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All the things we

see, taste, touch,

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in this present world

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of Heaven, and of

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Dear Pastor,

Peace and love be with you in the marvelous name of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. I hope my humble letter reaches your ministry. May it find you in the best of health and in our Lord's blessings. Please, Sir, I quite appreciate the fact that this my humble letter is going to meet you as a big surprise because this is my first time of writing to your ministry. Please, I am a girl of nineteen years of age, who has sinned for about two good years, living a bad life such as stealing, prostitution, etc., but one day, as I was returning from my business with my friends, a certain man called me and gave me two pieces of literature. When I reached home, I opened it and found it was Alamo newsletters. In fact, Pastor, immediately when I read the newsletter, I changed instantly (praise God), so Pastor, I have now stopped what I was doing at first, and am a fully committed Christian. But Pastor, one problem which worries me a lot is now my friends are still in doom and I want them also to repent to be what I am now. So, Pastor, I am therefore pleading with you to send me four Holy Bibles and some of your literatures to distribute to them, and also one copy of The Messiah book for myself.

May the good Lord grant you His divine grace and mercy as you continue to expand the Word of God to sinners. Thank you. Hope to hear from you soon. Thank you in advance for not failing my request. Yours in Christ,

G.S. Accra, Ghana

Dear precious holy servant of God,

I am so humbled by seeing what your ministry is doing in the world, and I say may our Almighty God alone bless you physically, spiritually and financially. Beloved Brother Tony, I was overjoyed when I read your writing to me, telling me I can become part of the Lord's compassionate, soul-winning team, because I am a man of God who always likes working for God, so I would like you to put me on your monthly distributor list and send two hundred fifty literatures monthly.

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THE REAL THING THE REAL DEAL

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our eternal living place.⁵ He alone is our everything, our "all in all" (I Cor. 15:28).⁶

Again, the earth or the land is symbolic of Christ. On the third day of creation, God separated the dry land from the waters.⁷ Before this happened, the dry land was buried under the waters.8 The land rising out of the waters was symbolic of Christ resurrecting from the dead on the third day after His crucifixion, which we see in the New Testament.9 The land is symbolic of Christ, because every living thing comes out of Christ,10 who is "the Life" of everything, including ourselves.¹¹ God made man in His own image out of the dust of the ground. He gave man life, and He gave man His authority.12 Christ, the land, provides everything for us to maintain our temporal life until we die. This again includes our food,

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Heaven.¹ Real or Heavenly things last forever. But this world and everything in it is soon coming to an end; therefore, this world is not the real world.² The real world is Heaven. Everything we can see, touch, and partake of was created by Christ.³ Christ made everything in the world that we can see, touch, and partake of to be symbolic of Himself.⁴ He is our real and eternal life, our food, our water, our clothing, our light, and our abode,

1 Gen. 2:17, 17:11, 13, Ex. 12:3-28, 17:6, 24:8, Psa. Ch. 1, 15:1, 78:13-16, Matt. 25:31-46, 26:27-28, 27:50-51, John 6:27, 31-35, 48-51, I Cor. 5: 7-8, 10:3-4, 13:12, Eph. 5:25-32, Heb. 8:1-10 2 Psa. 102:25-27, Isa. 24:19-20, 51:6, Matt. 24:3-13, 23-29, 44-51, II Pet. 3:7-13, Rev. 20:11, 21:1 3 John 1:1-3, 10, I Cor. 8:6, Eph. 2:10, 3:9, Col. 1:12-17, Heb. 1:2-3, 8-10 4 Gen. 1:26-28, 2:7, 15, 5:1, 9:2, 6, Psa. 8:6-8, I Cor. 11:7, Col. 3:10, Heb. 2:7-8 5 II Sam. 7:11-13, I Kin. Chs. 5-6, Psa. 23:1, Matt. 4:16, 7:7-11, 9:15, 26:26-28, Mark 2:19, Luke 1:79, 2:32, John 1:3-4, 3:16, 35-36, 4:10, 14, 24, 6:35, 53-58, 63, 7:37-39, 8:12, 10:27-30, 11:25-26, 14:6, 10-11, 15-17, 15:4-7, 17:2, 20:22, Rom. 8:37, I Cor. 3:21-23, 8:6, Eph. 1: 18-23, 3:17-19, 5:23, Col. 1:16-27, 2:9-13, 3:11, Jas. 1:5, Rev. 3:5, 18, 21:2, 6, 23 6 Gen. 2:7, 9, Deut. 8:3, 30:20, 32:39, Job 27:3, 34:14-15, Psa. 104:30, 139:3-10, Prov. 8:1-3, 22-31, Isa. 42:5, 44:6, 48:12-13, Jer. 23:23-24, John 11:25, 14:6-11, 17:11, 21-23, Acts 17:23-28, I Cor. 1:24, 2:10, 15:28, Eph. 1:19-23, 3:14-21, Col. 2:9-10, Rev. 1:8-11 7 Gen. 1:1-2, 9-10 8 Gen. 1:9-10 9 Matt. 16:21, 17:23, Luke 9:22, Acts 2:23-24, 4:10, 13: 33-37, Rom. 1:3-4, I Cor. 15:3-4 10 Gen. 1:9-17, 29-30, 2:7, 9, 3:19, 23, Psa. 104:14, Eccl. 3:20, Heb. 6:7 11 Gen. 2:7, Deut. 8:3,30:20, 32:39, I Sam. 2:6, Job 27:3, Matt. 27:52, John 1:3, 10, 3:16, 5:24-26, 6:27, 33-35, 40, 47, 10:10, 11:25-26, 14:6, 17:2-3, 20:31, I Cor. 8:6, Col. 1:16-17, Heb. 1:2-3, I John 5:11-13 12 Gen. 1:25-28, 2:7, 15, 19-20, Job 27:3, Psa. 39:4-6, 11, 104:30, Acts 17:25-28

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According to Bible Prophecy

"To HIM give all the prophets witness" (Acts 10:43). "In the volume of the Book it is written of Me" (Psalm 40:7, Hebrews 10:7).

IV. PROPHECIES CONCERNING

THE SUFFERINGS, DEATH, AND RESURRECTION OF THE MESSIAH (CHRIST)
An Examination of: (A) Psalm 22 (B) Isaiah 53

(A) Psalm 22

He Died of a Broken Heart

One weeps in heart, thinking of the Messiah's horrible sufferings, such as the agony from dislocated bones caused by the weight of the body suspended only by the nails in the hands and feet: "All My bones are out of joint" (verse 14). Add to that the mental and spiritual

torture so great it literally broke His heart: "My heart…is melted in the midst of My bowels" (verse 14). At last, His sufferings were ended by death: "Thou hast brought Me into the dust of death" (verse 15).

There is evidence from the New Testament record that Christ died of a broken heart. When the Roman soldier "pierced His side" (John 19:

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water, air, clothing, the light from the sun, which Christ created both so we could see and to make things grow on the land for our sustenance, and our bodies, which house our temporal lives, our spirits.¹³

The city and the temple, which were built in the land of Canaan, are symbols of the fullness of Christ. They represent His body, the church.¹⁴ Again, Christ is our everything. Since we came out of Adam and Eve, our dirt father and mother, we are earthy.¹⁵ If our desire is to have eternal life, we must come into the spiritual realm through the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ while we are on this earth.¹⁶ Then, while we are still on this earth, we, with Christ in us, must begin building the eternal city and temple in Heaven for us to live in eternally. The city and the temple in Heaven are Christ, the fullness of Christ, and the fullness of God. We, Christ's body and church, come out of the crucified, resurrected body of Christ.¹⁷ Eve was taken out of the body of Adam.¹⁸ We who are the bride of Christ are taken out of the body of Christ. We, together with Christ, are the bride of Christ, the New Jerusalem, the Heavenly city of God.¹⁹ He is no longer just with us, as He was with His disciples when He was in the world. He with His Father by the Spirit is now living in us, making us one with Him. Together we are the Heavenly city and the temple therein.²⁰

LET'S TALK ABOUT JESUS

Again, in this world, the land of Canaan is the symbol of Christ, who is everything. The city and the temple which were built on the land of Canaan are symbols of the fullness of Christ, which is His body, the church. Let's talk about Jesus, out of which and upon which the fullness of Christ, the church, is built. This by no means is just Christ and a church. It is Jesus, who is our everything, the fullness of Christ, which is His body, and the church as well. What I mean is that God could never have worked towards the salvation of lost souls without a physical human body both to live in and to work in.²¹

Christ always let God work both in and through Him.²² We see in the Bible that the work of God, which was accomplished through Christ, was not accomplished by Christ just sitting in a church, singing hymns, clapping and lifting His hands towards Heaven, and giving testimonials. God used Christ's physical body to work His powerful works in, mostly outside the synagogues.²³ Christ was rarely inside synagogues or temples made by man. So, if we've taken up our cross and are following Christ, which means letting God do His work through Christ both in and through us, as Christ said we must do, then God in Christ is doing His divine work in those of us who are the fullness of His body, the church.²⁴

If we are sitting in a church one, two, or even seven days out of the week, but doing nothing except listening to sermons, singing hymns, giving testimonials, perhaps dropping a few coins in the offering plate, or just reading and praying, we are not doing the kind of work God does in human bodies. We must not be only a church, we must be the fullness of the body of Christ so that God in Christ can use our bodies as He did the physical human body of Jesus.²⁵ If we

are the fullness of the spiritual, Heavenly body of Christ on earth, then God in Christ is doing everything in our physical bodies today that He did in Christ's physical body two thousand years ago. 26 The Bible calls those of us in whom God in Christ is fully working here on earth "the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13) and "the fulness of God" (Eph. 3:19). God has put all things under the feet of Christ. He made Christ "to be the head over all things to the church, Which is His body, the fulness of Him [Christ] that filleth all in all" (Eph. 1:22-23).

The Apostle Paul by the Spirit tells every disciple that we are "to know the love of Christ" (Eph. 3:19). "This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments" (I John 5:3), "THAT [WE] MIGHT BE FILLED WITH ALL THE FULNESS OF GOD" (Eph. 3:19).²⁷ This is why Jesus said, "Ye are My friends, if ye [FULLY] do whatsoever I command you" (John 15:14).²⁸ Jesus also said, "He that is not with Me is against Me" (Matt. 12:30). This means they are fully against Jesus.

NO PRETENDING

Christ, who is our head, needs our bodies to work in.²⁹ We, who are His body, the bodies He works in, need Christ our head to tell us what He wants us to do.³⁰ We also need Him because He is our life itself.³¹ We can't pretend to be Christians and expect to enter Heaven. We must really be the fullness of Christ, and He must really be the fullness of us, if we are to enter Heaven.

Without Christ, we are spiritually dead.32 Paul by the Spirit tells us how we are dead without Christ. "And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air [Satan], the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace [which is God's power, His quickening Spirit, which resurrects us from our spiritual death unto life eternal] ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us SIT TOGETHER IN HEAVENLY PLACES in Christ Jesus" (Eph. 2:1-6).

26 Mark 16:15, John 14:12, Acts 1:8, 9:1-16, II Cor. 6:16, Gal. 2:20, 6:17, Eph. 1:10-12, 22-23, 3:16-21, Col. 3:15-16, I John 4:12-13, Rev. 3:20 27 Matt. 10:1, 7-8, Mark 16:17-19, Luke 10:19-20, Eph. 4:11-13, Col. 1:18-20 28 Mart. 7:13-23, Mark 3:35, Luke 11:27-28, John 14:15, 23, 15:10, Jas. 2:10-11, I John 2:3-5, 3:22, 24, Rev. 21:8 29 Mark 16:15, Luke 19:13, 24:49, John 14:12, Acts 1:8, 9:1-16, Gal. 1:15-16, 6:17, Eph. 1:22-23, 5: 23, Col. 1:18, Jude 1 30 Eph. 5:23, Col. 1:18-19, 2:19, Jas. 2:26 31 John 3:16, 4:14, 6:33, 35, 63, 68, 10:27-28, 11:25-26, 14:6, Acts 3:15, 17:25, 28, I Cor. 15:45, Eph. 2:1, Col. 3:4, I John 5:11-12, Rev. 2:7, 10, 21:6 32 John 6:63, 14:6, 15:5, Rom. 4:17, 5:8-9, 7:14-25, 8:1-14, 37, I Cor. 2:14, 6:13, 18-20, II Cor. 3:5, Gal. 2:20, Eph. 2:1, 4-5, 11-22, Jas. 2:26

13 Gen. 1:9-17, 2:7, 9, Deut. 8:3-4, 15-16, 10:18, Jer. 31:35, Job 38:41, 40:20-23, Psa. 28:9, 104:10-15, 136:25, 146:7, 147:7-9, 148:3-10, Matt. 5:45, 6: 25-34, Acts 17:25-28 14 Rom. 12:5-8, I Cor. 10:16, 26, Eph. 1:10, 22-23, 2:19-22, 4:1-7, 11-16, Col. 1:18-19, 2:9-10, I Pet. 2:5, Rev. 3:12, 21:3 15 Gen. 12:6-28, 2:7, 3:19-20, 23, 18:27, Job 4:19, 10:9-11, 34:15, Psa. 103:14-16, Eccl. 3:20, 12:7, Isa. 40:6-8, I Cor. 15:46-49 16 Matt. 10:38, 16:24, John 11: 25, Rom. 6:2-14, 7:4-6, 8:10-11, I Cor. 15:22, Gal. 2:20, 5:24, 6:14, Eph. 2:1-6, Phlp. 3:10-11, Col. 2:10-15, 3:1-4, I Pet. 2:22-24 17 John 12:24, II Cor. 8:11-18, 13:4, Eph. 1:18-23, Col. 1:17-23, 2:9-13, I Pet. 1:3-5 18 Gen. 2:21 19 I Cor. 3:9, Eph. 2:19-22, I Pet. 2:4-5, Rev. 3:12, 21:2, 9-27 20 John 14: 15-20, 23, 26, 17:21-23, 26, I Cor. 6:19-20, Gal. 2:20, Eph. 3:16-21, Col. 1:27-29, II Tim. 1:14, I John 4:4, Rev. 3:12, 21:2, 9-27 21 John 15:1-8, I Cor. 12:28, 15:10, Eph. 1:22-23, 2:21-22, I Pet. 2:5 22 Matt. 12:18, 28, Luke 4:1, John 4:4, 5:19, 30, 8:28-29, 10:37-38, 14:10-12, Acts 10:38 23 Matt. 8: 2-4, 14-17, 14:22-32, 15:22-28, Mark 2:1-12, 8:1-9, 22-26, Luke 7:11-16, 8:26-39, John 4:46-53, 5:2-9, 11:38-40 24 John 15:2-8, 14, Rom. 2:13, I Cor. 3:6-9, Eph. 2:10, Phlp. 2:13, Col. 1:10, Titus 2:14 25 Eph. 1:10-12, 22-23, 3:16-21, Col. 2:9-10

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World Pastor, please, I am a man of God here who teaches the Word of God by moving on the streets preaching, preaching in the markets and at lorry stations. I also move from door to door in different houses and also in different villages. Please, through your newsletters and your book entitled, *The Messiah*, sixty people have been converted and been baptized, which fifty of them are well-educated, and for them to understand well about what you preach, they need Bibles to be reading regularly, so I would like you to help us. Also, I will be grateful if you could please send me two Holy Bibles,

a Bible dictionary and a concordance. I would also like you to send me five of your messages and music videos.

