

## **THE GOSPEL MESSAGE OF THE GRACE OF GOD BRINGING SALVATION**

God's Word tells us all that we choose our life after this life.

That choice involves

- two leaders: the Creator and Savior, Jesus Christ, or the destroyer, Satan, and
- two eternal destinations: "heaven" (where Jesus Christ lives, eternally to be on the new earth) or "hell"/the Lake of Fire (where Satan will be confined).

The choice is made by choosing one of two ways of living this current life:

- (1) with only Jesus Christ as Lord/Master; or
- (2) double-mindedly with both Jesus Christ and self as lord/master, with self as lord/master, or with Satan as lord/master.

## **THE TWO LEADERS OF THE ETERNAL DESTINATIONS**

### **About Jesus Christ**

Deu 6:4 tells us The LORD our God [is] one LORD, and the New Testament confirms this: And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments [is], Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord (Mar 12:29). That does not say, "There is only one God"—that only one Creator God exists is assumed. Instead it shows us that a plurality exists in one Lord. That plurality is the Father; the Son, Jesus Christ; and the Holy Spirit—each God, but none the others. This is possible because God is not locked in space and time as we are.

Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God the Father. As the Son of God, He is God, so He is called Emmanuel, meaning God with us. This Jesus is the Lord of Glory, the Mighty God,

the Everlasting God, the True God and so He is our Lord, meaning Master.

Jesus Christ **is** YHWH (Yahweh/Jehovah), the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, Who existed before Abraham and also was the seed of Abraham. He was also the seed (son) and Lord of David (Psa 110:1, Luk 20:41-44). He is the the Everlasting Father (or Father of Eternity), the Great I AM THAT I AM, the angel of the LORD that appeared to Moses in a flame of fire out of a bush and spoke to him. He is the Creator and Upholder of all things: the Word who spoke all things into existence. He is the Almighty, which is, and which was, and which is to come. He is the Beginning and the Ending, the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. He is that Eternal Life which was with the Father.

Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Word that was with God and was God. Both the Son of God and the Holy Bible are called the Word of God which is the Word of Life. The Word was made flesh, the Express Image of the Invisible God and the Brightness of His Glory. He is the Wisdom and Power of God, and the Angel (Messenger) of God.

Jesus became the son of a human mother, Mary, who was a virgin. As the son of Mary he is man and so is known as the Son of Man. He is the Savior of the first prophecy, Gen 3:15, the seed of the woman (born of a virgin) who would bruise the head of the serpent, the devil. He is God manifest (shown) in a

\*(NOT Tammuz, Eze 8:11-16, the son of the Sun god, born on Dec. 25, the supposed reincarnated Nimrod known by many names in various civilizations, such as Baal, but the Son of God who was actually born on the first day of the first month of God's calendar [Exo 12:2, 40:2], fourteen days before Passover, the same day the tabernacle in the wilderness was set up: Exo 29:45 YLT - I have tabernacled in the midst of the sons of Israel, and have become their God.)

human body whose coming birth was announced by the angel Gabriel as the birth of the Messiah, or Christ. He was The Holy Child Jesus born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger\*.

Jesus was the toddler worshiped by the wise men who brought him gifts from the east. He was the boy in the temple, sitting in the midst of the leading teachers, both hearing them, and asking them questions, and astonishing all that heard Him because of His understanding and answers. He was the supposed son of Joseph, a carpenter in Nazareth. When a man, He was the one who graciously turned water into the best wine at a wedding when the host ran out of wine for the guests.

Because Jesus remained God though He emptied Himself of His power and glory to become a human being, He was a stranger and a foreigner (Psa 69:8) to His siblings who did not understand Who He was. (Mary had other children after Him, Mat 13:55-56). He was the one who greatly offended the men in the synagogue in Nazareth when He told them that *He was the one* Isaiah wrote about in Isa 61:1-2a:

The Spirit of the Lord GOD [is] upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings [*the gospel*] unto the meek [*those not easily angered by pride*]; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to [them that are] bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD...

