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PREFACE

This is known as "the end days" in *The Bible*, when all humanity from the time of Adam and Eve until the new heaven and new earth is resurrected. All who have ever died will be resurrected as human beings again. It is the time of God's final judgment of the world. In this judgment, God, through Christ, as The Judge will separate "the good" from "the bad." Those judged as good will enter God's "kingdom." The rest will be thrown into the Lake of Fire or the final "hell." What happens to those thrown into The Lake of Fire? Some believe those in "hell" will burn in torment forever. Others believe those in Gehenna will be destroyed forever, never to exit again. But, what does *The Bible* teach? Biblically, you will find, those in The Lake of Fire will not burn eternally, or be destroyed forever. God's love for His creation is to save everyone.

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CHAPTER 1

RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT

Jesus said, "Judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24). Three simple words but spiritually they are loaded with great spiritual meaning. Many Christians view judgment as referring to The White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20). This happens just before the beginning of the new heaven and new earth. Most believe it is The Great Judgment, which everyone seems to fear.

The word "righteous" in Greek, is "dikaios" which is defined as "equitable," "just," "Holy" or "innocent." Certainly this has a deeper significance than just "doing what is right."

To be "equitable" presumes "fairness" and not merely "what is just." It also conveys "being Holy" or "unblemished" and "without spot." To be totally clean, without sin, presumes perfection. You will find you have to go through the entirety of *The Bible* to understand righteous judgment from God's point of view.

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF "WHITE?"

The **final** judgment is a White Throne Judgment. The Greek word for "white" is "*leukos*" or "light." It is a **judgment**, which brings **the truth** of God into **the light**. Everything will be revealed. Jesus said there will be nothing that is covered that shall not be **revealed**. Sin will not be revealed. What will be revealed is God's **truth** which is **the mystery** of God. Jesus said "**What was said in darkness shall be heard in the light**" (Luke 12:2-3). The White Throne Judgment is **not the revealing of sins** but a time of openness or **truth** which will get to

the very **heart and mind** of each and every being that appears before Christ's **throne**. It is the time for revealing or exposing all of God's **truth**. Jesus can and will **save everyone**, **but only after they repent**. You are on Jesus Christ's list **to be saved** (I John 4:14).

The Greek word for "judgment" is "krima." It means to "go to The Law" or "one has been accused and is put on trial." This is a time of confession. Jesus said this is a time when those tried shall confess with their mouth, that Christ is The Savior. And if they believe from the depths of their hearts that God has raised Jesus from the dead, only then shall they be saved. With the mouth, confession is made unto salvation (Romans 10:9-10)! There it is. The White Throne Judgment is openly admitting those who are tried are the ones who first denied Christ. Since nothing is hidden; this, too, will be revealed. Remember, this is not a time for revealing anyone's sins. When individuals have been denying any belief or faith in Christ that too, will be revealed. Those who literally and purposely denied Christ in past generations and continue to deny Christ today, it shall, also, be exposed. The denials and lack of faith will be exposed.

Who and what is involved in this **judgment** or **trial**? Jesus, along with everyone else, who has proven **faithful** (including those who have been martyred for **the truth**) will be the ones **judging** those on trial (Revelation 20:4). This is quite different than Christ, **alone**, being The Judge. Those sitting on these **thrones of judgment** can be compared to **jurors** at a trial who carry authority to be part of the decision in reference to those on trial. These **judges** are like **the grand jury** today. These Christian jurors will decide, with Christ, who is to be indicted. In Christ's day this was called **the council such as a grand jury** (Matthew 5:22).

Paul, The Apostle, said, "The saints shall judge the world including the angels who will also be judged" (I Corinthians 6:3). This is The White Throne Judgment. Christ and the saints will judge the world

and both must judge with **righteous judgment only**. How does Jesus, along with **the saints**, receive this **authority**?

JESUS, THE WORTHY ONE

Christ declared that it is God, The Father who **resurrects everyone** and Jesus Christ, Himself, will be "**the one**" who gives **life-energy** to everyone (John 5:21). How is Christ able to do this?

God, The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all **judgment** unto The Son (John 5:22). Then, Jesus tells the reason He has been given **this right** to be a **Judge**. **The reason is simple**. When He was **The Son of Man living on this earth**, He proved He could conquer His human temptations while in His flesh. Christ was human and lived as The Son of Man. Paul told you Jesus had suffered, being tempted by the innate human nature, and you, also, have to endure being tempted in your lifetime.

Paul said Jesus will succor those who are tempted (Hebrews 2:18).

Jesus is able to be your High Priest making reconciliation for your sins in things pertaining to God. Jesus, is The Righteous Judge because He lived the human experience and remained **faithful** to God in spite of the human lusts of the flesh with all its temptations. **Christ** was **a faithful witness** for The Father and is accounted worthy to be **The Righteous Judge**. In turn, God, The Father, gave all **judgment** to Christ. Jesus paid the price with His **obedience** to God and His **sufferings** for all of us and is worthy to be The Righteous Judge. God, The Father, never lived a human life, so, to be fair, He had to give all **judgment** to His Son, who lived as a human and lived a perfect life. What about Christians who sit on this **throne** during The White Throne Judgment? Are they **worthy**? They are, indeed, worthy (Revelation 20:4). But, **why** should they be **considered** worthy?

God's House

Paul refers to "the church" as "a great house" or "mansion" which holds vessels of gold and silver along with wood and earth. The purpose for some of these vessels is for honor while the other vessels are allocated for dishonor (II Timothy 2:20). Paul said if a man purges himself, he shall be sanctified for The Master's use. A Christian, whether a servant, witness, priest or judge must become worthy. How do the saints prepare to be worthy or righteous? Peter makes a warning statement concerning salvation. Peter declares judgment must begin at The House of God (I Peter 4:17). Why? Those not being judged now will be judged later in The White Throne Judgment. To be a righteous judge a Christian must be judged during their human existence. They must qualify to be able to sit on a jury as the grand jury or council. This is how Christ became worthy. Judgment of God's people began at the beginning (in Genesis) in The Garden of Eden.

Paul said, "By faith, Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain had offered" (Hebrews 11:4). Paul said Abel was righteous by his faith in God, while Cain lacked that faith. Abel was being judged or tried to see if he was a faithful witness. God did not count the sins or offences when Abel proved his faith. He just gave a more righteous sacrifice. Abel proved to be a Righteous Judge because he proved faithful to God.

This was Paul's retort: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1). Paul knew judgment was upon God's house during the lifetime of His servants from Abel to this very day. Christians are continually tried and tested for their faithfulness during their lifetime.

Paul wants you to look to Jesus because, even though He was **innocent**, He endured shame and was despised to the very end. Through His **faithfulness**, He now sits on The Right Hand of God's **throne** as Savior and Judge. He is The Righteous Judge because He trusted His Father in spite of all the false slander that befell Him. He remained **faithful** to His Father and always followed God's "word." It was His **faith** which made Christ, The Righteous Judge. The same applies to every Christian from the time of Abel until **Christ does return**. **Judgment is given to those who remain faithful to the end**.

A TIME OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

As shocking as it may seem, The White Throne Judgment is **NOT** a **judgment**, separating humans; some to be **saved** while others are destroyed or tortured forever.

Now do you see The White Throne Judgment is only a time for everyone to come to **the truth**? The word "white" is biblically defined as "a light" or "**truth bringer**." That was Satan's name before he chose to be God's adversary.

In Hebrews, the word "Lucifer" conveys "brightness" or "the bright and morning star" (Isaiah 14:12). Satan could have been "a" **savior** if he had not turned against God. By going against God the first chance he had in **the garden**, he completely let his vanity get the best of him. So, "**Bright** and **Morning Star**" **is Christ's title** because Christ **earned** His **victory** by obeying His Father (Revelation 22:16). Christ is now "**the light**" or "**truth bringer**" (John 1 and Hebrews 1).

"Lucifer" "the light bringer," wanted to sit on the mount of the congregation. He said he would be the head of the congregation or the church. Where? It is located on the sides of the north where God's throne is located. Jesus is "the one" sitting on the right hand of

God, on the sides of the north (Isaiah 14:13). Satan really wanted to be "the light bringer" or "the judge" in The White Throne Judgment. Instead Lucifer because of his ego-driven nature, ended in demon possession (darkness) and wanted to do everything his own way and not God's proper and only right way (Ezekiel 28:2). Because of his rebellion Lucifer became Satan. The White Throne Judgment is a time Jesus, The Savior of The World, brings everyone to the light or confession that Christ is The Lord and Savior of The World (Phiippians 2:9-11).

The White Throne Judgment is a time of worldwide salvation (I John 4:14). The truth always turns out to be completely different from what mankind tries to figure out with their logical attempts (Isaiah 55:8).

RIGHTEOUS JUDGMENT

Since God is "love," His "righteous judgment" allows Him to always be thinking of the good He can do for others, even though some of those "others" may actually be bad or evil. That is why God said, "Who hath heard such a thing" (Isaiah 66:8)? "Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation [Israel] be born at once? For as soon as Zion [Jerusalem] travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? Saith the Lord shall I cause to bring forth [born] and shut the womb? Saith thy God" (Isaiah 66:8-9). God will save the entire earth but not in one day. God reveals He will never abort anyone. Jerusalem is the mother of everyone in the world (Galatians 4:26). This is Paul's prophecy about the future New Jerusalem when God will bring forth all His children.

None will be aborted, none will be destroyed and none will be in eternal torture. New Jerusalem breaks forth and everyone will be

saved (I John 4:14). That is what The White Throne Judgment is all about! It is a **dispensation** or **time** when everyone is **saved**. Some will be judged **worthy** and be **immediately saved**. The others, who are not judged **worthy**, will be accounted **guilty** so there is **no way** they can be immediately **saved**. They will have to **pay** the last farthing in The Lake of Fire (Luke 12:57-59).

Jesus explained, to have **righteous judgment**, you must be **just**. Justice is always **fair** or **righteous** in a **court**. Those who are **worthy** are guiltless, even though they had sinned; those who are **unworthy** will be called **guilty** and not necessarily because they committed **more** sins, but because they did not **repent** or **confess** before God's **throne**. **Jesus**, **on The Right Hand of God**, **as Melchizedek**, **is your intercessor and your defense attorney and will forgive you**.

SHEEP AND GOATS

How does Jesus render **the final judgment**? The Greek definition for "**the final white throne judgment**" is "*krisis*" or "**crisis**." It means exactly what it states. The final judgment is a time of **crisis** and **stress**. Why? Some are judged **guiltless** and others are judged **guilty**. Christ tells you about this **glorious** future event. Jesus, The Son of Man, having gone through all the human temptations, will come with **the angels** to His Glory. He will, then, sit on His Throne of Glory which is The Judgment Seat.

Before Him shall be gathered **all nations**; **everyone judged** at the **same time**. It will be at that time when He will divide the nations; the **sheep** from the **goats**. The **sheep** enter "**the kingdom**" and the **goats** are thrown into **The Lake of Fire**. This **judgment** is truly a time of "**crises**" or "crisis" but not a time of **condemnation**. It is a process or **time of separation**, a separating of the guiltless from the guilty (Matthew 25:31-41).

Why does Jesus call the **guiltless**: "**sheep**" and the **guilty**: "**goats**?" Remember both are **clean animals**! Neither have **the mark of the beast** with the actions of a **lion**, **bear or leopard**. None of those in The White Throne Judgment are **wild or unclean animals**. Why?

God Almighty and Jesus are present. No one can be in **denial**. They will see God and His Son are truly **real** and that everything has been done for **all** of mankind. Everyone confesses Jesus is The Christ, The Savior (Philippians 2:10-11). When Christ **returns** all the unrepentant ones will have **the mark of the beast** and look totally wild and ravenous much like a lion, bear or a tiger. How does everyone, in all the nations, end up being called **clean** animals? As you continue to read subsequent chapters in this book it will reveal exactly what takes place so everyone finally **grows spiritually**. They grow, **spiritually**, from a wild animal to a docile or clean animal in God's sight (metaphorically speaking).

Sheep are docile. A shepherd leads them. **The sheep know or understand His voice and follow no other shepherd** (John 10:1-9). The **sheep** are **saved**. So, what do the **goats** lack?

The Greek word for "goats," in this case is defined as a "hairy kid." They are only young, newborn goats. They are still carnal (I Corinthians 3:1-2). What is vital to understand is they are clean, not unclean or wild or unrepentant animals with the mark of the beast. Nevertheless, they must still go through The Lake of Fire. Obviously, The Lake of Fire doesn't destroy them or continue to have them, eternally, in torment. The goats are now clean animals because Jesus Christ has saved them; nevertheless they are only babes in Christ (I Corinthians 3:1-3).

God accepts the sacrifice of clean animals only. As unclean, wild animals, God would never have accepted their sacrifice. So The Lake of Fire has a totally different purpose than many realize. As a

further point, The Apostle Paul states these **babes in Christ are still** carnal (I Corinthians 3:1).

Kids

These are baby goats called "kids." The Law given to Moses is very clear in reference to what needs to be done with regard to these **kids**. God told The Israelites when they bring their **first fruits**, **not to seethe a kid in his mother's milk**. Why not? A newborn kid, being **nursed** by its mother cannot, and should not, be offered as a sacrifice (Exodus 23:19). What is the reason?

In Hebrews, the word for "goat," is "ghedee." It means "a young goat" or "kid." In fact, "ghedee" comes from a Hebrew root "gadah" or "to cut off." God's Law forbids the killing of young goats or kids while being nursed by it's mother. Only mature goats, without blemish, can be sacrificed just as with humans. Only adults, not children are held responsible for their sins. Read Luke 12 to learn about the stripes which are received as punishment. Those who knew less will receive less punishment and those who knew much more will have their punishment in direct proportion to the amount of truth they had but did not act upon.

The Hebrew word for "seethe" is "bashal." "Bashal" refers to "any type of cooking," "roast," "seethe," "bake," "boil" or "any type of cooking with the use of fire." It doesn't matter whether kids or young goats, they must be allowed to grow beyond the nursing stage to be acceptable as a sacrifice or witness for God. This is the reason they must confess Jesus is "The Christ" before they go into The Lake of Fire. Paul, also, referred to babes in Christ as still carnal (I Corinthians 3). When they are guilty, they must pay the last farthing in The Lake of Fire. They need to be brought to maturity before being sacrificed, and although they are clean animals, they still cannot be accepted by

God as a sacrifice. These kid goats must mature to be an acceptable sacrifice by God. These kid goats, by burning in the fire, will become mature goats.

Righteous judgment has everything to do with God's system of justice. It demands a certain legal knowledge of God's Laws, especially when being judged. Those who are still not mature in mind must go into the fire (I Corinthians 3). When humans go to court they must know or understand The Law or Ordinances in God's "court." Unless you understand how God judges righteously, your human reasoning can run amuck. You need to understand how God judges and for what exact purpose. Those judged must have everything revealed to them.

CHAPTER 2

HOUSEHOLD OF GOD

Judgment must begin at The House of God (I Peter 4:17). Paul warned that if judgment begins, first, with God's "household" what shall be the end of them that obey not *The Gospel* of God?

Amazingly, Christians have A White Throne Judgment, but not at the same time, as the unrepentant world does. The unrepentant or unbelieving ones have theirs at a different time. The White Throne Judgment occurs just before the time of the new heaven and new earth (Revelation 20 and 21). Peter said God's called-out ones or the elect will have their own personal judgment while living their human-lifetime span on earth. This obviously goes all the way back in history to Adam and Eve and all those who chose to follow and obey God.

Everyone in each generation who is called by God during their human existence is having their White Throne Judgment in their own individual lifetime. That is the reason Peter said, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you" (I Peter 4:12). Jesus said the same thing. "I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled" (Luke 12:49)? The Greek word for "kindled" is "to light." Those called by God to understand the truth go through The White Throne Judgment at the same time as being called to the truth. Jesus is telling you The Lake of Fire or "hell" is now on this earth and applies to you and all Christians who have repented and are God's witnesses. Biblically, if you are being called, and are destined to be God's Sons, you will have to go through Gehenna, "hell" and The White Throne Judgment during the time you live on this earth.

WHAT IS SIN?

Many believe **the judgment** is the time period of counting your sins or advertising all the wrong things you did during your lifetime. But, remember, God **already** knows your sins along with the sins of everyone else (Romans 3:23). Everyone comes **short** of God's "**glory**." More than sin is involved. God could **by all rights** have everyone thrown into "hell" but God's **purpose** and **will** is to **save you** and all the children He has ever created (I Timothy 2:4).

Paul did say, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit The Kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor coveters, nor revilers, nor extortioners shall inherit The Kingdom of God" (I Corinthians 6:9-10). That seems quite conclusive. Never forget, sin does matter because if you keep sinning and do not repent, you can and will be kept out of God's kingdom. But, what is The White Throne Judgment all about? Sounds like everyone's sins are to be exposed. Do you know, for sure, everyone's sins will be exposed? Never forget "no dogs, sorcerers, whore mongers and murderers, idolaters and whoever loveth and marketh a lie will be allowed to enter New Jerusalem" (Revelation 22:15). Sin, obviously, is the culprit. So, again what is The White Throne Judgment all about?

Jesus makes an amazing statement when He mentions that once you start to understand **the truth** of God and can **hear with your ears and see with your eyes and are converted**, Jesus, The Christ, **will heal you** (Matthew 13:15). Once **repentant** and **converted** Jesus **must save you**.

Christ guarantees when one of His **sheep** gets lost, He leaves the ones that are safe and goes to find that **one sheep** that is lost. He has no

choice (Luke 15:7). Christ has a big job and that job is to **save the world** (I John 4:14) and you have seen and do testify that The Father sent The Son to be The Savior of The World.