Beloved Pastor, please I went to a village here in the Volta Region, and all people here are poor farmers and hardly able to have food even two times a day, so we are helping them and their children to study your literature. Be praying for us also because we are translating your literature in the local language (Ewe). Thank you very much and may God bless you richly, and we are keeping your ministries in our prayers. Yours faithfully,

S.G. Volta Region, Ghana

Jesus said, "Without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5) and told us that in Him we "are more than conquerors" (Rom. 8:37). In other words, we, who are the fullness of Christ's body, can do nothing without Christ, our head, and Christ, our head, can do nothing about the salvation of souls without His body.³³ Again, we who are the members of Christ's body are both the fullness of Christ's body and the fullness of God.³⁴ If our heads are severed from our bodies, our bodies cannot do a thing, and if our bodies are severed from our heads, our heads can't do anything.35 The Bible teaches us that this is true in reference to Christ, our head, and in reference to we, who are His body, the church. "For as the body without the spirit [from God] is dead, so faith without [the] works [of Christ being done both in and through us] is dead also" (Jas. 2: 26). God made it this way. God created man in His image to live in so He could represent Himself to the world with His life, power, authority, and ability.36 To do this, God needs us, and we need Him. Otherwise, He could never accomplish His purpose.³⁷ His purpose is to live in man, whom He created in His own image, to represent Himself with His authority.³⁸ All those who refuse to allow God to accomplish His purpose in them are not sheep, but goats,³⁹ and are not wheat, but chaff.⁴⁰ They will not spend eternity in Heaven, but in the lake of fire.41

We, with Christ, are the city and the temple built upon the real land, Heaven, Christ. Everything, which will eternally be in Heaven or which will be a part of Heaven, must not only come out of the resurrected body of Christ, it must be built upon Christ the Word, the eternal land, which again is Heaven. Christ, our everything, is "the fulness of the Godhead bodily [both living and working in our bodies]" (Col. 2:9). If He's not living and working in our bodies, then nothing for God is being done here on earth. The eternal city and the temple therein cannot come out of anyone else but Christ or be built upon anyone else but Christ. "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the Stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we

must be saved" but the name of Christ (Acts 4:10-12).

We are God's temple on earth, and He is our eternal temple in Heaven where we shall live forever. 42 While we are building the city and the temple in Heaven during our lives on earth, we are building with Christ our eternal city and temple, our permanent, eternal living place with Christ. Christ, "In whom all the building [of the city and temple] fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph. 2:21-22). We are never to think that it is just Christ and the church. We are to realize that Christ is everything. The fullness of Christ is our everything, and the fullness of Christ is also those of us who are working members of His body, His church.⁴³ We are the last members of His body, the ones who are building the final portion of the Kingdom of Heaven, the city in Heaven, and the temple in the city. By preaching the truth of the gospel through the Holy Spirit, we are bringing home the last of the members of the body of Christ, which again are the city and temple in Heaven, the fullness of Christ, Christ's body, Christ's church, the fullness of Heaven, and the fullness of God. 44

The center of the Old Testament is not only Canaan land or Israel, it is also the city of Jerusalem and the temple within that city.⁴⁵ We, who are Christ's body or temple, again are the real fullness of Christ.⁴⁶ We, with Christ as our head, are the city, New Jerusalem, as well as the temple in New Jerusalem, both of which are in Heaven.⁴⁷ "For in Him [Christ] dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily [in Him, we, the fulness of Christ, are both the city and the temple in Heaven, and]...are complete" (Col. 2:9-10). "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him [Christ]" (Eph. 1:17).

The Lord gave His church, the body of Christ, which includes apostles, prophets, evangelists, "pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the FULNESS OF CHRIST: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men,

and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ: From whom the whole body [of Christ, those of us who are with Him, His city, and His temple] fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth [the Holy Spirit], according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body [the church, the city, and the temple] unto the edifying of itself in love [which is the keeping of God's commandments⁴⁸]" (Eph. 4:11-16).

THE REAL WORLD

God came to the world as a man whose name was Jesus. His coming was not an Old Testament symbol. This was God's real sacrifice, the real thing, God's real deal.⁴⁹ He is the eternal Promised Land, the Kingdom of Heaven, the real world.⁵⁰ Again, in the Old Testament, Canaan land was symbolic of Christ or the Kingdom of Heaven. 51 The city and the temple, which the Jews built both out of the land and upon the land in Israel, were symbolic of the real city and temple in Heaven. These are both built out of the real Christ, and the real land, Heaven. When we invite the Lord Jesus Christ into our hearts, the real Kingdom of Heaven enters into our hearts, our spirits. "The Kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21). By His Spirit, we become these spiritual things which bring forth life in all His disciples both then and now.⁵²

On the third day of creation, God began preparing all things for man's life out of the earth, the land.⁵³ After man's fall, everything still had life. However, the life they had was not the real life, since everything of the earth is temporary and must eventually die.54 The things of Heaven are eternal. They never die. Instead, they live on forever and ever.⁵⁵ Everything on earth is temporary "as the flower of the grass [which passes away quickly]. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth" (Jas. 1:10-11).56 Our short lives are said to be as vapors. "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (Jas. 4:14). It is written that we are like shadows. "Our days upon earth are a shadow" (Job 8:9). Everyone appears in this world for a brief time, then goes to their "long home,"

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33 Isa. 52:7, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, Rom. 10:14-15, I Cor. 1:18-21, 15:10, II Cor. 4:6-7, 5:18-20, Titus 1:9 34 Mark 16:17-18, 20, Luke 10:19, John 14:12-17, 15:7-8, 16, 16:13-15, 17:11, 21-26, I Cor. 2:11-16, 6:15-17, 12: 27, Gal. 3:27-28, Eph. 1:19-23, 2:20-22, 3:19-20, 4:4-6, Col. 1:19, Heb. 2:11 35 Eph. 5:23, Col. 1:18-19, 2:19, Jas. 2:26 36 Gen. 1:26-28, Mark 16:17-18, 20, John 14:12, 17 37 I Sam. 15:22, Mark 16:17-19, Luke 10:19-20, John 14:10-21, 15:1-14, 17:10-11, 21-24 38 Ezek 36:27, John 14:10-20, 15:1-14, 17:10-11, 21-24, I Cor. 3:16-17, 6:19-20, Gal. 2:20, Eph. 3:16-21, Heb. 8:10, I John 3:6, 24 39 Matt. 25:31-46 40 Matt. 3:12, Luke 3:17 41 Mark 16:15-16, Rev. 19:20-21, 20:15, 21:8 42 I Cor. 3:16-17, 6:19-20, II Cor. 6:16, Eph. 2:19-22, Rev. 3:12, 2:13 43 John 1:16, Eph. 1:10, 22-23, 3:16-19, 4:13, 15-16, Col. 1:19-22, 2:9-10 44 Mark 16:15-16, Luke 9:1-2, 24:47, Rom. 10:13-15, I Cor. 1:17-18, 21-24, II Cor. 6:1, Eph. 1:22-23, 4:11-16, Col. 2:9-10 45 Ex. Ch. 12, 19:4-6, 23:14-17, 34:18, 23-24, Lev. 23:4-8, 23-25, 29-31, Num. 9:1-14, 29:1-6, Deut. 14:2, 16:1-16, 26: 17-19, I Kin. 8:4-6, 10-13, 29-30, 43-50, 9:1-3, II Chron. 35:16-19, Luke 2:41-42, 22:15, John 2:13, 23, 4:45, 5:1, 7:10, 10:22-23, Acts 2:5 46 Rom. 7:4, 12:1, 5-8, I Cor. 6:15-17, 10:16, 26-28, 12:4-30, Eph. 1:3-6, 10-12, 10:10-12, 23, 24-7, 11-22, 36:11, 19, 4:1-7, 11-16, Col. 1:18-19, 24, 29, Heb. 1:22-23 47 Eph. 1:22-23, 30. Col. 2:9-10, Rev. 3:12, 21:2-37, 9-27 48 John 1:1, 14, 29, 6:51, Gal. 1:3-4, Eph. 1:7, 5:2, Titus 2:14, Heb. 9:12-15, 25-26, 10:4-12, 18-20, 12:24, Pet. 1:18-20, I John 1:7, 35; Rev. 1:5, 5:9, 13:8 50 Matt. 12:6, John 5:24-26, 6:27, 33-35, 40, 47, 11:25-26, 14:1-3, 6, 15-45, Acts 17:24-28, I Cor. 1:24, Gal. 3:28, Phlp. 3:8, Col. 2:6-10, 17, I Pet. 2:1-5, I John 1:1-4 51 Ex. 3:7-10, 17, 33:1, Lev. 20:24, Deut. 26:8-9 52 John 4:14, 6:63, 7:38, II Cor. 3:6, Gal. 5:25, 6:8, I John 3:24, 4:13 53 Gen. 1:11-13 54 I Chron. 29:15, Job 7:6-10, 9:25, 10:20-21, 13:12, Psa. 22:9, 89:47-48, 90:5, 9-10, 10:211, 10:31-14, 10:21-14,

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their eternal home, which will be either Heaven or Hell (Eccl. 12:5).⁵⁷

Where we will live eternally depends on whose life we let live in us in this world and who we live in while we're in this world. If we, the fullness of Christ, the city and temple with Christ in Heaven, continue living in Christ while we are here on earth and if we let Christ live and grow in us as His temple while we are here on earth, we will be in Heaven while we are on earth, and we will never die. We will continue living in Heaven forever.58 Jesus said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth IN ME [that is, lives with Christ in Heavenly places while He lives in us on earth] shall never die" (John 11:26). If we are careless, forgetting to live in Christ in Heavenly places while we are living on earth, and forgetting to let Christ live in us, His temples, while we are here on earth, we may not realize it, but we will be letting Satan live out his life in us.⁵⁹ Our horrible reward for this will be our spending eternity in the lake of fire, which begins at the moment of our

Jesus said there are only "two masters."61 Jesus said we must "hate the one, and love the other" (Matt. 6:24). If we want to spend eternity in Heaven, we must love the Lord with all our being by living in Him in Heavenly places, and we must not love Satan at all.62 Jesus said so. We must "love the Lord [our] God with all [our] heart, and with all [our] soul, and with all [our] mind, and with all [our] strength," and we must have no love or affection at all for Satan (Mark 12:30). Our living in Heavenly places with Christ and our letting Christ live in us shows the world that we are the fullness of Christ and that Christ is our fullness.⁶³ It also shows the world that He who lives in us hates Satan, as well as showing the world that we hate Satan as much as God does.64 Amos 5:15 states, "Hate the evil, and love the good."65 Hating Satan means never doing what Satan tempts us to do.66 This is only possible when Christ becomes our fullness on earth and we become His fullness in Heaven.

