

Bible Doctrine Book 1

Basic Doctrinal Truth and Issues of Life

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KARMA

KARMA originated from ancient pagan religious teaching which refers to all acts, words and thoughts of one life, supposed to determine a person's fate in his next stage of existence. Karma is always refers to bad fate which results from evil deeds, thoughts and words.

Karma today is defined as divine requital or retribution for evil done to another person. It portrays God as a "Terminator" of wicked people who abused, withhold justice, or plotted mischief against another.

God is perfectly righteous and just in everything and if He is going to kill or exterminate all the wicked, then this planet will be empty of human being since all have sinned.

Divine discipline is executed against the carnal believer who ignores the Word of God not because of their sins. Divine judgment is executed against unbeliever who rejected the Gospel of Christ not because of their evil deeds.

A wayward person will accumulate self-made miseries for him to suffer in as much, he made other suffers. Majority of our miseries are self-made not from God or from the Devil.

Jesus Christ died for the sins of the entire human race. He died for the sins of every human being in every generation in every place. He paid it in full –no sin is excluded.

God is not in business of punishing for their sins because there is nothing (sin of men) which Christ did not include in His death.

A person who violates the Laws of Divine Establishment and the Laws of the land will suffer the consequence of his action [Romans 13:4].

Karma is outside the essence and personality of God. God is not happy about the death of evil people. God will destroy his enemies not our enemies [Nahum 1:2].

God will judge the believers in time by divine discipline [1 Corinthians 3:11-15, Hebrews 10:30, 12:6-8].

God will also judge all the unbelievers at the same time in the Great White Throne judgment at the end of the 1000 years reigns of Christ [Revelation 20:11-15].

God is not punishing anyone on earth because of his evil deeds. The misery of a person is always the result of previous bad decisions or evil deeds he made.

Deuteronomy 32:35-43 is a promise given to the Jews under the curse and blessing clause [Genesis 12:3] and not to us. God will destroy all the anti-Jews or anti-Semites, not our personal enemies.

Karma is outside the nature, character and personality of God. God solved the problem of man, namely sins because there is no way we can solve it. Would God punish men because of something He already dealt with?

Karma cultivates fear in the hearts of the ignorant and deceived. It distorts the truth of God's Word and enslaved many into human good.

Although karma encourage good deeds yet in the eyes of God it does more harm than good- it deceives people. It distorts the goodness of God.

Divine retribution because of human rejection of God's grace is not karma. Divine discipline because of ignoring or rejecting Bible doctrine is not karma. Karma is not of God but of the Devil.

FENG SHUI

FENG SHUI is more than 3000 year- old Chinese Philosophy and art of placement. It means “wind and water” which claims to create spiritually, healthful and appealing home.

FENG SHUI is a balance of yin and yang- that is finding harmony between energy flows. Practitioners believe that certain places are luckier, certain shapes are more conducive to a balanced life, some symmetry are preferred over angles.

FENG SHUI popularity is alarmingly high. Developers, builders, home- owners are all consulting FENG SHUI masters. Even Christians are affected and it deceives the elite, intelligent, the rich and poor alike.

Let us consider several things about FENG SHUI:

It originated from the cultic practices of astrology, fortune telling, charms of the ancient Eastern religions, and a mixture of science and superstition.

God alone has the Master Plan for the life of every person base on their personal decisions as foreknown by God in the eternity past and included in the divine decree.

To trust FENG SHUI for your future health and wealth is to accept satanic lies and human viewpoint.

The FENG SHUI lucky charms and objects look harmless ad decorative but without knowing that some pagan religions are actually using them as religious object of worship. To display those icons is to invite the curse of God into your home.

FENG SHUI like any other icons has power supplied by Satan, whose demons attends and ministers to their devotees.

FENG SHUI is a false hope and a false object of confidence for your wealth and health. Nothing in this world can guarantee your good health and future except God.

It claims to provide somewhat perfect environment that provide good future. But not even the perfect garden of Eden was able to guarantee good and healthy future.

Your good future begins at the very moment you believe and accept the free gift of salvation and it continues in your spiritual growth and maturity.

No objects (like FENG SHUI fishes and plants) can create a happy and lasting marital relationship. Good health and wealth comes from the justice of God through His grace pipeline.

FENG SHUI designed porcelain jars and items (like frogs, horses) are all related to ancient Chinese folk religion that dominates the Chinese culture.

FENG SHUI is a demonic cult dressed as science and philosophy. To many, it is innocent and harmless looking.

Some FENG SHUI rituals and traditions are widely welcome without suspicion that they are demonic (like the blood of animals or man offered during the digging of building foundation (1 Corinthians 10:20).

FENG SHUI is a booming business and a growing cult which is sneaking into the homes of the unsuspecting, ignorant and cosmic believers.

GHOST STORIES

The term "ghost" did not appear in the Greek New Testament, because there is no word for ghost in the Greek language.

The Greek word "PNEUMA" (πνευμα) is translated "ghost" twice by King James Version [Matthew 27:50, John 19:30] and 268 times as "spirit"

The Hebrew word 'NEPHESH" (spirit) is translated "ghost" twice by KJV [Job 11:20, Jeremiah 15:9], and as "spirit" 230 times, and as "wind" 90 times.

The title "Holy ghost" occurs 86 times by KJV and "ghost" twice in Matthew 14:26 and Mark 6:49.

Ghost [PHANTASMA πηαντασμα] is "a thing seen only in one's imagination", a supposed appearance of an absent person – in a shadowy form.

Ghost as define by the dictionary is the spirit of one who is dead, who is supposed to live in another world and appear to living people as pale, dim, shadowy form.

Unbelievers are dichotomous [soul and body] without human spirit. Only the believers have human spirit [body, soul and spirit]. Therefore, unbelievers cannot have ghost.

The Holy Spirit is not a ghost, because He is not a dead person, He is not a PHANTASMA. The Holy Spirit is not a ghost because he is not human spirit.

Ghost stories were created by pagan religious fanatics who capitalize on such superstition to support their false and heretical doctrines as a tool or machinery for manipulating the ignorant. The human body [soma σωμα], is the material

organism animated by soul and by human spirit [if believers]. The spirit [σπριτ] may be separated from the body while the soul [πσσυχηε] can only be distinguished.

When a person died, his soul directly goes to heaven or hell –it has no capacity to stay on earth. The Greek verb εκπνεο –to breathe out, and εξπσυχηο-out the soul, to expire [Mark 15:37, 39, Acts 5:5, 12:23] denotes the fact that the soul of a dead person has no part in the world of the living.

The traditional religion teaches that the soul person stays for 40 days on earth before departing to purgatory or heaven. Such teaching is fictional and heretical.

At the point of physical death, the soul and human spirit [if believer] separate from the body and go directly to heaven [Luke 16:22] and go directly to hell if unbeliever.

The demons are playing on people who believed in ghost, and they are using the features, voices and characteristics of the dead people to deceive the living.

Ghost stories are designed to create terror and fear in the hearts and minds of the ignorant. The demons are good impersonators –they take the physical form of the dead. They pretend as the ghosts of the dead.

Ghosts are no fiction but genuine demons disguising as spirits of the dead roaming the world of the living.

The KJV had committed serious error by translating "Spirit" to "ghost".

WHY WE DO NOT PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Salvation is the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. Salvation is final-it is a privilege of a living person to believe and receive the free gift of redemption of his soul while he is alive.

The final destination of a dead person, either heaven or hell is no exchange –no return. Every person has the chance to be saved while alive.

The dead has no chance to change their situation. They are permanently assigned their everlasting destination.

Praying for the dead, lighting candles, honoring them with praises, offering flowers (but insulting and mocking them while living) is fictional, heretical and unbiblical teaching.

Many pagan religions honor their dead on certain occasions. The practice did not originate from the Bible.

The traditional religion introduced the prayer for the dead only in A.D 300 but many Eastern religion and Chinese folk religion pray for their dead several thousand years ahead.

The dead people has no capacity to hear, prayer, or mass and indulgences
Offered in their behalf. God does not listen to the prayer of the unbelievers.

God determine the final destination of the dead based on the individual decision to accept or reject Christ's finished work. No person can change his decision after his physical death.

Our final destiny depends on our own decision now: believe or reject Jesus Christ.

Prayer for the dead was designed to increase church revenues through the sales of candles, indulgences, payment for mass, flowers and other gimmick.

Praying for the dead builds false hope and confidence for life after death. It creates false expectation that dead men can change their final state.

Praying for the dead to change their final state is like asking the president to pardon a criminal already executed by lethal injection – an entirely useless effort.

Talking to a dead person through prayer is like talking to someone in the telephone when the line is dead.

Dead people cannot hear the prayer of the living. They have no capacity to know what is going on earth.

A birthday or anniversary celebration for a dead person is ridiculous since the dead person ceased to exist. Age is the duration of life in the world and it stops at the moment the person dies. It is stupid to continue counting years, which the dead person did not utilize for living.

God will not hear the prayer for the dead people since there are no longer on earth. God cannot change their final state because His decision is not based on the petition, request or prayer of men. He acts according to His essence.

God cannot change the decision He made. He cannot revise the action He made – He is perfect. His actions and decisions are all based on his perfect nature.

Revision or change is for something not perfect. Prayer cannot change His perfect decision or action.

WHY WE REJECT THE TEACHING OF PURGATORY

THE DOCTRINE OF PURGATORY IS AN INSULT TO GOD AND HIS FINISHED WORK OF REDEMPTION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

In effect, it implies that the death of Christ is not sufficient for the sins of man. It implies that human good work is the final authority for one's final destiny of the soul.

It implies that religious traditions and rituals [like mass, prayer for the dead, indulgences, etc.] are more powerful and authoritative than the Creatorship and Messiah-ship of Jesus Christ.

THE DOCTRINE OF PURGATORY IS AN INSULT TO THE GRACE PLAN OF GOD. It insults salvation by grace alone by faith alone in Christ alone.

It implies that salvation is by human good works –by the will of man and not by the work of God [John 1:11-13].

Acceptance of purgatory is rejection of God's plan of grace.

Purgatory is a devious invention of the traditional church released only in A.D. 1414 together with the dogma of sin.

The Lord Jesus Christ did not mention purgatory in any of His preaching. No writers of the Canon of the Scripture mentioned anything about purgatory.

No Old Testament writer or prophet or judge ever mentioned purgatory.

Even the very text use by the Catholic as proof-text for their dogma of the purgatory IS NOT ACTUALLY ABOUT PURGATORY [see 2 Maccabees 7:9, 14:46, 12:43-45]. PURGATORY INSULTS THE HUMAN RATIONAL REASONING. There are too many questions that has no answer:

- How long a person will stay in purgatory for cleansing is unclear.
- How do you know when a person is already released to heaven from purgatory?
- How many mass, prayer for the soul, indulgences, lit candles and flowers are necessary so that a person can be release to heaven?
- Can the living on earth assist the souls in purgatory?
- What guarantee can a Catholic have that certain soul can be release from purgatory?
- How sure that prayer, mass, and other rituals can assist the souls in purgatory?
- What kind of fire and what kind of cleansing agent are being used in purgatory?
- What is the reality of fire in that purgatory?

If there is purgatory that is capable of cleansing the soul of men so that they can go to heaven, then why Jesus Christ has to die for the sins of all men?

If there is purgatory, why Jesus did not mention it? Why the apostles did not know anything about it?

The Bible is the Word of God. God is Truth. God is true to Himself and there is no lie in Him.

Who is lying? The Bible and God cannot lie. They are liars- the sons of their father [**John 8:44b**] and there is no truth in them.

SAINTHOOD?

BEATIFICATION is the declaration by a decree of the pope that a deceased person is among the blessed in heaven and deserved religious honor. A beatified person is entitled "blessed". Beatification is prelude to canonization into sainthood.

CANONIZATION is a ritualistic mass where the pope formally declared and officiate dead people into the official list of saints of the Catholic Church. The canonization of dead people was pioneer by Pope John XV in A.D. 995.

SAINTHOOD is not an attainment but a state, a condition into which God in grace calls men. It is a spiritual positional status in Christ.

Positional sanctification is the state that predetermined by God for all regenerated believers into which He calls them and into which they begin their Christian course and pursue it.

Genuine sainthood has several characteristics:

- Sainthood is a status or state imputed by God to every believer at the moment of salvation.
- The sainthood of a believer is an act of God toward those who believe and accept the free gift of salvation.
- By the grace of God, a sinner becomes a saint, not by human power or authority.
- God alone can convert a sinner into a saint.
- Saints are ordains by God while alive on earth.
- No amount of religious rituals, sacrifices, donations or decree by the Pope can make a person a saint in the eyes of God.

- A believer is a saint whether he is aware of it or not by the power of God.
- No person has the authority to change or improve the status of a dead person in heaven or hell.

The Lord Jesus Christ did not beatify or canonize anybody into sainthood. No apostle or disciple of the Lord Jesus beatify or canonize anybody into saint hood.

It is ridiculous that legendary people like Pedro Calungsod (a.k.a. Joven Bisayo) who allegedly died in April 2, 1672 was declared blessed and soon will become a saint by a decree of the Pope. That was more than 329 years after his death.

The beatification and canonization of dead people is an old political gimmick and financial strategy of the church to force the nation into total submission.¹

The Pope is a political strategist who knows how to manipulate the affairs of a nation.² A person with old sinful nature all throughout his life on earth has no power or authority to ordain another sinner into sainthood.

The Bible called the living regenerated Christians as the genuine saints [HAGIOS ἁγίος] meaning separated from sin and consecrated to God [1 Corinthians 1:2, 2 Corinthians 1:2, Ephesians 1:1, Galatians 1:1, Philippians 1:1]

Saints by the authority of man, saints in the eyes of men, saints respected and honor [even worship] by men BUT SUFFERING IN HELL!

¹ History of the Popes by Ludwig Pastor, PhD

² The Papal Princes by Glen D. Kitter, DD

HALLOWEEN IS DEMONIC

THE HALLOWEEN FEAST started out long before the birth of Christ in Eastern Europe and ancient China when people would go out dressed in gory and horrifying costumes made of animal skins to cast away the spirits of the dead who returned as wandering witches.

Halloween officially began in early 7th century A.D. It was inspired by the ancient Celtic rituals of the Druids help in honor of SAMBAIN, the god of the dead, whose feast falls on the first day of November.

The Druids believed that on October 31, SAMBAIN summoned all the evil spirits that had inhabited the bodies of animals. Candles were lit to guide the evil spirits to the home of their kinsmen.

The Druids believed that the souls of the good were taken into paradise while those of the wicked were left wandering between the space of moon and earth.

To appease those evil spirits who were believed to haunt the living and cast misfortunes on them, they offered food and shelter. Luxurious tombs in the cemetery are adaptation of this belief.

The term *Halloween* comes from Medieval England meaning "All hallow eve" or the eve of the saints. The practice of "tricks or treat" originated in Ireland, the pumpkins from America and the flying witches on sticks from England.

The Catholic adapted the feast of All Hallow and All Souls day in 7th Century A.D.

FALLACY OF HALLOWEEN FEAST:

The soul of a dead person whether in heaven or hell cannot leave their final state to visit the living [Luke 16:26, 31].

At the moment of physical death, the soul separate from the deceased body and immediately go to heaven or to hell [Luke 16:22-23].

There is no purgatory-otherwise, Jesus Christ need not come and die for the sin of the human race. [Romans 3:21-28, 8:1].

If a person rejects the plan of grace and His salvation, then nothing and nobody can change the divine decision [Matthew 12:32b].

There is nothing spiritual about the feast of Halloween. It is not spiritual to celebrate the Halloween.

There is nothing logical about the feast of Halloween. All Souls day and All Saints day are purely superstition.

Halloween is a satanic scheming that diverts people from the truth of God's Word.

Halloween is religious commercialism and business that makes life in this world more difficult and bitter.

Halloween is hallucination, a substitute for the Truth of Scripture. It is slavery in the form of religious tradition.

All Saints day which actually do not in anyway relate to genuine saints use by the cults to scare and trick people. All Souls day supposedly remember the departed ones.

It is ridiculous to celebrate the feasts of souls when in reality they are in severe pains in hell.

ST. VALENTINE?

VALENTINE'S DAY originated from a Roman fertility festival known as the FEAST OF LUPERCALIA observed in Ancient Rome as a day of offering gifts to the goddess of free-sex and fertility.

The Catholics substituted it with some "Christian" symbolism.

There were three origins of St. Valentines according to variety of legends.

The most famous was that of a Roman priest martyred around A.D. 269. Here we see that a man who renounced and vowed not to marry inspired Valentine's Day. He was known as VALENTINUS – a replacement for Roman god LUPERCALIA.

According to another religious legend, VALENTINUS condemned to death by Emperor CLAUDIUS II, for converting the family of ASTERIUS.

On the eve of his execution that fell on February 13, 270 A.D., he wrote a farewell love letter to young girl and signed it "From your Valentine".

The second legend was that of the bishop of TERNI who was martyred in the same time frame [VALENTINUS was martyred] for crime of loving a young girl.

POINTS TO CONSIDER:

Valentine's Day and everything about it came from pagan ritual of sex and fertility.

Our modern Valentine's Day originates from priests who renounced marriage but both were in love with young girls.

The color red is not the color of love of God. Love has no color. Love is not just romance or sex.

Cupid is not an angel of God. There is no such thing as angel of love.

Valentine's Day enslaves people to do things that are burdensome. It creates false hope and expectation from human solution.

The feast of St. Valentine and its romantic celebration has no biblical and spiritual relevance.

Valentine's Day is commercialism and bondage of high degree. Its concern is romance, sex and lust.

The believers are not commanded to celebrate Valentine's Day and there is no room for it in the Christian churches **[Galatians 4:9-10]**.

Valentine dinner date will not solve or improve your marital conflict or secure your marriage affair.

The Lord Jesus and His disciples did not celebrate Valentine's Day. The Bible is silent about it because it is not biblical but pagan.

Some apostate churches are joining the world in the celebration of this evil ritual of sex and fertility. Such affairs cannot glorify the church.

To use pagan activities such as Valentine's Day to raise money for the church is devious and blasphemous.

We cannot join people who claims that they are fundamentalists yet observe and celebrate pagan rituals like New Year, Christmas, and Valentine's Day.

DECEMBER 25 IS NOT CHRISTMAS DAY

We do not believe that Jesus Christ born on December 25, A.D. 1. IT WAS NOT DECEMBER 25 BECAUSE:

December is winter in Palestine region and the whole land would be wet. But the shepherds were out in the fields watching their flocks by night [Luke 2:8].

The shepherds will never bring out their flocks into the field during rainy season because the sheep will get sick and die.

The baby was wrapped only in swaddling clothes and yet he did not freeze to death [Luke 2:7].

The registration of all citizen of the SPQR took place during summer [Luke 2:1]. Luke mentioned QUIRINIUS the governor of Syria whom the Roman Emperor CEASAR AUGUSTUS visited in Syria sometime in March where he signed the decree for worldwide census.

The census took effect 30 days after it's signing.

It was bishop LIBERIUM of Rome [the fox] who officially proclaimed in A.D. 354 that all Catholics celebrate Christmas day on December 25.

December 25 was adopted by the Catholic from the Roman feast of the UNCONQUERED SUN, which falls on the midnight of December 24.

The Roman unconquered sun god is SATURNALIA [SATURNALA] but the Roman Catholic took the symbolism and applied it to Jesus Christ as the UNCONQUERED SUN OF JUSTICE.

DIONYSIUS EXIGUUS, the man who invented the modern calendar widely use by the Catholic around the world assigned December 25, A.D. 1 as the birthday of Christ.

Tradition claimed that Jesus Christ was born on midnight but there is no way to prove that. The Bible did not say He was born at midnight.

Tradition claimed that Jesus Christ was visited by three kings whose names were GASPAR, MELCHOR & BALTAZAR about ten days He was born.

They were not three but presented only three pieces of gifts. They were not kings but sorcerers or magicians. The Bible did not mention their names. They came two years after when Jesus was no longer wrapped in swaddling clothes.

DIONYSIUS invented the year of the birth of Jesus Christ as commanded by the Pope without scientific basis and without mathematical formulation. He created his calendar in six century based on spurious records and which are not historically accurate.

DIONYSIUS counted the first year as 1 A.D. with the year preceding Christ's birth. Scientists and astronomers were Obligated to subtract I year, so that 4 B.C. becomes 3 B.C.

Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, Jerusalem but not on December 25, 1 A.D.

So, December 25 is happy birthday unconquered sun god SATURNALA not happy birthday Jesus!

The sun god and goddess come with many names and faces but continue to infiltrate the local churches unopposed and happily welcome by the ignorant.

WHAT CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT

CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT MONEY. YULE: which means 12 days of gluttony and cavorting Scandinavian nudists, the word came from Norse.

CHRISTMAS TREE, which came from tree worshipping Scandinavians, who passed their PINETHEISM to the pagan Roman Catholic who modified it into CHRISTMAS TREE-FETISHISM. The ancient Egyptians, Chinese and Germans had their tree gods, which they decorated in some occasion.

SANTA CLAUS, which came from the Netherlands introduced by the Dutch throughout the world. From Nicholas to Santa Claus, the name varies from one language to another. Washington Irving gave Santa Claus the superman power to fly in 1809.

Cartoonist Thomas Nast made him puffed cheeks and marsupial paunch look in 1813, becoming more popular than the Lord Jesus Christ. Satan Claus is a cute substitute for the Savior of mankind.

EXPENDING MONEY. The Spanish word for spending money is PAGAR, from the same root word we get the term PAGAN and PASCUA [Christmas].

FIRE AND LIGHTS, which came from ancient Germans and Normans who burn their evergreen trees to ward off evil spirits. The ancient Chinese use firecrackers to scare big evil spirits.

CHRISTMAS LANTERNS especially the five-pointed star that symbolized Satan, the god of this world, who brings the Christmas evil spirits around and invites the money hungry

fund-raisers. GIFT-SEEKERS everywhere. Endless envelopes, and crisp paper money. Some public servants had their envelopes ready as early as October.

COLOR LIGHTS, which signifies that you are believer of Christmas [not necessarily Christian] and that you moneybag is ready.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES EVERYWHERE, it is better to go on vacation [hideaway] than to stay home.

KRISS KRINGLE, which means Santa Claus with his stupid exchange gift. The witches of Scotland practiced this exchange gift using evil curses for their enemies.

MR. LONELY, which means that suicide is on the rise because depression is very high on the air.

MORE ROBBERY because materialism is high and majority is in financial crisis or out of job.

HIGH PRICES BUT GOOD BUSINESS for the greedy crocodiles.

RELIGIOUS HYPOCRITES giving gifts of sardines and few kilos of rice to the poor but keeping the imported items for themselves.

GOOD POLITICIANS giving gifts from public funds with their own name printed on plastic bags – good time for campaigning and political gimmick.

Christmas is all about hypocrisy, heresy, gimmick, lies, commercialism and Satanism.

Christmas is not for Christians!

NEW YEAR: A PAGAN REVELRY

NEW YEAR celebration connotes heathenism and paganism. Its origin is difficult to determine since most ancient pagan religions have their own version of New Year revelry –based on their own calendar. Ancient religions based their New Year celebration on the movement of the sun, moon, stars and earth –that is astrological not astronomical.

ASTROLOGY is the supposed science of the effect of celestial bodies on human affairs, and related to ASTROLATRY, which is worship of the heavenly bodies [ASTROLATREA - αστρολατρεα].

ASTROLOGER is a person who claims to know and interpret the supposed influence of the stars and planets on persons or events. Could a person foretell the events in people's lives based on the happenings in heavens? This is what the fortune-tellers and horoscope are all about.

The New Year Celebration is based on Taoism, FENG SHUI and combination of pagan practices like preparing fruits on the table to invite abundance of food for the coming year.

The noise making and fireworks is to drive away evil spirits [like the spirit of famine, poverty, bad lucks, etc.], which are the primary teaching of cults.

Believers are not supposed to share in the table of demons or cup of demons or sacrifice to demons [1 Corinthians 10:19-22].

SHARERS IN DEMONS refers to the activities, practices of believers that are not of the Lord. [Like, when you consult a FENG SHUI master regarding your house construction]. The

The believer is said to be SHARERS IN DEMONS whenever he consult his zodiac prediction for guidance.

The CUP OF DEMONS and TABLE OF DEMONS refers to practices, traditions and rituals of the world adapted by the believers [like celebrating Christmas, New Year, Valentine]. Paying homage to the dead on November first, hanging Christmas lanterns or putting up a Christmas tree are partaking in the cup of demons.

Celebrating new moon, New Year, new millennium is actually celebrating the feast of some astrological deities [gods]. It is not Scriptural and it is demonic in nature.

FIRECRACKERS are to scare evil spirits of poverty, sickness, misery, and poor health. It originated from ancient pagan practices of driving out the evil spirits from animals.

THE MIDNIGHT MEAL is an adaptation of midnight offerings of foods and drinks to pagan gods.

The New Year celebration is a mixture of ancient superstitions and traditions disguised as Christian celebration.

“What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything? No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become **SHARERS IN DEMONS**”.

“You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and **THE CUP OF DEMONS**; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and **THE TABLE OF DEMONS**”.

[See 1 Corinthians 10:19-21]

New Year celebration is burdensome and costly for some. For some it is their source of pride and self-glory.

THE FAKE HEALERS

MIRACLES, including healing the sick were the credentials of the Lord Jesus Christ and His disciples, to whom He gave the spiritual gift of healing but the cessation of the gifts came at the end of the apostolic age.

GOD WANTS YOU WELL is a statement of the most presumptuous and most arrogance statement of ignorance.

Some disoriented believers assumed that the will of God excludes sufferings and troubles in this world.

PHYSICAL HEALTH is not a sign of true spirituality or poor health is a sign of carnality. Our physical condition has nothing to do with our spiritual life. We are to continue our momentum toward spiritual maturity regardless of our physical condition.

Apostle Paul suffered severely from his so-called thorns in the flesh. Majority of God's servants are afflicted with some kind of illness.

In God's plan, affliction and sufferings are normal parts of the Christian way of life.

MIRACLES are divine prerogative. He does it by His own decision apart from human intervention or request. God does not operate from human request or demands.

God will not interrupt or change the law of nature for the sake of believers pleading ignorantly and aggressively. Yes, God heals today! God heals according to normal natural laws.

God acts based on His essence [nature] not on the presumptuous faith of fake healers. If it were the sovereign

Will of God to heal all illness, sickness and affliction, then, all human would be immortal.

There is no promise in the Bible that God will heal all the sickness and illness of men.

There is no promise in the Bible of miraculous healing for those who will claim it.

The employment of such method is contrary to the way and manner God operates in relationship to man. What we have is not Jesus Miracles Crusade' but "Satan Unscrupulous Crusade".

MIRACLE DOES HAPPEN TODAY on personal affair, according to the grace of God on the individual, not according to the command of the fake healers.

Jesus Christ did not heal all the sick people in the crowd but individually. The apostles and disciples did not heal in that manner.

GOD WILL NOT OBEY THE DEMMAND OR REQUEST OF A MAN TO HEAL ALL THE SICK PEOPLE IN THE CROWD AT THE SAME TIME.

God will not obey the capriciousness and arrogance of the fake healers. It is not their faith in God that works since they are ignorant of Divine Will, plan, and purpose.

Satan is feasting with healing crusades nowadays. He is trapping thousands into the snare of deception. Satan is using them as his instrument of deception. Satan empowered and energizes them to do his will.

Their faith is not faith in God because they are ignorant of Bible doctrine. Their healing is questionable. Their so -called authority is not from God.

HYPNOTISM

HYPNOTISM is the act or process of putting into a sleeplike state a person with little will of his own and little feeling, or consciousness. The victim acts according to the suggestions of the hypnotist [the person who hypnotized him].

HYPNOSIS is from the Greek word "HYPNOS" [ἕπνος], the god of sleep and the English word "OSIS". A condition somewhat resembling deep sleep but more active in the state of unconsciousness, in which a person has little will of his own and little feeling, acts according to the suggestion of the person who brought about this condition.

HYPNOTHERAPY is the treatment of mental or physical disorders by means of hypnotism. Hypnototherapy is being use by paramedics, faith healers and modern witch doctors as substitute for anesthetics. Some called it "spiritual injection". A more popular version of hypnototherapy is now being use by the cults.

The so-called HYPNOSOPHY, the science of hypnotism, has infiltrated the religious main stream, a practice once exclusive only to the pagan cults, voodooes, sorcerers, magicians and the occults.

THE 4 STAGES OF HYPNOTISM:

1. THE MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL RELAXATION STAGE designed to recondition the emotional and psychological state of the person/s being hypnotized. Relaxing and sugar coated words of encouragement and lies from human viewpoint prepares the souls of the deceived.

2. THE RE-INFORMATION STAGE where suggestive information [a mixture of truth and lies] is injected to the soul, replacing the previous stored information in the soul of people under hypnotism.
3. THE ACCEPTANCE STAGE under which the hypnotize person will receive, accept and believe the suggested informations or data planted upon him during the hypnotic session. Such data or informations are very difficult to erase. The lies planted in his soul are accepted as truth.
4. THE ILLUSION STAGE in which the hypnotized person will live according to the information planted in his soul during the hypnosis session.

Modern False preachers and false prophets are using hypnosis to deceive the ignorant with their extra Biblical teachings, practices, and sensational ministries.

Therefore, the deceived followers accept the imaginary cures for the genuine illnesses or the real cures for the imaginary illnesses.

The so-called "slaying of the spirit", a practice popularized by the PSEUDO BELIEVERS invites demonic spirit to take control over the unbeliever in the crowd.

FOR THE DECEIVED BELIEVERS such healing, miracles, wonders are reality and truth. They cannot see the lies and deception behind it. Because they accept the lies-they have to reject the truth of Bible doctrine.

THE ILLUSSIONS HAS BECOME TRUTH IN THEIR SOULS. They have no room for the truth. Beware of hypnotists in sheep clothing! Beware of those sweet and comforting words!

EXORCISM

Believers are not vulnerable to demon possession since they have the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit [1 Corinthians 6:19]. Only unbelievers are vulnerable to demon possession.

There are 2 physical manifestations of demon possession:

1. Demon induced mental illness [Mark 5:1-5].
2. Demon induced physical illness [Matthew 8:16, 9:32-33]

3 BONA FIDE MEANS FOR REMOVAL OF DEMONS:

- Satan personal intervention or decision to leave the body of a person he possessed [Matthew 12:24].
- Direct Divine intervention or command to the demons to leave the body of a person the demons possessed [Mark 5:8].
- Personal decision of the person possessed to believe and accept the Gospel. The baptism of the Holy Spirit automatically kicks out the demons from the body of man they possessed [1 Corinthians 3:16, 9:32-33].

