4 By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which in other generations was not made known to people, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit;

6 to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, 7 of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.

8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; 10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

11 This was in accordance with the Eternal Purpose/plan which God carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord--in whom we have Boldness and Confident access through Faith in Him. 13 Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf, for they are your glory.

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be Strengthened with Power through His Spirit in the inner person, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your Hearts through Faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in Love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the Love of Christ which

surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up--to All the Fullness of God.

20 Now to God who is able to do far more abundantly/exceedingly--beyond/above All that we can ask or think--according to the Power that works within us, 21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

## CHAPTER 4

1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore/beg you to Walk in a manner worthy of the Calling with which you have been called,

2 --with all humility and gentleness,--with patience,  
--showing tolerance for one another in love,

3 being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of Peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

7 But to each one of us Grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore it says,

“When He ascended on high,  
He led captive a host of captives,  
And He gave Gifts to people.”

9 (Now this expression, “He ascended,” what does it mean except that Jesus Christ also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is Himself also --He who ascended Far above All the Heavens, so that He might fill all things.)

11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the Body of Christ;

13 until we all attain to the unity of the Faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, --to a mature person, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the --fullness/maturity of Christ.

14 As a result, we are No Longer to be Children--tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of evil people, by craftiness in deceitful scheming;

15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

17 So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk--in the futility/emptiness of their mind, 18 being Darkened in their

understanding,--Excluded from the Life of God--because of the Willful Ignorance--that is in them, because of--the Hardness of their Heart;

19 and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to evil sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with Greediness. 20 But you did not learn Christ in this way, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,

22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside--the Old Self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that You be --Renewed in the Spirit of your Mind,

24 and --Put On--the New Self, which in the Likeness of God has --been Created in Righteousness and Holiness of the Truth.

25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood/lies, speak truth each one of you with their neighbor, for we are members of one another. 26 Be Angry, and do Not Sin;

--do not let the sun go down on your Anger, 27 and do not give the devil an opportunity. 28 Whoever steals--must steal no longer; but rather they--must Labor, performing with their own hands what is good--so that they will have something to share with one who has need.

29 Let No unwholesome words/conversation/cussing proceed from your mouth, but only such words as are good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give Grace to those who hear. 30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Let all Bitterness and Wrath and Anger and clamor/yelling and slander/gossip--be Put Away from you Immediately.

32-- Be Kind to one another, Tender-Hearted,

--Forgiving each other--just as God in Christ also--has Forgiven you.

## CHAPTER 5

1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; 2 and--Walk in Love--just as Christ also loved you and Gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

3 But--immorality/sexual sins--or any impurity or greed--must Not ever be named among you, as is proper among saints;

4 and there must be--No filthiness and silly talk--gossip--or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather--Giving of Thanks.

5 For this you know with certainty,

-- that No immoral or impure/fornicator person or covetous person, who is an idolater, has an Inheritance--in the Eternal Kingdom of Christ and God.

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the Wrath of God comes upon the people of Disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them; 8 for you were formerly darkness--but now you are Light in the Lord;

Walk--as Children of Light

9 --for the fruit of the Light consists of--all goodness and righteousness and truth, 10 trying to Learn what is Pleasing to the Lord.

11 Do Not--participate in the unfruitful deeds of Darkness--but instead even expose them; 12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things/porno etc which are done by them in secret. 13 But all things become visible--when they are exposed by the Light, for everything that becomes visible is light. 14 For this reason it says,  
“Awake, you that are sleeping  
And arise from the dead,  
And Christ will shine on you.”

15 Therefore be careful how you Walk/make choices--not as Unwise People but as wise/smart Saints--  
-- making the most Profit of your Time--because the days are evil.

17 So then do Not be Foolish, but understand what the Will of the Lord is.

18 --And do Not get Drunk with alcohol/wines/beers/hard liquors, for that is dissipation/foolishness--but be filled with the Spirit,

19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your Heart to the Lord; 20 always Giving Thanks for all things in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; 21 and be subject to one another --in the Fear of Christ.

22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives--just as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that Jesus Christ might present to Himself the Church in all her glory, having No spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be Holy and Blameless. 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, 30 because we are members of His body. 31 For this reason a man

shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself--and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

## CHAPTER 6

1 Children--Obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), 3 so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up--in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

10 Finally--be Strong in the Lord and in the strength/Power of His might.

11 Put on the full/whole/complete Armor of God--so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes/webs of the devil.

12 For our struggles/battles are not--against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against evil powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in high places.

13 Therefore, take up the full Armor of God, so that you will be able to Resist in the evil day, and having done everything--to Stand Firm.

14--- Stand firm therefore, having girded/belted your loins with Truth, and having put on the Breastplate of Righteousness,

15-- and having shod your feet with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace;

16 --in addition to all, taking up the Shield of Faith with which you will be able to --extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one/devil.

17-- And take the Helmet of Salvation,

-- and the Sword of the Spirit--which is the Word of God.

18 With all prayer and petition Pray At All times in the Spirit, and with this in view, --be--On the Alert--with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, 19 and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,



20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

21 But that you also may know about my circumstances, how I am doing, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make everything known to you. 22 I have sent him to you for this very purpose, so that you may know about us, and that he may comfort your hearts.

23 Peace be to all the saints, and Love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love.

**End Book Of EPHESIANS**

# **Book Of PHILIPPIANS**

## **Here is a brief Summary of the Book of PHILIPPIANS:**

“God has begun a good work in you and he shall perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

--”For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

--”Everyone will bow at the Name of Jesus Christ.”

--”Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

--”Forgetting the past I Press On for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

--”Rejoice in the Lord always.”

--”I can do all things through Jesus Christ.”

--”My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

# Book Of PHILIPPIANS

## CHAPTER 1

1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the Saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, 5 in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 For I am confident of this very thing, that God who began a good work in you will—Perform/complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.

7 For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me. 8 For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent--

--in order to be sincere and Blameless--until the Day of Christ--

11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

12 Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, 13 so that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else, 14 and that most of the saints, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the Word of God without fear.

15 Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will; 16 the latter do it out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; 17 the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment. 18 What then/can I say?\_

Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth--Jesus Christ is preached/taught/proclaimed--I will rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, 19 for I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, 20 according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I will not be put to shame in anything, but that with all boldness, Christ will even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

21-- For to me--to Live is Christ--and to Die is Gain/go to Heaven--

22 But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not

know which to choose. 23 But I am hard-pressed from both directions,  
-- having the desire to Depart and be with Christ--for that is very much better--  
24 yet to remain on in the flesh/human body is more necessary for your  
sake. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your  
progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that your proud confidence in me may abound in  
Christ Jesus through my coming to you again.

27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner Worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that whether  
I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one  
spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; 28 in no way alarmed  
by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you,  
and that too, from God.

29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake--not only to Believe in Him, but  
also--to Suffer/endure tribulation/persecution--for His sake, 30 experiencing the same  
conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

## CHAPTER 2

1 Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if  
there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, 2 make my joy  
complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent  
on one purpose. 3 Do Nothing--from Selfishness or Empty Conceit, but with Humility of  
Mind--regard one another as more important--than yourselves;

4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests--but also for the interests of  
others.

5 Have this Attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He  
existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as a thing to be  
grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in  
the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man--Jesus Humbled Himself by  
becoming Obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross.

9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and gave--  
---**Jesus Christ--the Name--which is Above Every Name--**

10 so that at the Name of Jesus Christ--every Knee will Bow--of those who are in  
heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and that Every Tongue/at the White Throne Judgment will Confess--that Jesus Christ  
is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 So then, my beloved, just as you 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--

13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work--for His good pleasure.

14 Do All Things--without grumbling or disputing-- so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent—children/saints of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom--you appear as Lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all. 18 You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition. 20 For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. 21 For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus. 22 But you know of his proven worth, that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel like a child serving his father. 23 Therefore I hope to send him immediately, as soon as I see how things go with me; 24 and I trust in the Lord that I myself also will be coming shortly.

25 But I thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need; 26 because he was longing for you all and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. 27 For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly so that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned about you. 29 Receive him then in the Lord with all joy, and hold people/saints--like him in high regard; 30 because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me.

## CHAPTER 3

1 Finally, my fellow saints, Rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things again is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you.

2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision; 3 for we are the true circumcision, who Worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put No Confidence--in fleshly worldly sinful works/actions. 4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of

Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord--for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and --count them but rubbish/garbage so that I may gain Christ-- 9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law,

but that which is through Faith in Christ--the Righteousness which comes from God on the basis of Faith, 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; 11 in order that I May Attain to the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I Press On so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do--  
-- Forgetting my Sinful Past--and Reaching Forward to what lies ahead,

14--I Press On toward the Goal for the Prize/Rewards--of the upward/overcoming/High Calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as are Perfect, have this attitude/mindset; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; 16 however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

17 Saints, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. 18 For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, 19 whose end is destruction, --whose god is their glutton appetite/fat bellies--and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds/desires--on earthly things.

20 For our Citizenship--is in Heaven--from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

21 --who will transform the Body of our humble state into conformity with the Body of His Glory, by the exertion of the Power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

## CHAPTER 4

1 Therefore, my beloved saints whom I long to see, my joy and crown, in this way--stand Firm/unmovable--in the Lord, my beloved.

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord. 3 Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the

cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose Names--are in the Book of Life.

#### **4 Rejoice in the Lord always--again I say, Rejoice**

5 Let your Gentle Spirit be known to all people. The Lord is near.

6-- Don't be anxious/worried about anything--

but in Everything by Prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving--let your Requests be made known to God.

7 And the Peace of God--which surpasses all comprehension/understanding--will guard/keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, saints, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of a good report, if there is any excellence/virtue and if anything worthy of praise--think/dwell--on these things.

9 The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of Peace will be with you.

10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned before, but you lacked opportunity.

11 Not that I speak from want

--for I have Learned to be Content--in Whatever Circumstances I am in--

12 I know how to get along with humble/little means--and I also know how to live in abundance; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, and of having abundance and also suffering need.

13-- I can do All Things through Jesus Christ--who Strengthens/powers me.

14 Nevertheless, you have done well to share with me in my afflictions.

15 You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; 16 for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs.

17 Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit/fruit/reward which increases to your account.

18 But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable

sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.

19 And my God will supply all your Need(s)--according to His Riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

20 Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

21 Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you. 22 All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

**End Book Of PHILIPPIANS**



# **Book Of COLOSINIANS**

## **Here is a brief Summary of the Book of COLOSINIANS:**

--"All things have been created through Christ."

--"As you have received Christ so walk in Him by continued faith and obedience."

--"Set your mind on the things above, and not on the sinful things on the earth."

--"Let the Peace of Christ--rule in your hearts."

# Book Of COLOSSIANS

## CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
2 To the saints and faithful in Christ who are at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 We give Thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; 5 because of the Hope laid up for you in Heaven, of which you previously heard in the Word of truth, the Gospel

6 which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth; 7 just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, 8 and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit.

9 For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to Pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His Will--in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you will walk in a manner Worthy of the Lord, to Please Him in all respects, bearing Fruit in every Good Work and increasing in the Knowledge of God;

11 strengthened with all Power--according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously 12 giving Thanks to the Father, who has qualified us/chosen us to share in the--Inheritance of the Saints in Light.

13 For God rescued us from the domain of Darkness,  
--and transferred us to--the Kingdom of His beloved Son,  
14 --in whom we have redemption--the Forgiveness of Sins.

15 --Jesus Christ is the Image--of the invisible God--the firstborn of all creation.

16 For by Jesus Christ--all things were created--both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—

**--All Things have been Created--through Him--and for Him.--**

17 Jesus Christ--is before all things, and in Him--all things hold together/exist. 18 He is also Head of the body--the Church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. 19 For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,

20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made Peace--through the

blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

21 And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, and engaged in evil deeds, 22 yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body/sacrifice through death, in order to present you before Him--Holy and Blameless--and beyond/without reproach/condemnation/rebuke.

23 IF--indeed you Continue in the Faith firmly established and steadfast, and Not moved away from the Hope of the Gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His Body--which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions.

25 Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the Word of God, 26 that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, 27 to whom God willed to make known what is the Riches of the Glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is --Christ in you, the Hope of glory.

28 We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching every person with all wisdom, so that we may present every person/saint—complete/mature/grown-up in Christ. 29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

## CHAPTER 2

1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, 2 that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth/riches/treasures that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery--that is, Christ Himself, 3 in whom are hidden--all the Treasures/riches/wealth--of Wisdom and Knowledge.

4 I say this so that no one will delude you with persuasive argument. 5 For even though I am absent in body, nevertheless I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good discipline and the stability/maturity of your Faith in Christ.

6 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so Walk in Him, 7 having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in Your Faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing--with Gratitude.

8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of peoples, according to the elementary principles of the

world, rather than according to Christ.

9 For in Jesus Christ dwells All the Fullness of the Godhead--bodily, 10 and in Him you have been Made Complete, and He is the Head--over all rule/powers and authority/names;

11 and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh/sinful nature by the circumcision of Christ; 12 having been buried with Him in Baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through Faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

13 When you were dead in your transgressions/sins--He made you alive together with Him, having Forgiven us All our Transgressions, 14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees/ordinances/laws against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to His Cross. 15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities/principalities/powers, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

16 Therefore Nobody is to act as--Your Judge--in regard to—your foods or drinks choices or in respect to your observing--holy days, or new moons, or--a Sabbath Day(s).

### CHAPTER 3

1 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ--keep Seeking the things Above, where Christ is--seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your Mind on the Holy things above--Not on the sinful things that are on earth.

3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

5 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as Dead to --sexual sins/immorality, impurity, evil passions, evil desires, and Greed--which amounts to Idolatry.

6 For it is because of these things that the Wrath of God will come upon the peoples of Disobedience, 7 and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

8 But now You also, put all these aside--and be Dead to--evil anger, wrath, malice, cussing, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.

9 **Do Not Lie**--to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, 10 and have Put On the New Self--who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of God who created the new born-again person,

11 a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

12 So, as those who have been Chosen of God, holy and beloved,  
Put On-- a Heart of--compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience--bearing with one another, and  
**---Forgiving each other,** whoever has a complaint against anyone--just as the Lord Forgave you--so also should you--Always Forgive people.

14 Beyond all these things--Put on Love--which is the perfect bond of unity.

15 Let the Peace of Christ--Rule in your Hearts--to which indeed you were called in one body--and Be Thankful.

16 Let the Word of Christ--richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,

Singing with Thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 Whatever you do in word or deed, --do All in the Name of the Lord Jesus--giving Thanks through Him to God the Father.

18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, Love your wives and do not be embittered against them. 20 Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.

21 Fathers, do not over-discipline your children. And love/forgive them, so that they will not lose heart/become discouraged.

23 Whatever you do, do your work/job/ministry heartily--as for the Lord rather than for people, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the Reward of the inheritance/in Heaven. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

25 For whoever does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which they have done, and that without partiality.

## CHAPTER 4

2 Devote yourselves to Prayer, keeping alert in it/think about what you are praying about seriously--

--with an Attitude of Thanksgiving; 3 praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the Word of God, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned;

4 that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.

5 Conduct yourselves with Wisdom--toward outsiders, making the most of the

opportunity. 6 Let your speech always be with Grace, as though seasoned with

salt/encouraging others in the Lord, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.

18 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. Remember my imprisonment. Grace be with you.

**End Book Of COLOSSIANS**

# Book Of 1st THESSALONIANS

## CHAPTER 1

1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; 3 constantly bearing in mind your work of faith--and Labor of Love--and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, 4 knowing, saints beloved by God, His choice of you;

5 for our Gospel of God did not come to you in Word only--but also in Power of the Holy Spirit--with Healings, Miracles, and conviction of unrepentant sins; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake.

6 You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the Word of God in much Tribulation with the Joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For the Word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your Faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. 9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you,

--and how you Turned to God from Idols--to Serve the living and True Almighty God, 10 and to wait for His Son from Heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is--Jesus Christ--who Saves us--from the Wrath of God--and going to Hell.