NOT FOOD AND DRINK

God didn't deliver the children of Israel from Egypt merely so they could spend forty years wandering about in the desert eating the unleavened manna from Heaven and drinking the water from the rock. God delivered them from Egypt so that they could both enter and experience the promised land, which was symbolic of Christ, and so that they could be symbolic of the fullness of the body of Christ, His church, by building the city and temple, which are also symbolic of the Heavenly city, the New Jerusalem, and the temple in Heaven. The result of all these symbols is the new Heaven, the new earth, and the New Jerusalem, which is the new city and the temple. ⁶⁷ Jesus said, "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5). The Jews entering the promised land in the Old Testament symbolizes what we now know as sitting with Christ in Heavenly places by the Spirit in the real world, which means the real city and temple in the Kingdom of Heaven.⁶⁸ Again, the Old Testament city and temple are symbolic of the church, Christ's body, which is the fullness of Christ.69

In the Old Testament book of Joshua, the Jews were to build the city and the temple in the promised land, just as we, by the Spirit of Christ in us, are to build our eternal home, the city and temple in Heaven, which are composed of every believer in Christ, while we are here on earth.⁷⁰ This is the fullness of Heaven. Unless the Jews in the days of Joshua entered the promised land, built the city, then later in the days of Solomon, built the temple in the city, they could never have experienced or enjoyed the fullness of the things God had purposed for them in those days. If they had not followed God's will, they would not have had the pleasure of being the fullness of the promised land. We who are now saved live in Heavenly places with Christ, our temple, while He lives in us

The Jews and the Christians can say together, "We were delivered from the bondage of Satan so we could live in our land by being the fullness of Christ." The Jews were delivered to build the symbolic city and temple on earth. And those of us who are spiritual Israelites were delivered from

the bondage of sin, Satan, the world, and our flesh to eternally live in the Spirit with Christ both here on earth and in Heavenly places. We can have our own eternal living place only by our building it in Heaven while we're here on earth.⁷²

How could any thoughtful, rational student of the Bible think that God saved the Jews, or saved those of us today who belong to Christ, just to wander around in the wilderness, doing our own thing,⁷³ eating wafers, and drinking water rather than having Christ be our fullness on earth and, by doing His will, we become with Christ the fullness of God in Heaven?⁷⁴ Learning about Christ is not nearly enough. We must know Him completely by being His fullness, and He must know us by being our fullness.75 We must experience Him, and He must experience us. If we do, He will never say to us on Judgment Day, "I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:23).

We read newspapers, books, and other literature, but we don't experience the things that we read. We can know about God from reading the Bible, but we cannot truly know Him until He is both living and working in us on earth and until we are living with Him twenty-four hours a day, three hundred and sixty-five days a year, in Heavenly places while we are on earth. Feverything Heavenly is Christ. Everything that is Christ must be fully in us, and we must be fully in Him.

GOD PROVIDES EVERYTHING FOR MAN

Man was created to be the representative of God on earth. He was given God's image, God's likeness, and God's authority.⁷⁹ Adam failed by doing his own thing. Since then, in one way or another, so did everyone else except Christ.80 In other words, through Christ, God's image, likeness, and authority have come to be manifested on earth. This is because Jesus didn't do His own thing.81 His "own thing" was to do the will of His Father. 82 Christ is still symbolic of the land and of everything He has produced for us out of it. Again, our existence on the land is symbolic of Christ being our everything, because the land, which is full of life, produces all the things we need to sustain our physical lives.83

57 Prov. 14:32, Matt. 3:10, 12, 7:13-14, 13:24-30, 37-43, Ch. 25, Luke 16:19-31, John 5:28-29, Rom. 6:16, 19-23, II Thes. 1:3-10, Heb. 9:27, Rev. 20:11-15, 21:7-8 58 Ezek. 36:27, John 6:53, 11:26, 12:23-26, 15:1-11, Rom. 8:1-2, 10-17, 26-30, I Cor. 3:9, 16-17, 6:17-20, II Cor. 6:16-18, Gal. 2:20, 3:26-29, 4:6, Eph. 2:18-22, 3:16-21, Col. 1:27-29, 2:9-10, 3:3-4, I John 2:6, 24, 28, 3:6, 24, 4:13, Rev. 3:20, 21:3-4 59 Matt. 6:24, 10:38-39, 12: 33-35, Ch. 25, Luke 11:21-26, John 14:23-24, Rom. 8:1-13, Eph. 2:2-3, II Thes. 2:10-12, I John 2:15-17 60 Psa. 9:17, Matt. 7:21-23, 22:11-13, Ch. 25, Luke 13:24-28, III Rev. 3:20, 21:3-4 59 Matt. 6:24, Mark 12:30, Rom. 8:7-9, 12:9, I Cor. 5:6-8, 10:21, II Cor. 6:14-18, Jas. 4:4, I John 1:5-6, Rev. 3:15-16 63 Matt. 6:24, 10:37-39, 12:30, 16:24-26, 19:29, Luke 14:26-27, 33, 18:28-30, Rom. 8:12-13, 12:1-2, I Cor. 1:17-18, 9:26-27, 15:31, Gal. 2:20, 6:14-17, Jas. 4:4, I John 2:15-17 64 Psa. 26:5, 31:6, 45:7, 97:10, 101:3, 119:104, 128, 163, 139:21-22, Prov. 6:16-19, 8:13, Amos 5: 15, Matt. 6:22-24, Luke 16:13, Rom. 6:4-13, 8:1, 12:1-2, Rev. 2:6, 15, 17:16 65 Job 1:1, 8, 2:3, Psa. 5:5, 45:7, 97:10, 101:3, 119:104, 128, 163, 139:21-22, I Pet. 3:11 66 Matt. 4:1-11, John 10:4-5, Eph. 4:27, 6:10-12, Jas. 4:7, 1 Pet. 5:8-9, I John 2:15-17, 4. Deut. 1:3-8, 20-22, 3:1-18, 4:1-9, 6:1-3, 27:1-3, Josh. 23:3-6, 24:3-18, Neh. 9:7-15, 19-25, Psa. 105:24-38, Acts 7:1-38, 43-447, Heb. 11:8-34, 39-40, Rev. 21:1-2, 9-27, 18:18-16, I Pet. 2:1-5, 9-10, I John 1-2, Rev. 5:9-10, 21:2-3, 7, 9-27 69 Ex. Chs. 7-14, Deut. 1:3-8, 20-21, 3:1-18, 4:1-9, 6:1-3, 27:1-3, Josh. 22:4-5, 23:3-6, 24:3-18, Neh. 9:7-15, 19-25, Psa. 105:24-38, Acts 7:1-38, 44-47, I Cor. 6:17, Cor. 6:17, Cor. 6:17, Cor. 6:17, Cor. 6:15-17, II Cor. 5:1-2, 16-21, Gal. 3:25-29, Eph. 1:3, 2:4-7, 16-22, Phlp. 3:8-11, Col. 2:6-10, Heb. 3:4-8, 8:3-5, 9:7-12, 1:18-16, I Pet. 2:1-5, 9-10, I John 1-2, Rev. 10:20-13, 3:1-4, 4:1-5, 11-12, 11-12, 11-12, 11-12, 11-12, 11-12, 11-12, 11-12, 11-12, 11-12, 11-12, 11-12, 11-12, 11-12, 11-12, 11-12, 11-

Every day should be a day of thanksgiving to God for the things He provides for us every day, both here on earth and in Heaven for eternity. Christ is our physical life, and Christ is also our eternal, spiritual life. That is, He is eternal life to those of us who are His fullness.84 The Lord wants us to realize that we're totally dependent on Him.85 He says, "Without Me [without My fullness in you and you living fully in Me] ye can do nothing" (John 15:5). God created the land for us to live on forever, and God created us to live on the land forever. 86 However, because of Adam's sin, we can't. We must be spiritually regenerated by Christ's resurrection if we want to live forever.87 However, His desire is that we be thankful for everything He has provided for us here on earth. 88 At the same time, we must remember that all the things God has prepared for man on earth are not real. They are temporary.89 Those of us who are the overcomers are one with Christ, the city of New Jerusalem, which is foursquare in Heaven, where Christ, the Lamb of God, is also the light.90

In the Old Testament, the center of God's mind was the land of Israel, the city, and the temple.⁹¹ If we are in the Spirit of God, we know the Word of God, and we know that the very center of God's mind is focused on the eternal land, Heaven. We, the fullness of Christ, and Christ, the fullness of us, are the city and the temple in the eternal land, Heaven. We are the fullness of that land, which again is Christ, who is the center of God's mind.92 It gives me great confidence to know that God's mind is focused on those of us who are the fullness of Christ, the fullness of Heaven. We know that God's mind is focused on us. It is because we, who are Christians, the body of Christ, His church, have our minds focused on Him and on the work He has us doing here on earth, that is, on building the Kingdom of Heaven, the city, and the temple therein for us to dwell with Him eternally. The wicked are not concerned about building the Kingdom of Heaven while they live here on earth. Only we, who are His church and body, are concerned about these things. No one besides us cares about building Heaven, the city in Heaven, and the temple in the city while being here on earth. Only we, who are the fullness of Christ's

body, His church, strongly desire to have our "mortality...swallowed up of life [life eternal]" (II Cor. 5:4). This means having our mortality swallowed up by Christ, who is our "Life" and the life of everything. The wicked will weep and cry aloud for Christ to let them enter Heaven on the day of Judgment. However, Christ will not allow them to enter Heaven, because they never repented of their wickedness, their sinfulness. 93 The wicked don't want to believe that God hates wickedness.94 They foolishly preach that God is all love because it makes them feel better when they speak this fallacy. How terrible Judgment Day will be for them!95 These very foolish, wicked people should have read God's Word, the Bible, when they were alive. At the Judgment Bar of God they will plead with God, saying, "Give us another chance, God. We promise we'll read your Word and do what it says." God knows they are liars. Therefore, He will not give them a second chance. History tells us no one has gotten a second chance. No one has come back to attempt to live a Godly life again. "It is appointed unto men ONCE to die, but after this the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). God, love, hate, and wrath sit on the same seat.96 "All [God's] ways are judgment" (Deut. 32:4). We pray for them to be saved, because we know they will eternally regret the decision they made to live wickedly in this world.97

WHO CARES?

Yes, there's no doubt about it. We, who are the body of Christ, His church on earth, are the only ones who are concerned about preaching eternal life into the souls of the lost. Those of us who are busy building these Heavenly places with the Lord are the true power or authority of God on earth.98 The power or authority and ability of God belongs to His ministers, those who by Christ in them minister eternal life, Heaven, the eternal city, and the eternal temple in Heaven to the lost souls here on earth. 99 By this, I mean if you are His fullness, you are a minister of the gospel with His power and authority, which is His ability to lead His body, His church. The Apostle Paul encouraged the church by telling them, "Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord?" (I Cor. 9:

5). If Christ is your fullness, if you are the fullness of Christ, and if He is fulfilling His will in you, you are God's power, authority, and ability on earth, according to Romans 13: 1-7. You must also realize that the Heavenly city itself is the authority of God, not only throughout the entire world, but throughout the entire universe. 100

The Heavenly city itself, which we are, is the center of God's authority. For example, Washington, D.C. and the people in the White House, the Congress, and the Senate wield their temporary secular authority over the United States. Washington, D.C. is the center of U.S. secular authority. Rome, with its men strategically stationed throughout the world, wields its diabolical, temporary, secular authority over the world. Rome is the center of the world secular government, the UN. Neither Washington nor Rome are God's spiritual authorities in the world. They are merely secular authorities, which God shall soon judge, then destroy, unless they repent.¹⁰¹ We in Christ, who are the New Jerusalem and the temple within it, are the fullness of Christ and Heaven. 102 We are God's true, spiritual authority here on earth, God's permanent, eternal authority forever over the entire creation of God, which is both Heaven and earth.¹⁰³ Christ is the center of His church or body here on earth, as well as in Heaven. We are His living place or home, and He in Heaven is our eternal home. 104

When those of us who are God's people enjoy this land, and by this I mean take pleasure and delight in Christ as our life, food, drink, clothing, light, and temple, then the authority, power, and ability to have dominion, which Adam forfeited, will be given back to us again.¹⁰⁵ This is because Christ, the authority of all things, is living in us by our receiving Him as our life, our food, our drink, our clothing, our light, and our eternal temple. 106 The presence of God is also in us, enabling Him to do the same works in and through us that He Himself did while dwelling on earth.¹⁰⁷ The Kingdom of God and the house of God are not only here on earth, they are also in the Heavenly places where we dwell with Christ in the real world, the real Kingdom of God, which is our eternal home. 108

If Christ owns us, and if we own Him as our living place in Heaven, then the building