There is no Christian Exorcism in the Bible:

The Lord Jesus Christ and His disciples CAST OUT demons to authenticate their divine calling- as proof of being servants of God. The Jews were looking for a sign of their calling.

The Greek verb for CAST OUT is EKBALLO [εκβαλλο], which is used in all account when Christ or His disciples CAST OUT demons.

The verb EXORKIZO [εξορκιζο], the derivative of English noun EXORCIST, and the Greek noun EXORKISTES [εξορκιστες], and its cognate verb HORKIZO [ηορκιζο], is used in reference to religious fakers who attempted to expel demons by uttering mysterious incantations [Acts 19:13-17, Matthew 7:22-23].

The Bible used EXORCIST for pagan Jews who attempted to evict demons by religious oaths and rituals.

Exorcism is never an indication of salvation or a sign of God's approval or sign of spirituality. Exorcism and deliverance ministries are out of line with God's plan.

THE APPARENT SUCCESS of those who engage in exorcism can be attributed either to the cooperation of Satan to leave or direct involvement of demons to evacuate the body of a person, or JUST A BIG HOAX.

PSEUDO CHRISTIANS and religious unbelievers are using exorcism as a heretical sign of divine favor and PSEUDO SPIRITUALITY to deceive the ignorant of Bible doctrine.

The Lord Jesus Christ warned that religious fakers who exorcise have no part with Him [Matthew 7:22-23].

The vast popularity of the modern exorcists is just preparation where they will mushroomed.

Satan has just begun empowering his fake healers like the nuns and priests, the miracle workers, the cultic healers.

The priority of the Lord Jesus Christ and the apostles was the Gospel and the Bible doctrine NOT EXORCISM.

IS FASTING APPLICABLE TODAY?

FASTING IS THE INVENTION OF MAN and not commanded by God. Fasting was borrow by the exiled Jews in the early part of theirs Babylonian exiled to commemorate the destruction of Jerusalem.

The Jewish exile had inserted the ceremony of fasting in the fifth month of the Jewish calendar. Later, they added fasting in the fourth, seventh and tenth month.

The ritualistic ceremonial rites of fasting took place without real meaning in the Old Testament time.

Zechariah raised a very timely and vital question; "Shall I weep in the fifth month and abstain [ritualistic fasting] as I have done these many years? [170 years in captivity] (Zechariah 7:3b).

GOD ANSWERED THAT QUESTION WITH FOUR MESSAGES:

- The Jewish exiled fasted for 170 years of captivity but not for God [Zechariah 7:4-7].
- The Jews fasted but refused to pay attention to God and to His Bible doctrine [7:8-14].
- The Jews prayed and fasted but violated the Mosaic Laws and Word of God [8:1-17].
- Genuine prayer and fasting will have real meaning during the millennial kingdom [8:18-23].

TO FAST (NESTEUO) means to abstain from eating and used for voluntary fasting. Fasting is based on the free will decision of the positive volition believers.

CHRIST AND HIS DISCIPLES OBSERVED voluntary fast [like on the day of Atonement] but imposed no frequent fasts in addition [Matthew 9:15].

Christ taught the need of purity and simplicity of motive. What He taught was suitable to change the mental attitude. The very purpose He designed for all believers.

THE FAST OF ACTS 27:9 refers to the Day of Atonement of the Jews not a fasting instituted by the Church Age believers [Leviticus 16:29].

THE JEWISH BELIEVERS IN ACTS 13:2-3 had carried over to Church Age time the Jewish practice, which the LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THE APOSTLES DID NOT COMMANDS the Christians to practice.

SOME PRINCIPLES:

THE JEWISH EXILES IN BABYLON INVENTED & INSTITUTED FASTING but never commanded by God.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST DID NOT COMMAND THE CHRISTIANS TO PRACTICE FASTING.

THE DISCIPLES AND APOSTLES DID NOT COMMAND THE CHURCH AGE BELIEVERS TO FAST.

FASTING WAS NEVER A SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT and it has no spiritual relevance in the Old Testament and today.

We are not more spiritual if we fast and we are not less spiritual if we do not fast. When it comes to our spiritual life, BIBLE DOCTRINE IS our TOP PRIORITY not prayer, fasting or sacrifice.

WHAT IS ANOINTING?

The Hebrew verb "MASAH" [TO ANOINT] has three meaning:

1. To smear something on the object [Genesis 31:3],
2. To anoint the shield, meaning to lubricate [Isaiah 21:5]
3. To temper with oil, meaning to butter bread [Exodus 29:2]

The Hebrew noun "MASIAH" that means ANOINTED ONE was used only for Jesus Christ [Psalm 2:2, 18:50, 89:38]. MASIAH was used figuratively for king Saul as the LORD'S ANOINTED [1 Samuel 24:6] and Cyrus as HIS ANOINTED [Isaiah 45:1].

GREEK VERBS FOR ANOINTING:

MURIZO [μυριζο -3462], meaning to anoint the body for burial [Luke 7:46, Mark 14:8]

"You did not anoint [ELAION] MY head with oil, but she anointed [MURON] MY feet with perfume (embalming ointment)".

EPICHRIO [επιχηριο -2025] which means to rub on used for the blind man when Jesus healed him from blindness [John 9:6, 11]

ENCHRIO [ενχηριο -1472], to rub in, or to smear with the eyes of the LAODICEANS meaning to beautify it [Revelation 3:18]

ALEIPHO [αλειφο -218], used for an anointing of any kind:

- a. A physical refreshment [Ruth 3:3, Daniel 10:3]
- b. Anointing of the sick that is to heal [Mark 6:13, James 5:14] by applying some medicinal ointment or oil,
- c. Anointing a pillar or foundation [Genesis 31:31]
- d. Anointing the captives [2 Chronicles 28:15]
- e. Anointing the priests or kings [Exodus 40:15]

CHRIO [χηριο -5548], confided to sacred and symbolic anointing of Christ as the ANOINTED ONE OF GOD [Luke 4:18, Acts 4:27, 10:38, Hebrews 1:9]

CHRIO also refers to ANOINTING OF BELIEVERS FROM GOD [2 Cor. 1:21].

CHRISMA [χηρισμα], a Greek noun stands for ANOINTED ONE meaning Christ, standing by metonymy for the Person Himself (as for the Holy Spirit), [1 John 2:20, 27, Daniel 9:26].

CHRIO refers to the work of the Holy Spirit at the point of salvation imputing righteousness of God to the believer. ANOINTING is the exclusive work of God for man. MAN CANNOT ANOINT AN OBJECT OR A PERSON FOR GOD.

THERE IS NO COMMAND FOR THE BELIEVERS TO ANOINT ANOTHER PERSON TO DO SERVICE FOR GOD.

THE BELIEVERS HAS NO POWER, AUTHORITY, OR COMMISSION TO ANOINT AN OBJECT OR A PERSON FOR GOD.

A PERSON ANOINTED BY A SO CALLED "ANOINTED PERSON" IS NOT HOLY IN THE SIGHT OF GOD.

TO CLAIM THAT YOU HAVE THE POWER OR AUTHORITY TO ANOINT ANOTHER PERSON FOR GOD IS HIGH LEVEL ARROGANCE!

SUICIDE

SUICIDE is the act of killing oneself on purpose. There are two (2) kinds of suicide: the honorable suicide and dishonorable suicide.

HONORABLE SUICIDE refers to suicide missions designated as a military action or operation that is certain to result in the death of the persons involved, like a suicide missions inside the enemy territory.

DISHONORABLE SUICIDE refers to a suicide in a moment of extreme fear, extreme despair or deep anxiety, the result of which is often ruinous to one's own interests.

SEVEN CASES OF SUICIDE IN THE BIBLE:

TWO BELIEVERS committed suicide but different in category. Samson's was of honorable purpose [Judges 16:30], but king Saul's was of dishonorable purpose [1 Samuel 31:4].

FOUR UNBELIEVERS resolved to die by suicide because of personal failures:

ABIMELECH (the son of Gideon) committed suicide because of failures in his political career [Judges 9:54].

The armor bearer of King Saul committed suicide as sympathy to failure of his master [1 Samuel 31:5].

AHITHOPHEL, (private counselor of king David) resolved to commit suicide because unfulfilled dreams and ambitions [2 Samuel 17:23].

ZIMRI, (servant of king ELAH) also resolved to die by suicide because of political failures [1 Kings 16:18].

JUDAS ISCARIOT was the only one from the New Testament who died by suicide.

ONLY SAMSON died in the state of spirituality, from weakness was made strong [Hebrews 11:32,34].

THE REST OF THEM refused to accept defeat and failure –and was overcome by emotion.

ONLY GOD has the authority and right to terminate our biological life on earth. The time and manner of our physical death is divine prerogative.

SUICIDE IS COWARDICE to face the trials and pains of life. It is not an escape from reality.

SUICIDE MAY RESOLVE TO MORE SUFFERINGS and problems rather than solve the present problem. It will hurt your love ones more than your self.

SUICIDE IS FAILURE to know and utilize the divine solutions God has provided to every believer. We are not left in this world without divine resources.

SUICIDE IS HUMAN SOLUTION that actually is not a solution but a trap from Satan.

SUICIDE IS EMOTION that kicks out reason and truth. It is emotion out of control and reality.

SUICIDE IS THE REJECTION OF GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE and acceptance of satanic schemes to resolve human problems.

DISHONORABLE SUICIDE is not the will of God for man.

WHY WE DO NOT CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

The Scripture speaks specifically only have two birthdays, both were from royal family and pagan family. The first was pharaoh, who declared an amnesty on his birthday [Genesis 40:20]. The second was Herod ANTIPAS, in whose birthday revelry, John the Baptist was beheaded as a gift for HERODIAS [Lady Herod].

The celebration of the anniversary of one's birth is universal practice, originating from early Egyptian era, passed to Church Age believers.

Under the Mosaic Laws, age was the chief qualification for authority and office. This implies that the Jews of the Old Testament and New Testament times kept record of their birth [John 9:21 Luke 2:42].

The Jews had recorded their date of birth as time reference and as per requirement of the Roman Laws that requires counting of birthdays.

However, there is no recorded birth -day celebration of any kind among the Old Testament believers.

There is no recorded birthday or anniversary celebration of any kind among the New Testament saints.

THE CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY ORIGINATED FROM PAGAN RELIGIONS NOT FROM SCRIPTURE OR BELIEVERS.

SOME PRINCIPLES:

Birthday or anniversary celebration is a big financial burden for most believers.

Church anniversary celebration is not only a financial burden for church members but entirely not Scriptural.

Giving a lavish birthday celebration promotes the uplifts the arrogance and ego of many.

Lavish birthday celebration is only waste of money, time, effort and energy – after all you cannot every body.

The believer does not live for this world or for the things of this world but for God. We are here to please God and not men [Colossians 3:2-3]. The world is not our home, but we are the citizens of heaven. We are to set in our souls the heavenly things as our top priority in life. [Philippians 3:20, Colossians 3:2].

The believers are the stewards of God's logistical blessing. Therefore we must properly dispose our own resources for eternal and profitable things – things that are eternal in values.

OBSERVING DAYS, months, days or season is a direct disobedience to God and His Word [Galatians 4:9-10].

The believers are no longer slaves of the cosmic systems. We are no longer the blind followers of satanic traditions, trends, religious rituals, trends and practices.

The issue here is not financial but spiritual. WE DO NOT CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BECAUSE IT IS NOT BIBLICAL. It is not spiritual to celebrate.

There is nothing spiritual about church anniversary celebration. It is not biblical.

DANCING IN WORSHIP?

THE SO CALLED MUSIC MINISTERS have infiltrated the churches with their heretical music and practices such as "SPIRITUAL DANCING".

THEY CLAIMED THAT DANCING IS AN EXPRESSION OF WORSHIP and legitimate in the church because it glorifies God.

They based their teaching on Psalm 149:3 and 150:4 as supporting text. A careful study of Psalm 149 and 150 reveals that the context refers to Israel after the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ NOT for Church Age Christians. The setting of the text is the millennial kingdom not the Church Age era.

GENUINE PRAISE AND WORSHIP IS POSSIBLE ONLY in the absence of unrighteousness in the world. Ecstatic worship is not possible in our time because of our old sinful nature.

Genuine praises, verbal expression, [such as singing doctrinal oriented music, new tongues], and physical expression [such as dancing] is the general characterize the people of God.

DAVID DANCED because the Ark of the Lord was going back to Jerusalem [2 Samuel 5:12-23].

DAVID DANCED BEFORE THE LORD –before the Ark of the Lord. It was a personal matter between him and God. Nobody told him, nobody commanded him, or asked him to dance. He danced from his free will volition [1 Chronicles 15:29].

DAVID DANCE IN THE STREET not inside the Temple or worship hall. Not during worship but in the street. Note the phrase "looked out of the window" of 2 Samuel 6:16. MICHAL saw the king, her husband from her window.

"The young girl will rejoice in their dance" [Jeremiah 31:13a] refers to revive Israel during the millennial kingdom not during the Church Age time.

The Lord Jesus Christ did not dance to worship. No disciples or apostles ever dance during worship. Old Testament believers did not dance during worship.

THERE IS NO COMMAND FOR THE CHURCH TO DANCE. Dancing cannot proclaimed or explained the Word of God. Dancing is expressions of the body [body language] that invites sexual acts. In ancient times, dancing was associated with idol worship and temple sex [Exodus 32:19].

DO NOT SPIRITUALIZE THE THINGS OF THE WORLD SYSTEM -no matter how professional and "good" in the human eyes", your dancing in the church it is still evil and unbiblical.

Emotional church musical rendition plus emotional dance expression is not by any means can become a spiritual experience.

Religion and dancing is twin, the two cannot separate. Where there is religion there is dancing. Since our nation is very religious, we have dancing anywhere.

Those who missed the dancing floors of disco pubs and bars will surely enjoy dancing in the church, especially the gays.

PRAISING GOD IS NOT VERBAL EXPRESSION

“THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE” [Hebrews 13:15] is one of the most distorted teachings in many churches today.

The phrase “the sacrifice of praise” was first used by Jeremiah [33:11] referring to animal sacrifice and to thank offering of the revive Israel during the millennial kingdom.

THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE refers to their [Israel] act of bringing animal sacrifices and offerings as expression of worship.

The phrase “JOYFUL LIPS” [Psalm 63:5b] is a figure of speech that denotes the soul [KARDIA-καρδια] in the state of sharing the happiness of God.

The phrase “WITH THY PRAISE” also refers to a soul that is knows the happiness of God through the Word of God stored in his KARDIA and not by emotion [Psalm 71:8]. Take note, His praise, not the praise of men.

Both the JOYFUL LIPS and MOUTH FILLED WITH HIS PRAISE refer to soul with Bible doctrine.

Praises such as “PRAISE THE LORD, HALLELUJAH”, “GLORY TO GOD”, “PRAISE JESUS” and etc. are useless if it comes from the lips of the unbelievers.

CARNAL BELIEVERS who habitually praise God with religious phrases are just wasting their saliva –they are like noisy gongs and cymbals.

Such emotionally motivated and habitual mannerism of verbal praises does not glorify God rather it is using the name of the Lord in vain. The glory of God is intact within Himself, whether man praises Him or not. His glory does not depend on man.

GENUINE PRAISES TO GOD focuses on the Person and works of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. Real praise center on divine essence not on man who is worshiping [Psalm 7:17].

TRUE PRAISES is based on the Word of God [Psalm 56:4, 10] not on human faith or righteousness.

THE FRUITS OF THE LIPS comes from spiritual maturity of the souls that has been nurture with the Word of God [not from emotional experiences in our religion].

OVER PRAISING is when the lips of a person verbally express some religious phrase [like “praise the Lord] without knowledge of Bible doctrine. It is taking the name of the Lord in vain [Deuteronomy 5:11].

THE LIFE OF BELIEVERS INSIDE THE WILL, PLAN AND PURPOSE OF GOD IS THE LIFE THAT GLORIFIES GOD. Not just the lips that expresses some religious phrases [Matthew 15:8, Mark 7:6].

“THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME” [Mark 7:6].

OVER PRAISING is pure arrogance wrapped in hypocrisy of verbal and emotional expression apart from the Truth of God’s Word in his mind and heart. IT IS NOT A SIGN OF SPIRITUALITY BUT OF DEEP IGNORANCE OF BIBLE DOCTRINE AND CARNALITY.

LET YOUR WORDS BE SEASON WITH SALT [SALT is Bible doctrine not non-sense praises].

WHY WE DO NOT RAISE HANDS IN PRAYER AND WORSHIP

WHY DID DAVID raise his hands while praying? He lifted his hands toward the holy sanctuary [Jerusalem] in order to identify with the offering up of sacrifices by the priests since he was far away in exiled [Psalm 28:2, 63:2-4]. He prayed at the time the sacrifice was being made in Jerusalem.

David expressed his oneness with the evening sacrifice when he was away from the holy sanctuary. That is the reason why he raised his hands toward Jerusalem (not toward heaven) [Psalm 14:2].

SHOULD WE DO THE SAME?

NO! – Because the sacrifices of animals had ceased. The Lord Jesus Christ died to fulfill the sacrificial law- once and for all. He paid in full.

NO! – Because we do not have the altar [sanctuary] with us.

NO! – Because there is no command for us to raise our hands during worship or prayer.

NO! – Because physical posture has nothing to do with true worship. It is not sign of spirituality to raise your hands in worship or prayer.

NO! – Because everyone is doing it –even the cults and pagans.

THE LIFTING OF HANDS has nothing to do with genuine worship. The lifting of hands is not an expression of

worship, it is not an element of worship and it is not a spiritual experience.

We do not become more spiritual if we raise our hands and we do not become less spiritual if we do not. It has nothing to contribute to our spiritual life or experience.

4 General categories of lifting hands in the Scripture:

The lifting of hand is a reference to everyday obedience to Bible doctrine [Psalm 119:48] as an expression of submission.

Lifting of hands in reference to priestly function of offering sacrifices in the altar or [Psalm 134:2] as an expression of identifying himself to the sacrifice.

The lifting of hands refers to David personal volition to lean toward God and toward His Word [Psalm 143:6].

Lifting of hands in prayer refers to the Church Age believer's act of praying for others – the ministry of intercession for the lost [1 Timothy 2:8]. The above-mentioned categories of lifting hands are figurative never literal and physical.

David did not actually raise his hands in reference to Psalm 143:6. Believers do not have to raise their hands to show off positive volition toward God and His Word.

We do not have to raise our hands while praying because "LIFTING UP HOLY HANDS" means to pray for the lost [1 Timothy 2:8].

Christianity is not a religion that blindly follows practices, rituals, traditions invented and taught by man.

We have to examine every ritual, every practice, every tradition, and everything the preachers are proclaiming as the Word of God. We are not blind followers following blind leaders.

WHY WE HAVE NO CHOIR OR SOLOIST IN THE CHURCH

MUSIC in the Old Testament had accompanied all of Jewish life and it was parallel practices in other religious systems.

TRAINED MUSICIANS appeared around the time of Solomon in the Temple worship with elaborated adaptation of pagan rituals and practices.

THE TABERNACLE WORSHIP MUSIC has six characteristics:

No untrained musicians were commissioned and given responsibility. Professionalism was the rule in the Temple services. The Temple Choir was consisted only of 12 male adults above 30 years old. No young people or female were involved.

There were no percussion instruments and there were no dancers. The music was traditionally Jewish and purely religious.

The congregation was musically involved. The music was never emotionally manipulated to produce results.

A handful of New Testament passages provide us information how music was performed during the early church: Jewish music styles were not carried over to Church Age music.

No disciple or apostle mentioned the existence of choir or any person giving a special number during worship.

Their music was short and doctrinal in nature. It was actually Bible doctrine preaching added with melody [Acts 16:25, 1 Corinthians 14:15, 26].

The priority of the Lord Jesus Christ was to teach Bible doctrine not to teach church music [Ephesians 5:19].

Both in the Old and New Testament, music did not take the center-stage of their spiritual life. The center of our spiritual life is the Word of God.

Modern day religious music is devious and deceitful. MUSIC MINISTERS are skillful in manipulating and captivating ignorant followers into emotional and ecstatic experience. They can easily sway the life of the church into a new dimension of religious experience with out spirituality.

The priority of every local church is to teach Bible doctrine using the 4 basic systematic approaches to biblical studies: exegetical, exegetical, historical and grammatical methods.

The local church is robbing the believers not only with their precious time, energy and resources but also with spiritual blessing in eternity.

THE "HOLY ENTERTAINMENT" [musical presentations, concerts, choirs, etc], provided by some churches are not only diverting the focus of believers to the Lord but also substituting God with church celebrities [church singers].

CHURCH MUSICIANS are always the source of problems and conflicts in the congregation. They are often the most carnal and arrogant.

Music does not prepare the heart and soul for worship. Filing of the Holy Spirit is the only preparation we need for worship. We are filled with the Holy Spirit by rebound not by asking God to fill us with Holy Spirit.

Music only excites the emotion of man mistaken for worship of God.

WHY WE DO NOT USE THE PHRASE "GOD BLESS YOU" NEEDLESSLY

IT IS DIVINE PREROGATIVE TO BLESS or not to bless. He bless according to divine essence –His perfect standard, unaffected by what a man does or not [Genesis 49:25].

GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE [the saved or regenerated] not all the people, according to what a man demands or asks in prayer [Psalm 29:11b]. Man has no power or authority to compel God to grant or answer their request to bless a person or group of people.

GOD WILL NOT HEAR THE REQUEST OF THE UNBELIEVERS for blessings except the blessing of salvation.

ALL BELIEVERS ARE UNDER THE DIVINE BLESSING of logistical grace. Logistical grace is the divine provision for material and spiritual needs of all believers necessary for their existence while in the world. God Made Covenant with Abraham to bless Israel [Genesis 12:2-3, 22:17 26:3]- not Abraham but God. Man is not in position to make Covenant with God.

Isaac pronounced blessings to his sons based on that Covenant, but the blessing was conditional: "If they live by the Covenant".

Moses pronounced blessing for Israel but the blessing was possible only if they live by the Covenant, that is, if they live according to the Word of God [Numbers 6:24-25, Deuteronomy 1:11, 15:4].

God is blessing the believers based on the righteousness He imputed at the point of salvation- not because of our effort to please God.

All believers by position in Christ are already blessed. The life we have received from God is accompanied by more than 40 blessings. God is waiting to bless His children.

To receive the blessings from God –man must be adjusted to the justice of God. There are three adjustments to the justice of God.

For all unbelievers: the adjustment of salvation, that is, salvation in Christ alone, by faith alone.

For carnal believers: the adjustment of rebound through the grace of God.

For growing believers: the adjustment of spiritual advancement toward maturity by continuous intake of Bible doctrine.

TO BLESS GOD is not just verbal or written expression of magical religious words such as PRAISE THE LORD, but to live inside the will, purpose, plan and system of God while moving toward the goal of spiritual maturity.

God blesses the positive volition believers so that they can glorify God in time and eternity [Psalm 16:7, 34:8, 145:1, 21].

Therefore, the phrase GOD BLESS YOU is exclusive for growing and advancing believers living in the will, purpose and plan of God.

GOD BLESS YOU is not for unbelievers and not for carnal believers under divine discipline. **Man has no power, authority to grant blessing to another person.**

Man has no power or authority to ask God to bless anybody –no matter how spiritual he is. To bless a person or not is a divine prerogative.

WHY WE ARE SEPARATISTS

The scripture forbids us to have fellowship with God to have fellowship with unbelievers who have rejected the Gospel of salvation. They attached the title CHRISTIAN to themselves but denied the power of Christ to save. They are the unbelievers among the believers [2 John 7-11]. They are the goats among the sheep.

The Scripture commands us to expose apostasy [Ephesians 5:11] in the light of God's Word.

The Scripture mandated believers not to YOKE TOGETHER IN ANY SPIRITUAL ENDEAVOR [2 Corinthians 6:14-18]. The term yoke in this context refers to any spiritual endeavor.

Believers are commanded to separate from DISOBEDIENT BRETHREN who made decision not follow the Word of God. THOSE WHO DISOBEY THE WILL, PLAN, OR PURPOSE OF GOD in their lives [Matthew 18:15-17, 1 Cor. 5:11, 1 Timothy 6:3-5 and 2 Thessalonians 3:6]

God's work done in God's way and God's time produces good result. God's work done in man's way at man's time produces bad results.

Believers and unbelievers doing the work of God in God's way produce only bad results. Believers and carnal believers doing the work of God in God's way produce only bad results.

Believers who apply human ability and resources in doing the work of God will produce only bad results.

We obey God by not affiliating our local church with apostate churches, mission or evangelistic effort, which is ecumenical in nature and purpose.

We obey the Word of God by not affiliating our church with those who do not practice Biblical separation.

We cannot join the heretics, the schematics and backsliders on reason because the Holy Spirit will never work in the life of believers contrary to the will of God.

The will of god for the local church is not ecumenicalism, or political unity of all believers, not inter-nationalism, not inter-denominationalism.

Christians must concentrate on Bible doctrine-the top priority of all believers in the world. We must refuse to waste the logistical blessing for spiritual growth by useless inter-fellowship with the apostate.

THERE IS ONLY ONE FAITH and that faith is the Bible doctrine given by God written in the pages of the Bible.

THERE IS ONLY ONE BIBLE DOCTRINE but many church doctrines and if their doctrine is not Bible doctrine, then we cannot accept them. We cannot have fellowship with them.

ONLY BIBLE DOCTRINE IS PERFECT and all church doctrines are corrupt and misleading -deceiving people.

Biblical separation is justified because God cannot tolerate any compromise when it comes to our spiritual life.

God separated Israel by calling them out Egypt into the wilderness [literal] and made His own people.

God separate the Church as His own people. Believers are in the world but not of the world. We are on earth but we must live for the things above. We cannot obey God without separation.

WHY WE SAY NO PROSPERITY THEOLOGY

PROSPERITY THEOLOGY is the belief that God wanted every believer to be financially prosperous in this world. Some claimed that the Bible promises tremendous material blessing for every believer.

MATERIAL PROSPERITY IS NOT A SIGN OF SPIRITUALITY OR VIBRANT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. The top 200 most riches people of the world are unbelievers.

The Bible does not teach such doctrine [prosperity theology] but rather rebuke the selfish ambitious of the believers to become rich. Believers are warned not to double time to become materially prosperous.

BUT THOSE WHO WANT TO GET RICH FALL INTO TEMPTATION AND A SNARE AND MANY FOOLISH AND HARMFUL DESIRES WHICH PLUNGE MEN INTO RUIN AND DESTRUCTION [1 Timothy 6:9]

Material prosperity is very dangerous for immature and carnal Christians. It is a snare that drags believers into a deep pit of spiritual stagnation.

Genuine promotion comes from the Lord. Self-made success is never long lasting and often filled with miseries and pains.

Everything in this world is a matter of God's grace not of human effort to improve or promote him.

FOR THE LOVE OF MONEY IS A ROOT OF ALL SORTS OF EVIL, AND SOME BY LONGING FOR IT HAVE WANDERED AWAY FROM THE FAITH AND PIERCED THEMSELVES MANY A PANG [1 Timothy 6:10]

The lovers of money will find it hard to love God with their entire mind, with all their soul and all of the heart.

THE LOVER OF MONEY are pretending as LOVERS OF GOD and teaching wealth and health doctrines to deceive the unsuspecting. They are using the Bible in their fraudulent scheme to earn big amount of money from their ignorant followers [1 Timothy 6:3-9].

They invented the so-called SPIRITUAL SEED MONEY, FAITH OFFERING, LOVE GIFT and numerous terms to deceive their followers.

God does not prosper a believer because he tithes. The Old Testament believers paid their tithes but God did not prosper them all.

God is perfect and His standard is perfect. We cannot adjust to God's standard by imperfect tithing or giving offering.

Tithing was for Old Testament Jews not for Church Age believers. We are not Jews and we are not under Mosaic Laws. Tithing was never a spiritual act but an obligatory national religious taxation for all Jews- believers and unbelievers alike.

Most religion teaches physical and material prosperity in the world. Pagan religion emphasizes on prosperity disguises as spirituality.

Material prosperity in the world is not a sign of spirituality or good relationship with God. Poverty is not a sign of carnality or poor relationship with God.

GOD LEFT US IN THE WORLD not to accumulate wealth for ourselves. And as long we are in flesh [corrupted with old sinful nature] we shall remain sickly and weak.

CULTIC CHRISTIAN MUSIC

HOW DOES A SONG BECOME A SPIRITUAL SONG? There are four things that determine the spirituality of a song:

FIRST, the composer and singer/s must be both regenerated and spirit-filled believers.

SECOND, the lyrics of the song must be an expression of Bible doctrine resident in the soul of both the singer and composer.

THIRD, the lyric of the song must be doctrinally correct and consistent with the Word of God as a whole.

FOURTH, the central point of the message of the song must be the essence or character of God and the works of God.

The focus of any so called Christian music must be the essence or nature of God and His perfect work, not human passion, desire or ambition to work for God or to serve God through ministry with men.

SPIRITUAL SONG is a song based on the Scripture written and sang by mature believers [Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:19]. Singers in the Old Testament Temple were adult male not below 30 years old, no youth or female choir members.

The purpose of the local church is not to refresh or unload the cares of believer but to know God and His will for our life. The local church is not an entertainment theater to applause and gives recognition to talented but carnal believers. The church is not for the lonely in hearts to relax but a school to learn Bible doctrine.

Christian music or song is basically preaching and proclaiming Bible doctrine and not to entertain people.

The purpose of singing spiritual song is to teach the plan, the will and purpose of God. Spiritual song is for SINGING PREACHERS TO PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD with melody. Singers are also preachers of the Gospel and Bible doctrine.

PRAISE IS NOT JUST VERBAL EXPRESSION OF THE TONGUE BUT THE EXPRESSION OF GRATEFUL SOUL BASED ON PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF GOD. GENUINE PRAISE COMES FROM THE SOUL MOTIVATED BY THE WORD OF GOD [COLOSSIANS 3:16].

Praising God is always connected to what the Lord has done- we do not praise God for nothing.

The cult of Christian music glorifies the celebrated singers or song leaders. The church can exist with the three essentials (salvation, spirituality and Scripture), even without gifted singers and dynamic song leaders.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH IS DOCTRINAL STUDY NOT MUSIC.

The Church is being deceived by music that is doctrinally incorrect. We must examine every line of the song to see if they fit into the truth of the Bible.

Beware of music that uplifts the feet and upbeat the hands but stagnate the soul. Emotionally touching songs are capable of bringing the mood of the congregation into different emotional experience. ONLY BIBLE DOCTRINE IS CAPABLE OF GIVING US A GENUINE WORSHIP EXPERIENCE.

