

# *What Is This?*

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All who come to God believe He exists and is good. - Heb 11:6

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If you learn what the Bible verses quoted in this booklet teach (it's about 70 or 80 percent scriptures), you should understand what it means to follow Christ without being judgmental of others. ("Stop judging that you may not be judged." - Mat 7:1) Simply do your best to help people understand their need to learn what Jesus taught. And, help them realize we are all, right now, judging ourselves by our response to his teachings.<sup>(G)</sup> That understanding sets you free of any illusory responsibility or authority to pass judgment on other people, either for good or for bad. Refusing to become so arrogant as to imagine you are judge of others is also the distinction between being a Christian and having religion. Religion seduces ignorant (or stupid) people to join in passing judgment on non-members. Some actually believe they serve God by harming others (which begins with judging them inferior in some way).<sup>(K)</sup> That judgment ranges from killing those who don't share their faith, to marking them wicked and/or lost to God. Although the distinction between religion and Christianity seems hard for some people to grasp, make no mistake: Becoming a Christian, *while at the same time avoiding religion*, means your very life!<sup>(C)</sup>

This short booklet describes the website and introduce a more detail book of scriptures explaining how we can be certain we remain followers of the son of God.<sup>(C)</sup> The website is a gift to you! Please read: [justbibletruth.com/TheEndOfAllReligion.pdf](http://justbibletruth.com/TheEndOfAllReligion.pdf)

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God has many times and on many occasions spoken to mankind. In these last days, however, He has spoken to us by means of a son.<sup>A</sup> In ancient times, God spoke to men through angels and prophets, from a burning bush, and through dreams or visions. Since the day Christ started his teaching work, however, God has given humankind only one command: "This is my son, the beloved, listen to him."<sup>B</sup>

The secret I offer, then, is this: If you are to obey that one command from God, and to really hear what Jesus said, you must not listen to what other people say Jesus said.<sup>C</sup> To keep yourself safe, of course, that

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<sup>A</sup> **Hebrews 1:1-2 GNB** In the past God spoke to our ancestors many times and in many ways through the prophets, (2) but in these last days he has spoken to us through his Son. He is the one through whom God created the universe, the one whom God has chosen to possess all things at the end.

<sup>B</sup> **Matthew 17:5 GNB** While he [*Peter*] was talking, a shining cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased---listen to him!"

**Luke 9:35 ESV** And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!"

**Matthew 3:17 BBE** And a voice came out of heaven, saying, This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**Deuteronomy 18:15 LITV** [*Moses said,*] Jehovah your God shall raise up to you a prophet from among you, of your brothers, one like me; you shall listen to him,

**Acts 3:22-23 LITV** For Moses indeed said to the fathers, "*The Lord* your God will raise up to you a Prophet from among your brothers, *One* like me; you shall hear Him according to all things," whatever He may speak to you. *See Deut. 18:15-16, 19 (23)* And it shall be *that of* every soul, whoever should not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people. (Make no mistake, whether you choose to listen to the son of God means your very life.)

**Hebrews 2:3 ISV** how will we escape if we neglect a salvation as great as this? It was first proclaimed [*from the cloud*] by the Lord [*God*] himself, and then it was confirmed to us by those who heard him,

<sup>C</sup> **Matthew 7:15-23 YLT** `But, take heed of the false prophets, who come unto you in sheep's clothing, and inwardly are ravening wolves. (16) From their fruits [*their deeds*] ye shall know them; do *men* gather from thorns grapes? or from thistles figs? (17) so every good tree doth yield

means you must be careful about listening to me. So then... This is what makes my claims so different: I encourage, over and over, that you listen to Christ and to him alone. That's my only message. A problem you face is that many want to help you, by encouraging you to follow them in their form of worship, but they are confused. Many of them are sincere and actually do mean well. They all fail to be able to help, however, because following them is not God's plan. Following me is not God's plan either. Having realized from God's command to listen only to Christ<sup>(B)</sup> (which remains a secret to a lot of people), I am not seeking followers for myself or for any organization of men.<sup>(D)</sup> I don't want you to follow, but to help me. Please now consider the stark difference between following someone and helping them. Because of that command by God to listen only to his son,<sup>(B)</sup> I have no desire to lead anyone.<sup>D</sup> What I want is to be your friend and your brother in Christ.

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good fruits, but the bad tree doth yield evil fruits. (18) A good tree is not able to yield evil fruits, nor a bad tree to yield good fruits. (19) Every tree not yielding good fruit is cut down and is cast to fire: (20) therefore from their fruits ye shall know them.