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⁸⁴ Gen. 2:7, Deut. 32:39, Job 27:3, 34:14-15, Eccl. 12:7, Matt. 19:29, 25:46, John 3:16, 4:14, 5:24-25, 6:52-58, 68, 11:25, Acts 17:25-28, II Tim. 1:10, I John 2:25, 5:11-13, 20, Rev. 1:18 85 Psa. 51:5-7, Matt. 26:41, John 6: 63, 14:6, 15:5, Rom. 3:10-18, 5:6-9, 14, 7:14-25, 8:1-14, 37, II Cor. 3:5, Phlp. 2:12-13 86 Gen. 1:9-19 87 Matt. 18:3, John 3:3, 5-6, Rom. 6:3-14, Gal. 2:20, Eph. 2:1, 5-6, Col. 2:10-13, I Pet. 1:3-4, 23 88 Gen. 1:9-13, 26-29, Matt. 6:25-33, John 20:22, Acts 17:24-27, Phlp. 2:14 89 Psa. 30:8, Prov. 18:21, 23:2, 30:8, Eccl. 5:9, Matt. 6:25-33, John 20:22, Acts 17:24-27, Phlp. 2:14 89 Psa. 30:8, Prov. 18:21, 23:2, 30:8, Eccl. 5:9, Matt. 6:31, 16:24, 22:37, Mark 12:30, Phlp. 4:5, I John 2:15-16 90 Rev. 21:10-16, 23-27, 22:5 91 Ex. Ch. 12, 19:46, 23:14-17, 34:18, 23-24, Lev. 23:4-8, 23-25, 29-31, Num. 9:1-14, 29:1-6, Deut. 14:2, 16:1-16, 26:17-19, I Kin. 8:4-6, 10-13, 29-30, 43-50, 9:1-3, II Chron. 35:16-19, Luke 2:41-42, 22:15, John 2:13, 23, 4:45, 5:1, 7:10, 10:22-23, Acts 2:5 92 John 1:16, Rom. 8:9-11, I Cor. 3:16-17, 6:19, 9:13, II Cor. 6:16, Eph. 2:18-22, Col. 2:9, Titus 2:12-14, I Pet. 2:9-10, Rev. 3:20-21, 11:2, 21:22, 93 Matt. 7:21-23, 81:2, 13:34-42, 49-50, 22:11-14, 24:50-51, 25:29-46, Luke 16:19-31, Rev. 21:27, 22:14-15 94 Ex. 22:24, Num. 11:33, Deut. 11:16-17, Nah. 12:2-6, John 3:36, Rom. 1:18, Eph. 5:6, Col. 3:5-6, Cel. 49:5-6, Heb. 11:7, Rev. 21:8 95 Matt. 3:12, 7:21-23, 13:30, 40, 16:27, 22:9-14, Ch. 25:59-83, Esp. 5, Lam. 41:11, Ezek. 43:8, Amos 5:21, Mic. 5:15, Hab. 3:12, Zeph. 22:-3, Mal. 2:16, Rom. 5:8, 9:13, IICor. 5:11, Eph. 5:25, I John 3:16, 4:7-12 97 II Sam. 22:6, Psa. 116:3, Matt. 3:12, 7:13, 8:12, 13:24-30, 47-50, 24:50-51, 25:29-30, 41-46, Luke 13:25-28, 16:19-31, ITrbs. 1:7-10, Heb. 10:26-29, Rev. 14:1-11, 19:20, 20:11-15 98 Rom. 13:1-7 99 I Cor. 3:5-11, Eph. 2:19-22 100 Rev. 19:7-9, 21:2-3, 7, 9-27, I Chron. 29:11-12, II Chron. 20:6-7, Matt. 10:7-8, 16:19, 24:29-31, Jahl 2:4-2, 10:10, 10:10, 17:21-23, 26, Acts 7:49-50, Rom. 23:1-7, 10:10, 10:10, 10:10, 10:10, 10:10

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of His church, which is the body of Christ and the New Jerusalem, will take place. 109 Again, this is how the bride of Christ is produced.¹¹⁰ God came into the world as a man, giving us the authority, power, and ability through His resurrection and through our resurrection in Him to take pleasure and delight in Christ as the Kingdom of Heaven, the city of Heaven, and the temple in Heaven.¹¹¹ At the same time, Christ lives in us here on earth with His authority, His power, and His ability to do His work in our physical, human, temporal bodies. 112 He provides all our needs in both worlds.¹¹³ We "are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ" (Col. 2:10-11).114 This means we are complete by the Spirit of God entering or cutting through our hearts so that He can live in our spirits and be our fullness, that we can be His fullness as well.

KNOWING

Christ's intention is not at all for us to just know about Him, or for Him to just know about us. 115 He already knows everything about us, and He did even before we were in our mothers' wombs. 116 He knows "the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done" (Isa. 46: 10). His intention is that we fully KNOW Him and that He fully KNOWS us. This is because it is His utmost purpose to have us spend eternity with Him in Heaven. He loves us, and He doesn't want us to spend eternity in Hell. 117 "As many as [He] love[s], [He] rebuke[s] and chasten[s]" in hopes that they will repent (Rev. 3:19).

People send their own souls to Hell.¹¹⁸ "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live [by this He means live longer on earth and live eternally in Heaven¹¹⁹]" (Ezek. 33:11). There is only one lawful way to enter Heaven and to stay out of Hell. That way is "His way."¹²⁰ There is more. We must go about on the

earth and sow the seed of God, which is the Word of God, into human hearts. We must do this not by preaching heresy, but by preaching the real gospel, the Word. 121 Everything is Christ. 122 Our words must be Christ because Christ, the Word, is the seed which brings forth life.123 This means our lips, our tongue, and our mouth must be crucified with Christ, just like the rest of our body. 124 We must help build the real, spiritual, permanent Kingdom of Heaven while we are here on earth by preaching the Word. We must help build the real, spiritual, permanent city in the Kingdom of Heaven while we are here on earth by preaching the gospel truth, the Word of God, by the Spirit, and we must help build the real, spiritual, permanent temple in the Kingdom of Heaven while we are here on earth by preaching the true gospel, the Word of God, by the Spirit. 125

The real Kingdom of Heaven, the city, and the temple are not built with human hands. They are built by the Spirit, which is the hand of God living in those of us who are His city, His temple, and His authority. Nothing of God that is eternal can be built by any other means than by His Spirit. 126 "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). To worship Him means to do everything He commands.¹²⁷ Again, we do it both by His Spirit living in us and by our living in Heavenly places with Him. 128 We must be quickened by the life-giving Spirit. It is impossible to do anything at all for God without Him being totally involved. Jesus said, "Without Me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5).129 Again, the real, permanent Kingdom, city, and temple we are building in Heaven, while we are on earth, are spiritual. They are built by God in Christ living both in and through us preaching the Word of God, which is Spirit and Life, to the sinners in the world (John 6:63). The Spirit or the anointing of God is the actual hand of God, the power of God, and the reality of God. 130 It is not built by human hands or with any earthly materials. It is built by God in Christ living both in and through us, as well as by the Word, which is spoken by the Spirit of God both in and through us to everyone who is unsaved. The Word also builds Christ up in those of us who are saved. 131

Every real thing in the universe is Jesus.¹³² He is the real Heaven, the real city, and the real temple in Heaven.¹³³ He is the real life, the real food, the real water, the real clothing, the real light, and the real eternal living place for us. All the things that were done by the Jews here on earth pertaining to the Old Testament tabernacle, which Moses built on the desert, as well as all the things done by Solomon to the temple in Canaan land, were first patterned in Heaven.¹³⁴ "It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the Heavens should be purified with these; but the Heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these" (Heb. 9:23).

The symbolic sacrifices in the Old Testament of bulls, rams, lambs, etc. were only symbolic of Christ, the sacrificial Lamb, and all the saints who are members of His body, those who sacrificed their former lives of sin for the purpose of doing His will.¹³⁵ The better sacrifice was God, who came to the world as a man in the physical human body of Christ. 136 He gave His life so that we could have eternal life if we believe we have to do the things He says to do to have eternal life.137 "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ [the Word of God, and prove it by doing everything the Word says], and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). "He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4). "And all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).

STRANGERS AND PILGRIMS

We are but "strangers and pilgrims [while we are] on the earth. For [we who] say such things declare plainly [to everyone] that [we] seek a country [and that country is not anywhere on earth, but is the Kingdom of Heaven]." The Bible states that if we were mindful of this world, we, by free will, would have an opportunity to live a careless life, to return to our old, sinful lives. But we "desire a better country, that is, an Heavenly [country]." This is why "God is not ashamed to be called [our] God: for [God has] prepared for [us] a city" (Heb. 11:13-16). We, with God in Christ living in us, are the ones building or preparing the city and the temple for our eternal habitation.¹³⁸ Jesus said, "My kingdom is

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not of this world" (John 18:36). True bornagain Christians say the same thing. "Our kingdom is not of this world." Remember, if we belong to God, we are merely strangers or pilgrims passing through this condemned world. We are bound for Heaven, which is our real home, our eternal home.¹³⁹

When our earthly temples, which are our human bodies, die, we are already in Heaven, where we never die.140 This is because while we were on earth with Christ in us, we were also living in Heavenly places with Him by the Spirit. 141 "Whosoever liveth and believeth IN ME shall never die" (John 11:26). When Jesus says "in Me," He means in Him in Heaven, while He's living in you at the same time on earth. We will never die, simply because we have made it a practice to live in Heaven with Christ while He is in us and is doing His work through us on earth.142

REAL LIVING

Our human bodies are not the real us. Our spirits living in our human bodies are the real us. 143 Our will in the real us makes our human bodies do what we really want to do. If we let Christ's will do what He really wants to do in our human bodies, we shall be living in Him in Heavenly places while we're here on earth, and we shall live forevermore with Him in Heaven. 144 Christ is our real eternal body, our real temple or eternal habitation, because He and everyone in Him lives forever. 145 If we are not dwelling in Christ, our eternal temple, in Heavenly places while we are here on earth, there will be no place for us to dwell for eternity but the lake of fire.146 Don't let your carnal mind or brain try to reason this truth away from you.147 This is the real way it is. This is the gospel truth, THE REAL DEAL. We are spirits living in human bodies. "God is a Spirit," and if we're saved, His Spirit is dwelling in our spirits inside our human bodies (John 4:24).148 When His Spirit is wrapped with our spirits and our spirits are wrapped with His Spirit, we are sitting with Christ in Heavenly places while we're on earth, and we will never die.149 This is the same as being clothed for eternity with God in Christ while on earth.¹⁵⁰ If we prepare or dress ourselves for Heaven while we are living on earth, we will never die. This is the real deal. We have prepared, with Christ, an eternal living place in which we can dwell forevermore as the bride

Italy

Beloved in Christ Pastor Alamo,

I bring you greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is M.O. I live in Castelvolturno, Italy. I was a sinner when a friend came to give me your newsletter. When I read it I felt much faith and power. I realized that Jesus came to die on the cross and shed His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins. I am now a born-again Christian. I thank God for saving me from evil through you. I am now living in a good life. May God reward you and richly bless and expand your ministry the more. I told my church what God has done to me through you. God bless you always.

Yours in the service of the Lord,

Mr. M.O.

of Christ, the bride of God.¹⁵¹

Our physical or human bodies die, but, as Paul says, "We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved [dies and rots], we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from Heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life [which is Christ]" (II Cor. 5:1-4).152 It is a mutual housing agreement between God and ourselves. In other words, we agree to live in each other. We live in Christ, and Christ lives in us. By our using each other as eternal houses, we who are in Christ never die. 153

The Iews were to sacrifice animals until God's true sacrifice for our sins would come into the world. After God in Christ came into the world as our sacrifice, we must daily sacrifice our bodies as living sacrifices for Christ. 154 We must do this, since He first sacrificed Himself for us.¹⁵⁵ The Apostle Paul by the Spirit stated, "That ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

If the Jews wanted to continue being the people of God, they had to worship God in the temple, just as we must worship in our temple, which is Christ, in Heavenly places if we want to continue being His fullness and if we want Him to continue to be our fullness.156 The center of our minds must be on Christ, who is our Heavenly temple in the New Jerusalem. 157

II Corinthians 1:20 states that the promises of God are ours, but only on one condition. We must be IN HIM, and He must be in us. "For all the promises of God

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IN HIM are yea, and IN HIM Amen" (II Cor. 1:20). God is only obligated to deliver what He promises if we're living in Him in Heavenly places and if He is living in us while we're here on earth.¹⁵⁸ This is a great stumblingblock to those who want to go to Heaven but don't want to pay the price. Building the Kingdom of Heaven, the city in Heaven, and the temple in Heaven while we are here on earth is the constant work of the Holy Spirit living in us and of our living in Christ as our temple in Heaven. 159

The talents He gives us are spiritual gifts, meaning spiritual powers, authorities, or abilities. These He gives us by transmitting them from Himself into us. If we are not, with delight and pleasure, enjoying Christ's power, authority, and ability by consuming Him as our spiritual life, food, drink, clothes, light, and Heaven, as well as enjoying the city, the New Jerusalem, and the temple, and if we're not delighted to be sitting with Him permanently in Heavenly places while we are here on earth, we won't know Him, He won't know us, and we won't ever know or enjoy an eternity in Heaven.160 We will be