God's People Judged

Why did Peter say **judgment must begin at The House of God** (I Peter 4:17)? You must understand that all those becoming **jurors** or **judges** with Jesus have to be **fair**, **honorable** and **just**. They can be relied upon to **judge truthfully without any prejudices**. **They cannot judge by appearances and cannot commit judicial fraud.** They therefore, must be **worthy judges** who are, with Christ, deciding those on trial as to their **guilt** or **innocence**. **The grand jury** selection is being made right now! That is the reason **judgment** must begin with The Household of God. It is your **training period**, and it teaches you to become Priests and Kings with Jesus as Melchizedek. Then, during The Millennium, The Bride of Christ will have become Priests and Kings who will **do the judging with Christ**. Christ is already your **Righteous Judge** because He became worthy as Melchizedek. What is the purpose of Christ's **judgment**?

Christ is "**the one**" to whom God has given all **judgment**. God, The Father, already knows His **judgment** will be **fair** and **just**. Why? Because Christ, as Melchizedek, only seeks His Father's "**will**," (who has all wisdom) and by obeying God, you know, for sure, He will be a **Righteous Judge** (John 5:30).

When individuals wonder what God's **will** is, it can be answered simply: God's "**will**" is to **save the entire world** and that is Christ's job. (I Timothy 2:4 and I John 4:14). Now you have the foundation of God's **judgment** – which is to **save the world**. The very **purpose** of The White Throne Judgment is **salvation**. Jesus must **save** everyone and by doing so, the very last enemy Christ defeats will be **death** (I Cor-

inthians 15:26). Death is only caused by sin (Romans 6:23). Jesus therefore must **end** sin so death can and will be abolished. This is what The White Throne Judgment is all about (Matthew 18:11). It is about the destruction of ALL SIN but not **the Spirit in man** in Gehenna (I Corinthians 3-5).

Since **the last enemy is death**, those who are thrown into The Lake of Fire **cannot die**. Those who go into "hell" will live again and then **death**, the last enemy, will be abolished (Revelation 20:14). It is when **death** and the **grave** are burned in The Lake of Fire that death ends forever. This is **the second death**, with the destruction of death in The Lake of Fire those in The Lake of Fire are then **saved**. Since death is ended they are **saved** and changed in a twinkling of an eye (I Corinthians 15:52-55). **The second death is the end of death and the grave**. Those who are **guilty** are thrown into The Lake of Fire (Revelation 22:15). Dying will no longer be man's problem when death and the grave are burned in The Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:14). Fully understand this is **the second death**. **The second death** is the end of the grave and death! Then, those who are guilty are thrown into The Lake of Fire (Revelation 22:15). Believe your *Bible*, it is The Word of God.

The White Throne Judgment is **not** a time of **destruction** or **eternal punishment** but a just decree from God, His Son and **the saints** for those who qualify or are worthy to be **saved**! They are **saved** without going into The Lake of Fire. **They already have experienced** "**hell**" **in their life on earth**. **The righteous ones** had given their bodies as **a living sacrifice** already while living on this earth (Romans 12:1). God has accepted the sacrifice of His **saints** already.

This human existence, from the time of Adam and Eve, until The White Throne Judgment is a **judgment** of **the entire household** of God to prove **themselves worthy** to be **just judges** in The White Throne Judgment as Priests and Kings after The Order of Melchizedek (Revelation 5:10).

A WHITE THRONE

Why is the color "white" used for Christ's Throne of Judgment (Revelation 20:11)? The Greek word for "white" is "leukos." The root for "leukos" is "light." In Greek "The Levitical Priesthood" is defined as "Leviticus," "a Levite" or "white." That was the express reason The Priests wore "white" garments. The Levitical Priests were to bring understanding to "light" or to "the truth." By so doing, they will divide the innocent from the guilty.

The Household of God, "the church" which becomes The Bride of Christ, has a garment that is also "white." This white garment is biblically defined as the righteousness of saints (Revelation 19:8). They are clothed with a King's or Priest's garment, which is righteousness or a righteous judge. There it is. Both Jesus and The King/Priests, after The Order of Melchizedek, are worthy to qualify as the faithful judges in The White Throne Judgment. Why? Along with Jesus, they themselves became true witnesses of God, The Father. They are now worthy to be righteous judges with Jesus.

CHRIST'S JUDGMENT

Since Jesus is **The Worthy Judge**, what type of **judgment will He render**? When The Pharisees held council to destroy Jesus, The Christ, He continued to heal anyone who asked to be healed (Matthew 12:14-15). Why would Jesus continue to heal the sick? You must look for the answer in *The Bible*.

Quoting Isaiah, "Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; My beloved, in whom my soul [life] is well pleased: I will put my Spirit upon him and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall he not break and smoking flax shall he not

quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. And in his name [His authority] shall The Gentile's trust" (Matthew 12:18-21). Are you listening to the Words God is allowing you to understand? This is your biblical proof of The White Throne Judgment.

The Gentiles are those **without God** who were given over to a reprobate mind (Romans 1:21-25). During The White Throne Judgment, The Gentiles are those **without God**. Those who were unrepentant are suddenly going to turn to Christ, who is now **The Righteous Judge** for **victory** (I Corinthians 15:54). They confess their sins (Philippians 2:7-11). Every unrepentant being at this White Throne Judgment turns to Jesus so they too can be **saved** (Romans 10:8-10).

Paul said The Word of God which gives **salvation** is near, not only for you, it is near for **everyone** (Romans 13:11). But, how does all of this happen? **Repentance** requires you must **bow your knee** in **prayer** and **confess your sins in Jesus' name**, so you can be **saved**. All Gentiles, all the unconverted ones, during The White Throne Judgment, will eventually confess Jesus is The Lord and then He will **save** them also. What is this "**victory**?"

VICTORY OF CHRIST

In Isaiah, Jesus gains **victory** during The Judgment. The Greek word for "victory" in Matthew 12 is "*kebesh*" and defined as "footstool." Its root comes from "to conquer" or "subjugate." Over and over again God calls **this earth** His **footstool**. God considers **the earth** as His "**footstool**" and by putting His **foot down**; all His enemies will be conquered forever. If during the Judgment **ALL** are alive on earth, they will see God conquering all His enemies.

Paul prophesied that at God's right hand, Christ sits as a **Judge** and as Melchizedek and The Anointed One, who will continue to make His

enemies, His **footstool** (Hebrews 10:12). Jesus is "**the one**" responsible to conquer all of God's enemies. The last enemy to be destroyed will be **death** (I Corinthians 15:26). How does Jesus bring the end of **death** to all the remaining, unconverted Gentiles? Keep in mind, **only all** of The Israelites are **saved** during The Millennium (Romans 11:26).

The only unrepentant humans left to be **saved** are The Gentiles. Now all humans have confessed and understand Jesus is The Lord or Master to whom they can turn to for **mercy**. This is **the time** of **the mercy seat** or The White Throne Judgment. Only Gentiles are left and they throw themselves upon **the mercy of the court**. This is The White Throne Judgment.

THE FOUR HORNS

On the sacrificial altar, in the temple, were four horns. Whenever mercy was needed or requested, the accused would run to the temple and grab hold of the horns, pleading mercy from The King. Read the account of Adonijah, the son of Haggith, who tried to become the King when David was getting old (I Kings 1:50). When Adonijah heard that David knew of his treasonous plans, he ran and grabbed the horns of the sacrificial altar. Why in the world would he have done this peculiar gesture?

The **sacrificial altar** was where clean animals were sacrificed. Horns are a **symbol** of **government**. In fact, you can verify that The Four Gentile "governments" are **the four governments**, which Christ will defeat at His **second coming** (Daniel 2). The Fourth Beast, in Daniel 2 will be destroyed by Christ in Armageddon. You must read *Revelation Uncovered* for greater insight and happenings at **the end-time**.

When a clean animal was sacrificed or burned, the last farthing or penalty had to be paid in full. The sacrifice of the clean animal had to be completely destroyed even though it was unblemished. This is the sacrifice of those who are thrown into The Lake of Fire. Once completely burned, their false teachings are paid for and completely erased or eliminated (I Corinthians 3:15). Their personal ideas are purged by fire. Remember, Christ is Judge at this time, not as The Savior, but as the Judge who saves. Redemption is over. This is why Adonijah grabbed the horns of the altar. He knew he was guilty and he immediately confessed. Just as The Fourth Beast in Daniel is thrown onto the sacrificial altar; Adonijah was throwing himself on the mercy of the court.

Those Gentiles who are still unrepentant **now** have confessed that Jesus is Lord or Master Judge. However, remember they are only **babes in Christ**, which means they are still **carnal** (I Corinthians 3:1-3). Now they are clean "**kid**" **goats**.

In The White Throne Judgment, the **sheep** are guiltless and enter God's "**kingdom**" and have a right to enter New Jerusalem for The Wedding Feast. They can join in the feasting and partake of The Tree of Life. Those left out, cannot enter **the city** or eat of The Tree of Life, but are only **babes in Christ** and must drink from **the river** which has **the healing waters** of God's Holy Spirit. For a clearer insight read Revelation 22. These Gentiles, who have confessed, will then acknowledge God and plead before **the court for mercy**. They will grab the horns of the altar just as Adonijah had done. Those who prove unworthy are thrown into **the altar's fire** or "hell."

Obviously, The White Throne Judgment is not about your sins in general, but entails something entirely different. After looking at all the different facts that have to take place, how does Christ, along with the **full court**, **judge** those who are tried as to their **guilt** or **innocence**? All have confessed their sins so this **victory** has nothing to do with sin. Notice **the victory** is when The Judgment is **completed**. Paul said after your corruptible bodies become incorruptible or "**Spirit**" then, and

only then, will **death** be swallowed up in **victory** (I Corinthians 15:52 and 54). This is fabulous news for you and every human being who had to suffer throughout some of the pain and agony in their lifetime.

In Greek, the word "swallowed" means, "totally destroyed." Then in a twinkling of an eye, the victory comes and absolutely everyone is then spiritual, which means there will be no more death. Death will be non-existent. The Greek word for "victory" is the same as mentioned in Matthew 12:20, when this occurs during The White Throne Judgment. For a fact, The White Throne Judgment doesn't destroy anyone and no one needs to be in eternal torment because everyone in The Lake of Fire will be changed in a twinkling of an eye. Those paying the last farthing are given spiritual bodies with "the Spirit in man" and will be called "the least in God's kingdom" (Matthew 5:19).

Since sin is not the issue during The White Throne Judgment, then what is **the purpose** of **this judgment**? Since death is extinct, sin will never be a problem again. The last farthing will have been paid. All have **repented** and are dead to The Law (I Corinthians 15:55-57). The Judgment is based upon something else than sin or sinning. Job will give you part of the answer.

CHAPTER 3

BLINDNESS OF JOB

Job was a perfect man. He was righteous and perfect before God in all his ways. Job kept The Law. He was prosperous, famous and full of wisdom. He was held in high honor and was sought out by many individuals for his wisdom and knowledge. Job had a wonderful family with a good wife. Job seemed to have had it all.

Then Satan as **the accuser** came before God to accuse some of those who followed, believed or obeyed God. Satan decided to focus on Job so he became a prime target. Satan told God the only reason Job was **righteous** was because he was blessed in everything in his human existence. So, God decided to test Job and gave Satan the right to put Job through the ringer in every way, except Job's life could not be taken. This turned out to be Job's **ultimate test**. Job went through the fire in his lifetime.

Satan took away Job's family except his wife and he was given every imaginable sickness causing him great pain all over his body. He had festering open sores from his head to his toes. Life was unbearable. Job felt life was no longer worth living. Though Job still believed God and always kept God in high esteem and held great reverence for Him, he began to wish he had never been born.

Eventually, three of his closest friends came by, presumably, to console him. Every time these friends reasoned as to why God was allowing Job to be afflicted; they blamed Job for causing his own suffering by being in the wrong. Although Job never blamed God, he felt he should

have **his day** in **court**. Job wanted **his** White Throne Judgment. He wanted to understand why God would permit him to be plagued since he had always tried to please God and do what was right. What were Job's problems? Why did God allow Satan to afflict him?

THE OLD AND NEW COVENANT

What is amazing is the problem Job had was his own **blindness**, which was very similar to the very problem The Pharisees and The Sadducees had concerning the understanding of *The Old Covenant*. The only difference was Job was truly a **righteous man** and not a hypocrite as were The Pharisees and The Sadducees. But, in both cases, the problem was their own blindness to understand the purpose of *The Old Testament*. What all of them failed to realize was that being **righteous** by **human** effort does not and cannot change their human nature. God's purpose is for God to make you Holy as He is (Ephesians 1:1-3). Attempting to be righteous by your own human effort is not what pleases God (Romans 8:8). So not only Job, but others thought their righteousness was accomplished by the keeping of God's Law and that by doing so it would please God (Romans 8:8). But it did not please God then, and does not please God today. God's will was that His only purpose in creating mankind was to have everyone eventually saved (I Timothy 2:4). To have Job or any of The Pharisees and Sadducees succeed in their quest was to have them all become Holy as God is Holy (Ephesians 1:1-6). Job merely understood righteousness from the point of view of his own obedience in his own life. It went without saying Job was **righteous**. What more did God expect of him? But when one is righteous, there is a great possibility of becoming "self-righteous." So, in the end Job was self-righteous. He was, indeed, perfect in all his ways, so what more was God wanting Job to do? What did God want Job to see or understand? How does Job's problem help answer the question about how Christ will do the judging in The White Throne Judgment? Remember in The White Throne Judgment everyone will

confess that Jesus is The Lord of The Judgment. Sin was never the issue as everyone will have already confessed (Philippians 2). How was God judging Job and how will He judge those in the future White Throne Judgment? What makes the difference?

JUDGMENT UPON GOD'S HOUSEHOLD

Since Job was one of the called-out ones in God's church, Peter explained Job was judged in his own very human lifetime. There was something Job did not understand. God had to test him so he, of his own volition and choice, could come to the place to see and understand something was evading Job's consciousness. You will discover those who already confessed before Christ still didn't see fully; they were still babes in Christ. Much more had to be learned and had to be understood. Job hadn't fully understood the implications of his righteousness or self righteousness. What was missing? In Job's condition at that time, he could not have been saved. Why not?

HISTORY OF GOD'S HOUSE

From the time of Adam and Eve until The Noachian Flood, God gave humanity 1,000 years to live their lives to learn to obey God and most importantly, they had to understand they had to **repent** (II Peter 3:8-9). Instead, the future generations which were born, only seemed to follow **evil** and more of the wicked ways they could think to do. Everyone, that is, except Noah. From the time of Adam, when God removed him from **the garden**, God's **household** carried on the **witnessing** of *The Gospel* choosing **one** repentant and righteous human at **one** particular time.

When Abraham came along, God covenanted **a new promise** with him and the future generations. This is a promise of **faith** and **righteousness**. This was to be fulfilled by The Order of The Melchizedek

Priesthood. Eventually that Priesthood grew to the point it was to be carried on by a nation, which grew from Abraham's lineage. The Nation of Israel was to be God's only witness of *The Gospel*. Israel was intended to go to the whole world and witness God's purpose as The Household of God. At that time, it was The Nation of Israel who was to be **judged** and **tested** just as Job was tested. What happened when God gave His Ten Commandments to them? Almost immediately they sinned? They failed their first test or judgment. What did God see that was wrong? It wasn't because they **sinned** but because they had a wrong heart (Deuteronomy 5:29). They hadn't repented and refused to have a change of heart. For them to continue being His witnesses to the world God had no choice except to write down each and everything that was wrong and right, and then He gave them The Letter of The Law. This Law became their **righteousness** (Deuteronomy 6:25). As long as they perfectly kept The Letter of The Law, they could continue to be **God's witness** of *The Gospel*. This Law, known as *The Old* Covenant, was now a legal document by which they would be judged as being The Household of God. It had to be kept perfectly or they would receive no mercy (Exodus 23 and 33). This Law was only for people who had a wrong heart or were **still** unrighteous in their human nature just as Job had been. Paul said this Law was directed only to the unrighteous and the unrepentant people (I Timothy 1:7-10). As long as they lived every part of The Law, they could continue being God's **chosen people** or The Household of God. But because they couldn't keep The Law perfectly, this Letter of The Law only blinded them just as it had with Job (Romans 11:7-11).

This interpretation, because of Israel's sin and especially their wrong heart, has caused much confusion, not only for Israel as God's Church in The Wilderness but for The Church of God and The Gentiles, also. In too many situations, Job's problems were a **stumbling block** for The Israelites including The Church of God. Both, as God's "**household**," are being **judged** just as in The White Throne Judgment. In too many cases they were seeking their own **righteousness** by The Law or fol-

lowing other religious pagan systems to try to please God. This brings Israel and The Gentiles to The White Throne Judgment. Both were blinded and are still blinded by the same problem Job had. Job had a younger friend named Elihu. His other friends were a little older and reportedly very wise. So Elihu said, "Humility, with days or years should teach wisdom" (Job 32: 7). But as you find out, it isn't always the case. He said **man** has a **Spirit** "**in him**" which allows God to give understanding to that "**Spirit**" or "mind." This understanding can only be given or revealed by God. No man, even one who is wise, has it to give or reveal. No matter how righteous, wise or capable a man was or is, only God has the ability to manifest this secret. It is called **the mystery** of God. The book *Christ In You* will give you a more complete understanding of this subject. This **mystery** has been hidden for ages and only in Paul's day was it revealed to God's **saints** (Colossians 1:26). What is **the mystery** that Job and his friends just did not understand?

After Job's friends stopped telling him what was wrong with him, Job told them they didn't know what they were talking about. So, finally his friends refrained from talking. Job explained how great God was and that no one could ever contend with God. God was allowing Job to have his day in court. This turned out to be Job's judgment day. God told Job he was contending with his Father, The Almighty God! No matter how good he was, keeping all of God's commandments, statutes and judgments, as perfectly as Job did (Paul kept them perfectly also) his human effort or any effort by the flesh just did not please God (Philippians 2). It is not what God really wants from His people, either from Israel or The Church of God (Hebrews 8:8). Does this mean you can sin all you want? "God forbid" as Paul said (Romans 6:12). If you do not break The Ten Commandments you will have a good life; a much better human existence, but you still cannot be saved. In fact, in The White Throne Judgment you will not get a pat on the back: instead you will be found guilty. God had an important lesson for Job to learn. God wanted something more vital for his salvation. But, what did God want Job to understand? God will give you the answer.

