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# PREFACE

All Christian denominations agree **spiritual growth** is a required **condition** for **Salvation**. Too many preachers generalize the subject and leave the congregation in doubt. Just what is **spiritual growth**?

This book attempts to define what **spiritual growth** really is and the roll it plays in your **Salvation**. You will find it is a far more important role than you have ever imagined.

You need to understand the difference between what it means to be “**spiritual**” and what it means to being “**human**.”

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## INTRODUCTION

Most Christians believe in **spiritual growth**. It has been preached for thousands of years, but, “**What Is Spiritual Growth?**” Some say you are to be like Christ. That’s true; but what does that mean? God is “**a spirit**” and He is making everyone in His “**image**” (Genesis 1:26). What is God like? Do you really know about The True God? Spirituality is vital for **Salvation**. Spiritual Growth is what Christians must be doing while living this human life. It is mandatory for you to **grow spiritually** to receive the **gift of eternal life**.

### Spirit And Flesh

When Jesus was confronted by Nicodemus about eternal life, Christ told Nicodemus he must be **born again**. Read all of John 3. Since the Greek word for “**born**” is “**gennao**” Nicodemus asked, “**You mean a man must enter his mother’s womb a second time and be born again?**” This is exactly the Greek meaning. The word “**gennao**” is defined “as a **new birth by a man** (sperm).” Then, Jesus answered the question. He said, “**Except a man** (humanity) **be born of water and of Spirit, he cannot enter into The Kingdom of God**” (John 3:5).

How simple! Christ already said you must be **baptized with water** (repent) and receive God’s “**Holy Spirit**.” He just told Nicodemus that to be **born again** you do not have to come a **second time** from a mother’s womb. This **birth** was a **spiritual one** which begins with **baptism** or cleansing by **The Spirit** (John 7:37-39). Then, Jesus clarified the meaning of being **born again**, more clearly. In John 3:6, Christ said **flesh is flesh** and **spirit is spirit**. They are not the same. A **spirit** is different than being a **human**. As long as you are in this **flesh** as humans, you are **not “spirits.”** However, to become a **spirit being** in God’s “**kingdom**” is a **process of growth**, as Jesus said of **water** and **spirit**.

Christ told Nicodemus a **spirit** was like the **wind**. You can feel it and know it is there but you cannot **see it**. You can hear the **wind**, at times, if it is **strong enough**. Nicodemus still didn't understand. Then, Jesus declared, "**you claim to be a Master in Israel and you do not know these things.**" Christ concludes to Nicodemus, "**I have told you earthly things and you believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you *of heavenly things***" (John 3:12).

According to Jesus, **spiritual growth** from **water** (baptism) to **spirit** (God's "**Holy Spirit**") is a process which, ultimately, brings you to **heavenly things** (to be **completely spirit**). At that time you will no longer be in the **flesh** or **human**. That is the process of **spiritual growth**. You are **adopted** from **human parents** to become **Sons of God, just like Jesus**, who, Himself, is **exactly** like **God** (Hebrews 1:1-3 and Ephesians 1).

## **Spirit Is Spirit**

You cannot still be a human and a **spirit** at the same time. However, by **baptism** and receiving God's "**Holy Spirit**" you can grow to become a **spiritual being**. Now, you understand why you must **grow "spiritually."** Specifically, you must grow to the place you become a "**spirit**" like the **angels**, then, grow to the **spiritual stature of Christ** (Ephesians 4:11-13). Then, and only then, will you be in God's "**kingdom.**" You were born to be **more than the angels**. You were born as **God's "very sons"** in whom He wants to be "**well pleased**" because, then, you will be like Christ. Gender, race, nationality matters not — you are all to be "**in Christ**" (Galatians 3:28). When you have a right mind and heart as God and Christ, you will be given a **spiritual body** (I Corinthians 15:54).

## **Why A Son?**

Why did God initiate the **family**? God **strongly** believes in "**kind after kind**" (Genesis 1 and 2). Why? Each **kind** has its "**pur-**

**pose**” and **“use**” in God’s **“kingdom.”** Whether the purpose is as a **giraffe** with its exceptionally **tall** neck to keep **tall branches trimmed** or a **human** to **reign** in God’s **“kingdom”** to tend it and keep it.

You need to ask a **vital question**. How can God know when He makes you **His “spiritual sons,”** like **Jesus**, that you will always do what is **good** and **righteous**? Simply, when you become like Jesus who is exactly like **God**, then you will always be **“good.”** Since **God** is **love** and **goodness** there will be no evil in existence (I John 4:8 and Matthew 19).

God can be **certain**, when **He** is **“All In All”** (I Corinthians 15:28) that all humans in God’s **“kingdom,”** **His “spiritual sons”** will always **do well**, also. God, then, gives you **complete liberty** to do His **“will”** as He will continue to **create**, forever, in His **“kingdom.”** What a perfectly designed **plan!** Once you are **Holy** and **perfect**, without blame, God will know you will be part of His **“Royal Family”** who will be a great **servant** in God’s **“kingdom.”**

## Who Is God?

Spiritual Growth is more than your **own growth**. Since God is making you **in His “image”** you are, also, in a process of knowing who and what God is like. That is why God is intensely against **idolatry** or any other **“gods.”** This is the reason, God, in the first three commandments warns about making God less than He is. His severe warnings are for your own **good**, so you do not make a **mistake** as to who The True God is. Becoming anything less, than The True God, you will be kept out of the **“kingdom.”** God must be, completely, **certain** everyone is a **perfect image** of **Himself** to qualify. Salvation is a gift but your works bestows a reward. Two can only walk together, if they be in agreement (Amos 3:3). This process is not complete until you are resurrected, when you will, totally, see and know **The True God** (I Corinthians 13:9-12).

Your real purpose is to have a discovery process of your own personal **spiritual growth**. As God reveals Himself in Jesus, then, you will grow in God's "**love**" and God's "**goodness**" or "**righteousness**." The process of "**spiritual growth**" is an **engagement period** where you **grow** in God's "**great love**" (I John 4:8). The process begins with **your heart**, so God and Christ understand your heart, better than you do, yourself. God will not start your **spiritual growth** until your heart is **ready to begin growing**.





# CHAPTER 1

## REPENTANCE

**Christians, at times, take for granted what God is doing. Spiritual Growth is a perfect, flawless, system designed by God which guarantees success. God does not fail in His “purpose” and “plan” (Isaiah 46:10). Each step of “spiritual growth” is your way to “perfection” and you need to study to grow in faith and hope (Romans 10:12-17). In fact, it is the purpose of the preaching ministry to teach you (Ephesians 4:11-13). The church, itself, must, also, become Holy and Good (Ephesians 1:4).**

### Goodness And Love

Jesus said, **“Why callest thou me good [perfect]? *There is none good but one, that is, God: but if you will enter into life* [Salvation], **keep the commandments**” (Matthew 19:17). Christ made two important declarations. First, **no one is good**, but God, The Father. Even Christ, as a human, wasn't. Secondly, in this life to enter into eternal life, you must keep the commandments. Why?**

Jesus stated, **“So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable [Greek, “useless”] servants: we have done that which was our duty to do”** (Luke 17:10)!

