

# ***A Message of Repentance and what it really means to be truly converted and be “born again” according to God’s Word!***

Many people are taught and believe that the primary reason for accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is for fire insurance when we die for the question posed most often by those who witness for Jesus Christ is this: “If you were to die today---where would you spend eternity?”

Then these people who are suddenly presented with the reality of their own immortality accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior because they become fearful and think if this is all I have to do to be saved, then I might as well make sure I get my ticket to heaven now. So they submit to a simple sinner’s prayer without a sincere repentant heart, and as such, many of those people who come to the Lord in this manner quickly resume their lives just like they did before they had this fateful encounter. Why? Because they were not desperate to change their lives and they do **not** fully realize what they just signed up. They are **not** told this is only the first step of obtaining their salvation. All they heard was just profess with your mouth and believe in your heart as you repeat after me something like this:

*Heavenly Father, I come to you in prayer asking for the forgiveness of my Sins. I confess with my mouth and believe with my heart that Jesus is your Son, And that he died on the Cross at Calvary that I might be forgiven and have Eternal Life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Father, I believe that Jesus rose from the dead and I ask you right now to come in to my life and be my personal Lord and Savior. I repent of my Sins and will Worship you all the days of my Life! Because your word is truth, I confess with my mouth that I am Born Again and Cleansed by the Blood of Jesus!.  
Amen.*

Then the believer who led the lost person to accept Jesus Christ by reciting this simple sinner’s prayer extends their congratulations to the new convert and welcomes them to the family of God. Yet, oftentimes they are not told the rest of the story...

- ✚ How many people tell these new converts that they have just led to the Lord that they must repent and stop sinning? Most people who are led in the sinner’s prayer do not know what the word “repent” really means because many people in the body of Christ do **not** know what the word repent really means.
- ✚ How many people tell these new converts that they must receive the baptismal of the Holy Spirit which will give to them God’s grace to live for Him?
- ✚ How many people tell these new converts that from this day forward they are to live according to God’s Word and they need to be plugged into a local church in order to be properly disciple?

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- ✚ How many people tell these new converts that this is just the beginning of being a child of God and that being a true disciple of Jesus Christ will cost them everything!?

Moreover, if the whole purpose of accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior was to escape the fiery furnace of eternal damnation, then the moment we accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior—He would take us off the earth! Yet, He doesn't take us off the earth because this is our testing ground which will determine how and where we will live for all eternity!

## ***God placed us on the earth and left us here for a cause greater than ourselves for the following seven (7) reasons:***

1. To bring God glory in all the earth by loving Him, worshipping Him, praising Him, serving Him, and obeying Him with all our mind, heart, soul, and strength.
2. To rule and reign with Jesus Christ as **we** establish God's Kingdom and Righteousness in the earth as it is in heaven by invoking both prayer and action.

Spiritually speaking, we have already been raised up with Christ Jesus, and are sitting together with Him in the heavenly places based on Ephesians 2:6. Jesus has already given us the keys of the kingdom of heaven to be used while we are on the earth based on Matthew 16:19. And, when God created us in His image and His likeness He commanded us to be fruitful, multiply so we fill the earth and subdue it. Moreover, God commanded us to take dominion over **every** living thing that moves on the earth based on Genesis 1:26-28. The word "dominion" means to rule, have dominion, dominate, and tread down. The word "subdue" means to subject, subdue, force, keep under, make subservient. The body of Christ is supposed to be the head and not the tail and we have failed miserably in this area due to not being taught this fundamental truth!

3. To be the salt and light to a lost and dying world. Do you know God established an everlasting *covenant of salt* with His people? See Leviticus 2:13; Numbers 18:19; 2 Chronicles 13:5; Matthew 5:13-16; Mark 9:49-50; Luke 14:34; Colossians 4:6.
4. To make a difference in the lives of others and **show** them the love of Christ.

Later on in this writing you will know why **love is the fulfillment of the law** and without us "showing" other people the love of Christ we will be judged according to the law!

5. To remember who we truly are—spiritual beings inhabiting this earthly vessel we call our bodies and to help others remember who they truly are too as we carry out *The Great Commission*. We are all God's
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children created in His image and in His likeness! The whole purpose of us carrying out The Great Commission is to bring His lost sheep back into a covenant relationship with their heavenly Father, and their Creator, made possible only by the blood of Jesus Christ, His one and only begotten Son!

6. To fulfill our destiny according to the good pleasure of His will that He created us for **before** one of our days on earth ever came to be.

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **has** blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places **in** Christ, just as He chose us in Him **before** the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.” ~ Ephesians 1:3-6 (NKJV)*

7. To “do” only the will of our heavenly Father for His glory and purposes to prevail and not our own for Jesus says to us in Matthew 7:21 (NKJV), *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **only the one who does the will of my Father** who is in heaven.”*

And, if you do **not** read, study, and meditate on the **whole** counsel of God’s Word for yourselves, how will you know you are fulfilling God’s will for YOUR life? How will you renew your mind and heart so you can be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit living inside of you? How will you obey God’s Word if you do **not** know what it requires? With the great apostasy coming out of many pulpits in these last days are you really going to rely on where your soul will spend eternity based on what someone else tells you or will you investigate the whole counsel of God’s Word for yourself to know what it really says? Please listen—your spiritual leader cannot do these things for you! Come judgment day God will only hold you accountable.

And, **if** we have lived our lives for the One we “*profess*” to love with all our mind, heart, soul and strength, then when we are finished with our “*earthly*” assignment we will be caught up in glory like Jesus was after the resurrection of the dead takes place and hear, *“Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord”*

Now let me ask you a question. In the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke did Jesus, or His disciples, ever have someone say the sinner’s prayer? Or, did they believe He was God’s Son because of the signs, wonders, and miracles that followed Him and His disciples at they set the captives free with healing and deliverance while they preached and taught from the Torah and the Book of the Prophets? Jesus repeatedly met

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the physical needs of the people first by healing and delivering them from their afflictions and bondages. Then Jesus would tell them to sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon them!

And, as a result, the people who were healed and delivered from their afflictions and bondages not only believed; they also immediately praised God and told everyone they knew about what He had done for them. These people knew firsthand that the *Kingdom of God* was real because they **experienced** the manifest presence of God for themselves! And, as they told others about what they had seen and experienced, then masses of people from all over the region would come to Jesus and His disciples to hear Jesus preach and receive their healing and deliverance too.

