The Bible Does Not Say That

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1. The Bible.

There are sixty-six books within the Bible, written by many authors, over many centuries. A book misunderstood by most readers. The reason for my writing this document is my attempt to help the reader to understand what the Bible says, and to balance it against what is generally taught in Christian churches and religious circles. The intention of this article is to inspire you the reader to spend time studying your Bible with more understanding. How will you know what the Bible says unless you are willing to dig our the information for yourself, and prove it for yourlelf. Go now, and get any standard bible, KJV, NIV, NAS, ESV, WEB, etc. Look up the references you read here. Read the context; before and after. Be my adversary and find the mistakes I have made. It will make you feel better.

There are about six bibles per household in the United States. Millions upon millions of them have been printed in all languages. There are many hundreds of "Christian" churches, denominations, groups, plus the various sects of Jewish, and Messianic beliefs. Each one of these religions has a different interpretation of what the Bible says. Why are the plain and simple words of the Bible so difficult for people to read and understand? Tradition is the number one reason. They are the teachings that have been handed down from the past, from parents, from Sunday school teachers, religious leaders, and moreover the whole religious system through the ages. Could the whole system be corrupt? Could we all be deceived? Let the Bible answer the questions the questions I ask and those questions that you have. (Revelation 12:9) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world: (KJV).

The deception of the whole world is the Devil's focus. So now, if it is likely that you and I are deceived, because the deceiver has done as your bible says, then, what shall we do? We must seek the truth. Change our ways which is what is meant by the word **repent.** Turn away from false doctrine and change your way of understanding that you find the Bible. <u>Do</u> the will of our Father who is the one that has preserved the Bible writings all these thousands of years until now.

If there is one verse that I want you to consider from the beginning and that is 1Thessalonians 5:21. We are to "prove all things, and hold fast that which is good", or correct, and true. In 1972, I threw out all of my religious concepts, and began on a search for truth. It is not the important thing that I came to the Bible for truth, but rather what I discovered when I started researching what those in Christianity believe, in comparison with what the Bible says. There are vast differences. Most of these differences turned out to be "doctrines of men" Matthew 15:9 "And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." (NKJ) If the doctrines truly are doctrines of men, then it is a fact that we worship our Messiah and our God in

vain, or for nothing. The worship of Yahweh (the actual name of God) is **personal**, and our relationship with Yahweh is **personal**, also salvation is **personal**. It became a great question to me when I was a teenager whether the Jews, the Protestants, or the Catholics had the correct form of religion. The correct answer is.... <u>none of the above</u>. The whole intent of this article is to show this to be fact.

My objective is to explain what most Christian religions teach, and then show the relevant bible quotation, and how it differs from what is commonly believed. You will have to decide for yourself whether you are going to believe what the Bible says or not. I think the best idea for the sake of understanding the Bible and proving what we are going to cover here is to look all this information up in your own Bible. Our only redeemer said this: *John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*KJV)

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This is the approach I would like for you to take:

- a. 1Thes 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
- b. John 5:39 <u>Search</u> the scriptures; for in them you think you have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.
- c. Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but <u>be transformed</u> by the renewing of your mind, that you may <u>prove</u> what is that <u>good</u>, and <u>acceptable</u>, and <u>perfect</u>, will of Yahweh (God).
- d. Acts 17:11 Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and <u>examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.....</u>

Please try to keep an <u>open mind</u>. Try to restrain your <u>preconceived concepts and ideas</u> while you study this material. It will surprise you what the Bible really says compared to what has been taught by the religious educators.

Many scholars, with many preconceived ideas and theories, have translated the Bible. The translators in King James's day had a view that is different from, say, the NIV translators. They used different manuscripts also. In addition, there is a heavy Jewish traditional influence on various translations.

3. Who's Who?

Let's take a look at the main characters of the Bible, and who they are. We need to understand and personify the one called "**The Lord**" in the Old Testament. We need to do the same with the one referred to as "**Jesus**" in the New Testament, and see what the Bible has to say, and how men have changed, or virtually obliterated their names from the King James Bible.

Luke 11:2 He said to them, "When you pray, say: "'Father, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come.... (NIV)

Ask yourself this question.....What is it? What is the Father's name? That is the first and most important question you should ask in this so called "Lord's prayer".

From Exodus 3:14, most people believe the name is "I AM", but that is not what it is.

The answer is: Exodus 3:15 God said moreover to Moses, "You shall tell the children of Israel this, 'Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and this is my memorial to all generations.

Exo 3:16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and tell them, 'Yahweh, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me.

All anyone needs to do is to simply look this name up in any dictionary. Much research including my own has gone into verifying this most important name.

4. The Importance of a Name.

Isaiah 42:8 "I am Yahweh; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.

Believe it or not the name Yahweh is used over 7000 times. The Hebrew text uses something called the Tetragrammaton, and that means "the four letters". In English for these four letters are **YHWH**, and is the name of Yahweh without the vowels. Again, look it up in the dictionary, the encyclopedia, and biblical resources and see. **YaHWeH**.

What about Jesus? Is that really his name? Is that what his family called the person that was to become the savior of the world? The answer is No. He likely never heard the name Jesus during his entire lifetime on earth, because **Jesus is actually not his name**. I recommend you look up, and do a study on the letter "J". Check the dictionary and find that there was no J in the language (Hebrew, Greek, or English) until about 400 years ago. Before that it was the letter "I" with a "short i" sound. **KJV 1611: Mat 1:21** And she shall bring forth a sonne, and thou shalt call his Name Iesus.

Websters Dictionary - "J" the tenth letter of the English alphabet; formerly a variant of I, i, in the 17th cent. it became established as a consonant only, as in *Julius*, originally spelled *Iulius*.