He stopped reading there leaving out the rest of the verse that would apply to His second coming in power and glory to defeat His enemies and save His people:

...and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn.

These men of Nazareth who had known Him all His life were so angry at what He said about Himself being the Messiah/Christ that they thrust him out of the city, and led him to the edge of the hill on which their city was built so they could throw him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them He went his way and moved to Capernaum. This Great Prophet who had lived in Nazareth became mighty in deed and word.

So Jesus Christ is the God man and was given to humanity as the *only* mediator (a “go-between”) between God and humanity—God our only Savior. The Man Who is God the Father’s equal came to do the Father’s will by redeeming humanity. This all-righteous servant made Himself a servant of rulers, of criminals, of the Jewish religious leaders who hated Him and of ordinary people, though He was the King of Kings. He was a Man of Sorrows (over humanity’s sin) who came to be the sacrificial Lamb of God for our sins.

Because He was entirely innocent of any and all sin, He did not have to pay for His own sin with suffering and death. He was able to purposely take each step of the way through our deserved suffering and death in our place. At any time He could have called 10,000 angels to rescue Him. Jesus was tempted to forgo this horrible punishment we deserved so much that He sweated blood resisting calling for those angels. His determined love for us is obvious.

In this punishment He was betrayed, forsaken, oppressed, misunderstood, falsely accused and condemned by illegal Jewish and Roman courts, despised, rejected, stripped, shamed, reviled, struck, mocked, crowned with a crown of thorns, scourged 39 times (wounded, bruised, smitten with a multi-tailed whip with metal attached) and crucified by Roman soldiers in our place.

The Romans had perfected crucifixion, the most cruel and painful way to die, to keep the people under their rule compliant. Yet, in His Word the Lord gave no description of crucifixion because He does not make an appeal to pity for our love in return, and He does not lay on us a “guilt trip.” His love is pure without self-seeking. The crucifixion of Jesus Christ has been historically verified and is accepted by scholars of various faiths who do not believe in it as the sacrifice for humanity’s sin.

This crucifixion was different from the many other Roman crucifixions in that as God in Jesus Christ gave His flesh to pay for our ills and His blood to pay for our sins, He *became* sin for us and was accursed of God saying He was a Worm, and no Man and forsaken by even God the Father. As such He was the Passover Lamb, the Lamb of God, the once for all, final sacrifice for sins. What a courageous, mighty and loving God and Savior He has shown Himself to be for us! Can anyone else prove greater love for each of us than Jesus Christ has shown us? Of course not.

Because Jesus Christ was completely innocent, God raised Him from the dead. He is justified, He is risen, He is glorified, and He is exalted! As such we know He is the Deliverer, the Captain of our Salvation, a Quickening Spirit, the Resurrection and Eternal Life! Yes, He *is* eternal life—to have *Him* is to have *it*.

Jesus is now the KING OF KINGS, and as God His throne is forever and ever, and He is over all, the God of the whole earth, the Highest. He was in the form of God yet was not taking any advantage of being equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, and took upon himself the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of human beings. When He found He was a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto

death, even the death of the cross. For this reason God has highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. This is true of things in heaven, and things on the earth, and things under the earth.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God that was slain who is now worthy to receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing. He is the Lamb in the midst of the throne who shall reign forever and ever because He is rightly the Lord over all—both of the living and the dead.

Here is a long list of who the Lord Jesus is in the life of a true believer (true repentor): our Refuge, Shield, Strength, Husband, Well-beloved, Savior, Hope, Brother, Portion, Helper, Love, Physician/Healer, Rest, Refiner/Purifier, wonderful Lord/Master, Example, Teacher, Shepherd, Keeper, Restorer, Peace, Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, Redeemer, Mediator and Advocate/Attorney. He is as refreshing and comforting as showers that water the earth, rivers in a dry place, a hiding place from blasting wind and the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. Isn't Jesus wonderful?!