Last, but certainly not least, we have **not** been commanded to go into all the nations and get new converts! Rather, we have been commanded to make disciples of all nations by teaching them to observe all things that God has commanded us based on Matthew 28:16-20 below! This is why winning new converts for the sake of numbers is a mockery to God!

*“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All **authority has been given to Me** in heaven and on earth. **Go** (action is required by us! And, since believers are the church everywhere we go we should witness and then plug them into a local church to be properly disciplined) *therefore and make **disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **TEACHING** them to **OBSERVE** all things that I have **COMMANDED** you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*” Amen.” ~ Matthew 28:16-20 (NKJV)*

## ***Repentance is Non-negotiable***

John the Baptist’s message of repentance is then repeated by Jesus Christ when He began His earthly ministry. This is detailed in Matthew 4:17 which states, from that time on Jesus began to preach, *“**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.**”*

Since this is one of the very first subjects Jesus addressed to His followers during His earthly ministry, then I do not understand why those who claim to follow Him now do not heed this critical warning. For it will be Jesus Christ who will be coming back to bring salvation to the righteous—those who have **made** their garments white by getting rid of the sin that once enslaved us, and He will be unleashing His wrath on the wicked—those who refuse to repent and turn to Him, including those who have renounced (rejected) Him by worshipping the beast, his image, or receiving the mark of the beast!

The word “*repent*” Jesus used in Matthew 4:17 is referring to individual repentance, not national repentance. The Greek transliteration of the word “repent” is *metanoeō*, and involves a turning with contrition (sincere remorse) from sin to God; the repentant sinner is then in the proper condition to accept forgiveness. And, without forgiveness of our sins we will perish. In addition, God wants us to be so grieved by the spiritual,

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moral, and ethical decay in our society that it will compel us to take action and be the salt and the light He has called us to be.

Moreover, just like the prophets in the Old Testament, Jesus and His disciples always preached repentance first and foremost as substantiated by the following scriptures:

*“John came baptizing in the wilderness and **preaching a baptism of repentance** for the remission of sins.” ~ Mark 1:4 (NKJV)*

*“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. **Repent, and believe in the gospel.**” ~ Mark 1:15 (NKJV)*

*“So they went out and **preached** that people should **repent.**” ~ Mark 6:12 (NKJV)*

*“And he went into all the region around the Jordan, **preaching a baptism of repentance** for the remission of sins,...” ~ Luke 3:3 (NKJV)*

*“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to **repentance.**” ~ Luke 5:32 (NKJV)*

*“I tell you, no; but unless you **repent** you will all likewise perish.” ~ Luke 13:3 (NKJV)*

*“...and that **repentance** and **remission of sins** should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.” ~ Luke 24:47 (NKJV)*

*Then Peter said to them, “**Repent**, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” ~ Acts 2:38 (NKJV)*

*“**Repent** therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...” ~ Acts 3:19 (NKJV)*

***Repent** therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.” ~ Acts 8:22 (NKJV)*

*“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to **repent**...” ~ Acts 17:30 (NKJV)*

*Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a **baptism of repentance**, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.” ~ Acts 19:4 (NKJV)*

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“...testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, **repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.**” ~ Acts 20:21 (NKJV)

“...but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should **repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.**” ~ Acts 26:20 (NKJV)

This is exactly how Jesus and His disciples carried out *The Great Commission*. Now let's begin to discover what God's Word says about the true meaning of being converted

## ***What being “converted” and being “born again” truly means***

Listen to what Jesus, who is the author and finisher of our faith, says to us in Matthew 18:2-3 below. He says in order for us to enter the *Kingdom of Heaven* we must be “converted” and become as little children.

“Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, **unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.**” ~ Matthew 18:2-3 (NKJV)

So, first I will convey what Jesus means when He says we must become as little children if we hope to enter the kingdom of heaven...

Little children love, trust, and fully depend on their parents correct? Therefore, as followers of Jesus' He is saying to us to love Him, place our faith and trust in **only** Him, and fully depend on Him because He is our only hope to have eternal life and live life more abundantly above all that we could think or ask while we are still living on the earth!

Moreover, little children continually ask the question, “Why?” This is how they learn! And, it is for this reason we must never take what we hear from others, including our pastors, priests, and rabbis as being the absolute truth. Rather, we must know for ourselves what **His** truth is!

As I have said before, but bears repeating, we must know beyond a shadow of doubt why we believe what we believe and be prepared to back it up with God's Word. In addition, we must to come to the Lord as little children do and ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate God's Word for us. Then when we He does, we must be willing to dig for the hidden treasures to be found in His Word as we submit to the Holy Spirit who will lead us into all truth.

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Now I will convey what the word “**converted**” really means that Jesus used in Matthew 18:2-3 in which He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, **unless you are converted and become as little children**, you will by **no means enter the kingdom of heaven.**”

According to *Strong's Greek Lexicon* Number **G4762** the word “**converted**” as used in this passage of scripture is the Greek word “**strephō**” which means to turn about, to twist, i.e. turn quite around or reverse (literally or figuratively).

In addition, *Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament* defines the word “**converted**” as follows: 1) **to turn**, turn around 2) to turn one's self (i.e. **to turn the back to one** 2a) of one who no longer cares for another) 2b) metaphor. **to turn one's self from one's course of conduct**, i.e. **to change one's mind**.

Therefore, what this word “**converted**” means as used in Matthew 18:2-3 is to repent, to change your mind concerning a matter, and to change your conduct; to do the reverse of what you are currently doing if it is **not** in line with God's will or Word. This is substantiated by the Apostle Paul in Acts 3:19 (NKJV) which says, “**Repent therefore and be converted**, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...”

An analogy which will drive home this point of changing our current path by repenting and returning back to God's Word and will for our lives is when we are traveling somewhere we have never been to before and we suddenly find ourselves lost. What should we do? We would be wise to turn around and return to the point we went off course! Or, at the very least stop driving aimlessly and ask for directions.

Many of us use a GPS device to take us to our desired destination when we are traveling correct? We place the address of our final destination into the GPS device before we begin our travels. Therefore, even if we miss a turn or do not follow the instructions of the GPS device exactly, what happens? The GPS device recalculates another route for achieving our final destination, yet it does **not** change the final destination correct?

