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I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes. **Hos 13:14**

**...then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written,
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victory? **1 Corinth. 15:55****

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A Promise of Hope

What a loving God we have, to make such a beautiful promise, to ransom us from the grave. Oh, what beautiful words to hear " Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? **1 Corinth. 15:55** ". No longer we have to be afraid of dying, or being separated from our loved ones for long. A promise of a resurrection and a uniting with our love ones are given to us by God once again. There is " Victory " in believing in " Jesus our Lord ". God has promised to wipe away all our tears: " And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away " **Rev. 21:4**. This is the hope we have in Jesus, it was He that loved us and gave His life for us. This is the reason we give our heart to Him. Let us rejoice and be glad, for God loves you.

An Old Age Question

There is an " Old Age Question ", If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. **Job 14:14**. Today, there are many who do not understand what happens at death. There are those who believe that when you die you either go to heaven or hell and if you weren't so bad, may go to a place called purgatory. There are those too who believe that when you die, that your body goes back to the ground and your soul goes up to heaven to be present with the Lord. But what does the Bible have to say about this? To really understand this, we need to go back to the beginning and find out how we got here in the first place. So let's take a little journey back in time in order to get a sound foundation of truth: " And God said, Let us (Father to the Son) make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So

God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created them. **Gen 1:26-27** ...And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. " **Gen 2:7** Now notice what just took place, ... the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the " Breath of Life "; and man became a living soul. Not that he has a soul, but that he is a "Living Soul". (Dust + Breath of Life = a Living Soul) To understand this, is the foundation of understanding what happens at death. ...Now let's take this in reverse: **Eccl 12:1-8** Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit (Breath of Life) shall return unto God who gave it. So, what happened to the "Living Soul" (Dust + Breath of Life)? It ceases to exist. ...Let me explain it to you this way, suppose you are a carpenter and you want to make a box. There by your side are some boards and nails, so you put them together and form a " Box ".



You have just created something out of boards and nails? And it was good! Now suppose you don't want the box anymore, ...so take the nails out of the boards and place them in one pile and the boards in another pile. Where did the box go? There is no more a box, it ceases to exist.



Except, that you are the " Carpenter " and if you want to make it again, you know how to make it. So, it is with God, He is the "Master Carpenter". Out of "Dust and Breath" He created a " Living Soul", as long as the breath is in man, he is a " Living Soul ". Once the breath of life returns to God, the living soul ceases to exist and the man returns to dust once again. ...Then shall the

dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. **Eccl 12:6** But thanks be to God, that He is the "Master" Carpenter, and only He knows how to put the " Breath of Life, His Breath " into the dust and resurrect man back into a "Living Soul ". This is our blessed hope.

Talking to Those Who Have Passed On

No doubt when we lose someone dear to us, our hearts are broken, and we miss them, we miss them so much that we want to talk to them once again. We believe that our loved ones are in the presence of the Lord God Almighty and there is that something special we want to say to them, but can we talk to those that have passed on? Do they hear us and feel our pain? Do they know when we come to visit them? Why, if they are living in heaven not come to us and give us comfort? We know angels do!