## CHAPTER 2

1 For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain, 2 but after we had already suffered and been mistreated in Philippi, as you know, we had the boldness in our God to speak to you the Gospel of God amid much opposition. 3 For our exhortation does not come from error or impurity or by way of deceit; 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not as pleasing people, but God who Examines our Hearts.

5 For we never came with flattering speech, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is our witness— 6 nor did we seek glory from people--either from you or from others, even though as apostles of Christ we might have asserted our authority.

7 But we proved to be Gentle among you, as a nursing mother--tenderly cares for her own children. 8 Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the Gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.

9 For you recall, brethren, our labor and hardship, how working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, we proclaimed to you--the Gospel of God.

10 You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; 11 just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, 12 so --that you would Walk--in a manner Worthy of the God--who calls you into His own Kingdom and Glory.

13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of people, but for what it really is, the Word of God, which also performs its work in you who Believe.

14 For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews, 15-- who both killed the Lord Jesus--and the prophets, and drove us out. They are Not pleasing--to God, but hostile to all people, 16 hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles/non-believers so that they may be saved; with the result that they always fill up the measure of their sins--But wrath has come upon them to the utmost.

17 But we dear saints, having been taken away from you for a short while—in person, not in spirit—were all the more eager with great desire to see your face. 18 For we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, more than once—and yet satan hindered us. 19 For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? 20 For you are our glory and joy.

## CHAPTER 3

1 Therefore when we could endure it no longer, we thought it best to be left behind at Athens alone, 2 and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's fellow worker in the Gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to Your Faith, 3 so that no one would be disturbed by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we have been destined for this. 4 For indeed when we were with you, we kept telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; and so it came to pass, as you know.

5 For this reason, when I could endure it no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you/to do sinning, and our labor would be in vain.

6 But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you, 7 for this reason, fellow Saints, in all our distress and affliction we were



comforted about you through your faith; 8 for now we will be even happier,  
--if you stand firm/Abide--in the Lord--

9 For what thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account, 10 as we night and day keep praying most earnestly that we may see your face, and may complete what is lacking in your Faith?

11 Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you; 12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you; 13 so that He may--

--establish your Hearts --without blame/not guilty in Holiness--before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

## CHAPTER 4

1 Finally then, Saints--we request and exhort/encourage you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to Walk and Please God (just as you actually do walk), that you--Excel still more. 2 For you know what commandments we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

3 --For this is the Will of God--your Holiness/sanctification;

-- that is--that You Abstain from--sexual sins/immorality;

4 that each of you know how to possess/control their

--Own Body--in Holiness/sanctification and honor--and Not in Sinful/Lustful Passions--

Don't be like the Gentiles/unbelievers who do not know God; 6 and  
that no person transgress and defraud their neighbor/kinfolk in any matter

--because the Lord is the avenger/judge/vindicator in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. 7 For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity/uncleanness, but in--Sanctification/separation to God.

9 Now as to the love of the saints, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are Taught by God--to Love one Another; 10 for indeed you do practice it toward all the saints who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, Christians, to excel still more, 11 and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your Own Business and Work with your Hands, just as we commanded you, 12 so that you will behave properly toward outsiders--and not be in any need.

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep/have died, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the Word of the Lord, that we who are alive

and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God--and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain--will be caught up together with them in the clouds--to Meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall Always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore Comfort one another with these words.

## CHAPTER 5

1 Now as to the times and the epochs/seasons, fellow saints, you have no need of anything to be written to you. 2 For you yourselves know full well that the Day of the Lord--will come just like a Thief in the Night. 3 While they are saying, "Peace and safety." then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

4 But you, my fellow saints, are Not in Darkness,  
--that the Day of the Lord--would overtake you like a Thief/breaking in; 5 for you are  
--All Children of Light and of day. We are Not of night nor of darkness;

6 so then let us Not get--complacent/sleepy as others do, but let us be alert and sober. 7 For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of Faith and Love, and as a helmet, the Hope of Salvation.

9 For God has not destined us for wrath in Hell--but for obtaining Salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

12 But we request of you, saints, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, 13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work.--Live in Peace with one another. 14 We urge you, fellow saints, correct the rebellious, encourage the fainthearted--help the weak--be Patient with everyone.

15 See that no one repays another--with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good--for one another and for all people. 16-- Rejoice Always;--  
17 Pray-without ceasing;

18-- In everything--Give Thanks--for this is God's Will for you--in Christ Jesus.

19 Do not quench/hold back/stop the Spirit; 20 do not despise prophetic utterances. 21 But examine everything carefully;

--Hold Fast to that which is Good--Abstain from every form/appearance--of Evil.

23 Now may the God of Peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, Without Blame--at the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is God who calls you--and He also will bring it to pass.

25 Saints, pray for us.

26 Greet all the saints with godly affection. 27 I adjure you by the Lord to have this letter read to all the saints.

28 The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**End Book Of 1st THESSALONIANS**

# Book Of 2nd THESSALONIANS

## CHAPTER 1

1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: 2 Grace to you and Peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
3 We ought always to give thanks to God for you, saints, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater; 4 therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God--for your Perseverance and Faith--in the midst of all your Persecutions and Afflictions--which you Endure.

5 This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment--so that you will be Considered Worthy of the Kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering. 6 For after all it is only just/righteous--for God to Repay with affliction/tribulation those who--afflict/trouble you, 7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from Heaven with His mighty Angels in flaming Fire, 8 dealing out retribution/vengeance to those who do Not know God and--to those who do Not Obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus.

9 These will pay the penalty of Eternal Destruction--away from the Presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

10 when--Jesus Christ comes to be Glorified in His Saints--on that Day Of God, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed. 11 To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, 12 so that the Name of our Lord Jesus will be Glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the Grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## CHAPTER 2

1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the Day of the Lord has come.

3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come until--the great Falling Away from God occurs among Christians/believers first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. 5 Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was

telling you these things? 6 And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.

7 For the mystery of Sin/Lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. 8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, 10 and with all the Deception of Wickedness for those who perish,  
-- because they did Not Receive the Love of the Truth--so as to be Saved.

11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence/strong Delusion so that they will Believe what is a Lie/false, 12 in order that they all may be Judged who did Not Believe the Truth, but took Pleasure--in Wickedness.

13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, saints beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. 14 It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 So then, saints, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us.

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, 17 comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

### CHAPTER 3

1 Finally, Saints, pray for us that the Word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as it did also with you; 2 and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil people; for not all have faith. 3 But the Lord is Faithful--and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. 4 We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we command. 5 May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.

6 Now we command you, saints, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you Keep Away from every brother or sister who--leads an unrepentant sinful life and Not according to the teachings which you received from us. 7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you,

8 nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we kept working night and day--so that we would not be a burden to any of you; 9 not because we do not have the right to this, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for

you, so that you would follow our example. 10 For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is Not Willing to work--then they are not to eat, either. 11 For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined sinful life, doing no work at all--but acting like busybodies/gossips. 12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread. 13 But as for you, saints--do Not grow weary--of Doing Good.

14 If anyone does Not Obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that person and do not associate with them, so that they will be put to shame. 15 Yet do not regard them as an enemy, but admonish them as a fellow saint.

16 Now may the Lord of Peace Himself continually grant you Peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all.

17 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand, and this is a distinguishing mark in every letter; this is the way I write. 18 The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**End Book 2nd THESSALONIANS**

# Book Of 1st TIMOTHY

## CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, who is our hope,

2 To Timothy, my true child in the Faith:

Grace, Mercy and Peace--from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain people Not to teach--strange doctrines, 4 nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by Faith. 5 But the goal of our instruction is--Love from a Pure Heart and--a Good Conscience --and a sincere/genuine Faith.

6 For some people, straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussions, 7 wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions.

8 But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully, 9 realizing the fact that law is Not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers 10 and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching, 11 according to the glorious Gospel of the blessed God, with which I have been entrusted.

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me Faithful--putting me into His service, 13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown Mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; 14 and the Grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus.

15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost/chief of all. 16 Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the worst case sinner, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His Perfect Patience as an example for those who would Believe in Him for Eternal Life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, --be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

18 This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you--Fight the good Fight/of Faith--

19 Keeping Faith and a good/Clear Conscience, which some have rejected--and suffered

shipwreck in regard to their Faith. 20 Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to satan, so that they will be taught Not to blaspheme.

## CHAPTER 2

1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all peoples--for kings/presidents/governors--and all who are in authority--so that we may lead a tranquil and Quiet Life in all godliness and honest living.

3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,  
4 who desires--All people to be Saved and to come to--he Knowledge of the Truth.  
5 For there is one God, and one Mediator also between God and people--  
--the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the  
testimony/sacrifice given at the proper time.

7 For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

8 Therefore I want the people in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

9 Likewise, I want

--Women--to adorn themselves with proper clothing--Modestly--and Discreetly--not with braided hair and gold or pearls or too pricey garments/dresses/shoes, 10 but rather by means of Good Works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness. 11 A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. 12 But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.

13 For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. 14 And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. 15 But women will be preserved through the bearing of children  
IF--they Continue in Faith and love and--sanctity with self-restraint.

## CHAPTER 3

1 It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of minister/overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do. 2 An overseer, then, must be above reproach/blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not over drinking too much wine, not a brawler, but gentle, peaceable, free from--the Love of Money. 4 He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity



5 (for if a man does Not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), 6 and not a new convert--so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. 7 And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snares/webs of the devil.

8 Deacons likewise must be men of dignity, not double-tongued, or drinking too much wine, or fond of sordid/sleazy gain, 9 but holding to the mystery of the Faith with a Clear Conscience.

10 These men must also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.

11 Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious Gossips, but temperate, Faithful in all things. 12 Deacons must be husbands of only one wife, and good managers of their children and their own households. 13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the Faith that is in Christ Jesus.

14 I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; 15 but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct themselves in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

16 Without controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness:

--Jesus Christ was revealed in the flesh--

Was vindicated in the Spirit,

Seen by angels,

Proclaimed among the nations,

Believed on in the world,

Taken up in glory.

## CHAPTER 4

1 The Spirit explicitly says that in Last Days--some will--Fall Away--from the Faith, paying attention to Deceitful spirits and Doctrines/religions--of demons, 2 by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron, 3 men who forbid marriage and advocate abstaining from foods which God has created to be gratefully shared in by those who believe and know the truth.

4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected IF--it is received with --gratitude/thanks-- for it is sanctified by means of the Word of God and Prayer.

6 In pointing out these things to the Saints, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, constantly nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound doctrine which

you have been following. 7 But have nothing to do with--Worldly Fables/Evolutionary Theories.

On the other hand, Discipline Yourself--for the purpose of Godliness; 8 for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but --Godliness is Profitable--for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and--also for the Eternal Life to come.

9 It is a trustworthy statement deserving full acceptance. 10 For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our Hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of Believers/Christians.

11 Timothy--Prescribe and teach these things. 12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an Example to those who Believe. 13 Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching. 14 Do not neglect the Spiritual Gift within you, which was bestowed on you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery/elders.

15 Meditate on these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. 16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure Salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

## CHAPTER 5

1 Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him as a father, to the younger men as brothers, 2 the older women as mothers, and the younger women as sisters, in all purity.

3 Honor widows who are widows indeed; 4 but if any widow has children or grandchildren, they must first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God. 5 Now she who is a widow indeed and who has been left alone, has fixed her Hope on God and continues in entreaties and prayers night and day. 6 But she who gives herself to wanton pleasures/lusts is dead even while she lives.

7 Prescribe these things as well, so that they may be above reproach. 8 But if anyone does Not provide for their own, and especially for those of their own household--they have denied the faith and are worse than an unbeliever/infidel.

9 A widow is to be put on the list/for aid only if she is not less than sixty years old, having been the wife of one man, 10 having a reputation for good works; and if she has brought up children, if she has shown hospitality to strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has assisted those in distress, and if she has Devoted herself to every

Good Work.

11 But refuse to put younger widows on the list/for aid, for when they feel sensual desires in disregard of Christ, they want to get married, 12 thus incurring condemnation, because they have set aside their previous pledge. 13 At the same time they also learn to be idle, as they go around from house to house; and not merely idle, but also Gossips and Busybodies--talking about things not proper to mention.

14 Therefore, I want younger widows to get married, bear children, keep house, and give the enemy no occasion for reproach; 15 for some have already turned aside to follow satan. 16 If any woman who is a believer has dependent widows, she must assist them and the church must not be burdened, so that it may assist those who are widows indeed.

17 The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at Preaching and Teaching. 18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle the ox while it is threshing," and--"The Laborer is Worthy of their Wages." 19 Do not receive an accusation against an Elder except on the basis of two or three witnesses. 20 Those who--Continue in Sin--Rebuke/correct in the presence of all, so that the rest also will be--Fearful of Sinning.

21 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus and of His chosen angels, to maintain these principles without bias, doing nothing in a spirit of partiality. 22 Do not lay hands upon anyone too hastily and thereby share responsibility for the sins of others;  
--Keep Yourself--Free from Sin--

23 No longer drink water exclusively, but use a Little Wine for the sake of your stomach. 24 The sins of some people are quite evident, going before them to judgment;--for others--their Sins follow after they die. 25 Likewise also, deeds that are good are quite evident, and those which are otherwise cannot be concealed.

## CHAPTER 6

1 Let as many servants as are under the yoke/slaves count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed.

2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

3 If any person teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

4 They are proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strives/meanings of words, whereof comes envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

5 Perverse disputings of people of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain/money is godliness: from such withdraw yourself.

**6 --Godliness/holiness is--of great gain/reward--when accompanied by--Contentment--**

7 For we have brought nothing--into the world--so we cannot take anything out of it either. 8 If we have food and covering/clothing, with these--we shall be Content.

9 But those who lust greedily to get rich--fall into temptation and a Snare and many foolish and harmful desires--which plunge people into ruin and destruction.

10--For the Love of Money is the root of all sorts of evil--and some by longing for it have wandered away--from the Faith and pierced themselves--with many griefs/sorrows.

11 But Flee--from these things, you Saint of God--and Pursue--righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.

12 --Fight the Good Fight of Faith--take hold/stay with/abide on Eternal Life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

14 that you keep/Obey the Commandments of Jesus Christ—thus being without stain/sin or reproach/blemish until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which He will bring about at the proper time

—Jesus who is the blessed and only Sovereign--the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 --who alone possesses Immortality and dwells in Unapproachable Light, whom no person has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

17 Instruct those who are Rich/wealthy in this present world Not--to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches/money--but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.

18 --Instruct them to do good-- to be Rich in Good Works-- to Be Generous--and Ready to Share, 19 storing up for themselves the Treasure of a good Foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of eternal life.

20 O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding--worldly and empty chatter/idle talking and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called science/evolutionary theories— 21 which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith.

Grace be with you.

**End Book Of 1st TIMOTHY**

# Book Of 2nd TIMOTHY

## CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I thank God, whom I serve with a Clear Conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day, 4 longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well. 6 For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh --the Gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

**7 For God has Not given us--a Spirit of Fear/worry--  
--but of --Power--and--Love--and a--Sound Mind.**

8 Therefore do Not be Ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in Suffering for the Gospel according to the power of God,

9 who has Saved us and called us with a Holy Calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, 10 but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and Immortality to light through the Gospel, 11 for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.

12 For this reason I also suffer these things,

**but I am Not Ashamed; for I know whom I have Believed and I am convinced that  
He is able--to guard/save—that which I have entrusted to Him until that Judgment Day.**

13 Retain the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure/salvation which has been entrusted to you.

## CHAPTER 2

1 You therefore, my son/Timothy--be Strong in the Grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful saints who will be able to teach others also.

3-- Suffer hardships/trials/tests/difficulties with me, as a Good soldier/trooper--of Christ Jesus. 4 No soldier/trooper in active service entangles themselves in the affairs of everyday life, so/because that they may please the one who enlisted them as a

soldier. 5 Also if anyone competes as an athlete, they do not win the prize unless they compete according to the rules. 6 The hard-working farmer ought to be the first to receive their share of the crops. 7 Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descendant of David, according to my Gospel,

9 for which I suffer hardship--even to imprisonment as a criminal; but the Word of God is not imprisoned. 10 For this reason I Endure--all things for the sake of those who are Chosen, so that they also May obtain the Salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it Eternal Glory.