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139 Heb. 11:13-16, I Pet. 1:17-21, 2:11 140 John 11:25-26, Rev. 21:3-4, 7, 7:13-17 141 Zech. 4:6, Matt. 12:28, Mark 16:17-20, Luke 17:21, John 4:23-24, 17:20-23, Rom. 9:5, I Cor. 3:9-17, Gal. 3:28, Eph. 1:13-14, 2:4-6, 18-22, Phlp. 3:3, Col. 2:6, I Pet. 2:5, Rev. 7:15 **142** Matt. 16:24-26, Mark 8:34-38, Luke 9:23-26, John 1:12-14, 5:21, 6:63, 10:38, 17:20-23, 20:22, Rom. 6:5-11, 8:1, I Cor. 8:6, 11:23-26, 15:10, 45-57, Gal. 2:20, 5:24, Eph. 24.46 143 I Cor. 15:50-53, Phlp. 3:20-21, Rom. 7:24, 8:10, Num. 16:22, 27:16, Eccl. 3:19-21, Jer. 32:27, Matt. 3:12, John 3:3, 5-6, Rom. 19, 6:6, 12, 7:6, 8:1, 4, 9, 13-16, 23, 26-27, I Cor. 2:11, 14, 3:16, 5:5, 6:17, Eph. 5: 30, I Thes. 5:23, Jas. 2:26, Rev. 20:11-15 144 Eccl. 12:5-7, I Cor. 6:19-20, 9:24-27, 15:20-28, 47-54, II Cor. 5:1-4, Eph. 4:4, 10-16, Phlp. 3:20-21, I Pet. 1:3-12, 22-25, II Pet. 1:3-15, I John 3:2 145 Rom. 6:4-11, 8:10-11, Eph. 2:1-6, 3:14-19, Col. 2:9-15, 3:1-4, I Thes. 4:14-18, Rev. 1:18 146 Psa. 9:17, Prov. 15:24, Isa. 5:14-16, Luke 12:5, 20, II Thes. 1:7-11, II Pet. 2:4-9, Jude 6, Rev. 14:10, 21:8 147 Matt. 24:24, 26:41, Mark 4:14-15, Luke 8: 18, 21:8, 36, John 8:44, II Cor. 4:3-4, 10:4-5, 11:13-15, Eph. 6:11-12, II Thes. 2:2-4, II Tim. 3:13, Jas. 4:7, I Pet. 5:8, II John 7, Rev. 12:9 148 Isa. 57:15, Rom. 8:9-11, Eph. 3:16-19, I John 4:13-15 149 John 17:18-23, I Cor. 6:17, Eph. 1:4-11 **150** Isa. 61:10, Matt. 22:11-14, Rom. 13:14, II Cor. 5:1-4, Gal. 3:27, Eph. 4:24, 6:10-18, Phlp. 3:9, Heb. 11:9, Rev. 3:18, 7:13-17, 19:7-9 **151** Eph. 5:25-30, Rev. 21:2-4, 9-11 **152** Luke 18:29-30, 20:35-36, John 3:14-16, 5:24-25, 29, 6:40, 47, 11:25-26, 12:25, 14:16 **153** John 3:15-16, 6:53-58, 10:27-30, 12:25, 17:2-3, Rom. 2:7, 6:23, 8:11, II Cor. 5:1 **154** Ex. 29:36, 38-46, Lev. Chs. 1-3, Num. Chs. 28-29, Ezra 3:1-5, Ezek. 45: 1-15, Heb. 9:12-15, 19-26, 10:1-10, 12:18-29 **155** Rom. 12:1-7, I Cor. 5:7-8, Eph. 5:2, Heb. 9:24-28, 10:8-20 **156** Ex. 12:14-20, 29:36, 38-46, Lev. 17:8-9, Num. Chs. 28-29, John 1:29, 36, Rom. 8:10-11, Heb. 9:12-15, 10: 1-10, Rev. 11:1 157 Isa. 26:3, Matt. 6:33, I Cor. 2:16, Phlp. 2:1-5, 4:6-9, Col. 3:1-2, I Pet. 1:13-16 158 Matt. 10:22, John 15:1-7, Col. 1:22-23, Heb. 3:14, 6:11, 10:36, Rev. 2:10 159 Matt. 6:10, 10:7-8, 12:28, 13:23, 24:14, 28:18-20, Mark 1:14-15, 16:15-20, Luke 8:1, 4-8, 11-15, 10:1-3, 9-11, 17, 17:20-21, Acts 1:8-11, Rom. 7:4, 10:13-15, I Cor. 1:17-18, 21, 9:16-17, 15:58, Eph. 2:8-10, 3:2-11, Col. 1:25-29, II Tim. 4:2, Heb. 6:9-12, I Pet. 2: 4-6 160 Psa. 9:17, Prov. 1:22-32, Matt. 7:21-23, 25:28-30, Rom. 1:18-32



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wandering around in the wilderness, eating wafers, drinking water, and merely learning about Him. Again, knowing about Christ is not nearly enough.

We must experience the church life, the life of the bride of Christ. Never say that you are a child of God unless Christ is living in you on earth and you are living in Christ in Heaven. There are only evil promises from God for you if you are not walking in God, eating God as your food, drinking God as your water, and breathing in Christ as your life. When the Word of God is preached, published, and distributed, it "destroy[s] the works of [Satan]" (I John 3:8). 162

There are believers who never overcome. They are destroyed. Their names are blotted out of the Lamb's book of life. 163 Their names were once in the book of life. How would God be able to blot their names out of the book of life if their names were not there in the first place? This is one of the many hundreds of Scriptures which prove the fallacy of the doctrine of eternal security. This doctrine is the diabolical doctrine that states we can sin and still enter Heaven. 164 Even the angels of God couldn't get away with that one. 165 God cast "Satan...out [of Heaven] into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him" (Rev. 12:9). 166

LIVING IS CONDITIONAL

Our entering Heaven and living there is based on one condition. That condition is that we must be perfect and holy.¹⁶⁷ This can

INDIA

Bhimavaram

Dear Pastor,

With love and satisfaction I am sending you my most fraternal greetings this first time around in this letter. May the grace of our Almighty richly bless you, Amen. I am a man of twenty-one years of age a former pagan who had not attended any church before. And around September of this year, one of my friends sent me a copy of your literature to read. After I read it something came to my mind that I should go to church to worship the living God. Since that time my life has turned completely around from the evil way to God's way because of your powerful literature I read. Please know that it is because of you I am saved by the Almighty God.

But Pastor, I will be glad if you can send

me a Holy Bible, which I can use to serve the Almighty God, since I don't have any scripture and also don't have money in which I will use to buy the Bible to serve the Lord. I believe, apart from you, there is no one who can give a Bible to me. And also your literature tells me that you have written a book called *The Messiah* and your testimony *Dry Bones* are available as well. Please Pastor, I will be thankful if you can send me the book *The Messiah* and more literature, which can keep me saved, so that I can be saved until our Lord and our everything, Jesus Christ, comes back to earth. May God bless you and all members of Alamo Christian Church Ministry, Amen. I hope you will reply very soon.

Thank you,

O. K. C. Bhimavaram, India

only happen if Christ is our fullness and if we are His fullness. 168 To think otherwise is to have the mind of Satan, the mind of the Antichrist, the mind of he who is anti-the Word of God. 169 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hos. 4:6). All of the promises of God are conditional. 170 You can only receive His promises "If ye abide in [Him in Heavenly places while on earth], The condition our continuing in a state of death, which is our old, sinful life. 175 This is what Jesus meant by saying, "Deny [thy]self, and take up [thy] cross daily, and follow Me" (Luke 9: 23) and, "Go, and sin no more" "lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 8:11, 5:14).

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Lord," the devil has been going to and fro on this earth to see what he can do to destroy your tranquility and peace on earth, that is, to stop you from delighting in the pleasurable land.¹⁷⁶ The devil will not allow you to possess this land because he knows that you're only a stranger and a pilgrim passing through. 177 He is trying to keep you from having eternal life by distracting your mind from the delights and pleasures of your sitting with Christ in the promised land, as well as from the delights and pleasures of Christ by the Spirit living in you to build Heaven, the city in Heaven, and the temple in Heaven while you are here on earth. 178

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We in Christ and Christ in us on earth do spoil "principalities and powers...[making] a show of them openly, triumphing over them by the [power of the fullness of the Spirit of God living and working in us, which is Christ]" (Col. 2:15, KJV, orig. Gk.). Christ gives us this power if we live a life of self-denial.¹⁷⁴ By this, I mean a life of doing what Christ tells us to do, which means our letting God represent Himself both in and through

SEPARATION

In the beginning, the world, the land, was covered in water.¹⁷⁹ This was because of Satan's transgression in Heaven.¹⁸⁰ After the dry land, symbolic of Christ's resurrection, was resurrected from the chaos and darkness of the deep waters, God created everything for man, then created man in His image out of the land.¹⁸¹ After a period of time, man began hearkening unto Satan, and the entire world rebelled against God.¹⁸² So, as in the

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AFRICA

Malawi

Translated From French

Dear Pastor Alamo,

I have the badge of honor to come to you this first time to introduce my request to your community. I would like to let you know for your own management that I am a Christian, and that through your monthly world newsletter, many people have believed, who have all pushed me to write to you, for I want to know more about your church, and if my request retains your particular attention for a response worthy of acknowledgment, I thank you in advance. Would you accept, dear Pastor, the assurance of my profound, very distinguished gratitude, and may God Almighty fill you.

I.M. Mbujimayi,
Democratic Republic of the Congo

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beginning, God destroyed the world again by covering it with water. This was because they did not receive His former reproofs and chastisements. For their rebellion, He killed them.¹⁸³ Their souls were sent to Hell through their rebellion to God's Word. God again covered the land with water, separating man from the good land, from which all our life support comes.¹⁸⁴

Noah and his family were the only ones saved because they built the ark of safety, which was also a symbol of Heaven, while they were on earth. 185 If we, by Christ in us, build the city and temple in Heaven while we're on earth, and if we live there while Christ lives in us on earth, we, like Noah, will have built our ark of safety or our home to live in for eternity. When the fire comes, we, like Noah, will not be hurt by it, as he was not

Dearly Beloved,

Reloved. Ghana

A friend loaned me some of your literature to read, and it is helping me very much, and also winning a lot of souls in my country, Ghana. They are impressed and keep asking for more. Straight to the point, I am thirty-six years old, and I have lost my wife for one year now, and I have one child who is a boy age of two years old. I am finding the world hard, but the time I got the world newsletter booklets to read, I got encouragement from the books, and they are helping me forget all the problems in my life. My motive of writing you is to let you know how a single publication of yours has affected my life and the lives of my friends. It has also provoked my desire to know God the more. I now attend church.

Sir, since I am now on the track to eternal life, I shall request you to send me your literature, tapes, a Bible and books. I like reading your book entitled, *The Messiah* and other books. Your literature has kept me steadily on the road to adulthood in Christ Jesus. Sir, I trust this not to be beyond you, as I wait patiently for you to fill my hunger for God's Word, when it is convenient for you to do so. May God bless your work and help you, World Pastor Tony Alamo. Thank you. Yours faithfully,

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hurt by the flood.¹⁸⁶ If Noah would have waited until the rain came to build the ark, it would have been too late for him and his family. He knew he had to begin building it when God told him to.¹⁸⁷ If we wait until the fire comes, it will be too late for us. We have to build now.

This is the same thing as the five foolish virgins who let the oil, symbolic of the Spirit of God, go out of their lamps, their bodies. 188 When the Bridegroom came, they wanted to borrow oil from the five wise virgins, but it was too late for them, just as it was for all the people who drowned in the flood.¹⁸⁹ The five wise virgins are said to be wise because they feared God and kept His commandments. All of them, the five wise and the five foolish, knew what to do. The five foolish virgins stopped building the Kingdom of Heaven, the city, and the temple while they were on earth. The oil, which is symbolic of the Spirit of God, ran out of them. 190 They didn't live in Heaven, and Heaven no longer lived in them. This again shows us how foolish the false doctrine of eternal security is. When the Bridegroom comes, or when the fire comes, no one will give up their salvation for a disobedient person who knew to do good but wouldn't. When we stand before God at Judgment, we stand there alone and naked.191

If we're Christians, we, like Christ, have two natures, the human nature and the divine nature. ¹⁹² Our human nature is of the earth, and our divine nature is from Heaven. The divine nature comes into us on the day we become born again of the Spirit. ¹⁹³ By

the Spirit of God living in Christ the man, and Christ living in the Father in Heaven, God, who came into the world in the man Christ, was able to do the work of God in and through the man Christ as a pattern for us to follow. 194 God must live in man as He lived in Christ, and we must live in Christ as Christ lived in God. Christ and God are one and the same.¹⁹⁵ If Christ is to continue doing His work in any man, that man also must be living with God in Christ in Heavenly places. 196 It is Christ in us that does the work. 197 The Tree of Life is Christ living in us, and it is our living in Him in Heavenly places. God came into this world as a man so He could lead us to the Tree of Life, which is the reality of God in Christ. 198

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With God living in us, it is not only possible to never sin again, it is possible to do everything God's instructions tell us to do. 199 One of His instructions is "Be ye...perfect" (Matt. 5:48).200 This commandment and all the others are impossible for mere humans to keep.²⁰¹ God never tells us to do anything that we cannot do. He makes a way for us to be able to do it. We can only become holy and perfect by our becoming God-men. This occurs only when He is living in us and when we are living in Him.202 When He is both living in us and working in us on earth, we become one with Him, just as Jesus was with the Father. This is because we are sitting with Jesus, who is sitting with the Father in Heavenly places.²⁰³ We will be in Him, and He will be in us.²⁰⁴

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Then we are "more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37).²⁰⁵

Those who say no one can be perfect or holy are not telling you the truth. They are anti-Christ, false prophets, liars.²⁰⁶ For them to say such things is blasphemy, because they are calling God a liar.²⁰⁷ These people are saying it is impossible to keep these commandments of God. They are the same as saying that the bride of Christ is a sinful bride, one who is not without spot or wrinkle, or clear as crystal.208 They who say such things are considered by the Lord to be dogs, serpents, and scorpions.²⁰⁹ This is because they are saying that Heaven will be a place of imperfection, a place filled with sin, just like this wicked world.²¹⁰ They are likened by God to be the devil.²¹¹

No one can enter Heaven unless they are perfect, without sin. Heaven is God's place of perfection.²¹² When the members of His body or church realize they are His body, they purge themselves with the Word, readying themselves to be His bride, the New Jerusalem.²¹³ Christ "gave Himself for [His body, His church]; That He might sanctify and cleanse it²¹⁴ with the washing of water by the Word" (Eph. 5: 25-26).

