

Jesus Said:



“Do you get the sense of it?”

(Mark 4:11-12 on page 18)

This is a brief overview of what Jesus Christ taught. Make no mistake, however, Jesus taught the total of what is recorded in the Gospels. If there were a short cut version, that is what he would have conveyed. You share the same responsibility falling to each and every person alive: We must all know what Jesus taught.^A His teachings are actually an easy study, though, being contained in the four short Gospel accounts inspired by God^B and penned by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. This is an attempt to thumb nail sketch those Bible teachings. Upon considering this synopsis, *you must* then prove yourself noble minded^C by reading for yourself what Jesus taught. Don't trust us! Read the book of John to verify our assertions (or the other Gospels). Please realize, it is a special time in the history of man. Unlike any before us, we have the opportunity to stay alive forever!(Job 33:21-30 page 4) Don't get trapped (along with most of the world's religious people) into worrying about organizational doctrine and sectarianism. It is what Jesus Christ actually taught that forms the one and only basis for Christianity. If you learn what Jesus said, you will be set free of the ungodly influence of men.^D Coming to understand how what Jesus said has special application for our day in time is important. Much of the world today claim faith in Christ, without any real regard for (or even knowledge of) his teachings.^(Mat 7:21-23 pg 8) If you are to have faith in Christ, doesn't that imply *you must know him, by knowing what he*

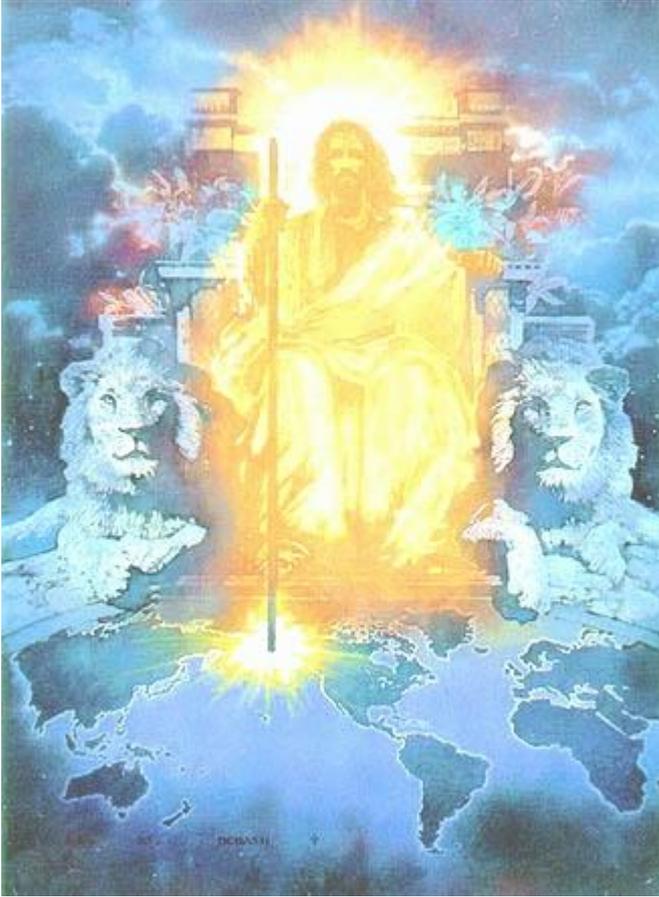
^A Luke 10:38-42 God's Word Translation As they were traveling along, Jesus went into a village. A woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. (39) She had a sister named Mary. Mary sat at the Lord's feet and listened to him talk. (40) But Martha was upset about all the work she had [*chose*] to do. So she asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work all by myself? Tell her to help me." (41) The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha! You worry and fuss about a lot of things. (42) There's only one thing you need (our need is to learn what Jesus taught). Mary has made the right choice, and that one thing will not be taken away from her."

^B 2 Peter 1:21 Good News Bible For no prophetic message ever came just from the human will, but people were under the control of the Holy Spirit as they spoke the message that came from God.
2 Timothy 3:16-17 Darby (16) Every scripture *is* divinely inspired, and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; (17) that the man of God may be complete, fully fitted to every good work.

^C Acts 17:11 Darby And these were more noble [*for noble minded*] than those in Thessalonica, receiving the word with all readiness of mind, daily searching the scriptures if these things were so.

^D John 8:31b-32 Analytical Literal Translation ..."If you remain in My word, [*or obey my teachings, or live by what I say*] truly you are My disciples. (32) "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free!"

taught! How could you imagine to have real faith in what you don't know and understand?^E



(Revelation 19:15) ¹⁵ And out of his mouth there protrudes a sharp long sword, that he may strike the nations with it, and he will shepherd them with a rod of iron... Christ will be heard. The only question for each one of us is whether we choose to hear, or we are determined to be forced.

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^E Romans 10:14 GW But how can people call on him if they have not believed in him? How can they believe in him if they have not heard his message? How can they hear if no one tells the Good News?

What Jesus Christ Said:

Jesus said knowing what he came to teach means ~~our~~ your very life.

John 17:3 Good News Bible (GNB) And eternal life means to know you, the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ, whom you sent.

God is looking to help all those who are seeking him.^F The way he helps each and every one of us is always exactly the same: By directing us

^F **2 Chronicles 16:9a Darby (9)** For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro through the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward him...

2 Chronicles 16:9a GNB The LORD [*Jehovah*] keeps close watch over the whole world, to give strength to those whose hearts are loyal to him..."

We quote the above scripture from two translations of the Bible. The Darby translation of 1890 uses the English translation of the self-given divine name of God (as do many other translations). The Good News Bible translation, however, along with some others, replaced the divine name ("הוהי" is God's name from the original text) with LORD in all capitols. When the original Hebrew word really was lord, they use Lord with one capitol L. Lord is a title while LORD (הוהי) is the personal name of God. Lord and הוהי [*Jehovah*] are not interchangeable words. Some people will say God has many names. They are in a sense right. You can call upon a God by whatever name you want to use. The Bible, however, makes clear only one "name" for the true God, and the modern English translation of that name is Jehovah! The translators who replaced God's name did so because of a superstition that developed against pronouncing the divine name. They were wrong to not use it at all! Since our Creator had his name recorded over 6000 times (that is not a misprint) in the original language (Old Testament – OT) Bible record (the OT recounts the 4000 years before Christ was born), it is important to know God's name. Jesus said in John 17:3^(page 1) that we need to know both he and his Father. Jesus makes clear it is important for you to know God's name.^(G) The Bible says the followers of Jesus Christ are to call themselves Christians. **Acts 11:26b MWT ... it was first in Antioch that the disciples were by divine providence called Christians.** Jehovah's Witnesses (JWs) are a group who have decided to adopt the name of Jesus's Father for their group. All sectarian groups

individually to the teachings of his son. Jesus, in turn, teaches us to know his Father: [Matthew 11:25-27 Contemporary English Version \(CEV\)](#) At that moment Jesus said: My Father, Lord of heaven and earth, I am grateful that you hid all this from wise and educated people and showed it to ordinary people. (26) Yes, Father, that is what pleased you. (27) My Father has given me everything, and he is the only one who knows the Son. The only one who truly knows the Father is the Son. But the Son wants to tell others about the Father, so that they can know him too.