11 It is a trustworthy statement:

For IF we died with Jesus Christ--we will also--Live with Him Eternally;

12 --IF we Endure--we will also--Reign with Him Eternally;

--IF we deny Him--He also will Deny us;

13 IF we are faithless, He remains Faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

14 Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle/strive about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers. 15 Be diligent to--

--Present Yourself approved to God as a disciple/follower who does Not need to be ashamed, and is accurately knowing/handling/and doing--the Word of Truth/God.

16 But Avoid--worldly and empty chatter/gossip--for it will lead to further ungodliness, 17 and their talk will spread like a plague.

Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 men who have gone astray from the truth saying that the final resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some.

19 Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal,

**--God Almighty knows those--who are His/saints/children--**

--and--“Everyone who names--the Name of the Lord is to Abstain--from thinking and doing Wickedness.”

20 Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to Honor and some to dishonor.

21 Therefore, if anyone Cleanses Themselves--from sinful/wicked/evil things, --they will be a Vessel for honor, sanctified--useful to the Master--prepared for every good work.

22 Now Flee from youthful lusts/sexual sins/greediness--and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a Pure Heart.

23 But Refuse--foolish and ignorant speculations/questions, knowing that they produce quarrels.

24 The Lord's Servant must Not--be quarrelsome/strive-- but be Kind to all, able to Teach, Patient when they are charged/judged/wronged,

25-- with Gentleness--correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them Repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and Escape from the Snares/webs of the devil--having been held captive by him to do his evil wicked will/ways.

### CHAPTER 3

1 --But realize/know this--that in the Last Days--perilous/difficult times will come.

2 --For people will be lovers of themselves,-- lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, --disobedient to parents,-- ungrateful, unholy, 3-- unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips,-- without self-control, brutal, --haters of good, 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited,

--Lovers of Pleasures-- rather than Lovers of God, 5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; --Avoid such peoples as these.

6 For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses/lusts,

7 --always learning and Never able to come to the Knowledge of the Truth--

8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith. 9 But they will not make further progress; for their folly will be obvious to all, just as Jannes's and Jambres's folly was also.

10 Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what Persecutions I Endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me

12 Indeed, --All who Live godly in Christ Jesus—shall suffer Persecution.

13 But evil people and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and--profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the person/saint of God may be adequate, equipped for--Every Good Work.

## CHAPTER 4

1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to Judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom:

2 --Preach the Word--be Ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

3 For the time will come when the people you are teaching--will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their Sins condoned/don't need to Repent, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their Own Desires, 4 and will Turn Away their ears from the Truth and will turn aside to false teachings/religions.

5 But you, be Sober in all things, Endure hardships/difficulties--do the Work of an Evangelist--fulfill your ministry.

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure (to Heaven) has come.

7-- I have Fought the good Fight,

--I have Finished--my Course,

--I have Kept--the Faith;

8 --There is laid up for me--the Crown of Righteousness--which the Lord, the Righteous Judge--will Award to me on that Judgment Day;

--and not only to me, but also

to--All who have loved Jesus Christ--and look forward/keep enduring/overcoming to his appearing.

**End Book Of 2nd TIMOTHY**



# Book Of TITUS

## CHAPTER 1

1 Paul, a Servant of God and an Apostle of Jesus Christ, for the Faith of those Chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth--which is according to Godliness,

2 in the Hope of Eternal Life, which God, who Cannot Lie--promised long ages ago,

3 but at the proper time manifested, even His Word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior,

4 To Titus, my true child in a our common/same Faith:

--Grace and Peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

5 For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, 6 namely, if any man is above reproach/blameless, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of starting arguments, or rebellions.

7 For the overseer/shepherd must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed--not quick-tempered--not over drinking wine, not violent, not fond--of greedy/sordid gain,

8 but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, --self-controlled, 9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

10 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should Not teach for the sake of sordid greedy/gain. 12 One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

13 This testimony is true. For this reason reprove/correct them severely so that they may be sound in the Faith, 14 not paying attention to Jewish myths/religions and commandments of men who turn away from the truth.

15 To the Pure--all things are Pure.

But to those who are defiled/sinful and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their Mind and their Conscience are defiled/evil.

16 They profess to know God, but --by their Deeds/works they Deny Him--being detestable and Disobedient and worthless for any good deed.

## CHAPTER 2

1 But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.

2 Older Men are to be--temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in Faith, in love, in perseverance/steadfastness to God.

3 Older Women likewise are to be—Reverent/holiness in their behavior, not malicious Gossips, not over drinking to much wine, teaching what is good, 4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the Word of God will not be dishonored.

6 Also, urge the Young Men to be—wise and sober-minded.

7 In all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds/works, with Purity in doctrine, dignified, 8 sound in speech which is beyond reproach.

11 For the Grace of God has appeared, bringing Salvation--available to all people, 12-- Instructing Us--to deny/don't do--ungodliness and worldly desires --and to Live Holy--righteously--and godly in the present age,

13 looking for the Blessed Hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless/sinful deed, and to Purify for Himself a people for His own possession--Saints that are zealous/they want to--Do good Deeds/works.

15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

## CHAPTER 3

1 Remind them/new converts to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, --to be ready for every good Work/deed, 2 to malign/talk bad about no one, --to be Peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration/courtesy/respect--for all people.

3 For we also once were Foolish ourselves--Disobedient, deceived, Enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in sinning, envy, hating one another. 4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind/people appeared, 5 He Saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His Mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 so that being Justified by His Grace--we would be made Heirs according to the Hope of Eternal Life.

8 This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that--those who have Believed God will make sure--to engage in Good Deeds/works. These things are good and profitable for people.

9 But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law, for they are unprofitable and worthless. 10 Reject an--argumentative/contentious Person —after they have been given a first and second warning, 11 knowing that such a person is perverted and is willfully sinning/won't ever Repent.

12 When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. 13 Diligently help Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way so that nothing is lacking for them. 14 Our people must also--Learn to engage in Good Deeds/Works to meet pressing Needs--of their fellow Saints.

15 All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the Faith. Grace be with you all.

## **End Book Of TITUS**

# Book Of PHILEMON

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— 2 also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home:

3 Grace and peace to you[a] from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I hear about Your Love for all his holy people/saints and your Faith in the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. 7 Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

8 Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, 9 yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— 10 that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains/in jail. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

12 I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. 13 I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. 14 But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary.

15 Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— 16 no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

17 So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. 20 I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

22 And one thing more: Prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers.

23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. 24 And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers.

25 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

**End Book Of PHILEMON**

# **Book Of HEBREWS**

## **Here is a brief Summary of the Book of HEBREWS:**

--"All things consist because of Jesus Christ."

--"Angels are ministering spirits sent to help Saints out."

--"How can we neglect so great a Salvation.?"

--"Jesus Christ was tempted just like we are."

--"God's Word is living, quick, and powerful."

--"Through faith and patience we inherit God's promises and rewards."

--"It is appointed unto everyone to die once--but after this comes God's Judgment."

--"Vengeance is Mine I shall repay says God."

--"Without Faith it is impossible to please God."

--"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

# Book Of HEBREWS

## CHAPTER 1

1 God, spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many different times, and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us--in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also--He made the world.

3 And He is the radiance/divine Light of His glory and the exact image/representation of God's nature, and by Jesus Christ--All things consist and are held together.

When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of God Almighty in Heaven, 4 He is much better than the Angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

5 For to which of the Angels did God ever say,

“You are My Son,

Today I have begotten You”?

And again,

“I will be a Father to Him

And He shall be a Son to Me”?

6 And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says,

“And let all the Angels of God--worship Him.”

7 And of the Angels He says,

“Who makes His Angels winds/spirits,

And His ministers/angels a flame of Fire.”

8 But of the Son He says,

“Your Throne, O God,-- is forever and ever,

And the righteous scepter is the scepter of His Kingdom.

9 You have Loved Righteousness--and Hated Sin/lawlessness;

Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You

With the oil of gladness above Your companions.”

10 And, “You, Lord, in the Beginning--laid the foundation of the earth,

And the Heavens--are the works of Your hands;

11 They will perish, but You remain;

And the Heavens/stars, planets--will become old like a garment,

12 --And like a mantle or Scroll--You will Roll them up;

Like a garment they will also be--Changed.

But You are the same,

And Your years will not come to an end.”

13 But to which of the Angels has He ever said,  
“Sit at My right hand,  
Until I make Your enemies  
A Footstool--for Your feet”?

14 Angels are--Ministering Spirits, sent out to render help/service to the Saints who are the Heirs of Salvation.

## CHAPTER 2

1 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we  
--do Not Drift away from it. 2 For if the Word spoken through Angels proved  
unalterable, and every transgression and disobedience received--  
--a just penalty/punishment--

3-- how will we Escape--if we neglect/don't want--so Great a Salvation?

After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who  
heard, 4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders and by various  
miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

5 For He did not subject to Angels the world to come, concerning which we are  
speaking.

6 But King David testified in the Psalms, saying,  
“What is mankind--that You remember them?

Or the son of man, that You are concerned about him?

7 You have made them for a little while Lower than the Angels;

You have crowned them with glory and honor,

And have appointed them over the works of Your hands;

8 You have put all things in subjection under their feet.”

For in subjecting all things to them, He left nothing that is not subject to them. But now  
we do not yet see all things--subjected to them.

9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the Angels--  
namely--Jesus--because of his suffering of death and crowned with glory and honor, so  
that by the Grace of God He might taste/experience Death--for everyone.

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things,  
in bringing many saints to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through  
sufferings. 11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from  
one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 saying,

“I will proclaim Your name to My brethren,

In the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise.”

13 And again,

“I will put My trust in Him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children whom God has given Me.”

14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through Fear of Death were subject to bondage--all their lives. 16 For assuredly He does not give help to Angels, but He gives help to the descendants of Abraham.

17 Therefore, Jesus Christ had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might--become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation/sacrifice/atonement --for the Sins of the People.

18 For since Jesus Christ Himself was Tempted--in All Ways that we are.

--He is able to Deliver us--and--have understanding, empathy,

--and compassion for us when We are Tempted.

### CHAPTER 3

1 Therefore, holy saints, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession; 2 He was Faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house. 3 For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by just so much as the builder of the house has more honor than the house. 4 For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things--is God.

5 Now Moses was Faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; 6 but Christ was Faithful as a Son over His house—whose house--we are,

--IF--we Hold Fast our Confidence and Hope--Firm until the End of our Lives on the earth.

7 Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,

“Today if you hear His voice,

8 Do not Harden your Hearts as when they provoked Me,

As in the day of trial in the wilderness,

9 Where your fathers tried Me by Testing Me,

And saw My works--for forty years.

10 Therefore I was Angry--with this generation,

And said, ‘They always go astray in their heart,

And they did not know My ways’;

11 As I swore in My wrath,

‘They shall Not--enter My Rest.’ ”

12 Take care, brothers and sisters, that there not be in any one of you an Evil,



### Unbelieving Heart--that Falls Away--from the living God.

13 But Encourage--one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be Hardened by the deeds of willfully sinning.

14 For we have become partakers of Christ, IF we Hold Fast the beginning of our Faith --firm until--the End of our Lives,

15 while it is said, "Today if you hear His voice,  
Do not Harden your Hearts, as when they provoked Me."

16 For who provoked God when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses? 17 And with whom was He Angry for forty years? Was it not with those--Who Sinned--whose bodies fell in the wilderness?

18 And to whom did God swear that they--would Not Enter His Rest or Heaven,  
-- but to those who--were Disobedient?

19 So we see that they were Not able to Enter-- because of Unbelief.

## **CHAPTER 4**

1 Therefore, let Us--Fear--if, while a Promise remains of entering God's Rest in Heaven, any one of us comes up short--of going into it for eternity.

2 For indeed we have had good news/salvation preached to us, just as they also; but the Word they heard--did Not Profit them--because it was Not backed up by real solid Faith in those who heard.

3 For we who have Believed--enter that rest, just as He has said,  
"As I swore in My wrath,  
They shall Not enter My Rest/heaven,"

although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 It is said concerning the seventh day: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works";

5 and again in this passage, "They shall not enter My rest." 6 Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had the good news of the Promised Land preached to them Failed to Enter--because of Disobedience,

7 He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before,

"Today if you hear God's voice and Word,  
Do Not Harden--your Hearts."

8 For if Joshua had given them rest, He would not have spoken of another day after that. 9 So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. 10 For the one who has

entered into their rest has also rested from their works, as God did from His.

11 Therefore let us be diligent/on guard--to make sure we enter that Rest in Heaven,  
--so that no one will Fall, through following the same example--of Disobedience.

12 --For the Word of God is living/quick and powerful--and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and is able to judge/discern--the thoughts and intentions--of the Heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from God's sight, but all things are open and laid bare--to the Eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our Confession/conduct. 15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One/Jesus who has been Tempted in all things as we are--yet Without Sinning.

16 Therefore let us draw near with Confidence--to the throne of Grace, so that we may receive Mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## CHAPTER 5

1 For every high priest taken from among people is appointed on behalf of people in things pertaining to God, in order to offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins; 2 he can deal gently with the ignorant and misguided, since he himself also is beset with weakness; 3 and because of it he is obligated to offer sacrifices for sins, as for the people, so also for himself. 4 And no one takes the honor to himself, but receives it when he is called by God, even as Aaron was.

5 So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him,

“You are My Son,

Today I have begotten You”;

6 just as He says also in another passage,

“You are a Priest forever

According to the order--of Melchizedek.”

7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death,  
--and He was heard because of--His Fear of God.

8 Although Jesus Christ was a Son--He learned Obedience from the things

--which He Suffered. 9 And having been made perfect,

--He became to all those -who Obey Him--the source of Eternal Salvation, 10 being designated by God as a High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

11 Concerning him we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. 12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you--the elementary principles of the oracles/ways of God, and you have come to need milk--and not solid food/from the Word of God.

13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed--to the Word of Righteousness, for they are an infant/in the Lord. 14 But solid food/meat is for the mature/in the Lord--who because of constant practice have their conscience/senses trained--to discern good and evil.

## CHAPTER 6

1 Therefore leaving the Elementary Teaching--about Jesus on the Cross/again and again. Let us Saints continually Press On--to maturity in Christ, Not laying again a foundation of repentance/again and again from dead works/sinning and of learning about having Faith toward God again and again, 2 of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do, if God permits.

4 For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good Word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then--have Fallen Away, --it is Impossible to renew them again to Repentance--since they again Crucify to Themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.

7 For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God;

8 but IF--it yields thorns and thistles--it is Worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

9 But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany Salvation, though we are speaking in this way.

10 For God is not unjust so as to Forget your Work and the Love which you have shown toward His Name--in having ministered--and in still ministering to the Saints.

11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of Hope until the End,

12 so that you will--Not be lazy/sluggish--in Walking/staying in the Light--on the Narrow Path--  
but imitators of those who through--constant Faith and Patience--get/inherit the Promises/rewards--of God Almighty.

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13 For when God made the Promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one

greater, He swore by Himself, 14 saying, "I will surely bless you and I will surely multiply you." 15 And so, having--Patiently Waited--

--Abraham obtained the Blessings/Promises from God.

16 For people swear by one greater than themselves, and with them an oath given as confirmation is an end of every dispute. 17 In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise of His purpose, interposed with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take Hold of the Hope set before us.

19 This Hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a Hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the Holy of Holies Veil, 20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

## **CHAPTER 7**

1 For this Melchisedec, King of Salem, Priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him;

2 To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;

3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abides a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth/tithe of the bounty he had captured.

5 And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:

6 But he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises.

7 And without all contradiction the less is blessed of the better.

8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.

9 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receives tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.

10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

13 For he of whom these things are spoken pertains to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.

14 For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judea; of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning a priesthood.

15 And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there arises another priest,

16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless/eternal life.