At this point, Christ is giving you the beginning steps to **Salva-**

**tion.** First, to enter “**life**,” humans, without God’s “**Holy Spirit**,” must, in **The Letter**, keep “**the commandments**” as one, who is not converted. Remember, at that time, no human, besides Jesus had God’s “**Holy Spirit**,” not even His Disciples.

Then, later, the rich man knew there was more because he said, “**What do I lack?** Keeping The Law of Moses only leads you to Christ (Galatians 3:24). You must **become like Jesus** – “**perfect**.” Here is Christ’s “**answer**,” “**If you will be perfect, go and sell all you have, and give it to the poor, and you shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me**” (Matthew 19:21).

As well as other unconverted individuals, the **rich man**, was told, “**keeping the commandments**” is their **duty** so a nation could have a civil society. That is why Israel, who had a **wrong heart** was given The Law of Moses, *The Old Covenant*, to bring them to Christ (Deuteronomy 5:29). But keeping “**the commandments**” isn’t enough for **heavenly blessings** or **Salvation**. Your mind and heart must change. Christ said you must become perfect and follow Him. By following Jesus you can become **perfect** (Ephesians 4:11-13). The Keeping of *The Old Covenant* in “**the letter**” is for criminals to show “**right**” from “**wrong**” (I Timothy 1:9-10). To obtain **Salvation** you **must become perfect**. Only, then, can you be **useful** in God’s “**kingdom**.”

## Two Types Of Sin

Now, you know **Salvation** has a **higher standard** than just “**The Keeping of *The Old Covenant***.” That is why The Apostle, John, gave **two definitions for sin**.

I John 3:4 declares, “**Sin is the transgression of the law**.”

A “**law**” is written when people have a **wrong heart**. They do **not know right from wrong**. A “**law**” is necessary, only, when people are **unconverted**. Sin is not done away, but no “**law**” is necessary when people have **The Law** in their **hearts**, never even thinking of doing any type of sinning (Romans 2:14-15).

In The Garden of Eden no “**law**” was **imputed** or **codified** as a **legal requirement**. Notice what Paul said, “**Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law**” (Romans 5:12-13). Until a law is made **legal** or **codified** no **sin** is **imputed**. The Law of Moses was not **legally required** as *The Old Covenant* until it was **ratified**. This is exactly what Moses said, “**The Lord made not this covenant [old] with our fathers, but with us [Israel], even us [Israel], who are all of us here alive this day**” (Deuteronomy 5:3). The Law of Moses was only made for Israel because they had a wrong heart (Hebrews 3:10). In the Millennium, *The Old Covenant* Law includes the entire unconverted world. Until Moses, this *Old Covenant*, did not exist with the previous fathers like Adam, Abel, Seth, Shem, Abraham, etc. The Law, before The Aaronic Priesthood with Moses, was different. From Adam’s sin, The Priesthood was Melchizedek, A Priesthood of **Faith** and **Righteousness**. Abraham was blessed by Melchizedek and not Levi. Hebrews 7:12 declares, “**For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.**”

Abraham obeyed God’s “**commandments**” by **faith** and a desire to be **righteous** under The Melchizedek Priesthood (Genesis 26:5). So it is, today, under The Christ, in The Order of Melchizedek. **The Law** is, now, changed from **The Letter of The Law** with its **curse of death**. Christ removed “**the curse**” of **The Law**, without

a penalty, but “**mercy**” is another step on the “**ladder**” in your **spiritual growth**, to **eternal life**. Now, **The Law** is **spiritual** and on a higher level. That is exactly what Isaiah said Christ would do, “**The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness’ sake, he will magnify the law, and make it honorable**” (Isaiah 42.21).

In Hebrew “**to magnify**” is “**to enlarge**” or “**make it superior**” and, thereby, “**make The Law honorable.**” Here is the **definition** for **sin** for those who are converted or have repented, “**All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.**” John makes this powerful statement in I John 5:17.

The Law always exists which makes known what **sin** is. It is **never destroyed or done away**. But, now, you see **The Law** is **more inclusive** than *The Old Covenant* – **Letter of The Law** of Moses. What is the difference? Read Hebrews 7:11-19. With Levi, under Moses, The Law was weak. Why? It couldn’t make the people **perfect**.

Under The Melchizedek Priesthood, Christ makes you **perfect** by making The Law “**spiritual,**” thereby, magnifying it by making it greater in order to give you **Salvation**. *The Old Covenant* “**commandment**” is **carnal** or made for a **carnal people** (Hebrews 7). Paul called **The Law**, under Christ, a **spiritual law** (Romans 7:14). If any one is still **unconverted, unrepentant**, that person is **carnal** and needs to keep *The Old Covenant*.

The definition of sin in I John 3:4 is just for a person to be **civilized** and not a **criminal**. If you are repentant, then, you are under “**the spirit**” of **The Law** and **not The Letter**. Now the definition of **sin** is I John 5:17 – **all unrighteousness is sin**. You must become **perfect**. That is why Christians, who are repentant and following Christ, are not under *The Old Covenant*, anymore. It isn’t

**good enough for Salvation, “For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof” (Hebrews 7:18). It can’t be any clearer!**

## **Law Of Life**

Now, **The Law** is far more **superior** than *The Old Covenant Law* which leads to **death** (II Corinthians 3) but, actually, **The Keeping of The Law of Life** in “**the spirit**” gives **Salvation**. “**There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ, Jesus, who walk not after the flesh [human works], but after the Spirit [Holy Spirit]” (Romans 8:1). Then, Paul defines what walking in “the spirit” means in comparison to the flesh. “For the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death” (Romans 8:2). With Christ, The Law is magnified or enlarged beyond The Law of sin and death as Isaiah 42:21 prophesied. The commandments are still kept, but in The Spirit. The legal works of *The Old Covenant* no longer apply.**

What is this **Law of “sin and death?”** Romans 8:3 clearly reveals it is *The Old Covenant Law* of Moses. Why? “**For what the law [Moses] could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh [being human], God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.**”

All *The Old Covenant Law* of Moses could do, is tell what **sin** was, as defined in I John 3:4. When Jesus died for Christians by paying for all sins, He removed “**the curse**” of **The Law** which is listed in Deuteronomy 28. The Law of Moses gave **no mercy** by pardoning anyone (Exodus 23:20-21).

Now, “**the magnified law**” under Christ gave **mercy**. Notice,

that is exactly what Jesus said in regard to “**The Keeping**” of **The Sabbath** in Matthew 12:7. “**But if ye had known what *this* meant, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice ye would not have condemned the guiltless.**” Sacrifice was one of “**the curses**” of **The Law** when it was broken. Jesus said, a person does not break **The Sabbath** when “**the good**” of human life is at stake or going through the **corn field** and harvesting the kernels as when His “**Disciples**” became hungry (Matthew 12:1-7).

Jesus, in Matthew 12:8 declares, “**The Son of man [Jesus, The Christ] is Lord [Master] even of The Sabbath Day.**” Christ changed “**The Keeping of**” **The Sabbath** “**spiritually.**” Mercy in Christ, now, becomes an **enlarged part of God’s “Law.”** “**Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrite! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters of the law*, judgment [justice], mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone**” (Matthew 23:23) Mercy, faith and judgment carry more weight than *The Old Covenant* because *The New Covenant* is internal or spiritual.