Jesus wanted us to glorify his Father's name.^G & ^(F) Jesus also taught this old world system would end, but that he would prove to be a salvation out of the coming destruction for all those who exercise faith in him:

have chosen a name other than Christian to glorify themselves as special and different: [[\(Genesis 11:4\) New World Translation](#) ⁴ They now said: "Come on! Let us build ourselves a city and also a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a celebrated name for ourselves, . . .] Along with creating their own name (or, their reason for doing so is), all these sectarian religions are trying to replace Christ in your life:^(S) They have replaced Christ if they can convince you your only hope of salvation rests in your association with their group, and in being an approved member of their sect.^[(S) & Mat 7:21-24 on page 8] Because of the judgmental and dogmatic sectarian nature of Jehovah's Witnesses, some people have become uncomfortable using Jehovah's name for fear of being associated with their group. Don't let them have such a huge influence *in your life*. Express you are a Christian ^(as per Acts 11:26 on pg 1) and that you believe our hope lies in being a living expression of faith in Jesus Christ as the son of the true God Jehovah. Do not seek approval by some sect of men. Get the sense of Jesus's words that we must know both his Father and him.^(John 17:3-page 1) Could you profess you really know God if you don't even know his name? Know both Jehovah and his son! ([Matthew 16:16 CEV](#) Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Messiah [*or Christ*], the Son of the living God.")

[Proverbs 30:4 ESV](#) Who has ascended to heaven and come down? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name? Surely you know!

^G [John 17:25-26 ALT](#) "Righteous Father indeed the world did not know You. But I knew You, and these knew [*or, came to know*]

Matthew 24:3 CEV Later, as Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, his disciples came to him in private and asked, "When will this happen? What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the world?" Matthew 24:36-39 Darby But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of the heavens, but *my* Father alone. (37) But as the days of Noe [*Noah*], so also shall be the coming of the Son of man (Jesus). (38) For as they were in the days which were before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day on which Noe entered into the ark, (39) and they knew not till the flood came and took all away; thus also shall be the coming of the Son of man.

1 Peter 3:20b Darby ...when the longsuffering of God waited in *the* days of Noah while the ark was preparing, into which few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water:

Individuals have already been being saved *to the hope of a resurrection*, of course, by their faith in Jesus. That has been happening since he walked the earth 2000 years ago.

1 Peter 3:21-22 GW Baptism, which is like that [*flood*] water, now saves you. Baptism doesn't save by removing dirt from the body. Rather, baptism is a request to God for a clear conscience. It saves you through [*faith in*] Jesus Christ, who came back from death to life. (22) Christ has gone to heaven where he has the highest position that God gives. Angels, rulers, and powers have been placed under his authority.~

Luke 14:14b MWT Peter 3:21 ...“God will bless you and reward you when his people rise from death [*or, in the resurrection of the righteous ones*].”

that You sent Me. (26) "And I made Your name known to them, and I will make [*it*] known, so that the love [*with*] which You loved Me shall be in them and I in them."

Please note and understand: Jesus not only promised the resurrection, he also promised a future day when those alive (at the time he returned as king)^H would have no need of the resurrection, because they would never die at all:

John 11:23-26 ALT Jesus says to her, "Your brother will rise again." (24) Martha says to Him, "I know that he will rise again, in the resurrection in the last day." (25) Jesus said to her, "I am the Resurrection and the Life! The one believing in Me, even if he dies, he will live! (26) "And every [one] living [at the time of his return] and believing [or, trusting] in Me shall by no means die into the age [fig., forever]! Do you believe this [or, Are you convinced of this]?"

Jesus would often say "it is written,"^I or "have you never read," just before he quoted the Hebrew Scriptures as his authority. When Jesus stated those alive at the time of his return as king would never die at all, he likely had in mind what his Father inspired to be recorded in Job:

Job 33:21-30 GNB Their bodies waste away to nothing; you can see all their bones; (22) they are about to go to the world of the

^H Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/TheComingOfTheKing.html>

^I Mark 11:17-18 GNB He then taught the people: "It is written in the Scriptures that God said, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer for the people of all nations.' But you have turned it into a hideout for thieves!" [Isa. 56:7; Jer. 7:11] (18) The chief priests and the teachers of the Law [*the religious leaders*] heard of this, so they began looking for some way to kill Jesus. They were afraid of him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching. Matthew 21:15-16 ALT But when the chief priests and the scribes [*religious leaders*] saw the marvelous [*things*] which He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "We give praise to You, the Son of David," they were indignant. (16) And they said to Him, "Do You hear what these [*ones*] are saying?" But Jesus says to them, "Yes, did you never read, 'Out of [*the*] mouth of young children and nursing infants You prepared praise for Yourself?'" [Psalm 8:2]

dead. (23) Perhaps an angel may come to their aid--- one of God's thousands of angels, who remind us of our duty. (24) In mercy the angel will say, "Release them! They are not to go down to the world of the dead. Here is the ransom to set them free." (25) Their bodies will grow young and strong again; (26) when they pray, God will answer; they will worship God with joy; God will set things right for them again. (27) Each one will say in public, "I have sinned. I have not done right, but God spared me. (28) He kept me from going to the world of the dead, and I am still alive." (29) God does all this again and again; (30) each one saves a person's life [*by sharing Jesus's teachings with him (or her)*], and gives him the joy of living.

We believe our day is "that day" which Jesus spoke of. If so, it is very important to understand and have faith in what Jesus said. Jesus many times said *our faith* would heal (or help) us.^J Think about what that really means! As we build faith in the promises of God, and exercise faith in Christ (by showing love^K and speaking

^J Matthew 8:5-13 GNB When Jesus entered Capernaum, a Roman officer met him and begged for help: (6) "Sir, my servant is sick in bed at home, unable to move and suffering terribly." (7) "I will go and make him well," [*or "I will make him well when I get there,"*] Jesus said. (8) "Oh no, sir," answered the officer. "I do not deserve to have you come into my house. Just give the order, and my servant will get well. (9) I, too, am a man under the authority of superior officers, and I have soldiers under me. I order this one, 'Go!' and he goes; and I order that one, 'Come!' and he comes; and I order my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." (10) When Jesus heard this, he was surprised and said to the people following him, "I tell you, I have never found anyone in Israel with faith like this. (11) I assure you that many will come from the east and the west and sit down with [*the resurrected*] Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of heaven. (12) But those who should be in the Kingdom will be thrown out into the darkness, where they will cry and gnash their teeth." (13) Then Jesus said to the officer, "Go home, and what you believe will be done for you." [*or "just as you have had faith, it will happen for you."*] And the officer's servant was healed that very moment.