GOD'S GREATNESS

God, as Judge, answered Job from out of the whirlwind. From Chapters 38-41 God explained some of His **powers**. Only He could perform what He purposed and planned in the lifetime of each of His children. Job finally had his blinders removed and got the understanding from God, through His angel. Finally, Job understood the mystery of God. Job started to truly repent for the first time in his life. Job said: "Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge?" [How can an intelligent person make a right judgment without knowing all of the facts]? "Therefore have I uttered that I understand not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not." There it is. Job finally understood what he was trying to do, or be, was not within the ability or capacity of what human beings could accomplish. No matter how much Job wanted to be good or righteous and please God it is not within the human capability of mankind to be able to do it. Only God had the ability to fulfill His will or purpose. So, what is God's will or **testament**? It has only one **purpose** and that one aim or plan is to **save** evervone (I Timothy 2:4). Only God can bring a person who has died, back to life. Job finally got it. Job declares; "I know that thou can do everything and that no thought can be withholden from you." Then Job finally repented and said; "Wherefore, I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes." Job was awe struck and speechless. He got the message (Job 42:6). Job finally realized there is nothing he, you or any person can do, no matter what human works he, you or anyone tries, because only God knows how to make a person become perfect (Ephesians 1 and Matthew 5:48).

BEST OF MAN

As a wise man, Solomon said, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God, and keep His Commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). The word "duty" was

added and was not in any of the older manuscripts. Jesus said the same thing, "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things commanded you, say, we are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10). Why did Jesus say if you did everything right, just as Job did, you are still an unprofitable servant? Christ will tell you. It is the "Spirit" or "mind" and heart that quickeneth, which gives life. The flesh profits nothing (John 6:63). It can't be any clearer.

The best a man can do is to keep God's **commandments**, but in this life it is all any human should do which is your only duty to God. Only God has the ability to make you Holy like He is Holy (Ephesians 1).

By your religious effort, even if it is what God wants you to do, it just isn't going to change your human nature. Only complete **faith** in God and His Son, Jesus can save, so you can be one of God's "**sons**." **Righteousness** without complete **faith** in God and His Son or any of your **own** righteousness can't and doesn't get it done (Deuteronomy 6:25). It all gets down to one point, only God and His Son can make it happen. That is what Job learned. He finally got the message and understood as God unfolded His powers to him. This is exactly what Elihu, Job's young friend, was trying to say (Job 32:8).

WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

Are you starting to understand what God is telling you about The White Throne Judgment? There is much more than **sin** involved in The White Throne Judgment. It has to do with what **only** God and His Son, Jesus, can do. You now are almost ready to attend God's **court**, The White Throne Judgment. Biblically, if you are now being called by God and are destined to be His Son, you are going through your own Gehenna, "**hell**" and White Throne Judgment at this very moment. This is a chilling thought, is it not?

To know what **judgment** Jesus will render during The White Throne Judgment you merely need to see how God **judges** His "**household**" in your own life, today. Since Jesus said your **judgment** or "hell" is right now, you need to study *The Scriptures* to compare these two different time periods to clearly understand how God will **judge** the others during The White Throne Judgment.

It Is Not Sin

Many believe **the judgment** is the time period of counting all of your sins. But, God already knows your sins (Romans 6:23). So, you and everyone come short of God's "**glory**." It seems more than sin is involved. Paul did say, "**Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God**? **Be not deceived**; **neither fornicators**, **nor idolaters**, **nor adulterers**, **nor effeminate**, **nor abusers of themselves with mankind**, **nor thieves**, **nor covetous**, **nor drunkards**, **nor revilers**, **nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom of God**" (I Corinthians 6:9-10). That seems quite conclusive. Sin matters, and if you continue to sin it will keep you **out** of God's **kingdom**, so what is The White Throne Judgment all about? Sounds like everyone's sins are to be exposed, but how will they be exposed?

Always remember "no dogs, sorcerers, whore mongers and murderers, idolaters and whoever loveth and maketh a lie will be allowed to enter New Jerusalem" (Revelation 21:15 and Revelation 22:14). Sin, obviously, is the main culprit. What is The White Throne Judgment all about?

Jesus makes an amazing statement. He tells you once an individual starts to understand **the truth** of God and can **hear** with their **ears** and **see** with their **eyes** and is converted, then, that person will be **healed** (Matthew 13:15). Once you repent and are converted Jesus must heal or **save you**. Christ guarantees when one of His **sheep** gets lost He

must leave the ones which are safe and go find **the one lost sheep**. Now you have Christ's job description (Luke 15:7). Christ's job is to **save you**, **along with the entire world** (I John 4).

CHAPTER 4

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL GROWTH?

Job's blindness and lack of repentance was due to reliance upon his own human ability to try to be righteous. Job thought he could please God by the keeping of The Law which was indeed, God's Laws. Finally, Job learned only God could make a person "spiritually righteous." To be "spiritually righteous" and this concerns God's "righteousness," you need to have a change of your mind, heart and your very nature (Romans 2). It is more of a circumcision of the heart which matters and not your religious acts or works in attempting to become "righteous."

An example might be when a boy baby is circumcised. Circumcising the baby will never be able to change the baby's heart or mind as he grows to adulthood. What you may do religiously, by your human acts or efforts, means nothing to God (John 6:63). Nor will keeping The Letter of The Law or any other human WORKS change a person's heart or mind.

You, as a Christian, must **grow spiritually**. The White Throne Judgment is a **spiritual** matter and cannot be earned by physical **works** of any kind. God does not give "**brownie points**" for doing "**works**." God wants all Christians to worship Him **spiritually** only. Why does God want you to worship Him **spiritually**?

Jesus said, God is a "**Spirit**" and you must **worship Him** in "**Spirit**" and "**truth**" (John 4:23-24). God wants you to be Holy as He is Holy, by becoming a "**Spirit**" as He is (Ephesians 1). **Salvation** is totally de-

pendent on you being able to grow **spiritually**. It is only God who can make you Holy. Job found this out the hard way. How do you begin to grow **spiritually** and **what is spiritual growth**?

A CHANGE OF MIND

God writes His Law in your heart and mind by changing your very heart and mind. God must bring you to **righteousness**, when you freely choose to diligently seek God, to become as He is (Hebrews 8:10).

There is no other way and you have no other options. No human effort or human works will ever please God (Romans 8:8).

Paul, The Apostle explains how God changes you in your heart and mind and by doing so, writes His Laws as part of your **very nature** (Hebrews 8:10). You are literally **spiritually** "**circumcised**." There has been a **removal** of your carnal mind and then you are free or, at **liberty**, to grow **spiritually** (Romans 2).

To define how God changes **your natural human mind** and **heart** into a **spiritual nature**, you must read I Corinthians 2 and 3 thoroughly. Paul said what he preached was not based upon human wisdom or human knowledge (I Corinthians 2:1). He only wrote and spoke "**the testimony**" **of God**. A **testimony** represents **God's** "**will**," which is to **save the world** (I Timothy 2:4). A **testament is a will** that is witnessed to be true. The word for "testimony" in Greek is "martur" or "a witness to the death, meaning God's "**will**" is "**the truth**" (John 17:17). Paul says this can only happen by Jesus Christ, **crucified** (I Corinthians 2:2). How clear and how plain.

This **wisdom** of God is a **mystery** and can only be **spiritually** discerned (I Corinthians 2:6-7). The natural man cannot discern or know the things God has prepared for those who love Him (Verse 9)!

THE PROMISE

God by His Holy Spirit has revealed this mystery of spiritual growth which is IN YOU. Paul continues, "For what man knows the things of a man, save [except] "the spirit of man" which is in Him" (I Corinthians 2:10). Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but The Spirit of God. How clear. This is exactly what Elihu, Job's young friend, told him (Job 32:8). Spiritual growth can only occur by God's Holy Spirit revealing the truth or giving understanding to the natural Spirit "in man" or "a man's mind." There it is. No religious system can produce spiritual growth. Religious works are shadows only, which are only a type of the real or the truth. That is why Paul calls them dead works (Hebrews 6:1). They lead you to death. Included in this are any religious works or systems, some of which can be of God, like The Letter of The Law; but no pagan rites or religious holidays or ideas nor any human philosophies can ever change you. Your human efforts or works or deeds of your flesh will **profit nothing** (John 6:63). Humanly, you do not have the ability to change your human nature. ONLY GOD CAN! Now you are getting closer to realizing how humanity will be judged in The White Throne Judgment. It is only God's Holy Spirit, which can change human nature and change "the spirit in man." God, therefore, only wants you to worship Him spiritually. This is what Jesus explains to you when He declares "God is a Spirit and they that WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH" (John 4:24). Now to find out what is GOD'S TRUTH. GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH - nothing else! Notice, Paul's ministry and doctrine only revolved around this TRUTH (John 17:17).

When Paul wrote to The Colossians he told the local minister, Epaphras, he had heard about the "love" they had in God's "Spirit" (Colossians 1:8). The Colossians loved God's Holy Spirit. Why? In Colossians 1:9 Paul explained. They loved God's Holy Spirit because it

revealed **all wisdom** and **spiritual knowledge in God's "will"** or "testimony." Only by **spiritual growth** can Christians be **saved** and not by any other human contrived religious works of the flesh. It can never be done with any works, whether The Letter of The Law, pagan works or by any human philosophy. Now can you begin to understand how you will be **judged** by God's Son, Jesus, in The White Throne Judgment or any **works**? **Spiritual growth** is the point and not any **doctrine** or any **judgment** or works. Even sin is not the point but **growth** "in truth" by God's Holy Spirit!

Paul answers the question of **spiritual growth**: "Whereof I am made a minister [preaching servant] according to the dispensation of God [God's time and place] which is given to me for you to fulfill The Word of God" (Colossians 1:25). It all comes down to each and every repentant Christian having God's "word" – "completed" or "fulfilled" in them. This is God's biblical definition of "spiritual growth." God makes it easy for you to understand by making it logically clear.

Exactly how does God make all this happen? Your **salvation** is dependent upon you becoming The Word of God or "**logos**," just as Christ. "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of The Son of God, unto a perfect [blameless] man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

The word "measure" in Greek, is "*metrone*" or "a limited portion" such as "a unit of measurement." The Greek word for "stature" is "*hilikis*" which is defined as "maturity" or "the same age." The word "fullness" in Greek is "*pleroma*" which is defined as "completeness" or "all full."

To be **saved**, each of you must achieve whatever "measure" or "limited portion in your own Christian life" to be "full age" or "as close to Christ's maturity when He offered Himself as a living sacrifice with His death." For each and every Christian with God's Holy Spirit it will begin to change for your human nature into **God's Holy** "**nature**" al-

lowing you to **grow spiritually**. Then you can begin to do everything Jesus did when He lived upon this earth. The ultimate **sacrifice** was giving **His** "**life**" for your sins. That one sacrifice, completely undeserved, shows His **supreme sacrifice** of **God's** "**love**" (John 15:13).

Paul's Warning

After Paul described the **process of growth** for a natural man, "the Spirit in man" is to become holy in your heart by God's Holy Spirit. Then Paul warns The Corinthians. What is the warning? Paul said The Corinthians were CARNAL or just babes in Christ (I Corinthians 3:3). He states because they are **carnal** they were creating strife and division within themselves (I Corinthians 3:1). These divisions or denominations occurred because each followed their own **preferred preacher**. Each chose **the church** of **their choice**. Just as Christianity and Judaism have created so many splits, Paul said this is CARNAL; there should be no denominations or divisions in **the churches** or **the synagogues**. No one should pick their own preferred preacher or rabbi. This is just **carnality** showing its head (I Corinthians. 3:4-5).

Paul said it doesn't matter even if they are **true preachers** of Christ as Paul, himself, or Apollos. The only way you know if he is preaching **the truth** is when the preacher only teaches what **Christ said** (I Corinthians 3:11).

Each preacher will ultimately be held responsible for everything he teaches. The false preacher will be thrown into The Lake OF Fire. If a preacher is not teaching **the true Word of God** he will be thrown into "hell." Until all his false ideas and false teachings are burned he will continue to stay in **the fire**. Once he **repents** of false teaching only then will he be **saved spiritually**. Read the account in I Corinthians 3:12-14. Paul warns that even what he and Apollos taught, if false, they too would have to be cleansed in The Lake of Fire. Paul warns not

to trust **any preacher or man**. Even Paul himself is not to be trusted. Jesus warned that many preachers will come in **His Name**, that is, by Christ's **very authority**, and yet **deceive many** (Matthew 24:4-5). Paul and Jesus said Christians are not to trust any man or preacher. How can one know **the truth** and know if what is preached is **the truth of God**?

A CHURCH SERVICE

Paul gave specific instructions how a church service or a Christian assembly should be held. Read I Corinthians 14:26-29. Paul said when the church assembled together for a service, there may be a member wanting to sing a specific song, another had a new doctrine to teach and some were speaking in tongues (different languages) and some had some new understanding of God's "word" or revelation. Quite a different situation from most services today. Notice, the different doctrines didn't matter. Creeds and doctrines did not count. For spiritual growth to take place, a church cannot and should not have creeds. Only Christ "In You" is required (II Corinthians 3:1-7). Only spiritual growth of every member is to take place. A church cannot and should not have creeds. The only requirement Paul had for holding a church service was it had to be orderly and not cause confusion (I Corinthians 14:31-33).

Paul understood each Christian was at a different level of **spiritual growth** or **spiritual understanding**. Some **church members** were babes just beginning to mature. This is what **spiritual growth** is all about! Everyone is at a different level, doctrinally, and in understanding **the revelation** of God's "**word**." What was **the church** supposed to do about it? One person felt they learned **truth** from one minister but not from another minister; at least that's what he/she sometimes thought. Following one's chosen minister can cause the start of different denominations or splits in **the churches**. Remember, Paul said

that choosing your preferred minister is being **carnal**. What is the **true** answer?

The Prophets and inspired preachers are to speak "in order" and that each church member is to be responsible to judge them against God's "word" (I Corinthians 14:29). Christians are to personally judge each preacher to see if they are truly inspired and have God's truth by making sure their *Bibles* validate what they are saying about God's "word." That is why The Bereans were mentioned as being "nobler." They checked scripturally to see if Paul was following the truth in The Word (Acts 17:11). In I John 2:27 it states: "But the anointing [God's Holy Spirit] which ye have received of him [Christ In Him] abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing [God's "Spirit"] teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." There it is. Christ "In You" is what counts. Yes, you should listen to what a preacher teaches, but each Christian, individually, is held responsible to check God's "word" to see if it is what your Bible confirms. It is each Christian's personal responsibility to judge each preacher based upon scriptural proof. Agreeing doctrinally in a church is not the issue. When a Christian grows spiritually, it will demand a different understanding for each individual's growth. Each of you have your own individual level of Christian faith (Romans 14:23). This should never cause schisms or denominational splits if all have the mind of Christ, which is God's mind.

DIFFERING FAITHS

Read all of Romans 14. Paul tells you some Christians are weak or understand very little – for example, one might be a vegetarian. There were those who believed you couldn't eat meat. In The Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were vegetarians, so some Christians in Rome assumed all Christians should be vegetarians. They were at that level

of doctrinal belief. Some preferred a Sunday while others chose Saturday to worship. Instead, Paul said it is up to each Christian to decide on their own in relation to their level of understanding and individual growth. Paul asked why do Christians judge one another when it comes to doctrine (Romans 14:10-11)? When Paul spoke of The White Throne Judgment he said each Christian will stand before Christ's Judgment Seat and confess their sins (Verse 1). It is not another Christian's responsibility or their place, let alone a preaching minister, to judge another Christian's level of faith or spiritual understanding. That is why Paul declared whatsoever is not of faith is sin (Romans 14:23). Because each Christian or human will not be judged as a "church" but as an "individual" Christian or an individual minister – no one should attempt to judge one another! This is all about The White Throne Judgment and **not sin**. Paul said if one believes that drinking wine is a sin, others should not drink wine in his or her presence. Christians shouldn't judge ministers or other Christians and never offend each other. As Christians and ministers you are commanded not to cause any brother to stumble or cause any brother to fall. You are never to be the cause for any individual to stop growing spiritually. Everyone is to allow everyone else to become Holy like God and Jesus Christ. That is why each Christian's level of **faith** is a personal matter and not a matter of doctrine, or anyone's business for that matter. The only time brethren should be disfellowshipped from the church is when they refuse to stop sinning against The Ten Commandments. Read the example of the fornicator (I Corinthians 5). But once he or she repents the church must accept that person back into their fellowship. That's it! Doctrine is a matter of spiritual understanding and only God will give this to you through Christ "In You" by God's "Spirit."

Causing Schisms

A heretic or one who has doctrinal differences is allowed in God's fellowship as long as they do not cause a schism or split. One is not to

judge another Christian's **faith**, because it is a personal matter of **spiritual growth**. Jesus said some will grow thirty, fifty or one hundred percent. Every one of you is "**spiritually**" at different levels. Christ said some take God's talents and increase to two, five or ten talents. Each level of **spiritual growth** gives you a different reward. Christ said the one who only kept the one talent given him would have it taken away and given to the one who grew ten talents. The more you **spiritually grow** – the more of a reward you will receive. It is all an individual matter between you and God and His Son, Christ. No one man or **any man** should be the judge over you – only Christ can and will judge you.