God is the believer's GPS device and the acronym does not mean *Global Positioning System*. Rather it means *God's Providence Saves!* Therefore, rely on God's divine providence to save us when we have drifted off course and don't know which way to turn or what we should do! Therefore, if you have found yourselves **not** knowing what God's will is for your life because you have drifted from Him, then you need to stop what you are doing, humble yourself by repenting, then pray; seek His face; and ask Him for directions! Do **not** continue on your path until you receive further instructions from Him. Then you must obey what He tells you to do! Otherwise, you will continue to traverse down the wrong path! You must return to the narrow path and as you do, the Holy Spirit will lead you every step of the way.

Our final destination as believers in Jesus Christ is to **enter** the Kingdom of Heaven **when** we are resurrected from the dead where we will remain **until** God creates the new heaven and the new earth based on Revelation 21.

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Our final objective is **not** to receive eternal life when we die for we receive eternal life the moment we **repent and accept** Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior by placing our faith and trust in Him alone! We have eternal life by knowing both our heavenly Father and His Son whom He sent. This is based on John 17:3 (NKJV) which says, “*And **this IS eternal life, that they may KNOW You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.***”

Therefore, we must work out our salvation with fear and trembling in order to maintain our faith in Jesus Christ and overcome until the end of either our physical life or Jesus returns! Jesus proclaims this truth in Matthew 24:13 (NKJV), “*But he who **endures to the end shall be saved.***” What is Jesus telling us we must endure? All the trials and tribulations He has promised us we shall have when we live on the earth! Jesus tells us ahead of time in Mark 13:13 (NKJV), “*And you will **be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.***” Yet, many who have professed with their mouths, and not with their hearts, with the sinner’s prayer that He is their Lord and Savior quickly fall away when they are persecuted for His Namesake because this is not what they signed up for!

And, know this. The only way we will accomplish enduring persecution for His Namesake and overcoming until the end is by cultivating an intimate personal relationship with both our heavenly Father and His one and only begotten Son Jesus Christ whom He sent **while we are still living on the earth!** It will be too late to know them once we are dead!

And, as we abide in God, and His Holy Spirit abides in us, we will **do** the will of our heavenly Father while we are on the earth by obeying His voice and His Word! Therefore, **we** definitely play a role in reaching our final destination!

And, just like a GPS device, the Holy Spirit will help us get back on the narrow path that leads to life eternal if we have drifted off course as long as we keep abiding in God’s presence and in His Word. A GPS device will only work if it is plugged into an electrical source, and the same concept applies to those who remain plugged into God who is our source for everything!

Now let’s get back to the true meaning of the word “**converted**” which means to repent!

John the Baptist prepared the way for the first coming of Jesus Christ and proclaimed, “*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.*” Then John defines what repent means when he confronts the religious leaders of that day in Matthew 3:7-12 below. How do we prove we have repented of our sins and turned to God? We prove it by the way we live our lives and it will be evidenced by the “*fruit*” we produce for His Kingdom in the here and now.

*“But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **THEREFORE BEAR FRUITS WORTHY OF REPENTANCE** and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have*

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*Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And **even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.** I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.** His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and **gather His wheat into the barn** (this is talking about the gathering together of His faithful remnant—the rapture which will happen after the tribulation of these days); **but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**” ~ Matthew 3:7-12 (NKJV)*

## ***The Importance of Receiving the Baptismal of the Holy Spirit***

In this passage of scripture above, this message John delivered over two thousand years ago applies to believers in this hour. Jesus is coming back soon and He is already separating the chaff (the wicked) from the wheat (the righteous). Our Heavenly Father, Yahweh, and His Son, Jesus Christ knows that we need the outpouring of the Holy Spirit (the latter rain talked about in *Acts 2:17 and Joel 2:28-32*) to be able to overcome against the Antichrist and his kingdom! Moreover, we will need God’s grace and power to do even greater exploits than Jesus and His early disciples did in order to help harvest the end-time harvest of souls! This is substantiated in John 14:12 (NKJV) which says, “*Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.***”

Listen to the truth of God’s Word concerning being endued with His power from on high and receiving God’s grace to help us not to be cowardly and fearful so we may overcome and maintain our faith until the end no matter what may come. If Jesus told His disciples to wait until they received the baptismal of the Holy Spirit before they carried out the Great Commission, how much more do we, His end-time army, need to walk in the fullness of His power and anointing to do the work He has commanded us to do? This is based on the following scriptures:

*“Behold, I send the **Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.**” ~ Luke 24:49*

*“But you shall receive power **when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.**” ~ Acts 1:8 (NKJV)*

*“He who **believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by***

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*no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” ~ Mark 16:16-18 (NKJV)*

*And He said to me, “**My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.**” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that **the power of Christ may rest upon me.**” ~ 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NKJV)*

*“...to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you **may be filled with all the FULLNESS OF GOD.** Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, **ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKS IN US,** to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” ~ Ephesians 3:19-21 (NKJV)*

*“For God has **not** given us a **spirit of fear**, but **of power and of love and of a sound mind.**” ~ 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)*

Therefore, if you haven't received the baptismal of the Holy Spirit yet, which one of the signs of being baptized with the Holy Spirit will be the ability to speak in tongues, it is critical that you tarry and keep on thanking the Lord for the baptismal of the Holy Spirit until you receive it! Don't ask that He gives you the baptismal of the Holy Spirit because He already has over two thousand years ago! You just need to believe in the baptismal of the Holy Spirit in order to receive it!

We will need to walk in the fullness of God's power from on high and pray continually in the spirit to overcome no matter what may come. And, we receive the baptismal of the Holy Spirit the same way we received eternal life when we accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior—by Faith. And, you must believe in order to receive!

Many in Christendom are taught to believe that the supernatural gifts of God, including the baptismal of the Holy Spirit, have ceased and are no longer available to New Covenant believers. So I ask those who believe this lie from the pit of hell to ponder the following perspective.

It was well over two thousand years ago that people including all the early disciples became saved by placing their faith in Jesus Christ correct? And, here we are over two thousand years later and we receive salvation by faith in the same way they did correct? So if the manner in which we receive salvation is the same as those who were saved over two thousand years ago, which it is, then receiving the baptismal of the Holy Spirit is the same as well! **IT IS BY OUR FAITH THAT WE RECEIVE SALVATION, THE BAPTISMAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ALL THE COVENANT PROMISES OF GOD FOUND IN HIS WORD!**

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The Apostle Paul warns us that in the end times men would have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof and for us to stay away from such people! This is substantiated in 2 Timothy 3:5 which says “...*having a form of godliness but **denying its power**. And from such people turn away!*”

Moreover, Jesus tells us that there is only one sin that man will **not** be forgiven for which is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. This is the “unpardonable” sin based on Matthew 12:31 which says, “*Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the **blasphemy against the Spirit** will **not** be forgiven men.*”

## ***The Great Apostasy of teaching Christians can take the mark of the beast and then repent!***

In addition, the same spiritual leaders who say that God’s supernatural signs, wonders, and miracles, which can only take place through the power of the Holy Spirit, are no longer given to New Covenant believers are the same spiritual leaders who are saying if God’s people take the Mark of the Beast they can repent later for having taken it. They are even espousing that we will need to take it in order to survive!