(21) `Not every one who is saying to me Lord, lord, shall come into the reign of the heavens; but he who is doing the will of my Father who is in the heavens. [*You do the will of Jesus's Father by teaching people to follow God's command and listen to his son.*] (22) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, lord, have we not in thy name prophesied? and in thy name cast out demons? and in thy name done many mighty things? (23) and then I will acknowledge to them, that--I never knew you, depart from me ye who are working lawlessness.

<sup>D</sup> [Matthew 23:1-15 LITV](#) Then Jesus spoke to the crowd and to His disciples, (2) saying, The scribes and the Pharisees have sat down on Moses' seat [asserting themselves judges of others]. (3) Then all things, whatever they tell you to keep, keep and do. But do not do according to their works, for they say, and do not do. (4) For they bind heavy and hard to bear burdens, and lay *them* on the shoulders of men, but they do not desire to move them with their finger. (5) And they do all their works to be seen by men. And they make their phylacteries [scripture containing cases they wore] broad and enlarge the borders of their robes. (6) And they love the first couch in the suppers, and the first seats in the synagogues, (7) and the greetings in the markets, and to be called by men, Rabbi, Rabbi. (8) But do not you be called Rabbi [*teacher*], for One is your Leader, the Christ, and you are all brothers.

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(Making full disclosure, I actually am trying to encourage you to join someone. What I am trying to get you to join, however, is the assembly Jesus Christ started some 2000 years ago. You must start that process with an understanding of what it really means to follow or join Jesus Christ. Be warned: Many people appear not to have a clue!)(<sup>V</sup>)

Please don't take offense at my presumptuousness. Realize: It's not that I think I am special or have great insight. *If you are a person who can actually and truly hear what I am saying to you, it makes you very unusual (special).* Again, I'm not trying to extol my own ability or wisdom, nor to cheer vanity in you. It's simply that I believe I am conveying God's message,<sup>(B)</sup> and only those who are special (by being sincere in heart) can hear what God has said. Jesus Christ dealt with that very same problem: There were many people who were simply not able to grasp (hear) what Jesus was saying to them.<sup>(H)</sup> Note as you read the Gospels, the religious leaders were the most deaf of all! Many people followed Jesus around and believed they were listening to him, but they weren't really hearing what he said (they had no interest in applying it).<sup>(V)</sup> & <sup>(C)</sup> Nearly everyone (except the religious leaders) wanted to come to Jesus to be healed or to see him perform miracles.<sup>E</sup> Sadly,

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(9) And call no one your father on earth, for One is your Father, the *One* in Heaven. (10) Nor be called leaders, for One is your Leader, the Christ. (11) But the greater of you shall be your servant. (12) And whoever will exalt himself shall be humbled, and whoever will humble himself shall be exalted. (13) But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of Heaven before men; for you do not enter, nor do you allow those entering to go in... (15) Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you go about the sea and the dry *land* to make one proselyte [*a follower of their teachings*]; and when he has become so, you make him twofold more a son of Hell than yourselves.

<sup>E</sup> **Matthew 4:24-25 ESV** So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. (25) And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

however, few seemed to have any real interest<sup>F</sup> in understanding and gaining the benefit from the message Jesus brought us from his Father.<sup>G & (CC)</sup>

My secret, again, is this: I discourage you from following any person or group. I encourage you to listen to and follow only Jesus Christ. While God has clearly and openly said we should listen to his son,<sup>(B)</sup> most of the people I talk with don't seem to grasp what that really means. Please consider a couple of examples:

Recently, I encountered a man who confided he no longer attends Church. He said he was a Methodist, a "back slider" Methodist in his own words, and he didn't attend meetings because it literally hurt him to sit in the midst of all the hypocrisy he saw there. I explained I can understand because that has been my own experience with religion.

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<sup>F</sup> **Luke 17:11-19 ALT** And it happened, while He [*was*] traveling to Jerusalem, that He was passing through between Samaria and Galilee. (12) And as He [*was*] entering into a certain village, ten leprous men [*or, men with a skin disease*] met Him, who stood at a distance. (13) And they lifted up [*their*] voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Be merciful to us!" (14) And having seen [*them*], He said to them, "Having gone, show yourselves to the priests." And it happened, while they [*were*] going, they were cleansed! (15) But one of them, having seen that he was healed, returned, glorifying God with a loud voice. (16) And he fell on [*his*] face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. (17) Then answering, Jesus said, "The ten were cleansed, were they not? But where [*are*] the nine? (18) "Were not [*any*] found returning to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" (19) And He said to him, "Having gotten up, go. Your faith has cured you."