17 For He testifies, You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

18 For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness 19 (for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. 20 And inasmuch as it was not without an oath 21 (for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him,

“The Lord has sworn

And will not change His mind,

‘You are a priest forever’);

22 so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

23 The former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing,

24 but Jesus Christ, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. 25 Therefore He is able also to--Save Forever--those who draw near to God through Him--since He always lives to make Intercession for them.

26 For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens.

27 Jesus Christ does Not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people,

--because this He did once for all-time--when He offered up Himself--

28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever.

## CHAPTER 8

6 But now Jesus Christ has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator--of a Better Covenant--which has been enacted on better promises.

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second. 8 For finding fault with them, He says,

“Behold, days are coming, says the Lord,  
When I will effect a New Covenant  
With the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;  
9 Not like the covenant which I made with their fathers  
On the day when I took them by the hand  
To lead them out of the land of Egypt;  
For they did Not continue in My Covenant,  
And I did not care for them, says the Lord.  
10 For this is the Covenant that I will make with the house of Israel.

After those days, says the Lord:  
I will put My laws--into their minds,  
And I will write them on their hearts.  
And I will be their God,  
And they shall be My people.  
11 And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen,  
And everyone their brother and sister, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’  
For all will know Me,  
From the least to the greatest of them.  
12 For I will be merciful to their iniquities,  
And I will remember their Sins--no more.”  
13 When He said, “A New Covenant,” He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is  
becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

## CHAPTER 9

11 But when Christ appeared as a High Priest of the good things to come, He  
entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to  
say, Not of this creation;  
12 and not through the blood of goats and calves,  
-- but through His own Blood--He entered the holy place once for all,  
-- having obtained Eternal Redemption.

13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who  
have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, 14 how much more will the  
Blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit--offered Himself without blemish/sin to  
God, cleanse your Conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

15 For this reason He is the mediator--of a New Covenant, so that, since a death has  
taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first  
covenant, those who have been called may receive--the Promise of the Eternal  
Inheritance. 16 For where a covenant/will/testament is, there must of necessity be the

death of the one who made it. 17 For a covenant/will is valid only when people are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives. 18 Therefore even the first covenant was not inaugurated without blood.

19 For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and 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 commanded you." 21 And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood. 22 And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

23 Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into Heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; 25 nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own.

26 Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages--

--Jesus Christ has been manifested to put away Sin--by the Sacrifice of Himself.

27 It is Appointed unto everyone to die once--but after this comes God's Judgment,

28 Jesus Christ having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for Salvation--to those who Eagerly Await Him.

## CHAPTER 10

1 For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make Perfect those who draw near. 2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins? 3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

5 Therefore, when Jesus comes into the world, He says,  
"Sacrifice and offering You have not desired,  
But a body You have prepared for Me;

6 In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have taken no pleasure.

7 Then Jesus Christ said, 'Behold, I have come

(In the scroll/volume of the book it is written of Me)  
To do Your will, O God.' ”

8 After saying above, “Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have not desired, nor have You taken pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the Law), 9 then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will.” He takes away the first in order to establish the second. 10 By this we have been Sanctified/made Holy--through the Offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; 12 but Jesus Christ--having offered one Sacrifice for Sin--for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet. 14 For by one offering He has Perfected for all time those who are Sanctified. 15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying,

16 “This is the Covenant that I will make with them  
After those days, says the Lord:  
I will put My laws upon their heart,  
And on their mind I will write them,”

God then says,

17 “And their Sins and their lawless deeds  
I will Remember No More.”

18 Now where there is Forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.

19 Therefore, saints, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the Blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a Sincere Heart in full assurance of Faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil/sinning conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our Hope--Without Wavering, for He who promised is Faithful; 24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another--to love and good deeds/works,

25 Not forsaking our own Assembling Together/church/bible studies/outreaches,  
--as is the habit/manner of some, but--

Encouraging one another--

and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

26 For IF--We go on Sinning Willfully after--receiving the knowledge of the Truth,  
--there No longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

27 **but a terrifying/fearful expectation--of Judgment/divine indignation from God .**



28 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much severer punishment do you think a person will deserve who has--trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which they were sanctified, and--has insulted/provoked the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know God said--“Vengeance is Mine, I will Repay.” And again, “The Lord will Judge--His people.”

31 For the person who willfully Sins--and refuses to Repent--of their evil deeds --  
--It will be a terrifying thing for them to fall into/have to face in person--the divine Holy Judgment of the living God.

32 But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened/born-again, you endured a great conflict of suffering/trials, 33 partly by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated. 34 For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves better eternal treasures

35 Therefore, do not throw away your Confidence--which has a Great Reward.

36 For you have need of Patience/endurance, so that when you have--  
--done the Will of God--you May receive God's promises to you.

37 For yet in a very little while,  
Jesus who is coming will come, and will not delay.

38 But the righteous Saints shall--Live by their Faith/fight the good fight of Faith;  
And if some turn back to Willfully Sinning and don't Repent--God has No pleasure in them.

39 But we are Not of those who turn back to sinful-destruction,  
but instead we are those who--have Constant Faith to the preserving/keeping/abiding of our souls.

## CHAPTER 11

**1 Now Faith is the substance of things Hoped for—the Evidence of things not seen.**

2 For by it the peoples of old gained approval.

3 By Faith--we understand that the worlds were created--by the Spoken Word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. 4 By Faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

5 By Faith--Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; and he was not found

because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was Pleasing to God.

**6--Without Faith--it is Impossible--to Please God--  
for whoever comes to God must Believe--that He is--  
--and that God--Rewards greatly those--who Seek Him with--All their Hearts.\_**

7 By Faith--Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence/fear prepared an Ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an Heir of the Righteousness--which is according to Faith.

8 By Faith Abraham, when he was called, Obeyed--by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out,--Not Knowing--where he was going. 9 By Faith he lived as an alien/stranger in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; 10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

11 By Faith--Sarah herself received ability to conceive, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered God faithful/keeps His Word who had promised. 12 Therefore there was born even of one man/Abraham, and his old body as good as dead at that--had as many descendants as the stars of heaven in number, and innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

13 All these died in Faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that  
-- they were strangers, pilgrims, aliens and exiles on the earth.

14 For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a Country of their own. 15 And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is--a Heavenly one.

Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God;  
**--for He has prepared--a Heavenly City for them.**

17 By Faith--Abraham--when he was Tested by God--offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; 18 it was he to whom it was said, "In Isaac your descendants shall be called." 19 He considered that God is able to raise people even from the dead, from which he also received him back as a type.

20 By Faith--Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even regarding things to come.

21 By Faith--Jacob, as he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

22 By Faith--Joseph, when he was dying, made mention of the exodus of the sons of

Israel, and gave orders concerning his bones.

23 By Faith--Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

24 By Faith--Moses--when he had grown up--refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

25 choosing rather--to endure suffering/ill-treatment with the people of God than to--enjoy the Pleasures of Sin--for a Season.

26 Moses considered the reproach/sufferings/trials from Serving God --  
--much Greater Riches than--the Treasures of Egypt--  
**--for he was looking to the Eternal Rewards from God.**

27 By Faith--Moses left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; --  
--for he Endured, as seeing Almighty God--who is Unseen.

28 By Faith--Moses kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that the Angel who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them.

29 By Faith--they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.

30 By Faith--the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

31 By Faith--Rahab the harlot did not perish along with those who were disobedient, after she had welcomed the spies in peace.

32 And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets,

33-- who by Faith--conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from Weakness were made Strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

35 Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance from death, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; 36 and others experienced mockings and whippings, and chains and imprisonment.

37 They were stoned, they were cut in two pieces by a saw, they were tempted, they were put to Death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated 38 --(Saints of whom the world was not worthy),

--wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

39 And all these--having gained approval through Their Faith--did not receive what was

promised, 40 because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

## CHAPTER 12

1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses/angels/glorified saints watching us, let us also Lay Aside--every bondage/weight and--the Sin which so easily entangles us,

--and let us Run with Endurance on--the Narrow-Path Race that is set before us,

2 fixing our eyes on Jesus--the author and perfecter/finisher of our Faith, who for the Joy set before Him--Endured the cross, despising the shame/mockery, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will Not grow--weary and lose heart.

4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood--in your striving against Sin; 5 and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as saints,

“My children do not regard lightly the Discipline/Spankings-of the Lord, Nor faint when you are reprov'd by Him;

6 For those whom the Lord Loves--He Disciplines/Spans, And He scourges/spanks every child/person whom He receives.”

7 IF you go through the discipline/spankings that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

8 But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, --but God disciplines/spanks us--for our good--so that we may share His Holiness.

11 All discipline/spankings for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards--it yields the Peaceful Fruit of Righteousness.

12 Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

14 Pursue Peace with--all people, and have sanctification/holiness--without which no one will see the Lord. 15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God;

--that no--Root of Bitterness/resentment--springing up causes trouble, and by it many become defiled/rotten;

16-- that there be no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a single meal. 17 For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected,

--for he found No place for repentance--though he sought for it with tears.

18 For you have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to a blazing fire, and to darkness and gloom and whirlwind, 19 and to the blast of a trumpet and the sound of words which sound was such that those who heard begged that no further word be spoken to them. 20 For they could not bear the command, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it will be stoned."

21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, "I am full of fear and trembling." 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of Angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the Spirits of the Righteous made Perfect, 24 and to Jesus Christ, the mediator of a New Covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

25 See to it that you do not refuse God who is speaking. For if those did Not Escape when they--Refused him who warned them on earth--much less will We escape who Turn Away from Him--who warns from Heaven. 26 And His voice shook the earth then, but now God has promised, saying, "Yet once more I will Shake not only the earth, but also the heavens/stars, planets/universe."

27 This expression, "Yet once more," denotes the Removing of those things which can be Shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may Remain.

28 Therefore, since we receive a Kingdom--which Cannot be Shaken, let us show Fear and Gratitude--by which we may offer to God an acceptable Service with Reverence and godly fear;

29 for our God is--a Consuming Fire.

## CHAPTER 13

1 Let love of the brothers and sisters continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained Angels without knowing it. 3 Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body. 4 Marriage is to be held in honor among all, and the marriage bed is approved by God;

but Fornicators and Adulterers--God will Judge.

5 Make sure that your character is free-from the Love of Money-  
being Content--with what you have;  
for Jesus Christ has said, "I will never desert you-- nor will I ever forsake you,"

6 so that we confidently say,  
"The Lord is my helper, --I will Not be Afraid.  
What can anyone--do to me?"

7 Remember those who led you, who spoke the Word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

**8 Jesus Christ is the same--Yesterday, and--Today, and--Forever.**

9 Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who were so occupied were not benefited. 10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned outside the camp.

12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. 13 So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

14 --For here/on earth we do Not have a lasting city--but we are seeking--the Eternal City/Heaven which is to come.

15 Through Him then, let us Continually offer up a sacrifice--of Praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips--Giving Thanks to Him.

16 And do not Neglect--doing good and Sharing, for with such Sacrifices God is pleased.

17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

18 Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things. 19 And I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be restored to you the sooner.

20 Now the God of Peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord,

21 equip you in every good thing to do His Will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

22 But I urge you, saints, bear with this word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly.

23 Take notice that our brother Timothy has been released from jail, with whom, if he comes soon, I will see you. 24 Greet all of your leaders and all the saints.

Those from Italy greet you.

25 Grace be with you all.

**End Book Of HEBREWS**

# **Book Of JAMES**

## **Here is a brief Summary of the Book of JAMES:**

--"A double minded person is unstable in all their ways."

--"God tempts no one--a person is tempted by their own lusts and sins."

--"Be you the doers of God's Word and not hearers only--deceiving your own selves."

--"Faith without Works is dead."

--"Everything is tame except the tongues of peoples."

--"Submit yourself to God--Resist the devil in the Name of Jesus Christ--and he will flee from you."

--"Your life is like a vapor or steam--that quickly disappears."



# Book Of JAMES

## CHAPTER 1

1 James--a Bond-Servant/slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
To the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad: Greetings.

2 Consider it all Joy--my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various  
Trials, 3 knowing that the trying/testing of your Faith--produces Endurance. 4 And let  
endurance/patience have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete,  
wanting nothing.

5 But if any of you lacks Wisdom--let them Ask of God, who gives to all generously and  
without reproach, and it will be given to them.

6 But they--must Ask in Faith-- without--any Doubting, for the one who Doubts--is like  
the waves of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For that person ought not to expect that they will receive anything from the Lord,

8 A Double-Minded person--is Unstable in all their ways.

9 The Saint of humble circumstances--is to glory in their high position; 10 and the rich  
person is to glory in their humiliation, because like flowering grass they will pass  
away. 11 For the sun rises with a scorching wind and withers the grass; and its flower  
falls off and the beauty of its appearance is destroyed; so too the rich person--in the  
midst of their Selfish pursuits--will fade away/perish.

12 Blessed is the person who Perseveres under Trials/temptations; for once they have  
proven Faithful by God, they will receive  
--the Crown of Life--which the Lord has Promised to those--who Love Him.

13 Let no one say when they are Tempted--“I am being Tempted by God”; for God  
cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does--Not Tempt anyone.

14 But each person is Tempted--when they are carried away and--Enticed by their Own  
Lusts.

15 Then when Lust has conceived--it gives birth to Sin; and when Sin is accomplished,  
it brings forth Death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved saints. 17 Every good thing  
given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with  
whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. 18 In the exercise of His will He brought  
us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His  
creatures.

19 This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear--slow to  
speak and --slow to anger; 20 for the wrath of people does not achieve the righteousness  
of God. 21 Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in

humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

**22 But be Doers--of God's Word,**  
---and not Hearers only--deceiving/deluding yourselves.

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the Word of God and Not a doer--they are like a person who looks at their natural face in a mirror; 24 for once they have looked at themselves and gone away, they immediately forget what kind of person they looked like in the mirror. 25 But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the Law of Liberty, and abides by it, Not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual Doer, this person will be blessed in what they do.

26 If anyone thinks themselves to be religious, and yet  
--does Not bridle/control their Tongue they deceive their own heart. This person's religion is worthless.

27 Pure Religion in the sight of our God and Father is this:  
--to visit/help orphans and widows in their distress, and--to keep oneself without blemish, tainted, or filthy--by the Sins of the World.

## CHAPTER 2

1 My brothers, and sisters do not hold Your Faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism. 2 For if a person comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor person in dirty clothes, 3 and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor person, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool," 4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?

5 Listen, my beloved saints: did not God choose the poor of this world--to be Rich in Faith and Heirs of the Kingdom which He promised--to those who Love Him? 6 But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you and personally drag you into court? 7 Do they not blaspheme the fair name/Jesus Christ by which you have been called?

8 If, however, you are fulfilling the Royal Law according to the Scripture,  
--"You shall Love your Neighbor--as Yourself,"--you are doing well. 9 But if you show Partiality/Favoritism, you are committing Sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whoever keeps the whole Law and yet stumbles in one point, has become Guilty of all.

11 For God who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not commit murder."

Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak and so act as those who are to be Judged by the Law of Liberty. 13 For Judgment will be Merciless--to the person who has shown No Mercy; but showing/Giving Mercy--triumphs over Judgment.

14 What use is it, if someone says they have Faith--but they have No Works? Can that kind of Faith save them? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do--Not Give them what is necessary for their body--what use is that? 17 Even so Faith, if it--has No Works--is Dead--being by itself.

18 But someone may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my Faith--by My Works." 19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and tremble. 20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish person--that Faith without Works--is dead/useless?

21 Was not Abraham--Justified by Works--when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? 22 You see that Faith was working with His Works, and as a result of the Works, Faith was Perfected;

23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And Abraham Believed God, and it was reckoned/accounted to him as Righteousness," and he was called the Friend of God. 24 You see that a person--is Justified by Works--and Not by Faith alone.

25 In the same way, was not Rahab the harlot also Justified by Works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead--so also Faith without Works--is Dead--

### CHAPTER 3

1 Let not many of you become Teachers, my fellow saints, knowing that as such we will incur a Stricter Judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does Not Sin in what they Say--they are a perfect person--able to bridle/control the whole body as well.