^K Romans 13:9-10 CEV In the Law there are many commands... But all of these are summed up in the command that says, "Love others as much as you love yourself." (10) No one who loves others will harm them. So love is all that the Law demands.

the truth we have learned from the Bible^L), what we have faith in will simply become our reality. That is exactly what Christ promised!^M You need to prove to yourself, from your own Bible, if what we say is really true. Read Matthew, Mark, Luke and [John](#), not once, but over and over many times. You can't believe us if you don't know it is what Jesus said. You can rely on him. The Bible says the law code was a tutor leading to Christ.^N We can actually think of the whole of the Bible (outside the Gospels) as being a tutor leading to Christ. All those Bible books exist to introduce Jesus, and then to help us have faith in him. Those Gospel Books, however, actually are the Christ as far as our needs go. He still speaks to us from their pages. Those alive in the days when he walked the earth were favored to be able to sit at the feet of God's son and listen, so as to learn.^O They could also be healed by him.^O

Matthew 5:43-48 CEV You have heard people say, "Love your neighbors and hate your enemies." (44) But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you. (45) Then you will be acting like your Father in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both good and bad people. And he sends rain for the ones who do right and for the ones who do wrong. (46) If you love only those people who love you, will God reward you for that? Even tax collectors love their friends. (47) If you greet only your friends, what's so great about that? Don't even unbelievers do that? (48) But you must always act like your Father in heaven.

^L Ephesians 4:25 ESV Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

^M Matthew 9:27-30a ALT And Jesus passing on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Be merciful to us, Son of David!" (28) Then when He came to the house, the blind men approached Him, and Jesus says to them, "Do you believe [have faith] that I am able to do this?" They say to Him, "Yes, Lord." (29) Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it happen to you." (30) And their eyes were opened!...

^N Galatians 3:24 ALT Therefore, the Law has become our tutor [*to lead us*] to Christ, so that by faith we should be justified [*or, declared righteous*].

^O Luke 6:19 Darby And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power went out from him and healed all.

We actually have that same opportunity today.^P Simply make the effort to sit at his feet by reading the Bible, focusing on *what he taught* in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Those healed by Jesus 2000 years ago went on to get old and die, along with their contemporaries. Even those resurrected by him still got old, and then died again. As his kingdom takes over rulership of the earth,^(AA) our healing is for eternity. We have the opportunity, as no one alive (since Adam and Eve) has ever had, to build faith for everlasting life.^Q If the reestablishment of God's kingdom is still a few years away, our faith will put us in line for the resurrection along with all those faithful persons of bygone days. If Christ's kingdom is now ruling, or ready to, our faith means eternal life. Building faith in Christ is that thing they say: a win-win situation. Jesus said: [Luke 13:24-29 GW](#) "Try hard to enter through the narrow door. I can guarantee that many will try to enter, but they won't succeed. (25) After the homeowner gets up and closes the door, it's too late. You can stand outside, knock at the door, and say, 'Sir, open the door for us!' But he will answer you, 'I don't know who you are.' (26) Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' (27) But he will tell you, 'I don't know who you are. Get away from me, all you evil people.' (28) Then you will cry and be in extreme pain. That's what you'll do when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets. They'll be [*resurrected*] in the kingdom of God, but you'll be thrown out. (29) People will come from all over the world and will eat in the kingdom of God. Please note: Jesus said he would

^P [Hebrews 4:12-13 ESV](#) For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (13) And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

^Q [Hebrews 10:35-39 ALT](#) Therefore, you shall not throw off your confidence [*or, joyful sense of freedom, or, freeness of speech*], which has great reward. (36) For you have need of patient endurance, so that having done the will of God, you shall receive the promise. (37) "For yet [*in*] a very little while, the One coming will come and will not delay. (38) "But the [*one*] righteous by faith will live [*or, the righteous will live by faith*]; and if he draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." [*Hab 2:3,4*] (39) But we are not of [*the ones*] shrinking back to destruction, but of [*the ones having*] faith to [*the*] preserving [*alive*] of [*the*] soul.

tell some people who thought they knew Jesus to get away because he didn't know them. He also said the reason he didn't know them was *because* they remained workers of lawlessness. He taught a similar thing at [Matthew 7:21-24: GW](#) "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord!' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the person who does what my Father in heaven wants. (22) Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name? Didn't we force out demons and do many miracles by the power and authority of your name?' (23) Then I will tell them publicly, 'I've never known you. Get away from me, you evil people [or workers of lawlessness].' (24) "Therefore, everyone who hears what I say and obeys it will be like a wise person who built a house on rock."

According to those warnings by Jesus, just having faith is *not* enough. It must be faith in truth. Jesus also said we must also obey that truth. It is our obedience that actually demonstrates our faith.^R Your faith and obedience is how Jesus knows you; which first requires that you really and truly know him.^(D) In other words, your faith must be built on what Jesus Christ actually did teach. Many people are saying Jesus taught this thing or that thing.^S The

^R 1 John 5:3 CEV We show our love for God by obeying his commandments, and they are not hard to follow.

^S Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/WhereIsChrist.pdf>

[Matthew 24:23-28 Modern World Translation](#) ²³ "Then if anyone says to you, 'Look! Here is the Christ,' or, 'There!' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will give great signs and wonders so as to mislead, if possible, even the chosen ones. ²⁵ Look! I have forewarned you. ²⁶ Therefore, if people say to you, 'Look! He is in the wilderness,' do not go out; 'Look! He is in the inner chambers,' do not believe it. ²⁷ For just as the lightning comes out of eastern parts and illuminates even the western parts, so the presence of the Son of man will be. ²⁸ Wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together. The carcass of Christ might be thought of as his remains, or what is left of him. What he left us is his word as recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Gather with all those wise persons feeding on his body today. [Matthew 26:26-29 GW](#) While they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take this, and eat it. This is my body." (27) Then he took a cup and spoke a prayer of thanksgiving. He gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you. (28) This is my blood, the blood of

only way you can be certain your faith is based on his actual teachings, however, is to read and know for yourself what he did teach. Don't take our word (or anyone else's) for what Jesus said.^(S) Become familiar with Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. (Those Gospel Books are only about fifty pages each.)

If you discuss what you read in this booklet and on justbibletruth.com, some people will suggest we are separatists. They will speak of rebellion against the ecclesiastics [pillars and supports of truth]. Do not be misguided by such gibberish. Those people only want to turn you from your search for the truth contained in the Bible, and only contained in the Bible. Useless debate about terms that don't even appear in the Bible is a waste of time at best. Creating the term and talking about separatists is just a rehash of the apostate church talking about Protestants. The original Protestants broke from the established (but apostate) holy Roman church of the dark ages.^T They weren't Protestants as they broke away. They were just Bible students. Protestant was a derogatory term coined by the apostate church because those individuals had the audacity to abandon the Church's unscriptural doctrine (its lies). So... Those labeled as Protestants by the apostate church were actually just sincere Bible students. They were Christians who saw, from reading the teachings of Jesus, the great failure of organized religion. Sadly, these new independent Christians soon became obsessed with talking about and taking pride in themselves and their new group. Then, they took pride in being thought of as "Protestants." Rather than continuing as Bible students, they created new doctrines for themselves and became what they had left behind.^U In shifting their concern to the new sect they had formed, they once again left being Christians as they took pride in being Protestants. As they constructed their new organization's doctrine, they left the truth of the Bible they had just discovered and returned to being religionists,^V which was the very thing they had protested and abandoned. Keeping yourself buried in what Jesus Christ taught is your only protection against

the promise. It is poured out for many people so that sins are forgiven. (29) "I can guarantee that I won't drink this wine again until that day when I drink new wine with you in my Father's kingdom."