THE MIND OF CHRIST

What is the solidifying **spiritual factor**, which keeps The Church of God of **one mind** and **united**? You now know following a preacher is not correct. One follows **a man** only as he follows Christ. Paul said the same (I Corinthians 11: 1). Now, you understand man cannot build upon any other foundation. How can you know if a preacher is building upon **the foundation of Christ**? A true preacher of Christ must have **the mind of Christ**. Doctrines and creeds have nothing to do with it. Many denominations or church groups, which hold to creeds and doctrines, do so as a matter of power or control over the congregation. In some cases it is a career, based upon **filthy lucre**. Paul called groups which separate and follow a specific preacher as being **CAR-NAL**. This is pretty clear.

Jesus forbids any church ministry to be viewed as a **rank of authority** or one putting himself as the **chief or overlord**. Read the book *God's Work* for proof. Christ said the one who serves the most is actually the greatest. Question: Does service to God's people justify having a rank in the ministry? No rank should be in the ministry to serve God's people. There is only **One Lord** or **Master** in **the church**. Jesus is

that Master and all are to be **His slaves**; no one should put another person on a pedestal. A true preacher only **serves the church** and that preacher is only to be followed as He follows Christ (I Corinthians 11:1). Who is **the foundation of all doctrine!** You must **scripturally** prove Christ is **the foundation** of God's **churches**.

Paul said to fulfill his joy. How? Christians must be like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord and of one mind (Philippians 2:2). How does The Church of God have the same mind? By loving each other and not being concerned with any **creeds** or **doctrines**. If people love one another, as they should; they do not split or cause schisms just because they understand doctrines differently. **The** "**mind**" **of Christ**, which you are to have, is thinking of the welfare and benefit of your brother rather than what you or any minister might think about themselves (Philippians 2: 3-12). Then Paul describes how Jesus at His baptism, as The Son of God, didn't think He was anyone special, but chose to be a humble servant and was willing to give His **life** for you. He certainly set an example as the **greatest of servants**. There is your answer. **The** "**mind**" **of Christ** thinks of the welfare of others and not his own welfare as a primary focus, even willing to die for the benefit of others. That is THE MIND OF CHRIST.

That is what keeps **church unity** and not any creeds or doctrines. Paul said each Christian should work out **their own salvation** with fear and trembling or humility (Philippians 2:12). Now you have it. The White Throne Judgment is how you **spiritually grow** as a Christian and not by following any particular preacher or denomination.

APOLLOS

Observe a minister, or a preacher who has **the mind of Christ**, especially when he preaches. Apollos was a Jewish preacher, from Alexandria, Egypt, who believed in Christ. He, however, only knew The

Baptism of John when he came to **repentance**. He knew nothing about God's Holy Spirit. However, he was a preacher who was "**mighty**" in *The Scriptures*. He was **spiritually** gifted in his understanding of *The Old Testament*. That is all there was at that time. Apollos knew **the purpose** of *The Old Testament*, especially The Law which would lead people to **repent** and follow Christ.

Apollos was a true preacher of Christ. Notice how he as one of God's ministers, had **the** "**mind**" **of Christ** (I Corinthians 3:5). After Apollos had finished preaching in The Synagogue, a married couple, Aquila and Priscilla, who were not part of the preaching ministry, approached Apollos. Apollos was the minister and mighty in *The Scriptures* who allowed himself to be taught by Aquila and Priscilla. He had **the** "**mind**" **of Christ**. This married couple taught the minister more perfectly than he **scripturally** had understood, even though he was gifted **mightily** in God's "**word**" (Acts 18:24-28). This is a true preacher of Christ with **the** "**mind**" **of Christ** — one thought more highly of the other.

This is what real **spiritual growth** is all about. As long as anyone is in The Body of Christ, "whatever his or her gift or calling" and as a humble, teachable child, then, they too will have **the** "**mind**" **of Christ**. The White Throne Judgment is all about **spiritual growth** and the humility of accepting the teachings of God's Holy Spirit when it might be different than what you humanly previously understood.

CHAPTER 5

ONE THOUSAND YEARS

The Apostle Peter makes a profound statement concerning The White Throne Judgment. He said Christians could look forward to the time of "the new heaven and the new earth."

Why? Because, in this new heaven and new earth, only **righteousness** can exist. How? Because God's **long-suffering** will finally bring **salvation** (II Peter 3:12-15). What does "long suffering" mean? At the time of the new heaven and earth there will be reserved "**a fire**" against The Day of Judgment (II Peter 3:7-9). This is The White Throne Judgment which you read in Revelation 20.

Then, Peter acknowledges that God considers one day as 1,000 years. So 1,000 years can be counted as **one day** (II Peter 3:8). Why? God is long suffering and He is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance (II Peter 3:9). You now can have **two new thoughts** about what Christ, The Judge, will do during this trial.

First, God gave individuals 1,000 years **to repent** and then be **saved**. Secondly, God allowed those being judged to repent during the 1,000 years. Biblical history verifies Peter's statements.

ADAM TO NOAH

Many have doubted that humans could live for 1,000 years. But, *The Bible* states from Adam through Noah's day humans did, indeed, live almost a 1,000 years. In fact, God allowed humans two – 1,000 year periods (approximately) from Adam to Noah, to **repent**. Unfortu-

Methuselah who lived 969 years. The shortest time for a person to enter God's **rest** during this long lifetime was Enoch. Enoch, God's Prophet, was living this human life for a mere 365 years. Why? Because he walked with God during those years and did not see death. How could that be? Apostle Paul answers the question by saying, instead of dying, Enoch was **translated**. The word "translated" in Greek is "metatithami" meaning "to transport" or "change sides" (Hebrews 11:5). It connotes a "carry-over from the flesh to the Spirit." There is "**a Spirit in man**" in each of you (Job 32:8). When a human dies, the body returns to dust and "**the Spirit in man**" – "**returns**" to God who initially gave it (Ecclesiastes 12:7). This "**Spirit**" is the "**life energy**" from God which makes humans able to live.

Enoch merely disintegrated physiologically. All of his molecules turned to dust and his **spirit** went back to God. *The Bible's* example is when Christ returns, those who are alive will be changed in a "**twinkling of the eye**." This is **instant change without dying** (I Corinthians 15:52). Enoch never saw death because he repented and walked with God almost all of his life. In the case of Enoch, he just did not need the 1,000 years to **repent**. God **saved him** the trouble of living this stressful (at times) life.

By the end of two 1,000 years – when humans could live 1,000 years in order to have enough time to **repent** – Noah, proved to be the only **perfect** one in his generations. Even though God allowed individuals to live up to 1,000 years, having enough time to **repent**, everyone (except Noah) became evil, in various degrees. So, God decided He had to start over by having the earth flooded and **saved** only **righteous** Noah. Noah's family benefited from His obedience to God and they too were **saved**. God could see by allowing individuals to live a 1,000 year period without God, humanity still could not become perfect or good. God allowed two – 1,000-year periods to be **witnesses** of God's Law.

Two or three witnesses establish a **truth**. Read and recheck Genesis 1 to Genesis 10

From Adam and Eve's creation approximately 2,000 years passed before God had the earth flooded. Noah, God's "Comforter" or Prophet, once again witnessed God's truth. Just before the flood Noah warns the civilization at hand of the impending flood if they will not repent. Instead of repenting, they mocked Noah just as many individuals mock Christians today. Then came the flood and destroyed everyone except Noah and his family. Then, there was a new chance for humanity.

Noah teaches and preaches **the truth** to his family. But only Shem followed Noah's example, while the other two sons did not. Japheth was too busy building his family and his fortune. Nimrod, Ham's grandson, went completely against God and became God's enemy. The earth once again was divided between God and Satan just as in Cain and Abel's day.

THE PROMISE

Approximately 1,000 years later Abraham is born. Because of Abraham's **faith**, he proves himself **righteous** in God's "**thoughts**" and becomes a Prophet. He was ready to sacrifice Isaac, his only legal son, because God told him to. Abraham was a **faithful witness** of God's **new promise** which was guaranteed by God. Isaac was **saved** and instead a **ram** was offered in place of the human sacrifice.

This Abrahamic Covenant (contract) was God's **promise** of **universal salvation** through Abraham's seed or progeny. Again, after 1,000 years God manifested a new opportunity, a fresh chance for society to be saved (Genesis 22:12). History continues until a nation comes from the seed of Abraham's son, Isaac. Isaac engenders Jacob whose name was changed to Israel and he had 12 sons. These 12 sons and their gen-

erations became The Nation of Israel. Israel was God's **chosen people**, according to The Abrahamic Covenant. The Nations of Israel were to be God's **witnesses** to the world. Instead, they sinned, and ended up wandering through the desert **attempting** to repent but in the end this generation also failed. This sinful generation dies in The Wilderness (wandering) and the new generation had their opportunity under Joshua and they entered the promised land. Finally, in the time of King David, Israel is blessed as God's **people** and attains their Golden Age as God's **witness** to the world during Solomon's rule (David's son). This is approximately 1,000 years after Abraham's birth which makes it about 2000 B.C. Once the world has a witness of God's **truth** they are able to **repent**. Paul speaking of "God's **rest**" or "**paradise**," states in David's day, Israel and the rest of the world had yet another opportunity to repent of their sins (Hebrews 4:7).

THE MESSIAH

Israel was **faithless** and just would not follow God, so **another day**, or another 1,000 years, had to transpire for another witness to bring yet another chance for mankind to repent. Then 1,000 years later, Christ, The True Promised Seed came through Abraham. Jesus Christ came and once again the world could be **saved** through **repentance** (I John 4:14). But, Jesus was rejected and was crucified. The Church of God, on The Day of Pentecost, with God's Holy Spirit were to be **witnesses** of Christ (Acts 1:8). This was approximately 30 A.D. About 4,000 years have passed and now The Church of God was again to be a **witness** for God. Again, God gave another 1,000 years for them to **repent**.

THE DARK AGES

By 50-55 A.D., many antichrists had entered The Church. By the end of the first century, The Church of God was led into deceit. The True Churches of God were taken over by The Roman Empire un-

der Constantine, which is the The Fourth Beast in Daniel 7. A.D. under Constantine at The Council of Nicea they brought in pagan teachings (II Thessalonians 2). By the end of the first century, The Church of God was again led into deceit. The True Churches of God were taken over by The Roman Empire under Constantine, which is The Fourth Beast in Daniel 7. Satan infiltrated God's true church almost four hundred years after the birth of Christ, and with the loss of God's truth, thus began The Dark Ages. With the onslaught of The Arabs, the capture of Jerusalem turning Muslim, The Crusades followed. Next, Genghis Kahn, along with others worked havoc and almost all Europe fell. The Christian Church was once again in jeopardy. Constantine took over Christianity in 325 A.D. and almost 1,000 years later (about 1200 to 1300), The Huns were finally defeated. The Dark Ages once again emerged into The Reformation or New Age. By 1400 A.D. printing was invented by Guttenberg and *The Bible*, God's "word" was now available for the first time to the world. Once again, God started a new 1,000 years to bring the world to **repentance**. The Renaissance had begun.

HUMANISM

At the same time **science** started to take precedent over *The Bible*, and *The Bible* began to be measured by The Rules of Science. No longer was God's "word" an act of faith. Instead The World's Universities began to analyze God's "word" to prove whether or not it was indeed God's "word." However, they did not use *The Bible* as their main source; instead they used their humanistic logical minds. The Renaissance Universities started to teach God's "word" in their Theology Departments. However The Colleges of Philosophy shifted their emphasis from *The Bible* as the foundation, and used, instead, the study of science. *The Bible* went under the microscope and Humanism evolved; with humanity once again believing they, themselves, could eventually produce a paradise on this earth, on their own, without the help of

God. They rationalize that people with their own ability could eventually learn to be good and erase all evilness. Humanism has attacked Christianity ever since. From 1,000 A.D. to 2,000 A.D. you find "humanism" has turned the world of Christianity "upside" down. In fact, secularism has gained by leaps and bounds. The latest statistics, show in only fifty years Europe has gone from a Christian base to now only 5 percent believe in a God! Latest "poll" taken in Israel, have found 70 percent of the population are secularists. This is according to recent polls. Europe is presently secularist and with the influx of Muslims who hold the world and Europe in contempt because of Christianity's rapid rise of immorality. In fact, Judaism and Christianity are blamed as the sole cause for all of the moral decay in today's society. And in many ways, they are right.

SIX THOUSAND YEARS

Six thousand years have elapsed since Adam and Eve. You are now close to the beginning of the seven thousandth year. A new millennium is just around the corner. The Return of Jesus may be more imminent than you may think. In fact, the world scene seems prophetically close to the end. Read Revelation Uncovered. God once again starts with a new 1,000 year period to proclaim REPENTANCE TO THE WORLD. Again God's MYSTERY which is in His "word," The Gospel, 1,000-years must be witnessed once more, just as was done during each of the 1,000-year periods. God begins anew again and God gives you another chance for a new beginning. This new beginning must usher in new witnesses. Who are God's new witnesses for the next 1,000 years? It will be revealed to you that God's witnesses are a very important key to The White Throne Judgment and is another vital element concerning The Day of God's Judgment.

CHAPTER 6

WHY HAVE WITNESSES?

The Apostle Paul revealed God's "house" still has a contract under *The Old* and *The New Testaments*. This contract was based upon The Apostles and Prophets with Jesus Christ, Himself being The Corner Stone (Ephesians 2:20).

Christianity and God's **temple** is based upon **Christ** as **The Corner Stone**, followed by The Apostles and Prophets (Hebrews 3:1-4). Jesus, The Apostles and Prophets all said they would **witness the truth**. **Jesus Christ is The Faithful Witness of God's "truth"** (John 17:17). Christians in **the church** are, also, to be God's "**witnesses**" (Revelation 3:1). **The two witnesses** are defined in Revelation 7 as The 144,000 Israelites (The Church in The Wilderness) and an innumerable multiple of Gentiles as The Church of God.

Why does God need witnesses? Some Israelites and many Gentiles were, and are, God's witnesses throughout their lifetime. Why does God need witnesses to declare God's truth during their individual human existence? Remember, for one to be found innocent or guilty, in God's "court," The Law demands two or three eyewitnesses. Let's biblically examine why God wants Christians to be a witness of God's truth.

WHAT IS A WITNESS?

God has two contracts specifically made with mankind. One is called *The Old Covenant* (contract) and the other is a *New Covenant* (contract). *The Old* has to do with physical blessings and a good, long life. *The New Covenant* had to do with riches in Christ so God can give you salvation. In fact, these two covenants or contracts are called a "will"

or "testament" (Hebrews 8 and 9). A "will" requires at least two witnesses by The Law (Deuteronomy 17:6). A witness is one who testifies a contract or will is correct. Those receiving the benefits of the "will" are, also, true witnesses.

That is why Jesus is a **faithful witness** just as God's people need to be as **faithful** as He was (Hebrews 11). By so doing, it validates the "**will**" or **contract** as being **dependable** and **guaranteed**! This "**will**" or **contract** is to be **witnessed to the entire world** (I John 4:14).

When a person goes to **court** because a "**will**" is being contested, the **witnesses** are called upon by **the court** to certify the "**will**" or **contract**. Once **the court** approves **the** "**will**" as being **genuine**, The Executor can enact **the** "**will**" or put "**it**" into force. That is the reason **a witness** is mandatory. You now have proven God has repeatedly called **witnesses** to **repent** and be His **true witnesses** every 1,000 years. Since Jesus died for your sins, *The New Covenant* is in force at this very moment.

Why does God want witnesses to Christ's "will" or "testimony" when *The New Testament* or covenant is already in force? God, at this time, is giving His Holy Spirit to you so you literally can become a Son of God (Romans 8:14). The **inheritance** is already in force (Ephesians 1:13-14). Since a witness is to validate a contract or "will," then, there must be a reason God calls people to the church long before Christ intends to return to this earth.

A MATTER OF FAITH

Presently there are some rejecting *The New Covenant* and God's Holy Spirit which He wants to give. God's **purpose** is for God to be "**all and in all**" (I Corinthians 15:28). God also wants to **save everyone who has ever lived** (John 3:17). Amazingly, God did not send Jesus to **condemn the world**. God sent Jesus to **save the world** (I John 4:14). It is God's "**will**" that **no one** should ever be lost. But, this means those

who are rejecting God in their lifetime must have another way to be saved (I Timothy 2:4 and II Peter 3:9).

Scripturally, it becomes clear that those going into The Lake of Fire must somehow be **saved** in order to fulfill God's "**will**." *The New Covenant* requires **witnesses** because Christ's "**will**" benefits humans in different periods of time. Even though the "**will**" is in force, most will have to wait to receive their **salvation** sometime in the future. *The New Covenant* has conditions, which must be met before **salvation** can be given to everyone. What does God's "**will**" require you to do? Jesus answers the question in John 5:22-24. Christ said God has given **all judgment** to The Son, which includes The White Throne Judgment. It is a conditional contract! When it is said "**ALL MEN**" it means "**universal salvation**." All should honor The Son since Jesus is The Judge (Verse 23).

When you honor The Son, you will be honoring God, The Father. Then, Christ said **everyone** must hear His "**words**" and believe in God. If you believe Christ's "**words**" and have **faith** in The Father, you will be **saved**. It is very clear. It can't be any clearer. It is a matter of **faith** and believing Jesus only speaks His Father's "**words**" (John 3:34). In order to be **saved**, you must **live** by **every Word** of God (Matthew 4:4). In order to be a **witness**, the measure of **the degree** of your **faith** is **paramount**.

THE JUDGMENT

God's "word" tells you if you live by every Word of God, it will manifest your **faith** in Christ. That is why Jesus was the **first true witness** of God's "word." Jesus acknowledged He could do nothing, in His human flesh, but in **faith** totally LIVED by every "Word" of God. That is what made Christ, a **true witness**. You, too, must live your life the way Jesus did (John 5:30-39).