This glorious and mighty God and Savior living in his born again people causes them to become like Him: obedient, meek (not easily angered) and lowly (not feeling superior), sincere, merciful, faithful, holy, harmless, undefiled, different from those who love sin, perfect (fully mature though still living in a body with the old sin nature and so repenting) and so forth. As Paul says in 2Cor 4:7, **We have this treasure [God's life] in earthen vessels [fleshly bodies with the sin nature] that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.**

The Christian life is *all* of God; Christians follow Christ by the Holy Spirit in them and let Him live *in* and *through* them. That is *not* the same as using one's own knowledge or strength to do something *for* God. That's why it is not up to you in your power to get rid of your sins. Jesus is to be our Savior, so He wants us to trade our sins for His righteousness.

### **About Satan**

Satan is the great red dragon whose tail drew a third of the stars of heaven (angels of heaven) into rebellion with him against God and so is also called the great dragon, that old serpent, the Devil. He is the chief of the devils (demonic beings, by extension deities, gods). He is the ruler over the demonic powers in the sky (the lowest heaven). He is known as the prince of this world and the god of this world because he deceives the whole world. (You have seen *that* in how he has orchestrated men to believe God is galaxies and galaxies away from the small earth in an insignificant solar system somewhere lost in space. In fact, God superintends His earth from just above the firmament, and we—in His image and likeness—are the crown of His creation.)

Satan accuses Christians before God day and night. Satan is called Beelzebub which refers to the lord of the flies or where the flies are: the dung-god. He is the angel of the bottomless pit (the abyss, or hell before hell is thrown into the Lake of Fire). Satan's name in Hebrew is Abaddon and in Greek is Apollyon which mean destroyer. He is the father of those not born again by the Word and the Spirit of God.

Satan, an angel, was defeated in heaven by the archangel Michael with his angels. The third of the angels that followed him were defeated with him. He was cast out of the heavens to the sky (the lowest heaven). He will come down to earth with great wrath soon knowing his time is short before he is destroyed by God .

Satan was originally Lucifer, a cherub created by God. He was likely a composite creature (more than one animal form in the same way that a winged mammal is a composite form). God covered him with every precious gemstone with gold mountings and settings for his gems. He was the perfection of wisdom and beauty, and he was set by God in a place of honor on the holy mountain of God and anointed to cover God's throne as a worshiper or defender (in the same way the two cherubim [plural] covered the Mercy Seat in Solomon's Temple) . He walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire (stars, angels), and he was also in Eden, the garden of God.

Lucifer was blameless from the day he was created until iniquity was found in him when he rebelled against God's purpose for him and tried to become equal with God. His heart became proud because of his beauty, and he corrupted his wisdom because of his splendor. He sinned with violence related to the abundance of his trafficking (peddling trade) in what is against God and His angels as it defiled the holy places he inhabited.

God cast Lucifer out of the mountain of God as profane (unholy: no longer set apart for the honor he had). God destroyed his reputation and place in the midst of the stones of fire (angels).

Satan is well-known for being the evil one. His nature is one of lying and lust (desire for what is forbidden). He is a liar and the father of lying. He lies because he speaks from his essentially lying nature. He does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. He is a destroyer and has been a murderer from the beginning. He is called Belial which is Hebrew for worthlessness. His nature is revealed by his purposes: to steal, to kill and to destroy.



To the saints of God Satan is the devil (Greek: *diábolos*) meaning slanderer. He is the tempter, and the adversary, meaning a prosecuting attorney in the court of heaven. He is a dedicated enemy spending his time prowling for a chance to destroy people.

Satan's mode of operation is to come and catch away the Gospel message of repentance and the coming kingdom of heaven on earth with King Jesus Christ from people who hear it but do not understand it in their hearts. He enters into persons, for example, he entered into Judas, Christ's betrayer. He blinds the minds of unbelievers so the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, the image of God, will not shine to them. Satan transforms himself into a [*supposed*] angel of light.

- **Angel**, Strong's G32, *ángelos*, a messenger; especially an "angel"; by implication, a pastor; translated in KJV as angel, messenger.

