



## Christian Ambassadors

### **GOD IS LOVE; WE MUST BE LOVE!**

If you had only one word or phrase to describe God, what would that be? Creator; Almighty; All knowing; Holy; Righteous; Father? If I had only one word or phrase to describe God, I would say Love! Love is the reason we were created. God is omnipotent, but if God didn't have love God's power would be used to torture or kill us. God is righteous, but what good would that be if God destroyed us because we're not righteous. That would be self-righteousness --- like the Pharisees. One of the members of the God Family is the Father, but there are earthly fathers that hate their own flesh and blood children. If I had only one word or phrase to describe God it would definitely be Love because Love will conquer all!

Here's another question for you. Is God in us? Yes! And are we in God? Yes! Let's read 1 John 4:16. "And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. *God is love*; and he that dwells in love *dwells in God*, and *God dwells in him*." The Greek word here for Love is "agape", which means Godly Love, i.e. affection (attitude) or benevolence (action).

If God is Love, and God is IN us, then what does that mean? **GOD IS LOVE; WE MUST BE LOVE!**

Let's go back to 1 John 4:7-21. "Beloved, let us love one another: for *love is of God*; and every one that loves is born of God, and knows God. He that does not love does not know God; for God is love. *In this was manifested the love of God toward us*: God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, *if God so loved us, then* we also ought to love one another. *No man has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwells in us, and his love is perfected in us* [see also John 13:35: "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another"]. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love; and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love. *We love him, because he first loved us. If a man say, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?* And this commandment have we from him, That he who loves God love his brother also."

Let's learn a little more about the attitude and actions of love by studying I Corin 13:1-13. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity ["agape" = Godly Love, i.e. affection (attitude) or benevolence (action)], I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 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, and have not charity, I am nothing. Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profits me nothing. Charity suffers long, and is kind; charity envies not; charity doesn't vaunt itself, is not puffed up, does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Charity never *fails* ["ekipto" = to drop away; to be driven off course]; but whether there be prophecies, they shall *fail* ["katargeo" = to render useless]; whether there be tongues, they shall *cease* ["pauo" = to stop]; whether there be knowledge, it shall *vanish away* ["katargeo"] [look at next two verses to get fuller sense]. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is *perfect* ["teleios" = complete] is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, *I put away childish things* ["katargeo" = this stuff doesn't matter; what matters is love]. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abides ["meno" = to stay in place; to remain; to endure] faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

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In this study we're going to focus on the Love of God as demonstrated in the passion of the Christ on Passover day. Please turn with me to 1 John 4:9. "In this was manifested the love of God toward us: God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." This sentiment is repeated in the most recognizable verse in all of the Bible --- John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Why is it the most popular verse in the Bible? Because it summarizes the Gospel. The Gospel is the Good News of what God *HAS* done, *IS* doing, and *WILL* do, through Jesus Christ!

Let's see how our Father and Jesus the Christ / Yahshua Ha Messiah demonstrated their Love for us during the passion of the Christ on Passover day.

## JUDAS BETRAYS JESUS

Mat 26:45-50 "Then Jesus came to His disciples, and said to them, "Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going, for he is at hand that does betray me." And while he yet spoke, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Judas gave the thugs a sign, saying, "grab the one I *kiss*." [phileo = to love; to be a friend]. And forthwith Judas came to Jesus, and said, "Hail, master; and kissed him". And Jesus said to him, "*Friend*, for what purpose have you come?" Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him."

John 15:12-15 "This is my commandment, That you *love* one another, as I have *loved* you ["agape" = Godly Love, i.e. affection (attitude) or benevolence (action)]. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his *friends*. You are my *friends*, if you do whatever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does: but I have called you *friends*; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known to you."

Why did God pick someone named Judas to betray Jesus? I think it's because Judas represents the Nation of Israel --- God's Chosen People. Judas is the same word for Judah, i.e. "Ioudas". Mat 2:6 "Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of you shall come a Governor that shall rule my people Israel." "Ioudas" means "to celebrate" or "to praise", as found in Gen 29:35. "Leah conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah; and left bearing." I believe God chose someone named Judas to betray Jesus as a lesson to the world that worldly people who supposedly praise the LORD are the ones that will curse the LORD. My closing line at the end of virtually every program is "May God be IN you!" I say this because God has to be IN us for us to be IN God's Family. We can be with God, like Judas Iscariot, for many years, yet never have God IN us through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The same is true with the ancient Nation of Israel.

### Israel

Mal 2:10 - 3:4 "Have we not all one father? has not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by *profaning the covenant* of our fathers? Judah has *dealt treacherously*, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah has profaned the holiness of the LORD, and has married the daughter of a strange god. The LORD will cut off the man that does this, even him that offers an offering to the LORD of hosts. Though you cover the altar of the LORD with tears, the LORD won't regards your offerings any more. Yet you say, Why not? Because the LORD has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously: yet is she your companion, and the wife of your covenant. And did not he make one? Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For the LORD, the God of Israel, says that he hates divorce. You have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet you say, How have we wearied him? When you say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them; or, Where is the God of judgment? Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom you delight in: behold, he shall come, says the LORD of hosts. And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant to the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years."