OK, What is His (the Son's) name? His name is Joshua, but replace the "J" with a "Y" and you will have it. Some scholars will say it is Yahoshua, Yahushua, and other variations, but Yahshua is more likely how it was pronounced. The point is that it definitely was not Jesus. Do you see any similarity between the name of the Father, and the name of the Son? Yahweh – Yahshua The name **Yah** is the short, or contracted

name of Yahweh, as in the term HalleluYah. See **Psa 68:4 Sing unto God, sing praises** to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him. (remember there was no "J" in the language)

John 5:43 "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another shall come in his own name, you will receive him. (NAS)

He came in his Father's name in more than one way. Yahweh means the self existent one, and Yahshua means Yahweh's Salvation. These names have enormous significance! Look up the words "my name", and "my holy name" in a concordance and read what Yahweh has to say about His own name. He even made the third commandment concerning that name:

Exod 20:7 Thou shalt not take (use) the name of Yahweh thy God in vain (falsely); for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless that takes (uses) his name in vain (falsely).

"The Lord" is not a name, but rather it is a title. Yahweh is His "name forever", and Scripture indicates that He takes His name very seriously, so it is as if he says to us in the third commandment, "do not alter that name", because He is jealous about His name. The next time, when you read Psalms, or anywhere in the Old Testament, try restoring the name Yahweh everywhere you see "the Lord" and it will personify who you are reading about.

5. What Does Yahshua (Jesus) Expect?

Luke 6:46 "And why do you call me, 'Master, Master,' and do not do what I say? Apparently, it is useless to expect Yahshua to be our "Master" if we do not **DO** what he says.

Mat 7:21 Not everyone who says to Me, Master! Master! shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but (except) he who does the will of My Father in Heaven. It is necessary for one to ask the question, What is the Father's will? In short, the entire theme of the Bible can be summed up with Yahweh the Father saying "obey my voice". This can be found in Jeremiah 11:1-8.

Mat 7:22 Many will say to Me in that day, Lord! Lord! Did we not prophesy in Your name, and through Your name cast out demons, and through Your name do many wonderful works? 23 And then I will say to them I never knew you! Depart from Me, those working lawlessness! (MKJV) What is lawlessness? 1 John 3:4 Transgression of the Law.

Why is it, not everyone that worships Messiah will not enter the kingdom? I know this is hard for those that think that all one has to do is "just believe upon the name of Jesus, and you will be saved". Again His answer is......

Mat 7:23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.' (NAS) There's that word again. Lawlessness: (Strong's) #G458 anomia (an-om-ee'-ah); KJV-- iniquity, X transgress (-ion of) the law, unrighteousness.

That is the bible answer. They are lawless. They do not keep the law. They are unrighteous. What is righteousness? Here is the answer to that question....

Ps 119:172 My tongue shall speak of your word: for all your commandments are righteousness. Where do you find the commandments? In the Old Testament. Specifically the Ten Commandments found in Deuteronomy 5, and Exodus 20, but there is much more that we are commanded to do such as the days we should observe.

Matt 4:4 Yahshua answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Where can we find every word that comes from the mouth of God? Again, The Old Testament.

Who, and what is God? Who is the Lord? Who is the Father? What is his will? What is the Kingdom of heaven? What is heaven? What are demons? What is lawlessness? We need to find out what the clear answers to these questions are, and to understand what, and who we are worshiping.

Heb 4:12 For the word of Yahweh (God) is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

What is the intent of your heart? If the word of Yahweh is your guidebook to Life, then you must be willing to change, because that is what the word repent means. It means to change, to do the things that are written in Scripture rather than what we have traditionally believed. We are to cease from sin as defined in the Bible. *IJn 3:4* Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. Would you believe that particular verse is the only verse in the Bible that defines sin? Sin is more specifically defined in the first five books of the Old Testament. We have to keep in mind that there was no "New Testament" in the days of the apostles. Those early church leaders had nothing but the Scriptures to preach to the churches.

6. Who Is The Creator Of The Universe?

John 1:1-3 1. <u>In the beginning</u> was the Word, and the <u>Word was with Yahweh</u>, and the <u>Word was Yahweh</u>.

- 2. He was in the beginning with Yahweh.
- 3. <u>All things came into being by Him</u>, and apart from Him NOTHING came into being that has come into being. (NAS)

John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. If the Word is Jesus/Yahshua, Messiah, then He is the creator!

That would mean that "The Word" was the God of the Old Testament.

<u>This is really hard for most people</u>. It is because they do not understand the nature of who and what God is. God's name Yahweh, is a <u>family</u> name (I do not expect you to believe that yet, but I will illustrate). Lets use the example of the Smith family. We have Father Smith, John Smith (his son), and the rest of the Smith family. There are two "individuals". In the case of John 1:1-14, one individual is the Creator, and the

other individual is the one that the Creator was with. Who is the one that the Word was with? It's very simple, the Word was with the Father. The world was made by the Word (the Logos which means spokesman), and so was everything that was made. Most people believe that the Father, Yahweh, is the one that did the creating, but that is not what the Bible says. (Gen 1:26) And Yahweh said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: Plural. And: (Gen 11:7) Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language. The words "us" and "our" are not a mistake. The Father was not known to Israel in general. Only a few righteous people throughout the ages knew that there was another being. Solomon wrote this: Pro 30:4 Who has ascended up into heaven, and descended? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has bound the waters in his garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if you know? Some versions have "if you can know?"