Satan sends his ministers transformed as the ministers of righteousness—false apostles, deceitful workers, as if they were apostles of Christ—whose end [*eternal punishment*] shall be according to their works. As a the spirit that works in the disobedient, he deceives the whole world. Day and night he accuses Christians before God. Satan's abilities are limited, however, by the sovereignty of God. Satan can only do what, in the foreknowledge of God, will ultimately work God's will for faithful humanity's blessing and ultimate reward. Without realizing it Satan's evil work forms the context for the Christian's trial of faith which includes growing in Christ, such as in forgiveness and obedience to the Holy Spirit's leading:

- 1Pet 1:7 - That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

The end of Satan's rule and his final end are prophesied in God's Word. Remembering that the prophetic Scriptures are 100% accurate gives us insight into the Lord Jesus Christ's plan and purpose for Satan. As the power behind the earth's rulers Satan has continually struck the people in wrath with overwhelming persecutions throughout the ages. The time will come though when God will cast Satan to the ground to be a spectacle for the great kings of the historical civilizations of the earth already in Sheol. He will be locked in the bottomless pit for the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ in His Kingdom on earth. Then all these kings will arise and ask him how he could be in the pit with them weak and silent with worms all over him. What a difference from when Satan said he willed to be above all the angels and like the most High [*Jesus Christ*]! He had ruled and destroyed and put in bondage the whole world, but he will be despised as nothing.

All the people who have acknowledged Satan will be alarmed at the calamity of his future destruction. God will bring a fire from within him to burn him to ashes in front of everyone [*reminds of angels as stones of fire*]. At the end of the millennial reign of Jesus Christ on earth this formerly-great Satan shall be cast into the lake of fire and brimstone and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever along with all fallen angels and every person who follows him by not turning to God and repenting from sins:.

- **Rev 20:10-15** - And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet [are], and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [The Book] of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in The Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

## THE TWO ETERNAL DESTINATIONS

### About “Heaven”

When we speak of *heaven* after we die, we mean God’s dwelling place (“the third heaven,” 2Cor 12:2); however, God’s dwelling place will not always be above the earth. Where God in the person of the Lord Jesus is, there will be His faithful people. So whether “heaven” is in the heaven above the firmament or on the earth during the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ or on the new earth under the new heaven to come for eternity, what we care about is to be with our God and Savior in glorified bodies where no sin and its resulting trouble is.

At the end of the Church age at **the rapture** the Lord’s faithful people, called the Bride of Christ, whether having died or still living, will meet Jesus in the air (the dead resurrected, the living raptured–snatched up) just before the seven-year Tribulation period on earth (Daniel’s prophesied 70th week). They will be taken in glorified bodies to heaven for the Marriage of the Lamb and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. (Jesus Christ is that Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world by His

\*Psa 68:8; Eph 4:8; John 20:17; Heb 9:12, 23-24

### The Rapture

Yeshua our Messiah/The Lord Jesus Christ promised in His Word to come to catch up—*rapture*—His beloved Bride, the lovingly obedient, baptized, born again believers, in an instant for the Judgment for rewards, the Coronation of the King, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and the Wedding—all in heaven—*before* His Second Coming spectacularly to earth to set up His 1,000 year Kingdom.

- 1Th 4:16-17 - For the Lord himself shall descend... and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be **caught up** [*Med. L.: raptura*] together with them... to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

sacrifice.) The Old Testament saints in the former Paradise part of Hades (who were transferred to heaven at the ascension of Jesus to present His blood in the heavenly temple\*) will be there to celebrate the Marriage and Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

After the rapture of the Church, a seven year period called the Tribulation will occur. (The Church Era—an Old Testament mystery, a secret—interrupted Daniel’s prophesied 70 weeks of years (70x7, 490 years, when Messiah was cut off by crucifixion.) During these last seven years the Lord’s faithful people on