The people who preach that we cannot be perfect may know a few things about Him, but they don't really know Him. They are not His fullness, and He's not their fullness. If they knew Him, they also would know the cleansing power of His Word.²¹⁵ It would be in them if they knew Him, and they would not be preaching imperfection to their congregations. Instead, they would be preaching the perfection of Christ, so their congregations could be members of Christ's body, and, by their doing so, not have to spend eternity in the lake of fire.²¹⁶

The church, the body of Christ, must, while on earth, cleanse itself by the Word, making itself perfect so it can become the bride of Christ, attend the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and live eternally in Heaven.²¹⁷ "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48).²¹⁸ "Be ye holy; for I am holy" (I Pet. 1:16). Without holiness, "no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14). Since Christ is perfect, He will not have an imperfect bride.²¹⁹ Christ and His bride are one.²²⁰ Christ remained sinless on earth, and His bride remains sinless on earth through living in Him in Heavenly places, and through His living in her while she is on earth. He and His bride shall remain sinless in Heaven throughout eternity.²²¹ If you want to listen to false prophets, you're doing it at your own peril. Be safe. Read the Bible for yourself.²²²

In the twenty-first chapter of Revelation, verse two, the Apostle John, in a vision, saw the bride of the Lamb, the bride of Christ, which in fact is "the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her Husband" (Rev. 21:2). The bride of Christ prepares herself for her Husband while living on earth so that Christ can "present [His bride] to Himself a glorious church [city, or temple for Him to live in], not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:27).²²³ Being without spot and blemish is symbolic of being without one sin. In other words, this means the bride of Christ is perfect, holy, and without sin.²²⁴ She is the fullness of Christ in Heaven, and Christ is the fullness of her on earth.²²⁵

There was "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" (Rev. 21:3). We must be perfect for this to be fulfilled.²²⁶ We must be living in Christ as our tabernacle in Heaven while we are living in this world, and He must be living in us as His tabernacle in this world. This is also confirmed by the verse which states, "One of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues

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34) "forthwith came there out blood and water," indicating that the heart had been ruptured (before it was pierced by the Roman spear), probably from the great emotional strain Christ had been under. The lymphatic fluid apparently had separated from the red blood, producing "blood and water." The word "lymph" comes from the Latin "lympha," meaning water. (See also I John 5:6.)

The Parting of His Garments

"They part My garments among them, and cast lots upon My vesture" (verse 18).



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For exquisite detail, dramatically fulfilled, this is the gem of all prophecy. The divinely inspired prophet was shown by God that which would definitely come to pass in one thousand years connected with the crucifixion that seems so trivial and unimportant one wonders why it is referred to at all. It is because God wanted us to know that He (God) wrote the prophecy and He (God) fulfilled it.

In the New Testament account of the crucifixion of Christ, when they "pierced His hands and His feet," that additional, "unimportant" detail about the disposition of the Messiah's garments is mentioned. Roman soldiers, ignorant of both God and prophecy, and knowing nothing of the sacred import of what they were doing, fulfilled to the letter God's detailed prophecy!

"Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also His coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top

throughout. They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted My raiment among them, and for My vesture they did cast lots" (John 19:23-24).

And so an obscure prophecy, hidden in the Old Testament for a thousand years, springs up as a witness, a living miracle, proving again that GOD DECLARED in the Old Testament and GOD FULFILLED in the New Testament. This one prophecy is enough to convince the most skeptical, if he have an honest heart, that the predictions concerning the Messiah in the Old Testament were fulfilled in the Christ of the Gospels, so giving a satisfying demonstration of the Divine origin of both Testaments.

The Resurrection of The Messiah

This Messiah, so cruelly put to death, will be helped (verse 19), delivered (verse 20), saved from the lion's mouth (verse 21). His prayer will

[to be poured out on earth]" said to John, "I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of Heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal" (Rev. 21: 9-11). Clear as crystal means the same thing as being without sin, without spot, without blemish, and without wrinkle. Therefore, God glorifies her by making her one with Him as the city where the Lamb of God is the light.²²⁷ She didn't sin while she was here on earth because she wanted to glorify Christ, her Husband.²²⁸ She knew if she sinned, Christ would never be her Husband. That's why she stayed in her house, which is Christ in Heavenly places.²²⁹ She is the light of the world because while she is on earth, Christ, the "light of the world," is living in her who also is His body, the church (John 8:12).230

Paul said, "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified" (I Cor. 2:2). In other words, knowing Christ is all we need, and allowing His crucified life to be in us is how we know Him and how He knows us.²³¹

It's no wonder that the world is in the condition that it's in. It is because most people believe they don't have to be perfect to enter Heaven, so they never strive for perfection.²³² They never receive the reproof of the Word of the Lord. They never receive the light of the Word as their guide, nor have

they fortified themselves by letting Christ live in them and by their living in Christ in order to keep themselves sinless.

People who preach half-truths, heresy, may have "a form of godliness [a pretense of godliness], but [deny] the power thereof: [God said] from such turn away...[They are] Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (II Tim. 3:5, 7). In other words, they keep learning about Christ, but He never lives in them on earth, and they never live in Him in Heaven. Why would God, being perfect, have an imperfect bride or an unholy bride? He came into the world for the purpose of having a perfect church, a perfect body, a perfect bride, a perfect Heaven, a perfect city, the New Jerusalem, a perfect temple and a perfect eternity.233 The real Christ, the "Kingdom of Heaven is at hand [in His church here on earth]" (Matt. 3:2).

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:1-3).

GETTING READY

Salvation and preparation for Heaven must take place in this present world.²³⁴ We are given a certain amount of time for this preparation. If God sees you are not interested in preparing yourself for Heaven, He may yank the life out of your body, judge it, then

sling your soul into the lake of fire. He says He'll do it at a time when you don't expect it, "as a thief in the night" (II Pet. 3:10).²³⁵

Christ, the Word of God, the Bible, which is the Tree of Life, is our permanent and real spiritual life,²³⁶ food,²³⁷ drink,²³⁸ light,²³⁹ clothing,²⁴⁰ and eternal dwelling place.²⁴¹ He is the land of God, the city of God, and the temple of God.²⁴² When our spirit is united with the Lord's Spirit, we have His Spirit mingled in ours, which gives us eternal life.

Job was a perfect and an upright man, one who feared God, and shunned evil (Job 1: 8). He said, "I have esteemed the words of [God's] mouth more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12). The reason that Job was able to maintain his steadfast walk in God through all his trials was that he esteemed God the Word, his real and permanent food and eternal life, more than he esteemed the non-permanent food necessary for the life of his temporal, non-permanent body. He knew that his body was made out of dust and would perish soon, just as our bodies are soon to perish.

OUR EVERYTHING

Christianity is not a religion like Catholicism, Buddhism, Muhammadanism, or any other "ism." Religions are dangerous not only to themselves, but to other people, such as the Muslims who train their people to crash into buildings. They are dangerous to everybody. They are anti-Christ. They are anti-humanity, and anti-their own

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be "heard" (verse 21): "Thou hast heard Me." Verse 21 is the end of a section. Verse 22 begins a new section; and the Messiah now gloriously delivered, resurrected, says:

"I will declare Thy name unto My brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee" (verse 22).

The New Testament of course bears abundant evidence that though Christ died, yet God raised Him from the dead on the third day.

"Ye have taken [Christ], and by wicked hands have crucified and slain [Him]: Whom GOD HATH RAISED UP, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that He should be holden of it" (Acts 2:23-24).

A Summary

The predictions concerning Christ in this chapter are so numerous and so minute that they could not possibly have been dictated by any but by Him to Whom all things are naked and open, and Who worketh all things

according to the counsel of His own will. The most insignificant circumstances connected with our Lord's death are set forth with as much accuracy as those which are most important. What could be more unlikely than that the Messiah should be crucified when crucifixion was not a Jewish but a Roman punishment? And yet David in this Psalm predicted such would be the case centuries before Rome was founded and ten centuries before the prophecy was fulfilled!

(B) ISAIAH 53

THIS REMARKABLE PROPHECY of the sufferings and exaltation of the Messiah was written 700 years before the time of Christ. It reads more like a historical summary of the Gospel narrative of the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow, than like a prophecy. Another commentator says, "It reads as if it had been written beneath the cross of Golgotha. It is the deepest and the loftiest thing that Old Testament prophecy, outstripping itself, has ever achieved."

This chapter is a bundle of paradoxes or apparent contradictions, as numerous as the verses in the chapter. In fact, it was DESIGNED to present a prophetic enigma, which only the Person (and work) of the Christ of the New Testament can solve. He is a root out of the dry ground yet fruitful; He has no form nor beauty, yet He is the chosen Servant of God; He is despised and rejected of men, yet He is the appointed Savior; He suffers unto death, yet He survives; He had no physical, human offspring, yet His spiritual offspring are innumerable, as the sand of the sea. Men would make His grave with the wicked, yet He is buried with the rich; He suffers unbelievable adversity, yet He enjoys prosperity; He is triumphed over, yet He triumphs; He is condemned, yet He justifies the condemned. These paradoxes remained a problem until the cross was set up, the sepulchre burst open, and the Son of God who came to die went up to reign.

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people. They teach their people to die for false causes. They teach them to worship humans, rather than God. They're teaching them how to get to Hell in a hurry.²⁴³ Christ is salvation, but only to those who believe in doing what He says.²⁴⁴ This is why God's Word tells us religions are of the devil,²⁴⁵ but "Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9).

The Old and New Testament are exactly the same.²⁴⁶ The Old Testament tells the world exactly what Christ fulfilled in the New Testament.²⁴⁷ The Old Testament, the land, the city, and the temple were all a shadow of Christ and His fullness, which is His body, His church, in the New Testament.²⁴⁸ This includes their existence in Heaven for eternity.²⁴⁹

After Christ died, rose from the dead, and ascended into Heaven, He became a life-giving Spirit, who was able to quicken His disciples into life-giving spirits.²⁵⁰ With God in Christ's power living in them as a life-giving Spirit, they were and are, through Christ, able to quicken others unto the life in Christ. No one but Christ in God can do these miraculous things.²⁵¹

Salvation is of the Lord. Religions are fake. They are an act, a farce, a trick of the devil. They are useful to the devil, who uses them to destroy the souls of mankind. Religions are the exact opposite of Christ. If the Jews refuse to come to Christ, their Messiah, they are no more than a false religion. They will always cry, "Crucify Him, crucify Him," meaning Christ and His church (Luke 23: 21). Religions teach their people how to get to Hell fast by telling them to worship people or things rather than to worship God in Christ.²⁵² They teach murder, suicide, and war. They are terrorists and liars. Jesus said they are "of [their] father the devil" (John 8: 44). They teach you to worship and to pray to Christ's mother rather than to God in Christ. They teach that Mary is deity, but she is not deity.²⁵³ Deity is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, which are Christ.²⁵⁴ Christ is the fullness of God, and the Bible states that we who are His church and body are the fullness of God in Christ.²⁵⁵

Religion is of the devil, and salvation is of the Lord. Therefore, religion cannot save

your soul. Religion can only destroy your soul if you believe in it rather than in Christ, who is your only Savior, your only Lord, the only "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:16). He is our everything both on earth and in Heaven.²⁵⁶

Religious people who enjoy religious ceremonies, rituals, politics, praise from other humans, and any other temporal treasures they gain from being religious will only make God more angry at them for their heresy when they stand before Him at His Judgment Bar.²⁵⁷ God said that the entire world will be deceived in the last days (Rev. 12:9).²⁵⁸ Keep that in mind. If you're religious, you are one of many billions of deceived people. Remember this, too. At the time of the flood, everyone was deceived by the devil, with the exception of eight people.²⁵⁹ Think about it. Oh, and think about this, too. The Word of God states that all the world will be worshipping the devil in the last days, and it is doing just that (Rev. 13:4, 8). Worshipping anything other than God in Christ is worshipping the devil.²⁶⁰ This means they are worshipping idols, religions, or themselves rather than God in Christ. Remember also that Jesus said, "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matt. 7:14).261

What good is it to practice false religions in this present world, or for that matter, to own the entire world with all of its wealth, when in the end your soul is lost?262 What good is it to have a lucrative and powerful job gained from your affiliation with these individuals or from your allegiance with Rome, if in the end, you lose your eternal soul?²⁶³ What good is it to be faithful and true to the corrupt, evil one, Satan, or to any of his people just to hold on to some pennyante piece of what you think is worthwhile in this world? If you refuse to make Christ your everything, as He wants to be, then in the end you will lose your own eternal soul, and you will spend eternity in the lake of fire.264 How foolish you will think yourself to have been! How much you will hate yourself eternally for not accepting Christ to be your everything while you were here on earth. How much you will despise and curse yourself eternally for it when you are screaming your head off in the lake of fire. There shall not be one fraction of a moment of relief from the misery you shall have there

forever and ever.265

God's Word, Christ, is the only truth and the only hope for our salvation.²⁶⁶ The false religions mix some truths from the Bible with soul-damning lies. This is a trick of the devil to deceive the world and make his counterfeit doctrines look real, or at least somewhat real, to the general public, those who don't care whether their souls will spend eternity in Heaven or in Hell, those who don't believe in God, in Christ, in Heaven, or in Hell.²⁶⁷

A GOOD PERSON?

The average person of the world believes that they'll go to Heaven if they're a "good person," if they don't hurt anybody, or if they contribute money to some "worthy cause," which Christ doesn't believe to be worthy at all. These good deeds of theirs are like "filthy rags" in the eyes of God (Isa. 64:6). It's nice to do good deeds, but Christ must be living and working both in you and through you at all times for you to enter Heaven.²⁶⁸ You also cannot commit sins if you want to go to Heaven.269 If you're a sinner, God does not consider you to be a good person. You're lost, and you need to be saved. What you think to be sin and what God says sin really is are two different things. You must not think the way you think any longer if you want to enter Heaven, and stay out of Hell. You must exchange your thinking for the thinking of Christ in order to enter Heaven.²⁷⁰ This exchange is a swap. We swap our inferior, sinful minds for the superior, sinless mind of Christ, or we will never enter Heaven. The devil's false counterfeit doctrines have some appearance of good to the general public, who also haven't a clue as to what the Bible says. They do not care enough about their souls to seek Christ by the Word and make Him their everything. Counterfeit money looks real, but it is counterfeit, unreal. Counterfeit salvation or religion looks real to a lot of people. However, it is not real. It is counterfeit, worthless.

