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PREFACE

Jesus said, “*You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants [slaves]; for the servant knows not what his lord [master] does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known to you*” (John 15:14-15). Amazing.

Jesus told everything God had informed Him to His Disciples, “*This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you*” (John 15:12). It is the love one has for the other that defines friendship and trust which is faith.

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INTRODUCTION

Visions, Dreams And Friends is a rather unusual name for a book. It sounds prophetic and social as well. These three names, dreams, visions, and friends all tie together, as one – *Biblically*.

Christ made an announcement as to who would be considered part of His family, “*For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister and mother*” (Matthew 12:50). Quite a statement.

Jesus regarded those of His personal family less than those who seek His Father’s “will.” Peter, The Apostle, knew this, “*But in every nation he that fears him, and works righteousness [God’s Will] is accepted with him*” (Acts 10:35).

Family and friends, are not necessarily, true friends, “*Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword [terrorists]*” (Matthew 10:34).

The sword meant they were “*terrorists*” called The Sicarii. Human nature at its worst is like the wild animals, a lion, bear, and leopard combined. This is The Mark of The Beast in Revelation 13.

Some friends are false, some family members themselves quarrel, constantly, including fathers, mothers, daughters and at times daughter-in-laws against mother-in-laws (Matthew 10:34-35). Finding a true trusting friend is no easy task. God has a system, a definite method to determine who His friends are – be-

yond family members of His own household. “Prophecy” enters into God’s choice of “*a friend*.” He is very careful and determined to have loyal, trusting, faithful people. There cannot be any doubt.

God reveals His purposes and plans little by little like a small baby just beginning to learn, “*Whom shall he teach knowledge? [facts] and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk [nourished] and drawn from the breasts. For precept [idea] must be upon precept, [idea] precept upon precept; line [sentence] upon line [sentence], line upon line; here a little, and there a little*” (Isaiah 28:9-10).

God tests mankind with parts of His goals and dreams to see how faithful and true a person reacts to His “*truths*.” Each human has a different pace and maturity. Every human is personally and individually tested to prove their friendship. You are ready to digest the methods God uses with you on a person-to-person basis.

CHAPTER 1

DAY OF PENTECOST

After forty days Christ went to be with His Father in heaven. One hundred and twenty followers of Christ came together on The Day of Pentecost with The Twelve Apostles. What took place was Christ's Gift of God's Holy Spirit of Truth for His chosen Disciples to begin learning The Mystery of God.

DREAMS AND VISIONS

On Pentecost, a mighty rushing wind (energy) filled the house in which His Disciples were sitting. Fiery tongues (languages) sat upon each of them. This wind of energy was the power of God's Holy Spirit upon them as Christ foretold (John 14:25-26).

The reason "The Gift of Tongues" sat over them was because of The Jews, devout men, from every nation (Acts 2:5). They were all speaking the languages of the nations they came from.

Peter stood up in their midst and made a remarkable statement. He quoted The Prophet, Joel, "*And it shall come to pass in the last days, said God, I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh [the world]; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions* [Paul, Peter, James, John – Matthew 17]

and your old men [Simeon – Anna Luke 2] *shall dream dreams*” (Acts 2:17 and Joel 2:29-30).

When Christ is there, God will make Israel’s young men and daughters to see visions and the old men to dream dreams (Joel 2:28-29). This would be in The Last Days, when God will be there to pour out His Holy Spirit upon all men – the world.

This was quite a prophecy, but were those The Last Days? Yes! “*God, who at sundry* [various] *times and in divers* [dreams – visions, etc.] *manners spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, Has in these last days spoken to us by his Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things* [Holy Spirit], *by whom also he made the worlds*” (Hebrews 1:1-2). Christ’s days on earth were The Last Days. How can that be?

LAST DAYS

In Matthew 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13, Christ relates all the world events to transpire until He returns. Christ clearly states when He will return, “*Verily I say to you, this generation shall not pass away till all be fulfilled*” (Luke 21:23). There it is. Christ was to come or return before His generation (40 years) concluded. Wow! The Last Days as Hebrews states is the truth.