In the Old Testament some people such as David knew there was more to God than the one that the tribes of Israel knew. Yahshua, the son of God, came to REVEAL the Father. If the Father does not call, one cannot come to the Son. Again, the Son came to reveal the Father. Mat 11:27 All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knowes the Son, but the Father; neither knowes any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. All of this is a spiritual thing, and is accomplished by and through the Holy Spirit of both the Father and the Son. More on the "Holy spirit" and also "the spirit in man" later.

7. The Definition Of the Word God.

The word "God = Theos in the Greek, and the word God = Elohiym in the Hebrew. The words mean the same in English". Hebrew words that end in "ym" or "im" are <u>plural</u>. Here is the definition from Strong's Concordance:

430 'elohiym- 1) "Plural of H433; **gods** in the ordinary sense; but specifically used (in the <u>plural</u>) of the supreme **God**; occasionally applied by way of deference to **magistrates**; and sometimes as a superlative: - angels, <u>exceeding</u>, God (gods) (god-dess, god-ly), (very) <u>great</u>, judges, <u>mighty</u>."

The word God means <u>Mighty Ones</u>. Along with the true God, there are many other gods. Even people are referred to as gods. *John 10:34 Jesus answered them, "Isn't it written in your law, 'I said, you are gods (Elohim)?'* This quotation was from Psa 82:6 I said, "You are gods, All of you are sons of the Most High.

Elohim (God) is an interesting word. The Bible says much about Elohim. Do a study on the twenty-four Elders mentioned in Revelation 4:4. Note where they sit, and how they are on thrones around Yahweh's throne with crowns of gold. These appear to be Mighty Ones, and do not seem to be ordinary angels. I really cannot say.

8. Who Is The God Of The "Old Testament"?

Ps 98:1 Sing to Yahweh a new song, for he has done marvelous things; <u>his right</u> <u>hand and his holy arm</u> have worked salvation for him.

Prov 30:4 Who has ascended into heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has wrapped the waters in His garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name or His son's name? Surely you know!

1 Cor 10:2-4 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST. (NIV)

The Bible shows there are <u>two</u> characters that are called Elohim (God). One is the one we call Father, and the other is the one that became the Son. He has always been the one that does the Father's will in both the New and Old Testaments, and yet there is still only one Elohim-{God} (remember, the "im" at the end of a Hebrew word <u>is plural</u>).

Here we see that that the one called "the Lord" is the God that the Israelites followed and worshiped. He is also the one that created Adam, wrestled with Jacob, showed himself to Moses, and ate with Abraham. Therefore, this is why He could say to the Pharisees...(John 8:58) Yahshua (Jesus) said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am." (NAS) The "Rock" (above) was also the "I AM", not the Father.

9. If There Were Two Referred To As Yahweh, How Do We Know Who Is Who? Luke 10:22 "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the father is except the son and those to whom the son chooses to reveal him." (NIV)

Except for Proverbs 30:4 there are virtually no clues that there was a "Father". (John 5:37) "And the Father who sent Me, He has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form" (NAS). The voice heard often, and the one seen in the Old Testament was the one that became the fetus in the womb of Mary, who became Yahshua (Jesus), who is the Messiah, our redeamer.

10. The Father / Son relationship: the Father and Christ are two different "individuals."

Just a few examples of how they relate to one another.

John 6:46 No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. 22 "For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,

John 5:30 because I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father which has sent me.

Mark 13:32 But of that day and that hour knows no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

Rev 3:21 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Remember the 24 Elders? They also set on 24 thrones. Looks like there will be many on thrones before it is over.

11. Why Did Christ Speak In Parables?

This is another important reason that many readers do not understand the Bible, as we discussed at the beginning. If much of what you read in this paper is true, it should be obvious that the Bible is <u>not</u> to be understood by the masses of people at this time, and in this age. As a mater of fact, the truth is being <u>withheld</u> by Yahweh from the masses at this time just as it was when Christ spoke in parables. This is what Yahshua said:

Mark 4:11-12 11 He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, (Stories to hide the meaning) 12 "so that 'Seeing they may see and not perceive, and hearing they may hear and not understand; lest they should turn, and their sins be forgiven them.' " (NKJ)

Do you get the point of what you just read? The masses were on the "outside". They were not allowed to understand, or to perceive, <u>lest they should be forgiven of their sins</u>. *Pro 25:2 It is the glory of Yahweh to conceal a thing, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.*

It was not their time to understand, so he used parables to <u>hide the meaning</u>. Even Christ's own disciples did not know the meaning until he explained it to them. If we want to be kings and priests in the Kingdom, we must search these things out. *2Timothy* 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. This is the theme of this paper.

12. Let's Define What The Word Scripture Means In The "New Testament."

Some of this has been covered already, but there is some additional points.

John 5:39 (Yahshua is saying) Search the <u>scriptures</u>; for in them you think you have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. (KJV)

2 Tim 3:15-17 And that from a child thou have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (KJV)

Here we see Paul writing to Timothy. According to Nelson's articles, the time of this writing is about 65 AD. <u>None</u> of the New testament was written at this time, so the "new testament" is not "the Scriptures", is it? Therefore as Paul plainly says church doctrine comes from the "Old Testament which includes instruction in righteousness. Sorry traditionalists, that is what it says. It gets more interesting.

The "New" Testament was not written yet! There was no Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Peter went to the Ethiopian eunuch and preached Yahshua Messiah from the scriptures. Acts 8:32 The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, (NIV)

This next verse is where he was reading from the scriptures.

Isa 53:7 he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, (NIV)

Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. (KJV) From what? The "Old Testament".

A question I might ask is, can you do that? That is what all the early disciples had to do.