^T Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/DarkAges.html>

^U Visit: http://www.justbibletruth.com/Observations/Organized_How.html

^V Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/WhereIsChrist.pdf>

being misled, and/or, from misleading yourself. Some people want to talk about things like some of the apostles *possibly* being crucified upside down. If such facts are not in the Bible, how could you verify them to be true? Even if you could know they were true, if it's not in the Bible, what impact could it possibly have on your faith? What impact would you allow it to have on your faith? None, we pray! Get your education from Christ in the Gospels.

If the idea that Jesus is now sorting mankind^(Mat 25:31-34-back page) by our response to the teachings he left^W seems farfetched to you, remember Noah and Lot and Rahab.^X Noah being told to build a

^W John 12:47-50 GNB If people hear my message and do not obey it, I will not judge them. I came, not to judge the world, but to save it. (48) Those who reject me and do not accept my message have one who will judge them. The words I have spoken will be their judge on the last day! (49) This is true, because I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has commanded me what I must say and speak. (50) And I know that his command brings eternal life. What I say, then, is what the Father has told me to say."

^X Joshua 2:1-23 CEV Joshua chose two men as spies and sent them from their camp at Acacia with these instructions: "Go across the river and find out as much as you can about the whole region, especially about the town of Jericho." The two spies left the Israelite camp at Acacia and went to Jericho, where they decided to spend the night at the house of a prostitute named Rahab. (2) But someone found out about them and told the king of Jericho, "Some Israelite men came here tonight, and they are spies." (3) So the king sent soldiers to Rahab's house to arrest the spies. Meanwhile, Rahab had taken the men up to the flat roof of her house and had hidden them under some piles of flax plants that she had put there to dry. The soldiers came to her door and demanded, "Let us have the men who are staying at your house. They are spies." She answered, "Some men did come to my house, but I didn't know where they had come from. They left about sunset, just before it was time to close the town gate. I don't know where they were going, but if you hurry, maybe you can catch them." The guards at the town gate let the soldiers leave Jericho, but they closed the gate again as soon as the soldiers went through. Then the soldiers headed toward the Jordan River to look for the spies at the place where people cross the river. (4) & (5) &

(6) & (7) (*SEE 2:3*) (8) Rahab went back up to her roof. The spies were still awake, so she told them: (9) I know that the LORD [*Jehovah*^(F)] has given Israel this land. Everyone shakes with fear because of you. (10) We heard how the LORD [*Jehovah*^(F)] dried up the Red Sea so you could leave Egypt. And we heard how you destroyed Sihon and Og, those two Amorite kings east of the Jordan River. (11) We know that the LORD [*Jehovah*^(F)] your God rules heaven and earth, and we've lost our courage and our will to fight. (12) Please promise me in the LORD's [*Jehovah*'s^(F)] name that you will be as kind to my family as I have been to you. Do something to show (13) that you won't let your people kill my father and mother and my brothers and sisters and their families. (14) "Rahab," the spies answered, "if you keep quiet about what we're doing, we promise to be kind to you when the LORD [*Jehovah*^(F)] gives us this land. We pray that the LORD [*Jehovah*^(F)] will kill us if we don't keep our promise!" (15) Rahab's house was built into the town wall, and one of the windows in her house faced outside the wall. She gave the spies a rope, showed them the window, and said, "Use this rope to let yourselves down to the ground outside the wall. (16) Then hide in the hills. The men who are looking for you won't be able to find you there. They'll give up and come back after a few days, and you can be on your way." (17) The spies said: You made us promise to let you and your family live. We will keep our promise, but you can't tell anyone why we were here. You must tie this red rope on your window when we attack, and your father and mother, your brothers, and everyone else in your family must be here with you. We'll take the blame if anyone who stays in this house gets hurt. But anyone who leaves your house will be killed, and it won't be our fault. (18) & (19) & (20) (*SEE 2:17*) (21) "I'll do exactly what you said," Rahab promised. Then she sent them on their way and tied the red rope to the window. (22) The spies hid in the hills for three days while the king's soldiers looked for them along the roads. As soon as the soldiers gave up and returned to Jericho, (23) the two spies went down into the Jordan valley and crossed the river. They reported to Joshua and told him everything that had happened.

Joshua 6:20-21 CEV The priests blew their trumpets again, and the soldiers shouted as loud as they could. The walls of Jericho fell flat. Then the soldiers rushed up the hill, went straight into the town, and captured it. (21) They killed everyone, men and women, young and old, everyone except Rahab and the others in

boat to save himself and his household^Y seemed unreasonable (or even foolish) to most of the people in his day. Lot being told to take his family and flee the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah seemed like foolishness to most everyone he knew. The Bible tells us some of the people Lot tried to lead from the city viewed him as “someone who was joking” (or silly).^Z By following God’s simple command to hang a scarlet cord from the window of her dwelling in Jericho’s city wall, Rahab preserved not only herself, but all her father’s household as well. Even though she was not a Jewess, Rahab was used by Jehovah^(F) as an ancestress of the Christ.^(X) What an honor for her faithfulness.

her house. They even killed every cow, sheep, and donkey. Joshua said to the two men who had been spies, "Rahab kept you safe when I sent you to Jericho. We promised to protect her and her family, and we will keep that promise. Now go into her house and bring them out." The two men went into Rahab's house and brought her out, along with her father and mother, her brothers, and her other relatives. Rahab and her family had to stay in a place just outside the Israelite army camp. But later they were allowed to live among the Israelites, and her descendants still do...

Matthew 1:1-2 CEV Jesus Christ came from the family of King David and also from the family of Abraham. And this is a list of his ancestors. From Abraham to King David, his ancestors were: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah and his brothers (Judah's sons were Perez and Zerah, and their mother was Tamar), Hezron; Ram, Amminadab, Nahshon, Salmon, Boaz (his mother was Rahab), Obed (his mother was Ruth), Jesse, and King David. Even though she was not a Jew, Rahab became an ancestress of Jesus.

^Y Hebrews 11:7 CEV Because Noah had faith, he was warned about something that had not yet happened. He obeyed and built a boat that saved him and his family. In this way the people of the world were judged, and Noah was given the blessings that come to everyone who pleases God.

^Z Genesis 19:14 LITV And Lot went out to speak to his sons-in-law, those taking his daughters. And he said, Rise up, go out from this place, for Jehovah is about to destroy the city. And he seemed as one joking to his sons-in-law.