Christ was to return with all those events completed within forty years. He was 30 years old when He was baptized by John, The Baptist and 40 years later – about 70 A.D. The Temple was destroyed.

Christ was to return to rebuild The Temple in three days after He was crucified. Christ predicted three days after The Temple was destroyed, He would rebuild it, but He did not.

Jesus did not return in that generation, but He did three days after His death to rebuild a *Spiritual Temple*. This was The Church of God comprised of True Christians by God's Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 3:16). These were The Last Days.

Just before Christ was captured and tried, this was His warning to His Disciples, "*Yet a little while is the light [Christ] with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walks in darkness knows not whither he goes. While you have light, believe in the light, that you may be the children of light*" (John 12:35-36).

Not only was Christ to return in that generation, but also these were The Last Days of Light, The Truth of God's Word. Without a doubt these were The Last Days.

Peter on Pentecost, foretold the prophecy that young men and women would have visions while old men and women dream dreams. Simeon, an old man, was shown "The True Christ" before he died, as God revealed it to Him, "*Lord, now let you your servant depart in peace, according to your word. For mine eyes have seen your salvation [Messiah], which you have prepared before the face of all people, A light [truth] to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel*" (Luke

2:29-32). Christ was “*the last light*” of those last days of “*the truth.*”

Anna was a prophetess, “The daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore [80] and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day” (Luke 2:36-37).

Both were elderly and knew Christ at His birth as Prophets. Truly, as Peter said, these were The Last Days and the young and the old would see visions and dreams. Peter, James and John, as young men, saw a vision of Christ on His throne with Elijah and Moses – one on His right and one on His left (Matthew 17).

At that time, Simeon and Anna were the only ones to prophecy only Christ’s birth. Prophets only know “*in part*” just as all mankind only knows “*in part.*” Prophets are specific people with defined missions for limited goals during diverse times according to the needs of God’s people at a particular time.

God gives dreams and visions not only to His chosen people, but to Gentiles who God is using for the good of His people. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, had many God-given dreams because God was using him for the good of The Jews. Even Pilate’s wife was warned in a dream, to have her husband leave Christ alone because of God’s warning.

Dreams and visions are given to many when God uses

Gentiles or some of His people for specific purposes. Einstein claimed, he had been given a dream concerning his energy formula, $E=MC^2$. God grants many in world affairs to have dreams, or visions from Him. In great worldwide events, God can and will intervene, for some worldly purpose of His. Einstein said, all he wanted to know were God's thoughts because he felt the rest are details. Having dreams or visions are not always positive but also can be a lesson that causes harm, *"I am the Lord, and there is none else [one God], there is no God beside me: I girded you, though you have not known me: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: [harm] I the Lord [JHWH] do all these things"* (Isaiah 45:5-7).

God causes harm to a person like a father punishing a child to teach a lesson and keep the child from harm. Hebrews 12 details God's reason for pain and harm in regards to mankind. Physical fathers correct their children for their own benefit. Not God – He has no ego and only corrects, or gives a penalty so an individual learns for their good.

After God allows pain and suffering, He does stop once you learn. When you learn the lesson, you have peace and no longer hurt but are grateful for the lesson. Dreams and visions have many purposes from God – some good, some bad. How does one know?

CHAPTER 2

GOD'S FRIENDS

Friends are more than compatible. Friendship is predicated upon trust and truth with similar goals. “Compatibility” – “to get along” is mostly based upon pleasure and fun having a good time when together. Friendship is far beyond being compatible with similar likes and dislikes. The anchor you need is “*absolute faith*” in each other, which is true and real friendship.

GOD'S PROPHETS

Most believe God chooses Prophets because of their goodness which is true but much more is involved. Daniel, God's Prophet, was chosen by God for a very good reason.

Daniel, a Jewish captive, because of his wisdom to interpret dreams was selected by the king as his counseling cabinet. This king divided his kingdom under the rule of 120 princes to be over these provinces.