3 Now if we put the bits into the horses' mouths so that they will Obey us, we direct their entire body as well. 4 Look at the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by strong winds, are still directed by a very small rudder wherever the inclination of the mariner desires. 5 So also the Tongue is a small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things.

See how great a forest is set aflame by such a small fire. 6 And the Tongue is a Fire, the very world of Iniquity; the Tongue is set among our members/bodies--as that which defiles/contaminates the entire body, and sets on fire the course/direction of our life, and is set on fire by hell.

7 For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. 8 But no one can--Tame the Tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, who have been made in the likeness of God; 10 from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My fellow saints, these things ought not to be this way.

11 Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? 12 Can a fig tree, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh.

13 Who among you is wise and understanding? Let them show by their good behavior their Deeds/works with humbleness of Wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter Jealousy and Selfish Ambition in your heart, do Not be arrogant and so Lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom is Not that which comes down from above, but is--earthly, natural, demonic.

16 For where Jealousy, pride, and selfish ambition exist--there is disorder/fighting and every evil thing.

17 But the Wisdom from Above--is first pure, then Peaceable, Gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. 18 And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in Peace by those who make Peace.

## CHAPTER 4

1 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source--Your Lusts that wage war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have; so you commit sinning. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel.

--You do not have--because you do Not Ask--

3 You ask and do Not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may do your sinful pleasures.

4 You adulteresses, do you not know--that Friendship with the World--is enmity/hostility--toward God? Therefore whoever wants to be a Friend of the World Sinful System/peoples/actions--makes themselves an Enemy of God.

“God is opposed to the proud--but gives Grace to the Humble.”

7 --Submit yourselves to God--Resist the devil--in the Name of Jesus Christ and he will Flee from you.

8 Draw Near to God--and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom.

10 Humble Yourself--in the presence/sight of the Lord, and He will Exalt you.  
11 Do not speak against--one another, fellow saints. Whoever speaks against a brother or sister and then Judges his brother or sister, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it. 12 There is -- only --one Lawgiver and Judge, the One/God Almighty  
  
13 Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.” 14 Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. Your Life is-- just like a Vapor/like Steam--  
-- that appears for a little while--and then vanishes away.  
15 Instead, you ought to say,  
“If the Lord wills--we will live and also do this or that.” 16 But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. 17 Therefore, to the person who knows the right thing to do and does not do it--to them it is Sin.

## CHAPTER 5

1 Come now, you Rich People--weep and howl for your miseries which are coming upon you. 2 Your riches have rotted--and your garments have become moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and your silver--have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire. It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure.  
  
4 Behold, the pay of the laborers who worked your fields/crops, and which has been withheld by you, cries out against you; and the outcry of those who did the harvesting--has reached the Ears of the Lord.  
  
5 You have lived luxuriously on the earth and led a life--of wanton/sinful pleasure; you have fattened your hearts—in/for a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and put to death--the righteous person; and they do not resist you.  
  
7 Therefore be Patient, until the Day of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains.  
8 You too be Patient; strengthen your hearts--for the Coming of the Lord is near. 9 Do not complain, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.  
  
10 As an example, saints, of suffering and patience--are the Prophets who spoke in the Name of the Lord. 11 We count those blessed who Endured. You have heard of the endurance/patience of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord’s dealings,  
--that the Lord is full of Compassion and is Merciful.

12 Do Not Swear--either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you may not fall under judgment.

13 Is anyone among you suffering?--Then they must Pray. Is anyone cheerful? They are to sing Praises.

14 Is anyone among you Sick, Diseased, Paralyzed? Then they must call for the elders of the church and they are to--Pray over them,

--Anointing them with oil--in the Name of Jesus Christ;

15 and the Prayer offered in Faith--will Heal/restore the person/saint--who is sick, diseased, paralyzed --and the Lord will Heal and Raise them up, and--if they have committed Sins--they will be Forgiven

. 16 Therefore, Confess your Sins to one another, and Pray for--one another so that you May be Healed.

--The effective fervent/Persistent Prayer of a righteous person/saint

--can accomplish much.

17 The prophet Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would Not rain, and it did not rain on the earth--for three years and six months. 18 Then he Prayed again--and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

19 My fellow saints, if any among you strays from the truth and one of you turns them back, 20 let them know that whoever turns a sinner from the error of their ways will Save their Soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**End Book Of JAMES**

# Book Of 1<sup>st</sup> PETER

## CHAPTER 1

1 Peter, an Apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those Saints who reside as strangers, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are Chosen 2 according to the Foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit—to Obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His Great Mercy has caused us to be Born Again—to a living Hope through--  
--the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 **--To obtain an Inheritance--which is imperishable/eternal and holy--and will Not fade away, --Reserved in Heaven for you,**

5 who are protected by the power of God through Faith for a Salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various hard Trials.

7 Remember always --that-- the trying/Testing of your Faith by Fire--being more precious than gold/money/possessions which Perishes--may be found to result in praise and glory and--honor at the revelation/appearing of Jesus Christ;

8 and though you have not seen Him/physically--you Love Him, and though you do not see Him now physically in person--You Believe in Him,  
--you greatly Rejoice--with Joy inexpressible/unspeakable and full of glory, 9 obtaining as the outcome of your Faith--the Salvation of your Souls.

10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the Grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, 11 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. 12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the Gospel of God to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which Angels long to want to know about.

13 Therefore, prepare/organize your Minds for Action/doing good works for the Kingdom of God, keep sober/alert in spirit,

-- fix your Hope completely on the Grace to be brought to you at the revelation/appearing of Jesus Christ.

14 --As Obedient children, do Not be conformed/in bondage--to the former Lusts/sins-- which were yours in your ignorance

--but just like God Almighty is Holy who called you,  
--be Holy Yourselves also in--All your Behavior/conduct/actions/thinking<sup>1</sup>

6 because it is written,

--**“You Shall be Holy--for I/God- am Holy.”**

17 If you approach God--as the One who impartially/no respecter of persons--

-- Judges according to each person’s Work,

--Conduct yourselves --in the Fear of God during the time of your stay on earth;

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless-- the Blood of Christ.

20 For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you 21 who through Him are Believers in God,--who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory--so that your Faith and Hope are in God.

22 Since you have in Obedience to the Truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the saints,--fervently Love one another from the Heart, 23 for you have been Born-Again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring Word of God.

24 For, All flesh is like grass,  
And all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

And the flower falls off,

25-- But the Word of Almighty God--endures forever/eternally,

And this is the Word which was preached to you.

## CHAPTER 2

1 Therefore, putting aside all malice/worldly favoritism and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, 2 like newborn babies, long/desire--for the pure milk of the Word of God, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, 3 if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

4 And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a Holy Priesthood--to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For this is contained in Scripture:

“Behold, I lay in Zion a choice stone, a precious corner stone,

And whoever believes in Him/Jesus-- will not be disappointed.”



7 This precious value, then, is for you who believe;  
-- but for those who disbelieve--The stone/Jesus-- which the builders rejected,  
This became the very corner stone,”  
8 and--A stone of stumbling--and a rock of offense”;  
for they stumble because--they are Disobedient to the Word--and to this doom they were  
also appointed.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own  
possession--so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him  
--who has called you out of Darkness/sinners into--His marvelous Light; 10 for you  
once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers/pilgrims in this worldly sinful system to  
--Abstain from Fleshly Lusts--which wage war against the Soul.

12 Keep your Behavior excellent among the Gentiles/unbelievers, so that in the thing in  
which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of Your Good Deeds, as they  
observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to a  
king/president as the one in authority, 14 or to governors as sent by him for the  
punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. 15 For such is the will of  
God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Act as free  
people, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil/sinners, but use it as bond  
slaves of God.

17 Honor all people, Love the saints,--Fear God-- honor the king/president.

18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are  
good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. 19 For this finds favor, if for  
the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering  
unjustly. 20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure  
it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it--you Patiently Endure  
it--this finds Favor with God.

21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Jesus Christ also suffered for you,  
leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 22 who committed No sin, nor  
was any deceit found in His mouth.

23 Jesus while being mocked sarcastically--did not mock back in return;  
while suffering--He uttered No Threats, but kept Trusting God completely who Judges  
Righteously;

24 and Jesus Christ bore our Sins in his Body on his cross,

--so that we might --Die to Sin and--Live to Righteousness--

--for by Jesus Christ's whippings and wounds--you were Healed--spiritually, mentally, and physically.

25 For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

## CHAPTER 3

1 In the same way, you Wives--be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives--as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. 3 Your adornment must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on expensive dresses;

4 but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality----of a Gentle and Quiet Spirit--which is Precious/valuable--in the sight of God.

5 For in this way in former times the Holy Women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being Submissive to--their own husbands; 6 just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

7 You Husbands in the same way--live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone Weaker--since she is a woman--and show her Honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

8 To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and Humble in spirit--Not returning evil for evil or insult for insult--but giving a Blessing Instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

10 For, “The person who desires life, to love and see good days,  
--Must keep their Tongue from Evil--and their Lips from speaking Lies/deceit.

11 They must Turn Away from Evil--and do Good;  
They must seek Peace--and pursue it.

12 For the Eyes of the Lord are toward the Righteous,  
And His ears attend to their prayer,  
But the face of the Lord is Against those--who Do Evil.

13 Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for doing--what is good? 14 But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. And do not fear their

intimidation, and do not be troubled, 15 but sanctify/put first Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the Hope that is in you--yet with Gentleness and reverence;

16 --and keep a Good Conscience--so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.

17 For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong. 18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

19 in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison, 20 who once were disobedient, when the patience of God --kept Waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the Ark/a gigantic ship, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.

21 Corresponding to that, Baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal/repentance to God for a good Conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into Heaven, Angels and authorities and powers having been subjected to Him.

## CHAPTER 4

1 Therefore, since Christ has suffered in the flesh/for doing righteousness--arm yourselves also with the same purpose, because whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from Sin,

2 so as to Live the rest of their time in the flesh/body--  
--No longer living-- for the Lusts/sins--of people, but Living--for the Will of God.

3 For the time already past is sufficient for you to have carried out the desire of the Gentiles, having pursued a course of sensuality, lusts, drunkenness, carousing, drinking parties, and debauchery. 4 In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation/sinning, and they malign you;  
5 --but They will Give an Account to--God--who is ready to Judge the living and the dead.

6 For the Gospel has for this purpose been preached even to those who are dead, that though they are judged in the flesh as people, they may live--in the spirit according to the will of God.

7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and Sober Spirit for the purpose of prayer. 8 Above all, keep fervent in your Love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Be Hospitable to one another without complaint. 10 As

each one has received a special gift--employ/use--it in Serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12 Beloved/Saints-- do Not be surprised at the Fiery Trial among you, which comes upon you for--Your Testing/from God--as though some Strange Thing--were happening to you; 13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ--keep on Rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

14 --If you are reviled/put down/mock--for the Name of Christ--you are Blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. 15 Make sure that none of you suffers as--a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler/Gossiper;

16 but if anyone Suffers as a Christian--they are not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God.

17 For it is time for Judgment to Begin--with the household/Saints of God; and if it begins with us Saints first--

--what will be the outcome for those--who do Not Obey the Gospel of God?

18 And if it is with--difficult constant Over-Coming--that the Righteous/Saints are Saved--

--What will Become Of--the godless people and sinners?

19 Therefore, let those who suffer according to the Will of God entrust their souls to a Faithful Creator in doing what is right.

## CHAPTER 5

1 Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as your fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed,

2 Shepherd/lead wisely--the flock/sheep of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the Will of God; and not for getting paid money/a salary, but with eagerness; 3 nor yet as Lording it/bossing around--over those allotted to your charge, but proving to be godly Examples--to the flock.

4 And when the Chief Shepherd/Jesus Christ appears--  
--you will Receive the eternal Crown of Glory.

5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders;

and all of you, clothe yourselves with Humility--toward one another,  
-- for God is opposed to the Proud--but gives Grace to the Humble.

6 Therefore Humble Yourselves under--the mighty hand of God,  
-- that He May Exalt you--at the proper/due time,

7 casting all your Anxiety/cares on God--because He really Cares for you.

8 Be of sober spirit-- be on the Alert--Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion--seeking someone to devour.

9 --But Rebuke/Resist him/the devil--in the--All-Powerful Name of Jesus Christ--  
--standing Firm in your Faith.

And know that the same experiences of Suffering/for Christ that you endure are being accomplished by your fellow saints who are in other areas.

10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself--perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. 11 To God be dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Peace be to you all who are in Jesus Christ.

**End Book Of 1<sup>st</sup> PETER**

# Book Of 2<sup>nd</sup> PETER

## CHAPTER 1

1 Simon Peter, a Bond-Servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To those who have received a Faith of the same kind as ours, 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 seeing that His divine Power has granted to us everything pertaining--to life and  
godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and  
excellence. 4 For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises,  
so that by them--you may become partakers of the Divine Nature,  
-- having Escaped the Corruption--that is in the World by Lusts/sinuing.

5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your Faith supply moral  
excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, 6 and in your knowledge, self-  
control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, Godliness,

7 and in your Godliness, brother and sisters kindness, and in your brotherly and sisterly  
kindness, Love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you  
neither useless nor unfruitful in the True Knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For  
whoever lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten their cleansing  
from their former sins.

10 Therefore, saints, be all the more diligent to make certain about God's calling and  
Choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will Never Stumble; 11 for  
in this way of Living--the Entrance into the Eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ will be abundantly be supplied/open to you.

12 Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though  
you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present  
with you. 13 I consider it right, as long as I am in this earthly dwelling, to stir you up by  
way of reminder, 14 knowing that the laying aside/death--of my earthly dwelling/human  
body is imminent, as also our Lord Jesus Christ has made this clear to me. 15 And I will  
also be diligent/hope that at any time after my departure you will be able to call these  
things to mind.

16 For we did/do Not follow--cleverly devised tales/fables when we made known to you  
the Power and Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but--we were Eyewitnesses of His  
majesty/life. 17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an  
utterance as this was made to Him by God Almighty--“This is My beloved Son with  
whom I am Well-Pleased”— 18 and we ourselves--heard this utterance made from

Heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

19 So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. 20 But know this first of all, that no Prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no Prophecy was ever made by an act of human will--but people moved/annointed by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

## CHAPTER 2

1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies/doctrines, even denying the Lord who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. 2 Many will follow their sensuality/shameful ways, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned/mixed with sorcery; 3 and in their Greed/money-hungry they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

4 For if God did Not spare Rebellious Angels when they Sinned--but Cast them into Hell--and committed them to pits/jail cells/chains of darkness, reserved for judgment; 5 and did Not Spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the World of the Ungodly;

6 and if God condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes,  
--having made them an Example to those who would live --Ungodly Lives thereafter; 7 and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men 8 (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless/sinful deeds),

9 Without a doubt then--the Lord knows how to Rescue his Faithful Obeying Saints from temptations, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the Day of Judgment, 10 and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority.

Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties, 11 whereas Angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.

12 But these, as natural wild killer animals/beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot/party in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast/fellowship with you;

14 Having eyes full of sexual sins/porno, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling/fooling/deceiving unstable soul. They have a heart that they have exercised with covetous/greedy practices. They are cursed children:

15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness/covetousness/lies/greediness;

16 but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet.

17 These Evil People are springs without water and mists driven by a storm,

--for whom the black darkness/outer darkness/hell has been reserved.

18 For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error,

19 --promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption;

-- for by what Sins a person is Overcome--by these they are Enslaved/these sins are their masters.

20 For if, after they have Escaped the sins/lusts of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ--they are again entangled in them and Are --Overcome--the last state has become worse for them than the first.

21 For it would be better for them Not to have known the way of righteousness--

--than having known it, to turn away--from the holy commandment/new covenant given to them. 22 It has happened to them according to the true proverb,

-- "A dog returns to its own vomit," and, "A sow/pig, after washing, returns to --wallowing in the mire/mud."