<sup>G</sup> **John 12:46-50 CEV** I am the light that has come into the world. No one who has faith in me will stay in the dark. (47) I am not the one who will judge those who refuse to obey my teachings. I came to save the people of this world, not to be their judge. (48) But everyone who rejects me and my teachings will be judged on the last day by what I have said. (49) I don't speak on my own. I say only what the Father who sent me has told me to say. (50) I know that his commands will bring eternal life. That is why I tell you exactly what the Father has told me.

[Religion being very different from Christianity mind you: Religion is when men join to form doctrine (usually some subset of scriptures taken out of context) they follow and use to segregate themselves from, and then to judge, those who don't fully agree with their sectarian teachings. Christianity, very distinctly, is comprised of all the individuals who are trying to read (learn) what Jesus taught and to adjust their lives accordingly. That is not to say they are good: They simply recognize the blessings coming to those who choose to follow the Christ. And, they are made righteous in God's eyes by that choice.<sup>(K)</sup> Their membership (list) exists only with God.] I tried to share with the Methodist man that his awakening (his becoming aware of what he sees happening) was a good thing, and that he could find relief from the hypocrisy he saw in religion only by abandoning sectarian worship and becoming one of the true followers of Christ. The one way he can do that, I encouraged, is by personally sitting at Jesus's feet by means of reading the Gospels.<sup>(X)</sup> He seemed to understand and agreed with everything I said. In closing our conversation, however, he said (or implied) he believed he needed to return to "the church" to find favor with God. While he had agreed with the scriptures we considered, it seemed he was unable to actually get the sense of them. (It does often take some time to abandon what we have for years been taught to believe is good and right.) Jesus had the same problem with people not being able to hear him. While they could "hear" his words, many were just not able to understand.<sup>(H)</sup> It is that way because, if people aren't first being drawn to Jesus by his Father, they cannot get the sense of his message.<sup>(I)</sup> Jesus understood that is as it should be. If people are not drawn to Jesus by his Father, it is because they have no real interest in God or in what is true and good. God is

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<sup>(H)</sup> John 8:43-44 (BBE) 42 Why are my words not clear to you? It is because your ears are shut to my teaching [*because they had no real interest in the truth, or in knowing God*]. 43 You are the children of your father the Evil One [*we are all born as ignorant children of badness and we must listen to Christ to change*] and it is your pleasure to do his desires. From the first he was a taker of life; and he did not go in the true way because there is no true thing in him. When he says what is false, it is natural to him, for he is false and the father of what is false.  
<sup>(I)</sup> John 6:44a CEV No one can come to me, unless the Father who sent me makes them want to come...<sup>(O)</sup>

seeking and finding every single person who is looking for him.<sup>J & (P) & (I)</sup>  
He then leads each one to Jesus's teachings.<sup>(B)</sup>

Another example is provided by a married couple I met. She is a member of a more strictly sectarian religion who believe their public emotional expressions of faith should be witnessed by all. Her religion promotes that those public expressions (some would say outbursts) are a sign of God's spirit at work in their midst. The husband believes in God and the Bible, but is not strongly affiliated with religion. His fear is there might be some hypocrisy or deceit at work, and he doesn't see how he can verify what is true. Her strong faith in her religious group, alongside his concerns about them, tends to drive a wedge between them. There are a *great* many people in households divided by religion. As I talked with them about how bad religion really is, and how what is happening to them is exactly what religion does to people, they both seemed to understand. As we considered scriptures showing how Jesus encouraged us to love others<sup>K</sup> and to be tolerant and to get along with everyone we possibly can,<sup>L</sup> they seemed to appreciate it. I felt I was

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<sup>J</sup> **2 Chronicles 16:9 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. Herein thou hast done foolishly; for from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

<sup>K</sup> **Matthew 5:43-48 GNB** "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your friends, hate your enemies.' (44) But now I tell you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, (45) so that you may become the children of your Father in heaven. For he makes his sun to shine on bad and good people alike, and gives rain to those who do good and to those who do evil. (46) Why should God reward you if you love only the people who love you? Even the tax collectors do that! (47) And if you speak only to your friends, have you done anything out of the ordinary? Even the pagans do that! (48) You must be perfect---just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

<sup>L</sup> **Mark 9:38-40 GNB** John said to him, "Teacher, we saw a man who was driving out demons in your name, and we told him to stop, because he doesn't belong to our group." (39) "Do not try to stop him," Jesus told them, "because no one who performs a miracle in my name will be able soon afterward to say evil things about me. (40) For whoever is not against us is for us.



able to see them being drawn together by Christ's words. *That's what Christianity does to people.* Neither of them seemed driven, however, to join in a simple study of the words by Christ (by a reading of the Gospels within a small group of Bible students). As with most people today, they have many cares and concerns.<sup>M</sup> For each of us personally, it all boils down to how important the matter of Christ and his teachings are. There are so many things to worry about in this world, but what should be first? Please never doubt for one second: Being personally intimate with what Christ taught is your single most important choice.<sup>(B)</sup>