### The Mark of the Beast

During the Tribulation period the New World Order tyranny will require everyone to accept its religion and economic system or face death by beheading. by both (1.) worshiping the image of the beast and (2.) taking the mark of the beast, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name (gematria/isopsephia of 666) in the hand or forehead. ***All who take the mark, name or number of the beast will spend eternity in the lake of fire; all who reject the beast in the name of Jesus Christ will spend eternity with Jesus Christ in His eternal Kingdom of peace and righteousness.***

earth who are beheaded for not taking **the mark of the beast** are not yet with the Lord, but wait “under the altar” (Rev 6:9). The Old Testament saints and the Church-age faithful are in heaven until, at the end of these seven years, they return with the Lord Jesus Christ to earth to defeat Christ’s enemies.

After the seven-year Tribulation period at the beginning of the 1,000 year reign of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth, (1.) the Lord’s people from Adam to the last saved person during the Church age are on earth to live and reign in a theocracy with the Lord & King Jesus Christ for 1,000 years (“the Millennium”) and (2.) the souls under the altar are resurrected to the earth in glorified bodies at the beginning of this period to live and reign with the Lord Jesus Christ for 1,000 years as well.

After the 1,000 year reign of the Lord Jesus Christ on earth and after the final war and judgments from which the briefly-released Satan and all the disobedient angels and disobedient people are removed to the lake of fire, only the saints will live for eternity . The earth we know now will be burned up. A new heaven and new earth without the sea and with the shining city, the New Jerusalem, that descends from heaven will be the eternal “heaven on earth,” so to speak. All the faithful from all ages will live face-to-face with God in a *perfect* world. There is no more death, curse, tears, death, sorrow, crying or pain for the former things are passed away. The saints inherit everything. They eat the hidden manna like the angels’ food, the grain of heaven, that the children of Israel ate in the wilderness that came down from the doors of heaven. The saints will know everything just as God knows everything about us now. People will not marry, but will be as the angels of God in heaven are now and in glorious bodies like the Lord Jesus’. He wears a long, white robe. His hair is as white as snow, His eyes are like a flame, His

feet are like fine bronze fired in a furnace, His face shines like the sun.

Here are Bible descriptions of the eternal home for those who love (are faithful to) God:

- **Isa 65:17-19, 25** - For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever [in that] which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. 19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust [shall be] the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.
- **Rev 21:1-27, 22:1-5** - And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

- At this time the cosmos and everything about living in it will again reflect the almighty, all-good God about

whom skeptics ask, “If God is all powerful and all good, why does He allow trouble and death?” (He doesn’t; that is why He hasn’t lived with mankind all these millenia. He gave Adam and Eve—and so all of the people who came from them—dominion, so He had to legally win it back by becoming a man Himself and paying for mankind’s sin. After that He needed to assess the faithfulness of His believers through their lives to determine their future positions and rewards in His perfect Kingdom in a way that all would agree were justly deserved.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

- ***He that overcometh***— Only those who live faithful to the commandments of the One who faithfully gave up everything and paid the ultimate price to redeem them will be able to enjoy the new earth with Jesus as King of kings.

8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

- Remember, God’s Word is precise, the Judgment will be just, what you do in your heart (who you really are)

matters for eternity. Do not lose a perfectly wonderful eternity by ignoring sin's deceitfulness. For example, those movies full of all these things named in this verse that you set up before your eyes are idols you worship more than the holy God. Fear Him, love Him, and live for Him.

9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 Having the glory of God: and her light [was] like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; 12 And had a wall great and high, [and] had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are [the names] of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: 13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. 16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

- The shape of the New Jerusalem is a cube with 1,500 mile edges. The distance from San Antonio in south central Texas to Atlanta, Georgia is about 1,500 miles.



**17** - And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred [and] forty [and] four cubits, [according to] the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

- **Cubit**, a measurement equal to the distance from the elbow to the end of the middle finger.