I needed to bring this subject up now because I was sent the following article with a video that will shock you to your very core!

**DO NOT READ THE PRAYER TO SATAN WHEN YOU ACCESS THIS LINK! YOU DO NOT WANT TO EVEN PROFESS THIS IN SILENCE!**

<http://www.thewatchmanwakes.com/John-MacArthur--Mark-of-the-Beast.html>

God’s Word is very clear on this issue and says that ANYONE, including believers, that worships the beast, his image, or receives the mark of his name—they **shall** burn in hell **after** they drink the wrath of God which will be poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation! This is substantiated in Revelation 14:9-13 below.

*“Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If **ANYONE** **worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God,** which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He **shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.** “And the smoke of their torment **ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.**”*

And, this includes believers who do so because the very next line of this scripture in Revelation 14:12 says, “Here is **the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.**”

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Then in the very next line of this passage of scripture in Revelation 14:13 it says, *“Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.”*

Do you know why the Lord is telling the angels to write, *‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on?’* It is because those that are willing to die for His Namesake (be martyred) rather than renounce their faith in Jesus Christ by worshipping the beast, his image, and receiving the mark of his name will be killed in mass numbers in order to maintain their testimony to others NOT to bow down to the antichrist! This is why this passage of scripture in Revelation 14:13 says that their works will follow them! By being willing to die for their faith in Jesus Christ they will keep and inspire others from worshipping the beast, his image, or receiving the mark of the beast!

This is substantiated in Revelation 15:1-2 and Revelation 20:4 below. As you read these scriptures, note that the souls of believers who are in heaven where they will live and reign with Christ for one thousand years, includes those who were martyred (beheaded) during the tribulation period because they refused to renounce their faith in Jesus Christ or deny God’s Word. Contrary to what is being taught, the bride of Christ will not come back to the new earth until the one thousand years is over based on Revelation 21. Until this time, the bride of Christ (His faithful remnant) will have entered the kingdom of heaven, Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem (See Hebrews 12:21-23). Christendom teaches that Jesus will set up His rule and reign on the earth immediately when He returns and this is not correct because the earth will be totally destroyed at the time of His coming when every eye will see His triumphant entry! Before this happens Jesus Christ seals the 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel and the angels are told *“Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”* See Revelation 7:1-4. The 144,000 who are sealed by the angels includes both the Jews from the tribe of Judah and the Gentiles who were grafted into the commonwealth of Israel, the house of Israel (Jacob).

*“Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, (they haven’t released them yet) *for in them the wrath of God is complete. And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.”* ~ Revelation 15:1-2 (NKJV)*

*“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”* ~ Revelation 20:4 (NKJV)

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In addition, based on the above scriptures, this substantiates the body of Christ will still be on the earth during the tribulation period and will be faced with taking the mark of the beast! So much for the false teaching of the pre-tribulation rapture, even though His faithful remnant does escape **the wrath of God** as substantiated in Revelation 15:1-2 above. This is based on Jesus' promise He gives His faithful remnant in Revelation 3:10 which states, "*Because you have **kept My command to persevere**, I also will **keep** you from **the hour of trial** which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.*"

Therefore, the souls of believers who are in heaven and who will rule and reign with Jesus Christ for one thousand years are those who were resurrected during the **first** resurrection. The rest of the dead, which includes both believers and non believers, will **not** be resurrected until the **second** resurrection which occurs **after** the one thousand years is over. Therefore, the souls of those in heaven include those who **refused** to worship the Antichrist, by worshiping the beast, his image, or receiving his mark on their foreheads or on their hands based on the scriptures above!

Do you see in any of these passages of scripture where it says you can worship the beast, his image, or receive the mark of his name and get into heaven if you do? To the contrary! God's Word specifically says who will be in heaven and who will be ruling and reigning with Jesus Christ for one thousand years—it is only those who have **NOT** worshipped the beast, his image, nor received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands!

I read the Bible cover to cover every year and I can tell you there is no loophole concerning this matter! God has made it very clear to those who are called by His name and who have professed with their mouths and believe in their heart that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior His stance on this issue. They will lose their salvation if they worship the beast, his image, or receive the mark of his name! Why? Because they are clearly rejecting His Word, which is His son! Those who worship the beast, his image, or receive the mark of the beast are **willfully** renouncing their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior **after** they have received the knowledge of the truth!

In response to their argument of advocating that believers can worship the beast, his image, and receive the mark of the beast and then later change their mind and ask for forgiveness when God has already told us His answer to those who do so! Let me let me remind you of what the Apostle Paul says to us in Hebrews 6:4-6 and Hebrews 10:26-31 below.

*"For is **impossible** for those who were **once enlightened**, and have **tasted the heavenly gift**, and have become partakers of **it the Holy Spirit**, and have **tasted the good word of God** and the powers of the age to come, **if they fall away**, to renew them again to **repentance**, since they crucify again **for themselves the Son of God**, and put **Him to an open shame**." ~ Hebrews 6:4-6 (NKJV)*

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*“For if we sin **willfully after** we have **received** the knowledge of the truth, **there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, but **a certain fearful expectation of judgment**, and **fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.**” ~ Hebrews 10:26-27 (NKV)*

*“Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. **Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?**” ~ Hebrews 10:28-29 (NKJV)*

Is it possible that this is what it means to commit blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? Could this be the “unpardonable” sin based on Matthew 12:31 which says, *“Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the **blasphemy against the Spirit** will **not** be forgiven men.”*

*“For we know Him who said, **“Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.”** says the Lord. And again, **“The LORD will judge His people.”** **“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”**” ~ Hebrews 10:30-31 (NKJV)*

## ***We decide the eternal destiny of our soul based on the path we choose to walk while we are on the earth***

Furthermore, during Jesus Christ’s earthly ministry He did not think too highly of the religious leaders who believed they were the epitome of righteousness. They were hypocrites that did not adhere to Yahweh’s commandments themselves; all the while they were continually heaping their man-made “traditions” on those who were trying to follow God’s law (Torah).