*The Torah* or **The Way to Salvation** includes **judgment, mercy and faith.** These are not part of **the added law** of Moses when there was **no mercy** in *The Old Covenant*. That is why some Christians reject *The Old Testament* thinking The God of *The Old Covenant* was too harsh. They did not know The Law of Moses was designated for criminals who had a **wrong heart** and sinned over and over again (Deuteronomy 5:29).

**The Law** administered by Christ, under Melchizedek, included **mercy, faith and judgment or justice.** *The Torah*, under Jesus, reveals these are far more weightier in God’s “**Law**” than “**tithing**” which was only to be given to “**priests**” who had no **inheri-**

**tance.** The definition of **sin**, now, included **all righteousness** as a requirement of The Law to **not sin**. Now, **The Law** was a **matter of the heart** which did include **mercy**. **The Law** ministered by Christ had **no curses** or **condemnation** but **mercy** which makes **The Law honorable**. Wow! **Spiritual growth** includes being a **God-fearer**, seeking **righteousness** as a weightier part of **God's "Law"** (I John 5:17). **"Judgment"** and **"faith"** are, also, a significant part of God's **"Law"** under Christ.

From God-fearers to repentance you receive **mercy** as part of your **spiritual growth**. A God-fearer accepts I John 5:17 instead of I John 3:4 as a Christian's definition of **"sin."** Christians must become **perfect** or become **"righteousness"** with all of **God's Holy "goodness"** (Ephesians 1:1-3).

The word **"repentance"** in Greek is **"to have a change of mind or heart."** Now, in respect to **spiritual growth** you need to understand what **"a right heart"** is, as opposed to **"an unrighteous heart."** You are, now, on **the path** or **way** to **God's "house"** by growing **spiritually** in **The Law** from God-fearers (having "fear") to **repentance** and, then to **mercy**.



## CHAPTER 2

# WISDOM AND ITS SEVEN PILLARS

Proverbs 1:7 discloses, “**The Fear of The Lord is The Beginning of Knowledge.**” To know truth you must fear God which is your first step in walking towards God’s “righteous law.” This is the type of “fear” where you might “run away” from a scary situation such as a “phobia.” Solomon asked for “great wisdom” to rule Israel, honorably, so God gave him “wisdom.” God gives “wisdom” to Christians so they can have a “sound mind,” much like having God’s “mind” (II Timothy 1:7). That is why Paul said you must have The Mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5). Christ brought Grace, (Mercy) and Truth (Proverbs 8:10-11).

### Seven Pillars

Proverbs 9:1 announces, “**Wisdom has builded her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars.**” Speaking of those who are wise, Solomon reveals it is like a house which is “supported by seven pillars.” Pillars are “supports” which hold up a house. *The Bible*, so far, has disclosed the following supports are needed to acquire a sound mind or a disciplined mind. These “supports” are hewed or quarried, individually, as “steps to spiritual growth.” The first step is fear, followed by mercy, wisdom, judgment or justice and faith or hope. Christ said these are the weightier matters of The Law. This is how God writes His

“**Laws**” in your **heart** and **mind**. The strength of *The New Covenant* over *The Old Covenant* shows *The Old Covenant*, ultimately, is revealed as **weak**. This weakness discloses **sin** is of the **flesh** and brings **death**. II Corinthians 3:7-8 clearly states God giving *The Ten Commandments* in **stone** (**wrong heart**), only, ended in **death**. Now, *The New Covenant* is more **glorious**. How? “**Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle** [letters] **of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink** [letter of the law], **but with the Spirit** [Holy Spirit] **of the living God; not in tables of stone** [commandments], **but in fleshly tables of the heart**” (II Corinthians 3:3).

God changes your **heart** from **carnal** (fleshly animal) to **God’s** and **Christ’s** “**very mind**” which is a sound **mind**. How? By God’s “**Holy Spirit**” (II Timothy 1:7). When God changes your **human heart** to a **Godly “heart”** you will have **grown “spiritually”** because it is **written** it was accomplished by God’s “**Holy Spirit**.” That is “**spiritual growth**,” **simply and clearly**.

“**The seven pillars of wisdom**” are a **part of God’s “Law”** or **His “mind”** (Isaiah 55:6-11). You need to “**spiritually**” understand what God means by changing your **heart**. What is the **human heart**? Proverbs 18:1-2, **biblically**, gets to the **heart** of the matter, “**Through desire a man** [humanity] **having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom. A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.**” That is **self-righteousness**. Self righteousness is thinking you are being informed, **rightly**, by your own conclusions. **Self desires**, or having a **personal agenda** is what your **heart** deems mandatory at the time. But, God knows all your **heart’s personal agendas** or **desires**.

Until in **faith**, you want a **change of mind** (God’s “**mind**”), God

allows you to **remain blind** so your **sins** are not held against you (John 9:41). Until your **heart's desires** are the **same** as God's "**mind**," He knows you are not, seriously, ready to **change**. You might have a **personal idol** and that idol may be you, "yourself," just like Satan. Satan, therefore, "**is the god of this world**" (II Corinthians 4:4). You need to keep **growing "spiritually"** or you are "**idolaters**." God does not reveal more **spiritual truth** until you **desire it, as you, little by little, acquire a Godly "heart."** That is why Peter said God only accepts those who **fear him** and **intensely labor** to find His "**righteousness**" (Acts 10:35).

So far, *The Bible* has shown the different **steps of spiritual growth**. They are **fear, mercy, wisdom, understanding, judgment** and **faith**. You have one more to find. **Spiritual growth** has **seven supports** to become like Christ, which completes God's "**law**." Can you find the final step by knowing who God is, when you begin to think like God?

I John 4:8 tells you since God is **love**, if you **do not have God's "love," (agapé – to die for each other)**, you **do not know God**. Without "**the agapé love**" of **God** you are **worshipping the wrong "god"**. That is **idolatry**. **Spiritual growth** is an **absolute necessity to know who God is**. Now, for an **amazing surprise!** You have **always known this scripturally**, but, perhaps, not **fully believed**. Clearly this **scripture announces the last step or pillar of spiritual growth is agapé love which completes God's "Law."** **Love is the seventh step**. Now, you know the six steps or supports of wisdom. The six steps are: **fear, mercy, wisdom, understanding, faith and judgment**. There is one last step to understand which allows you to have **spiritual growth**.

Proverbs 8:5 declares, "**O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.**" The simple minded

have **no wisdom** and **fools** have **no understanding**. One can seem **wise**, have a **logical** or **sound mind**, but without **understanding**, it will not make any **sense**! Romans 13:10 announces, “**Love [agapé] worketh no ill [only righteousness] to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfillment of the Law.**” There it is – **love**. This completes **wisdom’s seven pillars** which should be **housed** in each Christian’s **mind** and **heart (desire)** so they can **grow spiritually**. **Fear, mercy, wisdom, understanding, faith, judgment** and **agapé love**. That love is in Christ’s and God’s “**mind**” – **The Complete Law of God** in “**the spirit**” which allows you **The Gift of Salvation**. So it is not by **your efforts** or **Works of The Law** or anything **else**, but by God’s “**Holy Spirit**” that leads you into **all truth** (John 14:17 and 26). **Spiritual Growth** and **Salvation** are gifts given by God by His great “**grace**” and “**love.**”

Keeping The Works of The Law does not give **Salvation** nor can any other “**works of worship**” by mankind do it, **either**. You are **only saved by grace** through **faith** as most denominations claim. You **believe it** when you have **faith**. **Spiritual growth** is **mandatory** for **Salvation** because it is **freely given by God** to those who **desire it** when they gain a **right heart**. These **seven gifts** from God are, **fear, mercy, wisdom, understanding, faith, judgment** and **agapé love**. Once God has given you these **seven pillars**, you, then, acquire God’s “**mind**,” which is the **fulfillment** or **completion of God’s “spiritual law.”** It is **written in your heart (desire)** and **mind**. This is the great and perfect plan your God has set in motion and will come to fulfillment, perhaps in your lifetime.