If you are to be a survivor of the end of this old system of things, and enter the Promised Land^{AA} under the reestablished kingdom of David,^{BB} you must have a faith like Noah and Lot and Rahab.

^{AA} Isaiah 11:1-10 CEV Like a branch that sprouts from a stump, someone from David's family will someday be king. (2) The Spirit of the LORD [Jehovah^(F)] will be with him to give him understanding, wisdom, and insight. He will be powerful, and he will know and honor the LORD [Jehovah^(F)]. (3) His greatest joy will be to obey the LORD [Jehovah^(F)]. This king won't judge by appearances or listen to rumors. (4) The poor and the needy will be treated with fairness and with justice. His word will be law everywhere in the land, and criminals will be put to death. (5) Honesty and fairness will be his royal robes. (6) Leopards will lie down with young goats, and wolves will rest with lambs. Calves and lions will eat together and be cared for by little children. (7) Cows and bears will share the same pasture; their young will rest side by side. Lions and oxen will both eat straw. (8) Little children will play near snake holes. They will stick their hands into dens of poisonous snakes and never be hurt. (9) Nothing harmful will take place on the LORD's [Jehovah's^(F)] holy mountain. Just as water fills the sea, the land will be filled with people who know and honor the LORD [Jehovah^(F)]. (10) The time is coming when one of David's descendants will be the signal for the people of all nations to come together. They will follow his advice, and his own nation will become famous.

^{BB} Mark 11:10 CEV God bless the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Hooray for God in heaven above!" [As a descendant of David, the establishment of Christ's kingdom is considered the reestablishment of David's. The days of David's rule were good.] Acts 1:6-7 CEV While the apostles were still with Jesus, they asked him, "Lord, are you now going to give Israel its own king again?" (7) Jesus said to them, "You don't need to know the time of those events that only the Father controls.

Luke 1:28-33 ALT And having come in, the angel said to her, "Greetings, [one] having been bestowed grace [or, shown kindness]! The Lord [is] with you. You have been blessed among women." [cp. Eph 1:6] (29) But having seen [him], she was greatly perplexed at his word and was pondering what sort of greeting this might be. (30) And the angel said to her, "Stop being afraid, Mary; for you [have] found favor with God! (31) "And listen! You will conceive in [your] womb, and you will give birth to

You will note from what Jesus came to teach that many Bible promises are tied to Israel (Jacob), or to King David, and thus to “the seed of Abraham”^{CC} (the nation of Israel [including David, Jacob (Israel) and even Jesus] are all descendants of Abraham). Please remember always: All Christians are adopted as sons and daughters of Abraham.^{DD} If it was promised *in the Bible* to

a Son, and you will call His name Jesus [*"Yahweh saves"*]. (32) "This One will be great, and He will be called [the] Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of David His father. (33) "And He will reign over the house of Jacob into the ages [fig. forever], and of His kingdom there will be no end." The Kingdom of David is restored in the sense that Jesus is a descendant of David. David's kingdom represents the best period of time mankind has seen since Eden. It was a time when one who dearly loved Jehovah^(F) ruled the earth, and so is representative of the kingdom of Christ.

^{CC} Mark 11:9-10 ALT And the ones going before and the ones following began crying out, saying, "We praise You [*Gr., Hosanna!*] 'Having been blessed [*is*] the One coming in the name of the LORD [*Jehovah*^(F)!'" [*Psalm 118:26 – Blessed be the one coming in the name of Jehovah; We have blessed you people out of the house of Jehovah.*] (10) Having been blessed [*is*] the kingdom of our father David coming in the name of the Lord! We praise You [*Gr., Hosanna!*] in the highest!"

^{DD} Galatians 3:26-29 ALT For you are all sons [*and daughters*] of God by means of faith in Christ Jesus. (27) For as many as were baptized [*or, immersed*] into Christ put on [*or, clothed yourselves with*] Christ. (28) There is no Jew nor Greek, there is no slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (29) Now since you [*are*] Christ's, consequently, you are seed [*fig., descendants*] of Abraham and heirs according to promise. This scripture mentions being baptized. Don't fret that you need to run out and get dipped in water by some group of men. The Bible tells us: 1 Peter 3:21-22 English Standard Version Baptism, which corresponds to this [*those saved through the flood by the manifest faith of Noah*], now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through [*your faith in*] the resurrection of Jesus Christ, (22) who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him. Being baptized, then, amounts to a request made to Jehovah^(F) for a clear

Abraham's seed, and you are a Christian, it is a promise to you. [There are some other religious groups who claim to trace their heritage back to Abraham. They might be right. Remember, however, Abraham was not the important character in Jehovah's provision for life. Abraham's descendant, Christ Jesus, is the important one! Abraham is just a faithful man to whom God made the promise that by means of his seed all nations of the earth would be blessed.^{EE} That promised seed of Abraham is thus the important character to consider. Abraham had lots of descendants, but the line among them used by God to produce the Christ are the persons among them used by God. The descendants through Judah, that lead to Christ, are the ones through whom God's promises were extended. They produced the Christ. It was Christ Jesus alone who impacted the world to the degree that he did. Our world calendar system is based on his birth. It is in Jesus

conscience through your faith in his son. If you wish to have someone dip you in water as a sign to others you have made such a request, that is likely a fine thing. You should understand, however, it is your personal request to God by means of your faith in his son that is your baptism. No approval by men has any real bearing on the matter.

^{EE} Galatians 3:8 English Standard Version (ESV) And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "In you shall all the nations be blessed."~

Galatians 3:14 ESV so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.~

Acts 3:25-26 ALT "You are sons [and daughters] of the prophets and of the covenant which God covenanted to our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your Seed all the families of the earth will be blessed.' [Gen 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; cp. Gal 3:16] (26) "To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him, blessing you by the turning away of each one from your wicked ways."~

Galatians 3:6-7 ALT Just as "Abraham believed [or, trusted] God and it was accounted to him for righteousness." [Gen 15:6] (7) Consequently, be knowing that the [ones justified] by faith, these are sons [and daughters] of Abraham.

alone you can hope.^{FF} Have faith in the Bible; Have faith in Christ Jesus.]

What Jesus Christ taught, then, is the most important thing in life.^{GG} Since he gave us a clear warning that many people would be teaching lies in his name,^(S) your one and only protection is to learn for yourself exactly what he did teach. Figuratively, you must sit at his feet by becoming familiar with the Gospel accounts of his life and teachings.^(A) Enjoy the peace of God by your doing so.^{HH} Enjoy the hope, and then the reward, of eternal life in paradise under the kingdom of Christ.^(AA) & II In order to receive that

^{FF} Acts 4:10-12 MWT ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you impaled but whom God raised up from the dead, by this one does this man stand here sound in front of you. ¹¹ This is 'the stone that was treated by you builders as of no account that has become the head of the corner.' ¹² Furthermore, there is no salvation in anyone else, for there is not another name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must get saved."

^{GG} Matthew 13:44-46 GNB "The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man happens to find a treasure hidden in a field. He covers it up again, and is so happy that he goes and sells everything he has, and then goes back and buys that field. (45) "Also, the Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man is looking for fine pearls, (46) and when he finds one that is unusually fine, he goes and sells everything he has, and buys that pearl.