In Matthew 9:12-14 below, Jesus in His own words emphatically states that He did not come to call those who “think” they are righteous, rather one of the reasons He came was to call those who “know” they are sinners to repentance. The truth is it is those who **know** they need a savior, who are willing to give their hearts fully to Him and live their lives totally submitted to His Lordship that shall be saved.

*When Jesus heard this, he said, **“Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do.”** Then he added, **“Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: **‘I want you to show mercy, not offer sacrifices.’** For I have come to call **not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners.**”** ~ Matthew 9:12-14 (NLT).*

Oftentimes, it is those of us who have much to be forgiven for that are the very ones who dedicate our mind, heart, soul, strength, and life to the only One who can save our souls!

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It is those of us, who knew we were sinners that learned obedience by what we suffered as we **walked** through the various trials and tribulations in our life, oftentimes, but not always, based on the choices we have made! It is those of us that learned and accepted the truth that we needed a Savior to save us from our self!

In addition, another reason why Jesus was sent to earth to die for us was to set us free from **all** the ploys and snares of Satan. But we can only be set free, healed, and delivered by the power of the Holy Spirit only **if** we truly want to be. Our decision to be truly set free begins by accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. However, ultimately **we** each decide how we will live our life while on the earth, and whether or not we will receive God's covenant promises while we live on the earth! And, we also decide the eternal destiny of our soul based on the path we choose to walk while we are on the earth.

This truth is substantiated in the following scriptures below. Once we receive God's free gift of salvation, in order to become sanctified by the Holy Spirit requires action on our part to submit to Jesus' Lordship in our lives by our obedience! We as His servants are no greater than our master! We must become bondservants of Jesus Christ for we are not our own—He paid the ultimate price on the cross for you and me to be set free from the wages of sin which is death!

*“Let this **mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus**, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, **taking the form of a bondservant**, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at **the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of **those in heaven**, and of **those on earth**, and of **those under the earth**, and that every tongue **should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.” ~Philippians 2:5-11 (NKJV)*

*“Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out** (this is a verb—it requires us to act) **your own salvation with fear and trembling**; for it is **God who works in you** both to will and to do for His good pleasure.” ~ Philippians 2:12-13 (NKJV)*

*“Do **all things** without complaining and disputing, that you **may** (again, this takes an effort on our part to get into alignment with God's Word by living holy because God is Holy) **become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation**, among whom you shine as lights in the world, **holding fast the word of life**, (Jesus was the Word made flesh) so that I may rejoice in **the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.**” ~ Philippians 2:14-16 (NKJV)*

Our “spirit man” was created in the image of likeness of God, our Creator, before the foundations of the heavens and the earth. And, it is for this very reason, like God, our Creator, we each were given a sovereign will  
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to decide the path we will walk as sojourners on the earth while we are in these temporary earthly vessels we call our bodies which houses our soul and spirit. I go into detail and substantiate this truth in Part 2 of 7 of “*Why Abortion Grieves our Heavenly Father’s Heart*” which is under the 2013 Prophetic Word on my website.

Therefore, if you have not yet read this you need to in order to fully understand how and why we were made in the image and likeness of God, our Creator! This epic spiritual battle we are experiencing is truly a battle for the eternal destiny of our soul!

And, this is why the eternal destiny of our souls begins in our mind and hearts. This is what true repentance is all about! And as Psalm 139:7-8 below conveys when it says, “*If I make my bed in hell...*” We are the ones who choose to make our bed in hell not God! For God does not want anyone to perish and be sent to hell! We choose the eternal destiny of our soul by **our** sovereign will and the path we will walk while on the earth! Our eternal destiny is up to us!

*“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; **If I make my bed in hell**, behold, You are there.” ~ Psalm 139:7-8 (NKJV)*

## ***We break covenant with God when we do not obey His Commandments which are the terms and conditions of the New Covenant Jesus ratified with His Blood***

Moreover, many people who once professed with their mouths that Jesus Christ is their Lord and Savior have drifted away from following Jesus as they traverse the wide, easy path that most follow which always leads to destruction and death!

Why do most people choose to take the wide, easy path rather than the narrow path? They are unwilling to pay the price because this isn’t what they signed up for! Only those who see the prize and are willing to pay the price will be able to stand as great darkness consumes the earth like never before because we are already in the tribulation period!

And, as a result, they do **not** live according to the terms and conditions of His covenant (His Word) that Yahweh, our heavenly Father, sacrificed His one and only begotten Son Jesus Christ for so our sins could be forgiven. Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and ratified the New Covenant! Jesus Christ, our high priest became the mediator of the New Covenant that our heavenly Father Yahweh ratified with the blood of His Son. The New Covenant that God has established with us, His people, is based on Jeremiah 31:31-33 and Hebrews 8:8-12 below.

*“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD (YAHWEH), when I will make **a new covenant with the house of Israel** and **with the house of Judah**— not according to the covenant that I made*

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with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, **My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them,** says the LORD (YAHWEH). But this **is the covenant** that I will make **with the house of Israel** after those days, says the LORD (YAHWEH): I will put **My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts;** and **I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**” ~ Jeremiah 31:31-33 (NKJV)

“**BECAUSE FINDING FAULT WITH THEM,** He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD (YAHWEH), when I will make a **new covenant with the house of Israel** (Ephraim) and **with the house of Judah— not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt;** because **they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them,** says the LORD (YAHWEH). For this **is the covenant** that I will make **with the house of Israel after** those days, says the LORD (YAHWEH): I will put **My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts;** and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD (YAHWEH),’ for **all shall know Me,** from the least of them to the greatest of them. For **I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.**” ~ Hebrews 8:8-12 (NKJV)

Notice in the scriptures above Yahweh is saying He will not do away with His laws found in the Torah when He says, “**My laws.**” Rather, He will write His laws on our minds and our hearts as we read, study, meditate, and stand on His Word by professing His word out loud rather than getting into agreement with what the enemy says! Moreover, notice in the very first verse in Hebrews 8:8-12 above, Yahweh did not say He found fault with the first covenant He established with His people, rather He said He found fault with them—His people who did **not** obey the terms and conditions of His covenant as it is **this** day!

## ***Why Love fulfills the Law!***

And, now that we are under the New Covenant and have received the Holy Spirit who gives us God’s grace to keep His laws we have no excuse for not doing so. Jesus Christ says to us, His disciples, in John 14:15, “**If you love me, obey My commandments.**” When Jesus said this during His earthly ministry, the New Testament wasn’t written yet and He, His disciples, including the Apostle Paul taught strictly from the Torah and the Book of the Prophets!