# NOTES



## CHAPTER 3

### GOD'S GATES

Paul wrote God is building a huge, massive, “house” (II Timothy 2:20-21). In that house are many vessels, pots, pans and dishes. Some of which, are honorable and some are dishonorable. If a person purges himself/herself for honorable use, they will be of great value to God. How does God build His “house?”

#### A Strait Gate

To get into God’s “house” you have to enter through a **gate first**. God does not give everyone an automatic entrance into His “house,” which is “**eternal life**.” This is what Jesus said in Matthew 7:12-14, “**Therefore all things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets. Enter you in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**”

This description of entering into God’s “house” is very clear. First, Jesus gives you the **condition** which is known as **The Golden Rule**, “**Do unto others as you want others to do unto you.**” Do you really see what Christ concludes? Jesus tells you **this is The Law and The Prophets**. Christ is stating all **The Law and Prophets** are summarized in **The Golden Rule**. This is not

referring to *The Old Covenant* – Letter of The Law. Moses' Law has "curses" and ends in "death" (II Corinthians 3). This is *The Torah* and **The Prophets**. *The Torah* Law is the way to God's house through Christ by having God's heart and mind! *The Torah* is composed of **many covenants** and **laws**. *The Old Covenant*, The Letter of The Law, was only "**added**" (as a **covenant**) four hundred and thirty years, later, to *The Torah* which became *The Book of Deuteronomy*. Read Deuteronomy 5:3 which confirms this **truth**. Jesus is including the **whole law**, *The Torah*, which in Hebrew is "**the teaching, the path or the way** to God's '**house**' to get into **the gate**." The **gate** is **narrow** and, only, **allows a few at a time**.

## A Tree

Christ clarifies "**the way to Salvation**" in more detail in Matthew 7:15-21. Jesus relates that there will be **many false prophets** or teachers who will be in **sheep's clothing**, preaching Christianity but are actually "**wolves**," whether you or they know it or not. How can you tell the difference?

"**A true preacher**," Jesus said, "will be known by **his fruits**." Then, Christ tells you there are "**two trees**" – one produces **death** and the other **life**. What is the difference in these "**two trees**?" How can you tell? The answer is **simple**. "**Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them**" (Matthew 7:20). The **false tree** discloses many ways to **good** and **evil**, with as **many preachers** as there are human **ideas** or **imagination**. The tree with **good fruit** only produces **fruit** which fulfills **The Law** (*Torah*) and **The Prophets**.

If any preacher teaches what does not **manifest God's "Law"** as **love** and **goodness** towards **everyone** is "**evil**" and will be "**de-**

**stroyed” in the fire.** You have just read the entire *Gospel* of God’s “kingdom.”

## Two Trees

Do “**the two trees**” seem familiar? Of course they do! They are **The Tree of Life** and **The Tree of Good and Evil**. One depicts **human nature** as opposed to God’s “**nature**” or “**love**.” Anyone advocating a **doctrine or teaching** as “**love**,” (**The Golden Rule**), is a **tree with good fruit**. Why is it so **difficult** for Christians to know the **difference**?

Since The Garden of Eden, God’s “**house**,” **all humanity** has been confronted with this **choice**, **The Tree of Life** (God’s “**Holy Spirit**”) or **The Tree of Good and Evil**, (human imagination). With human imagination or human **logic**, mankind can come up with **more** ways which may seem to be “**right**.”

However, God’s “**truth**” is only “**one way**” and **no other**. In fact, since there is only **one way**, it can, only, produce **one conclusion** – “**life**.” Anything which is **not good** for **humanity** is a **corrupt tree** and needs to be **destroyed**. Remember, **reality** or **truth** is not **complex**. Only what is **good** for **God** and His “**creation**” is of **The Tree of Life**. By **their fruit** you shall know them.

## Knowing God

Spiritual Growth is the process, led by God’s “**Holy Spirit**,” which takes **seven steps** for you to follow to become **exactly** like God and Christ. You must, actually, **grow** with **good fruit**, to have a **mind** and **desire** just like **God**. Only, then, when you have God’s “**divine nature**,” will God complete His “**purpose**” to be “**All In All**” (I Corinthians 15:28 and II Peter 1:3-4). Christians must

spiritually grow to the **stature** of Christ in Ephesians 1, where you become in the **image** of the **very God**. Then, only, will you be able to worship **The True God and Father of all**. You shall know them by their **fruit**. It is that **simple**. Anything **less is not of God**.

## **The Great Liar**

Christ said that “**the god of this world**,” is Satan. And you know Satan was a **murderer** and a **liar** from the **beginning** (John 8:44). Did you know Satan was the first one in **The Garden of Eden** to preach **The Gospel**?

When Eve was confronted by Satan, a **beautiful angelic cherub** (Ezekiel 28:13-18) in The Garden, he asked her a question, “Did God say you cannot **eat** of The Trees of The Garden?” Satan did not refer, only, to **The Tree of Good and Evil**, but all the trees in The Garden, including **The Tree of Life** (Genesis 3:1).

Eve was being lied to, by the biggest **con artist in the world**. This is how **deceptive Satan is**. He believes his **own lie**. He is like Hitler or other **world evil rulers** who believe their **own lies**. They see their **lie** as the living **truth**. But, you must discern them as “deceptive lies.”

Eve replied they could eat any fruit of the trees in **The Garden** but not the fruit of **The Tree of Good and Evil**. Did Satan reply to her question? No, he did not. Satan answered with a question about **the trees** in Genesis 3:2-3.

Genesis 3:4-5 Satan replied, “**For God doth know that in the day you eat thereof [“the trees”], then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God’s knowing good and evil.**” Satan was

answering his own question “overall” about **the trees** in **The Garden**. He did not even mention **The Tree of Good and Evil**. How do you know? Satan was telling her what God **knows** and not what Eve was asking.

God does know when they ate of **The Tree of Life** that God’s “**Holy Spirit**” will reveal **good** and **evil** and they will be **as a “god.”** Satan preached the **truth** of *The Gospel* but he **deceived** Eve. She was taken in because the **fruit looked delicious** (Genesis 3:6-7). Wow!

That is why Christ warned, by their **fruits**, you shall know **good** and **evil**. False teachers, in most cases, believe what they preach. They think it is **the truth**. As Satan, they believe their **own lies** and think it is **the truth**. If **the fruits** of God’s “**Holy Spirit**” aren’t there, which are listed in Galatians 5:22, they are **wolves** whether they know it or not.