Whenever we sing spiritual song, let God alone be the center of our souls, not the song or worship leaders, not the singers.

WHY WE REJECT THE DOCTRINE OF TRADITIONAL GOOD FRIDAY

The teaching of traditional religion about the day the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified is fictitious and purely unbiblical. **JESUS CHRIST DID NOT DIE ON THAT PARTICULAR FRIDAY.** Let us consider the following truth:

There were 4 Sabbaths that fell on that week Christ was crucified:

- The Passover Sabbath [1 John 18:39, Lev. 23:4-8]
- The Regular Sabbath [not Saturday]
- The Feast of First Fruits [Lev. 23:9-14]
- The Feast of the Unleavened Bread [Lev. 23:8]

The Jews measure their days from sun –down to sundown [from 6:00 PM to 6:00 PM], not from midnight to midnight [12:00 MN to 12:00 MN].

On that week, from 6:00 PM Tuesday to 6:00 PM Wednesday was the Feast of the Passover. The Passover lamb was slain [1 Corinthians 5:7] and the memorial meal was eaten on Tuesday night, [not on traditional Thursday], the eve and the preparation for the actual Passover which fell on Wednesday [not on traditional Friday].

The Jews celebrated the Passover once a year every Wednesday of the Jewish month of NISIN [April], which is the last week of the 50 days celebration of Jewish religion. Gregorian calendar was not yet in used them.

That particular Wednesday was also the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread described in John 19:31,

designed also as the preparation day for the rest of the week [Exodus 12:11, Leviticus 23:6-7]

That particular Thursday and Friday was designated as Jewish holy days as no worship or killing days, which they cannot violate by having somebody, hang and died on a cross. **THERE WAS NO CRUCIFIXION THAT FRIDAY.**

Jesus was in the tomb for three days and three nights (72 hours) based on the veracity of the Scripture [Mat. 12:40, 1 Cor.15:4].

If Jesus Christ was crucified and buried before 6:00 PM of Friday and was resurrected on early Sunday morning- then He was dead and buried in the tomb for only one and half (1½) day and not three days and three nights as declared by the Word of God.

The Word of God cannot lie. The Bible is the Truth not the teaching of self-righteous men who invented foolish church doctrines. We also reject the teaching about Resurrection on Sunday because He rose from the death not on Sunday early morning. Jesus Christ did not die on Friday and He did not rise from the grave on Sunday.

We have to reject the traditional views and teaching of holy week because of its erroneous and fictitious nature. We reject the teaching of traditional Good Friday because Jesus Christ was crucified during the Passover as the Lamb of God.

Jesus Christ rose from the grave before 6:00 PM of Saturday because 6:01 PM was already Sunday. He was in the tomb for 3 days and 3 nights. If Christ was buried on Friday, then, He was in the tomb for 1½ day only.

When it comes to spiritual truth, the Bible is always the authority not the church dogmatic teachings.

WHY WE REJECT THE DOCTRINE OF PALM AND EASTER SUNDAYS

Jesus Christ and His disciples went to Bethany six (6) days before the Passover [John 12:1-11]. On the next day, five (5) days before the Passover, Jesus Christ and His disciples entered Jerusalem [John 12:12].

If the Passover was celebrated on the first Wednesday of April, therefore, Jesus Christ and His disciples entered Jerusalem on Saturday (not Sunday).

THERE WAS NO PALM SUNDAY SINCE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST ENTERED JERUSALEM ON SATURDAY AND NOT ON SUNDAY.

The Lord Jesus led the apostles in celebrating the Passover meal on the eve of Passover. They ate the Passover meal before 6:00 PM of Tuesday since 6:01 PM is already Wednesday. For reference, take note that in Luke 23:44, 12:00 NN is sixth hour and 3:00 PM is ninth hour. Also, 5:00 PM is the eleventh hour.

There was no Good Friday because Jesus Christ was hanging and died on the cross on Wednesday. There was no Ash Wednesday in the Bible. No writer of the Scriptures ever mentioned it.


There was not Black Saturday in the Bible. No writer of the Scripture ever mentioned anything about it. God did not die. It was the humanity of Christ that was slain. His perfect humanity died spiritually. His Deity cannot die.

The early Church did not celebrate Ash Wednesday, Holy and Good Friday, Black Saturday and Easter Sunday. The Bible mandated the believers to celebrate only two symbolic rituals: namely the Lord's Supper and water Baptism by immersion.

Satan is the master of deception and two of his favorite schemes are seclusion of believers and substitution in the area of truth, teachings, and practices. He secludes the genuine believer from the truth or he secludes the truth from the believers. He hides them behind the bushes of lies and deception.

He brings something that looks like the genuine or truth and replaces it. Satan wanted to displace all the truth in the hearts of believers something that is exactly the look alike. Denominational doctrines are nothing but look alike of the Biblical truth.

THE LAST TEN DAYS OF JESUS ON EARTH.

6 DAYS BEFORE PASSOVER Jesus and His disciples went to Bethany -John 12:1-11	FRI
5 DAYS BEFORE PASSOVER Jesus and His disciples Entered Jerusalem John 12:12	SAT
	SUN
	MON
PASSOVER MEAL Foot washing John 13:1	TUES
PASSOVER Prayer - John 17 Arrested Death Burial Leviticus 23:5	 WED
UNLEAVENED BREAD Leviticus 23:6	THU
HOLY DAY-NO WORK	FRI
REGULAR SABBATH Leviticus 23:3	SAT
FIRST FRUITS Leviticus 15:20	SUN

PETER WAS NEVER A POPE

The apostle Peter was well aware of his role and function in the infant Church. He never claimed himself as the highest leader or the first Pope of the Church [1 Peter 5:1].

Peter challenged the local church leaders to serve freely and without motivation for sordid gain [1 Peter 5:2]. He did not assume the role of an overall leader.

Peter rebuked the local church leaders for their greed for power. He warned the potential abuser of authority and dictators [1 Peter 5:3].

He encouraged the demonstration of genuine humility [1 Peter 5:5, Philippians 2:3-9] among fellow saints.

PETER REFUSED TO RECEIVE HONOR AND GLORY from men. He rejected all forms of human approbation [Acts 10:25-26].

Peter was sharply rebuked by the Lord Jesus Christ for his pride and ignorance of divine will and divine purpose [Matthew 16:23].

Apostle Paul rebuked Peter for his double-mindedness and hypocrisy that almost mislead others [Galatians 2:11-14].

Peter was married [Matthew 8:14, Luke 4:38, 1 Corinthians 9:5].

Peter never went to Rome not even for a short visit –since he was an apostle for the Jews not for the Gentiles. If he was in Rome, then could never left him out in his greetings in Romans 16. Peter was never the head of the Church [Revelation 16:18-19, Psalm 61:2-3, Revelation 3:7]. The Pope is the successor of Peter.

There is no Biblical record that Peter visited Rome and that he shared the same prison cell in Rome. Paul was beheaded alone in Rome not together with Peter.

Peter was not a Pope because he was never a Roman Catholic. The Roman Catholic priestly system was installed only in A.D. 294 or 270 years after the death of Peter.

Peter cannot be a Roman Catholic or Pope because his view of priesthood is contrary to the Roman Catholic system and traditions [1 Peter 2:5,9].

The apostle Peter is not the gate-keeper of heaven. The KEYS of Matthew 16:19 is the Gospel of salvation. By believing a person receive access to heaven, by rejection a person is condemn to hell by his own choice, not by decision of Peter.

Peter has no power or authority to forgive the sin of another person.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church [Colossians 1:18] not Peter or the Pope. Christ alone has the power to reconcile men to Himself, not the apostle Peter [Colossians 1:20].

Apostle Peter was crucified upside down and beheaded when he was already dead because he lived based on Bible doctrine, which is contrary to traditional viewpoint of the Romans.

The Romans was responsible for the death of Peter. So, they killed their Pope.

“You are Peter (PETROS, *πετρος* –a tiny stone), and upon this rock (PETRA, *πετρα* – a great mass of solid rock) I will build MY Church” [Matthew 16:18]. JESUS CHRIST IS THE ROCK of offense [1 Peter 2:6-8, Romans 9:33]

MARY IS NOT THE MOTHER OF GOD

THERE ARE SIX Mary in the Gospels. The famous of which is MARY THE MOTHER OF CHRIST'S HUMANITY, who did not claim herself as the mother of God.

The Lord Jesus Christ did not call her as the mother of God. No writer of the Scripture ever called her the mother of God. She is the mother of Jesus not the mother of God.

Mary did not claim herself as mediator between sinners and God. The Lord Jesus did not address her as the mediator between man and God.³ No writer of the Scripture addressed her as the mediator [1 Timothy 2:5, John 14:6].

Nowhere in the Bible Mary is called the mother of God. Christ did not mention that she is the mother of God.

The Vatican conferred her the title "mother of God" only in A.D. 431

The Vatican council instituted prayer to Mary in A.D. 600.

The Roman Catholics officially adapted HAIL MARY in A.D. 1508⁴ [see Romans 8:34 and Hebrews 7:25, 9:24].

Mary is not the GATE OF HEAVEN and that no one can see heaven without passing through her [see Acts 4:12 and John 14:6].

Mary the mother of Jesus has genuine humility. The writers of Scripture did not ascribe to her titles that belong to God

alone. She is not above all the woman but a sinner just like anybody else [Luke 1:47].

Mary was a sinner but forgiven because she trusted Jesus as her Savior. Only Jesus Christ was born without sin (without old sinful nature). Mary was born sinner just like the rest of humanity [Luke 1:46, 1 John 1:8-10].

The dogma of Immaculate Conception of Mary was officially adapted in A.D. 1854 by Pope Pious IX⁵.

Jesus Christ is the only Person who ascended to heaven in His resurrected body being the FIRST BORN AMONG THE RESURRECTED. Christ ascended to heaven with witnesses looking up to Him [Acts 1:9-11].

There are seven resurrections in the Bible. The first was history since Jesus ascended to heaven. The second is yet to come- the rapture of the Church.

If Mary ascended without the Bible predicting is very questionable. How come the Vatican formulated the dogma of Mary's ascension only in 1950? Why Pope Pious XII was forced to sign it⁶.

Mary the mother of Jesus is not a virgin forever because she gave birth to several sons and daughters after the birth of Jesus [Matthew 13:54-56, Mark 6:3, John 7:5].

³ Bishop ALPHONSE DE LIGUORI, The Glories of Mary, p. 80, 197, 198

⁴ St. Joseph's Daily MISAL, p. 1305

⁵ The Glories of Mary, p. 253-259

⁶ Ibid, p. 67-69, 80

HOMOSEXUALITY

HOMOSEXUALS ARE NOT BORN but made. God created a 100% male and a 100% female –nobody in between. After creating man, God said, “It is very good”.

HOMOSEXUALS ARE MADE, and it begins at home. Homosexuality is not biological. There is no such thing as abnormal DNA or cell that triggers such malady. Homosexuality is a mental attitude sin, resulting from build-up of satanic doctrine in the soul.

There are several factors that help in the making of a homosexual:

1. A dominant mother who rules over her husband and children.
2. A weak father who always understands his wife wishful commands.
3. An overindulgent mother who over care and deal with her boy like a girl.
4. A cruel father who abuses his wife and children to proof his pseudo-masculinity.
5. Parents who pretends tat their boy is a girl, because they wanted a daughter.
6. A society that recognizes homosexuals as legitimate sector of the society.
7. A church that accepts, respect and gives privileges to the homosexuals and lesbians.
8. A nation that gives equal rights, respect, and honors to the homosexuals and lesbians.

Homosexuality is spiritual sin, under the same category as idolatry, lying, hatred, envy, etc. The homosexual are not

more sinful or less sinful. ALL MEN ARE EQUAL when it comes to standing before God. WE ARE ALL SINNERS.

God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them [Romans 1:24].

Just like anyone who is filled with lust, they corrupt the Word of God [Romans 1:25].

God gave them over to degrading passions; that they exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural. They burned in their desire toward one another of same sex [Romans 1:26-27]. They receive in their own persons the due penalty of their error –they have loss their human integrity.

God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things, which are not proper [Romans 1:28]. They are motivated to do improper things.

Homosexuals are filled with all types of unrighteousness, deceit, murder, envy fornication, wickedness, maliciousness and malignity, malice, strife [Romans 1:29].

Homosexuals are gossipers, slanderers and backbiters, haters of God, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, covenant breakers, unloving, unmerciful, implacable, without understanding and compromisers with evil [Romans 1:29c-32].

Homosexuality leads to more serious problems like alcoholism and drugs, seduction of kids, masochism, sadism, incest, AIDS, serious psychological damages, satanic possession, crimes, and many more.

Christians must disagree with the new morality. Reject homosexuality but accept the person.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

GOD HIMSELF authorized retaliation laws of punishment for crimes, administered by duly appointed authority (government) as part of divine establishment that insure freedom, security and peace within a national entity which provides precedence for remembering the victim.

GOD HIMSELF instituted government for man [Genesis 9:5-]. He authorizes capital punishment as a consequence to the crime of murder [Genesis 9:6a]. The divine reason-viewpoint for the implementation of the death penalty is stated in Genesis 9:6 b and James 3:8b.

The IMAGE OF GOD and the LIKENESS OF GOD refers to soul life of every person, therefore, he who unjustly kills a man dishonor God-the Creator of all life.

All form of government and types of leadership comes from God [Romans 13:1], which authority has been given and delegated by God to carry out the purpose for which He established it [Daniel 2:20-21].

Satan is the author of rebellion, and all forms or resistance against established authority. Those who opposed any established authority has opposed the word of God and they will receive the condemnation upon themselves [Romans 13:2].

The national government is justified to sentence a criminal guilty of heinous crime to die by execution for several reasons:

God has duly appointed the national government to penalize murderers to

die under the force of the law [Leviticus 24:17, 22].

The government of the people was instituted by God to insure freedom, security and peace [Genesis 9:5-6, James 3:9b, Daniel 2:20-21].

The criminal must be eliminated for people to live in peace and security.

The government is responsible for the enactment and enforcement of laws and including the capital punishment.

The criminality will increase if the guilty criminals are not executed.

WHOEVER SHEDS MAN'S BLOOD, BY MAN (GOVERNMENT) HIS BLOOD SHALL BE SHED (CAPITAL PUNISHMENT) [EXODUS 21:23, 12].

God is perfectly just and righteous. All men are equally sinful before God. All men are under the SENTENCE OF JUDGMENT [2 Corinthians 1:9], so, all men are criminals in the eyes of God.

JUDGMENT (KRIMA, κριμα=sentence) is a decision passed on the sin of others. KRIMA is especially designated the sentence from God toward men [2 Peter 2:3]. KATADIKE (καταδικε) is the divine judicial judgment for a person sentence to eternal damnation by the ONLY TRUE AND PERFECT JUDGE [Acts 25:15].

Since criminal instinct is present in every human being, therefore, all men are under condemnation, unless acquitted by the grace of God [Romans 8:1].

Men will go to hell because they have rejected the grace of God, not because they are criminals found guilty by the human court. Believers are mandated to exercise virtue impersonal love towards all men criminal or not.

Study also: Exodus 21:12, 23-24, 22:20, Deuteronomy 13:4-5, 17:8-12, 22:20, 22:25-27.

STO. NINO

STO. NINO according to traditional religion is the representation of Jesus Christ true humanity.

STO, NINO is not the representation of the Lord Jesus Christ BUT ONLY THE ASSUMED REPRESENTATION because of the following reasons:

ITS IDENTITY IS UNCLEAR. There are too many forms from here and around the world. Almost every community has their own version- representing a different a people.

JESUS CHRIST DID NOT REMAIN A CHILD. It is ridiculous to say that the Lord Jesus remained a little boy.

JESUS CHRIST DID NOT MINISTER to man not until after His baptism or when He was 30 years old.

CHRIST DID NOT HAVE MANY FACES like the STO. NINO scattered around us. Even the unsold plastic dolls in the market are being converted into STO. NINO.

JESUS CHRIST IS NOT A SAINT. Saint is a living regenerated believer [Colossians 1:1, Philippians 1:1-2], once a sinner before God but by faith received the free gift of salvation.

IT IS TREATED irreverently. They just put it anywhere- inside the motel rooms, karaoke bars, sauna cubicles, drinking saloons, etc. GRO, swindlers, Drugs pushers are wearing tiny icons of STO. NINO.

IT HAS BEEN COMMERCIALIZED. Some barter it for wrappers of soaps, toothpaste, etc. They are peddling it and even available for installment.

STO. NINO is nothing but superstition because of so many baseless claimed attributed to it.

Its various forms are often similar to pagan deities.

Its miracles are often doubtful and ridiculous contrary to the will and plan of God.

Its miracles are often inconsistent with God's perfect character and way of doing things.

Its miracles are not the act of God for it did not point to the way of salvation [Job 1:16, 19, 2:7, Rev. 13:1-4, 11-15].

Its messages leads the blind devotees astray and depriving them with the precious truth of God's Word [Deuteronomy 13:1-3].

It does not point to the true salvation but misleading the people.

Like all the other icons, it is nothing but the worship of pagan gods [Exodus 20:4-5, Acts 17:29-30, Psalm 135:15-18, Revelation 21:8].

ALL THE VENERATION, ADORATION, PRAISE, WORSHIP, AND OFFERING ON STO. NINO IS SACRIFICES TO DEMONS AND NOT TO GOD [1 Corinthians 10:20].

It is ridiculous that even the street kids have their very own STO. NINO DE PALABOY.

The STO. NINO is not cute and harmless because it is an object of demonic worship and household god representing the Devil.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS NOT THE STO. NINO but the devil in his cutest form.

WHY WE DO NOT PRACTICE THE LAYING OF HANDS

THE PHRASE "laying of hands" on somebody could mean: "to kill, to murder or to destroy" [Genesis 22:12, 37:22, Nehemiah 13:21, Job 9:33].

ANOTHER meaning of the Hebrew SHALACH or "laying of hands" is to attack the enemies [Joshua 8:19, 26].

The phrase lying of hands was used in reference to Jacob's ritual ceremony of blessing the heirs (when the grantor was dying). The laying of hands originated from the Egyptians not from the believers of Old Testament.

In the Tabernacle, the laying of hands [CAMAK in Hebrew] was used as a symbolic substitution of priestly act designed to transfer sin from man to animals sacrificed at the altar [Leviticus 3:2,8,13, 4:4, 15,24, 6:12, 16:21, 24:14].

The laying of hands were used in the Old Testament for ordination of kings and prophets, adapted by the New Testament early believers for ordination of missionaries-men who were spiritually mature and capable of leading a local church [Acts 13:1-3, 1 Timothy 4:14, 5:22].

The laying of hands was used during the early Church Age by apostles and disciples of Jesus Christ in relation to their ministry of healing the sick [Mark 16:18, Luke 20:19] as authentication of their apostolic calling. Since the lying of hands was common practices of the Old Testament prophets, there fore it was widely accepted by the unbelieving Jews of the early Church Age [Matthew 9:18, Acts 8:18-19].

After the book of Acts, there are no mentioned of laying of hands for the sick, demon-possessed or for the problematic. The prophecy of Mark 16:18 were fulfilled in the apostolic

era. The Bible is closed- the Canon is completed. The lesser gifts of the Spirit (tongues, healing and miracles) have already ceased [Hebrew 6:2 1 Corinthians 13:8b].

The sign gifts are for the unbelieving Jews [1 Corinthians 14:1-19] and not for the believers of the Church Age. We are not Jews. There are several principles that we have to remember related to laying of hands.

The historical inferior sign gifts are no longer applicable to Church Age. It is doing what God has already stopped.

There is no command for us to lay hands to heal the sick, to cast out demons, to rebuke human problems, to anoint or to bless anybody.

The laying of hands has no spiritual relevance; it is not a symbol of spiritual truth.

The laying of hands is not Biblical doctrine since its authority had already lapsed. The laying of hands is not a symbol of spiritual authority.

The laying of hands is an ecumenical practice – now widely circulated among the cults and pagan. Everybody seems using it for his personal benefits.

Our priority is not to lay hands but to grow and mature spirituality through consistent study of the Bible doctrine.

We are to examine every teaching, every ritual and every practice. We have to investigate every teaching and everything we do in the church- to see if it is Biblical doctrine.

WHY WE REJECT THE APOCRYPHA

THE APOCRYPHA includes 14 books added to the Septuagint and also found in the Vulgate but not in the Hebrew Canon. It came from nowhere 280 after the Hebrew Canon was close.

APOCRYPHA means a secret or spurious teaching. It was originally written in Greek [except for some portion of BARUCH, JUDITH, TOBIT and First MACCABEES and ECCLESIASTICUS which were written in poor Aramaic].

We REJECT THE APOCRYPHAL BOOKS for several reasons:

The Apocrypha was not included in the Canon because of its imperfect and poor historical background and setting.

The Lord Jesus Christ did not quote from any book of the Apocrypha. No writer of the Scriptures ever quoted or mentioned anything from the books of the Apocrypha.

The Hebrew historian Josephus expressly excluded the Apocrypha books from the list of the sacred writings because they were spurious. The Hebrew historian Eusebius also excluded the Apocryphal books in the list of sacred writings.

No mention of the Apocrypha was made in any catalogue of the Canonical books before the 5th century because the Catholics slipped it in during the middle of 5th century.

These books were never asserted to be divinely inspired or to possess divine authority in their contents.

No prophets were connected with these writings unlike the Old Testament Canon were written by a prophet, either by office or by gift or both. The Apocrypha contained many historical, geographical and chronological errors. It teaches doctrines and upholds practices, which are contrary to the Canon of the Scripture.

It teaches prayer and offering for the dead [2 MACCABEES 12:41-46] and the justification of suicide.

It teaches the atonement sin and salvation of the soul by almsgiving [ECCLESIASTICUS 3:33, 25-29] and justified the cruelty to slaves.

It advocates hatred of the Samaritans, sanctioned lying, encourage magical incantations, it encourage and justified assassination. It teaches the doctrine of purgatory and angelic power for intercession.

MODERN APOCRYPHA is a collection of 14 religious books- mostly written within the last hundred years and purporting to add to the revelation of the Canon of the Bible. They claimed to be genuine documents of the Christian antiquity but proven by the scholars as hoax. Some of them are:

1. The Unknown Life of Christ
2. The Aquarian Gospel
3. The Crucifixion of Jesus
4. The 29th Chapter of Acts
5. The Letter from Heaven
6. The Lost Book of the Bible

There were many attempts to infiltrate the Bible with spurious writings but failed the test of Biblical Canon.

The genius of God had protected the Canon of the Scripture by His power and wisdom.

CHRISTIANITY IS NOT RELIGION

THE TERM "RELIGION" is never use for Christian but only for false object and subject of worship. There are two words for religion.

THRESKEIA (τηρεσκεια), used to denotes unreal and deceptive, false reverence [Acts 26:5, Colossians 2:18]

DEISSIDAIMONIA (δεισσιδαιμονια) used to denotes fear of gods and also refers to superstitious practices [Acts 25:19, James 1:26].

JAMES made a clear boundary line between unreal, deceptive reverence and THEOSEBIA (τηεοσεβια), that is the reverential worship of God [James 1:27].

All religion is demonstration of false reverence, superstitious practices and pseudo love toward God or gods.

Religion is a masterpiece of the devil. He taught man the principles of human religion (superstitious, deceptive, and unreal) and made them accept it with open arms [Genesis 3:5, 4:3-5]. Satan gained great advantage in misleading and deceiving people.

Religion is the futile effort of men to reach God. It is trying to find God. It is trying to please God through human means and systems, human standards and self-righteousness.

Religion is trying to be good to win God's favor- trying to gain God's love and approbation by giving more, doing more, praying more, serving more. Religion is blinded by its arrogance to see the work of Christ from the cross down inside the soul of every maturing believer.

Religion lacks the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit in leading, teaching, and renewing the heart and mind through Bible doctrine.

Religion is blind to see the traps laid by Satan to destroy both the ignorant believers and unbelievers. Satan is loading them into the ecumenical ship ready to sail in the ocean of religious heresies.

Religion is a satanic trap to hook all sects and denomination into ecumenical bandwagon preparing them to form the one world UNITED RELIGION of the Great Tribulation.

Religion is blind to realize that theirs is another gospel, another Lord, another faith, another Christ.

Religion is humanistic in its viewpoint and practices. Man is exalted above God and above the Word of God. It rejects the Bible as the final authority of truth and reality.

When religion is oppose by any system or by Christianity, it becomes hostile and antagonistic. When threatened, it exercises intimidation, when uncertain, it emphasizes tradition. When suspicious, it employs interrogation. When corrected, it retaliates by destroying their persecutors.

Satan is the author of religion. God is not the author of any religion, sect or denomination.

Religion is imperfect work of imperfect man. God is perfect and He demands perfection from imperfect man. That perfection is possible only through the perfect Work of Christ for man. God accepted us based on that perfect Work, not because of what we are or not. God accepted us on the merits of Christ. Our merits are not acceptable because of our imperfection.

ECUMENISM

SATAN is building the ONE WORLD CHURCH [ecumenical church] that will be revealed in its ugliness during the Great Tribulation.

Satan aim to enlist all local churches and attach them to ecumenical bandwagon. He has the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES and all the religious sects around the world. The Roman Catholic is now using the ploy of praying for world peace as the bait to trap religious group into this evil and monstrous scheme.

THE PRESSURE IS ON. Satan wants to make connection with every local church around the globe (maybe with the help of the internet).

THE PRESSURE WILL INCREASE every day until the lord Jesus Christ takes the Church Age believers by rapture.

ECUMENICAL is not from God-it is not Scriptural but invented by the Roman Catholic. Ecumenical is a theological term dealing with universality, unity and dominion of the "Christian faith" [Catholic doctrine] and the "Christian church" [the holy Catholic church].

The unity of the ecumenical church is political in nature not spiritual. The universality refers to every kind of doctrine and belief [pagans, cultic, occults, liberal and anything].

The dominion is the revival of the old Roman religion in a world power and absolute dictatorship.

The ecumenical church is not concern about beliefs and doctrines of the churches because the anti Christ will

disband the One World Church after using it and force it to worship Satan [Revelation 13].

Ecumenism in the seminaries and universities has dethroned God and replaced Him with man. They openly rejects the Word of God, accepts any humanistic viewpoint. They apply evolutionary philosophies to the Bible and Christianity. They are working now toward widespread rejection of the Bible as the Word of God.

They reject the divine inspiration and direct revelation from God of the Bible. They reject the accuracy of historical accounts of the Bible, and the miracles as actual events. They claimed that many characters of the Bible did not really exist and nothing but fictitious.

ECUMENISM capitalizes on human love toward others. "LOVE YOUR BROTHER" regardless of his views, beliefs, and race, colors, creed, doctrine, and principles in life.

They are accusing the fundamentalists as unloving and unchristian because of Biblical separation.

Their love is full of hypocrisy because it does operate on the basis of truth and reality. Their acceptance of another person is simply minding your own business. DO NOT MIND OTHERS are translated as love your neighbors.

Ecumenicalism is good for many since it appeals to the ego and sinful nature of man. It is well accepted among the nominal Christians because it provides adequate room for surface level peace and goodwill.

ECUMENICALISM is a hungry wolf in sheep clothing pretending as lovers of God. It is the tail of the dragon dragging men to hell.

What is good in the eyes of men and Satan is not good in the eyes of God. Beware its power of enticement!

SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE

THERE IS NO precise data and tools for determining the geological age of the planet earth. Carbon and radiometric dating system are based on widely divergent and speculative interpretations of data that which cannot be verified.

The Bible was not designed to be a scientific textbook; however, actual scientific data recorded in the Bible is limited but accurate.

No conflict exists between what the Bible says in the original text and the correct interpretation of natural science or of the natural phenomena by science.

God sustains all scientific laws and all phenomena which science seeks to categorize and classify.

The purpose of the Bible is to communicate God's spiritual law and spiritual phenomena. However, the infallibility of Scripture extends to every subject touched on by the Bible not only spiritual truth.

Whenever a conflict exists between scientific theory or principle and what the Bible says- the Bible is always true and right.

When a conflict arises between a historical interpretation and what the Bible says-the Bible is always right.

Wherever the Bible comments on science – science must agree with the Bible for it is the truth. The Bible is not required to agree with science.

Since God existed before science –God's Word is the point of reference and authority, not science.

God created all so called scientific laws and sustains all the laws in the entire universe.

The term SCIENTIFIC LAWS is a misnomer because science does not develop or enforces these laws. The so-called scientific laws are based on the statistical assumption that the universe, which operates according to fixed norm, will continue to do so.

SCIENCE can observe, classify, describe and apply these normative operations but is powerless to control them. A DISTINCTION must be maintained between illegitimate scientific speculation and legitimate observation. Only God in His grace can guarantee the continuation of these laws [Colossians 1:16].

KNOWN SCIENTIFIC LAWS and phenomena which man has been able to observe, classify, and apply depend entirely upon the faithfulness of God. The Lord Jesus Christ at the present time guarantees the continuous operation of every bona fide scientific law [Colossians 1:17, 2 Peter 3:4-5].

The entire human race with the entire creation, the stability of our environment and the condition of the atmosphere depends on the Lord Jesus Christ and His perfect will for the imperfect man.

JESUS CHRIST holds the universe together by the power of His Word. He postpones eternity to give the members of the human race ample time and opportunity to appropriate the grace of God [2 Peter 3:9].

That opportunity begins at the moment of faith in Christ and continues throughout the believer's life in the world.

THE BIBLE AND EVOLUTION

SCIENCE CANNOT CONTRADICT THE BIBLE because (the Bible) is the very foundation of all Truth.

Physical matters are not reality but spiritual matters. The Bible is the only prolific source of all truth. Science is the systematized knowledge of truth and from where we can identify every truth. Science is not the source of truth, the Bible is.

The Bible teaches that physical realm is not all of reality, but that is coexistence with a spiritual realm [John 4:24, Revelation 16:24]. The physical realm is permeated by the spiritual realm [Ephesians 6:12].

The physical and spiritual realm interacts on each other [Matthew 17:19-20, John 13:2]. The ultimate source of all knowledge and power is the spiritual realm not the physical realm [Psalm 111:10, Matthew 28:18, Romans 11:33-36].

Most of the men who laid the very foundations of our modern science were also men of Biblical faith like GALILEO, COPERNICUS, FRANCIS BACON, JOHN NEWTON, KEPLER and others.

BUT THERE WERE also stupid men who wanted to be known as scientists and inventors. Their works were merely just hypothesis and theories that can- not be proven. Foremost of this is the Darwin's theory of evolution.