How does this knowledge impact you? How can it help you?<sup>N</sup> Please start with considering whether my secret isn't actually God's secret. God's sacred secret is hidden in the Bible<sup>O</sup> (in plain sight) from those

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<sup>M</sup> [Luke 10:38-42 CEV](#) The Lord and his disciples were traveling along and came to a village. When they got there, a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. (39) She had a sister named Mary, who sat down in front of the Lord and was listening to what he said. (40) Martha was worried about all that had to be done. Finally, she went to Jesus and said, "Lord, doesn't it bother you that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to come and help me!" (41) The Lord answered, "Martha, Martha! You are worried and upset about so many things, (42) but only one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen what is best, and it will not be taken away from her."~

[Matthew 8:21-22 GNB](#) Another man, who was a disciple, said, "Sir, first let me go back and bury my father." (22) "Follow me," Jesus answered, "and let the dead bury their own dead." (Jesus was bringing the message of life. This disciple had an opportunity to follow Jesus in doing that. There were others who were headed toward the grave because they had no faith in God's son. They could care for burying the man who had died.)

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<sup>O</sup> [Mark 4:9-12 CEV](#) 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 [sacred] secret about God's kingdom to you, but for others I can use only stories [illustrations].** (12) The reason is, "These people [*who are not sincerely looking for God*] 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."

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**Romans 16:25-27 GW** God can strengthen you by the Good News and the message I tell about Jesus Christ. **He can strengthen you by revealing the mystery [sacred secret] that was kept in silence for a very long time (26) but now is publicly known.** The everlasting God ordered that what the prophets wrote must be shown to the people of every nation to bring them to the obedience that is associated with faith. (27) God alone is wise. Glory belongs to him through Jesus Christ forever! Amen.~

**1 Corinthians 2:6-10 GW** (6) However, we do use wisdom to speak to those who are mature. It is a wisdom that doesn't belong to this world or to the rulers of this world who are in power today and gone tomorrow. (7) **We speak about the mystery [sacred secret] of God's wisdom.** It is a wisdom that has been hidden, which God had planned for our glory before the world began. (8) Not one of the rulers of this world has known it. If they had, they wouldn't have crucified the Lord of glory. (9) But as Scripture says: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined the things that God has prepared for those who love him." (10) God has revealed those things to us by his Spirit (the spirit that leads or drags us\* to listen to Christ). The Spirit searches everything, especially the deep things of God.~

\* **John 6:44 ALT** "No one is able to come to Me unless the Father having sent Me draws [or, drags] him...~

**Ephesians 1:7-11 GNB** For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God, (8) which he gave to us in such large measure! In all his wisdom and insight (9) **God did what he had purposed, and made known to us the secret plan he had already decided to complete by means of Christ.** (10) This plan, which God will complete when the time is right, is to bring all creation together, everything in heaven and on earth, with Christ as head. (11) All things are done according to God's plan and decision; and God chose us to be his own people in union with Christ because of his own purpose, based on what he had decided from the very beginning.~

**Ephesians 3:7-11 GW** I became a servant of this Good News through God's kindness freely given to me when his power worked in me. (8) I am the least of all God's people. Yet, God showed me his kindness by allowing me to spread the Good News of the immeasurable wealth of Christ to people who are not Jewish. (9) **He allowed me to explain the way this mystery [sacred secret] works.** God, who created all things, kept it hidden in the past. (10) He did this so that now, through the church followers of Christ, he could let the rulers and authorities in heaven know his infinite wisdom. (11) This was God's plan for all of history which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.

who have no faith; and so, have no real interest in seeking or knowing God!<sup>P</sup> Even among those who do want to know God, we each share a serious weakness: We are all born ignorant and we have no way of knowing what ignorance persists. Ignorance means only that we have not been made aware of the evidence necessary to wash away our ignorance.<sup>Q</sup> Most of us, for example, are ignorant about “dark matter.” If we are exposed to someone who does know about it (understands how scientist can reason it must exist), however, they can make understanding an easy thing.<sup>R</sup> That’s what God sent Jesus to do for each one of us: To take away our ignorance about his Father.<sup>S & (CC)</sup>

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<sup>P</sup> **Hebrews 11:6 LITV** But without faith *it is* impossible to please *God*. For it is right *that* the *one* drawing near to God should believe that He is, and *that* He becomes a rewarder to the *ones* seeking Him out.