## The Trinity

Satan had, also, preached “**The Trinity**” to **Eve**. In Sumerian history, from ancient Babylon, clay tablets have been found to show that in The Garden “**three gods existed.**” Each nation such as Egypt, Babylon or Assyria called them in their own country’s language. In Egypt, these gods are called Osiris, Isis and Horus. The three, Satan told Eve, would be gods when they ate of **the trees** of The Garden and they were – Adam, Eve and Satan.

Satan in *The Bible* is called **Baal**, the god of fertility. It was why God asked Adam, after he followed Eve, who told him he was **naked** (Genesis 3:11)? Satan told them they were **naked** and not because they ate the **fruit of good** and **evil**. The point was they **followed Satan** as their “**god.**”

## **The Law And The Prophets**

Christ made it **obvious** for Christians to know any other **Christian** – “**By their fruit you shall know them.**”

*The Torah Law* is **the way** to Christ and God’s “**house,**” as well as, what **The Prophets preached.** Who were these **Prophets** and, **exactly,** what did **they preach?** You are about to study about **God’s “righteousness.”** Too many other Christians choose to eat of **The Tree of Good and Evil** or **Satan’s unrighteousness** (I John 5:17). “Righteousness” is the, only, **way** to enter “**the gates**” to **God’s “house.”**

# NOTES



## CHAPTER 4

### THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

After Cain killed Abel and was sent from Eden to The Wilderness, as a wanderer, Eve had Seth as Abel's replacement (Genesis 4:25). Seth in Hebrew means "to give rest."

Seth who gave rest after Cain's murder had a son named Enos, which in Hebrew means "to be called by God's name" or "Sons of God." That is why Genesis 4:26 states, "men began to call upon The Name of The Lord or Sons of God." Cain, as a wanderer, sought redemption all his life, but never found it. Read *The Epic of Gilgamesh* for Cain's history. The Sons of God always sought some form of "righteousness."

#### Prophets And Preachers

Jude 14 discloses that Enoch was the **seventh** son from Adam and was a **Prophet**. What did he preach? "**Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints.**" This shows The Return of Jesus, The Gospel of Christ and The Kingdom of God. The Gospel was preached right after Cain left The Land of Eden. Wow! Read *The Book of Enoch*. Biblically, The Gospel of Christ along with the restoration of God's "**kingdom**" was preached from "**the beginning.**" How about "**righteousness?**"

Peter, when referring to the time of the **flood**, states the following,

**“And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly”** (II Peter 2:5). Noah was one of The Eight Preachers of **Righteousness**. Who were they?

Genesis 5 is called **The Book of The Generations of Adam**. Note each son from Adam to Noah totals ten people. Adam is made in **“the likeness of God”** and each following son was like their father, who was **like Adam**, who was like **God**. They were **all “The Sons” of God**. They are all **like God**. Cain isn’t mentioned because he did not call upon **The Name of God** and was, instead, **“a wanderer.”** Cain was not a **Son of God** nor were any of his children. They were **“the children of men”** (human).

In Sumerian history, (the earliest known human civilization) they looked upon The First Eight (pre-flood) Kings as **“gods.”** That is why Paul stated in Romans 1:25 that the pre-flood world worshipped the **creation** rather than **The Creator**. Satan started The Trinity by telling Eve they were **“gods.”** Adam, Eve and Satan composed The Trinity.

Enoch was a **Prophet** and when you count, in Genesis 5, from Adam down you come to **Enoch**, **“the seventh”** from Adam. Enoch was one of **“The Sons” of God**, who was a **Prophet**. Who were these nine other **“Sons” of God** who called upon **The Name of God**? **Enoch** being a **Prophet**, was more than a preacher. Noah, then, became **The Eighth Preacher of Righteousness**. So, all, from **Adam** to **Noah**, were **The Eight Preachers of Righteousness** except **Enoch**, who was a **Prophet**. Also, counting from **Enos**, makes **Noah** The Eighth Preacher of Righteousness. That is when men started to call upon **“The Name” of God** as **The Sons of God**. Now, you know why the ancient Sumerians called their first eight kings **“gods.”** This is why the known world became

polytheists and worshipped **many “gods.”** Adam, Eve and Satan composed **The Trinity** while the other eight were considered **“gods.”** This was the beginning of Greek, Roman, Babylonian and Egyptian “worship” of **many mythical “gods.”** This is why historians discount early history as a **myth** because of **idolatry.** The **truth** is they were all **merely humans** but called themselves **“divine”** or **“gods.”** Read all of Romans 1.

Prior to the flood these were The Prophets and Preachers. After the flood, God called The Prophets by name as recorded in *The Bible.* They all preached The Gospel of Christ’s **“return”** and were The Preachers of Righteousness. After Christ came as a human –**“righteousness,”** The Word of God, was preached by Jesus through God’s **“Holy Spirit,”** **“Christ In You”** (Hebrews 1:1-2).

## Righteousness And Law

*The Old Covenant,* The Law of Moses, was weak because it couldn’t make **human nature “good”** (Hebrews 7). *The Old Covenant* Law, only, told what **sin** was but couldn’t change people. That *Old Covenant* Law, only given to Israel, was to bring them to Christ. It was **added** to *The Torah* four hundred thirty years after *The Covenant* of Promise given to Abraham. That is why *The Torah* had to hit the target of Christ who was **perfection.** The Law of Moses wasn’t true **righteousness,** but only a type (Hebrews 3) so Christ had to come to **magnify The Law** to make it **“spiritual”** (Romans 7:14). In this way you could receive God’s **“righteousness”** and by **“grace”** could enter God’s **“kingdom.”**

## Grace And Mercy

Mercy is the **second step** to **spiritual growth.** It is **not given** by keeping The Law of Moses. In the parable of The Ten Talents,

the one with no increase had **“the one talent”** taken from him at his **“judgment”** (Matthew 25). Why? Because he only took the **first step** and because of being **fearful** did not get **mercy**. This fear is **cowardice** and if he **had feared God** he could **have grown spiritually** by taking the **next step** to get **mercy**. The spiritual second step gives **grace**, a gift, because of Christ’s **“sacrifice”** for **a person’s sins**. The spiritual coward lacked **faith**. Christians are **saved by “faith” through “grace.”**

Salvation cannot come through any **Law**, unless **it is God** who **writes it in your mind and heart**. God’s **“Law”** which is **“righteousness”** must **be written by God through His “Holy Spirit”** to give you **“The Mind” of God and Christ** (Philippians 2:5).

Anything **humans do** by their **deeds** or **efforts** changes, absolutely, **“nothing.”** That is why Jesus said in Luke 17, after you have done everything commanded of you, God considers you **useless**. The Letter of The Law is for **criminals**, so decent men and women could live in a **civil society**. Keeping The Letter of The Law allows you to enter God’s land or property but does not give you citizenship in His **“kingdom paradise.”** Only God can change you when he sees you **have a right heart** by implicitly having **faith to trust Him to the death**. **Spiritual growth does not come** by any **human effort** or **works**. That is why you will not receive the **gift of mercy** through Christ until you have **faith to trust God in everything in this life, no matter what the price**. **Spiritual growth** can only be received as a **gift** from your Creator.