Psalms 91:11

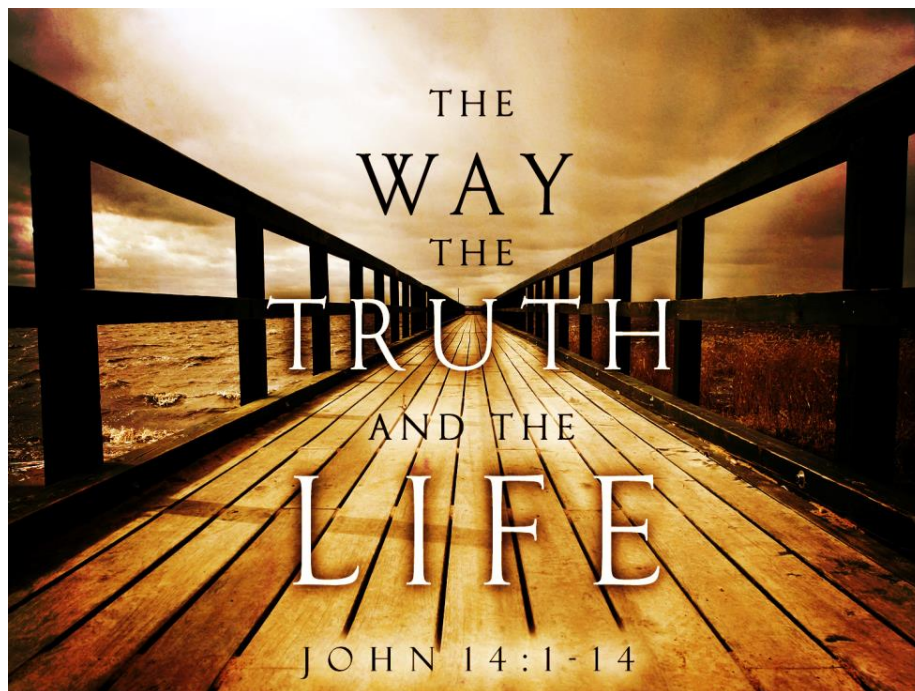
Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. " **Hebrews 13:2** So why not our loved ones ? Why, because they can't, they are dead! Let's hear what the word of God says about this: " For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. 6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion forever in anything that is

done under the sun ". **Ecc1 9:5-6** For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks? **Ps 6:5** Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. **Ecc1 9:10** For the grave cannot praise thee, death cannot celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. **Isa 38:18** His sons come to honour, and he knoweth *it* not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth *it* not of them. **Job 14:21** Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help. 4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. 5 Happy *is* he that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God: 6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein *is*: which keepeth truth forever: **Psalms 146:3-6**

The Love of God and The Hope in Jesus

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. **1 Tim 1:15** For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **Isa 9:1** ...the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. **Matt 1:20-21** ...Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. **Acts 4:10-12** ... Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; 4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to

the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: **Romans 1:3-4**
Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God
by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. **Hebrews 7:25**
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. 17
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the
world through him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not
condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he
hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this
is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved
darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone
that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds
should be reprov'd. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his
deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. **John 3:16-21**
Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. **2 Corinth 9:15**



Jesus, The Way, The Truth and Life

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 14:6** For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus **1 Timothy 2:5** ...Says Jesus, I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. **John 11:25** Those who think that they are saved by believing in an inner spirit apart from Jesus, will find themselves without a savior. One must acknowledge that Jesus is Lord: " That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and shall believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. 10 For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture says, Whosoever, believes on him shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. " **Romans 10:9-13** Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, *says Jesus*, him will 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. **Matthew 10:32-33** Therefore let us acknowledge the faith of that the patriot and prophet Job when he said:" For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: 27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me." **Job 19:25-27** And with the hope and peace of King David when he said: " As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." **Psalms 17:15** Could you imagine that? What a joy that will be!

So, What Must I Do to Be Saved?

Salvation is not something you can earn. It is a gift of God. That gift is Jesus. You can accept that gift or reject it. It is believing that Jesus died for you that you are saved. You may be one of those who do not believe in God or you may not be sure of what to believe. If so, I say with the psalmist: " The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good. 2 The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. 3 They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one. " **Ps 14:1-3** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves:

it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:8-10 Therefore, " Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might, let not the rich *man* glory in his riches: 24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I *am* the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD. **Jeremiah 9: 23-24**

Hope in The Resurrection

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words. **1 Thessalonians 4: 14-18** And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt. **Dan 12:2** Thy dead *men* shall live, *together with my dead* body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew *is* as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead. 20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. 21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain. **Isa 26:19-21**

Life Only in Jesus

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. 30 I and *my* Father are one. **John 10:27-30** And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. **1 John 5:11-12**

Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: 14 And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain. 15 Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. 16 For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. 21 For since by man *came* death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. 24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death. 27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all. **1 Corinth 15:12-28** Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on

incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? 56 The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. 57 But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. **1 Corinth 15:50-58**