The king chose three, Daniel being one, to rule over the princes and The 120 Provinces. In fact, because of Daniel's great gift from God, the king set Daniel over the whole realm (Daniel 6:1-3). How and why did God select Daniel to be a Prophet with such wisdom?

The Prophet Daniel had visions and dreams, “*In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head [mind] upon his bed: then he wrote the dream and told the sum of the matters*” (Daniel 7:1).

Besides Daniel, Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego were also chosen as “elder wise men.” Notice who gave these four their superior gifts, “*As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams*” (Daniel 2:17). Wow!

In fact, the king found these four men ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in his realm (Daniel 2:20).

God picked the other three because of their *faith* in God. They refused to worship any other god but God Almighty and were thrown into a super-hot furnace. They were protected by God’s angel because of their *faith*. That is why God gifted them as wise men (Daniel 3:19-26). It was because of their *faith*.

Why did God pick Daniel as a personal prophet? In Daniel 6 even Daniel’s *faith* was “tried” when he was thrown into the lion’s den and not eaten (Daniel 6).

When Daniel read *The Torah*, he found Moses prophesied Israel’s captivity (Deuteronomy 32). He also read Jeremiah about this captivity lasting seventy years (Daniel 9:2). All the knowledge committed Daniel “*to prayer and supplications, with fasting and sackcloth*

and ashes” to seek God’s will (Daniel 9:3). The rest of Daniel 9 is his long prayer not for himself, but for Israel.

Daniel had a vision when in a deep sleep and felt a hand touch him on his face. God loved Daniel for a great reason, “*And he said to me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright: for to you am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then said he to me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that you did set your heart [desire] to understand, and to chasten yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I am come for your words [answers]*” (Daniel 10:11-12). You need to know why God chose Daniel.

God chose Daniel because he had a right heart, and like King David, he had his *faith* tested, as well. God gave him talents of wisdom, knowledge besides Daniel’s *faith* and right heart. What a man, “*Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends*” (John 15:13). That is it!

“*Love*” is the cardinal principle. True love, God’s love, “*agapé*” proves “*friendship.*” Daniel was tested over and over, even to the death, in the lion’s den. Ultimately, God tested his heart.

Daniel was more than a Prophet. He was God’s friend. Dreams and visions prove one’s *faith*, but “*what you ask for*” reads the depths of what you desire above all if you are willing to die for it. This is what Christ said.

A PROPHET'S REWARD

Christ said, every man will receive a reward (bonus) according to the life each person lives (Revelation 22:12).

GIFTS AND REWARD

Gifts are free. There is no effort a person must expend to receive the gift. Daniel and his three friends received many gifts from God. These gifts were free because of their *“faith predicated upon their works.”*

Faith has works. What kind of *faith*? Works which test your *faith*. The Apostle Paul makes it clear, *“Though I speak with the tongues [languages] of men and of angels, and have not charity [God’s Love], I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing”* (I Corinthians 13:1-2). My, my the apex is to have God’s love to be willing to die for each other. So simple. God is love and if you do not have The Love of God, you do not know God, *“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world”* (I John 4:1). *“He that loves not knows not God; for God is love”* (I John 4:8). Paul also repeated this. The foundational works of God are all motivated by God’s love. It is what He is with no darkness, or lies to deceive. Prophets can have God’s true words, or there are the false Prophets, teaching falsehoods. God’s

friends after many tests of *faith* prove not only are they Prophets of God but have become His friends. Friends are not only compatible, but trustworthy and faithful with God's love. Daniel had all these "*works of faith*" with no idols, but a zeal and love for God.

Simon Magus was willing to be a Christian and be baptized because it was another way for him to make money (Acts 8:12-19). Peter knew better and here was his rebuff, "*But Peter said to him, your money [mammon – fiscal god] will perish with you, because you have thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. You have neither part nor lot [part] in this matter: for your heart [desires] is not right in the sight of God*" (Acts 8:20-21).

IDOLS

What is idolatry? Anything that stands between you and God. Simon Magus thought he was right and not God. God has no ego – but only love for His whole creation. Prophets are not just anyone, but have proven their works of *faith* with love. Then, you are able to be friends of God as well.