**18** And the building of the wall of it was [of] jasper: and the city [was] pure gold, like unto clear glass. **19** And the foundations of the wall of the city [were] garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation [was] jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; **20** The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. **21** And the twelve gates [were] twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city [was] pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

**22** And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. **23** And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb [is] the light thereof. **24** And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. **25** And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

**26** And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it. **27** And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither [whatsoever] worketh abomination, or

[maketh] a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

**22:1-5** - And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, [was there] the tree of life, which bare twelve [manner of] fruits, [and] yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree [were] for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 4 And they shall see his face; and his name [shall be] in their foreheads. 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

### **About “Hell”**

“Hell” (Sheol/the Abyss) will ultimately be thrown into the lake of fire at the end of the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ as King of the earth. Whether “hell” now or the lake of fire then, those who refuse to seek and love God and accept His hard-won, free gift of eternal life according to His Word will undeniably and justly live in a place of eternal torment—what more could He have done besides leaving heaven and taking all our punishment on Himself? This place is described in horrible terms including

bars about me forever; corruption; prisoners are gathered in the pit; shut up in the prison; down; chambers [*rooms, cells*] of death; stones of the pit; no strength; sorrows of Hell; snares of death; dark places; full of the areas of cruelty

(demonic torture); shame; lowest pit; darkness; blackness of darkness forever; fear; snare; the noise of the fear; the king of terrors; suffering the vengeance of eternal fire; rain coals; fire and brimstone [*sulfur—has a horrible smell*] and a burning wind; no peace; destruction; torments; crying for mercy; hot tongues; tormented; flame; smoke of the torment ascends forever and ever; no rest day or night; no water; the lake of fire and brimstone; tormented day and night for ever and ever; outer darkness; hopelessness; unquenchable fire; worms forever eating, but not consuming bodies; everlasting punishment; destroy both soul and body in hell; cast into the lake of fire; to go into hell; into the fire that never shall be quenched; death and hell were cast into the lake of fire...the second death; the furnace of fire...wailing and gnashing of teeth; punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power; the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever, and they have no rest day nor night; hell fire.

### **RECEIVING THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND LORD**

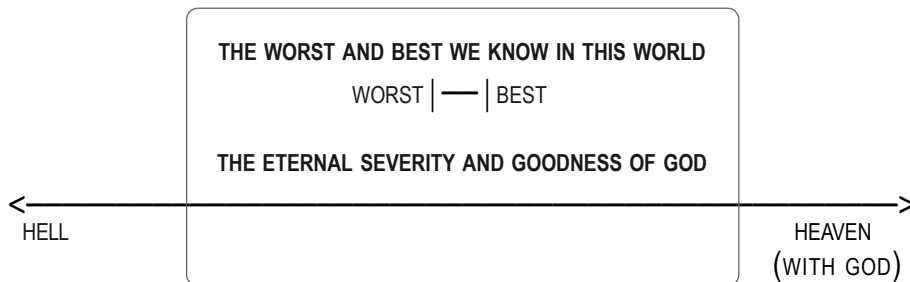
The New Testament says the devil has put *many* false Christians in the Church including pastors (2Cor 11:15). You must be very, very careful that you are not a false convert, one without the Holy Spirit converting the heart leading to a Christlike life. If you think the normal American life with its entertainment, materialism and addictions is okay with God, you are frankly *deceived*. Without repentance and conversion to the godly model of a Christian that matches the Word of God, you should have no assurance of acceptance into God's presence.

- **Mat 7:22-23** - Many will say to me [*Jesus*] in that day, Lord,

Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils [*demons*]? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity [*break My law*].

- **Heb 6:9** - But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation
- **Jas 4:4** - know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity [*hatred*] with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.
- **Rom 11:22** - Behold the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in [his] goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

Consider the worst and best you know in this world and the worst and best that can be expected in the next:



The videos of testimonies and visions of hell on youtube.com seriously wake up the spiritually lazy. Since not all “Christians” will go to heaven when they die, watching a few of these videos makes a good reality check for real faith acceptable to God. Consider “Placebo - A Wake Up Call to The Church by Howard Pittman” and “Christians Who Wound Up in Hell.”