<sup>Q</sup> **Proverbs 14:5-12 GNB** A reliable witness always tells the truth, but an unreliable one tells nothing but lies. (6) Conceited people can never become wise, but intelligent people learn easily. (7) Stay away from foolish people; they have nothing to teach you. (8) Why is a clever person wise? Because he knows what to do. Why is a stupid person foolish? Because he only thinks he knows. (9) Foolish people don't care if they sin, but good people want to be forgiven. (10) Your joy is your own; your bitterness is your own. No one can share them with you. (11) A good person's house will still be standing after an evildoer's house has been destroyed. (12) What you think is the right road may lead to death.

<sup>R</sup> Dark Matter: Most of us understand our solar system is held together by the mutual attraction (gravity) of the sun and planets. Each planet is being pulled toward the sun by gravity, while it circles the sun with just enough speed to try and drag (sling) it away from the sun. So... The forces are perfectly balanced. The planets farther from the sun are pulled toward the sun with less force, so their relative speed (time to circle the sun) must be slower than the inner planets to keep their balanced place. The outer planets thus take several earth years to circle the sun (Pluto takes 248 earth years to orbit the sun). In a huge galaxy however, which also spirals around its center in a similar fashion to our solar system, the outer bodies circle the center in the same amount of time as the inner ones. They thus behave more like a solid than a group of individual heavenly bodies. Hence, scientists have come up with dark matter to explain what holds the galaxies together so they move like one large solid. No one, of course, understands what dark (invisible) matter is. Some have suggested the fingers of God. No one will know until we have more knowledge. You can't will away ignorance!

<sup>S</sup> **John 18:37b BBE** ... Jesus made answer... For this purpose was I given birth, and for this purpose I came into the world, that I might give

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While many people are saying they understand God's teachings, and most of them are compelled to teach you what they believe, few seem to be really hearing [*understanding*] God's command for them to listen to his son! As a result, we have religions without number. And, *many* of them claim to have faith in Christ.<sup>(V)</sup> What most of them really have is faith in whatever religious organization they have joined, been born into, or established.<sup>(V)</sup> What they have to teach, then, is the doctrine of their group.<sup>T</sup> I don't know any sect who is actually encouraging people to read the Gospels for themselves, so as to become free of dependence on human thinking [*preachers*].<sup>U</sup> Following

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witness to what is true. Every lover of what is true [*everyone who is truly seeking God*] gives ear to my voice.

<sup>T</sup> **Matthew 15:3 & 6-9 ESV** He answered them, "**And why do you break the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?~ Matthew 15:6b-9 ESV** ... **So for the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God. (7) You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: (8) "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; (9) in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."** ~ compare Isaiah 29:13:

**Isaiah 29:13-21 CEV** The Lord has said: "These people praise me with their words, but they never really think about me. They worship me by repeating rules made up by humans. (14) So once again I will do things that shock and amaze them, and I will destroy the wisdom of those who claim to know and understand." (15) You are in for trouble, if you try to hide your plans from the LORD [*Jehovah*]! Or if you think what you do in the dark can't be seen. (16) You have it all backwards. A clay dish doesn't say to the potter, "You didn't make me. You don't even know how." (17) Soon the forest of Lebanon will become a field with crops, thick as a forest. (18) The deaf will be able to hear whatever is read to them; the blind will be freed from a life of darkness. (19) The poor and the needy will celebrate and shout because of the LORD [*Jehovah*], the holy God of Israel. (20) All who are cruel and arrogant will be gone forever. Those who live by crime will disappear, (21) together with everyone who tells lies in court and keeps innocent people from getting a fair trial.

<sup>U</sup> **John 8:31-32 CEV** Jesus told the people who had faith in him, "If you keep on obeying what I have said, you truly are my disciples. (32) You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

their own doctrine will not help them!<sup>V</sup> Listening to or following their group will certainly not help you. We all must avoid the doctrines men construct for themselves.<sup>(T)</sup> Rather, we must listen to Jesus and to him alone. You can only do that by reading the accounts of what Jesus did and said as recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. *Reading the words of Jesus with another person is the only way you can be certain you are not following and/or teaching doctrines of men.*<sup>(T)</sup> *That is the simple secret of God that most people seem unable to grasp.*

I don't want you to follow after me beyond hearing this one simple suggestion: I want you to listen to God,<sup>(B)</sup> and then, to join me in following Christ. So... That's what makes my message starkly different from what you have been hearing from religion all your life. Even if they claim their message is similar to what I say to what Christ said, it is very different. It is different because it is *their* message! Just please realize, there is only one way you can be sure you are listening to Christ rather than to spiritual wolves.<sup>(C)</sup> You have to actually read and study the teachings of God's son as recorded for us by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. So... What I want you to do, then, is gather with me as fellow disciples (a disciple is a learner or pupil) of Christ,<sup>W</sup> by studying the Gospels so as to become his brothers and sisters (true family).<sup>X</sup>