## **Wisdom**

Once you receive **mercy** for your sins, as long as you believe in The True God, He begins to grant you a **sound mind** by giving you **“wisdom.”** In Hebrew **“wisdom”** is an intellectual **craft**. It is

the skill to use your intelligence so you are successful in dealing with mankind, which is for everyone's **good**. When **righteousness** is a **goal**, then you use your intelligence to produce **goodness** or **success**. Wisdom is the ability to get to the facts or to the actual truth, only.

## Understanding

“**Understanding**” gives insight to an individual so they can act **wisely** or **prudently** to achieve a **goal of goodness** with **logic**. When one understands, it makes sense, intellectually. An example is when God who is “**love**” makes Him care **for your welfare and good**. Therefore, every **act** by **God** must produce **goodness** for you. If not, an evil act would make **no sense, intellectually**. One knows when they have the **truth** in *The Bible* because that **truth** has to make logical sense in all 66 books of *The Bible*. If one can't find perfect truth in all of God's “**word**,” they either do not have a need for truth or need to **study more**. Understanding, is the ability to gather only facts so reality can become evident.

## Faith

Faith is not **acting blindly**. God, being the **only goodness**, is therefore, reliable to you for **your good**. As God gives you wisdom and understanding, you begin to intellectualize with all God has, whether good or bad results toward **your personal profit**. You come to see **living by every Word of God**, no matter what **pain** or **suffering** will end up doing **good for you**. By so doing, God increases your **faith**.

## Judgment

Judgment is the ability to make **wise decisions** which are **equi-**

**table** or **fair** to **all**. This is **true justice**. What is **just**, is the ability to always think of another's **good**. Punishment is only used to improve the one being punished. Any system of education must produce a sound minded person – with only **good** as its result.

## Love

You arrive at step seven by growing in the previous six steps, which leads you to be **like God** and **Christ**. This **ultimate, spiritual step completes** “**The Law**” of **God** “**spiritually**.” You become as **God** and **Christ** – “**agapé love**.” This is the **goal** of spiritual growth. These attributes actually change how you think and how you are **motivated** by **good desires**. Then, you will know **good** and **evil** and be **as God**.

## Like God

Spiritual growth is having God's “**mind**.” Kind after kind. God created you as **flesh** in **His** “**likeness**,” physically, which produces death, so you would **desire life**. God wants you to eat of **The Tree of Life** and not eat of **The Tree of Good and Evil** which only leads you to **Babylon (confusion)**.

Once you “**spiritually grow**” to be like **God**, intellectually, then, you will have “**The Mind**” of **God and Christ**. You have **God's** “**thoughts**” and **God's** “**mind**.” Now, **God** can give you **The Gift of Eternal Life** in **His** “**kingdom**.”

I Corinthians 15 teaches **death** is **gone**, which removes **God's** “**enemy**.” Having **God's** “**mind**” you are granted the **supreme gift** of a **spiritual body** where you are **just like God**. You are “**Sons**” of **God**, like **Jesus**. You have been **adopted** from your physical parents to being **spiritual** or **God's** “**very sons**.”

God grants not only **eternity**, but you will be a **useful vessel of honor** in **God's "house"** and can **enter** into that **straight and narrow gate** in **New Jerusalem** to keep eating *The Tree of Life, forever*; as **God** keeps **creating** in **His "universe."** You will be like **God** and have absolute **liberty** or **freedom** to do **whatever** you **want** because God knows you will always do **good** toward Him and **His "ageless creation."**



## CHAPTER 5

### GOD'S HOUSE

**Psalm 24:1-4** directs a question, “Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?” This is God’s “house” in God’s “Sabbath Rest.” Notice, God’s “house” is on a hill and one has to climb up to it or ascend it (Genesis 28:11-19). This is Jacob’s Ladder to go up to God’s “house.” Jesus is the way to, finally, climb the stairway to God’s “house” (John 1). Then, The Psalmist answers the question of climbing the stairway to God’s “house.”

### Spiritual Growth

With thousands of years of Christian, Islam and Jewish debates with all its dissensions, mankind insists on telling God what He is doing. You can decide who God is and what He is like. In the end, you are all found **guilty** of idolatry. You worship a “god” of your human imagination. Oh, the **simplicity in Christ** (Genesis 11:6).

What is God’s “answer” to enter His “house” through the **straight and narrow gate**? “**He that has clean hands [deeds] and a pure [honest] heart who has not lifted up his soul [life] unto vanity [temporary goals] nor sworn deceitfully [lies].**”

He shall receive the “ **blessings**” from **The Lord** and “ **righteousness**” from The God of His “ **Salvation.**” Nothing complicated, neither ritualistic or deeds of The Letter of The Law – only “ **spiri-**

**tual growth.” Spiritual growth** is simply for you to become **like God** (Hebrews 1:4 and I Corinthians 15:28).

## **Tree Of Good And Evil**

Why did God confuse all the languages at The Tower of Babel (Babylon)? “**The Tower**” was built in the plains of **Shinar** in **Southern Mesopotamia** or the land between The Rivers **Tigris** and **Euphrates**. At the estuary of these two rivers which ran into The Gulf of Persia was a marshy plain. Upon this land The Tower of Babel was built. The pre-flood Sumerian people called this “**tower**,” Ziggurat or a hill with a **stairway** to **God’s “house”** or “**temple**.” This “**temple**” or “**house**” of God on a hill with a stairway to get to it was a copy of **The Garden of Eden** which was, also, **on a hill**.

In Genesis 11:2-4 The Sumerians came to The Land of Shinar, which was a plain on which they settled. They came from The **East** to this plain. The **East** was a hilly and **mountainous** area. This is where Eden was, but these were the children of Shem, Ham and Japheth. They were all of **one language** as the Sumerian language was like **no other** future tongue.

In Genesis 11:5-32 they built this “**tower**” with a “**temple**” on the **top** to resemble God’s “**house**” in The Garden of Eden (Psalm 24). There was **one major problem**. In Genesis 11:6, God said, as long as they worshipped in this temple, like Jacob’s **ladder** in Genesis 28 and because of their **one language**, there was nothing which would be **restrained** from their **human nature**.

God’s “spiritual way” is **straight** and **narrow** and not duplicitous of all human ideas. “Righteousness” is “**one way**” and not a **multitude** of **different** varieties as human beings are. That is the

problem God saw with those at The Tower of Babel. Even “**the tower**” was man-made laying bricks reaching to **heaven** (atmosphere). Then, to make it **worse** they thought everyone who came from God’s “house” in Eden were “**gods.**” That is how polytheism began. Paul explained exactly what happened. They started to worship the **creation** rather than **The Creator** (Romans 1). It was a mess of confusion. God, therefore, **wounded** this “**beast of confusion**” by **dividing** the **nations** with different languages and scattered them all around The Mediterranean Sea and, finally, the world.

## Human Nature

Since human beings are not born with God’s “**mind,**” each person over their lives, develop their own ideas of **right** and **wrong**. That is why God scattered them to keep mankind from a plethora of human ideas of **right** and **wrong**. What is **good** or **evil** by mankind’s standard all depends upon one’s point of view.

Human nature has no way of knowing “**right**” from “**wrong**” except by **experience** and **observation** – called **science**. God calls it human **imagination** by experimentation and observation. When do you know what is **good** for everyone?