Judas betrayed Jesus. Judah betrayed Yahshua. God, in His mercy, will purge them both, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Judas be pleasant to the LORD. That's why Jesus called Judas "Friend".

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## MALCUS IS HEALED

John 18:10 As Judas and the mob grabbed Jesus, “Peter pulled out his fishing knife and *struck a servant of the high priest, named Malcus*, cutting off his ear.” Luke 22:51 “And Jesus protested to Peter, saying, Suffer you thus far. Then Jesus touched Malcus’ ear, and healed him.”

There are two lessons to be learned in this story, i.e. Jesus was about helping, not hurting, people; Jesus wanted peace, not a piece of his enemies

### 1) Jesus was about helping, not hurting, people

Jesus, because He was moved with compassion, healed hundreds of people during His 3 ½ year earthly ministry. Mat 9:27-38 “And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, You son of David, have mercy on us. And when he came into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus said to them, Do you believe that I am able to do this? They answered, Yes, Lord. Then he touched their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it to you. And their eyes were opened. As they went out, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spoke: and the multitudes marveled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. But the Pharisees said, He casts out devils through the prince of the devils. And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then said he to his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray to the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.”

Mat 14:13-21 When Jesus heard of John the Baptist’s death, He departed by ship into a desert place: and when the people heard where He was they followed him on foot out of the cities. Jesus was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and it’s getting dark; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy groceries for themselves. But Jesus said to them, They need not depart; you give them something to eat. And they said to him, *We only have 5 loaves and 2 fish*. He said, Bring them here to me. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the 5 loaves and 2 fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and broke, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. *And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full*. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.” [comment: God can make a lot out of our little]. 2 Cor 9:6-11 “He that sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He has dispersed abroad; he has given to the poor: his righteousness remains forever. Now he that ministers seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and *multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness*;) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causes through us thanksgiving to God.” Eph 3:14-21 “For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him that is able to do exceeding 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 throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.” God is in the business of healing hearting hearts and hearting heads.

### 2) Jesus wanted peace, not a piece of his enemies

Acts 23:1-5 “And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day. And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth. Then said Paul to him, God shall smite you, you whited wall: for sit you to judge me after the law, and command me to be smitten contrary to the law? And they that stood by said, Revile you God’s high priest? Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, You shall not speak evil of the ruler of your people.” Exo 22:28 “You shall not revile the magistrates, nor curse the ruler of your people.” [comment: Malchus means King. Jesus left the Kings of this world in place].

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## PUT AWAY YOUR SWORD

Mat 26:52-54 “Then said Jesus to him, *Put away your sword* into its place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Do you think that I cannot pray to my Father and have Him instantly give me more than twelve legions of angels? But if I do that I’ll be blocking the scriptures from being fulfilled.” How does this event show the Love of God?

v. 52 Then said Jesus to him, *Put away your sword* into its place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Mat 5:9-12 “Blessed are the *peacemakers*: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are those that are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall falsely accuse you of evil, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven.”

1 Pet 2:18-23 “Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the crooked. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endures grief, suffering wrongfully. What glory is it if you patiently accept correction when you are at fault? But if you suffer patiently when you do well, this is acceptable to God. In fact, this is a big part of the reason why you were chosen: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps, i.e. He didn’t sin, neither was guile found in his mouth; when He was reviled, He didn’t revile in return; when He suffered, He didn’t threaten people; but, *what He did do was commit Himself to God because God judges righteously.*”

Rom 12:18-21 “If it be possible, as much as lies in you, *live peaceably with all men*. Therefore if your enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him something to drink: for in so doing you shall heap coals of fire on his head. Do not avenge yourselves, but rather put aside wrath: for it is written, *Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord*. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” Fighting with people is not the way to go. That doesn’t mean we shouldn’t be fighting, it’s just a question of with whom should we be fighting? Do you know with whom we should be fighting? The answer is ...

Eph 6:10-17 “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to *stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places*. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the *gospel of peace*; Take the shield of faith, wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Take also the helmet of salvation, and *take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*.” Our fight right now is against the devil and demons. But honestly, there will come a time when we will fight against people that fight against God. When will that be?

v. 53 Don’t you realize that I could pray to my Father and have Him instantly give me more than twelve legions of angels? John 18:33-36 “Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said to him, Are you the King of the Jews? Jesus answered, *My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight*, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but my kingdom not from here.” Where is the Messiah’s Kingdom?