## CHAPTER 3

1 This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, 2 that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

3 Know this first of all, that in the Last Days--Mockers will come with their mocking, following after their Own Lusts, 4 and saying--"Where is the promise of His/Jesus's Coming back? --For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning/history of creation." 5 For when they maintain/say this, it escapes their



notice that by--the Word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.

7 But by God's Word--the present Heavens and Earth are being  
--reserved for Fire, kept for the Day of Judgment and destruction of ungodly people.

8 But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord One Day is  
--like a thousand years--and a thousand years--like One Day.

9 The Lord is not slow about keeping His Promises, as some count slowness, but is Patient toward you.

God does not want any person to Perish--but for all to come to Repentance/quit sinning.

10 But the Day of the Lord--will come like a thief in the night,  
-- in which the Heavens will Pass Away with a roar and all the elements/physical things will be Destroyed with intense fire/heat--and the Earth and all its sinful evil works will be Burned Up.

11 Since all these things are to be Destroyed in this way--  
--what sort of people/saints ought you to be in--Holy Conduct and godliness--looking for and hastening the Coming of the Day of God, because of which  
--the Heavens/planets/stars-- will be destroyed by burning/Fire, and the elements will melt with intense heat

13 But according to his Promise  
we are looking--  
--for New Heavens and a New Earth--in which Righteousness dwells/Rules.

14 Therefore, beloved Saints, since you look for these things,  
--Be diligent to be found by God at any time--in Peace/trusting God completely,  
Spotless/not sinning and Blameless/having a clear conscience.

15 And regard the patience of our Lord as salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, 16 as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on Your Guard so that you are Not carried away by the Error of unprincipled men and women, and then fall from your own steadfastness,

18 but Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ--To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

**End Book Of 2<sup>nd</sup> PETER**

# Book Of 1<sup>st</sup> JOHN

## CHAPTER 1

1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning--the Word of Life — 2 and the Life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the Eternal Life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed--our Fellowship is with the Father--and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 These things we write, so that your Joy may be made complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you--that God is Light, --and in Him there is--No Darkness at all--IF--we say that we have Fellowship with God Almighty--and yet Walk in the Darkness--we Lie--and do Not-practice the Truth;

7 but--IF--we Walk in the Light--as He Himself is in the Light--we have Fellowship with God Almighty--and the Blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us--from All Sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

9 IF we Confess our Sins--God is faithful and righteous to--Forgive us our Sins and to --Cleanse us from--All Unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His Word is not in us.

## CHAPTER 2

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you--may Not Sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and He Himself is--the propitiation/peace-maker between God and mankind--for our sins; and not for ours only--but also for those of the whole world.

3 By this we know that we have come to know Him--  
--IF we Keep Jesus's Commandments.

4 The one who says, “I have come to Know Him,” and does Not keep His commandments--is a Liar--and the Truth is not in them; 5 but whoever keeps/obeys His Word--in them the Love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: 6 the one who says they abide in Him ought themselves--to Walk in the same manner as Jesus walked.

7 Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the Word which you have heard. 8 On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true

in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the True Light is already shining. 9 The one who says they are in the Light and yet--Hates their brother, or sister in Christ--is in the Darkness/sin until now.

10 The one--who Loves their brother, or sister in Christ--Abides in the Light and there is--No cause for stumbling in them. 11 But the one who Hates his brother or sister is in the Darkness and walks in the darkness, and does Not know where they are going because the Darkness has --Blinded/clouded/fogged--their mind and spirit..

12 I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for Christ's Name's sake. 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have Overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father.

14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the Word of God abides in you, and you have Overcome the evil one.

15 --Do Not Love the World--nor the things in the World.  
--If anyone Loves the World--the Love of the Father--is Not in them.

16 --For all that is in the World--the Lust of the Flesh and  
--the Lust of the Eyes and  
--the Pride of Life--  
--is Not from the Father--but is from the World.

17 The World--Passes Away, and-- also all its Lusts  
**--but the person/saint who Does the Will of God--lives forever/Eternally with God in Heaven.**

18 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that Anti-Christ is coming, even now many Anti-Christ's have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us. 20 But you have an Anointing from the Holy One--and you know all things. 21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is the Liar but the one--who Denies that Jesus is the Christ?  
--This is the Anti-Christ--Anyone--who Denies the Father--and the Son.

23 Whoever Denies the Son--does Not have the Father;  
--but the one who Confesses the Son--has the Father also.

24 As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

25 This is the Promise which He Himself made to us--Eternal Life.

26 These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you.

27 As for you, the Anointing which you received from God abides in you,  
and you have no need--for anyone to teach you;  
--but as His Anointing--Teaches you about All Things--and is true and is not a lie, and  
just as it has taught you--you shall Abide in Him.

28 Now, little children, Abide in Jesus Christ, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming. 29 If you know that He is Righteous--you know that everyone also who Practices Righteousness--has been Born-Again of Him.

### CHAPTER 3

1-- See how Great a Love the Father--has bestowed on us, that we would be called the Children of God--and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, now we are Children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be.

--We know that when Jesus Christ appears--we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. 3 And everyone who has this Hope fixed on the Lord purifies themselves just as He is pure.

4 Everyone who Practices Sin--also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness/wickedness. 5 You know that Jesus appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is No Sin. 6 --No one who Abides in Him sins;--no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.

7 Little children, make sure no one deceives you--the one who practices righteousness--is righteous, just as He/Jesus is righteous; 8 the one who Practices Sin--is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for This Purpose--to Destroy the works of the devil.

9 No one who is Born of God--practices/does sinning, because Jesus's seed/spirit/words abides in them; and they cannot sin, because they are Born of God. 10 By this the Children of God and the children of the devil are obvious--anyone who does Not Practice Righteousness--is Not of God, nor also--the one who does Not Love--their brother or sister in Christ.

11 For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should --Love one another; 12 not as Cain, who was of the evil one and killed his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

13 Do not be surprised, saints--if the World Hates you. 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life--because we Love the body/saints of Christ. Whoever does Not Love abides in Death. 15 Everyone who Hates their brother, or sister--is a Murderer; and you know that No murderer has eternal life abiding in them. 16 We know love by this, that the Lord laid down His life for us--and we ought to lay down our lives for the Saints.

17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother or sister -- in Need and hardens/closes their heart--against them, --how does the Love of God--abide in them?

18 Little children, let us not love with just word or with tongue--but in deed and truth. 19 We will know by this that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart before Him 20 in whatever our heart condemns us about--for God is greater than our heart and knows all things.

21 Beloved, if our Heart does Not Condemn us, we have -- Confidence before God--and whatever we Ask we Receive from Him, --because we Keep/obey His Commandments and Do the things that are Pleasing in His sight.

23 This is His Commandment--that we Believe in the Name of His Son Jesus Christ, and Love one another--just as He Commanded us.

24 The saint who keeps/obeys God's Commands abides in Him, and they in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

## CHAPTER 4

1 Beloved--do Not believe every spirit--but Test the spirits--to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets/religions/doctrines have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit/person--that Confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the Flesh/earthly body--is from God; 3 and every spirit/person--that does Not Confess Jesus--is Not from God--this is--the spirit--of the Anti-Christ--of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it--is already in the world.

4 You are from God, little children, and have Overcome them; because Greater is Jesus Christ who is in you--than anybody/or demon--who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are

from God; whoever knows God listens to us; Whoever is Not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

7 Beloved--let us Love one another--for Love is from God; and Everyone who Loves is Born of God and knows God. 8 The one who does Not Love--does Not know God, for God is Love.

9 By this the Love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

10 In this is Love, not that we loved God--but that He Loved Us and sent His Son to be the propitiation/sacrifice--for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us--we also ought to Love one another. 12 No one has seen God at any time; IF--we Love one another--God abides in us, and His Love is Perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 14 We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

15 Whoever Confesses that Jesus is the Son of God--God abides in them, and they in God. 16 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is Love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in them. 17 By this, love is perfected within us, so that we may have Confidence--in the Day of Judgment--because as Jesus is--so also are we in this world.

18 --There is No Fear in Love--but God's perfect love--casts out Fear--

--because fear involves torment, and the person who Fears--is Not perfected in Love.

19-- We love, because God--First Loved Us. 20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother or sister--they are a Liar; for the one who does not Love his brother, or sister whom they have seen--cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21 And this Commandment we have from Him--that the person who loves God should love their brother, and sister also.

## **CHAPTER 5**

1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ--is Born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe/do--His Commandments. 3 For this is the Love of God, that we keep/obey His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

4 --For whoever is Born of God Overcomes the world--and this is the Victory that has Overcome the world--Obeying God using Our Faith.

5 Who is the one who Overcomes the world--but Whoever Believes that Jesus is the Son

of God? 6 This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the Truth. 7 For there are three that testify: 8 the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three--are in agreement.

9 If we receive the testimony of people, the Testimony of God is greater; for the testimony of God is this, that He has testified concerning His Son. 10 The person who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in themselves; the person who does Not believe God has made Him a liar, because they have not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son.

11 And the Testimony is this, that God has given us Eternal Life--and this life is in His Son. 12 --Whoever has the Son of God has Eternal Life;  
--whoever does Not have the Son of God--does Not have Eternal Life.  
13 These things I have written to you who Believe in the Name of the Son of God, so that you may know--that you have Eternal life.

14 This is the Confidence which we have before--God Almighty--  
--if we Ask anything--according to His Will--He hears us. 15 And IF we know that He hears us in whatever we Ask--we know that we have the Requests--which we have Asked from Him.

16 If anyone sees his brother or sister committing a sin not leading to death, they shall ask and God will for them give life to those who commit sin not leading to death. There is a sin leading to death; I do not say that they should make request for this.

17 --All Unrighteousness is Sin--and there is a sin not leading to death.

18 We know that No one who is Born of God sins;  
but --whoever is Born-Again from God--Keeps Themselves--from Sinning, and the evil one/devil—does Not touch/harm/influence them.

19 We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one/satan--to try and make us do sinning. 20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.  
21 Little children/new saints--Guard yourselves from idols/sexual sins.

## **End Of 1st JOHN**



# Book Of 2nd JOHN

## CHAPTER 1

1 The elder to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not only I, but also all who know the truth, 2 for the sake of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever: 3 Grace, mercy and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 I was very glad to find some of your children walking in truth, just as we have received Commandment to do from the Father.

5 Now I ask you, lady, not as though I were writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another.

6 --And this is Love--that we Walk/do--according to God's Commands/his ways--

7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do Not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh--They are the deceivers and the Antichrist. 8 Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a Full Reward/in Heaven.

9 --Anyone who goes keeps Sinning and Does Not Abide--in the Teachings/words of Christ--does not have God.

--The Saint who Abides--in the teaching/words of Christ, has both the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive them into your house, and do not give them a greeting; 11 for the one who gives them a greeting participates in their evil deeds.

12 Though I have many things to write to you, I do not want to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, so that your joy may be made full.

13 The children of your chosen/elect sister greet you.

## End Of 2nd JOHN

# Book Of 3rd JOHN

## CHAPTER 1

1 The elder to the beloved Gaius, whom I love in truth.

2 Beloved/Saints--I Pray/hope that in all respects in Christ--you may Prosper/spiritually/mentally/physically/financially--and be in Good Health--just as your Soul prospers/or is prospering. 3 For I was very glad when the saints came and testified to your truth, that is, how you are walking in truth. 4 I have no greater Joy than this--to hear of my children/new converts in Christ--Walking in the Truth.

5 Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the saints, and especially when they are strangers; 6 and they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their way--in a manner worthy of God.

7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.

8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth.

9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, receives us not.

10 Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he does, speaking against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither does he himself receive the saints, and forbids them that would, and casts them out of the church.

11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. Whoever does good is of God: but whoever does evil has not seen God.

12 Demetrius has good report of all people, and of the truth itself: yes, and we also bear record; and you know that our record is true.

13 I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto you:

14 But I trust I shall shortly see you, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to you. Our friends salute you. Greet the friends by name personally.

## End Of 3rd JOHN

# Book Of JUDE

## CHAPTER 1

1 Jude, a Bond-Servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,  
To those who are the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept/preserved for Jesus Christ: 2 May mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing  
--that you contend earnestly--for the Faith which was once delivered unto the saints/prophets/of the Old Testament.

4 For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation,  
--ungodly persons who turn the Grace of our God--into doing sexual sins and Deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

5 Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once and for all, that the Lord, after saving a people/Jews--out of the land of Egypt--  
--subsequently Destroyed those who--did Not Believe/obey.

6 And Angels--who did Not Keep their first estate/domain, but Rebelled and abandoned their habitation in Heaven, God has kept--in eternal bonds/chains under Darkness for the time of--the great Judgment Day.

7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged--in gross immorality/sexual sins and went/lusted after strange flesh, are  
--exhibited as an Example in undergoing the Punishment/from God--of Eternal Fire.

8 Yet in the same way these people, also by evil scheming/dreaming, defile their flesh/sexual sins, and reject authority/God's laws, and revile/curse angelic majesties.

9 But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke/judge you satan" 10 But these people revile/sneer/mock the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct/their sinful flesh, just like unreasoning animals/beasts, by these things they are destroyed.

11 Woe to them For they have gone the way of Cain, and for money/mammon/riches they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

12 These are the people who are hypocrites/unholy blemishes in your love feasts when

they feast with you without fear, caring only for themselves;--clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted;  
13 --wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the Black Darkness--has been reserved forever.

14 It was also about these people that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with many multitudes/legions/armies of His holy ones/Angels and Saints--to execute Divine Righteous Judgment upon All, and to convict all the ungodly of all their sinful deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly/despicable sinners have Spoken against Him/Jesus Christ/God.”

16 These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts/love of money/sexual sins; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage over them.

17 But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the Apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, 18 that they were saying to you, --“In the Last times/days--there will be mockers/scoffers--following after their own ungodly lusts.” 19 These are the ones who cause divisions, are worldly-minded, and devoid of the Spirit of God.

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most Holy Faith--praying in the Holy Spirit, 21-- Keep Yourselves--in the Love of God, Waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ and obtaining Eternal Life. 22 And have mercy on some, who need more Faith/trust; 23 save others by snatching them out of the Fire; and on some save them from fearful consequences, hating even the garment/body becoming polluted by sinful fleshly actions.

24 Now to God Almighty--who is able to Keep/prevent/protect You from falling away/stumbling, and to make you Stand in the presence of His glory Blameless--with great joy,

25 to Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

## **End Book Of JUDE**

# **Book Of REVELATION**

## **Here is a brief Summary of the Book of REVELATION:**

- Jesus Christ is the first and last--the beginning and the end.
- Jesus speaks to seven different churches.
- The Rewards in Heaven for Saints Overcoming in this life are talked about.
- God and Jesus appearances and Thrones are described.
- The Great Tribulation is talked about with all the—trumpets, bowls, seals, vials judgments, The Antichrist, The Beast, The False Prophet, Mystery Babylon, etc.
- There is a great multitude in Heaven of Saints that no one can number.
- The 1,000 year reign of Jesus on the earth is described.
- The great White Throne Judgment takes place--anyone whose Name was Not found in the Book of Life was cast into Hell.”

# Book of REVELATION

## CHAPTER 1

1 **The Revelation of Jesus Christ**--which God gave unto him (John), to show unto his servants/disciples/followers-- things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his Angel unto his servant John:

2 Who bare record of the Word of God, and of the Testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

3 Blessed is the person that--reads, and hears the words of this prophecy, and keeps/remembers--those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

4 John to the Seven Churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and Peace, from God --which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the Seven Spirits which are before his throne;

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that

--Loved Us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

6 And has made us--Kings and Priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, Jesus Christ comes with clouds--and Every Eye--shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and --All peoples of the earth--shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8 I am Alpha and Omega--the Beginning and the Ending--says the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion--in Tribulation--and in the Kingdom/of God and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos,--for the Word of God, and for the Testimony of Jesus Christ.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and heard behind me

-- a Great Voice, as of a trumpet.

11 Saying--I am Jesus Christ--the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last--

--What you see, write in a book, and send it unto the--Seven Churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And being turned, I saw Seven Golden Candlesticks;

13 And in the midst of the Seven Candlesticks was one like unto the Son of Man (Jesus

Christ), clothed with a garment/robe down to the foot, and gird about the chest area with a golden girdle.