CHAPTER 3

FALSE FRIENDS

The problem is, how do you know your friends are true friends? The Word of God can give you the solution.

COMMANDMENTS

Why did God give *The Ten Commandments*? When children are playing and left to do whatever they are doing and it is safe – there is no problem. However, if a parent sees some danger they must do something to protect their children. Loving parents keep their eyes on their children, so no harm, or evil comes to them. Whenever God sees His children going into harm's way, He always warns them so they do not have to suffer pain or pay a penalty or worse – death. *Covenants* are “*contracts*” teaching His children what is safe and what is not safe. It is that simple.

The First Covenant God gave to Adam and Eve, was *The Everlasting Covenant* which promised Salvation, The Tree of Life – Paradise. Isaiah 55:3 reveals this *First Covenant* of God was *Everlasting* – “*never ending*” with the sure mercies of David! It was unending because it had The Tree of Life with healing waters just as it will have under The New Heavens and on The New Earth (Isaiah 55:1 and Revelation 28:2). There was no curse, or judgment in this New Garden

of Eden, but only, to have the opportunity “*to choose.*” “*A choice*” is “*a warning.*” If you choose to do “*right,*” you have a chance to live “*eternally*” with The Tree of Life. The other choice you have, you can eat from The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil (choosing for yourself) and you end up dying.

This *Covenant* mandates no penalty, but its outcome is left to one’s free choice. The sin without a *Law* is “*making the wrong choice*” when you have been warned. The sin was dishonoring your Father by not respecting Him.

All other *Covenants*, *The Old Covenant*, or *The New Covenant*, have different goals and purposes. *The Old Covenant Law of Moses* was to bring you – “*To Christ.*” *The New Covenant* was “*Christ – In You,*” made you perfect. Quite simple.

FRIENDSHIPS DIFFER

There are good friendships and bad friendships. *Biblically*, you have proven how cautious God is, before he believes one is His friend. Even a Prophet of God is tested before God reveals His innermost goals and purposes, “*Do this now, my son, and deliver yourself, when you are come into the hand of your friend [neighbor]; go, humble yourself, and make sure your friend*” (Proverbs 6:3). Simple.

Even Christ experienced this lesson when He fed the four and five thousand, “*Jesus answered them and said, verily, verily, I say to you, You seek me, not because you*

saw the miracles, but because you did eat of the loaves and were filled. Labour not for the meat which perishes, but for that meat which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give to you: for him has God the Father sealed” (John 6:26-27).

Solomon warned his son, about true friends. Some are friends and some neighbors, as long as they are friendly. Only God knows how to choose a true friend. You need to follow God’s example to learn how to be a “*real*” friend of God. Proverbs 18:24 insists, the only way to have friends is to be “a true friend,” yourself, and never harm anyone. Next, as a real friend, your example must be to always tell the truth – never lie or be a hypocrite, “*But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these comes of evil*” (Matthew 5:37).

God warns in a time of pressure to keep your mouth closed even when family members can not keep a lid on theirs. No one, but the exceptional ones, will be friends (Micah 7:5). The Apostle James concludes, you must prove everyone in order to find “*a true friend.*” Then you can be a friend to them.

Abraham was such a friend, God had picked his progeny to be His chosen people, “*But you, Israel, are my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend*” (Isaiah 41:8). The same is repeated by King Jehoshaphat, Abraham was God’s friend (II Chronicles 20:7). In Exodus 33:11, describes Moses speaking to God “face to face” as His friend. After Israel sinned with the golden calf, God intended on de-

stroying them. Notice what God said to Moses, when Moses pleaded for Israel to be God's people, "*And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before you and I will proclaim the name of the LORD [authority – an angel] before you; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy*" (Exodus 33:19).