Eph 1:20-21 “God demonstrated His power in Christ when He raised him from the dead, and set Him *at His own right hand in heaven*, far above all principality, and power, and every name that ever has been or will be named.” Notice that a Christian goes through the same process. Eph 2:4-6 “God, who is rich in mercy, demonstrated His great love for us, in that, while we were dead in sins, He raised us back to life through Christ, and raised us up to sit in heaven with Christ.” The Messiah’s Kingdom is in Heaven --- and so is ours! But the Kingdom of God will be set up on earth with Yahweh as Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Rev 11:15-18 “The 7<sup>th</sup> angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord, and He shall reign for ever and ever. We give you thanks, O Lord God Almighty, because You have taken Your rightful place. *Your wrath against the nations is come, and it’s time that they should be judged*. Your judgment is that You will destroy them which destroy the earth.” God will take vengeance in Love! And notice that the saints will be with the Lord. Rev 19:6-14 “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 thunders, saying, Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife has made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he does judge and make war. His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.”

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Rev 5:7-10 “And Adonai came and took the book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne. And when Adonai had taken the book, the four beasts and twenty four elders fell down before the Lamb, every one of them having golden vials full of perfumes, which are the prayers of saints. And the saints sung a new song, saying, You are worthy to take the book, and to open the seals: for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God out of every nation, and race, and language, by Your blood; And *You have appointed us to be kings and priests of God: and we shall reign on the earth.*”

So far, we’ve seen God’s Love in the statement “put away your sword” by looking at the fact that we shouldn’t be fighting against our fellow man. We should trust God to take care of those battles because God is Love. Our fight is against the devil and his demons. And even there, God has given us the armor and artillery to demolish the diabolical deceivers. We’ve also seen God’s Love in the statement “I could call upon 12 legions of angels” by looking at the fact that Christ’s Kingdom is not of this world. He has a heavenly kingdom that will come down to Earth and usher in righteous and loving judgment. Now we’ll look at God’s love in the statement “the scriptures must be fulfilled”.

**v. 54 But if I do that I’ll be blocking the scriptures from being fulfilled.**

How does this show the Love of God? Since we are in this world but not of this world, what should we be doing while we are in this world? Our citizenship is in Heaven, and we are simply *Ambassadors of God for Christ* while we are here on earth. That’s what our job description says in 2 Cor 5:17-21. “When someone is in Christ, they become a new creation: old things have passed away. God has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ ... [Rom 5:8 “**God commends His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.**”] ... and God has given to us the ministry of reconciliation. Understand that God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them; and God has committed this same job of reconciliation to us. So we are *ambassadors for Christ*, as though God did plead with you through our mouths. Therefore, we ask you on behalf of Christ to be reconciled to God. For the Father has made His Son to be sin for us, though the Son of Man never sinned Himself. This was done so that we might be made the righteousness of God through the Anointed One.” Did you catch what are our job responsibilities as *ambassadors for Christ*? [ministry of reconciliation: a) to God; b) to mankind; this brings peace]

We are to preach the Gospel that brings Peace. Rom 10:13 “Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. But how can people call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall preachers preach, except they are sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”

## CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD!

Mat 26:57-64 “The thugs that arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witnesses against Jesus, to put him to death; though many false witnesses came, they did not find two false witnesses that agreed until two said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. Then Caiaphas arose, and said to YAHSHUA, Aren’t you going to answer these witnesses? But Jesus held his peace. So Caiaphas yelled at YAHSHUA, *I adjure you by the living God, that you tell us whether you be the Christ, the Son of God.* Jesus responded, You said it; nevertheless I say to you, Hereafter you shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.” How does this show God’s Love?

On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached the same message of the Son of God returning from Heaven to Earth to establish the Kingdom of God. Let’s see what the result was. Acts 2:23-39 “YAHSHUA, being delivered to you according to God’s plan, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified: Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that he should be held by it. David spoke this concerning him: I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: Because you will not leave my soul in hell, neither will you suffer your Holy One to see corruption. Men and brethren, let me freely speak to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He seeing this before spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he says himself, “The Lord (the Father) said to my Lord (the Son), Son, sit on my right hand, until I make your foes your footstool.”

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This Jesus has God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has shed forth this, which you now see and hear. *Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made that same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ.* Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said to Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said to them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”

Dan 7:13-14 “I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.”

It’s interesting that Jesus didn’t respond to His false accusers. But when Caiaphas, the High Priest, demanded in the name of God that the Word of God, YAHSHUA --- the R E A L High Priest, tell him whether He is the Son of God, the Messiah answered.