^{HH} Philippians 4:4-7 GW Always be joyful in the Lord! I'll say it again: Be joyful! (5) Let everyone know how considerate you are. The Lord is near. (6) Never worry about anything. But in every situation let God know what you need in prayers and requests while giving thanks. (7) Then God's peace, which goes beyond anything we can imagine, will guard your thoughts and emotions through Christ Jesus.

^{II} 1 Corinthians 15:19-28 CEV (19) If our hope in Christ is good only for this life, we are worse off than anyone else. (20) But Christ has been raised to life! And he makes us certain that others will also be raised to life. (21) Just as we will die because of Adam, we will be raised to life because of Christ. (22) Adam brought death to all of us, and Christ will bring life to all of us. (23) But we must each wait our turn. Christ was the first to be raised to life, and his people will be raised to life when he returns.

reward, you must *be certain* you are among those actually “getting the sense” of what Jesus taught! Please note what Jesus instructed in Mark:^{JJ} (Mark 4:1-2 God’s Word [GW]) *Jesus began to teach*

(24) Then after Christ has destroyed all powers and forces, the end will come, and he will give the kingdom to God the Father. (25) Christ will rule until he puts all his enemies under his power, (26) and the last enemy he destroys will be death. (27) When the Scriptures say that he will put everything under his power, they don't include God. It was God who put everything under the power of Christ. (28) After everything is under the power of God's Son, he will put himself under the power of God, who put everything under his Son's power. Then God will mean everything to everyone.

^{JJ} Mark 4:1-26 CEV The next time Jesus taught beside Lake Galilee, a big crowd gathered. It was so large that he had to sit in a boat out on the lake, while the people stood on the shore. (2) He used stories to teach them many things, and this is part of what he taught: (3) Now listen! A farmer went out to scatter seed in a field. (4) While the farmer was scattering the seed, some of it fell along the road and was eaten by birds. (5) Other seeds fell on thin, rocky ground and quickly started growing because the soil wasn't very deep. (6) But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched and dried up, because they did not have enough roots. (7) Some other seeds fell where thornbushes grew up and choked out the plants. So they did not produce any grain. (8) But a few seeds did fall on good ground where the plants grew and produced thirty or sixty or even a hundred times as much as was scattered. (9) Then Jesus said, "If you have ears, pay attention." (10) When Jesus was alone with the twelve apostles and some others, they asked him about these stories. (11) He answered: I have explained the secret about God's kingdom to you, but for others I can use only stories. (12) The reason is, "These people will look and look, but never see. They will listen and listen, but never understand. If they did, they would turn to God, and he would forgive them." (13) Jesus told them: If you don't understand this story, you won't understand any others. (14) What the farmer is spreading is really the message about the kingdom. (15) The seeds that fell along the road are the people who hear the message. But Satan soon comes and snatches it away from them. (16) The seeds that fell on rocky ground are the people who gladly hear the message and accept it right away. (17) But they don't have any roots, and they don't last very long. As soon as life gets hard or the message

again by the Sea of Galilee. A very large crowd gathered around him, so he got into a boat and sat in it. The boat was in the water while the entire crowd lined the shore. (2) He used stories as illustrations to teach them many things. While he was teaching them, he said... In the next verses,^(JJ) Jesus went on to teach them about a sower who sowed fine seed. While some of that seed proved productive, some did not. His disciples and some other sincerely interested individuals followed after him when he finished, asking him to explain his story about the seed. In Mark 4, verses 11 and 12, Jesus went on to tell them: ...“To you the sacred secret of the kingdom of God has been given, but to those outside all things occur in illustrations, ¹² in order that, though looking, they may look and yet not see, and, though hearing, they may hear and yet not get the sense of it, nor ever turn back and forgiveness be given them.” Jesus explained *everything*^{KK} to those who continued to follow him after he had spoken to the crowds, in order to gain a full understanding of what his illustrations meant. Please take note: It was those persons who were truly seeking to understand who were being blessed for their effort. He went on to explain how everything is being openly exposed in the light of his teachings, including what people truly love. Jesus’s teachings thus expose who we truly are. Those who love truth are seeking to “get the sense” of his teachings, while those with just a cursory interest

gets them in trouble, they give up. (18) The seeds that fell among the thornbushes are also people who hear the message. (19) But they start worrying about the needs of this life. They are fooled by the desire to get rich and to have all kinds of other things. So the message gets choked out, and they never produce anything. (20) The seeds that fell on good ground are the people who hear and welcome the message. They produce thirty or sixty or even a hundred times as much as was planted. (21) Jesus also said: You don't light a lamp and put it under a clay pot or under a bed. Don't you put a lamp on a lampstand? (22) There is nothing hidden that will not be made public. There is no secret that will not be well known. (23) If you have ears, pay attention! (24) Listen carefully to what you hear! The way you treat others will be the way you will be treated--and even worse. (25) Everyone who has something will be given more. But people who don't have anything will lose what little they have. (26) Again Jesus said: God's kingdom is like what happens when a farmer scatters seed in a field.

^{KK} Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/Everything.pdf>

are getting everything they are after.^{LL} Sadly, they may be missing out on life by failing to make the effort to seek truth.^{MM} That, then, is what religion is doing to mankind: Keeping them from seriously investigating for themselves what Jesus Christ taught.^(A) Each sect has replaced him and his teachings with their own sectarian doctrine. It is the act of seeking after what Jesus taught that defines a true Christian. They demonstrate love for other people by doing their best to direct them to those teachings of Christ. Conversely, all religionists have their own doctrine, spending little of their time actually reading the Gospels. They all feel the need to have other men explain the truth to them. It is really so very simple! The way we can still, to this very day, follow after Jesus so as to truly understand what he came to teach is by sitting at his feet and listening.^(A) The way we do that today, is by reading for ourselves what He taught as recorded for us in the four short Gospel accounts – reading them many times. In doing so, we get not only the illustrations Jesus gave the large crowds, but what he said in explanation to his disciples *as well*. Just as Jesus went on to say in Mark 4, verses 21 and 22: “Pay attention to what you are hearing. With the measure that you are measuring out, you will have it measured out to you, yes, you will have more added to you.²⁵ For he that has will have more given to him; but he that does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.” You “have” by putting forth the effort to really learn and understand (get the sense of) what Jesus said. If you do have that, more will be given you. If you don’t, even the knowledge you do gain by a cursory interest will be taken away. Pressing on to maturity (in the teachings of Christ) is the only way you can gain eternal life.^{NN} Kindness to others is a gift we owe as a matter of our humanity. It

^{LL} Matthew 6:2 ALT "So when you are doing charitable giving, you should not sound a trumpet before you like the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, in order that they shall be praised by the people. Positively, I say to you, they are receiving their reward in full.

^{MM} John 8:24 GW For this reason I told you that you'll die because of your sins. If you don't believe that I am the one [*the Messiah the Jews had been looking for*], you'll die because of your sins."