Do you comprehend what God told Moses? He declared to Moses – The Goodness of God is only given to those He chooses. Notice why God gave grace to Israel, "*And the Lord said to Moses, I will do this thing also that you have spoken: for you have found grace [mercy] in my sight and I know you by name [personally]*" (Exodus 33:17). Wow! Moses was His friend. God gave mercy to His friends because He could trust them. *The Goodness of God* knows His friends' "hearts." Moses, as well as Abraham, Daniel, including The Twelve Apostles were God's friends.

Through Christ, being The Word of God, includes The Apostles as God's friends. God counsels His friends because they are in the flesh but God is "*a spirit.*" As humans with the weakness to sin, God would never choose to do this, because God is perfect, Holy and all-loving. God counsels His earthly friends because, although, they are living in the weakness of the flesh, God knows they have "a good heart."

When God told Abraham that Sodom and Gomorrah would be destroyed, God accepted Abraham's "*counsel*" not to destroy the cities, if ten percent were righteous. When Moses pleaded to keep Israel as His

people, because of His friendship with Moses, God gave Israel leeway through His “*grace.*” Because God had allowed Moses as a friend, He permitted him to write some of “*the statutes.*”

Moses told God, his people, Israel could never stay married until death do them part as Adam and Eve. Because Israel could not stay married to one woman God allowed Moses to create the statute for divorce (Deuteronomy 24:1-6.)

Even Peter declares the original marriage until death do you part cannot work (Matthew 19.) Peter said, it is better for a man not to marry. Christ said, Peter was right, in that only some men could remain “Eunuchs” for the sake of The Kingdom of God. So Monks were formed. Monks, however, should not be hiding from the world, but should be witnesses for Christ. Jesus said, you should be in “*the world,*” but not follow its evilness.

FRIENDS OF GOD

“*Faith*” is the essence of friendship. *Faith* founded upon sin, or those who sin, willingly, by nature, as ex-prisoners, liars, thieves, is based upon real *faith*.

Blind faith is not the way of God. Godly *faith* has substance or proof behind it (Hebrews 11:1.) Christ did not say you shall know them by their “*words.*” Christ said, by their fruits (past, present and future) substantiates real *faith* (Matthew 7.)

Science is “*blind faith*,” because at every age, they are consistently, changing what they believe in. Science always seems to have to start over again. With humans, the truth of science, continually, changes. Today, with so much knowledge being discovered, it changes every 25 years. That is called “*blind faith*.”

“*Faith without works*” James said, is *dead faith* or belief. That is living in a world of blindness. God has a system of proving one’s *faith*. *Faith* by human works, through good fruits, is helpful to all God’s creation. To do so you must live by every Word of God.

CHAPTER 4

GOD'S WORD

The Word of God comprises all that “*God is.*” Christ is The Word Of God. He is the author, or one, who has lived every Word of God. Christ announced, whatever The Father does – He also does (John 5:19.)

FRIENDS AND GOD'S WORD

God is reproducing Himself which is the complete story, of the entire *Bible*. Jesus said, instead of worrying about your human survival, you should live by every Word of God.

Listen to Christ's words, “*And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell*” (Matthew 10:28).

The Greek word for “*soul*” is “*psuche*” which means “*breath.*” Breathing, gives oxygen to the body, causing to have heat, or energy, in your bodies. This energy, about 98.6° causes “*motion*” – physiologically, which is “*life.*”

The soul is not immortal, but merely ignites your bodies (“*soma*” in Greek) with “*life.*” Only God can give “*life,*” as He gave “*life*” to Jesus and through His death

for everyone's sin (John 5:26). Now, with the power of life, He, also, can be The Judge in The Judgment. He has power from God, to give "life" or take it, "*For the Father judges no man, but has committed [given] all judgment to the Son*" (John 5:22).

God does not judge mankind. God is not human, but His Son, Jesus was. He was The Son of Man and that is fair but also true justice. Christ lived life, like any human does. Everyone is without excuse.

The Word of God (not Christ's) is perfect in every way, Holy and pure, without any flaw (a speck), or blemish. Only God is good, as Jesus said, in Matthew 19:17.

The Word of God will create true friendship, because an individual can have absolute, proven *faith*, without the tiniest doubt. Wow!