13. Many People Say Understanding The Bible Is A Matter Of Interpretation. 2 Pet 1:20...knowing this first, that no <u>prophecy</u> of Scripture is of any <u>private</u> interpretation. NKJ

Through the influence of both Jewish and Christian interpretation alike, their doctrines have caused many changes, omissions, and intended meanings to have been obscured. We need to understand what this word "prophecy" means.

Strong's: G4394 propheteia-<u>prophecy</u>: a) <u>a discourse</u> emanating from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproving and admonishing the wicked, or comforting the afflicted, or revealing things hidden; especially by foretelling future events. (And that from Scripture as we have defined.)

- b) Used in the New Testament of the utterance of Old Testament prophets.
- 1) used of the prediction of events relating to Christ's kingdom and its speedy triumph, together with the consolations and admonitions pertaining to it, the spirit of prophecy, the divine mind, to which the prophetic faculty is due.
- 2) used of the endowment and speech of the Christian teachers called "prophets".
- 3) the gifts and utterances of these prophets, especially of the predictions of the works of which, set apart to teach the gospel, will accomplish for the kingdom of Christ. (Thayer's)

We are talking about the foundation and teachings of old. Please take not of this next reference. This is how one should study our bibles. Isiah 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little...

14. Do Not Add To, Or Take Away From the Written Word

Rev 22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.(KJV) In light of 2 Peter 1:20 above (#13), that theme goes for all the rest of Bible study. We all have to figure out what the Bible teachings are, and much of it is not plain to most readers. This is what we must do. Mat 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock,

and it shall be opened unto you: But you do have to work at it. It requires a sincere effort on our part to understand Yahweh's word.

15. About The Father.

Matt 23:9 And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. (NIV) There are several "Christian" religions that call their elders, or leaders' father. The Father is probably the most misunderstood individual in the Bible. So much of the "New Testament" is used to mention the Father. Jesus, Yahshua, Messiah emptied himself of his original state and came to life as a baby on this earth in human form to do the will of the Father, and so many believers do not understand who this individual is. The Hebrew word for father is "ab or abba". The word father (in connection with the Deity) is used only one time in the Scriptures (OT). Isaiah 9:6 is the only place where father is mentioned. Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and HIS NAME shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

The word Father is used 259 times in the "New Testament". Lets use some simple logic: Who did Yahshua/Jesus pray to? How are we to pray? *Luk 11:2 When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.* In the first place one needs to know that name in order to hallow it, and that means to set it apart. We are to pray to the Father in the name of his son, Yahshua.

John 14:13-14 And whatsoever you shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14. If you shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. (KJV)

One more verse to drive this point home, and it is very important to understand. John 16:24-28. "Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full. 25 "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; an hour is coming when I will speak no more to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Father. 26 "In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request the Father on your behalf; 27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from the Father. 28. "I came forth from the Father, and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again, and going to the Father." (NAS)

Once again, the Father is in heaven, and no one has EVER seen him or heard his voice. Joh 5:37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, has borne witness of me. You have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.

The Son was on earth as a human just like us, and he knows what it is like to be human. Back in Exodus he showed his back side at the burning bush, he wrestled with Abraham, he spoke with Lot, and he walked with Adam and Eve. Prior to the birth of Yahshua, they, God (Elohim), did not know what it was like to be human, even though the one that eventually became Yahshua, was also God in the beginning. He gave up His divinity to

be human, and thus it became possible for him to loose his life, even his eternal life just like any human being. But he was a perfect example of righteousness in this life.

Philipians 2:6who, being in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a matter to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and came to be in the likeness of men. 8 And having been found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, death even of a stake.

This would be a great point for you to stop and read Proverbs chapter eight to understand our savior's pre-existanse. It will help getting a handle on the nature of our creators.

16. Religious Teachers Say the "Law" Is Done Away

The Bible does not say that.

Q. Who wrote the Law on stone with his finger? Answer: The God of the "old testament"! The Rock! *1Co 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.* They were also given the Ten Commandments by the same individual at Mount Sinai after the Israelites had crossed the Red Sea.

Has the Law then been done away? Not according to the Bible. This is what our savior says about LAW:

Matt 5:17-18 "<u>Do not think</u> that I have come to <u>abolish the Law</u> or the Prophets; <u>I</u> <u>have not come to abolish them</u> but to <u>fulfill them</u>. 18. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. (NIV)

Has everything been accomplished? Have we come to the new heavens and new earth? Yahshua our Savior, said "**Do not to think**"; <u>don't give any thought to the notion</u>, that he has come to abolish **any part** of the law. Humanly, Christ was an Israelite from the tribe of Judah.

John 4:22 "You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for <u>salvation is from the Jews</u>. (NAS) The Bible is a Jerusalem, and Middle Eastern oriented book. Israel and the surrounding area is the focus of the Bible. The Gentiles must be grafted in to spiritual Israel (Rom 11:24). Gal 3:29 And if you be Christ's, then are you Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.(KJV) Re-read Matthew 5:17 above.

Here is what the apostle Paul has to say about the law.....Rom 7:11-12 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. 12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. (KJV)

Rom 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay (that means no) I had not known sin, but by the law: (KJV) There! That is how you know what sin is! 1st John 3:4 plainly states: Whosoever commits sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. It doesn't get any plainer than that. See section 17 below.

Has <u>all</u> Scripture been fulfilled at this time? Many Protestants say that Christ fulfilled the Law, and therefore, somehow, he did away with the law, and we do not have to be concerned with it any more.