The Bible, the Word of God, is God.²⁷¹ Christ is the real thing, the reality of everything that is Heavenly and eternal. The Kingdom of Heaven, with all of its treasures and glory, must be far more important to you than the unreal, temporary, symbolic things of this world if you plan to enter Heaven.²⁷² While Job was living his life on earth, he was also putting on Heaven. Job wouldn't give

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up Heaven and eternity for anything on this earth.²⁷³ Job said, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him" (Job 13:15). He trusted in God, whose promises are all "yes." God's promises are not maybe, but are "yes" for all those who keep His commandments.²⁷⁴ His promises are also "yes" to repay the wicked for doing evil.²⁷⁵ He promises the lake of fire to the wicked throughout all eternity.²⁷⁶

Christ is "the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Col. 2:9). "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made" (John 1:3). God made us in His image so He could both live and work in us, representing Himself through us by living in us with His authority in this world. God's purpose is to represent Himself to the world by living in man.²⁷⁷ This can only happen if man partakes in Him as his life-giving food. This can only happen if we partake in all the riches that Christ is for our eternal life, that is, if we allow Him to transmit everything that He is into us through our eating Him, the Word, the Tree of Life.²⁷⁸ If your desire is to live in Heaven forevermore, you must show your desire by eating of all that God is in this present world.²⁷⁹

The life-giving elements of this world are only symbolic of Christ.²⁸⁰ The negatives of this earth are not symbolic of Christ. Again, God said there's going to be "a new Heaven and a new earth" (Rev. 21:1). Before this happens, He is going to burn the former.²⁸¹ This He will do to purge Heaven and earth of any taint of sin, Satan, the world. No one who disbelieves God will live in the new Kingdom of Heaven or live on the new earth.282 Again, God in Jesus stated from His throne in Heaven, "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5). In this new Heaven and earth, there will be only righteousness. The Apostle Peter by the Spirit said, "We, according to His [the Lord's] promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him [Christ] in peace, WITHOUT SPOT, and BLAMELESS [without sin]" (II Pet. 3:13-14). There was darkness in Heaven and there is darkness in this world, but in the new Heaven and in the new earth there shall be no darkness at all.²⁸³ Again, the Lord says, "Behold, I make ALL things new" (Rev. 21: 5). Everybody is given a new body.²⁸⁴

There will be no idol worshippers, as well as no evil government agents or media

attempting to persuade Christians to tolerate or become part of such satanic, secular, religious blasphemy.²⁸⁵ The Christians who have consecrated themselves from such evil in this world shall be blessed with total separation from such evil in the new, Heavenly, real world.²⁸⁶

THERE IS A DOOR TO OPEN

If we want to be the fullness of Christ, and if we want Christ to be our fullness, we must open ourselves for Him to enter us.²⁸⁷ We can become the fullness of all this once Christ is in us as our Savior and Mediator, and once we are in Christ, as our eternal home.²⁸⁸ We must open the doors of our hearts. Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me" (Rev. 3:20). Christ is "the Door" (John 10:9). He is the Door to God, the only go-between connecting us to God.²⁸⁹ The doors of our hearts are the only doors we must open for the Father in Christ to enter us.²⁹⁰

He doesn't live outside of His disciples any longer. He lives in them, and His disciples live in Him.²⁹¹ As the life-giving Spirit, He lives within His disciples, so we can live in Him in the temple in Heaven. We can do no Godly work without Him both living and working in and through us in this world. 292 This is the stone that people stumble over. This is why in the Bible, Jesus is called "a Stumblingstone and Rock of Offence" (Rom. 9:33).293 He, the "Chief Corner Stone" of the church, is actually the Rock of Offense to those who stumble. They stumble because they don't want to live in Him and they don't want Him to live in them while they're on earth (Eph. 2:20). By stumbling over the right way to enter Heaven, they stumble into Hell, the lake of fire.²⁹⁴ Christ and His only way to eternal life are stumblingstones to them. They "[love] this present world" rather than "the world to come" (II Tim. 4:10, Mark 10: 30, Heb. 6:5), even though God commands, "Love not the world" (I John 2:15), but "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart...soul... mind, and...strength" (Mark 12:30). They never surrender themselves, their bodies, to be temples for God to live in and do His work in on earth, and they never surrender their time to live in Christ in Heavenly places. To them this would be death, rather than life as it really is.²⁹⁵ There is no fight between them and Satan because Satan already has

them right where he wants them. ²⁹⁶ They are entangled with the affairs of this world, which is soon to burn. The Bible states, "No man that warreth [against Satan] entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please Him [God] who hath chosen him to be a [Christian] soldier" (II Tim. 2:4).

When Christ is living in us, and when we are living in Him, He becomes the "well of water springing up [in us] into everlasting life" (John 4:14), the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God [and into those of us who are Christians, as well as through us into others. They will greatly benefit from this forever when they become truly concerned and accept this water for the life of their souls]" (Rev. 22:1). All these things are symbolic of Christ, who is also the Holy Spirit, the lifegiving Spirit, and the Resurrection.²⁹⁷

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection, and the Life" (John 11:25). He gives life to all those who seek Him to be their fullness, those who desire to be His fullness, those whose desire it is to spend eternity in Heaven, the most beautiful, splendorous, perfect place in the universe, a place where everything is perfect, including every person, a place where we will always remain young, and a place where we will never die, suffer, be sick, or be maimed.²⁹⁸ Even if we are missing arms, legs, eyes, or our hearing, even if we've lost our teeth, our hair, a finger, or anything else from our physical bodies in this world, we will be completely perfect and whole in the real world, which is the Kingdom of Heaven.²⁹⁹ There is no Satan, no satanic men, women, or children, no extortioners, such as unreasonable tax collectors, no prisons or jails, no chemtrails spraying us with chemical or germ warfare, as I am told is happening today, no torture, no murderers, no adulterers, no fornicators, no liars, no false accusers, no injustice, no other perverts such as homosexuals or lesbians, and no sin at all.300 There is only peace, joy, and complete ecstasy for eternity. "God shall wipe away all tears from [our] 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" (Rev. 21:4). People will be reunited with their loved ones who have gone on before them. There will be no more tragedies, accidents, or poverty. There will be no more toil. God's kingdom is a glorious kingdom that shall never end.301 It is sparkling and bright, full of innocence,

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a place where everyone trusts everyone else because they've been tried, tested, and found to be trustworthy.³⁰²

The temperature in Heaven is always perfect, and there is never a need for medicine. Once we are in Heaven, it is impossible for even God to cast us out of Heaven, because His promises are true.³⁰³ God knows who we are.304 He knows that we are worthy to be there because we were faithful to Him.³⁰⁵ He is in us, and we are in Him.306 The atmosphere of Heaven and the aromas of Heaven are so beautiful and perfect. Everything there is beyond anyone's imagination or ability to explain. "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 [and keep His commandments]" (I Cor. 2:9). No human language is adequate to describe it. Oh, how foolish we would be to live for anything so temporary as this world!307 How foolish it is for anyone to even think of this world, where people have to adjust themselves to faulty and perilous conditions from one day to the next. If we're not saved, there is nothing to look forward to after death but eternal death in the lake of fire. 308 Being in the lake of fire is unimaginably worse than being in this present world.309 However, there is everything to look forward to in Heaven with all of the glory and riches there.310 Those who deny themselves of all the ungodly things of this world shall receive trillions of times more pleasure in the Kingdom of God, which is our Kingdom with Christ.

TREASURES

The manna that came down upon the ground from Heaven and fed the entire nation of Israel for forty years was symbolic of Christ, who is the Bread of Life, the Word of God.³¹¹ The shoes and the clothing that the people of Israel wore for forty years never wore out.³¹² This is also symbolic of Christ not only being our clothing, but our provider, both for everything here on earth and for everything in Heaven for eternity. Christ provides much more for us in the world to come, the real world, which is Heaven. Jesus told us to "lay up for [our] selves treasures in Heaven [while we are here on earth], where

neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:20-21). Our treasures in Heaven are eternal.³¹³ Christ in us is our righteousness. ³¹⁴ Canaan land, with all of its temporal riches, is symbolic of Heaven, with all of its vast eternal riches. These belong to us with God in Christ.³¹⁵

The Kingdom of Heaven is entering this world more and more every day.³¹⁶ It increases every day, both when sinners open their hearts to let Christ come in and when they begin living in Christ as their temple.³¹⁷ When Christ begins living in them as their life, Heaven, city, and temple, and they begin living in Him as Christ's fullness, they can rest their heads on His bosom and ask Him what they should do daily to build the Kingdom, the city, and the temple while they are here on earth.³¹⁸ They can ask Him which paths He would like them to take, which green pastures of His Word He would like them to feed from, and which still waters of His Word He would like them to drink from. He will tell them the people He would like them to dispense Himself into while they are still living on earth.³¹⁹

Every time a new soul comes to Christ by receiving Christ the Word, which is Spirit and Life, into their spirits, the real Kingdom of Heaven, enters into that temple, that soul, that spirit.320 This increases God's Kingdom of Heaven here on earth every day.³²¹ It is in this way that the fourth beast kingdom mentioned in the book of Daniel, chapter two, verse thirty-four, will be broken to pieces by Christ the Stone, through His living in His disciples and preaching His Words through them to the unsaved people of this world. 322 We are members of the Stone that "brake [the fourth kingdom] to pieces" which was written of in the book of Daniel (Dan. 2: 34).323 Each conversion brings about more of the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. This is the answer to the prayer Christ teaches all of His disciples to pray. "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven" (Matt. 6:10).

We are the sowers of His seed, which is Christ, the Word of God.³²⁴ Jesus said, "The seed is the Word of God" (Luke 8:11). Paul stated, the "seed…is Christ" (Gal. 3:16). The Bible says that the entire universe "cannot contain [Christ, Who is God]" (I Kin. 8:27).³²⁵

We must always walk in Christ's light and in all the other things which He is. This is because we must become everything that Christ is in this world if we are to become one with Him, both here on earth and in Heaven.³²⁶ Christ, as we eat and drink of Him, transmits all that He is into us. Christ is, "the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one" (I John 5: 7). Some ministers say that no one has ever seen God. Tens of thousands of people saw Him in person while He was here on earth for thirty-three and a half years, and many of us have seen Him in visions.³²⁷

Everything and everyone, including myself, has been created by God out of the good land, the dust.³²⁸ Every house, every building, and everything in every house and every building is made out of dirt. Gold, silver, and platinum come out of the dirt. Diamonds, rubies, and all other gemstones come from the dust of the land. Again, everything in this symbolic, temporary world comes out of the symbol of Christ, the earth. Everything is temporary. Nothing is real but the Lord. But everything is symbolic of the Lord. The universe speaks these things to everyone.

'Who shall ascend into the [city of God, the New Jerusalem]? or who shall stand in [the Lord's] holy place [which is eternity in Heaven]?" The Psalmist David answers the question in the form of a promise: "He that hath clean hands [those who do no evil by having the power and life of God in Christ both living and working in them], and [those who have] a pure heart [those who by walking in the Spirit are living a life free of sin, a life which is spotless, without blemish, and without wrinkle³²⁹]; [these are the ones] who hath not lifted up [their] soul[s] unto vanity [the things of self-life, or the things of this world]," nor do they ever sware by that which is false (Psa. 24:3-4, KJV, orig. Gk.).

God warns us that the human mind is weak and forgetful because it is made out of dust.³³⁰ Therefore, we need to put on the spiritual mind of Christ. This will enable us to partake in all the spiritual things of God with all of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength each and every day.³³¹ If you think this is too much for God to ask of you, let me tell you what Peter said to Jesus. He said, "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words [the instructions] of eternal life" (John 6: 68). Do all that He says, and you shall have life. Don't do <u>ALL</u> that He tells you, and you will have no eternal life just eternal death in the lake of fire.³³² There's nowhere else we

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can go but to Christ for eternal life.³³³ He alone is our Life.³³⁴ He is our spiritual life, food, water, clothing, light, and home to live in eternally.³³⁵ Again, He is our everything. There is no one else to partake in but Christ if you wish to have eternal life.

NO PRIVATE INTERPRETATIONS, PLEASE

If you, like so many others, find it hard to interpret the Word of God, let me again tell you what Peter, by the Holy Spirit, said. There's only one correct interpretation of the Bible. There's only one meaning, and that meaning is that God in Jesus is the only "Way, the [only] Truth, and the [only] Life." It is impossible for anyone to come to God but by the Spirit (John 14:6). The Word of God is plain. Peter by the Holy Spirit said, "No prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation" (II Pet. 1:20). In other words, we are not allowed to interpret the Bible as we would like it to be for ourselves or for others because that would be heresy, blasphemous sin.336 The author of the Bible is God Himself, the Holy Spirit.³³⁷ Peter continues, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by [God] the Holy Spirit" (II Pet. 1:21). If we believe the Bible in the way that it is written, and receive it as our necessary eternal life, food, water, clothing, light, and tabernacle, then we shall never fall away from God's powerful life.338 These instructions are given everywhere in the Bible. "Study [the Word of God] to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). If you interpret the Word of God the way you like instead of the way it is, you will be ashamed and terrified on Judgment Day.339 If you learn the Word of God and don't do what it says, then you're not living in Heaven with Christ, and Christ is not living in you.340 Again, learning the Word of God can never be enough to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (Jas. 1:22).