This is such an important subject, I am currently writing an entire book conveying the enormity of the consequences we will reap as a result of us breaking covenant with our heavenly Father by not living according to the terms and conditions thereof. And, when we do so we are also rejecting His Son Jesus Christ who is the mediator of the New Covenant which was ratified with His precious blood!

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Moreover, where do you think Yahweh's laws came from in the first place? They came from Jesus who became the living Torah who is God and was with Yahweh, our heavenly Father, from the foundation of the world! So do you really believe Jesus came to do away with the Law that He established **before** the foundation of the world like we are taught in Christendom? If so read on...

Why do you think Jesus says to us in John 13:34 below that He is giving us a **new** commandment?

*"A **new commandment** I give to you, that you **love one another**; as I have loved you, that you **also love one another**. **By this all will know that you are My disciples, if YOU have love for one another.**" ~ John 13:34 (NKJV)*

He knew if we would just keep this new commandment then we would be keeping the essence and purpose of the Book of the Law, which is nothing more than our heavenly Father's instructions and guidance for His children because He loves us so much. Our heavenly Father Yahweh desires more than anything else in the whole world to fellowship with us, bless us, and protect us! And, His commandments, laws, precepts, principles and ordinances found in His Word does exactly that!

Most of us reading this are parents and as such we establish "house" rules for our children because more than anything else we want to love them, protect them, and guide them to keep them from making foolish mistakes which will cause them harm correct? Our Heavenly Father is no different!

Jesus' during His earthly ministry showed us, His disciples, what His heavenly Father's love looked like, as Jesus walked and talked with compassion, mercy, and love which culminated in Him being willing to take all our sins upon Himself so that you and I would **not** reap the curses of breaking covenant with our heavenly Father.

Now concerning the new commandment Jesus gave us in John 13:34 above. Was this really a new commandment? No, for in Matthew 22:36-40 when the Pharisees and Sadducees asked Jesus which is the greatest commandment in the law He replied, ***"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'**"*

Do not miss the significance of this next statement from Jesus' own mouth in Matthew 22:40 (NKJV) which says it all! ***"On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."***

What Jesus is saying is this. All the law is fulfilled in one word, and that word is "love" which is substantiated in Romans 13:10 (NKJV) which proclaims, ***"Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."***

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Why does love fulfill the law? Because the law came from Jesus who is the Word made flesh, who became the living Torah as He willingly went to the cross at Calvary for you and me so we could be set free from the CURSE of the law. And, as John 15:13 (NKJV) exclaims, **“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”** And, John 3:16 (NKJV) says, **“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”**

Love! It is all about Love! Love triumphs everything evil! And, it was for this reason that our heavenly Father loved us so much He sacrificed Jesus, His one and only begotten Son for us because no matter how hard we tried to keep the “*letter of the law*” without loving Him first and foremost, we would never be able to keep the “*letter of the law*” perfectly!

Moreover, we have His Holy Spirit which gives us His grace to walk according to His laws and exhibit the *fruit of the Spirit* to others. And, if we don’t first love ourselves as God loves us, despite all our hang-ups, faults, and insecurities, how in the world will we be able to love each other and fulfill the new commandment Jesus gave us “*to love one another as He loved us?*”

Therefore, **IF** we will love the Lord God with all our mind, heart, soul, and strength and “***do***” this one new commandment that Jesus gave us, “***that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another*** **By this all will know that you are My disciples, if YOU have love for one another.**” Then we will fulfill the “***essence***” of all 613 commandments found in the Torah! The intent and motives of our hearts of “***why***” we do “***what***” we do is everything to God!

Listen to the words of Jesus concerning this matter when He says if we love Him and our heavenly Father with all our mind, heart, soul and strength then we will keep His commandments and love each other because **their** love abides in us!

By **this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.**” ~ John 13:35 (NKJV)

“He who has ***My commandments*** and ***keeps them***, it is he who ***loves Me***. And he who ***loves Me*** will be ***loved by My Father***, and ***I will love him*** and ***manifest Myself to him.***” ~ John 14:21 (NKJV)

Jesus answered and said to him, “**If anyone loves Me**, he will **keep My word**; and ***My Father will love him***, and ***We will come to him*** and ***make Our home with him.***” ~ John 14:23 (NKJV)

“He who ***does not love Me*** ***does not keep My words***; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.” ~ John 14:24 (NKJV)

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In addition, the Apostle Paul says the same thing in Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV) as he proclaims “*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*”

Do you now understand why the first fruit listed in the *fruit of the Spirit* is love? Because without us receiving the love of God first for ourselves, and then loving God as a result of Him first loving us, so much so that we will want to obey His Word because more than anything else we want to please Him, can we even hope to have His grace which will enable us to love others!!

The truth is we can only be capable of loving each other like we are commanded to do only by being firmly grounded in His love first! Then we will in turn be longsuffering and patient concerning other people’s offenses and transgressions against us. Instead of being hostile and harsh towards others we will show them kindness instead of hatefulness; good instead of evil; gentleness instead of being harsh; all of these attributes of the *fruit of the Spirit* are only made possible by us exercising self-control! And the more, we abide in Him and love others as we love ourselves, then we will have the joy of the Lord which is our strength and peace in this world which can only come from the Prince of Peace—Jesus Christ residing in our minds and hearts.

Therefore, only when we walk according to the Spirit, rather than the flesh (our carnal mind), will we “show” God’s love to a lost and dying world! Don’t tell people God loves them! Rather, show them He loves them! The only way they are going to know that God loves them is if they see and experience His love in and from YOU!

Listen to what the Apostle Paul says to us in 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 below. What he is saying is we can operate in many different spiritual gifts and do all kinds of things for the Lord, but if we are **not walking** in love it doesn’t matter!

*“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I AM NOTHING. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, IT PROFITS ME NOTHING.” ~ 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NKJV)*

Love is not a feeling, rather love is a choice. We choose whether or not we will extend love to each other each and every day. When we love others as we are commanded to do, we will exhibit the following “*fruit*” based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 below.

*“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” ~ 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NKJV)*

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Yet, I constantly see believers **not** exhibiting love to one another due to being offended and competing with one another. And, if we cannot even love another sister and brother in Christ, how dare we think we are going to show a lost and dying world the love of Christ! This is the primary reason the lost call us hypocrites!