GOD'S PERFECT WILL

The "*will*" of God, has been written for thousand of years, from Genesis to Revelation, for all to read. Your understanding of doctrines and aspects of *The Bible* may vary, but God works "*In You*" on an individual basis. Thank God! Otherwise, you would be doomed to be judged, as a whole.

God's "*will*" is written to you, "*privately,*" as a personal Trust Fund with God, as your Executor. Christ is your Mediator, as your Defense Attorney, "*By so much was Jesus [Hebrew – Joshua] made a surety [absolute] of a better testament*" (Hebrews 7:22). The Priesthood

was changed which meant *The Law* had to be changed (Hebrews 7:12). This caused a better Priesthood, with a better *Testament* (witness).

Now you have Christ as your example, who lived every Word of God. This *Covenant*, was totally different, than *The Covenant* made with the fathers, who came out of Egypt (Hebrews 8:9). This *New Covenant* changes the desire of your heart and changes your very nature to think like God (Hebrews 8:10). It, literally, begins to change your heart.

The Old Covenant had to vanish away, because it was out of date, but not *The New Covenant* (Hebrews 8:13). Christ, as your example, changed you from *The Old Covenant – Law of Moses* to *The Law of Christ*. With *The New Covenant*, you can receive “Eternal Life” as your inheritance (Hebrews 9:15). That is God’s personal Trust Fund, as His will, “*There is therefore now no more condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk [works] not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death*” (Romans 8:1-2).

Scripturally, this is God’s written will? “*For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator [witness]*” (Hebrews 9:16).

The Will of God is your personal Trust, with the death of Christ no longer in *The Old Testament Law of Moses*, but as your mediator of a new will, in a *New Covenant*, “*To the general assembly [called out ones] and*

church of the firstborn [like Christ], *which are written in heaven, and to God the judge of all* [world] *and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator* [in our defense – mercy] *of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling* [on us], *that speaks better things than that of Abel* [future promise]” (Hebrews 12:23-24). **Jesus is The Author of God’s will** (Hebrews 12:2). **He became The Author by living every Word of God** (which is His “will”).

GOD’S VOICE

No one has seen God, or heard *His voice*. Also, God’s voice is projected from God’s Holy Spirit (Hebrews 3:7). **God’s Holy Spirit is used as His voice, consisting of God’s power, love and His superior sound mind** (II Timothy 1:17). **God, is the totality, of His eternal energy, power, love (heart) and magnificent sound mind. Jesus has received the full measure of God’s Holy Spirit** (John 3).

When Christ spoke, it was God, The Father’s Word through God’s Holy Spirit. Humans, however, only receive God’s “*word*,” according to the proportion a person seeks God. God does not seek you, until you want Him like any loving parent.

MANKIND’S WEAKNESS

A person’s flesh is weak because everyone was born wanting to survive above all else. Everyone was born to sin. Therefore, your mind and heart (desires) are very frail. Human tendency is to please your natural

born passions and desires. Cannibalism, most inherently, is not only disgusting, but it may be you as the meal. Example, after example, the sex drive for men is stronger at certain times than others. Like any male animal, when you are “*in heat for sex,*” almost any woman becomes desirable. The state of your mind, because of your desire to survive, will sin.

Christ, clearly, warned how weak your mind can be. Your conscience can be weakened, “*When the unclean [animal] spirit is gone out of a man [repented], he walks through dry places, seeking rest and finds none [torment], Then he said, I will return into my house [like before] from whence I came out; and when he is come [as he was in stress], he finds it empty, swept [cleaned out], and garnished [polished]. Then goes he [in torment], and takes with himself seven other spirits more wicked [worse] than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first*” (Matthew 12:43-45). Because of your weak flesh, your human mind is, extremely, susceptible to sin.

James, The Apostle, goes through a weak person's frail mind writing just how it happens, “*If any of you lack wisdom [sound mind], let him ask of God, that gives to all men [world] liberally [everlasting Covenant], and upbraids not [the world]; And it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering [doubt]. For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind [no wisdom] and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. A double minded man [torment] is unstable in all his ways*” (James 1:5-8). Wow, how weak the human mind is. James paints

you a very clear understanding of what God wants you to know. Your human mind is easily and psychologically unstable.