Rom 8:7 Because the <u>carnal (natural)</u> mind is <u>enmity (hostile)</u> against God: for it <u>is not subject</u> to the <u>law</u> of God, <u>neither indeed can be</u>.(KJV)

We have seen what the definition of sin is, now we must understand what a <u>carnal mind</u> is. If you break the law of God (the commandments), you are a sinner. Sinners are carnal minded people. They do not have their <u>hearts set on</u> keeping the commandments.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (NAS)

Note: The word of God referred to in this verse points to the "Old Testament" The New Testament had not been composed at the time of Hebrews 4:12 that we just read.

Matt 19:17 there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life (eternal), keep the commandments. (K JV) (See Exodus 20, & Deut. 5 where the commandments are listed).

Ps 119:96-106

- 96 To all perfection I see a limit; but your commands are boundless.
- 97 Oh, how I LOVE your law! I meditate on it all day long.
- 98 Your commands make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me.
- 99 I have more <u>insight</u> than <u>all my teachers</u>, for I meditate on your statutes.
- 100 I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.
- 101 I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word.
- 102 I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
- 104 <u>I gain understanding</u> from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.
- 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.
- 106 I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow <u>your righteous laws</u>. (NIV)

Why would Yahweh have obsoleted his commands that bare fruit as in this Psalm?

17. What Is The Biblical Definition Of Sin?

The answer is biblical, and logical. There definitely is a clear and accurate definition of sin contained mainly in the Ten Commandments. Sin is discussed from the sins of Adam, to the close of the book of Revelation. Is sin drinking, cussing, smoking, and partying? Those things can lead to sin there is no doubt.

Here is the only <u>definition of sin</u> found in the entire New testament:

I Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the <u>law</u>: <u>for sin is the transgression of the law</u>. (KJV)

I know this is redundant. If you still don't understand, read it again. Sinners will not be in the Kingdom of God.

1 Cor 15:56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

If one does not know how to read Paul's writings, they would make the mistake of choosing one statement over another that he has made. Messiah says the Law will not pass away. Rom 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. (KJV)

Here is another often miss-quoted and misunderstood verse: Gal 3:24-25 Therefore the Law has become our tutor {to lead us} to Christ, that we may be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. (NAS) The KJV uses the term, schoolmaster, or teacher. Think about this. The law (found in Exodus 20) is used as a teacher to lead us to understand the will, the works, and the ways, and the requirements of God, so that we may understand what kind of faith is required for salvation. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6) Without obedience to His law, it is impossible to please God. The two of them, faith and obedience (works) have to go together. Not just faith, and not just works, but faith and works is required to please God contrary to most Christian religious teaching. These two things are required of us for salvation. Works alone won't cut it and neither will faith alone. This might be a hard saying for some.

18. "The Dead Shall Rise" Just What Does This Mean?

As the theologians tell it, we are supposed to go to heaven (See section 19) when we die. Is that so? Where does the bible say such a thing? "The Bible does not say that". Look for yourself and see where the Bible states that people go to Heaven when they die? Where does it say that the righteous will go to Heaven upon death? It doesn't. You can't find it. It's not there. It is a doctrine of men. Make no mistake, I am not saying there is no Heaven, for God (Elohim) is in Heaven. That is God's abode. God is spirit. It is a different realm. It is a spirit realm like a parallel universe for lack of a better description. But Christ, and ultimately the Father, are going to come to the Earth and renew it again. Christ is going to return to earth. The Father is going to come to the Earth. The righteous will abide on the Earth. Jerusalem from above will be brought to this earth... Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

19. Heaven; Who is In Heaven According To The Bible?

John 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. (KJV)

- IKing 15:5 For David had done what was <u>right</u> in the eyes of the LORD and had <u>not</u> <u>failed</u> to keep <u>any</u> of the LORD's commands <u>all the days of his life</u>-- (NIV) (note: If anyone deserves heaven it is King David.) Next:
- Acts 2:29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both <u>dead and buried</u>, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Next:

Acts 2:34 "For David did not ascend into the heavens, (NKJ)

Here we see, King David, a man after God's own heart, is not in Heaven, he is just <u>dead</u> and buried.

Look at this.... Luke 1:32-33 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. (KJV). David was a great man, and David is called Yahshua's Father (by the flesh). He is dead, not in Heaven, just plain Dead like everyone else that has died. John 3:13 above clearly states that NO MAN (person) has gone to Heaven. Read all of Hebrews the eleventh chapter. You will find that none of the characters listed in the scriptures have obtained the promises.

Heb 11:39-40 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: 40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. (KJV) This may be hard for people to grasp, but death is indeed final and is explained in #21. As we will see later there are two deaths possible for mortal mankind. If there is an after life, then it has to be by some other way than going to heaven when we die, and most religious entities do not understand it. Their understanding does not agree with the teachings of the Bible and that goes for almost every Christian church.

20. Heaven, Hell, or Purgatory, Which?

What does the Bible say about **DEATH?**

Eccl 9:5For the living know that they will die, but the <u>dead know nothing</u>; they <u>have</u> <u>no further reward</u>, and even the memory of them is forgotten.(NIV) If you were to trace your own ancestry back 5, 10, or 15 generations, you probably would have no idea who those people were. It does not get any plainer than this. The <u>dead are unconscious</u>. They are totally forgotten. They are simply dead, knowing nothing, and nothing else, they have returned to the dust of the earth.

Gen 3:19 By the sweat of your face will you eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Psa 104:29 You take away their breath: they die, and return to the dust. (both people and animals)

Ecc 12:7 And the dust returns to the earth as it was, And the <u>spirit returns to God</u> who gave it. There is "a spirit in man" that separates humans from animals.

Later, we will discuss what will happen to the dead in the future, and what is done with the "spirit in man" that returns to God who gave it".

21. Death Is Called Sleep.

Deut 31:16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt <u>sleep</u> with thy fathers; (KJV).