And, this is why we are seeing this happen. Many have left their first love—Jesus Christ! We have forsaken and rebelled against the only one who can save our soul and our nation! Many who “profess” with only their mouths, but their heart is far from Him, that Jesus is their Lord and Savior are **not** obeying His commandments because they are being taught they don’t have to. Jesus says to us in Matthew 24:12 (NKJV) “*And because lawlessness will **abound**, the love of many will grow cold.*”

Therefore, as a result, many who profess to be His in name only are **not** living for Him nor are they obeying His commandments. The answer to everything we are facing in our lives and in our nation is so simple! Yet we still don’t understand! Again, Jesus says to us in John 14:15, “*If you **love me**, **obey My Commandments.**”* Moreover, Jesus says to us who believe in Him in John 8:31-32 (NKJV) “*If you **abide in My word**, you are **My disciples indeed**. And you **shall know the truth**, and **the truth shall make you FREE.**”* Do you really want to be FREE from the enslavement of the enemy America?! Then heed this message!

In this hour, I see so many brothers and sisters in Christ who are beating other believers over the head with not following the Torah and many are being very vile and ugly about it. So the very laws they are telling others they need to follow they are transgressing because they are **not** teaching others the truth in love!

Do we really believe that believers in the body of Christ who have been misled and lied to all these years concerning the truth about Christmas, Easter, the Sabbath Day, etc., are going to readily be able to be taught the truth of what God’s Word says about these issues if we do **not** walk in love? Think about it. It is hard enough when they realized that they have believed and followed a lie all their lives based on the traditions of men, rather than based on what God’s Word really says.

Becoming sanctified and knowing His truth is a process so it will take them a while to see and receive the truth of what God’s Word really says just like it took us to come to the knowledge of the truth which was only made possible because the Holy Spirit revealed His truth to us because we were hungry enough to seek His truth for ourselves!

The Lord came down on me with a hammer when He first took me down the path to understand our Hebraic roots in Christianity. He told me **not** to become legalistic because I know the truth of what His Word really says! I had some people in the Messianic movement telling me to burn my Christmas stuff for goodness sakes! And, the more I attended these gatherings the more I found myself losing the joy of the Lord because it was all about the Law and not about the *essence of the law*. I had to step back for a while so I could get a fresh perspective from the Holy Spirit because I found that I was becoming legalistic with members of my family

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when I first learned about the Torah. In addition, the Lord reminded me that not too long ago I was deceived concerning these matters as well until He decided to reveal His truth to me so I could teach others His truth.

God's Word speaks the truth by itself and we do not need to beat people over the head with it in a confrontational manner. We simply must teach His truth in love with patience and humility, not quarreling about it with those that are **not** ready to receive the truth. This is based on 2 Timothy 2:24-26 which says, "*And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.*"

I have really had to work hard on this because I am a very direct person who does not mince words and have never been one to be "*politically correct.*" Therefore, some people perceive that I am being confrontational as a result.

And, the truth of the matter is that sometimes God does call us to be confrontational like Jesus was when He was overturning the money changing tables in His Father's house. Or, when Jesus continually confronted the Pharisees and Sadducees for laying aside the commandments of God, in lieu of their manmade traditions! There are many times Jesus had righteous indignation and was not the gentle lamb everyone always envisions Him to be. And, in this hour there are many wolves in sheep's clothing leading His people straight to the slaughter with all the false teachings and apostasy taking place on a world-wide basis. Is it more loving to allow people to perish in their sins or tell them the truth in love and that they need to repent?

## ***Jesus became and "is" the living Torah and did not do away with the Law!***

Now let's refocus our attention back to the law that God has now written on our minds and hearts, instead of two tablets of stone—the New Covenant which Jesus is the mediator of and ratified with His blood.

Jesus did **not** in any way shape or form do away with the Law which He established **before** the foundation of the world. Rather He came to fulfill the law and became the living Torah! Jesus always obeyed His Father's commandments written in the Torah and expects us His disciples to do so as well. Listen to Jesus' own words concerning this matter in John 15:10 (NKJV), "*If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.*"

Therefore, Jesus did not do away with the law! Rather, Jesus set us free from the consequences of breaking the law by us placing our faith and trust in Him! This is substantiated in Galatians 3:12-14 below.

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*“Yet **the law is not of faith**, but “the man who does them shall live by them.” **Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law**, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), **that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus**, that we **might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**” ~ Galatians 3:12-14 (NKJV)*

Therefore, do you put your faith and trust in keeping the “*letter of the law*” or do you put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ who willingly died to: 1) set us free from the curse of the law by his blood for the forgiveness of our sins 2) bring us back into a covenant relationship with Yahweh our heavenly Father 3) give us the baptismal of the Holy Spirit through faith so we can receive God’s grace in order to keep His laws.

Also, know this indisputable truth based on Galatians 3:12-14 above. If we ever hope to receive the blessings that God promised Abraham while we are still living on the earth we must believe in order to receive like Abraham did. Therefore, our faith in things we cannot see, touch or feel is everything!

We need faith to receive the free gift of salvation by believing in and placing our trust in Jesus Christ. We need faith to receive the baptismal of the Holy Spirit because like the Apostle Paul say in Galatians 3:12-14 above that we **might** received the promise of the Spirit through faith. It doesn’t say we will receive the promise of the Spirit. And, last but certainly not least, all of God’s promises are already given to us in the spiritual realm so the only way we will receive His blessings in the earthly realm is by faith as we walk according to the Spirit not our flesh!

In addition, having the law is something we see with our eyes because it is clearly written out in God’s Word and is the terms and conditions of the covenant we entered into when we accepted Jesus Christ. Therefore, living according to the law does **not** take faith. Whereas, being led by the Spirit to keep the law is an entirely different matter and can only be accomplished by having faith in Jesus Christ who is the Word made flesh!

And, know this truth! If we choose **not** to walk according to the Spirit and in love we will be judged according to the law despite the fact Jesus Christ died for us to be set free from the curse of breaking God’s law. Also worth mentioning at this time is this fact. It is one thing to break God’s commandments occasionally because we all fall short of the mark from time to time. This is what God’s mercy is all about and why we are told to repent, confess our sins, and ask Him for forgiveness **if** we sin. Then we are to stop sinning!