God said humans will technologically create whatever their minds can conceive and because of their human choice, it will be either **good** or **evil**. Without The Knowledge of God who created everything and how the creation should work, no human really knows. History substantiates – there seems to be no end to how humanity can build a civil society. Look at today’s world; one world problem after another, which always **ends** in **violence** and **war**. Many wars have been caused in the name of religion, an ideology or some other human philosophy. As human population

grows, ideas of **good** and **evil** multiply. Each human has his/her own ideas of **right** and **wrong**. With humans there cannot be any **absolutes**. God's "**righteousness**" and "**goodness**" are **one**. With humanity becoming "**Godless**," you **lose moral value**, continually, until **love eventually disappears**. Finally, you are **beasts** or **The Mark of The Beast** like a combination of a **lion**, **bear** and **leopard**. That is called **carnal** or **beast-like**. At **The Tower of Babel**, God **wounded "the beast"** for a very good reason. Human imagination multiplies problems, but "The Word" of God gives **truth** and **grace** by Christ. Read the book, *Satan's Image*.

# NOTES



## CHAPTER 6

### RETURN OF CHRIST

**Spiritual growth is so important it has to do with the date of “The Return” of Christ and The Establishment of God’s “kingdom.” For thousands of years preachers have tried to prophesy Christ’s “return,” but there is “no date” set because of a vital purpose. You will find Jesus cannot return until a “specific condition occurs.”**

#### **Only God Knows**

*The Bible* is filled with prophecy about The Coming of The Messiah. All three major world religions are waiting for The Messiah. The Muslims, Jews and Christians are all expecting Him. Some Christians and Jews have named specific individuals that **may be The Savior**.

What is not realized – there is **no set date**. In I Corinthians 13:8, it tells you that **prophecy will fail**. In Greek the word “**fail**” carries the meaning of “**to pause**” or “**stop**.” Prophecy is predicated upon conditions. An example would be the story of King Hezekiah. He was about to die, but pleaded for mercy. So, because of his trust in God, mercy was given to Hezekiah and “**the captivity**” of Judah was put off for 15 years. He added 15 years to Hezekiah’s life on earth and didn’t have Babylon capture Judah because of Hezekiah’s faith. Prophecy was delayed or “**failed**.”

When Jesus was ready to go to heaven to be with God, The Apos-

tles asked Him if God would then, restore, “**the kingdom**” to Israel. In Daniel 2 The Prophet, Daniel, discloses the dream of Nebuchadnezzar.

The King dreamed of a huge image which consisted of four parts. The head, which was **gold**, the breast and arms of **silver**, belly and thighs of **brass**, his legs of **iron** and feet part of **iron** and **clay** (Daniel 2:32). As Daniel 7 and Daniel 8 reveals, these four parts represent Babylon, Media-Persia, Greco-Macedonian and, finally, **Rome**. In the days of the **iron** and **clay**, Christ “**returns**” and smashes the **feet** of “**the image**,” which fulfills or ends **The Times of The Gentiles**. Then, The Messiah establishes **The Kingdom of God**.

The Apostles knew they were in “**the last days**.” They asked Jesus about God’s “**kingdom**” (Acts 1:6-7). Hebrews 1 tells The Apostles, they were in “**the last days**,” but “**the end of days**” of Daniel 12 is different than “**the last days**.” Daniel 12 has a series of conditions that were necessary for “**the end of days**” and **The Return of Christ**. That is why Jesus responded, “only God, The Father determines the **date**.” Jesus in Acts 1, did not say that God has a **date**, but God holds back when His “**kingdom**” will begin. “**Exousia**,” the Greek word for “**power**,” means “**permission**” or “**allow**.” It isn’t “**a matter of time**” but “**a time of permission**.” Something must occur before **The Messiah** can return. Why does **God** decide when Christ “**returns**?”

## **Anytime**

*The Book of Revelation* seems to hold many contradictions if one doesn’t understand its context. Revelation 1:7 states, “**Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindred’s of the earth shall wail because of him.**” Then, Revelation 22:12 reveals, “**And, behold,**

**I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.”**

*The Book of Revelation* was written to God’s “**two witnesses.**” One is “The Church” of God and the other to The 144,000 of Israel (Revelation 2, 3 and Revelation 11). Christ is revealing “**the conditions for His return.**” The Messiah’s return according to *The Book of Revelation* depicts “**immediacy**” or “**happening momentarily.**” In fact, it sounds as if Jesus is coming “**very soon.**”

So, now, over two thousand years have passed since *The Book of Revelation* had been written and still The Messiah hasn’t come. Didn’t Jesus mean what He said in Revelation? It seems to be a contradiction. Israel, as a nation, is rejected and only a remnant was to be God’s “**witness**” (Romans 11). God has grafted The Gentiles into The Olive Tree, a type of The Tree of Life to become His “**witness.**” Only a remnant of Israel is left, plus The Gentiles, are God’s “**witnesses.**” They are The Two Olive Trees and Two Candlesticks of God (Revelation 11:4).

*The Book of Revelation* specifically is written to The Seven Churches in Revelation 2 and Revelation 3. Christ dwells in their **midst** like **The Menorah** as Christ’s “**churches.**” Jesus warns of His coming to each of The Seven Churches and corrects them for their weaknesses or **false** teachings. Why all these warnings by Christ? Peter answers the seeming delay of The Messiah’s “**return**” (II Peter 3:4-9). He writes God is **long-suffering** and **patient**, wanting everyone to have an opportunity to **repent** and be saved. He openly reveals Jesus can come in one day or in a thousand years. **Repentance (spiritual growth)** is what decides Jesus “**return.**” It is a **condition** and **not a date**. What is the **condition**? The condition is “**repentance.**” Let *The Book of Revelation* give you the **specific answer** as to The Messiah’s “**com-**

ing.” Revelation 19:7 discloses; **“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of The Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready.”** Notice, her wedding dress is made of **“righteousness.”** This **spiritual** talent is God’s **“righteousness.”**

## Bride Of Christ

The Return of Jesus to establish God’s **“kingdom”** is not determined by a date, but **when The Bride is ready to be Christ’s “wife.”** So states *The Scriptures*. God, The Father will not allow His **“Son”** to marry until **The Bride is clothed in “righteousness.”** That is **“spiritual growth.”** *The Old Covenant* does not produce **“righteousness”** because *The Old Covenant* is weak (Hebrews 7). **The Letter of The Law** reveals **“sin,”** only, but does not make anyone **“righteous.”** It is your duty **“not to sin”** in order to live in a **civil society**. The Letter of The Law is made for criminals. The parable of **the ten virgins** in Matthew 25 is all about growing **spiritually**. Growing in God’s **“Holy Spirit”** is what **makes The Bride, ready to marry Christ** because she has grown in **God’s “righteousness.”** Whether it takes a **day** or **thousands** of years and because God is **long-suffering**, He will wait. Christ’s **“return”** is predicated upon the **condition** of **The Bride**. Jesus, in *The Book of Revelation*, proved to The Father, He was **worthy** and, now, it is up to **“the wife”** to prove herself **worthy** and be ready to be **The Bride**.