“Perfect faith” is the answer. If you are weak, admit openly, to God how vulnerable you really are. God will then hear and bestow wisdom **“In You.”** No longer will you go by your natural feelings, but The Gift of God’s Sound Mind, by God’s Holy Spirit, will be granted to you.

WHEN SIN ENTERS

“Let no man [world] say when he is tempted [born that way] I am tempted of God [God’s fault]: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts he any man [God has no ego]: But every man [world] is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust [human nature], and enticed [human desires]. Then when lust has conceived, [sinned] it brings forth [produces] sin: and sin, when it is finished [relieved], brings forth death” (James 1:13-15).

That completes the story of how your human choices follow your human nature to the end – death. Death, is the result of a sick person getting sicker, until sin destroys the individual and they die.

Christ came to save what was lost (Matthew 18:11). The Tree of Life, which was Christ, by God’s Holy Spirit doing the work was lost.

He came to restore what was lost as your Mediator who paid the price for your sins. That is why John

1:17 says Christ brought “*grace*” (mercy) and “*truth.*”

“*Truth*” is “*God’s Word*” in John 17:17. Truth comes by God’s Holy Spirit, “*in part*” to you, as God sees your “*faith.*” If you want more help, from God, through His Holy Spirit, you will receive it.

God’s “*word,*” every Word of God, is the answer, not merely learning, or understanding “*a part*” and then burying it. You need to, continually, grow in God’s Spirit which is His word.

Faith,* is the growing trust you have “*In God,*” until you become perfect like Him (Matthew 5:48). Then you will continue in every Word of God, “*eternally,*” as a gift, from God’s *Everlasting Covenant.

CHAPTER 5

ETERNAL GIFT OF GOD

The Bible, ends with a “*new beginning*,” when God makes all things new (Revelation 21). Is this the end of God’s Word, or really, the beginning of a new book?

NO END OF BOOKS

Christ, John The Apostle, told you that all He did and said has no end of writing books (John 21:25). Writing more books than the world can contain is a lot of books. After all, Jesus is, also, every single Word of God.

The Alpha and The Omega is the precise way God reproduces Himself in His Image. God’s Holy Spirit is Himself, with power, love and a sound mind (II Timothy 1:7).

God has a library of His written books. *The Bible* only covers one book, explaining, how God makes everyone in His Image. That is it! God’s books are written by Him through His Holy Spirit.

EVERLASTING COVENANT

The Everlasting Covenant of God is unending and *eternal*, because it never ends. This *Covenant* is God.

God's Kingdom when God will be Himself – forever, and ever. His *Everlasting Covenant* and The Kingdom of God is The Word of God.

GOD'S ETERNAL TEMPLE

Under The New Heavens and on The New Earth, God and Christ, only, comprise The Temple (Revelation 21:22). Both, are God, Almighty as duplicates, one is The Father and the other is The Son. God is The Only One True God, but Christ is now every Word of God, worthy of worship like The Father (Revelation 5: 9 and 12-13).

Remember, in the parable of The Lost Son (Israel and the World) the faithful son was given a very special inheritance. When the faithful son saw his father giving a party for the returned son, how did the honorable son feel, “*And he was angry, and would not go in [feast]: therefore came his father out and entreated him [Jesus]. And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve, you neither transgressed I at any time your commandments: and yet you never gave me a kid [party] that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this your son was come, which has devoured your living with harlots [inheritance] you have killed for him the fatted calf [a feast]. And he said to him Son, you are ever with me, and all that I have is yours*” (Luke 15:28-31).

This is the account between the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel and Judah, The Jews. The only real faithful son, without complaining, was Yashua, The Christ.

Christ was The Only One, who lived by every Word of God, *faithfully*. He was completely, *faithful*, according to God's "will" by His free choice. He was The Perfect One and was The Author (book) of Your Salvation. He was The Worthy One to be worshipped with God, both comprising The Temple of God.