However, when we continually transgress God’s laws when we know what is expected of us in His Word—in other words we are intentionally sinning—then our sins, if we have not repented, eventually turns into iniquity in our hearts. Then God will not only give us over to a reprobate mind, but God will bring destruction and mayhem into our lives. Christians continually blame the devil for their sicknesses, lack of finances, marriages disintegrating, their children going astray, etc. However, do you want to know the truth? More times than not, it is our fault and God, not Satan, is allowing us to go through His refining fire so we will repent because we are

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breaking covenant with Him! In addition, Satan cannot do anything without God's permission! Read the story of Job and you will know this to be true!

Therefore, as a result of us breaking covenant with God, He is no longer under any obligation to bless us, guide us, provide for us, and protect us. And, as such, like Esau, we have forfeited our birthright as His sons and daughters and have no right to claim the inheritance of His promises found in His Word, including eternal life.

*“Pursue **peace** with all people, and **holiness**, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone **fall short of the grace of God**; lest any **root of bitterness** springing up cause trouble, and by this **many become defiled**; lest there be any **fornicator or profane person like Esau**, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, **he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.**” ~ Hebrews 12:14-18 (NKJV)*

*“But **Esau I have hated**, And laid waste his mountains and his heritage For the jackals of the wilderness.” ~ Malachi 1:3 (NKJV)*

*“As it is written, “Jacob I have loved, but **Esau I have hated.**” ~ Romans 9:13 (NKJV)*

Therefore, contrary to what most teach and believe God does not love everybody! He hates those who forfeit their birthright like Esau did and they become His enemies!

However, it is the desire of God's heart that no one perishes based on 2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV) which proclaims *“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**”*

And, it is for this very reason He is continually calling His prodigal children back into His loving arms. Moreover, in this hour He is beseeching us to search our hearts for any unforgiveness, iniquity, resentment, bitterness, etc. so we can repent and return to Him by living according to His Word before it is too late to make course correction. We must return to the ancient path that leads to life, not death, blessings and not curses.

In addition, **if** we have truly repented and returned back to God, it will be evidenced by us living according to His commandments, precepts, principles, and ordinances found in His Word AND by us producing the “fruit” thereof!

Yet, many of His people live like this life is all there is so we might as well eat, drink and be merry! Instead of being driven by eternity we live for the things of this world which will shortly pass away! Have we lost sight of the prize at the end of the race set before us?

Could this possibly be the reason why that so many who “profess” to be believers that attend church on Sunday, yet live like the devil for the rest of the week are doing so? Is it because they have not been taught these

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foundational truths?! Rather, they have been taught that the grace and mercy of God gives us a license to sin and that because of what Jesus Christ did on the cross at Calvary God remembers our sin no more!

If this lie from the pit of hell were true, then why does God's Word say we will be judged for every deed we do in the body whether it be good or bad and for every idle word we have spoken? Why does God's Word say that come judgment day all the books (plural) will be opened? If Jesus took care of everything we will ever do or say, and nailed it to the Cross, than what is recorded in all these books?

Moreover, when the Apostle Paul says in Hebrews 8:12 (NKJV), "*For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.*" The Apostle Paul is talking about us having a clean slate the moment we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior because we are to repent and stop sinning. And, then if we do sin, we are to confess our sins, ask for forgiveness and then God will forgive our sins as long as we have forgiven the sins of others who have trespassed against us!

## ***Come Judgment Day We Will Be Held Accountable for Every Idle Word and things Done in the Body, Whether Good or Bad***

However, if we do **not** repent, confess our sins, and ask for His forgiveness and then stop sinning, when the books are opened up at judgment we will be judged according to what is written in the books. This is based on the following scriptures below.

*"But I say to you that for **every idle word** men may speak, they will give account of it in **the day of judgment.**" ~ Matthew 12:36 (NKJV)*

*"He who rejects Me, and does **not receive** My words, has **that which judges him**—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day." ~ John 12:48 (NKJV)*

*"For God will bring **every work into judgment**, Including **every secret thing**, Whether good or evil." ~ Ecclesiastes 12:14 (NKJV)*

*"For we must **all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may **receive the things done in the body**, according **to what he has done**, whether good or bad." ~ 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NKJV)*

Furthermore, based on what the Apostle Paul says in Hebrews 8:12 that God will be merciful concerning our unrighteousness, our sins, and our lawless deeds, this is true up to a point. Yahweh will extend mercy **until** His cup of iniquity reaches the point where it is over flowing. And, it has reached that point!

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One thing I do know which is this—God has been patient and long-suffering waiting for His people to sincerely repent of our wicked ways and it has been the prayers of the faithful remnant which has been holding God’s wrath at bay. However, He is tired of our lip service and the day of reckoning for what we have sown is at hand.

I am sending this word the Lord has placed on my heart out to you as one final warning to get right with God now. Ask God to examine your heart and show you how you are grieving His Spirit. He is waiting for you with open arms and wants nothing more for you to repent and turn to Him, the lover and creator of your soul.

In closing, hear (heed) the words from Jesus’ for us, His disciples, who were born for a cause greater than ourselves. Jesus is coming back soon for a bride without spot or blemish—His faithful remnant are those who obeys His commandments and maintains their faith in Him until the very end no matter what may come.

*“Remember therefore from where you have fallen; **repent** and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you **repent.**” ~ Revelation 2:5 (NKJV)*

*“**Repent**, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.” ~ Revelation 2:16 (NKJV)*

*“And I gave her time to **repent** of her sexual immorality, and she did not **repent.**” ~ Revelation 2:21 (NKJV)*

*“Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into **great tribulation**, unless they **repent** of their deeds.” ~ Revelation 2:22 (NKJV)*

*“Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and **repent**. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.” ~ Revelation 3:3 (NKJV)*

*“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and **repent.**” ~ Revelation 3:19 (NKJV)*

*“But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did **not repent** of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.” ~ Revelation 9:20 (NKJV)*

And, if you do **not** heed God’s final warning for us to repent now before it is too late, which will be evidenced by us living our lives in obedience to His commandments and His voice, then come judgment Day instead of hearing Jesus say, *‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you*

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ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord” you will be mortified to hear Him say “***I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!***”

Lawlessness is synonymous with the word iniquity. And, according to *Strong’s Greek Lexicon Number G458* is the Greek word “*anomia*” which means illegality, i.e. **violation of law** or (genitive base) wickedness derivation: from [G459](#); KJV Usage: iniquity, X **transgress(-ion of) the law, unrighteousness**. [G459](#) Thayer:1) the condition of **without law** 1a) **because ignorant of it** 1b) because **of violating it** 2) **contempt and violation of law**, iniquity, wickedness.

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