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<sup>V</sup> **Matthew 7:21-23 YLT** `Not every one who is saying to me Lord, lord, shall come into the reign of the heavens; but he who is doing the will of my Father who is in the heavens. (22) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, lord, have we not in thy name prophesied? and in thy name cast out demons? and in thy name done many mighty things? (23) and then I will acknowledge to them, that--I never knew you, depart from me ye who are working lawlessness.~

(To be able to do God's will, you must first know what God's will is. The only way you can know God's will is by listening to the son He sent to teach us.<sup>(B)</sup>)

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<sup>X</sup> **Mark 3:31-35 GW** Then his mother and his brothers arrived. They stood outside and sent someone to ask him to come out. (32) The crowd sitting around Jesus told him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you." (33) He replied to them, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" (34) Then looking at those who sat in a circle around him, he said, "Look, here are my mother and my

justbibletruth.com exists to help. It is a lifeline for all those who realize their need to escape religion and have a desire to do so.<sup>(U)</sup> It is a (fishing) net gathering others who are part of the family of Christ.<sup>Y</sup> We want you to join in helping everyone among mankind who is looking for God; to help everyone understand this simple and beautiful secret (of

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brothers. (35) Whoever does what God wants is my brother and sister and mother."

**Matthew 12:46-50 GNB** Jesus was still talking to the people when his mother and brothers arrived. They stood outside, asking to speak with him. (47) So one of the people there said to him, "Look, your mother and brothers are standing outside, and they want to speak with you." (48) Jesus answered, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?" (49) Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "Look! Here are my mother and my brothers! (50) Whoever does what my Father in heaven wants is my brother, my sister, and my mother."

**Luke 8:19-21 GW** His mother and his brothers came to see him. But they couldn't meet with him because of the crowd. (20) Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside. They want to see you." (21) He answered them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear and do what God's word says."~

**John 15:10-15 GW** If you obey my commandments, you will live in my love. I have obeyed my Father's commandments, and in that way I live in his love. (11) I have told you this so that you will be as joyful as I am, and your joy will be complete. (12) Love each other as I have loved you. This is what I'm commanding you to do. (13) The greatest love you can show is to give your life for your friends. (14) You are my friends if you obey my commandments. (15) I don't call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn't know what his master is doing. But I've called you friends because I've made known to you everything that I've heard from my Father.

<sup>Y</sup> **Matthew 13:47-50 GW** "Also, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea. It gathered all kinds of fish. (48) When it was full, they pulled it to the shore. Then they sat down, gathered the good fish into containers, and threw the bad ones away. (49) The same thing will happen at the end of time. The angels will go out and separate the evil people from people who have God's approval. (50) Then the angels will throw the evil people into a blazing furnace. They will cry and be in extreme pain there.

God). Turning to Christ is easy as breathing. Speaking spiritually, it is breathing!

**The truth is simple:** There are few people alive on this earth who have not heard the name of the son of God. God has put Jesus in charge and all who will live must submit to his loving rule.<sup>2</sup> We are favored to be

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<sup>2</sup> **John 10:1-15 CEV** Jesus said: I tell you for certain that only thieves and robbers climb over the fence instead of going in through the gate to the sheep pen. (2) But the gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd, and he goes in through it. The sheep know their shepherd's voice. He calls each of them by name and leads them out. (3) (SEE 10:2) (4) When he has led out all of his sheep, he walks in front of them, and they follow, because they know his voice. (5) The sheep will not follow strangers. They don't recognize a stranger's voice, and they run away. (6) Jesus told the people this story. But they did not understand what he was talking about. (7) Jesus said: I tell you for certain that I am the gate for the sheep. (8) Everyone who came before me was a thief or a robber, and the sheep did not listen to any of them. (9) I am the gate. All who come in through me will be saved. Through me they will come and go and find pasture. (10) A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest. (11) I am the good shepherd, and the good shepherd gives up his life for his sheep. (12) Hired workers are not like the shepherd. They don't own the sheep, and when they see a wolf coming, they run off and leave the sheep. Then the wolf attacks and scatters the flock. (13) Hired workers run away because they don't care about the sheep. (14) I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep, and they know me. (15) Just as the Father knows me, I know the Father, and I give up my life for my sheep. ~ **1 Corinthians 15:20-28 CEV** (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. (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

alive as witnesses to the last days of this old world system; as it is in the process of destroying itself.<sup>AA & (ff)</sup> The tribulation we are living in is the

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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.~

