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Introduction

These pages were designed to guide the user unto the Truth, with an introduction to the Search for the Truth, a series of questions to be considered, the steps required to become a child of God with extensive scriptural support. In addition, the reader is proved with an overview of His True Church - followed with an examination of the pure and simple facts of eternal life.

Important Note: If you would prefer a faster method of learning the Truth it is suggested that you review "Narrow Way to Heaven", which covers in-depth God's Plan of Salvation, the plain facts of eternity, remaining faithful and a description of our Worship services, all of which are supported with Biblical passages. Or consider "His One True Church" if you prefer to study using your personal Bible. This is strongly encouraged, as it is the best method of determining the Truth, without taking the word of any man.

Each component of our Worship and Faith are clearly supported by referenced passages from the Bible. This method takes longer, but offers the advantage of knowing for certain that the Doctrine is based solely upon the Word.

The Gospel is God's power unto salvation to everyone who believes.

ROMANS 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: **for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;** to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

1 PETER 1:25

But the word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word, which by the gospel is preached unto you.

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Paul provides this advice in 2 Timothy 2:15 **"STUDY to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, RIGHTLY DIVIDING the WORD of TRUTH."**

An important facet of Biblical Truth is disclosed in the following verse which, is a command of Christ to His followers, to worship the Father in spirit and in truth

John 4:23-24

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

At this point, in order provide the reader a full understanding, it is necessary to provide an explanation of the terms "in Spirit" and "in Truth" and examples of religious practices that are not "in Truth" or in accord with the Will of God.

The term "in Spirit" is an abstract concept, like beauty it cannot be defined, only described. People usually know when they move into a spiritual state, which only occurs when an individual is in the proper frame of mind. The spiritual plane is higher than the realm of reality, in which we normally function. We will usually rapidly reach this higher plane, when reaching out to God, in sincere and humble prayer.

It is a mental activity, which requires the proper attitude and willingness to focus our minds on spiritual concerns, while consciously attempting to eliminate all unnecessary worldly issues from the active part of our mind, during worship services or at times of prayer.

God requires that we worship with all our heart, mind and soul, which were created in His image. (Genesis 1:26) We all have the ability, but it requires effort and a willingness to conform to His Commandments, in order to offer the spiritual form of worship that is; sincere, humble, holy, pure and corresponds with the spiritual disposition of God.

On the other hand, "in Truth" is a term that can be defined, in two steps.

The word Truth in this context simply means to carefully follow the Commandments and Instructions that are written in the Word of God. The term "in Truth" is interchangeable with and comparable to the term the "Will of God"

Now that we understand the Biblical meaning of Truth, the second step is to conform, organize and harmonize the worship of God, just as He directs in His Word, without any unauthorized additions, man-made "improvements" or creative enhancements.

The Will of God is stated clearly in the Bible; He has indicated what He wants and expects His Will to be obeyed. The majority of God fearing individuals generally understand His commandments regarding the conduct of their personal lives, such as do not lie, steal or kill and to help the poor and etc., which are usually obeyed.

However, in order to be saved one must also worship and attend a church that is structured and functions in accordance with His Will or "in Truth".

The accurate determination the Will of God in regards to this aspect of one's religious life is not only important, but critical. Many deeply religious people are in serious danger of not being acceptable to God, because they have not sought the Truth and therefore, have not worshipped Him in spirit and in truth.

In addition, millions of other sincere individuals, who believe that they are living a Christian life and looking forward to spending eternity with the Lord, **have been deceived into believing false doctrines.** Why? Because they fell into Satan's TRAP of the false teachings, that Jesus warned us of in the New Testament. Jesus stated clearly "**And in vain they worship Me, Teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.**" (Matthew 15:9) Unfortunately, they have blindly accepted the unscriptural teachings of men.

Adding anything or condoning the use, of any element of worship, which is not clearly called for in the Bible, is simply unacceptable and will likely result in eternal punishment.

The list of man-made additions is almost endless; a few examples include idols (likeness of Mary etc.), robes, candles, incense; musical instruments, choirs, pageants and other unauthorized practices.

IN ANCIENT TIMES, ADDING TO WORSHIP WAS FATAL. Consider the result recorded in LEVITICUS 10:1-2 "And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the lord, which he commanded them not and there went out fire from the lord, and devoured them, and they died before the lord."