As The Author of Eternal Life, His *Covenant* was *The New Covenant* to make everyone perfect (Matthew 5:48.) Christ came to prove humans could live every Word of God, perfectly, by God's Holy Spirit.

God is more than "*perfect*." He is also Holy, without blemish and pure. Christ was perfect, but He was clothed in God's "*glory*" when He was resurrected. With all His glory, He was then worthy to be The Very Christ, sharing His Father's Throne.

CHRIST'S REST

The Sabbath was a sign of God's people entering God's rest in Paradise. Who did the work of creation? Genesis 1 to 3 informs you it was God's Holy Spirit grieving over the waters.

God's Holy Spirit is the very power, love and wisdom of God's sound or logical mind. It was God's Holy Spirit which created all things. God's Holy Spirit is God who rested to observe everything was good on The Seventh Day.

Christ was the Word of God, by The Holy Spirit "*In Him*," creating all things and was The Sign of God's

Seventh Day Sabbath. The Holy Spirit, like Christ, made The Sabbath – Holy, which in turn, was literally, God. Christ is your Sabbath’s Days Rest through God’s Holy Spirit “In Him” and “In You,” “*Come to me, all you that labour* [no rest], [slaves] *and are heavy laden* [no rest], *and I will give you rest* [Sabbath]. *Take my yoke* [work] *upon you, and learn of me* [Christ – In You]; *for I am* [not forceful, but] *meeke and lowly in heart* [desire]: *and you shall find rest to your souls* [lives]. *For my yoke* [work] *is easy* [faith], *and my burden* [slave] *is light*” (Matthew 11:28-30).

Christ is The Sabbath and The Holy Days with all their Sabbaths. Christ is your lamb or sacrifice. Christ makes you sinless or perfect. He gave you God’s Holy Spirit on Pentecost and you will meet Him in the clouds as He returns to the earth, at The Seventh Trump. He has atoned for your sins to be His Bride during The Feast of Trumpets and Tabernacles.

“Christ – In You,” is all your Sabbath Rests so there will be no White Throne Judgment for *The Bride of Christ*, “*Verily, verily, I say to you, He that hears my word, and believes on him* [God] *that sent me* [by the Holy Spirit], *has everlasting life* [now] *and shall not come to condemnation* [judgment]: *but is passed from death to life* [eternal]” (John 5:24).

FAITH AND PERFECTION

Christ said, you as an individual will be rewarded by your personal works. It is not a church decision, but depends on every human in the world. What are your

works? It is not predicated by The Works of *The Law*, but by “*works of faith*” and “belief”– “In Christ,” as your Sabbath’s Rest. Christ does all “*the work*,” by God’s Holy Spirit, leading you into all truth, not by *Law*, but by “God – In You,” through Christ.

Here is Christ’s prayer to God before He was crucified, “*That they all may be one; as you Father, are in me [Holy Spirit] and I in you, that they also may be one in us [God, Christ Rest]: that the world may believe [all potentially saved] that you have sent me*” (John 17:21).

To believe Christ, as The Word of God, through God’s Holy Spirit, “*in faith*,” is *The Simplicity In Christ*. Christ’s *faith*, is The Author of Your Salvation, you follow that same *faith*, by resting “In Christ.”

CHRIST’S PROMISE

“*Verily, verily, I say to you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father [only] has life [eternal] in himself; so has he given [did not have it] to the Son to have life [eternal] in himself*” (John 5:25-26).

“Christ – In You” is The Hope of Glory (like God) fulfilling and explaining The Mystery of God (Colossians 1:27).

Paul, simply defines “The Simplicity – In Christ,” “*That their hearts [Laodiceans – Colossians] might be comforted, being knit together [united] in love, [Godly]*

and all riches in Christ of the full [complete] assurance [faith] of understanding to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God [in Christ], and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom [Sophia] and knowledge [Gnosis].” Amen! You are being given The Wisdom of God – the greatest gift that leads you to Eternal Life. Tap into this wondrous truth.