## YAHSHUA HA MESSIAH IS THE HIGH PRIEST

Mat 26:57 “*The mob laid hold on Jesus and led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.*”

Why did the mob take Jesus to Caiaphas? The reason is because Caiaphas wanted to kill Jesus. John 11:47-53 “The chief priests and the Pharisees formed a council to discuss Jesus, asking, what shall we do, for this man does many miracles? If we let him alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation. Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said to them, You’re stupid, the answer is simple: it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people so that the whole nation doesn’t perish. But he didn’t speak this of himself: *but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.* Then from that day forth they took counsel together to put Jesus to death.” Caiaphas, the high priest, wanted to preserve his position by killing Jesus, The High Priest.

How can the love of God overcome this evil of jealousy? By studying YAHSHUA as High Priest, we’ll see the answer.

MERCY & GRACE vs. judgment & condemnation

Heb 4:12-16 “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened to the eyes of him with whom we have to do. *Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.* For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” YAHSHUA understands Caiaphas’ jealousy, and when the tables are turned, Jesus will give Caiaphas mercy.

INTERCESSION (LEADS TO LIFE) vs. spearheading a council on death

Heb 7:1-28 “Melchizedec, whose name means *King of Righteousness*, is King of Salem, meaning *King of Peace*, and is priest of the most high God; he met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave tithes. And without all contradiction the less [Abraham] is blessed of the better [Melchizedec]. And the Levitical priests also, who receives tithes, paid tithes in Abraham. For Levi is a descendant of Abraham. If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchizedec? The law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by which we draw near to God. *Jesus lives forever and is able also to completely save them that come to God by him, seeing He’s always by God’s side making intercession for us.* Christ doesn’t need to offer up sacrifices daily, as did the Levitical priests: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. The law makes men high priests which have flaws and eventually die; but God makes His Son High Priest, and He has no flaws --- and will never die.”



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COMPASSION & OBEDIENCE vs. selfishness & disobedience

Heb 5:1-10 “For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: He can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way because he also is enclosed with weakness. Likewise, Christ, in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears to him that was able to save him from death, was heard in that he feared; Though he was a Son, yet he learned obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him; *Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchizedec.*”

LOVING (RIGHT THINGS FOR RIGHT REASONS)

Heb 8:5-10 “Priests serve as an example and shadow of heavenly things: remember when Moses was admonished by God when he was about to make the tabernacle? God said, “*See that you make all things according to the pattern showed to you in the mount.*” But now Jesus has obtained a more excellent ministry, seeing He is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. But finding fault with them, the Lord says, Behold, the days come 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 with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; that one they broke. This is the new covenant that I will make: I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts.”

## DENIED BY PETER

Mat 26:56, 58 “Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled. But Peter followed him afar off to the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.” Earlier, Jesus warned Peter that he would deny Jesus 3 times before the cock crew two times. Mat 26:34 “Jesus said Peter, this night, before the cock crows, you shall deny me 3 times. Peter responded, though I should die with you, yet I will not deny you”. Well, Peter reneged on his word. Let's look at the 3 denials; and let's look at the love of God expressed to Peter.

Mat 26:69-75 / Mark 14:66-72 / Luke 22:54-62 / John 18:25-27 “As Peter was beneath in the palace, there came one of the maids of the high priest: And when she saw Peter warming himself, *she looked upon him* [from Greek word “emlepo”, meaning to “**observe**” or “**discern clearly**”]; she wanted death; Jesus wants life!), and said, weren't you with Jesus of Nazareth? But he denied, saying, no, neither do understand I what you are saying. As he went out on the porch the cock crew. Then a girl saw him, and began to say to them that stood by, surely he is one of them: for he is a Galilaeen; we can tell by his accent. And he denied it again. After about an hour, one of the servants of the high priest, being cousin of Malchus, whose ear Peter cut off, said, didn't I see you in the garden with him?, But Peter began to curse and to swear, saying, I don't know this man! And the second time the cock crew. *Then the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter.* And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, Before the cock crows twice, **you shall deny me** three times. When Peter thought about it, he left the hall and wept bitterly.”

Do you think Peter might have thought about the conversation we now have recorded in Mat 16:24-27? “Then said Jesus to his disciples, **If any man will be my disciple, let him deny himself**, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.”

John 1:35-42 “John the Baptizer and two of his disciples looked upon Jesus as he walked, and John said, Behold the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, what do you seek? They responded, we want to know where you live. So Jesus brought them to His house. Andrew, one of the two that followed Jesus, later went to find his brother Peter to tell him that he had found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought Peter to Jesus. *When Jesus beheld him*, he said, you are Simon the son of Jonah: you shall be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone.”

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Mark 10:17-30 “And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said to him, Why do you call me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. You know the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honor Your father and mother. And he answered and said to him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then *Jesus beholding him loved him*, and said to him, One thing You lack: go Your way, sell whatsoever You have, and give to the poor, and You shall have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked round about, and said to his disciples, How hard it is for those that have riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And the disciples were astonished at his words, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? And *Jesus looking upon them* said, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible. Then Peter began to say to him, we have left all, and have followed you; what shall we have as a reward? Jesus answered, every man that has left his family, house, or lands, for my sake and for the gospel's, shall receive a hundred times more than what his had in this life, plus he shall receive eternal life in the world to come.” That’s a good deal. In fact, that’s the best deal in town.