THE UNSAVED

God has called His **church** to be His **witnesses** by His Son, Jesus. Why? Because too many just **do not believe**. They have a reprobate mind which is hostile to God (Romans 1:19-28). In the beginning, in Eden, Cain knew God but he and his progeny did not **glorify God** or accept Him as **the true God** (Romans 1:21). In the process they all lived **evil lives** and became very foolish. This became the birth of The Agnostics and The Atheists and all the others who turned their back on God and rejected Him totally in the end.

God's wrath will be upon all unrighteous people (Romans 1:18). God's righteousness is revealed from FAITH TO FAITH (Romans 1:17). Plainly, God declares THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH. There it is. A true witness which certifies the authenticity of *The New Covenant* or God's "will," is the faith you manifest in your life. In this way you automatically testify *The New Covenant* is true and real and testifies you are a Christian living a life manifesting *Christ* "*In You*" (Revelation 1:5). God seeks witnesses of *The New Covenant* because The Day of His Wrath is very near. The Lake of Fire will be all too real to the ungodly who do not live by every Word of God (II Peter 3:7).

GOD'S STRATEGY

God's **plan of action** has what is known as a "dispensation." In Greek the word "oikonomia" refers to "an administration of an estate and how the estate or household is run." "**Stewards**" are appointed to care for God's "house." It especially connotes the economics or its financial profitability.

Each "manager" is commissioned with varied responsibilities based upon the skills or gifts of that "steward" or "manager." In Hebrews 3 you find God's "house" or "estate" is organized so each manager ful-

fills each task as Jesus Christ, The Head Steward, mandates! If each servant is faithful in their duties today, they, in the future, will inherit their own estate for all eternity. Read Ephesians 1:1-12. This has been God's strategy and plan all along. All these responsibilities are temporary. But, when the owner of the estate returns, each of you will be rewarded to the degree you have proven how profitable you have been. This House of God, The Church, must prove faithful as wise stewards. Jesus warns you to be a diligent and faithful servant (Luke 12:40). Christ said to expect Him at any time. If you have been faithful and wise when The Lord or Master returns then The Lord will make you a ruler over His "household." This will include all the riches from The Lord's "estate" (Luke 12:42). No sleeping or complaining on this job if you expect to win the reward in the race you are running.

LIGHT TO THE WORLD

Why does each Christian have to be **diligent** and **faithful**? Because the salvation of the world depends upon a Christian being a faithful and diligent witness at all times. Why? So they can be a light or witness to the world and to those who do not know God or His purpose. John 1:9 reveals Jesus is that first true light and Christ will be the light for every man in the world. Jesus, The Christ, will save everyone. By making each human a "light" just as He is, you also, if you choose, are to be that **light** or **witness** to "the world." A **light** makes it possible for others to see. You are to show the truth of God, by living His "Word" (John 17:17). The word "light" gives humans the ability to see the truth, which is God's "word" so others can see they have seen a faithful witness (John 7:17). Once a person sees the truth of God's "word" they too, can receive salvation and show their "light." This is how God wants **stewards** or **managers** to manage His "**house**." To be a **true witness**, whatever talents or abilities God gives, He expects spiritual growth so He can accumulate His profit when He returns (Matthew 25:13-23).

God's profit will consist of everyone being saved. This will happen by and through His Son, Jesus Christ (I John 4:14). If you, yourself, are judged a faithful witness, then you, in turn, will be a Judge and judge others during The White Throne Judgment. **Witnessing** is an integral part of the final judgment and resurrection. Christians will judge the world, but how can Christians do any judging? By being true witnesses on The Day of Judgment they will have proven their faith. Christians can and do reveal their choice to obey God by living every "word" of their Father. You are to become as Holy as God (Ephesians 1:4). God will then be "all and in all." When at the resurrection, you are changed to "spiritual beings" you will be like God as one of His Sons. Once you are like God in your hearts and minds with a spiritual **body** like Him, you will see Him as **He** is (I Corinthians 13:12). Only then will you understand all truth as God intends for you to understand. God reveals you will then have complete liberty. There will be no reason to set any conditions, laws or restrictions because you will always make the right and only decision. Since you will be like God, The Father and His Son, Jesus, you will have complete and total LIB-ERTY (Romans 8:21). The Greek word for "liberty" is "eleutheria," defined as "licentious" or "no restrictions." It's root conveys "unrestrained," or "to go at pleasure." You will be totally free to do whatever gives you pleasure. As a Son of God, you will have God The Father's

ability or strength to do whatever gives you pleasure. God will see your absolute **faith** to be as He is and therefore become a **faithful witness** like His Son, Jesus. All of you as **God's witnesses** having God's **righteousness** will be **righteous judges** with Jesus Christ. The White Throne Judgment will be predicated upon **total justice**. God's "**kingdom**" will consist of a **family of righteousness**.

CHAPTER 7

WHAT IS A PROPHET?

In The White Throne Judgment, Christians are to be "righteous judges" just as Christ is A Righteous Judge. In addition you will be Priests and Witnesses. By growing spiritually, like Jesus, you, then, are qualifying to be God's Witnesses, Priests, Prophets and Judges.

You Are To Prophesy

Writing to The Corinthian Church of God, Paul declares that in their Christian life, The Corinthians were **enriched** in all utterance ("logos" God's "word") and knowledge including the testimony which they have in Christ (I Corinthians 1:5-6). Why? Paul states you will **not** be left out from receiving gifts while waiting for the coming of Jesus, The Christ (I Corinthians 1:7). The Apostle Paul was writing to The Corinthian Church for a specific reason. He reminded them they should continue to grow spiritually in the gifts and talents God had given them and will continue to give them. The majority of The Corinthian Letter deals with God's spiritual gifts which are "in Christ." Many of the spiritual gifts which God gives to the church are outlined in I Corinthians 12, 13 and 14. Then, Chapter 15 summarizes the order of salvation to become like God and His Son, Jesus. Those who are growing in God's "spiritual gifts" given by God, will be God's **true witnesses** and Priests. Contrary to what many Christians believe, I Corinthians 14 is not primarily speaking about tongues as a gift. The cardinal point of this chapter concerns **prophecy** (I Corinthians 14:1). Paul explains the **subject matter** for this chapter: "**Follow after** charity [or love], and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye MAY PROPHESY." Prophecy is what Paul wants "the church" to possess and grow in. From the beginning Paul describes how a "**church**" gathering or service should be held. When The Church comes together for a service, Paul mentions that one person wants to sing a particular song but another person wants to sing a different Psalm (I Corinthians 14:26). Later, another individual wants to bring up a new or different doctrine or teaching. Having different doctrines doesn't keep "**the church**" from being of "**one mind**."

While some members spoke in different tongues or languages, others had a revelation, while another became an interpreter. Now Paul comes to the point, let a church gathering or service be done in a manner that benefits everyone. This is very different from most church services today. Some are filled with ritualism while others are wild and unorganized with no sense of purpose. Then, there are churches filled with all sorts of emotional displays. There are services that are completely guiet or silent while others are totally unrestrained. That is why Paul warned that God is not the author of confusion and there should always be a friendly order where two or three are gathered together (I Corinthians 14:33). The Apostolic Church was democratic since members were at liberty to have differing doctrines with a selection of Psalms or songs. All services, however, had to be conducted in a mature manner (I Corinthians 14:29-30). What a difference from so many Christian church services today! Then Paul makes a summary statement. "For ye may ALL PROPHESY one by one that all may learn and all may be comforted" (I Corinthians 14:31). **All church members are to prophesy**. So states The Apostle Paul in God's "word" (I Corinthians 14:1). Why did Paul desire that each Christian should have **the gift of prophecy**?

ALL MAY LEARN

Paul said it will simply be for everyone's benefit. Paul further states God had set the members in the body (Christ's) as it pleases Him (I Corinthians 12:18). How? God grants the gifts to each and every member. Everyone in the church is given the riches in Christ by the spiritual gifts God bestows upon each member. By every member using and growing in God's gifts, this benefits the entire body of the church. Paul tells you God grants each church member many special spiritual gifts through His Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 12:11). Christians must keep growing spiritually for their own good and the good of all the other members in the church (I Corinthians 12:27).

Paul lists many of **the gifts** God gives to those who follow Him. Many try to translate these **gifts** into **ranks** or **offices of authority**. These **spiritual gifts** which God gives to His "**church**" are not **an order of rank** but a list of **gifts** (I Corinthians 12:28-31). First mentioned are The Apostles being sent from God, then the other gifts, including **miracles**, **healing**, or local church responsibilities; and lastly, speaking in **tongues or different languages**.

These obviously are not referring to the ranks of authority because healing miracles cannot be considered ranks. All of these gifts, as God gives them, are given so they can adequately serve "the church" of God. The word "minister" in Greek is "diakonos" or "a servant who waits upon tables." This makes it quite clear. Now, Paul declares you must EARNESTLY COVET the best gifts and a more excellent way will be shown you (I Corinthians 12:3). With all the gifts Paul mentions there are many more excellent gifts than those just stated which includes the preaching ministry or preaching servants. The best gifts are faith, hope and love or charity which are far more beneficial to "the church." But, the best gift of all is love or God's "love" (I Corinthians 13).

Paul completes his listing of **spiritual gifts** by saying: "**Follow after charity** [or God's love], **and desire spiritual gifts but rather that ye may prophesy**" (I Corinthians 14:1). So, one of the most important **spiritual gifts** each **church** member should have is **prophecy**. That

is an astounding statement by The Apostle Paul. All Christians are to **prophesy**.

A DEFINITION

Most humans believe a **Prophet** is one who **receives revelations** from God and can **foretell future events**. This is true if The Prophet God uses is given the responsibility to **foretell future events** beyond or besides **the knowledge of** God's "**word**" or *The Bible*. This is a Godgiven commission to prophesy an event not revealed in *The Bible*. But there are two types of **Prophets**. One prophesies "**future events**" as directly told to The Prophet in visions or dreams. These dreams or visions show The Prophet what will transpire in the future which is not revealed in *The Bible*. The **other** reveals "**the future**" taken directly from *The Bible*. This second type of Prophet can also have God disclose **His mystery** by visions and dreams (Ephesians 1:9). Remember, only "**the saints**" in The Church of God have been given **this gift**.

There are two Greek words for "prophet," one is "prophetes" which carries two definitions. The first is "a foreteller of the future" and the second is "an inspired preacher" or "one who understands the mysteries in *The Bible*." The other Greek word for "prophet" is "propheteia" which simply means "a foreteller." This type of Prophet foretells the future by commission from God as Isaiah and Ezekiel in *The Old Testament* or Agabus in *The New Testament*. When Paul refers to a Prophet as an inspired preacher he is referring to the entire Church of God (I Corinthians 14:1). The whole church is expected to understand what truth *The Bible* reveals. According to the gifts God gives each church member, they should be able to understand the biblical truth and be ready to give an answer when asked (I Peter 3:15). Both of these types of Prophets are true prophets of God. The foreteller predicts the future without *Bible* revelation. This Prophet has an extra special gift in an office commissioned by God. The second type of

Prophet, a Christian, is given insight to understand the mysteries of *The Bible*. Paul encourages each "church" member to seek either of these gifts of prophecy.

UNWISE VIRGINS

Read Matthew 25:1-13 as it relates to the parable of the ten virgins. Both sets of virgins are potentially The Bride of Christ. But only **five** are wise and prepare for the wedding; the other five are unwise and do **not** prepare for The Wedding. The **wise** and the **unwise** are both asleep when Jesus, The Bridegroom returns. Both are asleep because Christ told them only God, The Father, knows when **He will return**. The virgins and all Christians are told to constantly watch for The Bridegroom and His return (Matthew 24). How can they watch and prepare when they don't know when He will **return**? All virgins need to have the gift of prophecy or watch future events as revealed in *The* Bible. It isn't the date of The Groom's return which is important, but when He does return will they be ready to be The Bride and prepared for The Wedding (Ephesians 5)? The wise virgins are continually growing in God's Holy Spirit, so they can be prepared for The Wedding. Why? So they can be a **light** to the world and constantly **witness** Jesus in them. That is the **difference** between **the wise** and **the unwise** virgins. The wise virgins are testifying Christ as "The Prophets" disclosing the future. These virgins have the testimony of Christ which is **the spirit** or **mind of prophecy** (Revelation 19:10).

Notice, both are virgins and are not guilty of sin, they are not fornicators. They are told it is their duty not to sin (Luke. 17:10). To be Christ's Bride, the significant point is to keep **witnessing** Jesus as a shining light on a hill. That is why Jesus reveals **the seven churches** in Revelation 2 and 3 are **candlesticks** (Matthew 5:14). Amos, The Prophet prophesies that God will do nothing except He reveals His secrets through His **servants**, The Prophets (Amos 3:7). Before God

intervenes in world affairs His Prophets must witness the future, and only then, will God punish the sinners. God expects His servants, His Two Witnesses, The Church in The Wilderness, and The Church of God to prophesy just before The Return of Christ (Revelation 7:3). Then these servants are sealed as genuine witnesses of Christ's prophecy.

LABORERS ARE FEW

Jesus sent His **seventy disciples** to testify of Him. Then He made a significant statement: "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" (Luke. 10:1-2). Of course the harvest is great as it includes the whole world (I John 4:14). The reason Jesus came in the first place was to be God's first faithful witness and Prophet. Later you will learn being God's Prophet (inspired by God's "word") is a major requirement as God's judge in The White Throne Judgment. Unless God's servants become true witnesses by prophesying *The Gospel* they cannot be a judge in The White Throne Judgment. That is why Christ's Bride must prepare herself for The Wedding Feast. If she does not qualify, her reward changes and she becomes a guest or a bridesmaid at The Wedding or will have to be thrown into The Lake of Fire. Remember, many are called but few are chosen (Matthew 22:14).

NOT WORDS BUT A LIFESTYLE

In the book, *Christ In You*, you can prove the difference between those with **the mark of the beast** and God's genuine seal of His Holy Spirit which will be determined by the way you, as a Christian, lives. It isn't what is said as much as what Christ does "**in you**" which makes you a **witness** who **prophesies** *The Gospel*. Jesus, for this reason said, "**Go not from house to house**."

Christians only witness the truth of God's "word" where The Son of Peace dwells (Luke 10:5-7). Then Christ related, "Whatsoever house ye enter, first say, peace be to this house." [He also said] "Go your ways, behold I send you forth as lambs among wolves."

Jesus finally concludes His instructions to His Disciples with a warning. What is the warning? It directly concerns The White Throne Judgment. Christ declares "woe" to those who do not peaceably respond to His Disciples and their message.

These "woes" relate directly to the three woes in *Revelation* (Revelation 8:13). These three woes are three wars which will be finalized in The Battle of Armageddon. This is only the introduction to God's wrath poured out upon the earth in Revelation 15 and 16. This insight from Christ, Himself, laid the foundation for the time of judgment.

WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

Because those with **the mark of the beast** will have to go through God's **wrath**, Jesus refers to the final judgment and makes some startling declarations. In **the judgment** He warns it will be more tolerant for Sodom, Tyre and Sidon which were those cities and towns not accepting and not hearing *The Gospel* as revealed by His **servants** (Matthew 12:12-16). Jesus states those who hear His **servants** prophesy **the truth** of *The Gospel* are actually hearing Christ (Verse 16). Why? Because His **servants** have Christ "**in them**" and are the **true witnesses** of God's Son.

PURPOSE OF PROPHECY

You can see why The Apostle Paul prayed and hoped all Christians in "the church" would have the gift of prophecy (I Corinthians 14:1). Paul propounds that by prophecy, even unbelievers, atheists, agnostic, and the ignorant will be convicted, and then will understand and

believe (I Corinthians. 14: 24-25). Then these babes, now in **the truth**, will disclose their very hearts and **repent**. They will, then, worship **the true God**. In addition, those who prophesy will make it possible for all The Church to learn and **grow spiritually**, and all the newly converted and all of God's "**churches**" will be **comforted**. Because of **prophecy**, knowing God's inspired "**word**," everyone will be benefited. Also, more laborers will be added to the harvest of the world which is why Jesus came in the first place (I John 4:14).

Remember in the parable of the sower and the seed, the field is metaphorically spoken of as the world. Christ came as the seed of The Word of God. This is the very reason Christ came. The seed is The Word of God. The commission of God's servants, as His prophets, is to save the entire world. But, notice a rather unusual and amazing parable concerning this seed – God's "word" was spreading throughout the field or the world (Matthew 13:33). Jesus explains God's kingdom is like a woman taking leaven, which is God's "word" and hid it in three measures of meal or flour. This flour is like the field with the seed which represents the entire world. Then, this leaven in the bread begins to grow, which is God's "word" until the entire loaf, the world, has accepted the leaven or God's "word." The entire world finally receives the message of the truth and repents.

When Jesus concludes the parable of the seed, He proclaimed: "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear" (Luke 8:8). His Disciples came to Him and asked about this parable and what it meant. Hear what Christ's reply was and what it means. "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries [puzzle] of The Kingdom of God: but to others these parables are literally a hindering block not allowing them to see and when they hear they just do not understand" (Luke 8:10).

This is quite a statement by your Savior. Jesus declares only His **servants** and **fellow laborers** know and can understand God's **mysteries**. Therefore, besides God's **preaching servants**, God defines **all Chris**-

tians who understand the mysteries of God as His Prophets. The word "prophet" in Greek, means "one who is inspired to understand and know God's mysteries or truth." Besides the inspired preaching by God's ministers, including the fellow laborers who are Christians, are also Prophets of God. Now, the real meaning by The Apostle Paul becomes clear. Who can be a "Prophet?" Besides those who prophesy "the future" without *The Bible*, there are GOD'S PROPHETS who preach from *The Bible* and Christians WHO HEAR and understand God's mysteries by inspiration of God's Holy Spirit. This is fantastic news for all Christians. Paul was right. Paul wished that you, and all Christians, would prophesy.