THE "PROOFS" of evolution will dissolve under scientific process of investigation. The hypothesis of the evolution is still a hypothesis.

EVOLUTION cannot account for the first atom. It cannot explain how the original matters were changed from homogeneous to a moving and living one.

It fails to give clear explanation how the present universe is a cosmos and not chaos.

It fails to explain how life came from non-living original form. It fails to explain the leap from botanical world to that of animals. It fails to explain the leap from animal world to that of man.

It fails to explain the law of continuity-why does a dog produce a dog and not an evolutes specimen.

It fails to explain the present distribution of matters on numberless stars, planets, and moons in numberless galaxies.

These are but few of the questions that the Darwinians have no answer.

Science is something that can be proven, categorized, applied and supported by facts and data.

It evolution cannot produce proofs, facts and data the laboratories cannot analyze, categorize and apply, then it is just a theory. Maybe, it is better to call it as: Darwin's Fairy Tales of Evolution.

Let us try some practical questions:

Have you seen anything evolves from something? Have seen something that changes its form? Why the dogs are still the dogs?

Be careful! The traditional religion have already approved and adapted the theistic evolution theory as church dogma.

DIVINE PROTECTION

THE COSMOS DIABOLICUS (the world system) is a very dangerous place for the regenerated believers. Our short or momentary stay before going home to our final destination is described, as "THE DAYS ARE EVIL".

THE DAYS ARE EVIL applies only to believers living according to the will, plan and purpose of God. The days are evil for the growing believers because Satan is the god of this world. The days are evil described the condition of the world since the fall of man [Ephesians 6:11], and where the scheming of the devil focus on the advancing believers.

GREATER AFFLICTIONS and sufferings awaits the advancing saints –yet, they are to be completely preserved [1 Thessalonians 5:23, 2 Thessalonians 3:2-3, 2 Timothy 4:18].

God in His perfect justice may deliver the saint physically through or from disaster or pains, or His sovereignty may allow the death. God will deliver us, not necessarily from suffering but out of the midst of suffering [1 Corinthians 10:13].

For a believer with nurturing relation-ship with God and in constant fellowship with Christ, any place is a safe place. The only safe place in the world is in the center of God's will.

Outside the will and plan of God is the most dangerous situation for any believer wandering restlessly in the world [Ephesians 4:27].

The indwelling Holy Spirit in the life of every believer guarantees the physical protection- meaning to say,

physical death will come in the perfect time. It will come in perfect time, neither early nor late.

Divine protection is absolute. However, the believer cannot endanger himself and then ask God to rescue him.

Divine protection is lifted up by the time the believer has to depart from the world as schedule [Hebrews 9:27].

God's timing, manner and place of the believer's physical death are perfect.

There is no crisis or disaster in life, which God is unable to deliver the saint, but He will not deliver us from all of it. If deliverance is not in God's perfect plan –it is because God has a perfect purpose for the dead of the suffering believer.

Basic steps for handling the crisis:

Hand over the problem or situation to the Lord [Psalm 55:22].

Accept the crisis as a test from the Lord [Isaiah 28:29]. Counter the pains with the fact that God has a perfect knowledge of everything.

Continue to be occupied with the Lord from the doctrine in your souls [Psalm 37:4-5]. Continue to be undisturbed by worry and fear [Isaiah 26:3-4].

Continue to depend on God-rest in Him. Confidently be secured in His infinite power [Psalm 57:2-3]. Never threaten by human power but continue to put your trust in divine power.

A believer with Bible doctrine in his soul can be happy in a lion's den while the immature believer can be miserable in a comfortable palace.

God's plan for the believer continues regardless of his situation, failures and mistakes.

FREEDOM OF RELIGION

GOD HONORS the individual privacy and free will decision. God will never stop or prevent you from doing what you want to do. He will never interfere with your free will decision.

FREEDOM OF RELIGION is a matter of individual volition expressing its options. FREEDOM however demands that practicing religion be a matter of individual options rather than be mandated by the state.

A LEADER is wrong to force his subjects to worship a false god. In the same way, it is wrong to demand that they worship the true God.

GOD NEVER needs the sponsorship of any leader or state. Alliance of religion and state constraints invariably cloud the issue of the Gospel.

A STATE sponsored religion is anti-biblical. Believers in mistaken zeal should never promote or uphold legislation whereby the government supports Christianity. This is not a legitimate function of the government.

Christianity becomes anti-biblical when they support a candidate or a party. This is not the legitimate function of a local church. There is nothing spiritual about the believers supporting their most preferred candidate [1 Samuel 8:6-7].

THE BELIEVER'S SERVICE to God and to his nation never depends on his political, economic or academic status or that of his nation but on the great faithfulness and grace of God. Anybody can work out his success story but real

success comes from the Lord. Promotion is from the Lord not from self-effort.

FROM THE SAME faithfulness and grace of God that set up presidents, kings, establishes nations – He also abolishes empires, removes presidents and leaders that no longer fulfill God's purpose [Daniel 2:21].

Regenerated Christians should never allow the state or any person (political or spiritual leaders) to dictate their spiritual life convictions [Daniel 3:18, 1 Peter 4:19].

WHEN HUMAN POWER persecutes true believers- Divine power protects the saints in relaxed mental attitude [Psalm 33:9-11]. Man's extremity is God's opportunity- man's weakness is God's showcase of strength.

God can turn cursing into blessing when the believer refuses to compromise. God cannot honor any compromise of divine standard [Daniel 3:30, Isaiah 41:10, Psalm 31:15, 37:1-10]. The welfare of a nation does not depend on political leaders but on God alone.

The function of the local church is to proclaim the Gospel not to ride on politics. The function of the state is to rule the people by legislation not to intrude with the private volition of the saints.

There is nothing spiritual about supporting good beats in the politics. Supporting political party or individual candidate as "spiritual endorsement" is good milking cows for greedy pastors and religious leaders.

GOD RESPECTS the free will decision of every individual while some are playing little god in the lives of others.

IT IS YOUR DECISION –IT IS YOUR LIFE!

WHY WE DO NOT PRACTICE SPEAKING OF TONGUES

SPEAKING OF TONGUES is no longer a legitimate spiritual gift in our present age for several reasons:

The only purpose of speaking of tongues as revealed in the Scripture is as sign for the unbelieving Jews. [Acts 2:5-8, 36,41 10:9-48, 19:1-7, Mark 16:15-18].

The gift of tongues was not meant to continue throughout the history of the Church [Study 1 Corinthians 13 & 14]. The apostle Paul did not mention or name the gift of tongues in his two last epistles [Rom. 12 and Eph. 4].

Tongues are not the sign of baptism of the Spirit because all believers have been baptized with the Spirit at the point of salvation [Study 1 Corinthians 12 & 13]. Those who ask for it do not receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and there is no command for us to seek for it.

Tongues are not the biblical method of Christian growth. Tongues are never mentioned after 1 Corinthians. We can grow only through continues intake of Bible doctrine.

We cannot use the Corinthians church as model for speaking of tongues when in reality Paul corrected their deceitful mistakes. Tongues are not exclusive domain of Christianity. Majority of the pagan and cultic religion practice the speaking of tongues.

Speaking of tongues is not the mark of spiritual maturity. Christ commanded Christians to bear fruits that remain [John 15:16]. Tongues are temporal gifts and now a history [1 Corinthians 13:8]. Speaking of tongues is not church edifying spiritual gift but only the one speaking [1 Corinthians 14:14].

Speaking of tongues is not the basis of Christian unity. The basis of our unity is spiritual- that is Christ and His Work on the cross for the entire humanity. We are united in the Blood of Christ and not by political and mystical unity invented by men.

Speaking of tongues in the Scripture is not babbling of unknown words but well understood by those who heard it [1 Corinthians 14].

Speaking of tongues is divisive. It has buried many local churches that broke apart. Instead of building up- it divine and destroy.

Speaking of tongues is diverting the focus of the believers away from God and away from His Bible doctrine. Only Christ is the center of our spiritual life and ministry not tongues.

Speaking of tongues is a minor and unimportant doctrine that does not have basis for our generation. The Lord Jesus Christ did not command us to speak in tongues. There is no verse in the Bible that command to practice speaking of tongues.

Speaking of tongues is dangerous since the deceitful spirits are using it for advancement of satanic lies [1 Timothy 4:1, 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12]

Speaking of tongues is not the proper way to glorify Jesus Christ but through consistent study of Bible doctrine and spiritual advancement toward spiritual maturity. We glorify God by receiving blessings that results from spiritual maturity.

Speaking of tongues is the least among the spiritual gift.

ALCOHOLISM

DRINKING alcoholic beverage is an ancient issue in the human race. The Bible issued neither a license to drink nor a command to abstain. The Bible comments on the correct and incorrect use of alcohol along with its many variables.

ALCOHOL is toxic, destructive, a curse and detrimental when used as escape from reality or for licentious purposes.

ALCOHOL is a blessing, helpful, and beneficial when used for various medicinal purposes. It is good for the dying person when used as depressant to produce sedation [Proverbs 31:6-7]

It improves blood circulation and it stimulates the appetite of the older person [Psalm 104:15, 1 Timothy 5:23].

The condemnation of drunkenness not the alcohol itself or the drinking per se is classified as sin [Proverbs 23:30, Isaiah 5:11, Romans 13:13].

HABITUAL drunkenness incapacitates anyone, rich and poor alike, but especially those in temporal authority like government, military leadership and other authority [Proverbs 31:4-5]. Those in spiritual authority like pastors and deacons [1 Timothy 3:8].

SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE THAT APPLIED TO DRINKING:

The principle of expediency: The saint should never drink where drinking becomes an issue to the unbeliever.

The principle of love: The believer should refrain from drinking so as not to lead weaker believer astray.

The principle of supreme sacrifice: The believer is warned not to drink when his life is completely dedicated to a specific church ministry, mission, and spiritual leadership.

The principle of liberty: The believer must exercise his spiritual freedom to drink or not to drink with respect to Bible doctrine.

Some adverse effects of alcohol:

Drunkenness leads to irresponsible, abusive, impulsive behavior. Alcohol is a depressant rather than a stimulant.

Drunkenness cooperates with old sinful nature to lower Biblical standard and thereby lowering our resistance to sin.

Habitual drunkenness can cause certain conditions and numerous kinds of diseases.

National level alcoholism contributes to the execution of 5th cycles of national discipline for Israel [Isaiah 28:1-9, Joel 1:4-].

National level alcoholism and carnality were twin factors that trigger the wrath of God against Judah [Jeremiah 13:12-17].

Drunkenness is just a waste of money, time and energy. It is classified as sin in the Bible.

Avoid the danger of being filled with alcohol that destroyed your focus and concentration on Christ [Ephesians 5:18].

The habitual drunk believer fails to use the grace provision for learning and applying Bible doctrine. He fails to use the divine resources for spiritual growth and maturity.

Christ did not advocate social drink when He turned water into wine [John 2:1-11] since wine was part of their daily meal. The real issue is WHO AND WHAT CHRIST IS and not the wine.

IDOLATRY

IDOLATRY is the giving of honor, worship, adoration and veneration, any form of devotion, reverence, respect, and praise to any person or anything other than God.

IDOLATRY is anything that occupies the FIRST PLACE in a person's KARDIA or soul and succeeds to dislodge God's Lordship to be the seat of a creature or something.

An idolatrous act is committed when a person exhibits respect, admiration, adulation, devotion or love for some body or something, taking the place of Christ in the life of a person.

IDOLATRY is as old as the Devil. The modern form of idolatry is nothing but the revival of some ancient forms. The first to be mentioned in the Bible as temple of idolatry was built by Nimrod 400 years after the flood [Genesis 10:8-12, 114]. The god of Nimrod was also worshiped in some other names as MARDUK, SHAMASH, BAAL, BUL and BEL.

During the reign of NABOPOLASSAR, the emperor of the New Babylon, the city known for its 53 temples of gods and 180 altar to SUN-god ISTAR.

In the Old and New Testament Israel, the gods of EGYPTIAN, BABYLONIAN, ASSYRIAN CHALDEAN, MEDES, MACEDONIAN, PERSIAN, GREEKS and ROMANS took various modification and changes. New names and facelifts were added.

Several religious sects appeared in Israel with ancient gods with new names and in their new forms. It was the Romans

who internationalized many of the ancient gods in their new forms and names.

For example, the Babylonian god BAAL was also called MARDUK, BEL, and BUL by the Israelites. The CHALDEANS called it SHAMASH. The Greeks called it ZEUS or JUPITER. The Romans called it ST. PETER.

The Babylonian god ASHTORETH was renamed ASTARTE by the Greeks and Romans. The SIDONIAN (Nineveh) called it ASHTOROTH. The PHONICIAN called it THE LADY OF THE SEA, while the Romans called it THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN.

4 TYPES OF MAN-MADE IMAGES:

1. The assumed representation of the true God
2. The assumed representation of earthly material gods
3. The assumed representation of heavenly or supernatural gods
4. The assumed representation of other entities that are venerated because of the person they represent.

For God's commandments concerning idolatry, study Exodus 20:4-5, and Deuteronomy. 5:6-9, and also Isaiah 45:20.

For God's distress call against the act of idolatry, study Deuteronomy 4:16-20, 29:16-17, Leviticus 19:4, 26:1, Ezekiel 22:3-4, Galatians 5:20-21.

Studying the following text will be a great help for refuting the teaching and practice of idolatry: Isaiah 44:9-20, 45:16, Jeremiah 10:1-15, Hosea 8:4, 13:2, Romans 1:17-22, Ezekiel 14:6, Acts 17:29, Colossians 3:5 and Revelation 21:8.

IDOLS ARE NOTHING and the worship of idols is actually the worship of Satan behind the idols [1 Corinthians 10:20-21].

THE IMPORTANCE OF HOUSE VISITATION

The Greek verb *επισκεπτομαι* translated in English as TO VISIT, which means to inspect, to look upon or to exercise oversight. It signifies four things:

- a. TO VISIT - with the help of divine action [Acts 15:14, Hebrews 2:6].
- b. TO GO AND SEE –meaning to pay a short visit [Acts 7:23, 15:36].
- c. TO LOOK OUT for certain men for a purpose [Acts 6:3]
- d. TO VISIT THE SICK AND AFFLICTED [Matthew 25:36, 46 James 1:27].

VISITATION (*επισκοπε* –EPISKOPE) that could mean INSPECTION by God for the purpose of rewarding, blessing [1 Peter 2:12], or punishing, or for the judgment His people for their deeds.

There are two primary Divine visitations –FIRST: the visitations of God for the purpose of blessing the believer [Genesis 50:24, Ruth 1:6].

SECOND: The visitation of God for the purpose of punishment [Jeremiah 5:9 and Lamentations 4:22].

Jesus Christ visited (inspected) the homes of his disciples FOR ONLY ONE PURPOSE and that are to preach the Word of God. His visitation was to preach the Gospel and the Word of God- NOT TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL OR worship service.

THE HOMES were often the venues of His proclamation of Gospel since there were no church building for preaching and teaching the Word of God.

The only purpose of house visitation is for preaching and teaching the Word of God –not for raising funds.

The apostle Paul visited homes for the purpose of preaching and teaching the Word of God.

Today, in areas where we have church building as the proper venue for preaching and teaching Bible doctrine, our gathering and coming for fellowship is a matter of free will volition [Hebrews 10:24-25]. We are responsible to exercise our volition.

Every believer is under obligation and responsibility for himself to grow and mature spiritually. Because we are mandated by the Word of God not to neglect our gathering for the fellowship in the Word-there is no need to invite the members.

House visitation is for the physically sick and afflicted church members who cannot come to church venue- not for lazy and negative volition church members.

The pastor and the church leaders are not mandated by God's Word to keep visiting the church members in routine basis. The New Evangelicals not the Lord Jesus Christ or any of His disciples invented House visitation. They are using it for monkey business [2 Timothy 3:1-6].

Fetching church members to attend the regular worship services is like forcing a bull to drink water when it is not thirsty. Visiting female church members in unholy hours in unholy situation is very dangerous for any pastor.

Those who are ignorant of Bible doctrine and especially the emotional are very fun of visitation because they feel accepted and recognized.

WHY WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE ANY MODERN DAY PROPHETS

400 YEARS before the birth of Christ (400 B.C.) no true prophets of God appeared for the following reasons:

The entire Old Testament has been written and its books were made available as guide for God's people. It was God's will that a period of about 400 years should lapse between the prophecies of the Messiah and His actual (first) coming.

The cessation of New Testament prophecy came when this portion (NT) of God's Word was completed in 69 A.D. The completion of the Canon of the New Testament explained the absent of prophecy in the post-Canon Church Age.

In the early Church Age, men were called prophets only in the extended sense of presenting the people of God truths received from careful study of the Bible doctrine. Not truth received by direct revelation from God.

PURPOSES OF PROPHECY in the Old Testament:

1. Rebuke and encouragement to the people of God (Isaiah 1:31-2:5).
2. Revelation of facts about God and his creation.
3. Advance or information as to the action to be taken on a specific occasion [Isaiah 7:5-8, Jeremiah 38:17-21]
4. Authentication of a divinely appointed political or spiritual leader [1 Samuel 3:19-21, Jeremiah 38:15-17].
5. Laying a foundation for the climax of all the divine activities in the future work of Christ [Isaiah 7:14, 52:13-53:12].

TEST FOR OT PROPHETS:

1. A true prophet must speak in the name of the Lord [Deut. 18:20-22]. He spoke what he was told to speak.
2. A true prophet may produce a sign or wonder [Deut. 13:1-2].
3. The prediction given by a true prophet may be visibly consummated [Jeremiah 28:13 and Isaiah 44:28, 45:13].
4. The prophecy of a true prophet is in conformity with the previous revelation [Deut. 13:1-5, Galatians 1:8].

FALSE PROPHETS were men predicted or prophesied in the name of a false god or idol [Jeremiah 2:8, 23:13]. False prophets are men who falsely claimed to receive messages from the Lord [1 Kings 22].

False prophets are men who ceased to be true prophets of God because of material benefits they gained or because of compromise with false and twisted doctrine they upholds [1 Kings 13].

False prophets are teaching another Jesus and another salvation. They have another faith and another gospel. They glorify and exalt men above God. They honor men above the Lord.

The modern day false prophets are worse than the Old Testament false prophets in the sense that they are greedier, devious, wicked in many aspects. They are excellent deceiver and liars that their very words are regarded as the word of God.

YES INDEED! We have prophets today and they are 100% false prophets of Satan, men who reverse the Word of God for their own gains.

THE ANTICHRIST & THE ANTICHRISTS

ANTICHRIST (πσευδοχρηστω) refers to a person who denies Jesus Christ as God and Savior of all men. The term is found only in John's epistles, which can mean: AGAINST CHRIST –one who opposes Christ or INSTEAD OF CHRIST – one who assumes the guise of Christ. There is a great difference between ANTICHRIST and ANTICHRIST.

ANTICHRIST refers to the various forerunners of the Antichrist himself. There are four categories of antichrists in the world today:

A PERSON WHO IS AGAINST CHRIST refers to anyone who rejected Christ from personal conviction, deceived by erroneous doctrines, evil scheming or enticed by antichrists movements. They are antagonistic, negative and critical toward God and His plan of grace.

They are enslaved by established and legalistic religion. They are enslaved by some distorted idealism, church rituals and traditions, or by demonic power.

A PERSON WHO PROFESS TO KNOW GOD BUT REJECTS CHRIST refers to the professing believers without true relationship with God. They are the wolves in sheep clothing, replacing Christ with another Jesus. They replaced Bible doctrine with another gospel, and the true salvation with another faith.

They are enslaved to humanistic social gospel. They accept the secularization of the church with all kinds of modern and liberal humanistic views. They are open to ecumenism, liberalism, and to all kinds of new teachings. The local churches are infiltrated with their new ideology without knowing it.

A SAVED PERSON WHO IGNORES THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST in his life [1 John 2:8-11] refers to carnal believer who ignores the Lordship.

They are ignorant of Bible doctrine and always running ahead of God. They are walking against the will of God in every way and all the way. They reject the plan of God and substitute it with their own plan.

A PERSON WHO CLAIMED TO KNOW CHRIST BUT OPENLY OPPOSES HIM refers to those who made decision to reject and replace Christ with someone else. They are the religious leaders who are deceiving and misleading people. They are satanic emissaries who hinder the preaching of the true Gospel and persecute believers.

THE ANTICHRIST (πσευδοχρηστω) will appeared during the Great Tribulation and refers to the evil power that already operates anticipatively of the Antichrist [1 John 4:3]. He is the first Beast [Revelation 13:1-10], the man of sin [2 Thessalonians 2:3-4].

He is the false Christ of the Great Tribulation who will not deny the existence of Christ, but will trade upon the very expectation of Christ Second coming, affirming that he is the true Christ.

He is Antichrist theologically because he will claim to be God himself [2 Thessalonians 2:4]. He is Antichrist politically because he will attempt to rule the whole world. He is Antichrist satanically because he will use and prosper in satanic power.

The ANTICHRISTS could be anybody who reject and ignore Christ. The Antichrist is one and only person of the Tribulation whose triple imperfection is symbolize by 666 [Revelation 13:18].

APOSTASY

THERE ARE 5 categories of APOSTASY (APOSTASIA: *αποστασία* = falling away) in the Scripture:

FALLING AWAY AS TO REJECT THE PERSON OF CHRIST (1 John 2:19, 4:6) refers to a person who does not depart from where he is, but standing away – having chosen from the beginning to stay away, not to believe instead of believing.

This refers to those who would reject Christ not to the saved persons who would depart [2 Thessalonians 2:3, Acts 21:21].

FALLING AWAY AS IN LIVING A LIFE OF SIN THAT DENIES THE FAITH: This is in reference to believers who have been enlightened, tasted the goodness of the Lord but turn away from faith. It involves the deliberate shifting of the KARDIA from partial obedience to total disobedience. The issue here is not salvation but the lost opportunity to spiritual maturity [Hebrews 6:4-8].

It is IMPOSSIBLE TO RENEW THEM AGAIN TO REPENTANCE. It indicates several things: The statement is an unclear translation of a Greek philosophical language.

The believer cannot lose his salvation, because it is based on the essence of God not on wavering faith [2 Timothy 2:11-13]. Our salvation is the finished Work of God, there is nothing to add and there is nothing to change.

The believer in this context decided NOT TO REBOUND or changes his mind. God respects that decision and executes the divine discipline of SIN UNTO DEATH [Hebrews 10:26, 1 Corinthians 11:28-32].

APOSTASY will cause the execution of painful SIN UNTO DEATH [2 Peter 2:20-22] against the carnal believer.

SIN UNTO DEATH means the painful preservation of the soul, but the destruction of the body [1 Corinthians 5:5, 1 Timothy 1:20].

FALLING AWAY AS IN TIMES OF SUDDEN MATERIAL PROSPERITY [1 Timothy 6:9-10] refers to immature or carnal believers who have been engulfed with the blessing of the world system, and deliberately choosing to fall away from faith.

The believer finds “happiness” in his prosperity, success, power, wealth and glory. The believer thinks that he has found security in the material things. The believer in this category will rebound after God has removed his most treasured wealth and success.

FALLING AWAY AS WHEN UNDER THE GREAT PERSECUTION [Matthew 24:9-13] refers to persecution under the Great Tribulation.

FALLING AWAY FROM DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT BIBLE TEACHING [John 6:60, 66] refers to those who cannot accept the truth of the Scripture, both the unbelievers and believers.

The unbeliever does not fall away from the faith because they are outside the plan and will of God.

The so-called BACKSLIDING is NEVER falling away from the faith BECAUSE OF SOMEONE’S character or evil deeds but BECAUSE OF HIS NEGATIVE MENTAL ATTITUDE toward God and toward His Word.

We do not fall away because of someone but because of our negative mental attitude and rejection of the truth.

WHAT IS TIME?

GOD IS LIFE and His life is eternal life [Jeremiah 10:10, 1 Thessalonians 1:19]. There never was a time when God did not live. The eternal God is the caused and origin of time. He invented time for man. God is not subject to time.

TIME IS FINITE which consists of duration and succession. Eternity is infinite which has duration without succession and eternity is infinite duration.

GOD IS INFINITE and has duration only. Man is finite having duration and succession while in the world. The human life is but a temporal duration and succession.

GOD TRANSCENDS TIME as well as all creation. God always accomplishes in time WHAT HAS TO BE DONE in time as part of plan of grace. There is nothing to add or subtract from the plan of God. The plan of God for man in time includes the variations of blessing and adversity.

TIME IS A LINE OF PROCEDURE as far as man's perspective is concerned. Eternity is beyond human natural perception – since God is not the subject of time [Deuteronomy 32:40, Psalm 90:2, 102:27, 1 Corinthians 2:7]. God uses time for the benefits and advantage of the believers in the world. Our eternal life has two phases:

First: ETERNAL LIFE IN TIME. God gives us one day at a time to live. A portion of which belongs to Him for our learning of his Word.

Second: ETERNAL LIFE IN HEAVEN. By the effects of ultimate sanctification all believers' will received their glorified resurrected bodies designed for eternal fellowship with God.

5 REASONS WHY GOD INVENTED TIME:

1. For our orderly systematic existence in the world.
2. For our convenience and comfortable existence.
3. So that God could manifest His eternal life to us.
4. For believers to exercise their royal priesthood-ambassador functions in Christ.
5. For believers to reach spiritual maturity and become qualified to receive blessings in time and eternity and thereby glorify God by receiving such blessing.

The believer must walk as a WISE MAN and make use of their time by consistent study of Bible doctrine [Ephesians 5:15-16].

Basic giving is GIVING OF TIME in true worship, service, prayer, grace giving and in others expression of worship.

Since the generosity and faithfulness of God is giving us time, therefore we must give time back to God.

REDEEMING THE TIME or making the most of your time is a mental attitude of the believer dominantly occupied with the person of Jesus Christ- It is using God's given time TO KNOW GOD THROUGH HIS BIBLE DOCTRINE.

It is the intrinsic ability of the soul saturated with Bible doctrine to keep focus on Christ. It is not from the natural determination or human will or sincerity to know God but the over-flowing virtue personal love toward God.

Redeeming the time is a choice between enjoying the pleasure of the world [miseries] and the pleasure of knowing Christ [Ephesians 5:16a and Colossians 4:5b].

BASIC MARKS OF A FALSE PROPHETS AND TEACHERS

THEY REJECT the authority of the Scripture [1 Peter 1:12, 2 Peter 1:20-21]. Some agreed with the infallibility of the Scripture but honors their religious leaders above the word of God.

Some partially rejected the authority of the Word and at the time recognizes the authority of their leaders above the Scripture. Some totally reject the authority of the Word and accept nothing but the authority of their leaders or gods.

THEY REJECT HERMENEUTICS or the science that deals with the principles. They interpret the Scripture without going through the process of historical, categorical and exegetical studies [1 Corinthians 2:6-8, 10-14].

They interpret the Scripture from ignorance [1 Timothy 1:7, Hosea 4:6-9, James 3:1-5] and from arrogance [Philippians 1:15-17, 1 Timothy 5:22, 2 Timothy 3:6-7].

THEY REJECT BIBLICAL DOCTRINE and the systematic theology.

THEY ADAPT MAN-MADE DOCTRINES without examining them [1 Timothy 1:3-4, 2 Timothy 4:4].

THEY PRACTICE SOME RELIGIOUS pattern and legalistic mannerism in their services and worship [Galatians 4:7-10, 2:16, Colossians 2:8].

THEY ARE PREACHING A DIFFERENT JESUS [Colossians 2:8].THEY ARE PROCLAIMING ANOTHER GOSPEL with another way of salvation [2 Corinthians 11:4].THEY

EMPHASIZE FEELINGS OVER TRUTH, emotion over Bible doctrine.

THEY HAVE MYSTICAL method of receiving "TRUTH" like from their so called conversation with God or seeing vision or direct revelation from God [Jeremiah 5:31, 14:14, 23:1, 16:21].

THEY HAVE SPIRITUAL WANTONING- that is the desire to be known as 'great man of God" [Jude 16-17].

THEY SUBSTITUTE their man-made teachings to the truth of the Bible. THEY HAVE A VERY STRONG desire to do great things "for God" [James 4:6].

THEY ARE BUILDING THEIR OWN kingdom and not the kingdom of God [Jeremiah 45:5]. THEY ARE ABUSER OF AUTHORITY for most of them were not called to the ministry.

THEY LORD OVER THEIR FLOCKS -they called themselves servants of God but they are dictators [1 Peter 5:3].

THEY ARE MEN-PLEASERS and friends of the world [Galatians 1:10].

THEY ARE DECEITFUL WORKERS, and blind leaders [2 Corinthians 11:13].

THEY ARE LOVERS OF MONEY. They condemn their member for greediness that enslaves them [1 Timothy 6:9-10, 19].

THEY ARE SOLICITING FOR SO MANY OFFERINGS, love gifts, donations, pledges, contributions and fund raising all in the name of God.

THEY PRESSURE AND compel people to give, to serve or do something apart from their free will volition.

THE CROSS OF JESUS

THE CROSS (STAUROS- σταυρος) was instrument of death. Death by crucifixion originated somewhere in the East. Alexander the Great learned of it from the Persians. The SPQR borrowed the idea from the PHOENICIANS through CARTHAGE and perfected it as a means of capital punishment.

THE ROMANS reserved crucifixion for slaves, assassins, and for those who committed heinous crime like rebellion and sedition against the SPQR. Only rarely were Roman citizens subjected to this kind of treatment.

Upon receiving the death sentence the condemned person was flogged with Roman's lashes or a whip loaded with sharp metal, bones and stones. He was then required to shoulder the cross bar upon which he was extended and carry to the place of his crucifixion.

At the crucifixion site he was stripped and tied or nailed to the cross bar, which then was fastened to an upright post. A projecting peg gave the condemned a place to sit his feet to relieve the strain on his arms. Death therefore was slow in coming, except when it was hurried by soldiers breaking the crucified man's leg [John 19:31].

Crucifixion was abhorrent to the Jews [1 Corinthians 1:23, Galatians 3:13], as much to the Romans (CICERO, in Verses 1, 5, 66). The Jews considered crucified men accursed by God [Deuteronomy 21:22-23].

In the New Testament, when the term STAUROS (cross) refers to Jesus Christ the term has both a literal and figurative meaning.

LITERALLY, it meant the physical instrument by which Jesus was put to death [John 19:17, 20:25, Matthew 27:35 and 2 Corinthians 13:4].

FIGURATIVELY, the cross of Jesus became the mark of God's redemptive action in history. It was symbolic of the means God employed for releasing into the world a power that is sufficient to save men for good [1 Corinthians 1:18].