**Revelation 19:9-18 CEV** Then the angel told me, "Put this in writing. God will bless everyone who is invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb (the Eagles feeding on Christ's teachings)<sup>(DD)</sup>." The angel also said, "These things that God has said are true." (10) I knelt at the feet of the angel and began to worship him. But the angel said, "Don't do that! I am a servant, just like you and everyone else who tells about Jesus. Don't worship anyone but God. Everyone who tells about Jesus does it by the power of the Spirit." (11) I looked and saw that heaven was open, and a white horse was there. Its rider was called Faithful and True, and he is always fair when he judges or goes to war. (12) He had eyes like flames of fire, and he was wearing a lot of crowns. His name was written on him, but he was the only one who knew what the name meant. (13) The rider wore a robe that was covered with blood, and he was known as "The Word of God." (14) He was followed by armies from heaven that rode on horses and were dressed in pure white linen. (15) From his mouth a sharp sword went out to attack the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod and will show the fierce anger of God All-Powerful by trampling the grapes in the pit where wine is made. (16) On the part of the robe that covered his thigh was written, "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS." (17) I then saw an angel standing on the sun, and he shouted to all the birds flying in the sky, "Come and join in God's great feast! (18) You can eat the flesh of kings, rulers, leaders, horses, riders, free people, slaves, important people, and everyone else."

<sup>AA</sup> **Matthew 24:3-14 GW** As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, his disciples came to him privately and said, "Tell us, when will this happen? What will be the sign that you are coming again, and when will the [*wickedness of the*] world come to an end?" (4) Jesus answered them, "Be careful not to let anyone deceive you. (5) Many will come using my name. They will say, 'I am the Messiah,' and they will deceive many people. (6) "You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. Don't be alarmed! These things must happen, but they don't mean that the end has come. (7) Nation will fight against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. (8) All of these are only the beginning pains of the end. (9) "Then they will hand [*some of*] you over to those who will torture and kill you. All nations will hate you because you are committed to me. (10) Then



self-generated judgment against disobedient mankind for their having disregarded God's counsel since Adam. Many believe they, or their group, can fix this wicked world by showing love and being better. They cannot stop the wicked! If God had not stepped in with protection for us who love him, by means of our expressing faith in the kingdom of Christ, we would all have soon died.<sup>BB</sup> Do not be misled: *God* started the process 6000 years ago in Eden and is right now fixing all our problems, we only need become people who can fit in with his solution.

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many will lose faith. They will betray and hate each other. (11) Many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. (12) And because there will be more and more lawlessness, most people's love will grow cold. (13) But the person who endures to the end will be saved. (14) "This Good News about the kingdom will be spread throughout the world as a testimony to all nations. Then the end will come.

<sup>BB</sup> **Mark 13:10-20 BBE** And the good news has first to be given to all the nations... (13) ... but he who goes through [*endures*] to the end will have salvation. (14) But when you see the unclean thing which makes destruction, in the place where it has no right to be (people who teach lies in God's or Christ's name make up the disgusting thing standing where it has no right to be) *let this be clear to the reader*, then let those who are in Judaea [*the faithful*] go quickly to the mountains: (15) And let him who is on the house-top not go down, or go in, to take anything out of his house: (16) And let not him who is in the field go back to take his coat. (17) And it will be hard for women who are with child and for her who has a baby at the breast in those days. (18) And say a prayer that it [*your flight*] may not be in the winter. (19) For in those days there will be sorrow, such as there has not been from the time when God made the world till now, and will not ever be again. (20) And **if the Lord had not made the time short [*cut those days short*], no flesh would have been kept from destruction; but because of the saints [*the ones being chosen*] he has made the time short.**

and to warn you off the rocks representing the danger (of your faith being shipwrecked) from people who only claim to be teaching what Jesus taught.<sup>(C)</sup> You can join God's effort to awaken humanity by joining with at least one other person to verify what we say: Read what Jesus was sent by his Father to teach (as recorded in the Gospels).<sup>CC</sup> (To learn more about helping us do that, about how you can be a part of a gathering of Eagles,<sup>(DD)</sup> also read: [justbibletruth.com/TheEndOfAllReligion.pdf](http://justbibletruth.com/TheEndOfAllReligion.pdf).) Foremost and always, however, read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. You can protect and benefit yourself only by ingesting the life (the words) of Christ.<sup>DD</sup> Please hear my secret: While religion is telling you all kinds of things you should believe and do to become pleasing to God, I am telling you reading and learning for yourself what Christ actually taught<sup>(B)</sup> is your one and only real protection. May God bring you peace and life<sup>EE</sup> through your faith in Jesus Christ,

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<sup>CC</sup> **John 7:14-18 GNB** The festival was nearly half over when Jesus went to the Temple and began teaching. (15) The Jewish authorities were greatly surprised and said, "How does this man know so much when he has never been to school?" (16) Jesus answered, "What I teach is not my own teaching, but it comes from God, who sent me. (17) Whoever is willing to do what God wants will know whether what I teach comes from God or whether I speak on my own authority. (18) Those who speak on their own authority are trying to gain glory for themselves. But he who wants glory for the one who sent him is honest, and there is nothing false in him.