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and  
--his Eyes were--as a Flame of Fire

15 And his Feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and  
--his--Voice as the Sound--of many waters/waterfalls.

16 And he had in his right hand Seven Stars: and out of his Mouth--went a sharp two-edged Sword (Word of God)--

and his Countenance/face--was as the Sun shines/brightly in it's strength/power.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And He laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear Not--I am the First and the Last.

18 I am He that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I Am alive for--evermore/eternally, Amen; and have the--Keys--of Hell and of Death.

19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

20 The mystery of the Seven Stars which you saw in my right hand, and the Seven Golden Candlesticks. The Seven Stars--are the Angels of the Seven Churches: and the Seven Candlesticks--which you saw--are the Seven Churches.

## CHAPTER 2

Unto the Angel of the **Church of EPHESUS** write; These things says He that holds the Seven Stars in his right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks.

2 I know--your Works--and your Labor, and your Patience,

and how you can Not bear/stand them which are Evil: and you have tried/tested them which say--they are apostles, and are Not--and has found them Liars:

3 And has borne, and has Patience, and for my Name's sake have Labored, and have Not Fainted.

4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against you--because you have

-- **Left your First Love--**

5 Remember therefore from where--you are Fallen,

--and Repent/be sorry/change--and do the First Works--or else I/Jesus Christ will come unto you quickly, and will Remove your candlestick/church out of it's place,

--except you Repent.

6 But this you have, that you Hate the deeds of the Nicolaitanes,--which I also Hate.

7 Whoever has an ear, let them hear what the Spirit says unto the churches;

To the Person/Saint that Overcomes--I will give to eat of--the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.

8 And unto the Angel of the **Church in SMYRNA** write; These things says the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;

9 I know your Works, and Tribulation, and Poverty--but you are--

--actually really Rich in me and--my Rewards in Heaven for you. And I know the Blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are Not,--but are the Synagogue of satan.

10 Fear None--of those things which you Shall Suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into Prison, that you may be--Tried and Tested; and you shall have Tribulation ten days:

--**be Faithful/keep the Faith--unto Death--and I will give--you the Crown of Life--**

11 Whoever has an ear, let them hear what the Spirit says unto the Churches;

--Whoever Overcomes--shall Not be Hurt/destroyed of the Second Death/hell.

12 And to the Angel of the **Church in PERGAMOS** write;--These things says He which has the Sharp Sword/Word of God--with two edges.

14 I have a few things against you--because you have there those

--that hold the Doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling-block before the children of Israel--to eat things Sacrificed unto Idols--and to Commit Sexual Sins.

Please Note: The Nicolaitanes cult, the Jezebelites cult, and Baalim cult: were all basically the same Doctrine of--Sacrificing to Idols and doing Sexual Sins were good things to do. They infiltrated Christian churches and spread their wicked teachings among parishioners/saints.

15 So have you also them--that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I Hate.

16-- Repent--or else I will come unto you quickly, and will fight against them with the Sword of my Mouth/Word of God.

17 Whoever has an ear, let them hear what the Spirit says unto the Churches;

--To the Person/Saint-- that Overcomes--will I give to--

--Eat of the Hidden Manna (God's Divine Wisdom & Knowledge of all things), and will give them a White Stone, and in the stone a New Name written-- which no person knows except the one who receives it.



18 And unto the Angel of the **Church in THYATIRA** write;--These things says the Son of God, who has his Eyes--like unto a Flame of Fire, and his Feet--are like fine brass;

19 I know your Works--of charity, and service, and faith, and your patience, and your deeds; and the last to be more than the first.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against you,--because you allow that woman--Jezebel, which calls herself a prophetess, to Teach and to Seduce--my Servants to commit Sexual Sins, and to eat things Sacrificed unto Idols.

21 And I gave her space to Repent of her Sexual Sins; and she--Repented Not.

13 I know your Works, and where you dwell, even where satan's seat is: and -- you Hold On tightly to my Name, and have Not--Denied my Faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where satan dwells.

22 Behold, I will cast her (Jezebel) into a bed, and them that commit Sexual Sins with her into great Tribulation, except they--Repent--of their evil Deeds/sins.

23 And I will kill her children with death; and All the Churches shall know that --I am He which searches the Reins/thoughts, emotions, and Hearts: and --I will Give unto every one of you--according to--Your Works.

24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of satan, as they speak; "I will put upon you none other burden."

25 "But that which you have already--Hold onto Tightly/Abide in Me--until I come for you"."

26 **And the person/Saint—who Overcomes--and Keeps/does/obeys--my Works & Words unto the End--to them--will --I give Power/authority--Over the Nations:**

27 And--They (God's Overcoming Saints)--shall Rule them/the nations in the Millennium with a rod of iron/complete authority; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

28 And I will give them/overcoming Saints--the Morning Star/a high reward in Heaven.

29 Whoever has an ear, let them hear what the Spirit says unto the Churches.

### CHAPTER 3

1 And unto the Angel of the **Church in SARDIS** write; These things says Jesus Christ that has the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know your Works,

2 Be Watchful, and Strengthen--the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have Not found--your Works Perfect--before God.

3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard, and--  
--hold fast/Abide in Me and Repent/of your evil works.

If therefore you Don't Watch/and aren't ready--I will come on you as a Thief--and you won't know what hour I will come upon/for you.

4 You have a few names even in Sardis--which have--Not Defiled their Garments/Bodies--and they shall walk/fellowship with me in White--for they are Worthy.

5 --Whoever Overcomes--the same shall be clothed in White/bright Raiment/clothes/robes; and

--I will Not Blot Out--their Name--out of the Book of Life,

--but I will Confess their Name--before my Father, and before his Angels.

6 Whoever has an ear, let them hear what the Spirit says unto the churches.

7 And to the Angel of the **Church in PHILADELPHIA** write--These things says He that is Holy, He that is True, He that has the key of David, He/Jesus Christ--that opens, and no person shuts; and shuts, and no person opens.

8 I know your Works: behold, I have set before you an Open Door, and--No Person can shut it: for you have a little strength, and have--Kept/obeyed my Word, and have  
--Not Denied my Name.

9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do Lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have Loved You.

10 Because you have Kept the Word of My Patience/Endured for God,--I also will Keep You from the--Hour of Temptation--which shall come upon all the world, to try and test them that dwell upon the earth.

11 Behold, I come quickly--hold that fast/don't lose it--which you have--  
--Beware--that no person(s)--Take/steal through deception--your Crown of Righteousness.

12 Whoever Overcomes--will I make a Pillar in the Temple of my God, and they shall go no more out: and I will write upon them the Name of my God, and the name of the City of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which comes down out of Heaven from my God. And I will write upon them--my New Name.

13 Whoever has an ear, let them hear what the Spirit says unto the Churches.

14 And unto the Angel of the Church of the **LAODICEANS** write; These things says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the Beginning of the creation of God;

15 I know Your Works/Life--that you are--Neither Cold nor Hot--

--I would that you were either--Cold or Hot.

16 So then because you are **Lukewarm**, and--

--Neither Cold nor Hot--I will Spit (Vomit)--you out of my mouth.

17 Because you say, I am Rich--and increased with goods/money, gold and have need of nothing; and--Are Ignorant that you are--

--Wretched, and Miserable, and Poor (in God's Riches), and Blind, and Naked:

18 I counsel you to buy of me Gold (Obeying and doing good works for me)--tried in the Fire (The trying/Testing of Your Faith is more precious/valuable--than the Gold that perishes),--that you may be Rich/in God; and White Raiment/God's Holiness--that you may be Clothed, and that the shame of your Nakedness does not appear;

-- and anoint/wash your eyes with Eye-Salve--that you may See.

19 As many as I Love--I rebuke and chasten (Correct and Spank): be zealous therefore, and Repent/be sorry and obey.

20 Behold, I/Jesus Christ stand at the door, and Knock: if any person hears my voice, and opens the door/their heart, I will come in to them, and Fellowship with them, and they with me.

21 **Whoever Overcomes-I will grant--to Sit with Me in My Throne--even as I also Overcame, and am set down with my Father in his Throne.**

22 Whoever has an ear, let them hear what the Spirit says unto the churches.

## **CHAPTER 4**

After this I looked, and, behold, a Door was Opened in Heaven: and the first Voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said,

--Come up here, and I will show you things/events which must be hereafter/later.

2 And immediately I was in the Spirit: and, behold,--

--a Throne was set in Heaven, and--God sat on the Throne.

3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a

--Rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

4 And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty Elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

5 And out of the Throne--proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were Seven Lamps of Fire--burning before the throne,

-- which are--the Seven Spirits of God.

6 And before the Throne there was a--Sea of Glass--like unto Crystal/pure and shinning: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

8 And the Four Beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying--Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

9 And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to him/God that sat on the Throne, who lives for ever and ever,

10 The four and twenty Elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and Worship him/God--that lives for ever and ever, and Cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

11 You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for you have created all things, and for Your Pleasure--they are and were created.

## CHAPTER 5

And I saw in the right hand of Him/God that sat on the throne a Book--written within and on the backside, sealed with Seven Seals.

2 And I saw a strong Angel proclaiming with a loud voice,

--Who is worthy to Open the Book?--and to loose/let go the Seals thereof?

3 And no person in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

4 And I wept much, because no person was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

5 And one of the Elders saith unto me, "Weep not: behold,--the Lion of the tribe of Judah/Jesus Christ, the Root of David--hath prevailed/overcome to open the Book--and to loose the Seven Seals thereof."

6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and Seven Eyes, which are the Seven Spirits of God--sent forth into all the earth.

7 And he came and took the Book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

8 And when he/Jesus Christ had taken the Book, the four beasts and four and twenty

elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and--golden vials full of odors, which are--the Prayers of Saints.

9 And they sung a new song, saying,--You (Jesus Christ) are worthy to take the Book, and to Open the Seals thereof: for you were slain, and--has Redeemed us to God by Your Blood--out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

10 And has made us unto our God--Kings and Priests--and we Shall Reign on the Earth/In the 1,000 year Kingdom/Millennium of Jesus Christ.

11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of Many Angels round about God's Throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was--ten thousand times ten thousand, and--thousands of thousands;

12 Saying with a Loud Voice--"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing."

13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying--Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto God that sits upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb/Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and Worshiped him that lives for ever and ever.

## CHAPTER 6

Now I saw when the Lamb/Jesus Christ opened the--**1st Seal**--and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." 2 And I looked, and behold--a White Horse--He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him and he went out conquering and to conquer/countries to make wars.

3 When He opened the--**Second Seal**--I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." 4 Another Horse--fiery Red--went out and it was granted to the one who sat on it--to take Peace from the Earth--and--that people should Kill one another; and there was given to him a Great Sword/wars, murders, violence is everywhere.

5 When He opened the--**Third Seal**--I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a Black Horse--and he who sat on it had a pair of Scales in his hand/for a Bad Famine on the Earth. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the Wine.

7 When He opened the--**Fourth Seal**--I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." 8 So I looked, and behold, a Pale Horse--And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And--Power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword/weapons, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

9 When He opened the--**Fifth Seal**--I saw under the altar/in Heaven--the Souls of those who had been Slain--for the Word of God--and for the--Testimony which they held.

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

11 Then--a White Robe/God's Righteousness and Holiness--was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should Rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and saints, who would be Killed--as they were, was completed.

12 I looked when He opened the--**Sixth Seal**--and behold, there was--a Great Earthquake; and the Sun became black as sackcloth of hair--and the Moon became like blood.

13 And the Stars of Heaven--fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

14 --Then the Sky--receded as a Scroll--when it is rolled up,  
--and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

15 And the kings of the earth, the great people, the rich people, the commanders, the mighty people, every slave and every free person, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and Hide us from--the Face of Him who Sits on the Throne and from the Wrath of the Lamb”

17 --”For the Great Day of His Wrath--has come--and who is able to Stand before Him?”

## CHAPTER 7

After these things--I saw Four Angels--standing at the four corners of the earth--holding the Four Winds of the earth, that the Winds should Not Blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. 2 Then I saw another Angel ascending from the east, having the Seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four Angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, 3 saying, “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have Sealed the servants of our God--on their foreheads.”

4 And I heard the number of those who were Sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

5 of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed;

of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed;

of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed;

6 of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed;

of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed;

of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed;

of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed;

of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.

7 of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed;

of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed;

of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed;

8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; clothed with white robes, with palms in their hands.

9 After these things I looked, and behold--a Great Multitude--which no one could number--of All nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues--standing before God's Throne and before the Lamb/Jesus Christ,

10 and crying out/yelling with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the Throne, and to the Lamb" 11 All the Angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:

"Amen Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
Thanksgiving and honor and power and might,  
Be to our God forever and ever.  
Amen."

13 Then one of the Elders answered, saying to me,

--"Who are these arrayed in White Robes--and where did they come from?"

14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know."

So he said to me--These are the ones who come out of The Great Tribulation  
--and washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore they are before the Throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. 16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will Shepherd Them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will Wipe Away--All Tears from their eyes/painful, hurtful memories-forever.

## CHAPTER 8

When he opened the--**Seventh Seal**--there was Silence in Heaven for about half an hour.

2 And I saw the Seven Angels who stand before God, and Seven Trumpets were given to them.

3 Another Angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer--with the Prayers of all God's people/saints--on the golden altar in

front of the Throne. 4 The smoke of the incense, together with the Prayers of God's people, went up before God from the Angel's hand.

5 Then the Angel took the censer, filled it with Fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came--peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

6 Then the Seven Angels who had the Seven Trumpets prepared to sound them.

7 The First Angel sounded his Trumpet, and--there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth

--A Third of the Earth--was Burned Up,

--a Third of the Trees were burned up,

and All the Green Grasses were burned up.

8 The Second Angel sounded his Trumpet--and something like a--huge mountain/meteorite, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea/ocean.

--A Third of the Oceans turned into blood,

9 A Third of the Living Creatures/fishes in the Oceans died--and a Third of the Ships were destroyed.

10 The Third Angel sounded his Trumpet

--and a Great Star/meteorite, blazing like a torch,

fell from the sky on a Third of the Rivers and on the Springs/lakes of water—

11 the name of the star is Wormwood.

--A Third of the Waters turned Bitter/poisonous, and many People Died from the waters that had become bitter.

12 The Fourth Angel sounded his Trumpet, and--

--a Third of the Sun was struck, a Third of the moon, and a Third of the stars,

-- so that a Third of Them/sun, moon, stars--turned Dark.

--A Third of the Day was Without Light/pitch black, and also a Third of the Night/pitch black/can't see or move.

13 As I watched, I heard an Eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice:

“Woe Woe Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three Angels”

## CHAPTER 9

Then the Fifth Angel sounded:--And I saw a Star fallen from Heaven to the Earth. To him was given--The Key to the Bottomless Pit/a hideous Prison but not the Lake of Fire.



2 And he--Opened the Bottomless Pit--and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace.

So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

3 Then out of the smoke Locusts--came upon the earth.

And to them was given Power--as the Scorpions of the earth have power.

4 They were Commanded Not to Harm--the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree--but only Harm those people who do Not Have--the Seal of God on their foreheads.

5 And they were Not given authority to kill them, but to Torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a person.

6 In those days people will Seek Death--and will Not find it;  
--they will desire to die--and death will flee from them.

7 The shape of the Locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. 8 They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. 9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.

10 They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt people five months. 11 And they had as king over them the Angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

12 One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

13 Then the Sixth Angel sounded--And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, 14 saying to the sixth Angel who had the trumpet,  
--"Release the Four Angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

15 So the Four Angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released--to Kill a third of mankind.

16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen--was two hundred million. I heard the number/sound of them.

17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came--Fire, smoke, and hot sulfur-brimstone.

18 By these Three Plagues--a Third of Mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. 19 For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

20 But the rest of mankind, who were Not Killed by these plagues,

--did Not Repent of--the evil works/sinching of their hands, that they should Not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

21 And they did Not Repent/be sorry and quit sinning--of their Murders or their Sorceries, or their Sexual Immorality, or their Thefts.