Peter denied Jesus and let Jesus carry his own cross. But later, after Peter had received the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter denied himself and took up his own cross. Through God’s grace, Peter was granted repentance and forgiveness for forsaking his Lord. We can know for sure that God will do the same for us. For God will never leaves us or forsake us (Heb 13:5).

When God the Father, and our Lord Jesus the Christ look upon us, we should see Love in their eyes. And when people look us in the eyes, they should see love. Why? Because God is Love; and if God is IN us, we must be Love!

## THE LAMB THAT TAKES AWAY SIN

Please turn to Luke 23:13-25 “Pilate called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said to them, you have brought this man to me, as one that perverts the people: but I have examined him and so has Herod: neither one of us find him guilty, so He should not be put to death. I will therefore chastise him, and release him. (For it was a custom to release one prisoner on Passover day.) And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas [*Bar = Son; Abba = Father. Barabbas = Son of the Father. See Mark 14:36 “Jesus said, Abba, Father, all things are possible for you; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but your will be done.”; Rom 8:15 “You have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.”; Gal 4:6-7 “Because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Therefore, you are no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”*]; (Barabbas was a known criminal that had been cast into prison for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder.) [*Barabbas was the “son of Satan”. John 8:44 “You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”*]. Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spoke again to them. But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. And he said to them the third time, Why, what evil has he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go. And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed because they threatened to tell Ceasar that Pilate wasn’t his friend [John 19:12]. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. So he released Barabbas and delivered Jesus to be killed.”

Lev 16:7-10 “And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; **one lot for the LORD**, and **the other lot for the scapegoat**. And **Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering. But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, and will be let go into the wilderness.**”

Lev 16:15-16 “**Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins.**”



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Lev 16:20-22 “And when he has made an end of reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat: And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities to a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.”

Rom 5:1-11 “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: [*what do we have faith in?*] For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Scarcely for a righteous man will one die: there’s a better chance that for a good man some would dare to die. In contrast, God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Christ’s life. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but *we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.*”

Rev 20:1-3 “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.” Rev 20:7-10 “And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

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## THE GREEN TREE

Heb 12:5-11 “Have you forgotten the exhortation that speaks to you as children, My child, despise not the spankings of the Lord, for the Lord spans every child because He loves them; it is for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now, no spanking is pleasant in the present, instead, it hurts. Nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness for those that learn their lesson.” God doesn’t want any to perish. That’s what this next passage of scripture is talking about.

Luke 23:27-31 “And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning to them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, don’t weep for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in which they shall say, blessed are the barren wombs that never bore children, and the breasts which never nursed a baby. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. For *if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?*”

### Weep, but Don’t Weep

Jesus, the Lamb of God, was led as a lamb to the slaughter, to the sacrifice. Though many reproached and reviled him, yet some pitied him. But the death of Christ was his victory and triumph over his Satan, Sin & Society: it was our deliverance, the purchase of eternal life for us. Therefore *weep not for him, but let us weep for our own sins, and the sins of our children, which caused his death; and weep for fear of the miseries we shall bring upon ourselves, if we slight his love, and reject his grace.*

### Childless & Milkless

Mat 24:15-21 “When you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, then let them which be in Judah flee into the mountains: don’t even return from the field to gather provisions. *And woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!* But pray you that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the Sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.” [Destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD was a foreshadow].

### Fall on Us

Rev 6:9-17 “And when the Lamb [NOTE: the same Jesus whom we crucified!] had opened the 5<sup>th</sup> seal [NOTE: Mt 24 proves 5<sup>th</sup> seal = Great Tribulation.], I saw under the altar the souls of them that were murdered for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held. And I beheld when He had opened the 6<sup>th</sup> seal there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And people from all walks of life hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And *said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:* For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?”

### The Green Tree

This seems to be a proverbial expression, the sense of which is: if they spare not a tree which, by the beauty of its foliage, abundance and excellence of its fruits, deserves to be preserved, then the tree which is dry and withered will surely be cut down. The lesson is: if an innocent man that deserves to live be put to death in the face of justice by a people who profess to be governed and directed by Divine laws, what desolation, injustice, and oppression may not be expected, when anarchy and confusion sit in the place where judgment and justice formerly presided? The Green Tree is compared to a good man, and the Dry Tree to a bad man. Jesus was saying, if an innocent person suffers the way I am, what will become of the wicked? A Green Tree naturally resists fire, but a Dry Tree naturally attracts fire, being its proper fuel. The proverb here plainly means: if such sufferings alight upon The Innocent One, the very Lamb of God, what must be in store for those who are provoking the flames? What must be in store for those who are as ready for destruction as dry wood is for the fire?