- **Rev 22:12, 14-15** - And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward [is] with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. ... 14 **Blessed [are] they that do his commandments**, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city [*the New Jerusalem*]. 15 For without [*in the Lake of Fire in outer darkness where there is nothing of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World*] [are] dogs [*metaphor: the impure & impudent*], and sorcerers [*Greek word pharmakos, legal and illegal drug users*], and whore-mongers [*Greek word pornos, anyone committing sinful sexual acts or thoughts according to God's Word, not the culture*], and murderers [*Jesus includes hatred in the Sermon on the Mount.*], and idolaters [*worshiper—'worth-shiper—of false gods including partakers of their feasts and the covetous who knowingly or unknowingly worship the god Mammon, Mat 6:24*], and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

When people believe Satan's lies and do not serve the Creator God with love, they express the iniquity of Satan who wanted to be like God. They destroy the life God created for us. This life God requires includes acceptance of God as Lord alone, acceptance of creation as the Creator designed (not ruining the environment or tinkering with the Creator's code of life, DNA, for example), and acceptance of the person God designed (gender, form, nationality, lifestyle, etc). God's Word says Satan deceives the whole world (Rev 12:9), and this deception fills every area of our lives: science, work, health, education, family life, media (news and entertainment), agriculture (food and drink), clothing, home and natural environments, lifestyle, religion—you name it. Human sin has turned the Creator's reality of abundant nature into a fantasy monetized world of bondage that has impaired our love, joy, peace and prosperity in multiple ways.

Jesus Christ wants to become *your* Savior from sin so *you* can live in His presence now and in the future. He will take your sin away and put His righteousness in you if you will (1.) ask Him to, (2.) give Him your life so He will be the Lord (Master) of it and (3.) live under His Lordship. To do the first two is to become born again so that you enter a relationship with God the Father as *your* Father. After that, when you sin, you can go to God, confess your sin (agree with God with your words) and ask Him to forgive you, and He, being faithful and just, will forgive you.

Jesus said, *If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments [fulfilled God's Law given to Moses], and abide in his love.* (John 15:10) This is a conditional statement, so one must continue in all that the New Covenant (the New Testament) says is essential to prove your relationship with Him which is called eternal life. That is your assurance of salvation. The Christian life is a life of repentance (turning away from sin) towards God.

**1Cor 2:9 - But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.**

Would *you* like to have this Eternal Life in Jesus Christ? Absolutely *anyone* who wants Jesus Christ can have Him. Do not let the most grievous sin hold you back. Even if you have sold your soul to Satan, the Lord Jesus Christ has bought it back with His blood. He wants what He paid for with His life's blood—*you*. You cannot do enough good to undo or pay for your sin so you need the Savior's righteousness. Just acknowledging that this record of the Savior and Lord is true is not enough for you to

be with Him. You must receive Him with your words and then obediently let Him live in and through you, laying down your own ways. He is not the God of unforgivers. He is not the God of the immoral. He will not accept scraps of you; He wants all or nothing. You can receive Him with your words in prayer to Him saying this or something like this:

Dear Jesus Christ,

I am a sinner. I believe You shed Your blood for my sins when you died on the cross. Forgive me for my sins. Take them away and give me Your righteousness. Save me from myself, my sin and Your wrath to come. I turn away (repent) from them to follow You. Please be my Savior .

Please come into my heart. I believe you took the emotional and physical suffering I deserve when you were beaten and abused. Make me whole again.

I give You my life; You can be my Lord (Master). I will deny myself and take up my cross and follow You on the narrow way that leads to eternal life. Live in me, guide me and give me the life You want me to have.

Baptize me in Your Holy Spirit to give me the love, gifts and power I need to live for You.

I will be water baptized and find a fellowship of Christians who love the Word of God to worship with and help me mature in my new life with You.

Thank You for being my Savior and Lord and writing my name in The Book of Life. Amen (So be it.)