Since the cross was reserved for the criminals, it symbolized the sufferings and humiliation Jesus endured with joy for the Royal Family of God [Hebrews 12:2]. It indicates the depths to which He was willing to go to lift up the worst and lowest of men.

JESUS' CROSS- also stood as the symbol of God's unique purpose for Him [Acts 2:23, Matthew 16:21, John 18:11]. The is a METONYM FOR HIS MISSION, a symbol both of God the Father will for Jesus Christ and His voluntary submission to the will and purpose of God.

In relation to Christ, the literal and the figurative cross has spiritual meaning to us His beneficiaries. THERE WAS ONLY ONE CROSS-where He died and the cross that saved us through His death.

THE CROSS-IS JUST THE INSTRUMENT NOT THE CAUSE AND SOURCE OF REDEMPTION. JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY CAUSE AND SOURCE OF SALVATION.

The cross is just like the electric chair or lethal injection today. Wearing a cross as in pendant is like wearing an electric chair.

The Lord Jesus Christ did not remain on the cross. He was buried but rose from the death. To depict Him still hanging on a cross is to say that He did not rise from the death -and that is blasphemy.

AN IDOLATROUS CROSS

IN ONE of the military campaign of Israel to free EDOM from heathenism, they became impatient of the terrible journey and so they grumbled against God [Numbers 21:4-5].

THE LORD sent fiery serpents to bit the Hebrews, so that many of them died. They asked Moses to intercede and the Lord told Moses to make a bronze serpent, mounted it on a standard (a measuring rod) for every one to see. Everyone who was bitten but looked at the bronze serpent did not die [Numbers 21:6-9].

NUMBERS 21:8 was an exemption of EXODUS 20:4 for several reasons: The Hebrews repented prior to the making of the bronze serpent.

The purpose of the bronze serpent was to remove the effect of poisonous VENUM in the bodies of those bitten by snakes.

The bronze serpent was to serve as a reminder of their disobedience and the resulting divine discipline (their death) [1 Corinthians 10:9].

The bronze serpent was not designed to be an object of worship. No personal faith was involved in the part of those who were bitten, but only obedience to take a look.

100 YEARS later, Hezekiah broke into pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made. For almost 100 years, the Israelites burn incense to it. The idol was called NEHUSHTAN, the name given by King Hezekiah [2 Kings 18:4].

There was no time in the history of Israel that they did not worship idols.

They were never free from attraction of idols worship. When they went out of Egypt, they brought the idols of their Egyptian masters and worshipped them [Joshua 24:14, Ezekiel 20:8-18, 23:3-8].

The worship of idols was an abomination to the protagonists of Hebrew monotheism. The prohibition against idolatry found expression in the Decalogue [Exodus 20:4] that forbade the representation of God in any form. The commandment was not an attack to artists or sculptors but on the idolaters.

To worship idols to go a-whoring after other gods, therefore idolatry was described as adultery [Hosea 1:2,9:1, Ezekiel 16:15-17, 23].

Idolatry degrades both God and man. It denies the existence of the only true God whose glory cannot be adequately captured in any tangible form. A visible representation of the deity tends to restrict a person's concept of God, for he will base his concept of God, consciously or unconsciously upon the image or idol.

The crucifix or cross is lifeless, powerless and cold. It cannot bring hope or real comfort to anyone. It cannot drive away demons or spiritual beings since they are not threaten by material objects that have no power.

If Hezekiah destroyed the bronze serpent because the Israelites offered incense to it, then all the assumed representation of the true God must be destroyed also.

Anything can be an object of worship whenever a person ascribe to it any form of adoration, veneration, praise, worship, reverence and honor that truly belongs only to God.

CARRYING YOUR CROSS DAILY

THE cross was used also of the followers of Jesus Christ, both literally and figuratively.

LITERALLY, because crucifixion was a frequent occurrence and the spectacle of condemned men carrying their crosses to the place of execution was very common. Christ's words about taking up the cross daily and following Him must first of all have been interpreted literally.

These words must have been understood as a prediction of the same physical means of death for His disciples. It was fulfilled in the early Church early history [Matthew 23:34, Romans 5:3].

METAPHORICALLY, it was for Christ, the symbol of our sacrifice that His followers must bear the cross [Mark 8:34-35].

TO BEAR THE CROSS means a growing progressive life under the control of the Holy Spirit- that is to reside inside the plan, will and purpose of God.

TO DENY SELF means to live and function under the power of the Holy Spirit and to reject the leadership or dictatorship of the old sinful nature.

THE CROSS- means the will, the plan, and the purpose of God for every regenerated believer. The cross is not our personal problems, self-made miseries, poverty, injustice, hardship in life.

TO TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND TO DENY YOURSELF is to live under the power of the Holy Spirit and to accept the leadership of the Holy Spirit in all aspects of your life while advancing toward the goal of SPIRITUAL MATURITY, which is the will of God.

If in the experience of Jesus the cross was a metonym for His mission (death on the cross), the believer is called upon to do the will, the plan, and purpose of God in positive volition.

The cross symbolizes His life under the will of the Father. The cross has become a symbol of full obedience and positive volition for the Lord Jesus.

The bearing of literal cross has nothing to do with repentance or obedience, humiliation, self-sacrifice of the person doing it for God. God despise it no matter how sincere it maybe.

There is no need to imitate the cross- bearing of Christ, because we cannot duplicate His redemptive work on the cross. God the Father accepted His once and for all sacrifice not because of the cross but because of He is the One and only God-Man.

If Christ would die today to redeem men, He will die by lethal injection or by electric chair. Then, some people will be wearing a miniature lethal injection or of an electric chair.

THE CROSS-DOES NOT SYMBOLIZES CHRISTIANITY BUT CRIMINALITY, NOT SALVATION BUT DECEPTION, NOT THE POWER OF GOD BUT POWER OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE.

The cross of Calvary must be printed in the soul of every regenerated saint not in any where in the house. The house is not a believer- Jesus did not die for the house.

It nice to see crosses of many variations in the cemetery – since it symbolizes death not life.

The cross of the believer is to do the will and purpose of God. The cross of every believer is invisible but glorious. The result is far greater than anything in this world –the glorification of God in time and in eternity.

CHURCH HOPPING

A NEW TREND IN SELECTING A LOCAL CHURCH has arise not base on doctrinal position but for many humanistic reasons. People hop from one church to another looking for their most perfect church.

PEOPLE GO FOR CHURCH SYTLE OF WORSHIP – worship that satisfies their carnal senses, emotion and ego. They ignored the theology of worship as long as it exalts the worshipers rather than exalting God. The name, denomination, doctrines and leadership are not important to many ignorant churchgoers. They go for church that has sensational worship.

PEOPLE GO FOR CHURCH THAT PROMOTES UNITY OF ALL CHURCHES. In the late 70s the compromise of many churches was in the issue of soul winning. In the 80s was in the issue of mission work. Churches then joined and cooperate with the task of soul winning and mission regardless of their doctrinal stands.

Today the compromise is the area of unification of all churches –that is ecumenism. Churches today are all unified in church style of worship that leaves out Bible doctrine and God.

Churches today are music centered and man-centered. Music and the so-called music ministers have dethroned God and have taken away the role of the preacher. Pastors are now taking the role of praise and worship leaders.

PEOPLE GO FOR CHURCH THAT THE ONLY ACCEPTANCE IS ATTENDANCE. The gauge of success in the churches today is big attendance. Big crowd is the bait that keeps people coming back.

Big attendance is the center of their success. The gimmick is how to make the attendance keep growing climbing and

increasing regardless of teaching and leadership. They care less about Biblical rejection and doctrinal heresy or massive corruption.

PEOPLE GO FOR CHURCH WITH HUMAN LEVEL OF PERCEPTION. People go for easy to understand Bible, easy to understand messages that are always out of context. Such people are hypnotized not think and search the validity of the teaching.

PEOPLE GO FOR CHURCH THAT ENTERTAINS rather than edify the body of Christ. They sacrifice the Truth for performances centered worship.

PEOPLE GO FOR CHURCH WITH MULTI LEVEL PROGRAMS FOR EVERYONE. They have something for everybody. There are endless activities for the whole year.

PEOPLE GO FOR CHURCH WHERE THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE DOING. They are sincere and faithful but they are sincerely and faithfully wrong. If only they will come to the point of realization that what they are doing are wrong.

PEOPLE GO FOR CHURCH THAT GIVE WAY TO THE CLAMORING OF THE PEOPLE. The leaders are listening to the demands and requests of the people.

PEOPLE GO FOR THE CHURCH WHERE THE PREACHING IS ALWAYS MAN-CENTERED AND GOOD FOR THE EARS.

PEOPLE GO FOR THE CHURCH WITH DYNAMIC MAN- PLEASING PASTORS.

If the Lord Jesus and the apostles are here today, they will not make the mistake of going to any of these local churches.

IDENTIFYING THE CULTS

A CULT is a group of people, which claiming to be Christians embraces a particular doctrinal system taught by an individual or group of leaders, which denies one or more of the central doctrines of the Christian faith.

A CULT is a deviant group from orthodox Christianity that deviates from one or more of the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith.

A CULT is professing Christianity but denies and rejects the major doctrines of the Bible. The cults are professing Christians. Islam and Buddhism for example are not cults because they never claimed or called themselves as Christians.

The major cults in our country are the Jehovah's witnesses, the Mormons, the New Age movement, the Moonies, the Freemasons, the Christian Science, the SDA, the INC, the RC and most of the Full Gospels and Charismatic groups.

The cults deny intensely or cleverly some or all of the doctrines of the Christian faith while at the same time profess themselves as Christians. The cults normally have a dogmatic and legalistic leadership structure with a closed ecclesiastical system.

The cults have some secrecy about their leadership personalities and people behind, organizational system, dogmatic teachings, and meetings.

The cults openly or clandestinely deny salvation by grace through faith alone.

They undermine the saving work of the Lord Jesus Christ by requiring additional works or co-operation effort. The cults are reducing the absolute authority and sufficiency of Scripture. They expressly accuse the Bible of containing errors.

The cults are using the Christian vocabulary-but they mean different things. The cults redefined biblical terms with different meaning for their own gains and benefits. The cults have their own exclusive belief system and practices.

The cults by large, rejects and denies the doctrine of eternal punishment. Some says that hell and its fire is not literal fire or punishment. Some are teaching universalism -that all will be saved at the end. Some are teaching annihilation-that God will destroy into nothing. They teach that there is no conscious eternal suffering.

The cults emphasis on direct revelation or vision from God and that God spoke to their leaders. The cults claimed signs and wonders in various forms. Some claims that they have raise a large numbers of genuine Christians from the death.

The cults put strong appeal to the false knowledge of the future. Because of widespread ignorance of the Bible, many are attracted to the one who seems to know what is ahead and are able to convincingly promote it. The cults thrive on their inaccurate prophecies of the future events.

According to the record of the major cults groups, majority of their converts are from mainline denomination churches who are ignorant of the Christian doctrines.

Let us take the warning of Hosea 4:6 seriously and take the radical steps to prepare for spiritual battle ahead of us [Ephesians 6:10-18]. We must be vigilance and discerning [1 Peter 4:7-8] proving all things related to our faith [1 Thessalonians 5:21].

MONEY

MONEY was designed as medium of exchange. Coined money was unknown until the middle of 7th century B.C. Before the invention of coins, gold and silver metal was measured in terms of ingots or rings.

CROESUS king of LYDIA was the first to preserve his money in form of coins. When CYRUS the Great captured LYDIA, he adopted the concept of coinage. CYRUS spread the concept throughout the Persian Empire and beyond.

Monetary transactions are a legitimate function of life. Barter trading was not only burdensome but also inaccurate in transacting the values of goods. Money makes life easier and better in many aspects [Genesis 23:9, Jeremiah 32:44]. Money at this point is a useful servant and effective tool.

The giving of money is an expression of the believer's royal priesthood [Hebrews 13:15-16, 1 Corinthians 16:2, 2 Corinthians 8-9]. It replaces the animal sacrifices and offerings of the Old Testament believers.

MONEY HAS NO CREDIT WITH GOD- meaning to say, the amount we give is not the issue, but the mental attitude of the believer in giving [Proverbs 11:4, 13:7, 11].

The love of money is the head of the materialism lust and slavery to details of life [Matthew 6:24, Luke 16:9, 11]. The desire for money is very perilous for any believer.

NO AMOUNT OF MONEY can purchase the salvation of our souls –the Lord Jesus paid for it in full by His blood (that is his spiritual death), so that we can live for God [Mark 8:36-37, 1 Peter 1:8-19].

THE LOVE OF MONEY can cause the rich man to put his trust in the wrong things [Mark 10:23-25]. It can hinder the unbeliever from seeking salvation [Luke 16:19-31].

The love of money can become part of slavery to the details of life [Ecclesiastes 5:10-6:2]. The love of money will become the root of kinds of evil in the soul of a person [1 Timothy 6:6-12,17-19].

Money can destroy the grace orientation of a believer and contribute to his carnality and reversion of his mental attitude [Acts 5:1-10, James 4:14-5:6].

Money can be a source of deceit [Jude 11, Numbers 22-23]. Money at this point has become a cruel master and a dangerous enemy.

MONEY IS NOT THE MEANS OF HAPPINESS. For the believer there is no happiness from the details of life, including money. The believer's happiness is built on his progressive advancement and growth toward spiritual maturity.

MONEY IS NEVER THE MEANS OF SECURITY. Grace provides a security for which there is no substitute [Matthew 6:24-33]. Money has wings and it can fly away. Money cannot guarantee anything. God is the best security in life He guarantees everything.

Few can pass the test of prosperity for money can easily change the mental attitude of a person –for the worst.

Money cannot buy salvation, happiness love, spirituality, stability, tranquility and the grace of God.

Some, instead of using their money and loving people are actually, loving their money and using people.

NATIONAL DEGENERATION

DEGENERATION is the process of spiritual deterioration of a nation, which leads to the loss of national identity. God uses armed conflicts to execute the highest degree of divine discipline to a nation, which continually reject His plan, purpose and will.

THE 5 CYCLES OF DIVINE DISCIPLINE:

ONE. National spread of diseases and big percentage of the population are in decaying health status. There is a brisk decline in agricultural prosperity. There is terror and fear everywhere –the government is disabled to control the raising criminality. There is steady death in combat, and loss of personal freedom.

TWO. There is a repeated economic recession and depression. The market is falsely stabilizes by the government. There is an increasing personal and national discipline because of continuous negative volition.

THREE. There is a widespread violence and breakdown of law and order. There is disorder everywhere starting from the high-ranking government officials to the poorest of the poor. There is also a chain of national disasters. The nation as a whole is very insecure.

The insecure husbands will result to insecure wives. Insecure parents results to insecure children. Insecure children produce an insecure generation. Insecure generation will demands security from insecure government. Insecure officials will offer entitlements to insecure people.

Insecure generation becomes arrogant people who are divorced from divine establishment and divine institutions.

Insecure generation becomes slaves to false theories and human viewpoints. They resolve to breaking the family system and trying to replace it with something else of which they are not sure what.

They resolve to break the government system and trying to replace it with their unrealistic ideologies. Insecure people dwell in unreality, false hope, and false solutions to human problems. They are often disillusioned and without spiritual integrity.

FOUR. The fourth cycle of discipline comprises of military conquest or aggression of foreign or local or both working for the overthrow of the government. There is widespread famine, separation of families, poverty and political dissolution.

FIVE. The fifth cycle of discipline comprises of the destruction of a nation due to maximum rejection of Biblical and established principles [study: Deuteronomy 28:15-48, Hosea 1:2-3:5, and Leviticus 26:14-39].

Some factors that contribute for the degeneration of a nation:

1. Globalization. God is the author of nationalism [Genesis 10:5, 11:4] not of inter-nationalism.
2. Revolution within. All forms of military and political faction that causes unrest.
3. National corruption in every level. It is a sign of spiritual collapse and immorality.
4. Disabled function of the Royal Ambassadors. The carnality of the Church Age believers and their lack of impact.
5. The merging of the church and state –the destruction of freedom.
6. The lack of military preparation for war.

EARTHQUAKE ARE HERE TO STAY

EARTHQUAKE is the shaking of the ground resulting from the release of stored elastic strain energy due to sudden deformation of a region of the earth surface. The destruction with which earthquake are commonly associated is caused by seismic waves that travel outward in all direction.

The focus of most earthquakes is less than 100 meters below the earth's surface. The Bible contains numerous facts about earthquake (RA'ASH), the Hebrew word for earthquake, which literally means CRASH [Amos 8:8, 9:5].

The increase of the number of earthquakes is notable:

In 1970s – 40,000 earthquakes /year

In 1980s – 55,000 earthquakes /year

In 1990s – 76,000 earthquakes /year

During the Old Testament times, very destructive earthquakes had occurred in the ancient Palestinian area and most part of the Middle East [Joel 3:16, Amos 1:1 and Zechariah 14:5].

The shaking of the earth is always attributed to God [Psalm 68:8] and to His presence [1 kings 19:11] and to His anger [Isaiah 13:13].

There are several scientific reasons for earthquakes like volcanic and tectonic in origin. An earthquake is the sudden release of elastic strain energy in the earth's crust, caused by movements deep beneath the surface. Earthquakes occur where sizeable stresses build up in the rocks along fault lines, which are associated with

movements of the tectonic or CRUSTAL plates. From time to time, this build up is discharged in zones where the rocks are weakest causing a series of shock waves known as seismic waves.

These waves can have high destructive effects on the earth's surface as they caused the ground to roll or undulate and shake from side to side.

Earthquakes are divine instrument of judgment for the unbelievers who are ignoring or has rejected God's plan of grace [Amos 1:1, 6:9, 11].

Earthquakes are instrument of divine discipline for the carnal and backsliding believers who continue to reject the Bible doctrine. Earthquakes will increase in numbers and in magnitude as Rapture and the Great Tribulation are nearing it realization.

The worst earthquakes are yet to come during the Great Tribulation. It will break all the record of the strongest earthquakes.

Believers must overcome the fear of future crisis and national disasters such as strong earthquakes.

Spiritually mature believers are not exempted from the effects of destructive earthquakes. For them it is undeserved suffering or disaster testing for blessing not for destruction. No place on earth is safe from earthquakes. No man-made structure is earthquake proof for the coming series of earthquakes to come.

The only secure and safest place in the world against anything is in the center of God's will, inside the plan and purpose of His grace. God is our refuge in times of "earthquakes".

THE HOPE OF THE BELIEVER

THUS SAYS THE LORD, (being) Curse is the man who put his confidence (trust) in man and makes flesh (old sinful nature) his strength, so that his heart (KARDIA-καρδια) turns away from the Lord, for he shall be like TUMBLEWEED in the desert [Jeremiah 17:5-6].

BLESSED (being made happy) is the man whose confidence (trust) is in the Lord and whose confidence (trust) is the Lord [Jeremiah 17:7].

Fearful people are like TUMBLEWEED in the desert, they live in the parched places (stony wastes). TUMBLEWEEDS have no roots, they are vulnerable to any wind that blows, and they are being carried in many different directions. PARCHED PLACES refers to spiritual condition of the souls that turned away from God.

It refers to souls that have chosen to trust in man rather than in God and souls that constantly ignores and rejects the Word of God. It refers to the souls that failed to wait upon the Lord and resolved to seek help from man.

Believers who remain REVERSIONISTS will not SEE PROSPERITY (Christian values) when they come [Jeremiah 17:6]. Prosperity in this context refers to spiritual maturity not material wealth.

TUMBLEWEED is a Christian of the world living without God in his life and without Bible doctrine in the soul.

TUMBLEWEED is a person living in fear and insecurity who is always seeking help from just anybody, even from the Devil.

TUMBLEWEED is a person without confidence in God but most of the time confident and dependent on human resources.

Most of the unhappiness of believers is the results of direct involvement of his soul in the affairs of the world. His soul is saturated with the THINGS OF THE WORLD [Ephesians 5:11, Colossians 3:2a].

GENUINE HAPPINESS is the result of the fortification of the soul with Bible doctrine.

Believer with confidence on God is like a tree planted by the water (Bible doctrine), that extends its roots by a stream (metabolized Bible doctrine). Such person will not fear when the heat (sufferings) comes, but its leaves will be green, (progressive spirituality) and it will not be anxious in a year of drought (suffering for blessing), nor cease to bear fruit (reach maturity), [Jeremiah 17:8].

Genuine happiness is sharing the joy and happiness of God, and any other source of happiness from the world will bring nothing but pure unhappiness.

Satan is like a partridge that hatches eggs, which he has not laid. He promises happiness that he cannot give [Jeremiah 17:11].

Satan is without integrity, without moral values and without satisfaction and therefore forever unhappy.

If Satan is very unhappy, how do you expect him or his world systems to make you happy? To deceive people Satan initiates continuous changes that produce nothing but false hope. Cosmic people (like politicians) can give nothing except change that produces worse results.

INNER HAPPINESS

GENUINE HAPPINESS is a by-product of GRACE ORIENTATION in the life advancing believers. The grace of God fills the emptiness in the soul through the resident EPIGNOSIS.

SHARING the happiness of God has nothing to do with our surroundings or circumstances like the details of life. It is the result of knowing God and being saturated with HIS THINKING.

The more we know God, the more we know His thinking. The more we know His thinking, the happier we become.

Inner happiness is the result of continuous spirituality and spiritual advancement toward maturity of the believer. It is not based on our present conditions, surroundings or situations in life.

Inner happiness is based on Bible doctrine resident in the soul called EPIGNOSIS and not on our emotional conditions.

Inner happiness is dependent on our relationship with God and our spiritual standing not on our success in life. Our material, physical, sexual, and emotional conditions have nothing to do with true happiness.

Inner happiness is not the enthusiastic joy that is triggered by emotions like the so-called HOLY LAUGHTER.

Inner happiness is from the grace of God and not from our emotion. Inner happiness is not laughter. Laughter can be empty of happiness.

Inner happiness is something you cannot command or dictate to happen. It is the fruit of continuous spirituality

and growth of the believer. Inner happiness is something you cannot beg or ask God. The justice of God initiates the inner happiness when the believer has reached the maturity mark.

Inner happiness surpasses all human understanding because the believer can possess it even in the midst of severe sufferings and crisis.

Inner happiness is a sign of spiritual maturity and spirituality not a sign of outward joy. It is peace within the soul and mind of the believer.

Inner happiness is not boasting of self or man but of Christ. Not of the great things you wanted to do for God but of things Christ has done.

The unspiritual and immature believer cannot fake the inner happiness that comes from God. No amount of prayer or fasting can produce it. LAUGHTER is not inner happiness for several reasons:

Laughter is an expression of ecstatic delight but inner happiness is not an ecstatic experience [Psalm 126:2].

Laughter is often the expression of disdain or derision against somebody rather than expression of inner happiness. Our God is not a God of laughter [Psalm 2:4].

Laughter can be a manifestation of deep sorrow [Proverbs 14:13] or an expression of rebelliousness or defiance of the soul [Job 5:22].

Laughter can be expression of joyful wonder [Genesis 17:17] or disbelief [Genesis 18:12].

Laughter is easy to fake, easy to emote or imitate, it is from man, not from God.

GENUINE REVIVAL

REVIVAL (ANATHALLO-ανατηαλλο), meaning to flourish anew, used metaphorically for mental change of attitude [Philippians 4:10].

REVIVAL (ANAZAO-αναζαο), meaning to live again, to regain life, used of moral revival from sin [Luke 15:24 and Romans 7:9].

The term revival appears only 4 times in the Old Testament and 5 times in the New Testament is never applied to physical or spiritual death.

There is no revival for the unbelievers because you cannot revive the spiritually death person.

Man cannot bring about authentic revival because revival can come only from the hand of God. Revival is not something you ask or demand from God. It is something you do as an act of obedience to the word of God. It is the decision of the soul to return back to God.

Revival is the work of God. No human being can bring revival in the life of another person, either in particular or by group. Only the person involved is capable of making decision for himself as express in rebound. It is a personal decision.

Genuine revival is free from human manipulation, gimmick, trickery, power or utilization of human resources. True revival is free from people's power, HAKOT systems, human program and political machinery.

Genuine revival is never divorce from the proclamation of the genuine Bible doctrine. **NO BIBLE DOCTRINE -NO**

REVIVAL in the souls of the believers. Only Bible doctrine can change the thinking or mental attitude of a person. The sovereignty of God chooses the proper time for the revival of every believer. No human timing or program and arrangement can decide for the time of revival.

Collective revival is the result of divine intervention in the life of believers under the state of REVERSIONISM who individually decided to rebound after hearing the proclamation of Bible doctrine.

Genuine revival comes from the work of the Holy Spirit in convicting and restoring the carnal believers.

Revival is for believers under the state of operational and temporal death, not for those under the spiritual death.

Revival is the result of rebound and the act repentance and not of prayer and fasting, penance and sacrifice of the rebellious in hearts.

The dynamic praise and worship leader has nothing to do with genuine revival because they are not vital for such revival to take effect.

The cults of praise and worship have deceived the ignorant of Bible doctrine into believing that music is the key factor in modern day revival. The religious ecstatic experiences of the charismatic are mistaken for true revival.

Genuine revival is the work of the Holy Spirit deep in the souls of spiritually sleeping and inactive believers. The Word of God change their mental attitude not the pleading, urging and influence of the preacher or musicians.

The Holy Spirit will use the Word of God to change the mental attitude of the believer. Nobody can take that capacity to revive anybody except God.

PRESERVATION OF THE WORLD

THE moment a person step out of the kingdom of Satan [Colossians 1:13] and transferred into the kingdom of Christ, he declared war against the devil- his former father [John 8:44]. The believer is never safe in the devil's world from that time.

God provides trained and always available special invisible forces to back up every believer in the world [Hebrews 1:14].

It is improper to always pray for your protection while in trouble waters when God has already settled everything – for the protection of His beloved.

Satan chose the planet earth for his place of exile and GHQ during the angelic conflict [Genesis 1:1-2]. The fall of Satan and the resultant angelic conflict led to the desolation of earth.

The earth and the whole universe with its laws of operation will not always exist as it does at the present time [2 Peter 3:10-12]. The preservation of the world, including the human race depends exclusively on the omnipotence and immutability of the Lord Jesus [Colossians 1:17].

The reason for the preservation of the world and the human race is to resolve the angelic conflict in human history and to bring MANY SONS into glory [Hebrews 2:10].

Jesus Christ holds the universe together by the power of his Word [Hebrews 1:3]. And especially, He holds the life and welfare of His sons in the hallow of His hand. Divine protection guarantees that any place is a safe place because God is in control of everything – if the believer is in

His will, plan and purpose. He *postpones eternity*, meaning to say that God *delays* the destruction of the planet earth, to give the human race ample opportunity to appropriate the grace of God [2 Peter 3:3]

The earth will be preserved until the end of the MILLENNIAL kingdom of Christ. No weapon of destruction made by man will demolish the world.

During the Great Tribulation, Satanic forces will cause terrible damage to the planet but it will survive.

At the Second Coming of Christ, great physical changes on earth's surface will occur. All the man-made structure will disappear. Christ will dispose all the garbage of the planet. No trace of the old things will be visible.

The preservation of the planet is not the priority of the believers. The so-called *ecological gospel* is nothing but garbage.

There are 5 INDESTRUCTIBLE THINGS with permanent values:

The soul of every person is permanent and indestructible.

The salvation of every person is permanent. Nothing can destroy the everlasting life we receive from God [Romans 8:38-39].

The Word of God-the Bible doctrine in the soul is indestructible [Isaiah 40:8]. The resurrected glorified body of all believers is everlasting [1 Corinthians 15:40, 49-54].

The historical records of spiritually mature believers (including his blessing in time) are indestructible [Philippians 4:3, Psalm 69:28].

BIBLICAL SEPARATION

SEVERAL words are important for this doctrine. First, the Greek APHORIZO (απηγορίζο), that means "to mark off by bounds or to put asunder. Second, the word CHORIZO (χηγορίζο), that means to separate oneself or to depart. Third, the word APODIORIZO (αποδιορίζο), that means to make separation.

Biblical separation refers to several things:

THE DIVINE ACTION IN CALLING MEN apart for Himself, that separation for God's own possession [1 Peter 2:9-10] God's imputation of divine perfect righteousness and eternal life carries with it the privileges of election and positional sanctification.

THE DIVINE ACTION IN SETTING MEN apart for the work of the Gospel. They are separated for the ministry [Acts 13:2]. They are called, prepared and sent by God not by men [1 Corinthians 1:1, Colossians 1:1], but trained among men [1 Timothy 5:22].

THE DIVINE JUDGMENT UPON THOSE who would reject Christ for eternal separation from God [Matthew 13:49-50, 23:32-33].

THE DIVINE COMMAND TO SEPARATE FROM UNBELIEVERS:

1. Separation from unbelievers in any form of spiritual endeavor.
2. Separation from those who opposes Christ or Bible doctrine [2 Timothy 2:14,16, Jude 18-].
3. Separation from marrying unbeliever, which is both physical and spiritual union [2 Corinthians 6:14-14].
4. Separation from idols worship –that is to depart from false teaching [2 Corinthians 6:16-19].

5. Separation from the deeds of darkness [Ephesians 5:11-12].

THE VOLITIONAL SEPARATION the believer must do in order to reach spiritual maturity. That is to separate from any form of distractions or to fully concentrate in learning the Word of God. This is not necessarily physical separation but the concentration of the soul in learning Bible doctrine [2 Timothy 2:21, 15].

THE SEPARATION THE BELIEVER MUST AVOID:

1. Separation in marriage of both believers because of immorality [1 Corinthians 6:13, 18, Hebrews 13:4].
2. Separation that causes division or faction in the church [1 Corinthians 3:3].

THE SEPARATION OF BELIEVERS BY UNBELIEVERS:

1. Separation from unbelieving spouse [1 Corinthians 7:15].
2. Separation from false brethren [1 John 2:19, 1 Timothy 5:15].

THE SEPARATION THE BELIEVERS MUST prepared to suffer –maybe not a physical separation but emotional. That is being alone in a crowd because Of his faith, calling and beliefs [2 Timothy 1:8, 12, 3:11-12].

THE DIVINE COMMAND TO SEPARATE FROM COSMIC BELIEVERS who are living in the world without God [Romans 16:17-18 and 1 Corinthians 5:11-12].

Every believer must be prepared to encounter most of the 14 categories of separation and to apply the divine problem solutions to each case. Such separations are often painful and disheartening.

PEACE

THERE are 14 Greek terms for peace in the Bible that can translate in English as soundness, safety, security, welfare, harmony, concord, assurance, prosperity, good health, completeness, and peace.