The death of Christ was God’s victory over Satan, Sin & Society. His resurrection is the salvation of the world. Therefore weep not for him, but let us weep for our own sins if we slight his love, and reject his grace. If God delivered him up to such sufferings as these, because he was made a sacrifice for sin, what will he do with sinners themselves, who make themselves a dry tree, a corrupt and wicked generation, and good for nothing! The bitter sufferings of our Lord Jesus should make us stand in awe of the justice and love of God!

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## SEPARATING THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS

Luke 23:32-33 “And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there *they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.*”  
VV 39-43 “And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If you be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Don't you fear God, seeing you are in the same condemnation? We are being condemned justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man has done nothing amiss. *And he said to Jesus, Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom. And Jesus said to him, Truly I say to you, To day shall you be with me in paradise.*”

### Left & Right = Goat & Sheep

Mat 25:31-46 “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say to them on his right hand, Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and you gave me meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me drink: I was a stranger, and you took me in: Naked, and you clothed me: I was sick, and you visited me: I was in prison, and you came to me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came to thee? And the King shall answer and say to them, Verily I say to you, Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it to me. Then shall he say also to them on the left hand, Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungered, and you gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and you took me not in: naked, and you clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and you visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say to you, Inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”

### Rejoice in Deathbed Repentances

Mat 20:1-16 “For the kingdom of heaven is like to a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, And said to them; Go you also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and said to them, Why stand you here all the day idle? They say to him, Because no man has hired us. He said to them, Go you also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall you receive. So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard said to his steward, Call the laborers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last to the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the good man of the house, Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and you hast made them equal to us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not you agree with me for a penny? Take what is yours, and go thy way: I will give to this last, even as to thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is your eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.”

There is judgment; let's pray that many will come to repentance --- even if it's at the last moment!

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## SINNING IN IGNORANCE

Rev 20:1-6 “And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.”

Luke 23:34 “Then said Jesus, *Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.* And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.”

### Mercy & Judgment is God's Prerogative

Rom 9:6-18 “Not as though the word of God has taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son. And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calls;) It was said to her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. For he said to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that wills, nor of him that runs, but of God that shows mercy. For the scripture said to Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might show my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. *Therefore has he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardens.*

### God Blinds Some & Gives Sight to Some

Rom 11:1 “I say then, Has God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. VV 7-12 What then? Israel has not obtained that which it seeks for; but the election has obtained it, and **the rest were blinded to this day. (According as it is written, God has given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear).** And David said, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling block, and a recompense to them: Let their eyes be darkened that they may not see, and bow down their back always. I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come to the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness? VV 25-27 For I would not, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own conceits; that **blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved:** as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant to them, when I shall take away their sins. VV 32 *For God has concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.*”

Rom 5:10-14 “For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come. VV 19-21 **For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.** Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin has reigned to death, even so might grace reign through righteousness to eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Forgive them, for they sin in blindness; they sin in ignorance. This is the love of God: always wanting to FORgive; always wanting to GIVE. God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should have eternal life through Jesus the Christ!

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## GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO MOM

John 19:25-27 “Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. *When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he said to his mother, Woman, behold your son!* Then he said to the disciple, Behold your mother! And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.”

- Jesus took care of His mom. Have you made arrangements for your parents --- your prayers; your family/friends; your will; long term disability insurance for them?

Eph 6:2 “Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and you mayest live long on the earth.” Jesus will live forever! And He will reign on the earth.

- Jesus had brothers and sisters, but John had something special. John is the apostle of love. Mentions love 47 times. David is a man after God's own heart, but Psalms has love only 23 times. Solomon's Song, a love song to the Queen of Sheba, has love 23 times. Jesus connected w/John because of love. Are you that type of person? Can someone's mom be entrusted to your care?
- Mary Adopted John; John Adopted Mary

Gal 4:4 “But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore you art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”

Eph 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.”

Rom 8:14 “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”

Jesus is our Mom. Jesus is our everything.

Give a shout out to Mom!

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## ALL ALONE

Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

**Forsaken** is from Greek word en-kat-al-i'-po, spelled "egkateleipo", meaning, to desert; to leave behind.

Why was Jesus forsaken by our Father?

Isa 59:1-2 "Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."

David is a type of Jesus.

Psa 22:1-2 To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David. My God, my God, why hast you forsaken me? why art you so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? O my God, I cry in the daytime and at night, but you hearest not."

What is the result of sin? (1 Jn 3:4)

Rom 9:29 "Isaiah said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had **left** us a seed, we would be as Sodom and Gomorrha, i.e. totally destroyed!" God didn't totally forsake Israel; some are called into the Church now --- and the rest will be later! But Jesus was totally destroyed by our sins which He took upon Himself.