CHAPTER 8

THE REVELATION

When you read when Jesus states "all things are to be revealed" this leads you to think about your sins and that everyone is finally caught. Everyone is going to hear their sins publicly announced before God's throne. It certainly does seem logical. All your life you try to hide or be deceptive about all of your short-comings. So it seems you are literally caught. Many believe The White Throne Judgment is the time when Peter is at the pearly gates and all will have their sins openly declared before Christ's throne.

The human mind loves to interpret scripture any way they want to, even when The Bible does not agree. Many believe Peter is going to stand at the pearly gate when you enter God's kingdom. You are in for a big surprise. Biblically, Peter is part of the foundation of New Jerusalem and is not a gatekeeper. It is The Twelve Tribes of Israel who are the keepers of the gates (Revelation 21:12). Peter is part of "the **foundational walls.**" Read Revelation 21:14. The Apostles are named in the foundation and **not the gates**. And many similar examples can be sited. As humans one can sure come up with many versions of what The Bible says. Jesus did say that there will be nothing hid and nothing covered. Everything shall be revealed and known according to Matthew 10:26. The question you should ask is what will be made known according to The Word of God and not from mankind's personal point of view. Jesus said, "Man shall live by every word of God" and not by "man's word" (Matthew 4:4). In The White Throne Judgment everyone is resurrected and each, according to their works,

will be **judged** (Revelation 20:12-13). All books will be opened as well as *The Book of Life*. It certainly seems logical to the human mind to conclude the books refer to *The Bible*. The Greek word for "Bible" is "*BIBLIOS*" or "books." You can conclude that these books are *The Bible*. So, what does *The Bible* say about your personal works and how you will be **judged**?

Human imagination certainly can conjure up many different answers. Remember you must live by every Word of God, "**not the word of man**." Some teach, in **the time of the judgment**, God is going to reveal each and every one of your sins and *The Bible* will be used to condemn sinners to hell.

A MULTITUDE OF SINS

The Apostle Peter, when explaining how Christians should behave makes an amazing statement (I Peter 4:8). "And above all things have FERVENT CHARITY among yourselves." [Why]? "For CHARITY SHALL COVER THE MULTITUDE OF SINS" (I Peter 4:8). God's "love" shows through over and over again. He is not interested in disclosing sin but blotting out or getting rid of your sins.

Notice what brings Peter to the place to reveal this wonderful truth of God. "Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead? For, for this cause was The Gospel preached also to them that are [now] dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit" (I Peter 4:5-6). Peter is talking about righteous judgment.

He tells you not to judge as humans who will gossip about others sinning or are always ready to blame someone else for their mistakes or sins. Instead, you should live God's way in "the Spirit." That is wonderful and great knowledge for everyone to have. It can eliminate a lot

of worry you may have especially when you aren't always walking the straight and narrow path.

What is God's way? Since God is "love" He covers sins and He doesn't disclose them for all to see or know. The Apostle James tells you the very same thing. James announces that when a sinner **repents** from error, a multitude of sins shall be hidden. Then, automatically, that sinner is **saved** from **death**

Christ said all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men (Matthew 12:31-32). This is unbelievable. How generous, great and all loving is Jesus and God, The Father! All manner of sin and blasphemy will be forgiven. It can't be any clearer. God's "word" reveals any and all manner of sin will be completely forgotten. You should prove this vital point.

God does say that those who are **righteous** shall live, but if a person trusts in his or her own **righteousness**, as Job did, and continues to sin, he or she shall **die** (Isaiah 33:13). Those who trust in their own **works** of **righteousness**, but continue to sin, will **burn** in the end. You have already read in the beginning of this book, sinners will burn.

However, the subject of this book is how God will **judge the world** in The White Throne Judgment and **not sin**. You have **biblically** proved **the judgment** will not be about disclosing mankind's sins. Instead, God is love and hides your sins. **The judgment** must, therefore, be about something else. What will be revealed at **the judgment**? What type of **works** will Christ actually reveal?

At this time God writes His Law in your heart and mind, and Paul makes a profound declaration: "FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR INIQUITIES WILL I REMEMBER NO MORE" (Hebrews 8:12). Nothing can be stated any simpler. Can you comprehend the true love

God has for His **creation**? It has never been God's **purpose** to disclose sin because of His **love for everyone**. God's intention is to get rid of sin. How can this happen?

THE BOOKS

What books is God referring to in Revelation 20? You know *The Book* of Life is opened, but why is it opened? Anyone not written in The Book of Life will be cast into The Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:15). It isn't a revelation of who committed the various sins, and didn't repent, but a revelation of who does not get thrown into "hell." My, how different from what many have been taught in all the churches. When Jesus states all things shall be revealed, he is referring to those **saved**. Remember, the judgment is a separation of sheep from the goats. Both are clean animals and only clean animals could be sacrificed. The sacrifice of the goats is only acceptable when they are mature and completely unblemished. These goats are kids or babes in Christ and are not acceptable as a pleasing sacrifice to God. The Law does not permit kids to be sacrificed while being milked or nursed by the mother goat. God only accepts the sacrifice of unblemished, mature, clean animals! You are, now, finally coming to the biblical answer of what is going to be revealed at The White Throne Judgment.

The books which are going to be opened in Revelation 20 were written in *The Book of Malachi*. God states that when Israel, God's people, are made up as jewels at **the judgment**, God will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him (Malachi 3:17). At that time God will discern between the **righteous** (sheep) and the **wicked** (goats). God will know those who do their best to serve Him and those that serve Him **not** (Verse 18).

Now, you have **God's own answer** from **His own "words."** During The Judgment, God with Christ and **the saints** as **judges** will reveal

the righteous from the unrighteous. How will Christ and the saints know? A Book of Remembrance was written about a group of people (Malachi 3:16). Each righteous individual has an autobiography written about him or her. What do these books write about the righteous? The Prophet records some of The Israelites complaining about serving God (Malachi 3:12-16). What was their complaint? During their human existence, they said it didn't make sense to follow God and worship Him. Why? Because there wasn't any justice or fairness in the land. So, they figured, why should they bother with worshiping God?

In spite of this "hell on earth," some in **faith** did follow God's **Word** and did put their **trust** in God (Verse 16). Because of this, God gives each **faithful** person a **recorded autobiography** about their **faithfulness**. Remember, their sins aren't ever going to be remembered. This is truly a book listing everyone who is **righteous** in *The Book of Remembrance*! This is the book to be opened along with *The Book of Life*. These are God's **true servants** and are His Prophets who are **witnesses** of His. This is what will be revealed and nothing will be hidden.

Those who are **faithful** have these books recorded about their lives. Read Hebrews 11 to confirm what you are reading. The more you learn, the more you understand how "**GREAT**" **God** is. You are now coming much closer to understanding what The White Throne Judgment is all about. The color "white" stands for "light" or "a disclosure." What type of revelation or disclosure? It is a time of **the revelation** of **the righteous** and their **faithfulness**. That is how the separation of the **sheep** and **goats** takes place.

THE RICH MAN

A rich man asked Jesus what he must do to inherit **eternal life**. What the rich man was really asking is, as a human man, what is it he could

do on his own, to receive **salvation**. At the same time, he had not repented and was not seeking God's **will** concerning his **salvation**. Christ answers him and states as a human what you need to do to **inherit eternal life** is keep The Ten Commandments. Since each human was carnal, that is all he, with his own ability, could do. He tried to explain that he had kept The Ten Commandments since his youth. And, because he did keep The Commandments, Christ loved him. Then the rich man asked, "But what do I lack?" Many individuals get into many debates about what one must do to be **saved**. Clearly, all that is required, according to God's "**word**," is the keeping of The Ten Commandments plus whatever the rich man lacked. So, what did he lack?

Since the rich man really wanted to know, Jesus told him he must sell all he had and give it to the poor. Since he was rich for so long and comfortable in his status, he couldn't imagine not being rich. So, it ended that he just couldn't give his riches away. What Christ wanted him to understand was he had an **unconverted** or **carnal heart**? You can keep every bit of The Letter of The Law, but for **salvation** it was meaningless. Christians must have God change their human nature to be Holy or perfect like God (Ephesians 1:1-3 and Matthew 5:43). Any human righteous efforts to **save** yourself are useless. It never pleases God (Romans 8:8). In summary: Jesus finally answers the question of **salvation**. Read all of Matthew 19:16-26. Christ told you a rich man cannot get into God's **kingdom**; it is not within man's ability to do so (Verse 26). But, "**with man it is impossible but with God all things are possible**." Only God can change one's heart in order to be **saved**. So what was the final outcome of this rich man?

LAZARUS AND THE RICH MAN

Jesus states, "no man can serve two masters" (Luke 16:13). He said, "if ye are not faithful in the unrighteous mammon, that is the riches of this world, no one is going to give you the true riches or eternal

life" (Verse 11). This is the answer to the rich man who wouldn't sell the mammon he had. He coveted the riches he had amassed. The rich man didn't want to use his wealth for the poor because he had a carnal heart, and in a nutshell, he just wasn't converted. Jesus told him those who have more than they need should be helping the indigent. That is the proper use of whatever God has given you in this life. This was the rich man's problem. Since he wouldn't repent Christ allowed *The Bible* to reveal the rich man's outcome.

The parable of Lazarus and the rich man gives you the result of the rich man's greed (Luke 16:19-31). You will understand how this parable gives you insight when referring to The Day of Judgment. Both Lazarus and the rich man live their lives, and then, they both die. Lazarus will end up in God's kingdom and the rich man sees Lazarus and Abraham in **the kingdom**. How wonderful to know you will **recog**nize and know each other in God's kingdom. The rich man recognized Lazarus. But the real significance is the judgment time was over. Remember, Christ separates the sheep from the goats. Paraphrasing, Lazarus is one of the sheep and has already made it into God's "kingdom." On the other hand, the rich man did not make it into "the kingdom." As an analogy you could say he was a "kid goat." The parable reveals he was ready to be thrown into The Lake of Fire and already felt the torment. In this case, the rich man's judgment was rapid as he looked up from "hell" he felt the heat of the fire. The word for "hell" is not "gehenna" but "hades – the grave." When he displayed the concern for his brother's salvation, He wasn't fully aware of the time frame (Luke 16:28). He thought his brothers were still alive. He was showing a great concern for his brothers.

Then Jesus reveals it wouldn't do any good because there is a big gulf called **death**, between the rich man and the others. The rich man had to pay the last farthing for his transgression to God and His Son, Jesus, The Righteous Judge. This allows some real **biblical** understanding

about the time of The White Throne Judgment. Remember, everyone confesses or repents before they go into **the fire** (Philippians 2:10-11).

At this point, Abraham makes the rich man aware that he and his brothers should have listened to Moses. The rich man had refused God's "Spirit." Remember, as mentioned in the other parable, the rich man kept all of God's "commandments." He kept The Letter of The Law, but self-righteousness gained by The Letter of The Law will not give anyone salvation (Romans 8:8 and John 6:63). Only God can write His Law in your heart and mind. The Righteousness of The Law does not give salvation. Keeping The Letter of The Law is self-righteousness or one's own righteousness (Deuteronomy. 6:25). This was the rich man's problem.

THE INDICTMENTS

The parable of Lazarus and the rich man opens the door for **The Day of Judgment**; Jesus reveals what, this the **court session**, will be all about. Remember, The White Throne Judgment is not about the world's sins, but it is about something that the rich man **did** or **did not do**. The rich man thought his brothers were alive, so now you will read the answer Abraham gives to the rich man about his brothers who he thought were **still alive**. Abraham told the rich man that if he and his brothers hadn't heard Moses, though they kept The Law, they wouldn't listen to anyone, including someone raised from the dead; nor would they have repented either (Luke 16:31).

Malachi stated those who are **faithful** to God, in this human existence, are written in *A Book of Remembrance*. This, then, places them in *The Book of Life* which is *The Marriage Registry*. Remember, this time period concerning *The Book of Remembrance* is a time when God makes up His "jewels" (Revelation 20-22 reveals all of God's jewels). It is right after The White Throne Judgment. If nothing is hidden, what is

going to be revealed by Christ? It is each person's life and how they lived it. Not going over their sins since all have sinned and come short of God's **glory** (Romans 3:23). Paul clearly states by the deeds or keeping of The Law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight. How good one is doesn't really matter in The Judgment. What really is important is something else and it will be discussed later. But, for now, we will zero in on **the indictment** on **The Day of Judgment**.

It isn't sin that is the issue or what makes the unrighteous guilty but the question of **why** didn't they **repent when they were surrounded** by all of God's **witnesses** and **Prophets**. Sin is the result of not repenting. Until you **repent** Jesus cannot **heal you** (Matthew 13:15).

In summary, Jesus clearly reveals how the unrighteous will be judged (Matthew 12:33-36). Christ said, it is not because of your sins which throw you into hell but every idle word that you speak and most humans speak. They will have to give an account in The Day of Judgment. Why didn't they repent and seek Christ? They cannot receive mercy by the righteous judges, but each has to burn in The Lake of Fire until they pay their full debt and until the last farthing is paid. Jesus told the people the righteousness of The Law never pleased God. The Law can only give a pleasant good life, or in some cases a very rich life such as the rich man had. Instead, God's righteousness is more than keeping The Letter of The Law as taught (Matthew 23:1-3). Christ reveals you must, indeed, keep God's Ten Commandments in your heart and only God can do that but only after you repent. If not, then you go before the judge and will be found guilty and have to go to jail (hell), until your full debt or last farthing is paid (Matthew 5:22-26). Now the court is ready to be held. The accusation or indictment is Christ, The Judge, will ask you, "Why didn't you repent?"

CHAPTER 9

COURT CONVENES

Before the trial or the court actually convenes, one needs to be indicted or accused. Usually this takes place before a grand jury. The prosecutors go before the jury and present the case. If the evidence seems compelling, one is formally charged with the crime and a jury date is set for the trial. In this case, it is all of humanity who is indicted except those who are in "the first resurrection," as The Bride of Christ (John 5). This trial takes place 1,000 years later. The rich man repents immediately when he feels the heat from the fire. The rich man, from that time, throws himself before the mercy of the court.

The guilty one will be **the least** in God's **kingdom**; even though he or she has to be burned **first** (Matthew 5:19). The others on trial will have to have **their witnesses accuse them before going to trial**. If **the witnesses are faithful**, then the indictment will be made. **Those witnessing must be worthy or have proved worthy and truthful in being able to judge**. That is **why it is imperative to have** these Christians be **righteous judges**.

God will have **given everyone an opportunity or a chance to understand**. Notice what Jesus tells you to do if you do have to go before "**the judge**."

JUDGE AND PROSECUTOR

Christ said all judgment has been committed to The Son (John 5:22). In addition to Jesus being The Judge, He is also The Prosecutor. **His**

time of being a Savior has, at this point, been completed and is over. There cannot be anymore redemption. Christ states Christians must be more righteous or exceed the righteousness of The Scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 5:20). They only had to keep The Letter of The Law. If The Letter of The Law was not physically kept, a person would be put to death. However, those not keeping The Ten Commandments spiritually in their heart and mind will be thrown into The Lake of Fire (Matthew 5:20-21). What does it mean to not keep The Law spiritually?

A STATE OF MIND

Jesus continues in His example of a person being angry with his brother and yet attempts to come before the altar to bring his gift to God. He wants to ask for forgiveness, but **if** he has not forgiven his brother, he had better stop. God will **not accept** that gift. First, you must forgive your brother, and by doing so you are admitting guilt and will then have to go to "hell" or Gehenna. Your gift, being in **the fire**, will not be accepted until a full repentance takes place.

As Prosecutor and Judge, Christ tells you before you go to **court**, you must be reconciled with your brother and when that is done you can offer your gift to **the court**. Why? If you don't forgive your brother, Jesus warns, then you will be prosecuted and judged **guilty** and you will **stay** in The Lake of Fire until you have paid all your debts even unto the last farthing or penny. There will be no forgiveness, just as those Israelites who broke The Letter of The Law in Israel. This is a time to ask for mercy even if found guilty (Matthew 5:25-26).

Amazingly it isn't your sins which convict you, but your unwillingness to forgive others. Jesus is not convicting you over your sins but your attitude toward others. Since all have sinned and come short of God's glory, everyone is found guilty (Romans 3:23). Jesus, as Pros-

ecutor, warns you had better settle out of court before your trial. If not, you will be guilty anyway. The bottom line is each and every one must settle out of court, and that means your repentance rather than being concerned about any of your sins. Jesus cannot forgive or heal you unless you do repent of your sins (Matthew 13-15)!

THE WITNESS

All those who are unrepentant will have to go before **the grand jury** or **council** and **the witnesses** are brought in to determine which of them should go to trial. Who are these **witnesses**? Surprisingly, they are not fellow-Christians, who are now **judges** with Christ. Remember, Paul said Christians will **judge the angels** along with **the whole world**. These angels are the fallen angels who followed Satan (I Corinthians 6:2-3).

Jesus said not to be afraid of those who can only kill your body but be afraid of **the one** who can have you cast into Gehenna or "hell" (Luke 12:4-7). He declares humans are very important to God and certainly more important than birds or animals. But God is mindful of everything and he never forgets anything, not even His animal kingdom. How much more does every man, woman and child mean to God? So, **you must be extremely forgiving of everyone who sins against you**, and hope those you sinned against will, in turn, forgive you. Then Jesus states anyone who confesses Christ before men and then The Son of Man, Jesus, will confess before **the angels** of God. **The righteous angels** are part of **the grand jury** no matter how amazing all this sounds to you (Luke 12:8). This is why Paul said only if you confess The Lord Jesus with your mouth and believe in your heart that God, through Christ, **will save you**.

With the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto **salvation**, as Paul remarked (Romans 10:9-

10). It isn't a matter of sin, but **repentance** in your heart which saves you. It is a matter of **faith**, and **then** God will make you **righteous**. But, never forget it does get down to **you being able to make a free choice**.