The Old Testament widely used the term SHALOM, which describes prosperity of material sort, regarding welfare [Genesis 43:27].

The word SHALOM also means prosperity of all wealth and health [Exodus 18:7, Isaiah 38:19, Psalm 38:1] or the safety of a person [Job 5:23]. When someone says, SHALOM – it is like saying “Good morning, good afternoon, good evening, good day, happy New year, happy birthday!”- All in one word.

The PEACE OF GOD [Philippians 4:7, Colossians 3:15] refers to Christ’s finished work of redemption. That is the reconciliation with God, the justification in His sight.

The PEACE WITH GOD is the result of His finished work on the cross for man [Romans 5:1].

All the recipients of the free gift of salvation through their simply and non-meritorious faith have **PEACE WITH GOD** – that is the effect of Christ’s spiritual death for the human race [Romans 1:7, 1 Corinthians 1:3, Galatians 1:3, Ephesians 1:2, Titus 1:4, Philippians 1:2].

The GOD OF PEACE refers to the only source of peace for the believers trapped in Satan’s cosmic system. The **PEACE** in this context is not something men derive from within the man, from others or from something.

GOD IS GOD of peace whether there is peace or wars in the world [Romans 15:33, 16:20, Philippians 4:9, Hebrews 13:20]. The PEACE OF GOD is not dependent on the situation of the world but on perfect character of God.

GOD IS OUR PEACE regardless of our situations, and we cannot expect peace from anyone else but from the KING OF PEACE alone [Ephesians 2:14, Hebrew 7:2].

The peace of 2 Thessalonians 5:3 is pseudo peace that is human good works motivated by old sinful nature and inspired by Satan. God will frustrate this man-made peace during the Great Tribulation.

All the man-made peace in this world can produce only more troubles rather than provide genuine peace.

God cannot provide the kind of peace familiar in the world – the peace that comes from material success and prosperity.

Genuine inner peace that comes from God is available to every believer at the point of spiritual maturity. It is the peace that comes from knowing God and His happiness [John 14:27, 16:33]

Ecumenicalism cannot provide peace but division and faction. No political body can provide peace to antagonistic people around the globe.

Genuine maturing believers are the targets of more satanic assaults than the unbelievers but at same time, they experience the peace that comes from God.

The peace of God is not restricted to any place, even in the middle of chaos and conflict; the believer can experience the peace that passes all understanding.

THE DAY OF THE LORD

GOD always accomplishes in time WHAT HAS TO BE DONE IN TIME as part of His plan for man. Therefore everything will come as decreed by God- and that is without doubt. Since time is a line of procedure as far as man's perspective is concerned, everything is in order of events according to divine decree.

Apostasy, a sign to watch is now a reality. The term apostasy in this context refers to collective and world-wide apostasy and not to individualize or small group of falling away, which is on going since the beginning of the Church Age.

The day of the Lord refers to the massive and collective falling away or apostasy before the rapture of the Church. All false Christian churches and all false Christians around the world will join the ecumenical church or the UNITED RELIGIONS.

The United Religions is a charter of the United Nations – a community of faith united for the sake of peace and healing among religious sects. People from all nations united for the sake of peace and prosperity toward all men, regardless beliefs and doctrines. The UN and the Roman Catholic Church is responsible for the birth and growth of the United Religions.

The United Religions or One World Religion will reveal the Antichrist, the MAN OF SIN (lawlessness), the son of destruction and demand that all the people of the earth to worship him as the "Christ" [2 Thessalonians 2:3].

The ecumenical church has started condemning the fundamentalists and separatists claimed for exclusivity and uniqueness of the independent local churches.

The ecumenists are condemning the genuine Bible doctrine as hostile toward the unification of all religions into one-world religion.

The One World Religion is the "NEW CHRISTIANITY" comprising of cults, humanists, occults, atheists, and all kinds of antichrist bounded together for "creating an inclusive process" that will work for world peace [1 Thessalonians 5:3].

The day of the Lord refers to the Great Tribulation when everyone will greet anyone with "PEACE BE WITH YOU" while killing each other.

The day of the Lord refers to the ANTICHRIST reigns on earth. The antichrist is the worst kind of dictator in the entire human history. The son of destruction will be a Jew by blood with dynamic personality and super IQ and born politician.

He will deceive the world with his very charismatic personality and articulate linguistic ability [2 Thessalonians 2:10, Revelation 13:8].

He will assume the role of Jesus Christ as the Messiah by deception and intrigue. He will be the greatest impersonator of Jesus Christ because he will imitate His life and works. He will claim Himself as the Christ.

He will not deny the existence of Jesus Christ but rather claim that he is the Christ. He will work upon the expectation of his appearing by through mystical manifestations like visions, dreams, apparitions, and some extra-biblical heresies.

Satan is preparing his followers in some fellowships by singing "This is the day" of the Lord affirming that they are part of the Tribulation.

REBOUND

REBOUND is the recovery from carnality. It is the only problem-solving device from God that function outside spirituality. Rebound is not operation by human power or human resources.

Rebound is the non-meritorious and non-emotional acknowledgment of sins. Rebound is not sorrow for sins but the decision of the soul to follow divine instruction. Rebound is the trend reversing decision and the only solution provided by God for carnal believers to recover from sins.

Rebound is a decision because the believers use his volition to sin and enter the state of carnality. Likewise, the believer must use his volition to recover from sin.

Volition is the decision of the soul not of the brain. Rebound is not emotional because emotion is never a criterion for the spiritual life, and it has no value for God's forgiveness.

SYNONYMS FOR REBOUND:

BE HEALED: [Hebrews 12:12-14] means that rebound transform you from weakness of carnality to spiritual strength of restored spiritual life. The dreadful curse has turned into blessing and their weaknesses become the strength of the suffering for blessing.

Those who come short of God's grace are those who respond to discipline with bitterness.

CONFESS: [1 John 1:9], the naming of your personal sins in the privacy of your Royal Priesthood. Naming your sins does not require a lot of guts and faith. Confession with a man is a big traditional error, since all men have sins and fall short of the glory of God [Psalm 38:18].

JUDGE YOURSELF [1 Corinthians 11:31] is the act of acknowledging that your personal sins were crucified on the cross and that Christ paid the full demand for penalty. Christ paid every sin in the world.

YIELDING is the act of surrendering your ego and self-righteousness by admitting that you have sin [Romans 6:13, 12:2]. Rebound is the admission of guilt.

LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT is to cut-off by your volitional the state of your carnality and REVERSIONISM. To cut off is to enforce a radical mental change of attitude toward his personal spiritual status [Hebrews 12:1].

BE SUBJECT TO THE FATHER is the decision of the soul to return to the Father under the authority of the Lord [Hebrews 12:9].

LIFT UP THE HANDS THAT HANG DOWN is to remove the shackle that bondage you from doing the will and purpose of God [Hebrews 12:13].

MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS is the decision of the soul to choose the divine viewpoint and reject the human viewpoint and solutions [Matthew 3:3, Hebrews 12:13].

ARISE FROM THE DEATH is to stand up again out from temporal or operational death [Ephesians 5:14].

PUT OFF THE OLD MAN is to put the old sinful nature out of control of your soul and make the Holy Spirit the president instead [Ephesians 4:22].

There are many synonyms for rebound in the Old Testament like Jeremiah 3:13, Psalm 32:5, 38:18, 51:3-4 and Proverbs 28:13.

DIVINE COMMISSIONS

God gave the Church Age believers dual commissions:

1. The Royal Priesthood-function privately before God.
2. The Royal Ambassadorship - function publicly before men.

IN THE CHURCH AGE, every believer is a priest [1 Peter 2:5] who represents himself before God [Hebrews 13:15-16]. Our Royal priesthood is the basis for spiritual privacy and the ground for effective prayer [Romans 14:4, 10:2].

Every believer is a priest from the time he is born again, but this priestly function becomes effective only at spiritual maturity.

Spiritual maturity is a result of the believer-priest function before God. The only setting for priest function is inside spirituality. The universal priesthood does not imply total independence of believers from one another because priesthood and the spiritual gifts create a balance.

Success in the ministry does not belong to the priests but to God alone. We do not count heavenly success in our earthly ministry. The most visible and outward proof that we are rightly related to God is our service to God in season or out of season.

The priests are servants of God, and the servants simply obey regardless of his own feelings, moods, health or physical condition. Inspired or not. We do not need any "spiritual inspiration" before we move to obey.

The true priests of the Old Testament functioned from reaching the age of 25 until their compulsory retirement at 50 forsaking their personal conditions and situation in life.

THE ROYAL AMBASSADORS:

God appoints the royal ambassador to be His representatives on earth. No ambassador appoints himself for such position and no ambassador is appointed by just anybody.

God supplies all the logistical grace needed and necessary to perpetuate the believer's physical and spiritual life in the devil's world. No ambassador has to support himself while working for his country.

The royal ambassador operates according to the written mystery doctrines of the New Testament. This is the written instruction related to our function.

The royal ambassador of Christ has his citizenship in heaven. They are not the citizens of the country they serve. We are in the world but we are not of the world [Philippians 3:20].

The royal ambassador lives to glorify Christ and personally benefits not by following his own agenda but through fulfilling his royal merit by following the divine protocol. He does not stay behind on this planet to advance his personal interests.

The royal ambassador does not take the negative volition of the people as a personal insult but continues to faithfully represent Christ regardless of mockery and offenses he receive. The insults they throw against Christ and His Word is not personally for the ambassador.

The recall of the royal ambassadors on earth by rapture will commence the Great Tribulation. That is divine declaration of war against nations.

BARRIERS FOR EFFECTIVE SPIRITUAL LIFE AND SERVICE

THE CALL of God to serve him is understood or implicit. It is call for comradeship with Himself for His own purposes.

The concern of every believer is spiritual reality not to serve God as soon as possible. Genuinely growing believers set their hearts on God but the religious people sets their hearts on their works and great ambition for God. The only and ultimate goal of every Christian related to his spiritual life IS TO DO THE WILL OF GOD and nothing else. COMMON BARRIERS:

PRIDE: Christians are not immune to develop the deadly virus of arrogance that desire to do great things for God.

FAKE OBEDIENCE: Some believers are willing to do great sacrifices rather than do the will of God. They invest on big shows of half-hearted sacrifices for God than to obey God daily.

WAITING FOR THE GREAT MOMENT: Some believers are resolve to praying and fasting in order to ask God for the big thing to do instead of obeying him in every little details of life.

WORLD SYSTEM: Some believers have adopted the world business system into their ministry. They are utilizing all the resources of the world. They baptized it with Christian names and spiritualized the carnal things.

ENDLESS ACTIVITIES: Some modern day Christians are thinking that God is demanding for greater production like more tithes and offering, more people, more programs and more activities. Their endless activities are uprooting their faith from the truth of the Word.

They are immerse in works for God but not rooted in the Word of God.

WRONG DEVOTION: They are devoted to their work and ministries but very unfaithful to God and to His Bible doctrine.

NEW MINISTRIES: They always have new ministries born out of impulses and pride. They planned their ministry out of their passion and emotion, which they mistaken for the voice of God.

PIOUS GREED: They serve with great anticipation and expectation that God will bless them above the others. They have the burning desire to be promoted and exalted by God.

COMFORTABLE MINISTRIES: They are willing to serve God but only in the comfort and luxury of the world. They are unwilling to leave their beautiful and cozy community. They decide where and how to serve God.

SPIRITUAL SLUGGARD: They are always praying and praying without doing anything. They defy the plan and purpose of God with their prayer ministry.

I MUST DO IT SYNDROME. They are always on the go - doing something for somebody. Their priority is to serve not to know God, not to learn the will and purpose of God.

ANOTHER DOCTRINE: They are always hungry for new practices and teaching for the church. Since they are blinded by the ignorance of the Scripture they are always seeking for revelation from the visiting REVERSIONISTS preachers and musicians.

The only antidote for the above cases is the act of rebound and the intake of Bible doctrine.

FEAR

FEAR has many faces and sources. The Greek word PHOBIA (φοβία) or fear in English is a learned response and can be unlearned through the inexpensive fortification of your soul with Bible doctrine.

No amount of behavioral therapy or systematic desensitization (that is psychological therapy combined with hypnosis) can successfully eliminate fear in the mind and heart of a person.

Satan bombarded the entire human race with humanistic viewpoint since the beginning of human history, making man believe his lies and fearful of his schemes.

The primary source of fear is the old sinful nature bombarded with satanic lies (that is the combination of satanic and human viewpoints). Satan is working overtime creating and building up tensions, worries, panic, lies, confusions, and fear in the hearts of men.

RELIGIOUS TEACHING, PHILOSOPHY, AND SUPERSTITIONS PASS FEAR TO HUMAN SOULS.

Religion has succeeded in creating fear in the hearts of men in a very subtle and unsuspecting manner. Religion is the best instrument of Satan in pulling men into the pit of demonic influence.

There is a very long list of fear, most of which are illogical, pure superstition and unreal.

YOU MUST DEFEAT FEAR BEFORE IT DEFEATS YOU AND ONLY THEN YOU CAN DEFEAT YOUR ENEMY.

When it strikes, it must not be allowed to ignite a devastating chain reaction of mental attitude sins that always incapacitate thinking, decision-making and actions.

CATEGORIES OF FEAR:

Fear of formidable enemy

1. Fear of future crisis or disaster.
2. Fear that torture the mind for negative reactions
3. Fear that engages in guilt of past failure
4. Fear in the midst of severe adversity
5. Fear that results from ignorance of God's Word
6. Fear that comes from religious supernatural beliefs
7. Fear that results from anxiety or panic
8. Fear that results from outburst of emotion
9. Fear that results from self-pity and bitterness
10. Fear that results from loss of self-confidence, mental control and courage toward man
11. Fear that results from illusion and mystical [schizophrenic]

The more you surrender to fear, the more you continue in fear

The more you continue in fear, the greater your capacity for fear

The greater your capacity for fear, the more you increase the power of fear

The more you increase the power of fear, the more you live by fear

The more you live by fear, the more you are intimidated by life.

FEAR FOCUS ON THE PROBLEM but the Word of God focuses on the divine solution to human problems. The only way to solve human problem is by divine solution.

Human solutions to human problems are NO SOLUTION but breeds more problems leading to fear.

Fear exemplifies human viewpoint and obstructs problem solving.

VICTORY OVER FEAR

GOD EXPECTS every Church Age believers to overcome his fear through the divine provision and divine problem-solving devices provided at the point of salvation. NO BELIEVER is left without defense and protection in satanic cosmic systems. It is irrational, illogical and useless to pray for some kind of power to overcome your fear when in reality God has already provided everything we need pertaining to life and godliness. God has provided every thing in advance and nothing is lacking or missing.

God has provided a ten (10) line of defense in the soul of the believer against the four (4) intense conflicts:

1. Temptation of the old sin nature (OSN)
2. The pressure stress in the soul of the believer
3. The enticement or allurements of false doctrines
4. The tendency to trust in human solutions and human viewpoint

The ten problem-solving devices are:

1. Rebound
2. Filling of the Holy Spirit
3. Faith-rest
4. Grace orientation
5. Doctrinal orientation
6. Personal sense of destiny
7. Virtue Personal love for God
8. Virtue Impersonal love for man
9. Sharing the happiness of God
10. Occupation with the Person of Christ

Fear breeds arrogance while the Word of God in the soul nurtures genuine humility. Fear prevents living the spiritual life while Bible doctrine rejuvenates the spiritual life.

Fear obstructs problem solving while the Word of God initiates problem solving. How to handle the stress of the battle and pressure of life is something you cannot learn apart from the actual situations. Psychology, psychiatry and hypnosis with positive thinking will not solve the fear that dominates the human souls.

No believer will survive the cosmic system without Bible doctrine in the soul. God will not remove the problem or the suffering but God will convert the evil that assails us to our benefits. He will build a wall of fire around the believer and protect him by the power of God [Zechariah 2:5, 1 Peter 1:5a].

There is nothing as accident in the life of the believer- everything is part of His decree, nothing is unknown to God. Nothing we do will ever surprise Him. God deliver and rescue us in His perfect timing. Nothing is too late and nothing is too early- everything is just in perfect timing [Psalm 91:14-16, Romans 8:28].

No believer will die of famine (that is economic recession or depression) or from war (that is disaster, calamity and death) [Job 5:19-20]. No weapon of war will take your life as long as God's plan for your life is to stay on earth. The believer with Bible doctrine in the soul will survive the scourge of the tongues (that is slander, mockery, insults, unfair dealings). The life of the believer is insured by the Character of God-you are under His security blanket. When you loss everything but not your integrity, your future is secure by the integrity of God -not by anything else. Bible doctrine in your soul is the guarantee. God honors his Word wherever it may be found.

The life of the believer is secured and protected by the power of God, which is the best and perfect protection in the entire universe.

SECURITY IN THE MIDST OF FEAR

YOUR TENT IS SECURE (PERIKRATES-περικρατες) signifies having full command and control. The English term secure is from the Latin SECURA meaning free from anxiety. It has the Greek equivalent AMERIMNOS (αμεριμνος), meaning stability, security [Job 5:24, 1 Peter 5:7, Philippians 4:6-7].

THE ANTONYM of secure is insecurity meaning, loaded with cares.

YOU WILL LAUGH [Job 5:22a] means to have humor. It is an indication of inner contentment and peace of mind amidst severe tragedy. His sense of humor is the result of sharing the happiness of God that knows the mind of Christ.

The WILD BEASTS is metaphor for the sudden violent disasters. The believer is under instruction not to be frightened by the possibility of violent devastation or changes. God will not drive away the wild beasts but He will make the VENUM or poison totally ineffective against the growing and advancing believers.

FOR YOU WILL BE IN LEAGUE with the stones of the field [Job 5:23] refers to the stones that were designed to use as weapon against you. The same stones will be your friends – they will not hit you. There are bullets without your name on it.

THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD will be at peace with you [Job 5:23b], refers to the effects of disaster and calamity turned into blessing for your welfare.

YOUR DESCENDANT will be many [Job 5:25]; means that life must go on for the believer regardless of his situation or condition, regardless of his pains and sufferings.

Life must go on. No one and nothing could destroy the believer until his final appointment to depart from this planet. Likewise, the planet earth will be preserved for the purpose of God until at the end of the millennial reign of Christ.

Worldwide destruction is impossible because only God has the right to destroy this planet. God created it and He alone has the right to destroy it [2 Peter 3:10-13, Revelation 21:1]. LIKE THE STACKING OF GRAINS in its season [Job 5:26] is metaphor for the security provided by divine logistical grace –a guarantee from God.

ROOT CAUSE OF INSECURITY:

1. Lack of Bible doctrine in the soul the believers
2. Ignorance of divine plan, purpose and will for man
3. Ignorance of the divine assets made available to believers
4. Untrained and unskilled in using the problem solving devices

The believer has no entitlement to be insecure in the world because God has provided already the remedy. The believer becomes insecure when he focuses on the crisis not on God.

There are seven emotional sins that stems from fear:

1. WORRY & ANXIETY because of inability to solve the problem or handling the situation
2. HATRED toward others blaming them fro his own miseries
3. NEGATIVE REACTIONS to the given situation lacking capacity in handling the situation
4. GUILT FEELINGS from the past failures or sins
5. SELF-PITY because of ignorance of his position in Christ
6. PANIC due to lack of solutions and capacity in handling the problem
7. LOSS OF CONTROL of the soul in distress.

VIRTUES AGAINST FEAR

THE Christian life is a life of victory for we have the VICTOR Himself. We are not aiming, aspiring or fighting for victory but FROM VICTORY.

THE victory of the Christian life is not goal, not the objective, not the project but the CAUSE, the REASON why we endure, the very purpose why we have to continue advancing.

The growing believer who is residing in the will and purpose of God is secured even in the midst of trouble waters-in the worst conflict and disaster. Whenever fear strikes, the believer must resolve to apply the divine solution –that is to totally rely and put your confidence on God [Psalm 56:3].

The Bible doctrine in the soul of the believer is the antidote for fear. God will not remove the cause of our fear but He will reverse the effects of fear by His presence [Psalm 118:6].

DO NOT ANXIOUSLY LOOK ABOUT YOU refers to believers who are seeking human solutions to resolve their problems [Isaiah 41:10]. God in His perfect omniscience knows exactly our problems and the exact solutions. We must look for God who has the solution. Remember, human solution is no solution.

VIRTUE AGAINST FEAR:

BE STRONG...DO NOT BE AFRAID. The souls of the believers are not immune to fear that affects the human will and effectiveness to keep advancing toward the goal [Deuteronomy 20:1-].

STRONG refers to the power of the spiritual life. Courage is the expression of this strength. Combine strong and courage and you have moral courage.

DO NOT BE AFRAID, means that we do not dwell on the possibility of personal injury or death but the objective set before us. As Christians, we do not dwell on losing the battle but we focus on the VICTORY we already possessed.

DO NOT PANIC. Some irrational and emotional terror may paralyze the mind and the heart. Bible doctrine alone has the power to clear this panic and fear.

Only the ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE WORD OF GOD CAN ERADICATE this kind of panic. But the encouragement from human viewpoint creates pseudo peace and more fear.

Tranquility under severe pressure is the overt expression of a courageous soul with Bible doctrine.

DO NOT TREMBLE. The fear in the soul cause incapacitating physical reactions or emotional outbursts, that continues to shake the believer for long. Battle courage that comes from the Word of God may not eliminate fear, but allows you to put your training in action in spite of it [Psalm 27:3, 46:6-9, 55:22-23, 140:1-2]. Trembling obscure your focus of divine reality and removes the possibility of good decision. It handicaps the believer from doing the will of God.

GOD IS IN CONTROL of human history and of all events in the entire universe. Nothing comes as accident to believers. Everything is part of the divine decree.

God in His perfect knowledge of all things related to man keep an eye on every event. Nothing escapes His wisdom. Some events happen because God allows it and some happen because He causes it.

OVERCOMING FEAR

PRINCIPLES OF VICTORY:

1. OVER FEAR OF DEATH

The death of the believer is exactly God's decision. The divine decision for us to die is victory since God is the absolute authority in life and death [1 Cor. 15:55-57].

The divine decision regarding the believer's death includes the manner, the time and place of death [Psalm 116:15]. The believer is always under God's protection until the Lord takes him home. Since God is perfect, His timing is perfect in all manners of life and death [Job 1:21b]. Death is the wise and gracious choice of God and always the best for the believer. In death, we are face to face with the Lord. We are in a place of perfect happiness, leaving all the troubles and suffering behind.

2. OVER SUDDEN CRISIS

GOD is in control of human history. All events in human history are for the benefits of the believers including the worst disaster and calamity. National discipline does not exempt the spiritual believer from sorrows and pains.

Sufferings for the mature believers are not designed to destroy them but to accelerate their growth. The saints are expected to use divine solutions and not to seek more miseries for themselves.

Disaster or crisis cause sorrows to the believer that leads to repentance [2 Corinthians 7:9-11]. More crisis and disasters are expected before the Second Advent. The believers are expected to endure such sufferings and never give up.

3. OVER SORROW

AS believers, we have hope, a real confidence based on the Essence of God [1 Thessalonians 4:13]. Physical death is not the end of their story (the deceased). Enduring grief and sorrow becomes an imperative of the Christian life.

You cannot stop normal living because people your love ones have died and gone to heaven (hell). You cannot resent others who are enjoying life when you are in a state of sorrow. You cannot demand your relatives and friends to join your extended grief and mourning. You must not tarnish their memory of the deceased by becoming morbid, bitter, resentful or vindictive.

Your grief and loneliness is a private matter between you and the Lord. Your loneliness belongs to you alone, in the same manner; your confidence belongs to you alone. The death of the deceased is a perfect decision of God (no matter how brutal and ruthless the manner maybe). We know very little about them but God is perfectly knowledgeable. To complain and to ask God about His perfect decision is to question His sovereignty and righteousness.

Our sorrow (no matter how grievous) is just temporal and personal matter. It is not the affair of the whole community or the affair of the local church. The believer is displaying his immaturity by asking or soliciting sympathy from others.

The Christian life is a life of victory and the believer must appropriate or apply that victory from moment to moment of his sojourning in the world.

We are fighting and advancing from the VICTORY OF CHRIST not to gain our own victory.

INCEST

GOD is the source of perfect morality, but Satan introduced the new morality (part of human viewpoint), which the fallen man (corrupted by old sinful nature) gladly embraces. The big four (Satan, the old sinful nature, the ADAMIC evil trends, and the human negative volition) are campaigning for the promotion of incest.

The two daughters of Lot, who were infected with the sin of Sodom, were the first to commit incest [Genesis 19:31-36]. They raped their aged father doubting the ability of God in providing husbands for them. They reasoned from the new morality (that is old immorality) that approved anything that feels doing good.

Reuben had sex with his father's concubine [Genesis 35:22] as proof of his macho-syndrome (machismo instinct) and thereby lost his father's blessing [Genesis 49:3-4].

AMNON, the son of David by AHINOAM raped TAMAR (the daughter of David by MACAH, the mother of ABSALOM [1 Samuel 25:43, 1 Chronicles 3:2]. AMNON raped his half-sister TAMAR because of mistaken lust and passion mistaken for love. He displayed later on his sexual problems, strong moral corruption, brutality and masculine confusion [2 Samuel 13:10-14].

ABSALOM raped his father concubine publicly [2 Samuel 16:22] showing to all Israel his rebellious leadership, his domineering behavior and ignorance of the Divine establishment.

The Corinthian Church tolerated a member who had sexual affairs with his father's wife (not his own mother) [1 Corinthians 5:11].

INCEST is not new- it is as old as the devil.

FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTES TO INCEST:

The old sinful nature (OSN) has a new defense counsel (the new morality), which justify incest as long as it feels good and enjoyable.

The evil trends are gathering too much support from the media (all sorts of pornographic materials, sex gadgets and products, sexual stimulants like VIAGRA) and indorsed by the New Age Movement, bringing the moral collapse of our society.

The public is receiving too much encouragement from prominent people who are preaching the "gospel of sex" through literature and media. The electronic media had added a new leap into what they called the cyber-sex.

The public is being bombarded with numerous materials denying any moral values left in the soul of men. The hearts of many are occupied with sex 24 hours a day. The world accepts and encourages the new trends of broken marriages, broken homes, broken relationship. It is becoming normal. Because of this people are lonely and dishearten are searching for some kind of happiness.

The search for frantic happiness resolves to commit incest as an expression of antagonism and anger against men and God. Some failed to carry on with their normal living are inflicted with psychosis.

The rapid rise in idolatrous worship decreases the interest with Bible doctrine and has given way to more immoral acts. Immorality is the big sister of idolatry.

Those who have committed incest are insane, demon-possessed or deceived by demonic doctrines. They are not in the right frame of mind.

NEW MORALITY: OLD IMMORALITY

WE CAN summarize the teaching of the new moralists related to sexual sins by the following:

The new morality justified that no church or institution has the right to dictate how to satisfy sexual needs as long as no person is harm. Sex as long as it is good is justified, whether it between the same sex, or opposite sex or between man and beast or just with anybody.

Homosexuality and lesbianism is very much welcome and justified as long as it does not hurt any person.

To use another person for personal sexual gratification is justified. The failure to apply love is the real injustice. Love of course is defined as sex and when it comes to love, there is no limitation.

The new morality is more concerned with the "whys" of sexual behavior than sexual sins. They put more stress on motivation and attitude or better attitude for sex than the act of sexual lust or perversion.

The new morality defined love as sex. It promotes the sex-saturated society and it honors sexual revolution.

It accepts pre-marital sex, extra-marital sex, post-marital sex, virtual sex, and cyber-sex. Sex with anybody is not condemned.

It uses sex-exploitation mediums such as pornographic movies, magazines, books, TV shows, and etc.

It accepts any form of sex: heterosexual, homosexual and auto-sexual.

It advertises safe sex, the use of contraceptives and the use of sexual gadgets and sex energizing drugs.

The decay of a nation begins with the collapse of its sex standards (morality related to sex). The new morality is destroying nations silently and sweetly.

People are learning to fornicate, create sexual situations, follow modern sexual trends and commit sexual perversion without guilt.

Nothing can etch the indelible scars of sexual sins. The ugly memories will come and wrestle with your mind from time to time. Illegitimate baby cannot be unborn. Child rearing and financial responsibility will not just go away and self-made miseries will linger for a long time.

The movie and TV personalities are the sex trendsetters and young people are following their reel life without proper evaluation.

Following the cosmic standards and life style is very dangerous for the soul of the believers.

There are ways that seem rights in the eyes of the believers but are entire disgracing and dishonorable to God. There are things that seems right in the eyes of men but improper in the eyes of God.

There are things we called sins but they are not in the eyes of God. There are things we simply ignore or accept but are sins in the sight of God. This is because our standards are relative and bias. We must know what sin is and what is not before God.

The new morality is just the revival of the old times morality. There is nothing new under the sun.

TRUE LOVE OR INFATUATION

TRUE ROMANTIC LOVE develops slowly and gradually. Infatuation develops at almost no time.

True love always starts slowly. You have to know a person before you can truly love that person. Those who rush into marriage learn it by sad experience of self-made miseries. Infatuation is rushing into a bad decision.

True is attracted in the total personality of the one love. Infatuation is mainly interested in the physical features. Infatuation depends on few non-sense things. True love is attracted with most of the qualities of the one love.

True love affects your whole personality. Willing to learn, adjust and change to bring out the better qualities. Infatuation is blind and daydreaming –trying to believe that the only thing that matters is their love for each other.

True love is not only interested in the whole person but that interest is growing warmer as the day goes by. In infatuation, the interest for each other grows between hot and cold –if not freezing.

True love believes that the most important person in the whole world next to Christ is the one you love. Infatuation revolves only around the merry-go-round of fantasy but always searching for someone new.

Separation and distance makes true love fonder. Infatuation will not survive the test of separation and distance but will seek happiness in another person. True love always cultivates and never dominates.

True love causes two different personalities grow intimately together that when separated even for short time-a part of you seems to be missing.

True love will live through quarrels and lots of disagreements-learning how to handle conflicts with poise. Infatuation may do a lot of kissing and making up but later may declare war that may never be solved.

True love can easily resolve quarrels and disagreements for healthier relationship. Infatuation can ignite little disagreement into a massive forest fire leading into permanent break-up.

True love is concern about giving way to improve and build stronger relationship. Infatuation is concern only about getting and receiving from the relationship for personal gains and interest.

True love is always unselfish –always giving. Infatuation is always waiting to receive and getting. True love dwells in genuine humility and sacrifice for the one love. Infatuation dwells in human ego and castle of arrogance.