^{NN} Hebrews 6:1 & 3 ESV Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God... (3) And this we will do if God permits.

should be our natural response to the gift of life from our Father. Do not imagine within yourself, however, that being kind to others is all you need do. We are responsible to be a productive seed (from Jesus's illustration) by sharing with others what we have learned from Jesus, **and where we learned it**. We have to tell people why we are kind to them, and that we learned it from God's son.^{OO} That's the only way we can really know, or anyone else can know, if we are being nice because it is right and good (and commanded by God); or just because we just want people to like us. Religion is tearing our world apart!^{PP} What Jesus taught is very different from all that religious sectarianism. You must bear good fruit by directing people to what Christ taught. You can help people understand what is happening to our world, and why, only as you direct them to Jesus's teachings. As people read what Jesus taught, he helps them to know his Father and to understand what God is doing.^(Mat 11:25-27 on pg 2) Perfect conditions are being restored to the earth.^{QQ & (AA)} People need to understand what Jesus taught, and what he accomplished, so they can know how to take their part as citizens of that new earth society under the rule of Christ.^{RR}

^{OO} 1 John 4:19 MWT As for us, we love, because he first loved us.

^{PP} Visit: justbibletruth.com/Observations/BibleTruthOrReligiousDoctrine.html

^{QQ} Psalms 37:10-15 GW In a little while a wicked person will vanish. Then you can carefully examine where he was, but there will be no trace of him. (11) Oppressed people will inherit the land and will enjoy unlimited peace. (12) The wicked person plots against a righteous one and grinds his teeth at him. (13) The Lord laughs at him because he has seen that his time is coming. (14) Wicked people pull out their swords and bend their bows to kill oppressed and needy people, to slaughter those who are decent. (15) But their own swords will pierce their hearts, and their bows will be broken.~

Psalms 37:27-29 MWT Turn aside from evil, and do good, and so live forever. (28) For Jehovah does love judgment, And He will not forsake His loyal ones. To time indefinite they will be kept safe, but the seed of the wicked are cut off. (29) The righteous possess the land, and they will dwell forever upon it.

^{RR} 1 John 3:8b ESV ... The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

We must each and every one become imitators of Christ!^{SS} When the powerful spirit creature Jesus Christ has become, even after having been given life within himself^{TT} (or self-existence), returns the kingdom to his Father,^(II) it forever proves beyond any doubt that Jehovah's^(F) rulership is perfect. If there was any improvement that could be made to God's rulership, Jesus would not submit to him. Satan is a liar. Jesus proves that beyond doubt. Those who refuse that simple truth, and remain determined to follow lies,^{UU} have no defense any longer.^{VV} Build a personal faith

^{SS} 1 Corinthians 11:1 ALT Continue becoming imitators of me, just as I also [*am*] of Christ.~

1 Peter 2:21-25 GNB It was to this that God called you, for Christ himself suffered for you and left you an example, so that you would follow in his steps. (22) He committed no sin, and no one ever heard a lie come from his lips. (23) When he was insulted, he did not answer back with an insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but placed his hopes in God, the righteous Judge. (24) Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. It is by his wounds that you have been healed. (25) You were like sheep that had lost their way, but now you have been brought back to follow the Shepherd and Keeper of your souls.

^{TT} John 5:26 GW The Father is the source of life, and he has enabled the Son to be the source of life too.

^{UU} John 8:42-47 GNB Jesus said to them, "If God really were your Father, you would love me, because I came from God and now I am here. I did not come on my own authority, but he sent me. (43) Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to listen to my message. (44) You are the children of your father, the Devil, and you want to follow your father's desires. From the very beginning he was a murderer and has never been on the side of truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he is only doing what is natural to him, because he is a liar and the father of all lies. (45) But I tell the truth, and that is why you do not believe me. (46) Which one of you can prove that I am guilty of sin? If I tell the truth, then why do you not believe me? (47) He who comes from God listens to God's words. You, however, are not from God, and that is why you will not listen."

^{VV} John 9:41 GW Jesus told them, "If you were blind, you wouldn't be sinners. But now you say, 'We see,' so you continue to be sinners.

that can preserve you alive! (Hebrews 10:38-39 ALT "But the [one] righteous by faith will live [or, the righteous will live by faith]; and if he draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." [Hab 2:3,4]* (39) But we are not of [the ones] shrinking back to destruction, but of [the ones having] faith to [the] preserving [alive] of [the] soul.

*Habakkuk 2:3-4 BBE For the vision is still for the fixed time, and it is moving quickly to the end, and it will not be false: even if it is slow in coming, go on waiting for it; because it will certainly come, it will not be kept back. (4) As for the man (or woman) of pride, my soul has no pleasure in him; but the upright man will have life through his good faith.)

What Jesus Christ taught forms a picture of a future that is beautiful beyond measure, and nearly beyond imperfect human comprehension. It does take a little time and effort to grasp it in mind as a real hope. At a cursory glance of course, we all *hope* it is true. We fear for ourselves, and for you as well, that *hoping* it is true may not be enough. We must have faith it is true! When some of Jesus's followers proved unable to expel a demon from a man's son, the man came to Jesus and Jesus helped him. The disciples approached Jesus to ask why they hadn't been able to help the boy. He told them it was because they didn't have enough faith.^{ww} They had helped many others, but there was something about this case

John 15:22 ALT "If I did not come and did not speak to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

^{ww} Matthew 17:14-20 GW When they came to a crowd, a man came up to Jesus, knelt in front of him, (15) and said, "Sir, have mercy on my son. He suffers from seizures. Often he falls into fire or water. (16) I brought him to your disciples, but they couldn't cure him." (17) Jesus replied, "You unbelieving and corrupt generation! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring him here to me!" (18) Jesus ordered the demon to come out of the boy. At that moment the boy was cured. (19) Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and asked, "Why couldn't we force the demon out of the boy?" (20) He told them, "Because you have so little faith. I can guarantee this truth: If your faith is the size of a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

that overwhelmed their faith. To be among those who survive the end of this system, we must have absolute faith that we can do so. We can not be overwhelmed by the terrors of this dying old world system.^{XX} Our faith in Christ is like the ark was for Noah. Is that a sobering realization for you? It should be! Join us as we pray to Jesus: "I have faith lord, help me out where I need faith."^{YY} We should pray to Jehovah^(F) through our faith in the ransom^{ZZ} provided by his son.^{AAA} Helping us out with our faith seems one

^{XX} Psalms 91:1-11 GNB Whoever goes to the LORD [*Jehovah*]^(F) for safety, whoever remains under the protection of the Almighty, (2) can say to him, "You are my defender and protector. You are my God; in you I trust." (3) He will keep you safe from all hidden dangers and from all deadly diseases. (4) He will cover you with his wings; you will be safe in his care; his faithfulness will protect and defend you. (5) You need not fear any dangers at night or sudden attacks during the day (6) or the plagues that strike in the dark or the evils that kill in daylight. (7) A thousand may fall dead beside you, ten thousand all around you, but you will not be harmed. (8) You will look and see how the wicked are punished. (9) You have made the LORD [*Jehovah*] your defender, the Most High your protector, (10) and so no disaster will strike you, no violence will come near your home. (11) God will put his angels in charge of you to protect you wherever you go.