Cause of the Sinner's Destruction

For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begins* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God? 18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? 19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator. **1 Peter 4:17-19** " For *the wages of sin is death* ". **Romans 6:23** " The soul that sinneth, it shall *die*." **Ezekeil 18.4** Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power! **2 Thessalonians 1:9** " "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: 20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." **Isaiah 1:18-20**

"But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. 3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. 4 None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity." **Isaiah 59:2-4** "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. 7 And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities. 8 But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. 9 Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see,

we beseech thee, we are all thy people.” **Isaiah 64:6-9** “Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you. 26 For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch men. 27 As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore, they are become great, and waxen rich. 28 They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge. 29 Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this? 30 A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; 31 The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?” **Jeremiah 5:25-31** Except ye repent, ye shall likewise perish”. **Luke 13:3** But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; **2 Peter 2:12**

1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed *it* unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. **Romans 1:19-32**

For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall. 3 And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do *this*, saith the LORD of hosts. 4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, *with* the statutes and judgments. 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: 6 And he shall turn the heart of

the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. **Malachi 4:1-6**

Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. 26 For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; 27 And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. **John 5: 25-29**

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. 8. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the 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. **Rev. 21:8** But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. **2 Peter 3:7** Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. **2 Peter 3:12-14**

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day. 11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power: 12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. **1 Thessalonians 1:9-12** The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. **Matt. 13:41-43** Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from

your own steadfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and forever. Amen. **2 Peter 3:17-18**

Jesus' Request

"If you love me, keep my commandments", says Jesus. **John 14:15** There are those that argue that we are not under the law but under grace. We must learn how to rightly divide the word of God to truly understand the meaning of this. This subject alone could take up another booklet. Jesus is our Lord and it is His word that we live by, and even though all scripture is given by inspiration, Jesus Himself has told us what he expects of us. When we adhere to those words of Jesus, Jesus then receives us into His family of believers and we become the children of God, love for each other becomes our way of life: " By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. 4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith. 5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? " **1 John 5:2-5** Jesus also said, " If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. **John 15:10** ...Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. **John 14:23**

The Gospel is about worship, ...and in whom we worship! "For it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. **Luke 4:8** And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God (*Know God*), and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters. **Rev 14:6-7** It is also about keeping the commandments and faith in Jesus: "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." **Rev 14:12**

I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.
Psalms 40:8

Our Problem

Today many are believing everything but the Gospel. It's about me and how I feel, not "What Saith The Lord." For this reason and for the fact that iniquity abounds, is why our world is suffering: "Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land." **Hosea 4:1** "The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it;" **Isaiah 24:20** "The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. 5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left. **Isaiah 24:4-6** "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. "**Romans 8:22** Just look at the changes that are taking place, More and powerful storms (Tornadoes and Hurricanes, Earthquakes, Fires and Floods) are happening each year. And it is not only in local areas, it's happening all over the world. Why? because of sin. Please, try to understand this: "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. 3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. 4 None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. **Isaiah 59:1-4**

And if that is not enough to say: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and

never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” **2 Timothy 3:1-7** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. 5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: 6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.” **2 Peter 3:3-14** ...“Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen” **2 Peter 3:17-18**

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

*In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you.*

*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. **John 14:1-3***

The Wedding Feast

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Let us be glad and rejoice and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. *Rev.19:6-7*



**Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand,
Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**

Matt 25:34



Will You Be There?

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*1 Christ the Lord is risen today. Al--le--lu--ia
Sons of men and angels say. Al--le--lu--ia
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Al--le--lu--ia
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply. Al--le--lu--ia*

*2 Lives again our glorious King. Al--le--lu--ia
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al--le--lu--ia
Once He died our souls to save. Al--le--lu--ia
Where thy victory, O grave? Al--le--lu--ia*

*3 Love's redeeming work is done. Al--le--lu--ia
Fought the fight, the battle won. Al--le--lu--ia
Death in vain forbids Him rise. Al--le--lu--ia
Christ has opened paradise. Al--le--lu--ia*

*4 Soar we now where Christ has led. Al--le--lu--ia
Following our exalted Head. Al--le--lu--ia
Made like Him, like Him we rise. Al--le--lu--ia
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al--le--lu--ia*