THE BIBLICAL INJUNCTION AGAINST ADDING TO WORSHIP is clearly stated in REVELATION 22:18-19. We are warned "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book"

The Word of God is the TRUTH and the only source of the TRUTH. God never promised that it would be easy and expects people to diligently study the scriptures. Each of us is instructed to SEARCH for the TRUTH in the Word of God and to follow all the Commandments to the letter. (Luke 4:4; John 5:3)

A brief introduction to a complex subject, particularly if an individual is attempting to comprehend the entire Bible all at once

The Bible contains total of sixty-six somewhat unrelated books written, by dozens of authors, over a period of approximately 1500 years. Developing an understanding, which is absolutely essential, without assistance, is a very

difficult task, at best. Accepting the support offered within this web site will significantly reduce the effort and time required.

The underlying motivation of most individuals, when they begin to seriously study the Bible is to attempt to understand how to properly become a true child of God and to obey His commandments. The following is devoted to eliminating the mystery and to assisting the reader [come unto a KNOWLEDGE of the TRUTH.](#)

This study assumes that you believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God. God's Word assures us that we can have eternal life in Heaven through Jesus Christ.

All Scriptures are cited so that you may study their context in your own Bible if desired. [God bless you in your study.](#)

Questions to Consider

The following study cites one or more Bible passages and poses questions for you to consider.

Mark 7:7 (KJV) Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men.

Mark 7:9 (KJV) And he said unto them, full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

Mark 7:13 (KJV) Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered and many such like things do ye.

What happens when we follow the commandments or traditions of men?

1 Timothy 4:1-4 (KJV) Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; (2) Speaking Lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; (3) Forbidding to marry, to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and

know the truth. (4) For every creature of God [is] good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

What happens when people give heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils?

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (KJV) ALL scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness (17) That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

What is the Scripture profitable for?

Colossians 2:14 (KJV) Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

Since the handwriting of ordinances refers to the Old Testament, when was it taken out of the way?

Galatians 3:24 (KJV) Wherefore the Law was our schoolmaster [to bring us] unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith

Galatians 3:25 (KJV) But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Since we are saved or justified now by faith, are we under the old law?

Hebrews 8:6 (KJV) But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Hebrews 8:7 (KJV) For if that first [covenant] had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

Are we today under a better and new covenant with better promises than the old covenant?

Hebrews 9:15-17 (KJV) And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions [that were] under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. (16) For where a testament [is], there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. (17) For a testament [is] of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

When does a will or testament come into force?

So we are under what Testament today?

Romans 3:23 (KJV) For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

How many of us have sinned?

I John 3:4 (KJV) Whosoever comitteth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

What is sin?

What does transgress mean? (To transgress means to 'move across" or go beyond that which God wants.)

Romans 5:8-10 (KJV) But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (9) Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shal be saved from wrath through him. (10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his Life.

Because God loved us, what happened for us?

John 14:6 (KJV) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

What is the only way we can come to God the Father?

Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV) Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (22) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? (23) And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Who will go to Heaven?

Matthew 7:13-14 (KJV) Enter ye 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: (14) Because strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth unto Life, and few there be that find it.

What is the way to destruction like?

What is the way to eternal life like?

John 14:15 (KJV) If ye Love me, keep my commandments.

If we really love the Lord, what will we do?

John 3:16 (KJV) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting Life.

What does this verse say we must do to have eternal life?

John 8:24 (KJV) I said therefore unto you, that ye shalt die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am [he], ye shall die in your sins.

If we don't believe in Jesus what will happen?

Hebrews 11:6 (KJV) But without faith impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

It is impossible to please God without what?

Luke 13:3 (KJV) I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

This verse says we will perish or be lost unless we do what? (Repent means a change of heart or mind, which leads to a change of life.)

Acts 17:30 (KJV) And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

This verse tells us God commands all people everywhere to do what?

2 Corinthians 7:10 (KJV) For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

What does godly sorrow work in us? (We will never change or repent until we truly feel sorrow for our sins.)

Matthew 10:32-33 (KJV) Whosoever therefore shalt confess me before men, him wilt I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. (33) But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

What do these verses say we must do if we want the Lord to acknowledge us before God?