## CHAPTER 10

I saw still another Mighty Angel coming down from Heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a Rainbow was on his head, his Face was like the Sun, and his feet like pillars of Fire.

2 He had a Little Book open in his hand.

And he set his right foot on the sea--and his left foot on the land,

3 and cried with a loud voice, as when a Lion Roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. 4 Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a Voice from Heaven saying to me,--“Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them.”

5 The Angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to Heaven 6 and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the oceans and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, 7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh Angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

8 Then the Voice which I heard from Heaven spoke to me again and said--“Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the Angel who stands on the sea and on the earth.”

9 So I went to the Angel and said to him, “Give me the little book.”

And he said to me, “Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.”

10 Then I took the little book out of the Angel’s hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. 11 And he said to me, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.”

## CHAPTER 11

1 Then I was given a reed like a Measuring Rod. And the Angel stood, saying,--“Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. 2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months.

3 And I will give Power to my Two Witnesses--and they will Prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.”

4 These are the two olive trees and the two lamp stands standing before the God of the earth. 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, they must be killed in this manner.

6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

7 When they Finish their Testimony, the Beast that ascends out of the Bottomless Pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city (Jerusalem) which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9 Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another--because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

11 Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them/The Two Witnesses--and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

12 And they heard a Loud Voice from Heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

13 In the same hour there was a great Earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven. 14 The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

15 Then the Seventh Angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the Kingdoms of our Lord

--and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever” 16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,

17 Saying:

“We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty,  
The One who is and who was and who is to come,  
Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

18 The nations were angry, and Your Wrath has come,  
And the time of the dead, that they should be judged,  
And that--You should Reward Your-servants--the prophets and the saints,  
And those--who Fear Your Name--small and great,  
And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

19 Then the Temple of God was opened in Heaven, and the Ark of His Covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and

great hail.

## CHAPTER 12

And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars (12 Tribes of Israel)

2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red Dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

5 And she brought forth a man child (Jesus Christ), who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

7 And there was War in Heaven: Michael and his Angels fought against the Dragon/satan; and the dragon fought with his evil angels,

8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in Heaven.

9 And the great Dragon was cast out, that old serpent--called the devil, and satan, which deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels/demons were cast out with him.

10 And I heard a loud voice saying in Heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the Power of his Christ: for the Accuser of our Brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they/the Saints of God-- Overcame him/satan by the Blood of the Lamb, and by the Word of Their Testimony/lives--

--and they Loved Not-their Lives--unto their deaths.

12 Therefore rejoice, ye Heavens, and you that dwell in them. Woe to the peoples of the earth and of the oceans--for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

17 And the dragon/devil was wroth with the woman, and went to make War with the remnant of her seed/Christians,--which Keep/do the Commandments/Word/will of God, and have the Testimony of Jesus Christ.

## **CHAPTER 13**

Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. 2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. 4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. 6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. 7 It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10 He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. 12 And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. 14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. 15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be

killed.

16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and servant, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let whoever has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

## CHAPTER 14

1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb/Jesus Christ standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. 2 And I heard a Voice from Heaven--like the voice--of many waters/waterfalls, and like the Voice of Loud Thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

3 They sang as it were a New Song--before the Throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are the ones who were Not Defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb/Jesus wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being first fruits to God and to the Lamb. 5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the Throne of God.

6 Then I saw another Angel--flying in the midst of Heaven, having the Everlasting Gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— 7 saying with a loud voice--Fear God--and give Glory to Him--

for the hour of His Judgment has come; and

--Worship Him who made Heaven and Earth, the oceans, and springs of water.

8 And another Angel--followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because She Has Made All Nations--drink of the wine of the wrath of her Fornication/idolatry/sexual-sins."

9 Then a third Angel--followed them, saying with a loud voice,

If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his Mark on their forehead or on their hand,

10 they shall also drink of the wine of--the Wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His Indignation/righteous anger. They shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy Angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have No Rest day

or night--who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the Mark of his name.

12 Here is the Patience of the Saints; here are those--who keep/do the commandments of God--and have the Faith of Jesus.

13 Then I heard a Voice from Heaven saying to me, "Write:

'Blessed are the Dead who Die--in/with--the Lord from now on.' "

"Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may Rest from their Labors--and their Works/good deeds follow them."

14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another Angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the Time has Come for You to Reap,

--for the harvest of the earth is ripe." 16 So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

17 Then another Angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.

18 And another Angel came out from the altar, who had Power over Fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe." 19 So the Angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the Great Wine-press of--the Wrath of God. 20 And the Wine-press was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the Wine-press, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furloughs.

## CHAPTER 15

1 Then I saw another Sign in Heaven--great and marvelous: Seven Angels having the --Seven Last Plagues, for in them--the Wrath of God is complete.

2 And I saw something like a Sea of Glass--mingled with Fire, and those who have the Victory over the Beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the Sea of Glass, having harps of God. 3 They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

"Great and marvelous are Your works,

Lord God Almighty

Just and true are Your ways,

O King of the saints.

4 Who shall not Fear You--O Lord, and Glorify Your Name?

For You alone are Holy.

For all nations shall come and worship before You,  
For Your judgments have been manifested.”

5 After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. 6 And out of the temple came the Seven Angels having the Seven Plagues--clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.

7 Then one of the four living creatures gave to the Seven Angels Seven golden Bowls full of--the Wrath of God who lives forever and ever. 8 The temple was filled with smoke from the Glory of God and from His power--and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven Angels were completed.

## CHAPTER 16

1 Then I heard a loud Voice from the temple Saying to the Seven Angels--  
--“Go and pour out the Bowls of the Wrath of God on the Earth.”

2 So the First Angel--went and poured out his Bowl upon the earth--and a foul and Loathsome Sore came upon the people who had the Mark of the Beast and those who worshiped his image.

3 Then the Second Angel--poured out his Bowl on the Sea, and it became Blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died.

4 Then the Third Angel--poured out his Bowl on the Rivers and Springs of Water, and they--became Blood.

5 And I heard the Angel of the waters saying:

“You are righteous, O Lord,  
The One who is and who was and who is to be,  
Because You have Judged these things.

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets,  
And You have given them blood to drink.  
For it is their just due.”

7 And I heard another from the altar saying, “Even so,  
-- Lord God Almighty, True and Righteous--are Your Judgments.”

8 Then the Fourth Angel--poured out the 4th Bowl on the Sun, and power was given to him to--scorch people with fire. 9 And people were scorched with great heat, and they Blasphemed the Name of God who has power over these plagues;  
--and they did--Not Repent and--give Him Glory.

10 Then the Fifth Angel--poured out his Bowl on the—Throne/kingdom of the Beast, and His Kingdom became full of Darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. 11 They Blasphemed the God of Heaven because of their pains and their sores,



--and did--Not Repent of Their Sinful Deeds.

12 Then the Sixth Angel--poured out his Bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. 13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are spirits of demons, performing Signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the Battle of that Great Day of God Almighty.

15 “Behold, I/Jesus Christ--am coming as a Thief. Blessed are those--  
--who are Always Watching for me, and keep their garments/life's pure/holy, lest they walk naked and become shameful.”

16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

17 Then the Seventh Angel--poured out his Bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is Done” 18 And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a Great Earthquake, such a mighty and Great Earthquake--as had not occurred since people were on the earth.

19 Now the great city/Jerusalem--was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell.

And great Babylon was remembered before God,

--to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His Wrath. 20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And great Hail from Heaven fell upon people, each Hailstone about the weight of a talent. People blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

## CHAPTER 17

1 Then one of the seven Angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the Judgment of the Great Harlot who sits on many waters, 2 with whom the kings/rulers of the earth committed Sexual-Idolatry Sins, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine--of her Sexual-Idolatry/Sins.”

3 So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her Sexual-Idolatry Sins.

5 And on her Forehead a name was written:

Mystery, Babylon The Great-The Mother Of Whores-And Of The Abominations Of The Earth.

6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

7 But the Angel said to me, “Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns.

8 The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose Names are Not Written in the Book of Life from the Foundation of the World, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9 “Here is the Mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains/Continents on which the woman sits. 10 There are also seven kings/rulers. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. 11 The Beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.

12 “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings/rulers who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the Beast. 13 These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the Beast. 14 These will make War with the Lamb/Jesus, and the Lamb will overcome them,

--for He is Lord of lords and King of kings;

--and those who are with him are Called—and Chosen, and Faithful.

15 Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the Whore sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. 16 And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.

17 For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. 18 And the Woman whom you saw--is that Great City/Country which reigns over the kings/rulers of the earth.

## CHAPTER 18

After these things I saw another Angel coming down from Heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, “Babylon the Great--is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird

3 “For all the Nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication/sexual

sins/idolatry, the kings/rulers of the earth have committed Fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury/pleasures.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her Sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. 5 For Her Sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. 6 Render to her just as she rendered to you, and repay her double according to her works; in the cup which she has mixed, mix double for her.

7 In the measure that she Glorified Herself and lived luxuriously/richly, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart--‘I sit as a Queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.’

8 Therefore her plagues will come in One Day--death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with Fire--for strong is the Lord God who Judges her.

9 “The kings/rulers of the earth who committed Fornication/Idolatry and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, 10 standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city/country Babylon, that mighty city/country For in one hour your Judgment has come.’

11 And the Merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: 12 merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; 13 and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men.

14 The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all.

15 The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, 16 and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city/country that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls.

17 For in One Hour such great riches--came to Nothing.’ Every ship-master, all who travel by ship, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea, stood at a distance 18 and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What is like this great city/country?’

19 “They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that Great City/Country, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth For in One Hour--she is made desolate.’

20 “Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her”

21 Then a mighty Angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the ocean, saying, "Thus with violence the great city/country Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore.

22 The sound of harpists, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore.

23 The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore.

For your merchants were the great people of the earth, for by your Sorcery/lies--all the nations were deceived. 24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

## CHAPTER 19

1 After these things I heard a Loud Voice of a Great Multitude in Heaven, saying,--"Alleluia Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God 2 For true and righteous are His Judgments, because He has judged the Great Whore who corrupted the earth with her Fornication/Sexual Sins/Idolatry; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants killed by her." 3 Again they said, "Alleluia. Her smoke rises up forever and ever."

4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, "Amen Alleluia" 5 Then a Voice came from the Throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants/saints--and those who Fear Him, both small and great."

6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a Great Multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns 7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him Glory, for the Marriage of the Lamb/Jesus has come, and His Wife/Bride of Christ-- has made herself Ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, --for the Fine Linen--is the Righteous Acts/works of the Saints.

9 Then he said to me, "Write--'Blessed are those who are Called to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that. I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God--For the Testimony of Jesus--is the Spirit of Prophecy."

11 Now I saw Heaven opened, and behold--a White Horse. And He/Jesus Christ who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in Righteousness He Judges and makes War. 12 His Eyes were like a Flame of Fire, and on His Head--were Many Crowns. He had a Name written--that no one knew except Himself.

13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood,

--and His Name is called--The Word of God. 14 And the Armies/Saints/Angels in Heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on White Horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will Rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the wine-press of the fierceness and Wrath of Almighty God.

16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written--King Of Kings and Lord Of Lords.

17 Then I saw an Angel--standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

19 And I saw the Beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse/Jesus and against His army. 20 Then the Beast was captured, and with him the False Prophet who worked Signs in his presence, by which--he deceived those who received the Mark of the Beast and those who worshiped his image.

These Two/The Beast & False Prophet--were Cast Alive into the Lake of Fire burning with brimstone/sulfur. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

## **CHAPTER 20**

1 Then I saw an Angel coming down from heaven--having the Key to the Bottomless Pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of--the dragon--that serpent of old, who is the devil and satan, and Bound him--for a thousand years;

3 --and he cast him into--the Bottomless Pit, and shut him up,

and set a Seal on him, so that he should Deceive the nations no more until--the thousand years were finished--But after these things he must be released for a little while.

4 And I saw Thrones, and they that sat on them, and Judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the Souls of those who had been Beheaded for Their Witness to Jesus and for the Word of God, who had Not worshiped the beast or his image, and had Not received his Mark on their foreheads or on their hands.

-- And they Lived and Reigned ruled--with Christ

--for a Thousand Years/the Millennium Rule of Jesus--on the earth..

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This

is the First Resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the First Resurrection.

Over such the Second Death has no power, but they shall be Priests of God and of Christ--and shall Reign/rule with Him a thousand years.

7 Now when the thousand years have expired--satan will be released from his prison/bottomless pit--and will go out to Deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

9 They went up from everywhere on the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And Fire came down from God out of Heaven--and devoured them.

10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the Lake of Fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

11 Then I saw a Great White Throne--and God who sat on it  
-- from whose Face--the Earth and the Heavens fled away. And there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God,  
-- and Books were opened.  
--And another Book was opened--which is the--Book of Life.

And the dead were Judged according to Their Works  
--by the things which were written in the Books.

13 The oceans gave up the dead who were in them, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them.

And they were Judged, each one/person--according to Their Works.

14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the Lake of Fire.  
This is the Second Death.

15 And anyone--Not Found written in the Book of Life  
--was cast/thrown--into the Lake of Fire/hell.

## CHAPTER 21

1 Now I saw a New Heaven and a New Earth--for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more oceans/seas. 2 Then I, John, saw

-- the Holy City/New Jerusalem--coming down out of Heaven from God,  
-- prepared as a Bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle/intimate presence--of God is with His saints, and He will dwell/live inside with them, and they

shall be His people.

--God Himself will be with them and be their God.

4 And God will wipe away every Tear/bad memories from their eyes;

--there shall be No More--death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be No--more Pain, --for the Former Things--have Passed Away.

5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make All Things New." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

6 And He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the Water of Life freely to those who thirsts.

7 Whoever Overcomes--shall Inherit All Things, and I will be their God and they shall be my Son.

8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and All Liars--shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is--the Second Death."

9 Then one of the seven Angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the--Bride, the Lamb's wife." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me

the great City, the Holy Jerusalem--descending out of Heaven from God, 11 having the Glory of God.

Her Light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve Angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.

16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal/(Basically, about 1,500 square miles in length, breadth, width, and height).

17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an Angel. 18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and--the City was Pure Gold, like clear glass.--19 The foundations of the wall of the City were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,

20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. 21 The twelve gates were twelve Pearls: each Individual Gate--was of One Pearl.

--And the Street of the City--was Pure Gold--like transparent glass.

22 But I saw No Temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its Temple.

23 The City had No need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it,

--for the Glory of God illuminated it--The Lamb is its Light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.

25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day/there shall be No Night there. 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

27 But there shall by No means Enter it anything that--defiles, or causes an abomination--or a Lie,

--but only those/Enter It--who's Names--are Written in the--Lamb's Book of Life.

## CHAPTER 22

And he showed me a pure river of Water of Life--clear as crystal, proceeding from the Throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the Tree of Life--which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the Healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse, but the Throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

4 They shall See His Face, and His Name--shall be on their Foreheads.

5 There shall be No Night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them Light. And they shall Reign forever and ever.

6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His Angel--to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.

7 "Behold, I/Jesus Christ--am coming quickly

Blessed is the person who Keeps the Words of the Prophecy--of This Book."

8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the Angel who showed me these things.

9 Then he/the Angel said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your Fellow Servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who Keep/does the Words of This Book:--Worship God.--10 And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the



prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.

11 Whoever is Unjust--let them be Unjust still;

Whoever is Filthy--let them be Filthy still;

Whoever is Righteous--let them be Righteous still;

Whoever is Holy--let them be Holy still.”

12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and

-- My Reward is with Me, to give to every one according to--Their Works.

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.”

14 Blessed are those--who Do His Commandments--that they may have the right to the Tree of Life, and may enter through the gates into the City.

15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and--whoever loves and practices a Lie.

16 “I, Jesus, have sent My Angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

17 And the Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let whoever hears say, “Come.” And let whoever thirsts come. Whoever desires, let them take the Water of Life freely.

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 them 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 their part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

20 He/Jesus Christ who testifies to these things says--“Surely I am coming quickly.”

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus

21 The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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