If you do confess Jesus is your Savior and confess you are a sinner, then Jesus has no choice but to forgive you and heal you. This is a matter of settling out of court. Then, Christ will save you even though you are guilty but remember without Christ, you would have been put to death.

If you believe Jesus can and will save you, then you will not be ashamed when you go before the grand jury (Romans 10:11). "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13)! This is all to be done before being put on trial and sentenced.

Once you do have to go to trial you will be found **guilty** for all your sins (Romans 3:23). **To be saved**, you need to be forgiven **before** your trial begins. **The witnesses** against the guilty are those which have not been forgiven.

THE ACCUSERS

Since humans usually behave **naturally**, especially when they have done something wrong, they sometimes try to blame others, justifying what they did wrong. No human, on their own, would rationalize they could do evil, except when their conscience is totally seared. Since every natural born man is a mixture of good and evil they do have a conscience. With a conscience one does have a sense of **right** and **wrong**. Whatever good a human has in their conscience must be personally justified to commit **any evil**. A good example would be when

you protect yourself from harm. Jesus, on the other hand, did say to turn the other cheek. The justification to protect yourself reacts when the human heart and mind is somehow cleared and then you actually harm someone whom you regard as the enemy. This is natural to man. Survival of the fittest comes first over doing good. Accusers are always ready to justify their evil behavior. So it is as mankind stands before The Lord's throne, with the saints and righteous angels. Who are these accusers? Jesus clearly identifies the accusers of the guilty. Matthew 10:26 states, "don't fear those that can kill you because there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed and hid that shall not be known." Christ said not to think He came to send peace on earth: He came not to send peace, but a sword (Matthew 10:34). Now, to get to the accusers.

SON OF PEACE

Jesus sent out seventy of His Disciples in Luke 10:1-11. His Disciples were to preach *The Gospel* as well as to do as much good as they could for the people. They were to heal the sick, cast out demons (mentally ill) and resurrect some from the dead. These Disciples were sent to do "good works" to help those in need as Christ did. However, Jesus said only to preach *The Gospel* and do the same good works The Son of Peace did. The Disciples were only to go where they were welcomed. If they were not welcomed, they were to shake the dust off their feet. Why? Christ warned "WOE" to them that didn't favorably respond to The Disciples whom He sent (Luke 10:12-16). The warning simply had a clear message to those who didn't listen and seek the truth. What was the penalty? Jesus states, in the judgment it will be more tolerant for Tyre and Sidon than those cities refusing to hear Christ and His Disciples.

Finalizing, Christ said "He that heareth you heareth me, and he that despiseth you despiseth me, and he that despiseth me despiseth him

that sent me [God]" (Luke 10:12-16). Notice, not one word about sin but what a person is willing to hear and believe. The judgment has to do with what Christ's message was, as well as the good works He performed. His followers were, in turn, to be witnesses for God and do exactly what Jesus did. That is what Christ told The Apostles before ascending to His Father in heaven. Read Acts 1:8. Sin, in The White Throne Judgment, isn't the point; the aim is how to eradicate sin. God wants to save the world (I John 4:14 and I Timothy 2:4). Many do not believe He can, but as was said "WOE TO THEM WHO DO NOT BELIEVE"

THE ACCUSING WITNESS

Who are the ones who will testify against the evil generation of Christ's day? For one, The Queen of The South (Sheba) will rise up in the judgment and condemn those who refused to listen to Christ and His message. Those from Nineveh who listened to Jonah and believed will, also, condemn the ones who didn't listen. Those who didn't know better, as Sodom and Gomorrah, will get more mercy than those who heard and knew better. Now you have it. The witnesses or accusers in The White Throne Judgment will be those who didn't have as much of an opportunity to really know and understand Jesus and *The* Gospel. What a wonderful Father and God. He regards everyone including those who are guilty and knew better; also the babies who died at birth and didn't have a chance; or the atheists who willingly had "no **chance**" or agnostics who couldn't make up their minds or just weren't sure, will actually have it a lot easier during the judgment than those who listened and understood and should have known better. You will see that the ones who knew better will be judged the harshest. The Christians who refused to continue to **grow spiritually** will receive the greater penalty. They believed, and in some cases they already had the truth or were the possessors of enough truth; and they didn't need to bother studying more truth, but they will be sent to The Lake of Fire.

Hear what Jesus tells them, "And that servant which knew his Lord's "will" and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes" (Luke 12:47-48). But those that did not understand (The Atheists, Agnostics, Pagans, babies who died) and committed things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask more." Jesus continued, "I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I if it be already kindled" (Luke 12:49)? Jesus will be very just to everyone who will have been found unworthy. Sin is secondary; it is each human's choice to choose to follow God and His "will." It is all a matter of free choice. But, he warns, choose rightly or there will be a penalty that must be paid.

You will only be held responsible for your behavior as it relates directly to "how much" you knew and understood, and then with that knowledge how you grew **spiritually**. That is God's **righteous judgment** on all those who didn't know God's "will." God's only aim is to SAVE THE WORLD (I John 4:14 and I Timothy 2:4).

THE INDICTMENT

So it isn't the number of your sins that makes a difference, but it boils down to what you knew about God and His "will" or His ultimate purpose. Remember, God's actual overall goal and purpose is to be ALL AND IN ALL. In the very beginning, before any creation, everything that was then, is today, or will be in the future, was and is in God, The Father. God was ALL AND IN ALL at the very beginning. When all is said and done, God's creation, literally everything, is to become Holy as God is Holy (Ephesians 1:9-11). When God's PURPOSE is fulfilled and all His enemies ARE DESTROYED, including DEATH, then God will have met His goal to be ALL AND IN ALL.

That includes everything in heaven and on the earth. All of God's creation and all mankind WILL BE SAVED.

God has **an orderly plan** and it will be fulfilled as He has **planned** it or **willed** it (I Corinthians 15:22-23). Then, and only then, God will have succeeded in being ALL AND IN ALL (I Corinthians 15:28)! Now for **The Judgment**, as God reveals His PERFECT PLAN FOR SAVING EVERYONE. But how does this perfect plan of **saving** everyone come to pass? It will be completed as you begin the unfolding of the full story of The White Throne Judgment.

CHAPTER 10

THE JUDGMENT

When the grand jury brings in their judgment when one is presumed guilty, the court must write up the charge or the indictment. Did Jesus tell you what the charges are? He certainly did. Amazingly, sin isn't even mentioned.

Christ's final warning was those indicted will only be charged for what they knew and will only receive a small penalty for what they didn't know, even though they should have known better. If only they had taken the time to find out. This is **perfect justice**. Remember, sins are forgiven as long as you **repent**. Now, the question is when will everyone **repent**?

IN HEAVEN AND EARTH

Paul reveals that Christians should have the mind of Christ which causes them to be a servant to everyone in God's creation. As Christians, you should think what is good for the other person rather than thinking only of yourselves. In reference to all humanity, each Christian should always think what is better for the other person and not yourself. That, my friend, is having the mind of Christ. Because of this truth, Christ always thinks of everyone's welfare rather than His own, which is why He died for your sins. The results of which are: "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name [or authority] which is above every name." He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is the final Judge with full authority from The Father. "At the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth. Every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord [or Master], to

The Glory of God, The Father" (Philippians 2: 9-12). Notice, everyone should work out their own salvation with fear and trembling. Every knee will bow down and confess Jesus is The Christ. This is true repentance. Just before Jesus separates the sheep from the goats, everyone REPENTS. Once a person repents, Christ must heal them (Matthew 13). Christ, in all His glory and beauty and power sits on His throne, the judgment seat. Everyone in heaven, earth and those resurrected from the dead repents. Sin no longer applies. Jesus, at this point, is your Defender and Intermediary and confesses to the angels and saints on your behalf. It will be a time when all the angels and saints sing for joy.

Now, for the INDICTMENT! "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of Man [Christ], it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the holy spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world neither in the world to come" (Matthew 12:30-32).

This is as plain as it can get. Even though everyone confesses their sins and is **forgiven** before **The Court of Jesus Christ**, those **speaking against** or **blaspheming** God's Holy Spirit will **never** be forgiven. Sins are forgiven. Rejecting God's Holy Spirit is **not** forgiven. The accusation in God's **court** is clear as a bell. This is **the indictment** from Jesus, Himself and if one is found guilty he must go into The Lake of Fire until he has paid the complete debt or last farthing for refusing God's "**Spirit**." In Lazarus and the rich man, the debt was short lived. The rich man who kept The Commandments understood his false reasoning because he knew he had a wrong heart. So it is with each and everyone who refuses God's Holy Spirit. Sins are forgiven and forgotten but refusing to listen or accept God's Holy Spirit which leads you to **truth**, will never be forgiven (John 17:17). If you reject God's Holy

Spirit and do not continue your **spiritual growth**, then The Judge will find you guilty and you will be condemned to "hell" or The Lake of Fire until full payment is made.

BLASPHEMY

The Greek word for "blasphemy" is defined as "falsifying" or "deceitful and rejecting." Jesus was accused of being Satan's servant. He said: "And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you" (Matthew 12:26-28).

That is why Jesus mentioned that to falsify God's Holy Spirit is **blasphemy**. One is rejecting God's very Holiness and, therefore, rejecting God, Himself. You are telling God you are not interested in Him or His **kingdom**. God cannot then be "**all and in all**," and you will go into The Lake of Fire. That is **the court's** indictment of crimes committed by your rejection of God's Holy Spirit.

Sin isn't the issue because all have now repented and confessed Jesus is The Lord. Christ concluded the matter by revealing either **the tree is good** and grows **good fruit** or is **evil** and produces **no fruit**. This is why the accusation concerns accepting or rejecting God's Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:28-33). It is by God's "**word**" that you choose to be Holy like God and His Son, Jesus. God's "**word**" is TRUTH (John 17:17).

God's Work

When Jesus was asked, "What is God's work?" He replied, "This is The Work of God, that you believe on him whom he has sent" (John 6:29). There it is, God's "work" is to believe Jesus and what He

did and said (John 5:30). Christ said of Himself, He could do nothing. He said as a Judge, He was "**just**" because He never would seek His **own will** but His Father's **will**. What is the Father's **will**? It is to **save** everyone (I John 4:14). The White Throne Judgment is about SALVATION not destruction or torment. Christ must **heal** or **save** everyone because all have repented as *The Bible* reveals.

To be Holy like God, one must understand and then choose **the truth**. This can only occur by God's Holy Spirit which is a double-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12). God's "**work**" as directed by His Holy Spirit pierces your life and "**The Spirit In Man**" will draw you to **the truth**. It can discern the intents and very thoughts of the heart. It becomes obvious when accepting and allowing God's Holy Spirit to teach you, to have a change of mind and heart and then you become like Jesus, The Christ (Colossians 1:26). This is the very **work** of God. By living every **Word** of God you become **one** with Jesus and God. This is God's **purpose** to become "**all and in all**" (I Corinthians 15:28). You then have **God's kingdom** "**in you**" (Luke 12:32). Now Christians are ready to do God's **very works**. The White Throne Judgment truly reveals everyone's heart and mind so they can be **saved**. You must **repent** and desire God's Holy Spirit to come to **the truth**.

A WITNESS

Christ went to His Father in heaven; He commissioned His Disciples to be His witnesses to the world (Acts 1:8). Why? If you witness Christ, as He was upon this earth, then others will also begin to know of God's kingdom. When they know God's purpose, they become responsible to seek God's Holy Spirit; and will start to grow spiritually. If not, they will be indicted for blasphemy of God's Holy Spirit. God already knows who will be responsible to accept His spirit. Your choice is to reject or choose God's Holy Spirit when you have the opportunity to receive the truth. If God's "spirit" is rejected, you will be judged and

tried in **the judgment**. If you do receive God's Holy Spirit and yet refuse to grow **spiritually**, then The Lake of Fire is still a **certainty**. This is the **entire basis** of *The White Throne Judgment*. If you have rejected God's **spirit** and do not begin to grow **spiritually** you are guaranteed to be **tried** and **judged**. Sins are not considered since everyone has already confessed. The guilty will throw themselves upon **the mercy** of **the court**. Now, it becomes a matter of how God is going to give you SALVATION! It is a White Throne Judgment or a time of revealing who accepted God's "**spirit**" and in **faith** kept **growing spiritually**.

You must become God's Son and be an heir to His **kingdom** or you will burn. That is the INDICTMENT in **the time of judgment**. It truly is a time of CRISIS. Why do you need to become Christ's **witnesses**? When others observe Christianity and see *Christ* "*In You*," then you are doing **the same works** that Jesus did (John 6:29). By doing so, the world has no excuse. They have seen God's **kingdom** by knowing and hearing *Christ* "*In You*," and then, the **world must choose**. This is what the trial is all about. As a **witness** you are testifying to **the truth**.

God's Witnesses

The **sheep** enter God's **kingdom** just as Lazarus and Abraham. The **goats** go on trial. This trial is a separation, which determines the sentence. Jesus, The Righteous Judge, calls His **witnesses**. Doesn't this correlate with what Christ told the rich man? Christ said if the brothers didn't listen to Moses, as God's **witness** (Hebrews 3:1-3), then they would not repent even if they saw Christ resurrect the dead. Wow, this can't get any plainer. Receiving God's **witnesses** such as His Disciples, He told them to dust their shoes after they left (Luke 10). When that town refused God's Holy Spirit they were accursed to be thrown into The Lake of Fire. **Repentance** will be over and the last farthing will have to be paid.

All the goats grab the altar's four horns – figuratively speaking. They plead for mercy. At this point **the witnesses**, **the saints and wedding guests in God's "kingdom" give their testimonies**. They verify *The Gospel* was preached and their lives witnessed Christ, even to the death. This is how serious and important it is to be Christ's witness. As **judges**, even the angels testify as to the veracity and truth of *The New Covenant* or **Christ's "will"** which now is the fulfillment of prophecy. The **saints** as **judges** certify their **works** were finished and those not listening to their witness will be found guilty and go into The Lake of Fire.

This is why **spiritual growth** is so necessary for **salvation**. Without being a true witness of Christ, especially being as He was on earth, there cannot be a more **righteous judgment**. **Since Christians are to judge**, **they must be** WORTHY **judges just like Jesus**. If not, then the **saints** would not qualify to be **righteous judges** in **the time of judgment**. You can make your choice.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SOWER AND THE SEED

The parable of the sower and the seed is a history lesson as well as prophecy for the entire world and depicts those who become sheep or goats during **the judgment** (Matthew 13).

When *The Books of Remembrance* are revealed and it becomes apparent who are the **sheep**, then they must testify about their witness. They stand in **the judgment** as judges. Those who are indicted have refused *The Gospel* message and therefore turned from receiving God's Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus uncovered the rich man's sin of not helping the poor with his wealth. The **first** of the guilty were those who heard about God's **kingdom**, but didn't have **time** or **interest** to follow up with the **truth**. Satan removed this seed from their minds. **Second**, the one who **accepted** Christ's message with joy but had a wrong heart

and when tested, just quit. The **third type** was like the rich man; too interested in the world and **therefore stopped growing spiritually**.

All these humans, to some degree, knew better and had ears to hear and understood God's **mystery** but refused.

PURPOSE OF THE BIBLE

The Bible was not written until 2,500 years after The Garden of Eden. Before Jesus came as a human being, even before *The Bible*, The Prophets preached God's **Word** (Hebrews 1:1). When did The Prophets begin? The Prophets began with Adam and Eve's son, Abel. Read all of Hebrews 11 for a list of **the elders** who had **faith**. Before *The Bible* was written The Prophets spoke God's **Word**. God's "work" and God's **Word** are synonymous. Jesus said He is God's work if you believe His works (John 6:29). Jesus is the "logos" or God's **divine Words** (John 1). God's very **Words** did God's work (Genesis 1). Obviously, *The Scriptures* prove God's **Works** and God's **Word** are the very same thing. God does His work By God's very WORDS. That is why Jesus was God's "work."

If The Prophets revealed God's **work** from the beginning why did God wait 2,500 years to have *The Bible* written? Moses refers to *The Book of The Law, the Torah, The First Five Books,* and said that this book **should be placed in the side of the ark** (Deuteronomy 31:26). But for what reason? The beginning books of *The Bible* were placed in the side of **the ark** as a **witness** against them. Now you know why God wanted *The Bible* written. The written *Bible* is a witness or a legal matter in a **COURT OF LAW**. This is **the final jugment** or White Throne Judgment *The Bible* relates **the entire history** of humanity and their rejection of God's Holy Spirit. If humanity had **faith** in their Father and belived Him they would not have rejected His Holy Spirit which would have given them **the truth**. The indictment of mankind's crimes is not who sinned the most or who was the most evil but why did humanity,

as a whole, reject God's pleading to accept His Holy Spirit. *The Bible* was written and placed next to **the mercy seat** as God's **final witness**.

THE IGNORANT ALONG WITH NEW BABES

The final **witnesses** against those found guilty as **goats** come from those who didn't really know better. *The Bible* tells you The Queen of The South will witness against those rejecting God's "**Spirit**." This is The Queen of Sheba who sought out Solomon's wisdom even though she did not know *The Gospel*.

Those of Nineveh, also witnessed against those who knew better who related they had repented when Jonah preached. They hadn't known *The Gospel*. The Queen of Sheba and The Ninevites are only partly guilty so their debt to Christ is less and they do not have to burn for very long in The Lake of Fire.

Ultimately, even those who committed GROSS sins, as those in Sodom and Gomorrah, pleaded innocence confessing they didn't know better. They did not know homosexuality was a sin. The reason it's a sin, it contradicts God's very purpose to create sons and daughters in His kingdom. Men with men and women with women cannot produce future Sons of God. Even homosexuals and lesbians will not be held accountable for their ignorance. But, ignorance is no excuse – they do go into the fire although they will spend less time in the fire. Those who knew the most (Luke 12) and refused to allow God's Holy Spirit to keep them growing spiritually because they thought they had the **truth** and refused to grow will burn the longest. Christ said they will be regarded as unbelievers, or atheists. Since they knew better they will get the most stripes or be in **torment** the longest. They were truly without excuse. The Laodicean church is counseled by Christ to go into The Lake of Fire in order to be saved. This Christian Church believes they have **the truth** of God and need nothing more.