Romans 10:9 (KJV) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Romans 10:10 (KJV) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

These verses teach that, in addition to belief, we must do what to be saved?

Acts 8:37 (KJV) And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

What did the Eunuch confess?

Acts 8:35-39 (KJV) Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. (36) And as they went on way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, [here is] water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? (37) And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (38) And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. (39) And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

When Philip preached Jesus, the Eunuch wanted to do what?

Mark 16:15-16 (KJV) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

According to these verses, what two things must we do before we are saved?

Acts 2:37-41 (KJV) Now when they heard [this], they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men [and] brethren, what shall we do? (38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, [even] as many as the Lord our God shall call. (40) And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. (41) Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were [unto them] about three thousand souls.

What were these people told to do to have remission (forgiveness) of sins?

What did it mean when they were told to save themselves?

Romans 6:3-6 (KJV) Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? (4) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that Like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (5) For if we have been planted together in the Likeness of his death, we shall be also [in the Likeness] of [his] resurrection: (6) Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with [him], that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

What is baptism compared to in this passage?

How do we bury people?

I Peter 3:21 (KJV) The Like figure whereunto [even] baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

What does this verse say saves us?

Acts 22:16 (KJV) And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling an the name of the Lord.

When we are baptized what happens to our sins?

Why would you delay being baptized?

Acts 2:47 (KJV) Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

What happens to those who are saved?

Do they "join" the church?

Are they voted in?

John 17:11 (KJV) And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they my be one, as we [are].

How does Jesus want us to be as He and God are?

I Corinthians 1:10-13 (KJV) Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye All speak the same thing, and [that] there be no divisions among you; but [that] ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. (11) For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them [which are of the house] of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. (12) Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. (13) Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

Is God pleased with religious division?

Why?

1 Corinthians 3:3-6 (KJV) For ye are yet carnal: for whereas [there is] among YOU envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye riot carnal, and walk as men? (4) For white one saith, I am of Paul; arid another, I [am] of Apollos; are ye not carnal? (5) Who then is Paul, and who [is] Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? (6) I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

What do strife and division show about people? (Carnal means fleshly, worldly, or evil.)

Colossians 1:18 (KJV) And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all [things] he might have the preeminence.

Colossians 1:24 (KJV) Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

What is the church called in these two verses?

Ephesians 4:4 (KJV) [There is] one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

Ephesians 4:5 (KJV) One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

How many bodies or churches are there?

Matthew 16:16 (KJV) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

Matthew 16:18 (KJV) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hell Shall not prevail against it.

How many churches did Jesus build?

Ephesians 5:23 (KJV) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Who is the Head of the Church?

Upon what did He build His church?

Philippians 1:1 (KJV) Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

What two kinds of offices did churches have in the first century? (Bishop, means overseer; deacons were special servants working under the bishops. The Bible teaches that bishop, overseer and pastor all refer to the same office.)

Romans 16:16 (KJV) Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

What does this verse use as a term for groups of God's people?

Is a name important?

Acts 11:26 (KJV) And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

What were the disciples called for the first time in Antioch?

Should we use only terms found in Scripture to describe God's people?

Hebrews 10:25 (KJV) Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting : and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:26 (KJV) For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

Should we make the assembling or gathering of the church an important part of our life?

John 4:23 (KJV) But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

John 4:24 (KJV) God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.

How must we worship? (In Spirit means with the heart or spirit involved.)

But what is truth? (See next verse)

John 17:17 (KJV) Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

What is truth?

Matthew 26:26-29 (KJV) and as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed [it], and brake [it], and gave [it] to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. (27) And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave [it] to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; (28) for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (29) But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

What were the two parts of the Lord's Supper?

Would it be right to add other things?

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (KJV) For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the night in which he was betrayed took bread: (24) And when he had given thanks, he brake [it], and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. (25) After the same manner also [he took] the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink [it], in remembrance of me. (26) For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

What is the purpose of the Lord's Supper?

Acts 20:7 (KJV) And upon the first [day] of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

Why did the church assemble on the first day of the week? (Breaking bread means the Lord's Supper.)

What else did Paul do?

1 Corinthians 16:1 (KJV) Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

1 Corinthians 16:2 (KJV) Upon the first [day] of the week Let every one of you lay by him in store, as [God] hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

When should the church members give?

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV) Pray without ceasing.