Praying that prayer does not count if you did not sincerely mean to repent. Merely “believing” (the normal definition of that word) or “accepting Jesus into your heart” or being baptized does NOT guarantee you will be saved! For Christians, *to believe* is a verb that includes **to love** the Lord Jesus which is **to obey** His Word the Bible, **to live** in Jesus so He lives through you, **to trust** the Lord Jesus Christ, **to repent** from worldliness and toward God and **to commit** all you have, are, do, think, and want to Him. You will discover that you will be glad you did! You know truly saved people by what they like and what they do. The person really saved (justified from sin) will be converted from within by God the Holy Spirit. Without repentance and conversion to God’s ways no one is saved from eternal torment. You will notice that this is completely unrelated to traditions, denominations or leaders in Christendom, but is related only to the ultimate authority, God’s Word.

- Luk 8:5-18 - [*Jesus said,*] A sower went out to sow [*plant*] his seed: and as he sowed,
  - (1.) some fell **by the way side**, and it was walked on, and the fowls of the air devoured it (meaning that they hear, but the devil takes away the word out of their hearts so they do not believe and become saved).
  - (2.) And some fell **upon a rock**; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture (meaning they hear and receive the word with joy, but have no root so only believe for awhile then fall away to temptation).
  - (3.) And some fell **among thorns**; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it (meaning they heard and go on, but are choked with cares, riches and pleasures of this life, and so do not bring fruit to perfection).
  - (4.) And other fell **on good ground**, and sprang up, and



bare fruit an hundredfold (meaning those with an honest and good heart hear and keep the word and bring forth fruit with patience).

Be sure deception, troubles, temptations, distractions and sin do not drive you *away at all* from the Lord Jesus. Will the Word of God be in you **by the wayside, upon a rock, among thorns or on good ground?** Be good ground.

- **Mat 7:13-14** - Enter ye in at the narrow gate for wide [is] the gate and broad [is] the way that leads to destruction, and many go that way, because strait [*strict*] is the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leads to life, and few there be that find it.
- **Mat 15:8** - This people draw near unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with [their] lips; but their heart is far from me.
- **Luk 13:3, 5** - I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. ... I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.
- **Jam 4:4** - Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.
- **Mat 19:17** - ...if thou wilt enter into [*eternal*] life, keep the commandments.
- **Mat 7:21-27** - Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not proph-

esied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils?  
and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And  
then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart  
from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine,  
and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which  
built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended,  
and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon  
that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and  
doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which  
built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended,  
and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon  
that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Eternal life starts with sincerely receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. If “Christians” are not living in and with Jesus Christ (enjoying eternal life), but rather the ordinary worldly life while going to church and praying little selfish prayers (a double-minded life), they have *false* hope of eternal life after death. Be sure that praying that prayer and yet staying in your same lifestyle will not, not, not result in you living with God for eternity.

Deeply realize that neither believing the message, but not fully repenting and living in Jesus Christ nor doing many wonderful works in Jesus’ name or “for” Jesus is not the same as the required repentance and obedience to Jesus Christ from your heart. God will honor His Word while the person giving that Word is not living in God’s ways from the heart. Such a person will be cast into the Lake of Fire in the end.

God requires obedience from the heart, not sacrifice. He said the people who love him will keep His commandments. He will

not accept the person who does not live by the law of love. What you do “for” Jesus from your own human resources has nothing to do with seeking love for God and humanity, and expressing that love.

If you truly repented of your sins and received Christ by praying to receive Him, then **rejoice because your name is in the Book of Life and you are born again as a child of God which means eternal life (life in Jesus Christ) starts now! Jesus Christ is the best gift you could ever have, and He counts you worth the price He paid for you!**

1. Live with gratitude, by faith, in forgiveness, and in unselfish love with God and all other people with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.
2. Read God’s Word every day.
3. Gather with other believers to learn, worship, pray and fellowship weekly.
4. Pass on the Good News! (youtube.com > Basics of Biblical Evangelism, Power Evangelism Soul Winning Training, and other suggested evangelism videos there.)