True love is always responsible-willing to pay the cost, willing to endure hardship and suffering. Infatuation is always ready to escape into the open sea of unreliability.

True love is not love at first sight but the result of knowing and accepting the person just as he/she is.

Some people are infatuated (not in love) with God, which they did not know about, as they are infatuated with a man or with a woman that they did not know.

HOW TO TELL IF YOU ARE IN LOVE

TRUE ROMANTIC LOVE distinguishes between a body and a person. Choosing a girl because of her beauty and shape is unstable criterion. She might become Coca-cola all right-but 2000 ml. in the next few years. Selecting a guy for his physique and good-looking face is like selecting a treacherous great white shark over the friendly ugly humpback whale.

TRUE love generates respect. Erotic lover who whispers sweet nothing in private but tear you down in public is like a clown. He is using another person to produce laughter by giving his lover bad remarks. Such person will do well in circus but not in the family.

TRUE is self-giving –it is not what you can get from another person but what you can give with out expecting anything in return. The passionate desire for her/his body is not love but lust. Any prostitute can fully satisfied that burning desires.

TRUE LOVE can thrive without physical expression until full commitment for marriage. If your only reason for having a sweetheart is to have someone to hug and caress- better buy yourself a life size doll.

True love will not pay with sex and escape. It will not hurt the other person after getting what he/she likes. True love is willing to pay the full cost of responsibility.

True love seeks to build a life and permanent relationship of marriage. The objective and goal of any relationship is marriage. Marriage is a triangular relationship between God, a man and a woman, not a triangle between three persons. Lust will not settle for octagon.

TRUE LOVE is not for experimental and trial purposes. The basic principle is not to be involved with anybody you are not willing to marry. Get involved only after you physically, emotionally and spiritually prepared.

TRUE LOVE embraces difficult serious and difficult responsibility. Marital responsibility is far more than money. It is commitment to love the other person come what may. Lollipops and roses have nothing to do with true love.

True love can postpone gratification of sexual passion. True love can wait till marriage. Only a righteous person with Bible doctrine in the soul can function in this manner.

True love is basically a commitment. Feeling, emotion, selfish and childish expressions would change and fall-out of love. Fallen expectations and broken promises are basic elements that you can avoid. You have to endure them.

Personality differences, unpleasant and bad communication, misunderstanding and numerous marital problems are subjects for rebuilding the relationship not criteria for separation. Immature couple cannot handle such problems.

Marriage is a garage where both the husband and wife work to repair the errors and damages of their blissful relationship. It is not a recreation center for children to pass away their boredom.

Marriage is not the solution to many problems of the adolescent and teen-age life but A PUZZLE OF PROBLEMS for adults to solve and enjoy.

TRUE LOVE is founded on the Word of God-ignite by the virtue love for God and for man. It is for the right man and right woman –not for kids.

REASONS WHY SEX SHOULD WAIT UNTIL MARRIAGE

GOD DESIGNED SEX exclusively for married couples only, not for those who are in love. Our liberated society under the influence of the new morality is destroying the divine will regarding this issue. Today, love is defined as sex. Many young lovers are interested only with their passions and desire and not with the relationship.

SEX IS FOR PLEASURE of married couples and not for those seeking pleasures or sexual experiences. God designed sex for pleasure, procreation and physical intimacy of husband and wife not for those seeking sexual adventure outside legitimate marriage.

SEX before marriage or outside the legitimate marriage may end-up to broken relationships, broken family, broken hearts, separation and painful memories.

SEX outside or before marriage may result to unwanted child, which means additional responsibility and headache. Teen-age marriage always results to self-made miseries for both of the couple.

Giving in to sex before marriage is not proof of your love but a sign of burning passion or lust. There is proper time for everything under the sun.

Sex with the wrong person at the wrong time is unhelpful and sadistic disregarding the impact on the other party. The unbelievers are of the world but for Christian to adopt the trend of the world is to reject the will of God (and to manufacture self-made miseries).

Sex is for mature people with genuine commitment to love each other –come what may.

Believers who follow the trend of the world regarding free sex or the new morality code (of sexual perversion) are living under the satanic will.

The ability to have sex is not a sign of masculinity for a man and is not a sign of femininity for a woman. Sex proves nothing. Dogs just do it for no reason at all, except for their biological instinct.

Sexual pleasure is temporal. Those who are seeking frantic happiness from sex will always be disappointed because sex cannot fill up the vacuum in your soul.

Sex cannot fill-up the loneliness, the boredom and emptiness of your soul. Only God can answer that emptiness.

Sex is not everything but God is. The beasts have their own pleasure of sex but they cannot possess happiness from sex. Man in the same manner cannot find any happiness from sex. God alone is the source of true happiness.

Sex is not love. Real love can wait but lust is very hungry for sex. Sexual purity is not replaceable. The real issue here is the soul for the person. SEXUAL PERVERSION is the deviation from the normal function and therefore, it is not only social, political emotional sin but as well as spiritual in nature.

Christian must aim to become spiritual and advancing believer- the best for his/her lover.

A person whose mind is always filled with sex will eventually become rapist sex maniac or adulterer. A person who is not satisfied with one wife or husband will always look for another.

UNDERSTANDING THE SEX DRIVE

THE HUMAN SEX DRIVE is the normal, God given part of the mentality of every normal man and woman. To be ashamed of it is to doubt God's perfect righteousness and faithfulness to us.

To misuse it (the human sex drive) is to thwart God's plan and purpose. The sex drive energizes or destroys relationship, depending on its uses, application or control.

THE MALE SEX DRIVE develops in adolescent, producing sperm and stores them in the seminal vesicles. When they are filled, the sex drives climb-up or increases and demands a release of the seminal fluids.

God designed the male's body to handle this in a natural way –by means of night emissions or nocturnal releases, other by masturbation.

The male sex drive is biological, emotional, psychological becoming greater when aroused by sight or mentally ad responds readily to any visual or touches stimuli. Male sperm releases by masturbation develop almost automatically because of the combine sex drive and the external nature of the male sex organs. Therefore, if it is to be avoided, it must be a choice, a decision of the soul. From biological standpoint, masturbation is not necessary.

THE FEMALE BIOLOGICAL system does not automatically build up sex drive, which demands a release. A man naturally turns to masturbation for release, but female must be taught or learn it first.

A woman is stimulated sexually more by touch than by sight. It is more difficult for them to develop a strong habit of masturbation but more difficult to break it.

SEXUAL SINS: Two categories of sexual sins are prominent all over the Scripture. Fornication (PORNEA) refers to an illicit sexual relationship and adultery while OICHOS refers to a sexual relationship outside marriage.

SEXUAL SINS never begins by accident but through a series of pre-sexual experiences, which involves the mind and the soul. These are the things that excite, train, develop, and move the sexual drives.

Most of the pre-sexual experiences that are not related to preparation for marriage contribute only to illicit sexual activities, like masturbation.

WHAT IS MASTURBATION

Masturbation is the gratification of the senses and the indulgence of the sexual appetite [Galatians 5:19]. The act of masturbation becomes an expression of sexual desires.

Masturbation involves visualization and imagination of the physical body of man or woman as partner in the sexual act. The mind is involved in the act and therefore has committed the act of adultery [Matthew 5:28].

Masturbation is the selfish attempt to experience the sensations of sexual pleasure without having a physical sexual partner [Ephesians 2:3]. The act of masturbation always involved the mind.

Masturbation can put a person in bondage of sexual passion and lust if not properly dealt [1 Corinthians 6:12].

Masturbation is a mental sin expressed overtly by physical gesticulation of muscles of the genital.

PRAYER

PRAYER comes in many sounds, styles, forms, concepts and variations linked with every religion. Most members of the human race practice it –but very far from Biblical perspective and principles.

The prayer of the unbeliever are no less than a composition of pious words added with emotional flattery, most of which are borrowed from Christian dictionary reversed with invented meaning.

God will hear only one prayer from the lips of the unbeliever and that is “Lord, save my soul through Jesus’ death on the Cross”.

PRAYER apart from salvation is nothing but waste of time. God will not listen to their prayer because they are not His children.

The prayer of the REVERSIONIST and carnal believers are all rejected except the prayer of rebound that is “Lord, I have sinned against you”.

PRAYER is God’s provision of grace for all believers in the world as a means of communicating with Him. Prayer indeed involves faith, but there is no recognition for the faith of the unsaved souls (unbelievers) and of the carnal believers. Prayer operates in the same way as grace.

Faith is non-meritorious but God hears the prayer of the unbeliever for salvation through the merits of Christ who paid the sins of all men in full on the cross.

Faith is non-meritorious but God hears the prayer of the carnal believer for rebound through the merits of Christ on the cross in behalf of all men.

God do not honor our faith base on our perception of God. He is never move by our sincerity, sacrificial affection and devotion, sacrifices, penances or self-righteousness. God does not answer because we deserve it or that we have earned it.

OUR PRAYER IS ANSWER BECAUSE OF WHO AND WHAT GOD IS, and not because of who and what we are.

God’s answer is totally dependent on His character, on His divine will and purpose for the Church Age believers. God will never answer our prayer because of our faith; otherwise God will put the purpose of Christ’s redemption out of divine purpose.

God will not accept man apart from the spiritual death of Christ. We ask God “in Jesus’ name” and not in our name, because it is Christ Who ahs the power, not our faith.

Those who are trying to portrait themselves as men and women of fasting and prayer are also bragging that God will answer their prayer, are indeed ignorant of Bible doctrine.

Their confidence is not based on the character (essence) of God; their hope is not based on the Word of God but on man’s (their own) misconception and misunderstanding of prayer. Their prayer is based on satanic and human viewpoint.

Those who believe that God will bless them in answer to their prayer are missing the greatest blessing while we are in this world, and that is intimacy with God. **THE MAJOR PURPOSE OF OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE IS TO KNOW GOD.** And the purpose of prayer is to know God, and not get something for us.

One of the greatest areas of modern heresy is in the field of prayer.

THE PURPOSE OF PRAYER

THE PURPOSE is not to get from God what we wanted, but to make us accept what He wanted for us.

All prayer is directed to God the Father [Matthew 6:9], in the name of the Son [John 14:13-14], in the power of the Holy Spirit [Ephesians 6:8]. Since prayer is an extension of the faith-rest exhales toward God [Matthew 21:22, Mark 11:24], it demands familiarity with the plan, purpose and will of God. It must be offered in the status of the filling of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer is effective only when the believer is operating under the grace provision for perception of the Word of God. The believer is effective only inside the will, plan and purpose of God.

THE god of this world [2 Corinthians 4:4] answers the prayer of those outside the will, plan and purpose of God. Satan answers the prayer that falls into the satanic viewpoint and satanic will [2 Timothy 6:9-10]. The devil will give worldly glory to his children, to whoever ask for it [John 8:44, Luke 4:5-7].

The irrevocable permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the sealing of the Holy Spirit guarantees the eternal security of the believer [Ephesians 1:13 and 4:30] but it does not guarantee the answer to our prayer.

There are times when God will not hear their prayer like when:

They pray with sins in their souls [Ephesians 4:19]
They are not filled with the Holy Spirit [Ephesians 6:18]
They are controlled by the OSN [Ephesians 4:27]
They are sinning [Psalm 51:4]

God in His perfect power, knowledge and justice sustains the whole creation without help from imperfect humanity. His perfect plans of grace fro the imperfect man absolute.

There is nothing to add, minus or alter in His perfect plan. Man has nothing to contribute to it. Inside the plan of God there is nothing as fate or accident. Nothing will happen without the perfect knowledge of God. Every thing is under His divine decree.

God knows all the events in the life of all human being in the entire human history. Every event is dependent on the decision of the soul (volition). God respect the decisions of every person, whether good or bad.

Some events God causes to happen, others He allows to happen. All events that happened and all that will happen are all in the divine decree.

Prayer is powerless to change the divine decision. Prayer is powerless to change the will, the purpose and plan of God.

PRAYER is the fellowship of the soul (with imputed righteousness and Bible doctrine, living in experiential spirituality) with God. Prayer is designed to know God through the diligent studies of His Word.

Some worship their prayer life and prayer habit. **PRAYERFULNESS IS NOT THE MEASURE OR A SIGN OF TRUE SPIRITUALITY.**

Never trust anything including your prayerfulness except the grace of God. It is easy to slander God by sincere prayer life and habit without knowing God. God answer our prayer because of His imputed righteousness in us, not because of our effective prayer and fasting.

MYTHS ABOUT PRAYER

THE following are common myths about prayer that has successfully infiltrated the Christian churches:

PRAYER is conversation with God. Whoever propagated the idea of this myth is unaware of several major doctrines related to Divine essence and attributes. God is perfect and man is imperfect. Man cannot simply approach God the way we use telephone to call our fellow man. God is not interested with our nonsense talking.

PRAYER is to get God's blessing. Prayer is to know God not to get material things from God. The children of the world ask for the things of the world, but the children of God ask for the things of heaven.

The Lord Jesus Christ and His apostles did not ask for things of the world. It is easy to deceive the ignorant with their so-called great faith by asking God when in reality it is the devil that is answering their petition and requests.

ANSWER to your material requests from god is not guarantee that you are a man of faith. The man of faith is a man of God's Word.

PRAYER is the ultimate power source._Prayer by itself has no power and there is no way that it can provide some kind of power or strengthening capability to the believers. Our faith has no power. God is the only and ultimate power source in the entire universe.

Genuine prayer of the genuine believer is not mystical. Prayer is designed to make us one with Him and not to claim power for ourselves. Spiritual power is the result of Bible doctrine in the soul of the believer not by prayer and fasting.

Some false teachers and prophets are always excited to pray anywhere and anytime. They are exhibitors of their so-called super faith, making false impression to the ignorant. Their faith and their prayer is nothing but a show.

Being prayerful does not prove that we are rightly related to God. The cults and pagans are more prayerful but they are no rightly related to God.

There is no place for boasting with regards to our prayer life.

PRAYER prepares us for the greater work. Prayer does not prepare us for the greater work because it is the greater work. We do not pray to ask God for some power.

Prayer is the exercise of drawing on the grace of God. Praying at all times- is like banking progressively. We cannot separate the habitual praying and the habitual studying of the Bible doctrine.

The most difficult task inside the secret place of prayer is to concentrate on God. Prayer is the effort of the soul and mind to concentrate on the very presence of God. **A SOUL WITHOUT BIBLE DOCTRINE WILL TALK TO GOD WITH HIS BRAIN AND TONGUE** and sometimes with his tongue only.

PRAYER IS THE COMMUNION OF THE SOUL WITH GOD, not a conversation with God using the tongues.

Those who are known to men as very prayerful are seldom holy, and those unknown as prayerful men are always holy. The godly will never advertise his prayer life.

The carnal and pseudo-Christians are building their faith in their experiences rather than in the word of God. Their prayer life is nothing but a show. Their faith is as good as there prayer life.

MYTHS ABOUT PRAYER (2)

PRAYER IS TO HAVE GREAT SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE. Prayer is not for the sake of spiritual experience but for the purpose of spiritual discernment. Spiritual discernment is the result of stored and resident Bible doctrine in the soul.

Some Christians pray because they get high, thrill, excited and felling spiritual without laboring on the line of God's direction. They are surprise when the answer is different from what they asked.

We are here not to prove that God answer prayer but to be living evidence and monuments of God's grace. God did not save us in order to get answer from God, but to live for Him, to know His will and His purpose for our lives.

It is dangerous to think that God wanted us to be His showroom or display center of His power. God's purpose is to make us one with Him and not to show off the heavenly power in this satanic territory.

PRAYER IS THERAPEUTIC AGENT FOR ALL AILMENTS. Majority of the cults and pseudo-Christians are prescribing prayer as all-purpose remedy for all kinds of sickness and ailments. Some combine prayer with fasting to be more effective.

It is not the will of God for everyone to be perfectly healthy. This is a chaotic world of imperfect human beings. Only a perfect person will be free from all kinds of sickness and disease. If it is God's will for us to be perfectly fit and healthy then, we are not going to die physically. Such teaching of false teachers is not supported by Bible doctrine.

THE REAL FASTING is not from food, but from SELF (old sinful nature), from our ego and pride, self-glory, self-dependency, self-righteousness and anything that hinders us from true spirituality. Food has nothing to do with spirituality. We can eat with God in control of our lives and we can fast without God in our lives.

PRAYER CAN CHANGE OUR DESTINY. The famous slogan or motto of the REVERSIONISTS that "prayer changes things" is a big moronic idea. Some believers are praying asking God to change their circumstances, situation, and the course of their life. They pray to change the historical events, people and event the course of nature.

One of the many dangers of intercession is to pray and intercede in sympathy with those under divine discipline or judgment. Prayer could become the exaltation of our own compromise feelings and sympathy. In our act of kindness or respect to men, we disregard and dishonor Him.

Only Bible doctrine can change man. No amount of intercession can remove and stop bad habits, bad temper, and habitual sins. Such things do not go away by praying and fasting but by act of kicking- through daily study of Bible doctrine.

Radical actions without Bible doctrine can produce only bad results. If God is listening to human clamors and selfish requests, then God is out of control.

PRAYER MOVES THE HANDS OF GOD. No human being can dictate or tell God what to do or what not to do. Prayer is not for man to give direction or guidance to God. God controls human history apart from the will and request of man. We cannot dominate His total and perfect sovereignty. All the above-mentioned myths about prayer are blasphemous.

THINGS WE MUST NOT ASK GOD IN PRAYER

WE DO NOT ASK GOD FOR THE FILLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. The status of being filled with the Holy Spirit is the automatic result of being restored, cleansed, forgiven, and resumed his position for blessings [1 John 1:9]. The filling of the Holy Spirit is the result of obedience to rebound and not by asking or requesting God [Ephesians 5:18] for it is a command.

WE DO NOT ASK GOD TO BLESS THE UNBELIEVERS. The unbelievers are spiritually death, separated from God. They are under the plan of salvation but not entitled to receive blessings. The only appropriate prayer is for their salvation.

WE DO NOT ASK GOD TO FORGIVE OUR SINS. Prior to the death of Christ for the sins of the human race, "forgive" [Matthew 6:12] was still looking forward to that act of redemption where forgiveness was totally provided [Ephesians 1:7]. Our prayer of rebound is to acknowledge that Work of Christ. (See: Rebound)

WE DO NOT ASK FORGIVENESS FOR SINS WE ALREADY CONFESSED. God is not absent-minded or forgetful. The effect of forgiveness and cleansing is eternal and permanent. The divine forgiveness is guarantee by divine essence or character not by our feelings [1 John 1:9, Psalm 38:18]. It is blasphemy to keep asking God for forgiveness for sins He has forgiven.

WE DO NOT ASK GOD TO HEAL EVERY SICKNESS. There are 4 major cause of sickness: violation of the natural laws, divine discipline, undeserved sufferings and spiritual bondage (OSN). Each of this cause has the corresponding remedy. The cults are praying for sickness brought about by

breaking the law of nature or divine discipline. That is a great ignorance!

If a person walks under the rain without any protection and caught colds and flu – he needs medicine. If a believer is afflicted with sickness as divine discipline for his carnality – he needs to rebound not prayer.

WE NOT PRAY FOR THINGS GOD HAS ALREADY DECLARED NOT OF HIS WILL AND PLAN. Such prayer is presumptuous and arrogant.

WE DO NOT ASK GOD TO BLESS OUR SELFISH AMBITION OR PERSONAL PLAN. A common error in our prayer is asking or commanding God to approve our plans and ambition. Some cults are backing up their personal ambition with prayer and fasting in order to make an impression that it is the will of God.

WE DO NOT ASK GOD TO CHANGE A PERSON OR INSTITUTION. The right prayer for those in the seat of power is not for their effective and Christian like characteristics but for their salvation [Romans 13:1-4, 1 Timothy 2:1-4].

The right prayer for wicked unbelievers is for the salvation not for them to have Christian like behavior and lifestyles. We do not force the unsaved to adopt and practice Christian values without salvation. The right prayer for the carnal and those in prolonged REVERSIONISM is not for their prosperity or good conduct, or effectiveness but for their act of rebound and positive volition.

WE DO NOT ASK GOD FOR THINGS HE HAS ALREADY PROVIDED. We must know God and His will for us. **WHO AND WHAT HE IS** –and what He has done. Otherwise, our ignorance will lead to serious errors like, asking God for the gifts of the Spirit, which God distributed to every Church Age believers at the point of salvation. Some are asking for re-baptism of the Holy Spirit or for the filling of the Holy Spirit.

THINGS WE MUST NOT ASK GOD IN PRAYER (2)

WE DO NOT ASK GOD FOR WHAT HE HAS NOT PROMISED in the Scripture for the Church Age believers. The exclusive and conditional promises for the Old Testament believers do not belong to us. The unconditional promises for the Tribulation and Millennial believers do not belong to us.

The promises in the Scripture given to any particular person, group of people or nation do not belong to us.

God is not going to do any promise made by certain preacher to his followers, which He did not promise in the Scripture.

God will not give in to the capricious and illogical demands of man no matter how sincere and devoted their prayer might be.

WE DO NOT ASK GOD FOR BLESSINGS GIVEN TO PARTICULAR PERSON OR NATION. The blessings of some Bible character do not belong to us. The blessing of a nation recorded in the Scripture does not belong to us. The experience of the Old and New Testament believers does not necessarily belong to us.

We cannot ask God to repeat their blessing or experience for us. It is very wicked and selfish to ask God to give you the experience of people living in the different time and background.

Numerous illogical and irrational practices of cults come from this satanic viewpoint. Miracle is an act of God based on His sovereignty, which operate apart from demands or request of man. All the act of God is free from human

intervention and without human participation. Miracle is not miracle if human will, desire and action is involved.

WE DO NOT ASK GOD FOR BLESSING OF A CONDITIONAL PROMISE without first fulfilling the condition required. Some believers are already demanding God to give them the ALL OF THESE THINGS of Matthew 6:33 without seeking the kingdom of God. They are asking God for THE DESIRES OF THEIR HEARTS without the effort of taking delight in studying the Word of God in consistent basis [Psalm 37:4].

WE DO NOT ASK GOD FOR THINGS HE ALREADY TERMINATED. Petition and prayer for things or experience that God has already terminated is a sign of arrogance. Asking God for historical gifts like the gift of healing and tongues is a terrible mistake.

Majority of ignorant believers are committing blasphemy daily every time they come to God in prayer. For example, whenever a believer pray in tongues. Speaking in tongue today is counterfeit because the Holy Spirit is no longer anointing such person. Since tongue is already a historical gift, as a sign to the unbelieving Jews.

Whenever the believer misapplies literally the context of 1Timothy 2:8 by raising his hand on the air and asks God to bless and prosper those in the position of authority.

The phrase "lift up your holy hands" is not literal action but figuratively. It refers to the act of intercession not raising hands. The prayer for all unbelievers is for their salvation and not for anything else.

Another common mistake of believers is when they spiritualize the non-spiritual things by their cultic practices such as laying of hands, anointing and prayer with fasting. There are more heresies and blasphemies in the area of prayer than in any other part of our Christian life.

THINGS NOT RELATED TO GENUINE PRAYER

There are 10 things with religious connotation that are not essential and has not relationship to genuine prayer.

FASTING: There is no command for the Church Age believers to fast when praying. There is no command for us to fast.

There is no verse in the Scripture that states the effectiveness of fasting if combine with prayer.

POSTURE: No prescribed posture for prayer is stated in the Scripture. There is no prescribed posture for effective prayer. The raising of hands, the clasped hands, the clapping of hands, the beating of the chest and other irrelevant postures are all invention of man. Such postures are not related with spirituality and have nothing to do with the affectivity of prayer.

PLACE. There is no required place for effective prayer. No prayer house, no prayer mountain, prayer garden are necessary for God to answer our prayer. The only right place for prayer is inside the will and plan of God [John 4:21-24].

God is unpractical to command us to pray at all times and pray at a very solemn and quiet place. The believer can be alone with God in the midst of a noisy crowd. If you do not know how to be alone with God, then even in the top of the prayer mountain, your mind is fill with the things of the world.

PREPARATION: The only preparation needed for prayer and worship is the prayer of rebound. No religious music or singing, fasting and praise and worship are necessary for

effective prayer. Music excites only the emotion and the mind but left out the soul with sins.

Religious music is the greatest heresy of our time. The so-called music ministers are the greatest deceiver of the Church Age believers.

PERSONALITIES: No super-faith and super-prayerful leaders are necessary to lead the congregation for effective prayer. God answer our prayer not because of who is praying –God has no favorite. The so-called prayer warriors are purely human viewpoint. Our weapon is the Word of God not prayer [Ephesians 6:17].

FAITH: The justice of God answers our prayer not on the basis of our faith but on the essence of God. It is not how much we can believe but WHO AND WHAT GOD IS. Faith is never the key for effective prayer but the grace of God.

VISIONS: The mysterious illusion of the divine revelation or manifestation of the so-called God to some super-believer is hoax and not related to prayer.

ANOINTING: Some cults claimed that they have received the double anointing or double portion of the spirit (of the devil of course) and that God will answer their prayer (as if they are God's favorite). Such anointing is devious.

COMMITMENT: Devotion to prayer does not guarantee effective prayer. It is easy to become devoted to prayer but never to God. Human sincerity is often sincerely wrong.

PRAYER PARTNER: The prayer of others has nothing to do with our own effectiveness. Celebrated and dynamic prayer partner are not requirement for genuine prayer. God answers our prayer based on divine essence not because of our super-prayer partner.

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

PRAYING in the Spirit is not a spiritual gift [1 Corinthians 14:14-15, Jude 20], it is not praying in tongues, but refers to biblical principle that we are to pray only in the state of spirituality, even as we worship God through the Word of God under the filling of the Holy Spirit [John 4:23-25].

Praying in the Spirit is not mystical but refers to the act of obedience to be filled with the Holy Spirit during the entire course of prayer.

The believer can only obey the command to pray at all times [1 Thessalonians 5:17] through the rebound provision of grace [1 John 1:9]. The believer can remain in the state of spirituality only through the grace provision.

TO BE continually spiritual is to be in the spiritual praying ground at all times. Praying in the Spirit means praying while in the state of spirituality.

God did not command the Old and New Testament believers or the Church Age believers to pray with fasting. The Jewish exiles in Babylon borrowed the practice of fasting and slowly integrated it into their religion.

The believers of the infant Church Age practiced fasting for 4 reasons:

1. It was a hang-over of the Old testament practice
2. For their concentration to spiritual matters
3. There was nothing to eat, [2 Corinthians 6:5]
4. When they have vital decision to make

Fasting does not make prayer less or more effective since the vital thing is spirituality not fasting.

FASTING IS POSSIBLE IN ANY SPIRITUAL STANDING:

1. Spiritual death (unbelievers)

2. Temporal & operational death
3. Carnal believers
4. REVERSIONIST believers

Anybody can fast and pray. Few Christians can out beat the cults and pagan when it comes to fasting. Fasting is not a spiritual exercise.

Fasting is not a sign of spirituality or superiority or spiritual maturity. Prayer with fasting cannot advance your spiritual life –it cannot accelerate your spiritual growth.

PRAYER WITH GROANING: Groaning (STENAGMOS-στεναγμος) is not crying in audible voice but something you cannot hear. It refers to silent and covert intercession of the Holy Spirit not to prayer of the one praying.

The indwelling Holy Spirit intercedes for the believer according to the will, plan and purpose of God. The groaning of the Spirit is not express with the believer's senses and therefore, does not produce some mysterious audible and non-sense sounds.

The intercessory prayer of the indwelling Holy Spirit does not pray through speaking of tongues, because being Member of the Godhead, He will not communicate with God the Father in such foolish unknown tongues.

There is no need to speak in tongues since the gift has already ceased. All the speaking of tongues today is not from God and they are all fabrication. There is no need to emote our emotion, since God does not answer because of our feelings, sincerity and devotion.

The Prayer in the Spirit is something man cannot imitate or forged. It is the communication of the Holy Spirit from the life of spiritual believer to God.

PRAYER AND LOGISTICAL GRACE

BELIEVERS who are blowing their trumpets to announce their success in the area of prayer are also blowing the reality of their spirituality. Arrogant believers worship their prayer habits more than they worship God. They worship God in their prayer without removing the high places of idolatry in their souls. They are making false external obedience without spiritual reality [2 Chronicles 15:17].

Their prayer habit becomes their canon or measurement of holiness. They are building prayer as their altar of sacrifice – they worship their prayer not God.

The ALL THINGS of Matthew 21:22 and WHATSOEVER THINGS of Mark 11:24 does not refer to desires of the old sin nature, but the desires of the indwelling Holy Spirit to glorify God in the life of the believers.

God has already provided all the basic and necessary resources for the believer to reach spiritual maturity and thereby glorify God. However, God has to wait until the believer reaches the state of maturity before He can pour out blessings (to believer) that will glorify Him to the maximum.

Why would God excite us to ask material blessings when in fact He rebukes our carnal desires from Genesis to Revelation? The apostles and the disciples did not ask anything related to their physical needs from God.

God has already promised to provide all the needs of His children [Philippians 4:19] called the logistical grace, made available to every believer regardless of spiritual status. Prayer is exhaling the spirit of man and inhaling the Spirit of God.

The purpose of prayer is not to get from God what we wanted, to make us accept what He wanted for us. For this reason, we can only pray on the basis of God's truth.

The logistical grace covers our need in four aspects:

1. Life support-the duration of time for the believer to stay in the world.
2. Security provision-the divine protection from the hazard of the world designed by Satan for disaster and calamity of the believers
3. Temporal provision –the divine supplies like food, shelter, clothing, transportation, etc.
4. Spiritual provision- the divine supplies for spiritual growth and advancement like Bible doctrine, Bible teacher, etc.

God supplies logistical blessing to all believers faithfully, constantly and unconditionally.

There are no criteria for receiving the logistical blessing. No prayer is required and no need to ask God in prayer.

If we say that we have faith but constantly asking God for material blessings, then we are lying. The believer continues act of asking God for his material needs is the denial of his faith [Matthew 6:25-34]. The faith that is always asking is not faith but pleading without knowledge.

Logistical grace is for all believers but escrow blessing in time is for mature believers only.

One of the most common forms of evil in the local churches today is the so-called prayer request. Their prayer is all about themselves, and for themselves.

PRAYER AND INNER HAPPINESS

INNER HAPPINESS is the state of completed happiness found only in the hearts of the advancing and mature believers. It is the place of spirituality and spiritual maturity where the believer based his happiness on the will, purpose and plan of God. It is the place of total blessedness. The state of happiness is the ultimate goal of the Christian life.

THE COMPLETED HAPPINESS is the stabilized happiness of Christ while He was in the world. The peace of God in the believer is stabilized by Bible doctrine. The INNER HAPPINESS is found only inside the will, purpose and plan of God or DIVINE DYNASTY. There is no genuine inner happiness outside this realm of God.