Should the Christian be consistent in prayer?

Ephesians 5:19 (KJV) Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

What kind of music should Christians use to worship God?

Colossians 3:16 (KJV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Did you know that vocal music as named here is the only music authorized or approved for Christian worship in the New Testament?

Revelation 22:18 (KJV) For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

Revelation 22:19 (KJV) And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of Life, and out of the holy city, and [from] the things which are written in this book.

Should we add to or take away from what the scriptures say?

Galatians 1:6-9 (KJV) I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: (7) Which is not another- but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. (8) But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, Let him be accursed. (9) As we said before, so say I now again, If any [man] preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, Let him be accursed.

Can we preach or teach a doctrine not found in the New Testament?

Romans 12:1 (KJV) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a Living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service.

Romans 12:2 (KJV) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

What are we asked to present to God?

How are we to deal with the world?

Titus 2:11-14 (KJV) For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, (12) Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly Lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; (13) Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; (14) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

How are we to live as Christians?

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Why are we to study?

Revelation 2:10 (KJV) Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shalt cast of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of Life.

How long must we be faithful to receive salvation?

James 4:17 (KJV) Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth [it] not, to him it is sin.

If we know to do good and don't do it, what is it?

John 14:15 (KJV) If ye love me, keep my commandments.

What will we do if we truly love God?

(Excerpt from an article entitled Safety Chain, attributed to Monte Ginning)

Words of Wondrous Inspiration & Terrifying Punishment

Some of the most inspiring passages in the New Testament are;

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Revelation 2:10), "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;" (Revelation 7:9), "And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, these are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (Revelation 7:13-14)

On the other hand, some of the most terrifying words ever written in history are also in the New Testament including;

"Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:" (Matthew 25:41), "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8), "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

It is absolutely imperative that we carefully obey the Will of God, before the day we die or (Whereas ye know not what [shall be] on the morrow. For what [is] your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. (James 4:14) or Judgement Day arrives, **But of that day and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.** (Matthew 24:36) either of which could occur at any time.

If you become a child of God and Remain Faithful until Death, you will fulfill the predominance purpose of your Life and supreme aspiration of spending eternity in HEAVEN.

Steps to become a child of God

■ God in His mercy has shown us the way to eternal life. **It is up to US to determine HOW to follow the narrow way**, which leads to eternal life.

MATTHEW 7

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■ The inspired Word of God is the TRUTH and the only source of the TRUTH that He has provided mankind.

God desires that everyone in the world would follow His Plan of Salvation and then remain faithful; **"Who will have ALL MEN TO BE SAVED, and to come unto the KNOWLEDGE of the TRUTH."** (1 Timothy 2:4)

Jesus answers that question in John 17:17 **"Sanctify them by your TRUTH, YOUR WORD is TRUTH."** Jesus further enlighten us in John 8:32 **" And you shall KNOW the TRUTH and the TRUTH shall make you free"**

Paul provides this advice in 2 Timothy 2:15 **"STUDY to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, RIGHTLY DIVIDING the WORD of TRUTH."**

Paul continues in 1 Thessalonians 2:13 **"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received [it] not [as] the word of men, but as IT IS IN TRUTH, THE WORD OF GOD, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."** And in Ephesians 1:13 **"In whom ye also [trusted], AFTER THAT YE HEARD THE WORD OF TRUTH, THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,"**

It was summarize by Jesus in John 14:6 **"Jesus saith unto him, I AM the WAY, the TRUTH, and The LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME."**

We are instructed to determine and follow the Truth that is Found only in the Bible. Since we are living under the New Covenant, the New Testament contains all the information we need to determine exactly the steps we must complete in order to be acceptable in the eyes of God.

John 1:17

For the law was given by Moses, [but] **grace and TRUTH came by Jesus Christ.**

The following defines the all that is needed to come unto the knowledge of the Truth and to acts of faith and obedience required to be Saved from the flames of Hell. After you understand the requirements of your Heavenly Father, it may occur to you that which is required are almost effortless and they are. **That's the reason it is called God's Simple Plan of Salvation.**

God's Simple Plan of Salvation

Acknowledge that in light of God's word that you are a sinner.

References: (Romans 3:23, Romans 5:12, Romans 6:23 and Luke 18:13)

Have faith and be obedience.