<sup>DD</sup> **Luke 17:37 Darby** And answering they say to him, Where [*will your return take place*], Lord? And he said to them, Where the body *is*, there the eagles will be gathered together. (Christ's remains are his teachings.)

<sup>EE</sup> **Job 33:22-30 CEV** We feel death and the grave taking us in their grip. (23) One of a thousand angels then comes to our rescue by saying we are innocent. (24) The angel shows kindness, commanding death to release us, because the price was paid. (25) Our health is restored, we feel young again, (26) and we ask God to accept us. Then we joyfully worship God, and we are rewarded because we are innocent. (27) When that happens, we tell everyone, "I sinned and did wrong, but God forgave me (28) and rescued me from death! Now I will see the light." (29) God gives each of us chance after chance (30) to be saved from death and brought into the light that gives life.

If you are able to hear and get the sense of my words (hear and get the sense of the importance of Christ's words), please let me know. I love to hear expressions of faith uttered by my brothers and sisters in Christ.

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ASV - American Standard Version (by the American revision committee in 1897).

Coverdale – 1535 James Coverdale

Darby - 1884, 1889 Darby Bible (John Nelson Darby)

DRB - 1899 Douay-Rheims Bible

BBE - 1949, 1964 Bible in Basic English (Cambridge Press)

LITV - Literal Translation of the Holy Bible (1976-2000 by J. P. Green)

KJV - King James Version (1611)

MKJV - Modern King James Version (1962-1998 by J. P. Green Sr.)

Murdock – James Murdock (1851)

MWT - Modern World Translation

Webster - 1833 Webster Bible (Noah Webster)

RV - Revised Version (King James Revised Version - 1769)

YLT - Young's Literal Translation (1862, 1898)

I believe there must arise a ground swell of popularity for the “abandon sectarian religion in favor of Christianity” movement (a wide spread recognition of the need to focus attention on the actual teachings by Christ). It will become popular not because we say it, but because God has said it.<sup>(BB)</sup> Asserting it will become popular to share the benefits of listening to Jesus is not to imply everyone will appreciate it. Those who are religiously devout (those who desire and/or have authority for keeping the churches functioning as usual) will hate this truth: They will hate it because the enlightenment and encouragement to give attention to what Jesus was sent by his Father to teach<sup>(CC)</sup> exposes those who worship the doctrines of men (for what they actually are).<sup>(T)</sup> Neither is it necessarily true that all who are drawn to the movement will be sincere. Like those who flocked to Christ 2000 years ago (to be fed or healed by him), some may come just because of the popularity of “looking” to Jesus. It will, however, bring the teachings of Jesus into clear focus. Those teachings are God’s provision of life for each and every sincere person who is seeking truth.<sup>(U)</sup> There is no middle ground. You can’t truly follow Christ and still support the churches who spread judgment and hate! Choose...



In chapter 5 of the book of Daniel, King Belshazzar had brought in the utensils he had stolen from the true God's temple, so he and his guests could drink from them. The King then saw a hand write on the wall that his kingdom had been weighed by God and found deficient. The king was killed and replaced that very night. Even though they may not admit or even know, all the kingdoms of this world have been judged and replaced by the kingdom of Christ. They are in the process of destroying themselves under the weight of their own sins and pride. The writing is on the wall and your only hope for protection lies within your personal faith in Christ.<sup>(N)</sup> You can avoid being destroyed along with this world<sup>ff</sup> only by turning to faith in what Jesus taught. You first have to know what that is. Start or continue learning today. Read the Gospels!

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<sup>ff</sup> **Luke 17:26-30 BBE** And as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the day of the Son of man. (27) They were feasting and taking wives and getting married, till the day of the overflowing of the waters, when Noah went into the ark, and they all came to destruction. (28) In the same way, in the days of Lot; they were feasting and trading, they were planting and building; (29) But on the day when Lot went out of Sodom, fire came down from heaven and destruction came on them all. (30) So will it be in the day of the revelation of the Son of man. (In our day, destruction will not be by flood or fire, but the tribulation<sup>(AA)</sup> of a dying world system or by the hand of Christ at Armageddon<sup>(Z - Rev 19:9-18)</sup> when he brings an end of the tribulation to usher in peace.)<sup>(Z - 1 Cor 15:24-28)</sup>