## The Unpardonable Sin

A Christian’s definition of **“sin”** is not I John 3:4, but a much higher standard of **The Law** which is **The Spirit of The Law** in I John 5:17, **“All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.”** What is a **sin** “not unto death” and what is the **un-**

**pardonable sin?**

Jesus answers these two questions clearly in Matthew 12:31-32, **“Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy *against* the *Holy Ghost* [spirit] shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against The Holy Ghost [spirit], it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world to come*.”** How simple! Transgressing The Letter of The Law **will be forgiven** as defined in I John 3:4. That is the sin not unto death. Christ’s **“blood,” His sacrifice paid for that sin.** That is **“the sin”** not unto **death.**

But, the **sin unto death** is **the unpardonable sin** in this **world** and in **God’s “kingdom.”** That is what the parable about the **ten talents** teaches. The **one**, with only **one** talent, refused to grow because of **fear** or **cowardice** and because he lacked **faith**, he will not be **forgiven** in this **life** or the **life** to come.

What makes **The Bride** ready to be **the wife**, is for her to have **complete “righteousness”** like **God** through **His “Holy Spirit.”** In the book, *God’s Will*, you find the **nations** which are **saved**, must continue to eat of **The Tree of Life** and **the leaves** from The Tree of Life. **Salvation** continues even in **“the kingdom.”** Growing continually in God’s **“Holy Spirit”** is a **must** until you reach **The Stature of Christ** who proved He is **worthy** (Ephesians 4).

When **The Bride** is **worthy** to be Christ’s **“wife,”** then, and only then, will Jesus fulfill His **“destiny,”** **“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me; to give every man according as his work shall be”** (Revelation 22:12). Spiritual growth is the **condition** for **“righteousness.”** Be ready!



## CHAPTER 7

### GOD'S KINGDOM

Many believe “salvation” or “spiritual growth” stops in God’s “kingdom.” Read what Paul had to say about the subject in Romans 8:19-22. “For the earnest expectation of the creature [humanity] waiteth for the “manifestation” of The Sons of God.” All humanity is wanting to see God’s “children” become The Sons of God, like Christ. In fact, “the entire creation (universe) groaneth” or is in pain, waiting for that time.

#### Purpose Of The Kingdom

Jesus said He went to prepare a place in God’s “**kingdom**” for Christians (John 14:2). This place is a **mansion** in God’s very “**house**.”

The book, *Revelation Uncovered*, goes through an outline of The Seven Seals, explaining The Seven Trumpets and The Seven Last Plagues of God’s “**wrath**.” Read it for an overall understanding. God’s “**two witnesses**,” The Seven Churches and The 144,000 of The Tribes of Israel are the ones Christ writes to in *The Book of Revelation*.

The book’s purpose is The Unveiling of His “Bride” when she is **worthy** to be His “**wife**,” dressed in “**righteousness**.” This book is all about The Bride becoming ready to be Christ’s “**wife**.” The question becomes, what does The Groom and His “**wife**” do in

### The New Heaven and The New Earth – God’s “**kingdom**?”

In Revelation 21:9 the angel tells John, “**I will shew you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.**” The chapter describes “**the wife**” as “New Jerusalem” all decked in a variety of different colored diamonds. The walls are “The Churches of God” while The Tribes of Israel are the gates (Revelation 21). Notice, what God reveals. **A Great Voice** states God will dwell with **men** and He will **dwell** with them in New Jerusalem. God, **Himself** shall be with them and be their God. From The Throne of God, He declares, “**I make all things new.**”

The word “new” in Greek means “**qualitatively new,**” that is “**superior**” or “**a spiritual kingdom.**” It reveals, “**I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending**” (Revelation 8:1). God started with physical humanity in **paradise** in The Garden with Adam and Eve and now, in the end days, there will be a “**new paradise.**” God tells you what He will do at the **end** in His “**kingdom,**” “**I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely**” (Revelation 21:6). This is God’s “**Holy Spirit,**” The Tree of Life offered **freely and with your free choice for all mankind.** God **continues** “**Salvation**” right into **The Kingdom of God,** “**He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be His God [in the kingdom], and he shall be my son**” (Revelation 21:7).

These verses are tricky, but notice God just told you in “**the kingdom,**” He will make **all things** “**new.**” That is, in the original Sabbath’s “**rest,**” right into The New Sabbath’s Rest, in God’s “**kingdom**” – which was The Omega. This is the first Greek alphabet, the beginning –The Alpha and the last Greek alphabet, the ending – The Omega. God is telling you that from the **beginning,** in Eden, He offered The Tree of **Life** – “**Salvation**” and in this

new garden “**paradise**” – “**the kingdom**,” God continues to offer **Salvation** to be His “Sons.” Wow! Salvation continues in “**the kingdom**.” Those who **rejected** God’s “**Holy Spirit**,” must go into **The Lake of Fire** (Revelation 21:8).

Spiritual growth will be on-going right into “The Kingdom” of God. Why? Romans 8 tells how the entire creation is waiting for the manifestation of “The Sons” of God. “**Spiritual growth**” or God’s “**creative power**” never ends. The prime goal of God is to be “All In All” (I Corinthians 15). Kind after kind!

This **cardinal moment** in God’s “**kingdom**,” (**The Wedding Feast**), ushers in **the spiritual blessings** of God upon **the universe**. Christians have the opportunity to **dwel** with **God** in **His “house,”** God’s “**temple**,” **eternally, receiving His “spiritual blessings, forever.”**

**God** is a **Creator**. He is “**love**” and, therefore, **desires** to give **gifts** to **His “family.”** This is **God’s “will”** or “**desire**” because it gives Him “**pleasure**” because **He** is “**love**” (Ephesians 1). God is **The Great King** or “**greatest servant of all.**”

## **Restoration**

Christ warns you are never to **offend** any of those God is working with as His “**children**,” “**For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost** [humanity]” (Matthew 18:11). Christ came to **save the world**. What was **lost** was **The Tree Of Life** or **access** to **God’s “Holy Spirit.”** Christ is **The Restorer, The Prince of Peace** after The Order of The Priesthood of **Melchizedek**.

Christ, as **Prince on The White Horse** (Revelation 19:11), returns for **His “Bride.”** Why? Christ returns to receive **His “wife”** who

has made **herself ready** (Revelation 19:7-8). Christ, in heaven, has been bestowing **spiritual gifts** upon His **“Bride”** so she can **build her dowry** and be prepared to be a **wife**. It all comes down to being a matter of **gifts** – **“spiritual gifts.”** Christ has been **courting His “wife”** as she receives God’s **“Holy Spirit.”** Do not **spurn** that **gift** or you will be sent to **The Lake of Fire**. Read the book, *The Wedding Feast*.

The Bride, with Christ’s **“gift”** of **“The Holy Spirit,”** has dressed herself in **righteousness, God’s “righteousness.”** Then, **The Father allows The Son**, who has proved Himself worthy to be **The Bridegroom** (Revelation 5) to be **engaged to His “Bride.”** There is a one-thousand-year **engagement** period when the **announcement of The Wedding Feast is made to the entire world** (Revelation 20). All **nations** are called to **The Wedding Feast in New Jerusalem**. This is the **goal** of those who keep **growing spiritually in God’s “magnified law”** as a **part of your very mind and heart**. **“And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called [invited] unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true “sayings” of God”** (Revelation 19:9). You have received your invitation to **The Wedding Feast** – hopefully, you will **heed God’s calling** and **attend The Wedding!**

# NOTES