References: (Romans 16:19, Romans 16:26, 2 Corinthians 10:5, Hebrews 5:8, Hebrews 11:6, Galatians 3:26)

Hear the Word of God.

References: (Romans 10:14, Romans 10:17, John 5:24, Revelation 3:20)

Sincerely believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

References: (Mark 16:15-16, John 3:16, John 8:24, Acts 8:3, Act 16:31, 1 John 5:13, John 3:36, John 17:21)

Truly repent of your sins.

References: (Luke 13:3, Acts 3:19, Acts 17:30, Acts 20:21, Roman 2:4, 2 Corinthians 7:10, 2 Peter 3:9)

Confess that Jesus as your Lord and the Son of God.

References: (Matthew 10:32-33, Luke 12:8, Romans 10:9-10, 1 John 4:15)

Be baptized by immersion, into Christ for the remission of sins.

References: (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Acts 10:47, Acts 22:16, John 3:3-5, Hebrews 10:22)

Baptism is a burial by immersion.

References: (Acts 8:38-39, Colossians 2:12, Romans 6:3-6)

Baptism is a resurrection.

References: (Colossians 2:12, Romans 6:3-6)

When an individual is BATIZED, he or she goes into the water a Sinner, is buried in the water and raised sinless through the Blood of Christ.

At that very moment:

You are saved from your sins.

Reference: (1 Peter 3:21)

You have been added to Christ's Church.

Reference: (1 Corinthians 12:1)

You have put on Christ and become a child of God.

Reference: (Galatians 3:26-27)

You are born again, a new creature, walk in newness of life.

Reference: (Romans 6:3-4)

The final step is to live a faithful life until death.

Reference: (Revelation 2:10)

Faithfully attending the Church that Jesus built.

References: (Matthew 16:18, Hebrews 10:25)

Our Hope is Sure and Stedfast.

Reference: (Hebrews 6:19)

By following the Commandments of Jesus our Calling & Election is sure

Reference: (2 Peter 1:10)

A saved individual may sin and be lost.

References: (1 John 1:6-10, 2 Peter 2:20-22)

Confession and prayer bring forgiveness.

References: (1 John 1:6-10, James 5:16)

If a Child of God sincerely desires to go to Heaven above all else and is willing to meet His simple requirements, he or she will definitely have the Hope and Expectation of being included the multitude of Saints in Heaven. "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;" (1 Peter 1:13) Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: (2 Peter 1:10)

The rewards of living a righteous life that properly prepares one for death are many. They include receiving a hundred-fold in this life and in the age to come, eternal life (Mark 10:30); being carried away by angels (Luke 16:22); going to Paradise (Luke 23:43); going to a house with many mansions (John 14:2); being with Christ (Phil. 1:23), at home with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:8); and gaining (Phil. 1:21) an eternal inheritance (1 Pet. 1:4) as a joint-heir with Christ (Rom. 8:17), reigning with Him eternally (Rev. 22:5)." (Gene Taylor, excerpt in an article entitled, "Planning for Death")

The One True Church that Jesus built

In order to avoid the fires of Hell and experience the joys of Heaven, **one must worship and regularly attend the One True Church that is structured and functions in accordance with His Will or "in Truth".**

There is only one true Church, the Church built by Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:18) In the Biblical times there were churches established in Jerusalem, Ephesus, Rome, Smyrna, and other places. These were not different types of churches, as is so prevalent today, but congregations of Christians in various locations.

All who are in fellowship with Christ are members of His Body, the Church. The Church is a Spiritual Body, with Jesus Christ as its head and the faithful throughout the world as members of His Body. (Ephesians 1:22-23)

Governing each Church was a group of ordained Elders, who oversaw and tended to the spiritual needs of its members. (Acts 14:23) **The early church used the congregational type of church government. The Elders ordained at that location independently governed each church.** Today, following the pattern set by the churches of the first century, wherever Christians join together to extend fellowship to each other in worship, we find a congregation or local church. The Church of Christ still makes use of the congregational type church government. Therefore, each church is independent and is bound to other Churches of Christ only through Jesus Christ as the Head and a shared faith.