Jesus was forsaken --- temporarily! And He died!! But, He was resurrected!!!

Acts 2:25, 27, 31 David prophesied about the resurrection of Christ when he said, "You will not **leave** His soul in hell, neither will You let Your Holy One see corruption."

We may forsake God ...

2 Tim 4:10 "For Demas hath **forsaken** me, having loved this present world, and is departed to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia."

But God won't forsake us!

Heb 13:5 "Let your conduct be without covetousness; and be content with such things as you have: for he hath said, I will never leave you, nor **forsake** you. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do to me."



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## I CAME, I CONQUERED!

John 19:30 “When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, *It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the Spirit.*” Finished is from the Greek word “teleo”, meaning, to complete a job; or to discharge a debt.

“It is finished” is not a sigh of relief that His suffering had ended.

Phil 2:5-11 “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: *And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross.* Wherefore God also has highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

How was Jesus able to endure the death of the cross?

Heb 12:1-3 “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, *Looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.* For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest you be wearied and faint in your minds.”

“It is finished” is a triumphant proclamation of victory!!!! I came; I conquered!

Luke 23:46 “And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, *Father, into your hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the Spirit.*”

**Commend** is from Greek word “para ti themi”, meaning, to deposit in a trustworthy place for protection.

John 10:9-18 “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief came not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. But he that is a hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees: and the wolf catches them, and scatters the sheep. The hireling flees, because he is a hireling, and cares not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knows me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, **that I might take it again.** *No man takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself.* I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.”

# GOD IS LOVE; WE MUST BE LOVE!

## BAPTIZED IN BLOOD AND WATER

John 19:31-34 “The Jews requested that Pilate break the legs of those on the cross so that they would die quickly, and be taken away, because it was the preparation day, and they didn’t want the bodies to remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day, (and they were all the more urgent because that Sabbath day was an high day). Then came the soldiers and broke the legs of the two criminals crucified with Jesus. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was already dead, they didn’t break his legs: instead one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, *causing blood and water to come out.*” How is God demonstrating His Love through this act? The key to the answer is in the **real purpose** of the blood and water.

Heb 9:1 “The first covenant had [physical] ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.”

Heb 9:23 “It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these [physical ordinances of divine service]; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.” First, let’s learn about the real purposes of the blood.

### 1. Blood for purifying

Heb 9:10-14 “These [physical ordinances of divine service] stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on Israel until the time of reformation. But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. *For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*”

### 2. Blood for remission

Heb 9:19-22 “After Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament with which God has been joined with you. Moreover, he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and *without the shedding of blood there is no remission [of sins].*” Secondly, let’s learn about the real purposes of the water.

### 1. Water for washing away sins

(Story of Paul’s conversion)

Acts 22:12-16 “Ananias, a devout man according to the law, came to me and said, Brother Saul, receive your sight. And the same hour I looked up at him. And he said, you shall be God’s witness to all men regarding what you have seen and heard. So what are you waiting for? Arise in the name of the Lord, and *be baptized for the washing away of your sins.*”

### 2. Water for washing away sinful minds & hearts

Eph 5:25-27 “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might *sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word*, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, nor wrinkle, nor any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”

CONCLUSION has two lessons:

#### A) Water and Blood for death & life

Rom 6:3-4 “Don’t you know that everyone who is baptized into Jesus Christ is baptized into his death? Therefore *we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*” Verse 11: “Likewise reckon you also yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

#### B) The soldier (a type of the world) was baptized = The enemy was defeated by blood and water!

When the soldier came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, he didn’t break his legs: instead he *pierced his side with a spear, causing blood and water to come out.*” 1 John 5:4-5 “For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. He that overcomes the world is he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God? *Jesus came by blood and water.* This is the love of God.

# GOD IS LOVE; WE MUST BE LOVE!

The manifestation of God's love didn't stop when Jesus died. One of the events that occurred immediately thereafter also demonstrated God's love for you and me. It was when the veil of the temple was torn in two. But how does this demonstrate the Love of God?

## NOW I CAN SEE YOU (GOD)

Mk 15:38-39 "And, behold, *the veil of the temple was ripped in two from the top to the bottom* [signifying a divine occurrence]; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent. And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he said, **Truly this man was the Son of God.**"

### In God's bedroom

Heb 9:1-15 "The first covenant had ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; wherein the first part was contained the candlestick, and the table, and the showbread; which is called the sanctuary. *Then there was a veil,* And *after the veil,* there was a second part called the Holy of Holies, which contained the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant, and the tables of the covenant, and the mercy seat. Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, with blood from an animal, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: *The Holy Spirit signifying that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest,* while as the first tabernacle was yet standing. By contrast, Christ is a high priest of the heavenly tabernacle; and it's through His own blood that he entered in once for all time into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us, and the promise of eternal inheritance."