God may have a gigantic work for many of you who are reading this literature. Unless you begin partaking in Christ on earth and in Heaven for the power, authority, and ability of God so that He can do His work in you, the things of God will never be yours, and you'll never know what it could have been like for you in this world or in Heaven.

New York

Dear Pastor Alamo,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. How is your family and everything in general? I hope fine. I'm writing from New York City. Through this letter, I would like to say thank you. September 2, 2002, after reading through your literature with the title, *The Messiah*, including a lot of quotations in it, from that day I started going to church. The reason is that I had been an unbeliever for about thirty-nine years, but now I realized

and see the truth when I read your literature. I now believe that Jesus Christ is the way. Please, as of now I don't have any Bible, and I want you to send a Holy Bible to me and your booklet I read. I want to read more about Jesus Christ. Please try to send me one Bible and other books. May God richly bless you.

Yours faithfully,

A.O.

Brooklyn, New York

Christ is our righteousness.341 If you begin clothing yourself with Heaven while you're letting Christ work in you here on earth, you will be well prepared to attend the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and to live forever in Heaven.³⁴² The Bible tells of a man who, while on earth, didn't begin clothing himself with righteousness for eternity. He attempted to partake in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, but wasn't clothed for the occasion. "When the King [the Bridegroom, Christ] came in to see the guests, He saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And He saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the King to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 22:11-13).

God showed me that if I or anyone else was going to live in Heaven eternally, we would have to drop everything we're doing in this present world, which is about to perish, and begin living in Christ.³⁴³ We are to let Christ totally live His life out in us.344 We are God's pearl of great price. This is because He paid the greatest price in the universe for us by giving His only begotten Son to die in our place.345 We must also see Christ as our pearl of great price and prove it by surrendering our lives to Him for His purpose.³⁴⁶ We must give up everything we have and everything we are doing to possess our pearl of great price, Christ.347 Jesus said, "The Kingdom of Heaven [which is to be in us] is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it" (Matt. 13:45-46). Before this verse, Jesus likened the Kingdom of Heaven to a piece of real estate, a field, a piece of land symbolic of Heaven, a place where our treasures must be laid up.348 So when we find this precious

land with all the Heavenly treasures hidden in it, we must sell everything that we have to possess it, and to enjoy it.349 We must begin doing this while we're here on earth. We must accept Heaven, begin possessing it, and begin living in it while we're here on earth if we want to live there eternally. The promise of God, which we shall receive in return for our giving up everything here on earth to be Christ's fullness and for Him to be our fullness in Heaven, is that we will have the continuation of eternal life throughout eternity.350 You must, as Jesus said in these two parables, give up sin, Satan, the world, and your self-life, and become the fullness of Christ with Him in Heavenly places. This is also the city and the temple in Heaven.³⁵¹ You will either choose it now or regret it for eternity.352 Then the Kingdom of Heaven is within you,353 "and for joy thereof [you will go and sell] all that [you have], and [buy] that field [which again means giving up everything both to be the fullness of Heaven in Christ, and to have Christ be the fullness of Heaven in you while you're here on earth]" (Matt. 13:44). The Kingdom of Heaven has to be this precious to us while we are yet in this world if we are going to sell all that we have in order to possess it. Giving up this world for Heaven is the only way we can enter Heaven.³⁵⁴ Selling all that we have here on earth is nothing compared to eternal life in Heaven with all the riches of God therein. It is the same as giving up sin, giving up Satan, and giving up the world with all of its lusts. This includes our former, sinful lives and our flesh.355 The Apostle Paul stated, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ" (Phlp. 3:8). To hold anything back of ourselves or our things would mean we were like Ananias and Sapphira in chapter

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333 John 10:1, 7-8, 14:6 334 John 3:14-16, 5:24-26, 40, 6:32-35, 40-41, 48-58, 63, 10:10, 14:6 335 Psa. 36:8-9, Isa. 12:2-3, John 4:4-14, 7:37-39, 11:25-26, Rom. 13:14, II Cor. 5:1 336 Matt. 12:31-32, Mark 3:29, Gal. 17-9, II Pet. 2:1-2, Rev. 22:18-19 337 II Kin. 17:13, Jer. 36:1-2, Zech. 7:12, Matt. 5:17-19, Acts 28:25, I Cor. 14:37, Eph. 6:17, I Thes. 2:13, II Tim. 3:16-17, Heb. 1:1-2, 3:7-8, I Pet. 1:11-12, II Pet. 1:21, I John 1:1-5, Rev. 1:1-2, 11, 19, 2: 7, 22:6-8, I8-19 338 John 5:24, Jas. 1:18-19, 21-25, I Pet. 1:23-25 339 Matt. 5:17-19, Gal. 1:6-10, Rev. 22:18-20 340 Matt. 7:21-23, 26-27, II Tim. 3:7, Jas. 1:23-25 34f Gen. 2:25, II Chron. 6:41, Job 29:14, Psa. 93:1, 104:1, 132:9, Isa. 59:17, 61:10, Matt. 22:11-14, 25:31-46, Luke 15:22, Rom. 13:14, I Cor. 1:30, II Cor. 5:1-4, Gal. 3:11, 24, 27, Eph. 4:24, 6:10-17, Phlp. 3:9, I Pet. 5:5, Rev. 7:9, 19:8, 14 342 Gen. 3:6-7, II Chron. 6:41, Psa. 94: 1, 104:1, 132:9, 16, Matt. 22:11-14, 25:31-46, Luke 15:22, Rom. 13:14, II Cor. 5:1-4, Gal. 3:11, 24, 27, Eph. 4:24, 6:10-17, Phlp. 3:9, I Pet. 5:5, Rev. 7:9, 19:8, 14 342 Gen. 3:6-7, 1I Chron. 6:41, Psa. 94: 1, 104:1, 132:9, 16, Matt. 22:11-14, 25:31-46, Luke 15:22, Rom. 13:14, II Cor. 5:1-4, Gal. 3:11, 24, 27, Eph. 4:24, 6:10-17, Phlp. 3:9, I Pet. 5:5, Rev. 7:9, 19:8, 14 342 Gen. 3:6-7, 916:24-26, 19:21, John 2:15, 344 Eph. 3:16-21, Phlp. 2:12-13, Col. 1:27-29, II Tim. 1:14, I John 3:6, 24, 5:12 345 John 3:14-18, Acts 20:28, I Cor. 6:19-20, I John 4:9-10 346 Matt. 13:44-46, 16:24-26, 19:21, Luke 5:11, 27-28, John 12:24-26, I Cor. 6:20 347 Matt. 13:44-46, Mark 8:34-37, 10:21, Luke 9:23, Phlp. 3:7-9 348 Matt. 6:19-21, 25, 13:44, Mark 10:21, I John 2:15-17 349 Matt. 13:44-46, 16:24-26, 19:21, Luke 5:24-26, Acts 20:22-24, Phlp. 3:7-9 350 Matt. 13:44-46, 16:24-27, 19:21, Mark 10:28-30, Luke 9:23-25, John 12:25, Rom. 6:2-13, 8:10-11, Gal. 2:20, Phlp. 3:7-11, Col. 3:1-4 351 Matt. 6:24, 13:44-46, 16:24-26, 19:21, Luke 18:28-30, John 12:24-26, I Cor. 9:26-27, Gal. 2:20, Eph. 4:27, Phlp. 3:7-9, Col. 3:5-17, 23-25, I Thes

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five of the book of Acts, who held back some of what they gave. This is considered to be lying to the Holy Spirit. Both Ananias and Sapphira's lives were immediately terminated. "And the young men arose, wound [them] up, and carried [them] out, and buried [them]" (Acts 5:6, 10).³⁵⁶

When Christ is beckoning us to "come and follow [Him]," He is actually beckoning us to come and die out to sin, Satan, the world, and our former lives, that is, to deny ourselves, take up our stakes or crosses, and follow Him (Matt. 19:21).357 Jesus said, "If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make Our abode with him" (John 14:23). In other words, if we live in Him in Heaven, He will live in us on earth. If you love the Lord, then, as He said, you'll do everything He commands you to do.358 There is no way we could enter Heaven by doing anything less. Unless we live in the fullness of Christ, and unless Christ lives with His fullness in us, we are breaking the first commandment, which is to "love the Lord thy God with ALL thy heart, and with ALL thy soul, and with ALL thy mind, and with ALL thy strength" (Mark 12:30). God's Word states if we break one law, we've broken them all. "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (Jas. 2:10). That means we have to drop everything in this temporary, condemned world so that we can begin living in Heavenly places with Christ while Heaven is living within us on earth.359 Then Heaven, the real world, can live in us while we live in this world. This is the same as walking after "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:2). For "there

356 Acts 5:1-10 **357** Luke 9:23, John 12:25, Rom. 6:6-13, 13:14, Gal. 2:20, 5:16, 6:14-15, Col. 3:5-11, II Tim. 1:8-10, Rev. 12:11 **358** Eccl. 12:13, Matt. 21:28-32, 25:1-13, John 14:15-17, 21, 23-24, 31, 15:8-14, 21:15-17, I John 2:5, 5:1-5, II John 6 **359** John 14:12, I Cor. 15:10, Gal. 2:20, Phlp. 2:12-13, Rev. 3:20

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is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8:1).

Again, everything that we have in this world is not real, not lasting, not enduring, and not forever. It is only temporary. It is only symbolic of Christ and all the other real things in Heaven. "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit [God in Christ in you] do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live" (Rom. 8:13).³⁶⁰ We are to bear the instrument of our own death. This instrument is self-denial, which means obedience to God.³⁶¹

Again, this world is not the real world. Heaven is.³⁶² Get yourself ready for Judgment Day. Get ready for the real world, Heaven. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon

earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6:19-21). "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it" (Matt. 10: 39). This means live in Christ so He can live in you. Let Him with His Father by the Spirit enter you now so that you can begin being part of the Kingdom of Heaven, the city in the Kingdom of Heaven, and the temple in the Kingdom of Heaven this very minute. Follow this pattern of salvation,³⁶³ which was made for you in Heaven. Begin now by saying this prayer to God in Christ:

360 Matt. 16:24-26, Luke 9:22-25, 14:26-27, John 12:24-26, Rom. 6:1-3, Gal. 2:20, 5:16-17, 24-25, Col. 3:1-17, Titus 2:12, Jas. 4:5-10, 13-15 **361** Deut. 5:32-33, 11:32, Eccl. 12:13, Luke 9:23, Rom. 8:13, Gal. 5:16-17, 24 **362** Dan. 7:13-14, Matt. 24:14, Heb. 8:4-5, 9:23-24, 11:12-16, Rev. 3: 12, 20:11-15, 21:1-2, 5, 22-27, 22:1-5 **363** I Tim. 1:16

Prayer

My Lord and my God, have mercy upon my soul, a sinner.¹ I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God.² I believe that He died on the cross and shed His precious blood for the forgiveness of all my sins.³ I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit⁴ and that He sits on the right hand of God at this moment, hearing my confession of sin and this prayer.⁵ I open up the door of my heart and I invite You into my heart, Lord Jesus.⁶ Wash all of my filthy sins away in the precious blood that You shed in my place on the cross at Calvary.⁶ You will not turn me away, Lord Jesus, You will forgive my sins and save my soul. I know because Your Word, the Bible says so.⁶ Your Word says that You will turn no one away, and that includes me.⁶ Therefore, I know that You have heard me, and I know that You have answered me, and I know that I am saved.¹⁰ And I thank You, Lord Jesus, for saving my soul, and I will show my thankfulness by doing as You command and sin no more.¹¹

1 Psa. 51:5, Rom. 3:10-12, 23 2 Matt. 26:63-64, 27:54, Luke 1:30-33, John 9:35-37, Rom. 1:3-4 3 Acts 4:12, 20:28, Rom. 3:25, I John 1:7, Rev. 5:9 4 Psa. 16:9-10, Matt. 28:5-7, Mark 16:9, 12, 14, John 2:19, 21, 10:17-18, 11:25, Acts 2:24, 3:15, Rom. 8:11, I Cor. 15:3-7 5 Luke 22:69, Acts 2:25-36, Heb. 10:12-13 6 I Cor. 3:16, Rev. 3:20 7 Eph. 2:13-22, Heb. 9:22, 13:12, 20-21, I John 7:14, Rev. 1:5, 7:14 8 Matt. 26:28, Acts 2:21, 4:12, Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14 9 Matt. 21:22, John 6:35, 37-40, Rom. 10:13 10 Heb. 11:6 11 John 5:14, 8:11, Rom. 6:4, I Cor. 15:10, Rev. 7:14, 22:14

You've just completed the first step in a series of five steps which are necessary to receive salvation. Your second step is to deny yourself and take up the cross daily for the purpose of mortifying yourself, that is, for putting to death your own will, your soulful self, and the world with all of its lusts. All these must be baptized into the death of Christ

Step three is your resurrection from the satanic life of Adam unto the sinless life of Christ. Step four is your ascension into a position of authority

to reign for God on earth, and the fifth step is to reign for God on earth to the end for the purpose of bringing about the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. You must learn the Word of God, then submit yourself and do what the Word says, so that the church and the world may see evidence of your submission to God's Word, His order, and His authority in and by you.

Praise the Lord. May God reward you abundantly.

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