^{YY} Mark 9:22b-24 CEV This is the last part of Marks account of the boy the disciples were unable to help. ... Please have pity and help us if you can!" (23) Jesus replied, "Why do you say 'if you can'? Anything is possible for someone who has faith!" (24) Right away the boy's father shouted, "I do have faith! Please help me to have even more [or, help me out where I need faith]."

^{ZZ} John 16:23 GNB "When that day comes, you will not ask me for anything. I am telling you the truth: the Father will give you whatever you ask of him in my name.

^{AAA} John 14:6 ALT Jesus says to him, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life! No one comes to the Father except through [*or, by means of*] Me!

1 John 2:1-2 ALT My little children [*or, My dear children*], I am writing these things to you so that you do not sin. And if anyone does sin, we have a Counselor [*or, a Helper or an Advocate*] with the Father, Jesus Christ, [*the*] righteous. (2) And He is [*the*] propitiation [*or, covering or appeasing sacrifice*] concerning our

prayer we might offer directly to Jesus.^(YY) Giving us faith is the method by which Jesus came to help us. Jesus, in turn, is the way chosen by our Heavenly Father to provide help for us all. If you expect Jesus to help you with your faith, doesn't that imply you must do your best to learn what he said – to take advantage of what he came to teach *you*. Make no mistake, Jesus Christ is the only one who can help you have faith to the preserving alive of your soul.^(Q) The only way you can build such faith is by first becoming very familiar with what he taught. Read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John many times. Make a study of God's word the center of your life, with a focus on what Jesus said. Then, be obedient to what you learn from him.^{BBB} It is your obedience^{CCC} that demonstrates you have faith in God's son. If you can figure out some other way to be pleasing to our Creator, it is certainly fine with us. The Bible teaches, however, faith in Christ *will help you*. It also teaches such faith is the only thing that *can help you*.^(FF) You must know Jesus Christ, and, even more importantly, your expressed faith in him *must let him know you*.^{DDD} This is all *very personal!* Your knowledge of (and your obedience to) what Jesus taught is the only thing that can change you from remaining a worker of lawlessness;^{EEE} which is what we have *all* been. God's

sins, but not concerning ours only, but also concerning the whole world's!

^{BBB} Visit: justbibletruth.com/AreYouGood.pdf

^{CCC} Acts 5:29-32 MWT ²⁹ In answer Peter and the [other] apostles said: "We must obey God as ruler rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our forefathers raised up Jesus, whom you slew, hanging him upon a stake [or tree, or cross – do not let people confuse you by making some big issue about translation differences]. ³¹ God exalted this one as Chief Agent and Savior to his right hand, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses of these matters, and so is the holy spirit, which God has given to those obeying him as ruler."

^{DDD} <http://www.justbibletruth.com/DoYouKnowChrist.pdf>

^{EEE} Matthew 7:21-23 Darby Not every one who says to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but he that does the will of my Father who is in the heavens. (22) Many shall say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied through *thy* name, and through *thy* name cast out demons, and through *thy* name done many works of power? (23) and then

peace upon all those who love truth and light.^{FFF} Jesus made clear we should tell others what we learn from the Bible.^{GGG} Direct people to justbibletruth.com and encourage them to read the Gospels.

It seems there are three basic kinds of people in the earth.

1. Those who are ignorant or stupid. [Ignorant people don't know about, or don't understand, the truth. There is nothing necessarily wrong with being ignorant. We have all been ignorant, and we all remain ignorant to some degree. However, if people refuse to learn, or don't do anything about it when they do learn, they change themselves from being ignorant and become stupid persons. Stupid people refuse to be corrected and will have to be destroyed.]^{HHH} **2. Those people who are religious.**

[Religionists attempt to use spiritual things to manipulate others and/or to (imagine they) benefit themselves in some way. They are anxious to tell others what is right and wrong, *from their own religious doctrine*. They have little interest, though, in what Jesus

will I avow unto them, I never knew you. Depart from me, workers of lawlessness.

^{FFF} John 1:6-12 ESV There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. (7) He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. (8) He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. (9) The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. (10) He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. (11) He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. (12) But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

^{GGG} Matthew 5:14-16 GNB "You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. (15) No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead it is put on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. (16) In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.

^{HHH} Proverbs 18:2 GNB A fool does not care whether he understands a thing or not; all he wants to do is show how smart he is.~

Proverbs 18:7 Darby A fool's mouth is destruction to him, and his lips are a snare to his soul.

actually taught.] **3. Christians (free people).** [Christians recognize the truth and value found only in Jesus's teachings, and true Christians always try to direct other people to those teachings. They are set free of the worry about the judgment of religious people.^{III} Neither do they express their judgment over others. They are pleased to have learned, and to inform other people: We are each one judging our-own-selves by our response to what Jesus taught.] So... **Be certain you are a Christian! To do so, you must start by being positive you know what he taught in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.** You can't know that is if you have been listening to people tell you what they think he said. Even if they mean well by telling you what they think Jesus taught, you are responsible to read it for yourself.^(A) If you follow them and they are wrong, your faith won't be in Jesus. That is what religion is doing to people: Making them feel righteous in following the doctrines of men. They are in danger.^(EEE) There is no reason for you to worry if you have learned what Jesus taught.^{JJJ}

^{III} 1 Corinthians 4:1-3 GNB (1) You should think of us as Christ's servants, who have been put in charge of God's secret truths. (2) The one thing required of such servants is that they be faithful to their master. (3) Now, I am not at all concerned about being judged by you or by any human standard [or, tribunal]...

^{JJJ} John 17:1-4 ESV When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, (2) since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. (3) And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. (4) I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.~

John 18:37 GW Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus replied, "You're correct in saying that I'm a king. I have been born and have come into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to me."

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*All who come to God must believe that He exists,
and that He is good. Heb. 11:6*

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Where the carcass (Christ's remains are his teachings) is, there the eagles will gather. - Mat 24:28

The days in which we live (and the problems consuming our world) can be overwhelming. Jesus warned such a time would exist. There is also comfort with his warning: [Luke 21:25-28 MWT](#) "There will be strange things happening in the sun, the moon, and the stars [*or in the powers that be*]. On earth whole countries will be in despair, afraid of the roar of the sea and the raging tides. (26) People will faint from fear as they wait for what is coming over the whole earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (27) Then the Son of Man will appear [through eyes of faith], coming in a cloud with great power and glory. (28) When these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your salvation is near." By your faith in (and response to) Jesus's words, you are being gathered to be preserved alive, or, you are not. The choice is yours. [Matthew 25:31-34 GNB](#) "When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne, (32) and the people of all the nations will be gathered before him. Then he will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (33) He will put the righteous people at his right and the others at his left. (34) Then the King will say to the people on his right, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world.

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