### Jesus is the door

Heb 6:11-20 "And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope to the end: That you be not slothful, but followers of them who **through faith and patience inherit the promises.** Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which enters into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec." Heb 7:25-27 "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come to God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needs not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself." Heb 10:18-23 "Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, *through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;* And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; **for He is faithful that promised.**"

### Turn on the lights

2 Cor 3:3-16 "You are the epistle of Christ, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter kills, but the spirit gives life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraved in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: How much more glorious is the ministration of the spirit? Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: *But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.* But even to this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when Israel turns to the Lord in faith, the veil shall be taken away."

Vanquishing the veil unveiled God the Father through Jesus the Son.

# GOD IS LOVE; WE MUST BE LOVE!

## NOW I CAN SEE YOU (MAN)

Mk 15:38-39 “And, behold, *the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom*; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent. And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.”

### Destroy deep seated nationalism, racism, and religionism

Acts 10:25-45 “And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man. And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together. And he said to them, *You know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come to one of another nation; but God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.* Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, ***Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:*** But in every nation he that fears him, and works righteousness, is accepted with him. While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Rev 5:9-10 “And they sung a new song, saying, You art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for you was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood *out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us to our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*”

### We are family

Eph 2:11-22 “Wherefore remember, that you being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus you who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. *For he is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us;* Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both to God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together grows to an holy temple in the Lord: In whom you also are built together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”

Gal 3:26-29 “For you are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you be Christ's, then are you Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

### Can't we just get along?!!!

Col 3:4-15 “When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which you also walked some time, when you lived in them. But now you also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that you have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: *Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do you. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also you are called in one body; and be you thankful.*”

If your congregation isn't embracing people from all walks of life then you should find a congregation that does!

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## NOW I CAN SEE YOU (TRUTH)

Mat 27:51 “And, behold, *the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom*; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent.”

### School is now in session

John 7:33-39 “Jesus said, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go to him that sent me. You shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, there you cannot come. Then the Jews wondered, Where will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go to the dispersed among the Gentiles? Then Jesus said, If any man thirst, let him come to me, and drink. He that believes on me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this he spoke of the Spirit, which **they that believe on him** would receive in the future: for *the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified.*)”

### Holy Spirit is a Truth instructor

John 16:7-13 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I don't go away, the Comforter will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send it to you. I have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. Howbeit *when the Spirit of truth is come, it will guide you into all truth.*”

### Only 2 or 3 have a PhD

1 Cor 2:1-12 “When I came to you declaring the testimony of God, I didn't come with excellency of speech or of wisdom. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. My speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. We speak the wisdom of God in a **mystery, even the hidden wisdom**, which God ordained before the world to our glory: **Which none of the princes of this world knew**: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. *But God has revealed them to us by his Spirit*: for the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man, except the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knows no man, except through the Spirit of God. We haven't received the spirit of the world, we've received the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us by God.”

What are some of the Truths the Holy Spirit leads us into?

### Mystery of Unity in Christ

Eph 1:3-14 “Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: **According as he hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: That we should be to the praise of his glory, **who first trusted in Christ** after we heard the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation. Having predestinated us to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will. *Having made known to us the mystery of his will*: That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together all things in Christ, both in heaven and on earth.”

### Mystery of the Gentiles

Eph 3:2-9 “You have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God: How that by revelation he made known to me the mystery, **which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men**, *as it is now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit*; That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel. It is my privilege to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, **which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God**, who created all things by Jesus Christ.”

Thy Word is Truth.

# **GOD IS LOVE; WE MUST BE LOVE!**

## **WE WILL LIVE AGAIN!**

Mat 27:52-54 “And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared to many. Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, saw the earthquake, and the resurrection, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.”

Heb 11:13-16 “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.” Heb 11:39-40 “And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise because God wants those of us who are alive to receive the promise at the same time.”

1 Th 4:13-17 “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. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 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. 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: 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.”

1 Cor 15:20-23 “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.”

Rev 20:4-6 “And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.

Ezek 37:11-14 “Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.”



# GOD IS LOVE; WE MUST BE LOVE!

## JESUS IS COMING AGAIN!

Mark 16:2-6 “Very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came to the tomb at the rising of the sun. And an angel said, You seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here. Go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that Jesus goes before you into Galilee: there shall you see him, as he said to you.”

John 20:15-20 “Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things to her. Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and says to them, Peace be to you. And when he had so said, he showed to them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples **glad, when they saw the Lord.**”

Acts 1:6-11 “When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, *wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?* And he said to them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses to me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, You men of Galilee, why stand you gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven.”

Heb 9:24-28 “For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest enters into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world has he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed to men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and to them that look for him shall *he appear the second time without sin to salvation.*”