IKing 1:21 Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall <u>sleep</u> with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.

Job 7:21 for now shall I sleep in the dust.... (return to dust in death)

Jer 51:39, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake...

Dan 12:2 And many of them that <u>sleep</u> in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. (judgment) (KJV) John 11:13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking of <u>literal sleep</u>. (NAS) Here He was speaking of being dead.

1 Cor 15:51 Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all <u>sleep</u>, but we shall all be changed. It really is that simple.

22. Are The Dead Aware Of Anything While They Are Asleep?

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where YOU are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom. (NIV) It does not get any plainer than this. The dead know nothing. Thankfully that is not all there is to it as we will see.

23. Then What Happens To People When They Die?

Job 32:8 But truly it is the spirit in man and the breath of the Almighty that gives him understanding.

Ecc 12:7 then the dust shall return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to God who gave it. Notice it is the spirit only that returns to God, and not the "soul". "The Spirit in Man" seen in Job 32:8 is what separates the human mind from an animal brain. It cannot be seen, measured, or weighed. My opinion is that the spirit in man is given at conception, and is taken back at the time of death. It is not physical, but it is of spirit essence. The spirit in man is not the same as the Holy Spirit that is given upon repentance and baptism. The Holy Spirit is different subject for another article.

24. Do People Remain Dead Forever?

Do people remain dead forever, or is there something else that takes place? We have read "the dead know nothing". We know the "spirit in man" returns to God. There must be something else because if there isn't, then we are hopelessly lost in the blackness of oblivion forever and ever.

Matt 22:31 But as touching the <u>resurrection of the dead</u>, have ye not read (KJV) Acts 23:6 the <u>resurrection of the dead</u> I am called in question.

Acts 24:15 there shall be a <u>resurrection of the dead</u>, both of the just and unjust. (KJV)

1 Cor 15:13 But if there be no <u>resurrection of the dead</u>, then is Christ not risen: (KJV)

1 Cor 15:21-22 For since by man came death, by man came also the <u>resurrection of the dead</u>. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall <u>ALL be made alive</u>. (KJV) Phil 3:11 If by any means I might attain unto the <u>resurrection of the dead</u>.

The term Resurrection occurs 40 times, and "<u>resurrection of the dead</u>" occurs 11 times in the Bible. <u>A resurrection is what will happen to the dead</u>. If "good" people go to heaven when they die, there is no need for the resurrection of the dead. If bad people go to hell, then there is no need for a resurrection in this case either. Think about that.

25. Then What Comes next?

What follows is not a popular religious concept, but it is what the Bible says. Any time the dead come to life again and stand on their feet for the second time, it is called a resurrection of the dead.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that has part in the <u>first resurrection</u>
Rev 20:5 But <u>the rest of the dead</u> lived not again <u>until</u> the thousand years were finished. (KJV) Notice verses 5 & 6 are switched to 6 and then 5. They are transposed for clarity. Notice how it reads. Now read verse 5 then 6.

26. Is There More Than One Resurrection?

In verse 6 above, it says there is a first resurrection, and by this it obviously implies there must be a <u>second resurrection</u>.

Let us look at this a moment. There are two resurrections for sure, and there could possibly be as many as three resurrections. The first resurrection is at Christs return, at the last trumpet. The furst resurrection is a resurrection to spirit life which is explained in 1 Corinthians 12 to the end of the chapter, where the mortal puts on immortality. It is the new birth that Christ explained to Nicodemus (See the "born again" section 34 below). Keep in mind that Yahshua died back in 0030 CE and was raised to spirit life three days and three nights after he died as clearly explained in 1 Corinthians 15. The first resurrection is called a better resurrection, Heb 11:35.

The <u>second</u> resurrection occurs <u>one thousand years after the first resurrection</u> which will occur at the end of the "Great Tribulation" and the return of Christ.

Mat 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. Do to our present technology, huge world population, diseases and other factors that are to occur in what is called "the last days". This tribulation could start any time as we come to the end of this present age.

The second resurrection, 1,000 years later, is a physical resurrection (see **Ezekiel chapter 37:1-14 Read it**.) Note: Rev 20:5 The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished." It is very simple; **everyone** that has ever drawn breath, and was not in the first resurrection, with the exception of a very few really bad

people, are going to be brought back to life at this time. It will now be their **first** time to truly learn of the ways of Yahweh that have been hidden from the masses. When it comes to understanding the first resurrection: *Matt 22:14* plainly says *For many are called, but few are chosen.* Again the first resurrection is called a better resurrection Hebrews 11:35. More below.

27. If There Is Life After Death Can A Person Die Twice?

As mentioned, there is <u>possibly</u> a third resurrection. The Bible is not absolutly clear on this. The second death, the one that burns people <u>up</u> to <u>oblivion</u> and is reserved for the <u>incorrigibly wicked</u>. It is for those that <u>know</u> the will of the Father, and of Messiah, and still WILL NOT repent of their ways, then God has no choice but to <u>obliterate</u> them. He will simply put them to death in a fire. It will be as if they never existed. They are to be <u>burned up</u>, but <u>not to be tormented for ever and ever</u> as much of Christianity and other religions teach. Why would a loving God like to see any part of His creation <u>suffer FOREVER</u>? Death is death, as we have seen. It is final unless there is a resurrection. The point is that there is <u>no resurrection</u> from the <u>second death</u>. Think about this concept; complete <u>annihilation</u> rather than burning for ever in a horrible hell fire, but still somehow alive. Not only is the concept ridiculous, it is not really just, is it? Instead of suffering for ever, they simply are put to death and become "ashes under the feet of the righteous".