They will be like the rich man who kept the letter of The Ten Commandments but couldn't make himself help others. He had a wrong heart just like Job. *Revelation* states this group is The Laodicean Church. They believe they are the possessors of **God's truth** or **riches**. Jesus declares **they are blind** and cannot see **the real truth**. What is their problem?

They are steeped in "human works." They believe salvation comes by religious deeds, by human effort. They did not know what pleases God is to worship Him spiritually (John 4). This is the whole of it. They did not know God's mystery, which is *Christ "In You*" (Colossians 1:27). Only Christ can give you salvation through God's Holy Spirit.

The Laodiceans were rejecting God's "Spirit" and therefore guilty will go into The Lake of Fire. Notice Christ's advice to the Laodicians; "I counsel you to buy of me gold tried in the fire" (Revelation 3:18). Clearly, Jesus regards The Lake of Fire as purchasing gold from Him. The Lake of Fire is not to destroy the guilty but turn them into refined gold.

In Daniel 4 Nebuchadnezzar had to wander seven years as a madman before he acknowledged God was supreme. Nebuchadnezzar was in torment for seven years. God chooses and approves the individuals who rule this world. In Daniel 2, Nebuchadnezzar is the head of **gold**. The Lake of Fire, according to Christ, is a PURIFIER and turns those **guilty** into **gold** which is not destroyed in a fire. This will be gone into and proved later.

THE GUILTY

The indictment is complete. The witnesses have testified. Everything has been revealed. The **sheep** are now to be separated from the **goats**.

Both are clean animals but God will not accept an immature goat as a sacrifice. These goats are in their mother's milk. Jesus, The Judge, and **the saints** make their final judgment before God's **angels**. Everyone sings a song of joy about God and His love and His **righteous judgment**. The sheep are accepted into God's **kingdom** as **guests** for The Wedding Feast. The **bride** was already changed to **spiritual** before **the millennium** at **The Second Return of Christ**.

THE GOATS

Those found guilty must now receive their sentence. The final trial of the goats is to take place. Their sentence is according to how much they knew which determines how long they will be in torment. How is the sentence determined? Since the indictment or their guilt is not how many sins they committed, as they have already confessed before Christ; but why they **denied God's Holy Spirit** which would have **healed** them. They could have grown to mature goats without blemish. For a sin offering a male goat must be offered. But if any one of a common Israelite, as distinguished from the chiefs who ruled over them, sin in ignorance of The Law, then a female goat must be offered.

Read Leviticus 4:22-31. Remember these goats cannot be nursing. What shadow or meaning does this offering convey? Foremost the kid goat must have grown sufficiently to **understand** why it is being sacrificed in the fire. That is the reason these **goats** in **the judgment**, had already **confessed** and **knew** they were sinners. Now, they have grown in enough knowledge to realize they are guilty. Civilized nations today decide if **ONE** understands The Law or "right" from "wrong."

All these **kid goats** know they are guilty and are without excuse. Children or babes will not be held responsible in **the judgment** if they did not know better. Those who are ignorant of the truth but are old enough to know "right" from "wrong" will be found guilty. They how-

ever, receive either a "lighter" or "heavier" punishment. The goats are now ready to receive their sentencing and punishment.

THE SENTENCING

God only considers the welfare of His creation. God never aborts anyone and will bring them to full birth or maturity (Isaiah 66). In The Lake of Fire you are going to see **biblically** how much God **loves** everyone.

Paul said "For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives" (Hebrews 12:6-7). How? If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chastens not? How clear and simple.

The Lake of Fire is for those sons of God whom God chastens and loves so they can receive their salvation. These goats, which are clean animals, have confessed their sins and because they refused God's Holy Spirit, which could have healed them, are instead to be thrown into The Lake of Fire.

The sentences are decreed, but first death and hell or the grave are destroyed in The Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:14). Death is the last enemy Christ destroys (I Corinthians 15:26).

Remember, everyone repented and is forgiven for their sins. Following the end of **death** and the grave or "hell" (Hades) then those **goats** that are guilty are thrown into The Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:15).

WHAT DIES?

Each goat is now in The Lake of Fire. Of course, those like the rich man or those who were babies and didn't know better will merely feel

the torment of the flames coming at them and be immediately changed to immortality, "in a twinkling of an eye" (I Corinthians 15:50-55). This punishment is very short lived; they do not really burn in the fire for a long time. Remember the saying when someone is scared out of their wits. They get the point. All the other goats who knew better will have to be in torment longer. Why? To be forgiven, God must accept your gifts and sacrifices (Hebrews 5:1). If not, you suffer longer. This is why Abel's sacrifice was more acceptable than Cain's. Cain had a wrong heart. Because of Abel's faith in God by giving a more excellent sacrifice, he proved he had a right heart and, therefore, proved himself righteous.

God only accepts sacrifices when one is an adult or mature. They must really, within their heart and minds know what is "right" from what is "wrong." This is complete repentance or absolute faith in God, The Father. These kid goats, which are clean, must mature by fire to become fine GOLD like Nebuchadnezzar. The Loadiceans have yet to learn this lesson. When the fire helps the kid goats to mature and understand then God will accept their sacrifice, because of a changed heart and mind. Once God accepts your sacrifice you now become His begotten Sons and inherit The Kingdom of God. *The Bible* clearly declares it. Paul explains what occurs when one burns in The Lake of Fire (I Corinthians 3:11-13). First Paul declares "Christ In You," must be your foundation for salvation. Nothing else counts. Then, Paul states any false teaching by man preachers will be revealed by fire. The Lake of Fire is a revealer disclosing what God's Holy Spirit gives if the **guilty** would have listened and heard with their ears. Paul states all teaching, doctrines or knowledge about God is either gold, (truth), silver (less truth) precious stones, (little truth), wood (combustible) hay, (very combustible) or stubble (super combustible) (I Corinthians 3).

Then Paul declares every man's (natural man's work, or his religious life) shall be revealed. Just as Jesus stated all of the things which were hidden will be made clear and known. The Lake of Fire reveals to each

guilty person what is really in their hearts and minds. It is what Job learned. It is God who can do everything (Job 42:2).

Jesus said it is impossible for humans such as the greedy rich man to be **saved**, but with God, all things are possible (Matthew. 19:26). This **proves** the whole **purpose** for The Lake of Fire. I Corinthians 3:14 states any man's ideas or beliefs which don't burn, they are like gold, they will receive a reward. Do you comprehend? In The Lake of Fire, the guilty, who were partly "right" will receive a reward or **blessing**. However, and this is the cardinal point, what is burned will suffer wrong and that person himself, shall be **saved** (I Corinthians 5).

How great and loving is God? How is a person **saved**? By FIRE! The fire destroys what is stubble, hay or wood. These are all combustible items. The precious stones, silver, and gold remain and now you have a fully **mature goat** who understands clearly. The **fire** produces absolute **faith** in God and is now **righteous**.

Their **living** sacrifice is now excellent and acceptable to God (Romans 12:1). **Those who come out of the fire will be last into God's kingdom**. They will receive the least reward and have to live longer in darkness. It is better to **obey** and **repent**, as soon as possible, when you hear and understand The Word of God.

WHO IS SAVED?

The bewildering question has always been: "who can be **saved**?" Is the person totally destroyed or does a person stay in the fire tormented **eternally**? Does *The Bible* tell you? It certainly does tell you. How about those who insist the soul remains forever and burns forever? First, *The Bible* clearly states by Christ, Himself, the soul and the body will be destroyed (Matthew 10:28). *The Bible* clearly explains when in The Lake of Fire – the soul and body are destroyed. Neither is left

but both are completely dead. That should be **biblically** sufficient to answer that question.

In Greek, the word "pseuche" or "soul" merely means "a living being." Also, in Greek, "body" is a "soma" or "combustible." Put Bible truth together and you find when the body is destroyed then the soul or living being no longer exists. But there is even more proof that the Spirit cannot and does not burn forever.

No matter what Christian group, there is no "eternity" meant when the word "forever" is used. In both Greek and Hebrew, the word for "forever" in *The Bible*, in *The Old* or *The New Testaments* by definition, merely means "ages upon ages." Biblically, the word "forever," since it does not mean "unending," but merely "different time periods when that age ends" and "the next dispensation takes place." *The Bible* further shows when The Lake of Fire will end.

Peter told you this earth and the heavenly universe, are reserved to be burned on **The Day of Judgment** (II Peter 3:7). An **analogy** might be just as the world was flooded in the days of Noah. The Lake of Fire will consist of the whole earth and the entire universe. This can happen because all the elements on the earth and in the universe consist of combustible elements.

The Prophet Isaiah said, God's literal breath is like a stream of brimstone which kindles The Lake of Fire (Isaiah 30:33). Finally, when The Lake of Fire burns out, **a new age** will begin. The Genesis of the new earth and the new heavens can be read in Revelation 21. Overwhelmingly **biblical** proof states no one stays in The Lake of Fire to be **tormented eternally** (Revelation 21). The Lake of Fire burns out and a new earth and new heaven **emerges**.

Is the entire body completely destroyed in The Lake of Fire? What you have found is **the soul** or **the life** and **the body** is destroyed. Is any-

thing left? If nothing is left then those dead and destroyed are totally and literally GONE. Now you need to prove how do those guilty (**the goats**), in The Lake of Fire get **saved**. Does *The Bible* reveal **the truth**? As always, God let's His **servants** know the **mystery**. **Some truths** are so clearly stated it is a wonder anyone can not understand it or why they misunderstand it.

During the season of Unleavened Bread there was a fornicator in The Corinthian Church who blatantly was having sex with his father's wife. Unleavened Bread is sometimes called The Passover. Everyone knew about it and those in The Church of Corinth **did nothing about it**. Paul said **the church** must be **unleavened** or not knowingly commit sin against The Ten Commandments. This fornicator must be disfellowshipped. Why?

So, The Body of Christ can be **without sin** and stand as His **witness**. Why and how did Paul state this gross sinner should be dealt with? Paul commanded that the fornicator should be turned over to Satan or go back into the world for the destruction of the flesh (I Corinthians 5:5). Remember, the flesh and soul is destroyed in The Lake of Fire. Paul concludes saying "**the Spirit**" may be **saved** in The Day of The Lord. The soul and body are destroyed in The Lake of Fire but "**the Spirit** in **man**" is **saved**. When you die the body goes back to **dust** but "**the Spirit**" **goes back to God who initially gave it** (Ecclesiastes 12:7). It is "**the spirit**" or "*pnuema*," in Greek like "the wind" or "life energy" (John 3) which goes back to God at death.

WHAT IS THE FIRE?

When God blows His breath, it kindles or starts. "Tophet" is "Gehenna" – "**the refuse dump**" outside of Jerusalem. The Lake of Fire consumes the earth and the universe. Psalm 50 declares after God burns the present universe and the present earth, then He will come to

rebuild a new heaven and a new earth (Revelation 21 and 22). "Our God shall come and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before Him and it shall be very tempestuous [fearful or torment] round about Him" (Psalm 50:3). It is God Himself, who ignites the burning of the universe just as Peter said in II Peter 3. Remember God is a flaming fire (Hebrews 12:29). Also, this time period is when God JUDGES the heavens and the earth. This can't be any clearer. God's "word" truly manifests God's truth when you seek Him and His truth. Read Psalm 51.

What will happen to those in The Lake of Fire? The **kid goats** will be thrown into "hell" to become **mature goats**. Only then will their sacrifice be accepted by God (Hebrews 11:4). What is it about a human that is **saved** when the body is burned up and ends up in ashes (Psalm 51:10-12)? The human body is destroyed, but what is **saved**? After the purging in **the fire**, the sinner who is now completely repented, pleads and asks God: "**make me to hear JOY and GLADNESS**; **that the bones** [physical] **which thou hast broken may rejoice**" (Psalm 51:8).

This is when the sinner pleads for mercy so he can be **saved**. It is just like the parable of Lazarus and the **rich man**. It is "the spirit in man" which God gives life to your brain so you have the ability to think. Your very **life energy** which gives you consciousness, and is **the real you** which **survives**. This "**Spirit in man**" can only come from God because **life** can only come from life. God gives it and takes it back at death but this "**Spirit in man**" **constitutes who you really are**. Those who have their body and soul (life) destroyed in The Lake of Fire have "**a new spirit**" of refined gold which is ready to enter into God's **kingdom** and God will be ALL AND IN ALL (I Corinthians 15:28).

If you read *God's Work*, it will help you to learn what happens to these mature **goats**, now accepted by God as a living sacrifice. All are finally **saved**.

There is a great deal of beauty in *The Gospels of God* through His Son, Jesus. By the power of God's Holy Spirit everyone will keep **spiritually growing** as they take from **the healing leaves** from **The Tree of Life**

The White Throne Judgment completes salvation for all of Adam and Eve's children, each in his and her own order and time frame (I Corinthians 15:23). "The Spirit in man" refined as gold in the fire will then be acceptable to receive a spiritual body.

God finally accepts their sacrifice. **The fire** finally burns out and is replaced with a new heaven and a new earth. **The "spirit in man"** instantly receives a **spiritual body** and God is now **ALL AND IN ALL**. Then God states: "**I make all things new**." **Amen and Amen**.

TIME OF TORMENT

The body (flesh) and the soul (physical life) are all burned in The Lake of Fire. They are burned up and destroyed. The pulls of the flesh are gone. Sin no longer exists. But, is the time of torment over?

What remains is "the Spirit in man," which is a God given "gift of life." The fire burns out and what is corruptible burns up. God creates a new heaven and earth. Those in the fire now become Spirit "beings" but is that the end of their torment? As surprising as it is, those who still must mature spiritually as adult goats, are still in torment even though the fire has burned out. These goats are now mature and spiritually must become sheep, just as the others.

Jesus cast out the demons from the person who had a legend of the **unclean spirits**. Then those "spirits" asked Christ if He came before the time to torment them. The demons knew they could be in torment long

before The Lake of Fire. Why? The time of torment or anguish is not necessarily because of The Lake of Fire. Fire only burns combustible items. God is a burning fire but He is spiritual and cannot be destroyed by fire. Neither can Satan or his demons, the fallen angels, for they are, also, **spirit** and cannot be destroyed by fire. They can be in torment or darkness and be in total anguish.

Jesus relates the parable stating who will enter The Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:12-14). Many will be called in **the church**, but only a **few** will be **chosen** to attend The Wedding Feast. Christ now tells you what happens to those not allowed to come to The Feast in *New Jerusalem*. Read the account in Revelation 22:14-15. What is their punishment, and what happened to these immature kid goats after the fire burns out?

The Judge, Christ, declares "Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be WEEPING and GNASHING of teeth" (Matthew 22:13). There is the continued torment of those paying the last farthing. The fire is over and the kid goats are in outer darkness until they become mature goats and then God accepts their sacrifice, when they totally trust God, as sheep.

OUTER DARKNESS

Where is this outer dakness? Revelation 21:8 reveals when God creates the new heaven and earth those not inheriting all things go into **the fire** and die the **secnnd time**. Their physical lives are burned up. Theynow receiee spiritual bodies to come to The Wedding but have on the wrong garment. They are not sheep (Matthew 22:12). Revelation 21:22-27 declares there is no temple in New Jerusalem. God's **gl**ory and Christ are **the light** of the world. It is so bright there is "**no**" night there. Yearly, the saved nations must bring their **glory or spiritual growth**.

Those left out of the city stated in Revelation 22:14-15 are the farthest from New Jerusalem. They must spiritually grow from the leaves in The Tree of Life. There are those in **torment** weeping and **gnashing** their teeth to be healed or restsored to God. Those in **outer darkness** are living in the **remotest** area of **the new earth**. They are not receiving God's **glory** but must get healed from the leaves of The Tree of Life. This is like The North Pole with six months of darkness and then six months of light. They are denied access to The Tree of Life in Jerusalem until they become sheep. What a just and perfect plan. How good is God who perfectly saves everyone so He can be ALL AND IN ALL.

THE FIRE

The determining of how long one remains in The Lake of Lake of Fire, icludes the time of torment. Just as the demons knew Chist could have tormented them before The WHite Throne Judgment. How? Unclean spiritis to be able to see and hear, they must possess a body:"Pneuma" or "spirits" without a body are in darkness. That is why Jesus allowed them to enter the pigs so they could see and hear. Christ was telling them their time of **torment**, as yet, had not come.

teWhen humans die, each persons Spirit "in man" goes back to God and God puts each dad human's spsirit to rest With the unclean spiritis, unlessthey occupy a body they are reserved in chains of darkness or tomtorment. These "demon spirits" without a body cannot know, or understand,. That is why demons enter bodies whenever they can. Those goats who are not sheep as yet, are in torment, or outer darkness, until they spiritually grow to be sheep and have total faith in God. The time it takes to become sheep varies until they have paid the last farthing. One can be in torment or stress, as in a fire, in their very minds. Unti all false teaching, including persona agendas, are outgrown, these goats stay in outer darnkness until they become sheep.

The Lake of Fire burns up rather quickly. The universe, including the old earth, is combustible and burns up. The fire in each goat with the wrong garment continues, in their "pneuma" or "mind." It is very similar to what Christians experience when God tests them as He did Job. Job's experience was **torment** for him. He was in such torment he wanted to die and wished he wasn't born. They must stay in outer darkness until they become like sheep and then they will have access to God, The Father and His Son, Jesus. The last farthing or debt has been paid and everyone will be just like God and will see Him as He "**is**" (I John 3:2). God will be ALL AND IN ALL!