In keeping with our effort to carefully follow the Bible, our worship consists only of those activities authorized in the New Testament. On Sunday, the first day of the week, we observe the Lord's Supper as a memorial of our Savior's death on the cross. (Acts 20:7) We praise God and edify one another by singing, making melody in our hearts to God (Ephesians 5:19) and by offering prayers of supplication and thanksgiving. (1Timothy 2:1) Through sermons we exhort one another to "continue steadfastly in the apostles'

doctrine" (Acts 2:42) Only on Sunday do we take up a collection, and this is so members can give as they have purposed in their hearts. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Throughout our services, three principles govern all that we do:

- 1) Worship the Father in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24)
- 2) All things are done for edification (1 Corinthians 14:25)
- 3) All things are done decently and in order (1 Corinthians 14:40)

The Church of Christ exists to give honor, glory and praise to God through Benevolence, Evangelism, Edification, Spiritual Growth, Fellowship, Worship, and Glorification of God. We accomplish this through study, prayer and personal involvement, using only the Bible as our authority and guide.

We wear the Name of Christ

We are simply known as Christians, just as believers were known in the days of the Apostles, at which time there was only one Church. (Acts 11:26) Collectively, we are known as the Church of Christ. (Romans 16:16) Finding no scriptural support for denominational names, practices, creeds or formalities, none are used.

The Authority of the Bible

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:" (2 Timothy 3:16)

The Authority of Christ

We cherish Jesus Christ as Lord and have the highest regard for His authority. Jesus said, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (Matthew 28:18) Adding to, or subtracting from, the simple instructions of Jesus is failing to respect Him as Lord. (Revelation 22:18) Therefore, we have no conferences, synods, councils, earthly headquarters or denominational governmental organizations, as Christ did not authorize these. Such organizations, which have been created by men, serve only to compete with the authority of Christ. These groups bind human traditions and commandments upon others, which was condemned by Jesus. (Matthew 15:9)

We Proclaim the Gospel

We proclaim the gospel message of the Christ crucified, who arose from the dead on the third day. (Ephesians 4:11-12) We urge everyone to accept the greatest gift of all, which is God's gift of everlasting life in His Son. (John 3:16)

The Purpose of each Life

The purpose of everyone's life is to live a full and complete Christian Life. Earning the Hope of Heaven, by expressing his or her Love for the Lord by praising and worshipping Him in spirit and in truth - remaining faithful unto death, following the Commandments of Jesus written in the inspired Word of God

The Facts of Eternal Life

■ Someday we will all die and there will definitely be a Judgment Day.

ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole [duty] of man.

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether [it be] good, or whether [it be] evil.

HEBREWS 9:27

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

■ The Words of Jesus from Word of God will judge every man and woman, who has ever lived, on Judgment Day.

JOHN 12:48

He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

■ Jesus Christ will be the judge all mankind on Judgment Day.

JOHN 5:22

For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:

ACTS 17:30-31

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by [that] man whom he hath ordained; [whereof] he hath given assurance unto all [men], in that he hath raised him from the dead.

MATTHEW 25:31-33

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth [his] sheep from the goats:

And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

■ The sheep will go into eternal life and the goats will go to eternal everlasting punishment.

MATTHEW 25:46

And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

At end of life, your earthly body passes away, but your Immortal Soul will live for all eternity.

If you fail to accept God's Grace and Love, by becoming His faithful servant, **you have selected Hell, to spend everlasting time without end as a demonic Angel of Satan, in never-ending Fire, by default.**

With or Without Jesus Eternity is forever

■ Please take a few minutes of quiet time and **CONSIDER INTENSELY** the concepts of eternity and continuous ceaseless retribution.

■ Life is too Short and time without end or eternity is simply too long and the everlasting punishment in the fires of Hell too terrifying to **MAKE ANY MISTAKES.**

Now is the Time to take Personal Control of your Spiritual Life

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Sources of further immediate Assistance

Telephone the Minister of your local Church of Christ and tell him you have visited this website and as a result, that you realize that you need to make some changes. That you have decided to take personal control of your Spiritual Life and wish to meet with him as soon as possible.

The telephone number(s) are listed in the white pages under Church of Christ.

The Minister and the Elders of that Church of Christ stand ready to assist you in learning the TRUTH, in any way possible. You are invited to make a complete investigation of the doctrine of Christ or any part thereof and they would be delighted to personally discuss any point or answer any question.

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JOHN 17:17

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth

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