Rev 2:11 He that overcomes shall not be hurt of the <u>second death</u>. (KJV) Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the <u>first resurrection</u>: on such the second death hath no power (KJV)

Rev 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.(KJV)

Death by nature is something we can all understand. It is the cessation of life, and total decay will follow. The good news is that mankind will not suffer everlasting torment.

28. Many Preachers Say That You Are Going To Hell If You Sin!

It is really amazing how most people, especially religious teachers, are ignorant about the subject of hell, and yet it is so simple. The translators of the King James version are partly to blame for this misunderstanding. Compare other versions to verify.

What is hell? There are 4 words in the Bible translated hell.

The four words are <u>sheol</u>, <u>haides</u>, <u>Gehenna</u>, and <u>tartaroo</u>. Sheol and haides are the same word, one is Hebrew and the other is Greek. They are words that mean, simply, a hole in the ground where the dead are buried, or in other words, a place for the dead. See the definition of these words from the Strong's concordance.

1. H7585 she'owl or sheol, grave, Hades, pit.

Sheol, the Old Testament designation for the place of the dead. No fire or life is indicated.

- 2. G86 haides (hah'-dace); from 1 (as negative particle) and 1492; properly, unseen, i.e. "Hades" or the place (state) of departed souls (lives): KJV-- grave, hell. No fire or life is indicated.
- **3.** Gehenna is a symbolic word that means what takes place at the second death. A fire that burns up.

Wikipedia: Gehenna is a small valley in Jerusalem. In the Hebrew Bible, Gehenna was initially where some of the kings of Judah sacrificed their children by fire. Thereafter, it was deemed to be cursed. In rabbinic literature, Gehenna is a destination of the wicked. Like any fire, the fire will go out when there is no more fuel.

Strong's G1067 geenna- Hell is the place of the future punishment called "Gehenna" or "Gehenna of fire". This was originally the valley of Hinnom, south of Jerusalem, where the filth and dead animals of the city were cast out and burned; a fit symbol of the wicked and their future destruction. Obliteration is a better term. Look again at the definition of Gehenna just above. One of the definitions is punishment, not punishing and the other is destruction, which means perishing and not staying alive. One has to pay attention to the words. This does NOT say punishing and continuous torture of the wicked. The concept of burning in hell forever is a false doctrine foisted off on mankind by the great deceiver Satan the Devil. Hell has been used as a tool by various religions to control people through fear. Fear of burning in an ever burning hell has done a great job of scaring the hell out of people.

- **4. "hell" Strong's #5020 tartaroo-** To thrust down to Tartarus, to hold captive in Tartarus. A place of restraint. (Strong's) [Used in only one verse 2 Peter 2:4] Who then is to be restrained?
- 2 Pet 2:4 For if God did not spare <u>angels when they sinned</u>, but <u>cast them into hell</u> (tartaroo) and <u>committed them to pits of darkness</u>, reserved for judgment; (NAS) Again, no fire indicated.

Who is it that going to this hell (Tartaroo), people or fallen angels? It plainly says "sinning", fallen <u>angles</u>, and not people that are committed to this hell. It is not a hot place. It is basically a prison of some sort for fallen spirt beings.

Repeat: The idea of people burning in Hell forever is one of the greatest myths and deceptions ever foisted off on mankind! This myth is a <u>control technique</u> that is used by many protestant and pagan religions <u>to keep people in fear</u> of leaving their churches.

29. The Bible Mentions A Devil What Does He Do?

Matt 4:1.... tempted of the devil. The Devil tempts mankind.

Heb 2:14 destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

1 Pet 5:8 adversary the devil, The Devil is our adversary. He is against mankind.

I Jn 3:8 the <u>devil sinneth</u> from the beginning. He sins and is called the father of lies.

Rev 12:9 that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which <u>DECEIVETH</u> the whole world:

<u>Very important!</u> You must understand that Satan is the great counterfeiter. His area of operation is in <u>religion</u> among other things. He has caused virtually every facet of religion to be a counterfeit to Yahweh's plan and instructions toward salvation for mankind. He has left <u>nothing untouched</u>. Satan is the author of confusion, and the Father of lies. In light of Rev 12:9, what makes you think that you are not as deceived as much as everyone else in this world?

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, the old serpent called Devil, and Satan, who deceives the whole world.

There is a way to know. It has to do with something called the <u>law and the testimony</u>. Rev 12:17 The dragon grew angry with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep God's commandments and hold Yahshua's testimony.

30. What Will Happen To the Devil,

The <u>deceiver</u> would like mankind to believe there is no God, or that people will live a hopeless life, not attain to the high standards of God, and spend an unbelievable horrible eternity, burning, but not being consumed, in a skillet full of hot burning sulfur!!

Read what comes next. Please try to understand. It is a great revelation to understand this particular point.

Rev 20:10 And the <u>DEVIL</u>, who deceived them, <u>was thrown</u> into the lake of <u>burning sulfur</u>, where the <u>beast</u> and the <u>false prophet</u> had been thrown <u>THEY</u> will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (NIV) Young's Literal translation uses the term "to the ages of the ages". Not now, but in the future! Note here that it is Satan the devil that will suffer the fate that he would like us to believe we, as humans, will face in this version of Hell.

The New International Version has the best rendering of Rev 20:10. Note the **X** in the middle of the word "THEY" in the verse above. That word (they) does not exist in the original text. Note the words "had been thrown" is past tense. This verse is a view from the future, looking back. It is a time after the events of Rev 20:5 and 6. The beast and the false prophet are people that live before the return of Christ with his Kingdom. The false idea that people go to a hot hell when they die because they have not received Christ is just that, it is false. For those teaming millions upon millions that never knew the Jesus Christ (much less the name of Yahshua) of the Bible will have their chance among "the rest of the dead", at the second resurrection. Almost all of mankind will be saved. Saved from what? **Death**. That is good news!