The inner happiness is the derivative of Bible doctrine in the soul of the believers. To reach the completed state of happiness one must begin from positive volition to pursue the Truth of Bible doctrine. There is no short cut to inner happiness. The short cut is often leads to misery.

The COMPLETED INNER HAPPINESS comes to those who are diligent and discipline in studying, learning and applying Bible doctrine [Romans 14:19, Proverbs 3:13].

The phrase MAY BE FULL (PLEROO-πληροο) of 1 John 1:4 indicates that the action the Bible doctrine brings us to complete our inner happiness [2 John 12].

Satan's substitute for inner happiness is PSEUDO - HAPPINESS from religion, in which emotion is integrated with some illegitimate and mystical forms of ecstatic expressions, like tongues, holy laughter and slaying of the Holy Spirit.

PSEUDO INNER-HAPPINESS

SATAN can counterfeit only the outward manifestation of the work of Christ and of the Holy Spirit. The inner happiness that comes from God is counterfeit-proof. Nobody can fake it, in the same way; nobody can fake genuine salvation, spirituality, spiritual maturity, and spiritual self-esteem.

Satan can satisfy the delusion of the ignorant and the carnal believers. The remedy for deception is the full-knowledge of the Truth (EPIGNOSIS), knowing the genuine manifestation, knowing the real thing from the bogus one.

The counterfeit inner happiness of the cults is mostly outward shows. They spiritualized almost everything. The speaking of tongues and holy laughter is not manifestation of the genuine inner happiness.

They have programmed and animated smiles –the reel type of happiness, one that comes out from their defiled souls as commanded by the old sinful nature. Their smiles and laughter are all counterfeit.

The pseudo-inner happiness does not have degrees or categories. All of them can instantly reach the peak of ecstatic joy as they follow the mood of the praise and worship leader. We do not ask God to give us the inner happiness because it is not imputed or distributed. It is the result of life that nurtures on the Word of God for a long period of time.

The cults have short cuts for everything: such as instant spiritual maturity, instant pastors, instant servants of God, and instant messages from God – all comes from their super powerful prayer.

PRAYER IS...

PRAYER IS NOT:

1. Conversation with God
2. Communication with God
3. To get God's blessing
4. The ultimate power source
5. Preparation for great task
6. To gain spiritual experience
7. Remedy for many ailments
8. Something that change history
9. Something that change man
10. A tool to move the hand of The Lord
11. A weapon against the devil
12. A defense against self-made miseries
13. A compass to find the will of God
14. A guide in seeking divine plan

PRAYER IS:

1. Designed to know God
2. Designed to know the will, plan and purpose of God
3. To make us one with Him
4. The exercise of drawing on the Grace of God
5. For the purpose of spiritual discernment
6. For the purpose of praise
7. To receive the best from God
8. For the purpose of submission
9. The spiritual activity of the soul
10. The spiritual expression of worship

IF GOD is perfectly immutable, infinite in knowledge and unchangeable, why do we have to pray? Does the divine essence and divine decree eliminate the need for prayer?

ANSWERS: Effective prayer makes requests which God answers. Things we ask in time are all incorporated into divine decree in the eternity past [Isaiah 65:24].

Effective prayer is our powerful weapon in the angelic conflict. It is our distress call. We are not capable and able enemies of Satan –but Satan is no match to our resources in Christ [Philippians 4:6, Colossians 4:2]. Prayer is not actually a weapon but like a bucket we use for drawing our resources in Christ.

Effective prayer is the powerful and the strategic action of the spiritually mature believer for tactical victory. We are not praying for victory but from the victory of the Lord Jesus [Romans 8:37, Ephesians 3:10].

Effective prayer is enjoying the great presence of the Lord not just talking or asking Him for things. It is designed for knowing Him, knowing His plan, will and purpose through His Word [Philippians 3:10, 1 John 1:3].

THE ELEMENTS OF GENUINE WORSHIP: are salvation, spirituality or the Spirit filled life of the believer and Scripture in the soul. Prayer is an expression of true worship. Fasting is not an element of worship and is not an expression of worship.

THE BASIS OF GOD FOR HEARING OUR PRAYER is not because of anything in the part of man, but because of the ministry of God the Son, Jesus Christ:

1. The imputed righteousness of God in the believer
2. The imputed eternal life of God in the believer
3. Provision for the continuous fellowship with God (through the filling of the Holy Spirit by the exercise of rebound).

Our non-meritorious faith is not the basis of God for answering our prayer.

Be careful of the cults of prayer that deceives the ignorant.

FAITH

FAITH is one of the most misused and abused biblical term distorted by some theologians and reversed by the cults and REVERSIONIST Christians to make its meaning favorable to their false doctrines.

The Greek noun PISTIS (πιστις) when translated as faith has dual meaning. First in the objective sense, PISTIS means WHAT IS BELIEVED that is the whole Bible doctrine. Secondly: PISTIS refers to the believer's application of Bible doctrine to experience that is faith -rest.

FAITH by itself cannot function as a virtue. Faith and hope are subordinate system that function within the sphere of the love complex. Love is superior to either faith or hope because love is the characteristic virtue of the entire divine sphere.

FAITH represents an entire system of applying the word of God, while hope is a system derived from knowledge of Bible doctrine stored and residing in the soul. **HOPE** is absolute confidence in future divine provisions and blessings [Romans 8:24-25]. The believer can apply doctrine and advance from the hope of blessing in time to hope of blessing in eternity but only inside the sphere of God.

In English Bible, Hebrews 11:1 is commonly mistaken for a definition of faith, but where PISTIS was used in its passive sense, what is believed -the object of faith, that is Bible doctrine. Hebrews 11:1 is actually a definition of hope.

Bible doctrine reveals the plan of God. Under His plan, He glorifies Himself by blessing us. He can bless us only because of a series of imputations, which create a potential for blessing.

Both hope and faith are part of confidence toward God, as a virtue, we must remember that the standard of virtue is His divine essence, and not the relative systems of human morality and ethics.

Here is a corrected translation of Hebrews 11:1-2:

"Now, Bible doctrine is the reality from which we keep receiving the hope, the proof of matters not being seen. For by it, (Bible doctrine in the soul) men of old gained approval (when they reached spiritual maturity)".

"By faith (means of doctrine) we understand...by faith (means of doctrine) Abel offered a better sacrifice [Hebrews 12:3-4].

IN each CASE OF Hebrews 11- Bible doctrine made the difference. It converted each one's potential into hope, and that hope gave him confidence which led him to spiritual maturity and beyond. Each person expressed his maturity in the various courses of action recorded in this honor roll.

AND WITHOUT FAITH (BIBLE DOCTRINE IN THE SOUL) IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD [Hebrews 12:6].

Seeking God is the determined, steady and regular academically disciplined, and diligent (self-motivated with spiritual concentration) intake of the Word of God.

We cannot separate faith, and hope from Bible doctrine. Faith apart and depart from the Word of God is not the biblical concept of faith.

We cannot separate faith and hope from love because it is the primary virtue of the divine sphere. Faith apart from Bible doctrine is not faith.

FAITH, THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IN SALVATION

GOD did not thwart our volition in salvation; otherwise, He would destroy His plan of grace. He would cancel the purpose of salvation that each person might choose to have a personal relationship with Him.

God does everything for man to have salvation, except make the decision for us. Positive volition is the only missing link, the only factor needed to complete our reconciliation with God. Though we are born totally detestable to God, a single decision of non-meritorious faith in Christ closes the gap and establishes us as God's children [John 1:11-12].

God's plan of grace is based on God's integrity, not on any merit in the human race. God loves us because of WHO AND WHAT HE IS, because of the provisions he has made, because of the cross that fulfilled the perfect demands of His righteousness. That is grace.

After salvation the justice of God remains the source of our blessings- we are the beneficiaries of God's plan of grace.

We are always under grace, as we were saved by grace (not by our own faith) of God, and we are always under the grace of God as objects of God's personal love [Ephesians 2:8-9]. We are saved by grace through faith, not by faith.

At the moment of faith alone in Christ alone, God permanently imputes His absolute righteousness to every believer, eliminating any need to earn God's approbation with human good or human self-righteousness. We live the Christian way of life by following God's mandates, not by striving to fulfill our own legalistic ideas of what ought to

please God. No human merit can earn God's love or blessing after salvation.

THE phrase THE UPWARD CALL OF GOD refers to the ministry of the Holy Spirit at the instant a person first believes in Christ [Philippians 3:13-14]. Every human being is born spiritually dead; we have a spiritually dead understanding of God, and spiritually dead faith to believe in Christ. We are unable to comprehend spiritual things and totally incapable of a relationship with God.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is vital, first, to make the Gospel clear and second, to make our faith in Christ effective for salvation. In itself, our faith has no power to save us.

The Holy Spirit must take our faith and make it effectual in establishing an eternal relationship with God [John 16:8-11].

We receive no credit or merit for believing in Christ. All glory belongs to God and to Him alone. We are saved exclusively by the power of God. The upward call is designated COMMON GRACE, extended to all individual, while the ministry of the Holy Spirit is converting the believer's faith into salvation is called the EFFICACIOUS GRACE.

In every case where common grace is not followed by faith in Christ, efficacious grace does not occur.

The faith of the unbelievers is spiritually dead faith, and the faith of the carnal believers is operationally dead or temporally dead. Both faiths are useless [James 2:17-20].

Faith in salvation is non-meritorious in the same way; faith after salvation is also non-meritorious. Man has nothing to boast concerning his faith.

FAITH OR GOD'S GRACE

The justice of God imputes the logistical grace to the righteousness of God to every believer [Psalm 23:1, Matthew 6:26], on the basis of equal privilege and equal opportunity to enable them to grow and mature spiritually. Every believer received the love complex but only few utilize its power. Many Christians today fail to progress beyond salvation. They are unable to utilize the grace and power of God [2 Peter 3:18].

The logistical grace includes the provision for the believer to advance and reach spiritual maturity. It is composed of four interrelated blessings: life support, temporal support, security provisions and spiritual provisions.

The so-called prayer of faith of pseudo men of faith is always petition made under the grace provision. Praying for things God has already included in His provision. Asking great material things from God proves only that they are not men of faith. The Lord Jesus Christ and His apostles and disciples did not ask God for such things.

Logistical blessing is provision for all believers. No prayer, petition or faith is required to receive such blessing. Prayer in relation to logistical grace is for the purpose of thanksgiving and gratitude not to demand or request. The Lord Jesus did not use His faith to ask the Father any of such provision.

The Humanity of Christ did not use His faith to heal or to make miracles. His purpose on earth was not to be known as miracle worker, man of faith. His ministry was fourfold:

1. Proclamation of the Gospel
2. Preaching of Bible doctrine
3. Prophecy concerning the Church Age
4. Presentation of His Messianic credentials

There were only 20 cases of healing recorded in 4 gospels, 5 of which are repetition. There were only 7 persons whom Jesus delivered from demon possession and there were only 9 miracles associated with Christ.

FAITH IS NOT OUR DEFENSE AGAINST DEMONS:

The Church is mandated to remain on the defense line against the Devil and his demons [Ephesians 6:11]. We are taking offense against old sinful nature (OSN) and against the cosmic systems by growing in grace and in knowledge of Christ [2 Peter 3:18].

Defensive action is the only way to prevent defeat by Satan [James 4:6-7] Submission to God is our offensive action. Resisting the devil is our defensive action [1 Peter 5:8-9], and is by our daily and progressive study of Bible doctrine [Ephesians 6:10-17].

The battleground for the spiritual life is the soul. When the armor of God is in place, the soul is protected from the assaults of Satan.

Where the defensive wall crumbles, the soul is left exposed to satanic darts and missiles. The battle is between divine viewpoint and satanic viewpoint, thought against thought, mental attitude against mental attitude. We do not win such battle by driving away or casting out evil spirits.

We can win the spiritual warfare only through the power of God in our lives, as we are controlled and energized by the Holy Spirit and empowered by the Word of God (the EPIGNOSIS in the soul). We have the victory; we are winners if only we are not going to surrender before the battle starts. Faith (Bible doctrine in the souls) is the victory [1 John 5:4].

FAITH AS MEANS OF PERCEPTION

Never do we earn or deserve any credit in the entire plan and system of God. His entire plan is alive with grace not with human achievement. The imperfect man cannot and will have no meritorious role in God's perfect plan.

Man has 3 basic means of perception:

RATIONALISM relies on human reason and logical consistency as the criterion for reality, totally apart from authority and revelation of the Scripture. In rationalism man engages his intellect, deducing a logical system to explain reality.

EMPIRICISM establishes reality based on the experience of the senses because reality is what you see, hear, smell, taste and feel. In empiricism man hones his powers of observation for discovering answers in the world and the universe around him.

FAITH is reality based on confidence in the authority and veracity of God. Faith, the non-meritorious system of thinking comprehends infinite spiritual truths that are beyond the finite mind reasoning powers and sensory system.

IN **FAITH** the credit does not belong to the subject but to the object. Not to the one who believes but to what is believed. After salvation, we must live by grace. Grace includes all human merits. Faith remains the only means of perceiving and applying Bible doctrine.

God has provided everything we need for learning God's Word. They are called grace provisions for the saints to understand doctrine through spiritual IQ not human IQ.

Human IQ is an index number indicating degree of human intelligence and is the result of meritorious perception.

SPIRITUAL IQ is created by the filling of the Holy Spirit, related to the amount of Bible doctrine stored as **EPIGNOSIS** in the right lobe of the soul [Colossians 1:9], is the result of non-meritorious faith perception. Believers have the ability to learn Bible doctrine apart from human IQ-since it is not a factor for learning doctrine.

The mentality of the soul has two lobes. The left lobe is the home of **GNOSIS** (γνῶσις) that is academic knowledge of the Scripture. The right lobe is the repository of **EPIGNOSIS** (ἐπιγνῶσις) that is full knowledge.

GNOSIS is receptive comprehension, the academic knowledge that is not usable for application in life. It is non-edifying. The application of gnosis doctrine is reversion of the Bible doctrine where true doctrine may generate pride, legalism, inflexibility, inconsiderateness, narrow-mindedness and compounding superiority.

EPIGNOSIS is designed for application as wisdom and spiritual common sense in the spiritual life –it is available for application unlike gnosis, which is not applicable for any application. This is the reason why the **REVERSIONISTS** are very good in human viewpoint reasoning.

Filling of the Holy Spirit and positive volition are equally essential in faith perception, otherwise, the Holy Spirit cannot convert and transfer gnosis from the left lobe to the right lobe to become **EPIGNOSIS**.

The positive volition believer filled with the Holy Spirit concentrates on the pastor's teaching, resulting in gnosis. The believer clearly perceives the doctrine and believes what he has learned. The Holy Spirit takes the gnosis and converts it into **EPIGNOSIS** and seals it eternally –to be reinforced by more doctrines while on earth.

THE OBJECTIVE OF FAITH

THE objective of faith (for the unbelievers) is not to make you pleasing, approvable, or acceptable before God but to receive the free gift of salvation by believing Christ alone could save us. The faith we utilized to receive salvation is non-meritorious and has no power to save the soul.

The purpose of faith for the believers is not to perform miracles, heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, or to do great things for God but to appropriate the power of God in our spiritual momentum toward spiritual maturity. The faith we utilize to grow and advance in the spiritual life is non-meritorious and has no power to energize, accelerate or promote us from immaturity to maturity, or to remove us from carnality and transfer us to spirituality.

Faith apart from Bible doctrine is pure presumptuous faith. Faith as a subordinate virtue cannot function by itself. *Faith is not founded on what we can believe* or our sincere conviction that are inspired by old sin nature. *True faith is founded by what is believed* – that is, Bible doctrine.

An average person with good ability to concentrate can receive not more 50% doctrine communicated by his pastor (the first discussion of a certain doctrine). If he has a high positive volition, he can retain not more than 20% of what is converted as EPIGNOSIS. When required to apply the doctrine in his KARDIA, he will do well with not more than 1%.

Out of the total doctrine taught: 50% he missed and flew away. 50% he perceived as gnosis. 20 % of the gnosis becomes EPIGNOSIS. 1% of the EPIGNOSIS becomes available for immediate recall and application. This explained why the believer must be faithful in listening; studying and re-studying the Bible doctrine until he fully absorb the whole doctrine. A noble Christian is one who is

willing to keep learning until he has mastered the doctrine [Acts 17:11].

OUR objective is saturation of Truth but there is no way to accelerate the process other than its gradual gathering and storing in the right lobe. The positive volition believer develops a frame of reference for receiving and retaining more doctrine necessary to build up the Truth. Because truth builds upon truth, we must persist in learning precept upon precept, line upon line (Isaiah 28:10).

The Jesus Christ is the Author (ARCHEGOS-αρχηγος), meaning; He is the Cause and Source of all things refers to Christ as the ONE who brings something to completion (of our faith –what we believed).

Hebrews 12:2a refers to the work of God in providing, nurturing and bringing into completion His plan for our lives. But God cannot do anything without the cooperation of our free will (volition) to grow.

The believer must have the DESIRE (positive volition) to grow and advance to maturity. He must enforce his desire with DECISION to reach his goal or objective. His decisions must show DETERMINATION in the midst of trials, testing and suffering. To his growing determination, he must attach military DISCIPLINE not to allow anything or anybody to hinder his spiritual growth and momentum.

The most extra-ordinary faith is not one that raises dead people from the grave but one that is willing to learn Bible doctrine regardless of situation and conditions.

FAITH AND THE PERFECT WORK OF GOD

ONCE a person believes in Christ, his salvation in Christ is permanent, secured and cannot be canceled by anything he thinks, does or says. Salvation is the non-reversible work of God. No human sin, human decision, human ridiculousness can destroy the believer's eternal security-not even his renunciation of faith [2 Timothy 2:11-13].

At the point of salvation God imputes His absolute righteousness to every believer and declares him righteous or justified [Romans 3:21-28]. If God will exclude any one from eternal salvation who possessed his imputed righteousness, He would have to deny His own righteousness and justice, because He contradicts His own pronouncement of justification. Our salvation is strong as the essence of God.

Between the point of salvation and reaching spiritual maturity, every believer is the beneficiary of logistical blessings unconditionally provided regardless of spiritual standing before God, and without the necessity of faith or anything from man.

At the point of spiritual maturity, the believer continue to receive logistical blessings plus the blessing in time -all because the believer received the imputed righteousness from the justice of God. It is the only basis for all subsequent blessings.

The real issue is our adjustment to the justice of God not our faith. Our vital contact point with God is our spiritual adjustment to His justice- not our non-meritorious faith. In some cases, the faith of the so-called men of faith is not only non-meritorious but also notorious.

GOD BLESSES US ONLY BECAUSE CHRIST WHO INDWELLS US MEETS HIS PERFECT STANDARDS AND BECAUSE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IS IN US. GOD WILL NEVER BLESS US FOR WHAT WE DO OR WHAT WE DO NOT DO, NO FOR WHO AND WHAT WE ARE, BUT FOR WHO AND WHAT GOD IS.

God is blessing you not because of your brilliant personality, not because of your enthusiasm in the work the church, not because of your marvelous abilities, talents and spiritual gifts. God is blessing you because you possess the principle of His integrity- divine righteousness. The justice of God is free to bless only divine righteousness wherever it maybe found [Romans 8:31, 5:16-17].

If the basis for salvation is human faith then, nobody is going to heaven. If the basis for blessing mankind is our faith, then nobody will ever receive anything from God - because our faith is always wavering, unstable, imperfect, and blemish with old sin nature, which God cannot accept by any means.

God cannot throw away his absolute integrity (His perfect righteousness and justice) and lower Himself to the level of imperfect man by accepting our imperfect faith.

FAITHFUL IS THE WORD: FOR IF WE DIED WITH HIM, WE SHALL ALSO LIVE WITH HIM. IF WE PERSEVERE (living in the will, plan and purpose of God) WE WILL RULE WITH HIM (as recipient of eternal blessing) IF WE DENY HIM (reject divine will to mature) HE WILL DENY US (withhold eternal rewards because we are loser). IF WE ARE FAITHLESS (living in carnality) HE REMAINS FAITHFUL (divine essence) FOR HE CANNOT DENY HIMSELF (His perfect immutability and veracity [2 Timothy 2:11-13], So, this is not about GREAT FAITH but about GREAT GOD.

HOW TO INCREASE YOUR FAITH

THE humanity of Christ encountered two persons with "great faith". The first was a woman [Matthew 15:28], and a centurion [Luke 7:9]. In several occasions scolded His disciples for their little faith or lack of faith [Matthew 14:31, 16:8, 17:20, 21:21 and Luke 12:28].

GREAT FAITH is not an excellent measure of faith but the capacity to believe the Truth they heard. Believer, like Stephen who was described as a man FULL OF FAITH refers to Bible doctrine stored in his soul available for utilization at any situations may require. Great faith is not mystical and exclusive to few (like the TV preachers around us) who claimed to have special anointing from God.

LITTLE FAITH refers to gnosis that failed conversion and transfer into EPIGNOSIS in the right lobe of the soul. It is academic faiths that will soon fade away lacking capacity for recall and application. Christians with weak faith are doctrinally ignorant and unable to resist temptation and open to any compromise [Romans 4:19].

TO GROW STRONG IN FAITH requires the positive volition to leave behind the weak faith of carnality and concentrate in studying Bible doctrine diligently, systematically, and progressively avoiding every intermission and barrier that diverts the focus of the soul from Christ. That decision to grow strong begins with an act of volition [Romans 4:20].

TO INCREASE OUR FAITH is to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ by means of continuous and progressive learning of Bible doctrine. No amount of prayer and fasting can increase our faith [2 Peter 3:18]. Like the lowly mustard seed, our faith must germinate, grow its roots down-ward before it can bear fruits upward [Luke 17:5-6]. No amount of prayer and fasting, miracles,

healing, tongues, and exorcism can add a millimeter to our faith. The people surrounding the life of Christ and the apostles had enough miracles and yet remained unconverted.

THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE BY FAITH is a statement that describes the normal lifestyle of the Christians inside the plan, purpose and will of God. The Word of God possesses such believers and whose principles and viewpoint are dominantly biblically accurate [Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11].

RIGHTEOUS MEN became strong in their faith gradually – being energized by the Holy Spirit as they move slowly toward spiritual maturity by the grace of God. They utilize the power of the divine sphere not their own power. They refused to leave the divine sphere and not heeding Satan's enticement to leave even for a while [Ephesians 3:16, 19].

THE RIGHTEOUS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING THE FULLNESS OF GOD –WHICH COMES BY KNOWING GOD NOT BY WORKING FOR GOD. We come to know God by living within the system in which Jesus Christ lived while on earth. It is a system is the divine sphere of blessedness [John 1:16].

Only inside the divine sphere we can think His thoughts and develop the same mental attitude that govern His life [1 Corinthians 2:16, Philippians 2:5] His inner dynamics becomes our inner dynamic. His virtues become our virtues. His capacity for life becomes our capacity for life. His happiness becomes our happiness. His integrity becomes our integrity [John 15:11, 16:13-15].

FAITH AND THE BATTLE OF THE SOUL

FAITH does not believe without proof of God's essence. To believe God is to know Him, His purpose, His plan, operation and systems. Faith that is ignorant of God's essence is presumptuous faith.

Faith is not trusting a creature or putting your confidence on man. True confidence is based on God's essence. A misdirected faith is not faith but human compromise with evil schemes.

Faith is not claiming biblical promise and urging God to fulfill it, without knowing His plan and purpose. It is easy to say, "I believe that God will do it" without the confidence on God.

Faith is not human capacity coated with our selfishness and arrogance in demanding His intervention for something entirely impossible to settle or resolved. Faith is the divine action of His righteousness and justice. It is not demanding something for our needs and problems. Faith is not what you make to believe or what you like to believe but what is believed [Hebrews 12:2c].

The justice of God provided all Church Age believers with equal privileges and equal opportunity to reach spiritual maturity. The measure of faith is the results of individualized volition to use or not to use divine resources.

Only faith (doctrine) can establish the spiritual life of the believer individually and collectively (Acts 16:5). No amount of "spiritual messages" or spiritual music, tongues, and others can make you grow and move toward spiritual maturity. Your faith can grow exceedingly or remain stagnant - depending on your study of the Word [2 Thessalonians 1:3, James 2:18-17].

THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH [1 Timothy 6:12] refers to the battle the Church Age believers have to face while advancing toward spiritual maturity. The battle is about volitional responsibility to study or not to study Bible doctrine -not fighting demons. Our faith is powerless against Satan and his demons.

TO DEPART FROM FAITH [1 Timothy 4:1b] is to reject Bible doctrine and to accept the doctrines of demons. To depart from the faith or to wander from the faith is to fill your mind with human viewpoint or satanic viewpoint [1 Timothy 6:10b].

THE SPIRITUAL BATTLEFIELD where each one of us is assigned to fight is the soul, not the planet earth that is why, our soul must be possessed with EPIGNOSIS-Bible doctrine.

The spiritual warfare that we have to win is right here in our soul- not in some ghostly houses or temple of demons. There is no command for the believers to expel demons from this planet.

WE cannot bully Satan with gnosis doctrine in our NOUS. Memorized Scriptural text has no effect on Satan-he has memorized it better than the believers.

The truth we learned will establish real convictions and belief. The principles we gained will guide our conduct in the world. The truth will set us free.

EPIGNOSIS are permanently stored in the soul, preserved for eternity. If however, remain unused- the Holy Spirit will ask for refresher course that may include preventive suffering. There is no spiritual maturity without the application of EPIGNOSIS to life.

FAITH-REST

FAITH-REST relies on the infinite power, energy and resources of God. It is God's gracious, matchless, endless provision for believers in time. It is a moment-by-moment Sabbath.

Without rest, there is no spiritual power, strength and spiritual capacity to serve God. There is absolutely nothing in the spiritual life with this moment-by-moment rest. It will be a spiritual life without the wonderful shower of blessings.

The faith-rest life is characterized by continuous, perpetual faith that believes the promises of God [Hebrews 4:10]. It is signified by diligence in seeking life that is not operating by the energy of the flesh [Hebrews 4:11].

The faith-rest life is characterized by knowing the Word of God, the will of God for man. The believer who is applying faith-rest is allowing the Word of God to inspect his mind, heart and soul. He is willing to take constant examination (testing) by giving the Word of God freedom to judge his thought and life [Hebrews 4:12-13].

The faith-rest life is characterized by being a witness to the world regarding the wonderful grace of God. It is becoming a showcase of divine grace in the world of chasm and chaos [Hebrews 4:12].

It is characterized by series of testing of undeserved suffering, which demands continual trust or confidence in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is life that is learning to depend on God in every area of his life. It is a life that trusts on nobody except God, a life that is totally independent from men and totally dependent on God alone [Hebrews 4:15-16].

FAITH-REST is something we do not earn, we do not deserve, and we do not have the right but because of God's grace, it is possible. Faith-rest is not an exercise we do in times of crisis or problem, but moment-by-moment exercise. Faith-rest is like a water reservoir that you fill during the rainy days and use during the dry seasons.

THREE STAGES OF FAITH -REST:

STAGE 1: Claim a Biblical promise. The believer stands on the veracity of God's Word, giving life to the Bible doctrine stored and resident in the soul [Romans 8:28].

STAGE 2: Apply a doctrinal rationale. The believer recalls doctrinal truths to form logical premises, on the basis of God's essence and character [Romans 8:29-30].

Foreknowledge: God thought about you in the eternity past.
Predestination: God designed a plan for you in the eternity past.

Election: God chose you for the privileged part of His plan.
Justification: God can bless you because you possess His righteousness

Glorification: God can bless you forever in heaven.

STAGE 3: Reach a doctrinal conclusion and take control of the situation [Romans 8:32-32].

IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US – IF GOD GAVE US HIS SON, HE WILL ALSO GIVE US ALL THINGS

THE Christian key to faith-rest is the appropriation of God's grace by faith and the utilization of divine problem-solving devices. WAITING UPON THE LORD is synonym with faith-rest. To wait is to continue trusting God until He restores your human strength with divine strength.

FAITH VS. WORKS

THE subject of faith is one of the most misinterpreted term in the Bible and the most abuse among the religious. It has different meaning from religion to religion.

The main elements in FAITH (PISTIS-πιστις) in its relation to the invisible God as distinct from human faith are especially brought out in the use of this Greek noun and corresponding and verb PISTEUO (πιστευο) are:

1. A firm conviction, producing a full acknowledgement of God's revelation
2. A personal surrender to God
3. A conduct inspired by such surrender

All this stands in contrast to belief in its purely natural exercise, which consists of an opinion held without necessary reference to its proof. The object of Abraham's faith was not on God's promise (that was the occasion of its reference) but rested on God who made the promise [Romans 4:17-21].

Faith is non-meritorious and has no power of its own. The power is on God the object of our faith. Faith for example does not rest on the wooden cross-used by Christ, not on the dead person but on the Living Person [Romans 3:25].

LITTLE FAITH, literally "little of faith" (OLIGOPISTOS) is used only by the Lord as a tender rebuke for anxiety of those who refused to accept and believe Him.

GENUINE FAITH has 4 elements:

1. A personal relationship with Jesus Christ
2. A doctrinal knowledge of God
3. Conviction based on knowledge
4. Manifestation of that conviction

A DEAD FAITH is purely academic knowledge of God, religious not biblical in context and without reality. Dead faith is futile and handicap to bring the reality of salvation [James 2:14]. Dead faith is not faith at all. A MAN IS JUSTIFIED BY WORKS, AND NOT BY FAITH ALONE refers to several doctrinal truths [James 2:24].

Paul in his epistle to Romans had in mind Abraham's attitude toward God-his acceptance of God's Word. Paul used the event in Abraham's life recorded in Genesis 15, James that in Genesis 22. Paul focus on BELIEVED [Genesis 15:6] and James on OBEYED [Genesis 22:18].

Paul was dealing with genuine faith while James was talking about dead faith [James 2:14, 17, 20], that kind of faith that cannot save. For Paul faith is the acceptance of God's Word (the whole doctrine), with James it is the acceptance of the truth (certain statements about God), which may fail to affect one's conduct. With Paul results in acceptance with God, that is justification.

With Paul, works are dead works (human good works). With James they are life works (divine good works). With regards to justification, Paul is occupied with right relationship with God, James with right conduct. Paul testifies that the ungodly can be justified by faith; James testifies that only the doer of God's Word is justified. To dispute that salvation is by faith plus works and use the words of James is very appropriate for some cults because they already warranted their condemnation to hell. *The "faith" of James cannot save anyone unless it shows it works.*