What is salvation? Can you remember what the passage of time was like before you were born? Forever nothingness....and then there was awareness. We shall be saved from that blackness of nothingness which is death. Death is the opposite of life. There

are only two options. If there is not life, there is nothing. All is vanity. The answer to the question is; you are saved from eternal death through Messiah Yahshua?

31. In summary, no human being other than Yahshua, our savior, has died and is in heaven at this time. There will be resurrections of all of the dead. The first resurrection is to spirit life, and the second one is to physical life. The reward of the first resurrection is better than that of the second. Both are indeed a good thing. If the wicked will not repent, then there is a second death which can occur long after the first death. All mankind will suffer the first death when their natural life ends. The second death burns up and obliterates the life, and that life will never be experienced again. Gehennah fire, called HELL is not burning now. It will be lit in the distant future, and it will not be able to be quenched, BUT when the fuel is gone, it will go out. An unquenchable fire will eventually not have enough fuel to burn any longer. Beyond what we have gone over concerning future events is not my intention with this paper.

32. The Trinity, Is a Serious Misconception and a Mistranslation

The Trinity is at the core of most denominations of Christianity. It is a <u>primary doctrine</u>.

Take a look at these two translations of the same verse. One is from the NIV, and is correct, and the other from the KJV is not correct.

I In 5:7 For there are three that testify: (NIV) This one is the correct one.

I John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. 1John 5:8 And there are three that bear witness in earth.... (KJV) The underlined words above are what is called "a spurious translation"! These underlined words do not exist in ANY original text. Check it out. That is why you do not see these words in modern translations of the Bible. Another good example of this is the word Easter, which appears in Acts 12:4. The word should be translated Passover. Now, let us see what the "three that testify" or "bear record" actually is:

I Jn 5:8 For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. (NAS)

What this has done by mistranslating, or more properly <u>adding to scripture</u> something that is not in the manuscripts, is to create a doctrine that is false. The trinity is such a doctrine, and as mentioned above, is at the very core of Christian teaching, and **the trinity doctrine cannot be proven by the bible.** It simply makes no sense.

I made a bold statement, and it flies in the face of the central doctrine of mainstream Christianity. The "trinity" is a subject that has been argued for many centuries. The King James translators, in 1 John 5:7&8 believed both in ghosts, and the <u>Trinity</u>. The Bible does not support ghosts (as spirits of departed people) or a Triune God. Here is an interesting point that indicates there is no trinity. Nowhere is there an example of

Yahshua/Jesus praying to, or telling anyone to pray to, the Holy Spirit/Ghost? We are to pray **IN the spirit.**

Eph 4:23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

The Holy Spirit is <u>something</u> that emanates from God the Father, and is <u>the power</u>, or tool that is used to do Yahweh's's bidding. The Holy Spirit is not a person, it is an **it**. The Holy Spirit has no name. Yahweh the father has a name. Yahshua the son has a name. The Holy Spirit is a "thing", not a person, and it has no name. The closest thing we can experience is Christ living in us, but it is not autonomous. It is a power. Here is an example: *John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him*, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him. Both of them together will put Their spirit within the person.

Not only is the "trinity" the most difficult doctrine to explain, it cannot be explained because it is **unexplainable**, and it is also most destructive to the understanding of who and what God is. Just as a husband and a wife are "one", the Father and the Son are "one", but they are surely different beings. They may look alike as many human fathers and sons look alike, and even sound alike. The Holy Spirit emanates from God, or is of God, and they, the Father and the resurrected Messiah ARE God. The amazing Bible teaching is that we human beings can have the opportunity to be literally born into the family of God (the Yahweh family), just like children can be born into any human family. If you are His, He will write His name upon you. (See born again #36 below.)

33. What Does Religion Say About The Immortality Of The Soul?

First we must find out just what a soul is in the first place. You may be surprised. Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and <u>breathed</u> into his nostrils the <u>breath of life</u>; and man became a living <u>SOUL</u>. (KJV) Notice: the term, "breath of life". Below we are now going to compare Gen 2:7, with Gen 1:24. To make sure we understand the point of the comparison below, it is important to know that the words <u>soul</u> and <u>creature</u> are the <u>same Hebrew word</u> as illustrated.

The following is the Strong's definition of the word Soul. H#5315 nephesh (neh'-fesh); from H#5314; properly, a breathing creature, i.e. an animal of vitality (alive).

My dog is a soul. My cat is a soul. You are a soul and so is every living, breathing creature. A person or animal does not have a soul or something that lives on after death. There is a huge difference between a soul and a spirit. There is a huge difference between life and death.

Gen 1:24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth the <u>living CREATURE</u> after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. (KJV) (Again, SOUL and CREATURE, ARE <u>THE SAME</u> WORD.)

You now know the definition of the word soul. As you can plainly see, a person does not **HAVE** a soul, a person **IS** a soul. Once again, a soul is a breathing creature that has

the breath and life, and all of these living creatures can, and will die. With this realization, there is no difference between a person and a rat. The same fate will sooner or later happen to both.

Does a soul then go to heaven or hell? What happens?

Eccl 3:19 For that which <u>befalleth</u> the sons of <u>men befalleth beasts</u>; even one thing befalleth them: as the <u>one dies, so dies the other</u>; yes, they have all one <u>breath</u>; so that a <u>man has no preeminence above a beast</u>: for all is vanity.(KJV)

Ezekiel 18:4 "Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; the <u>soul</u> who sins <u>shall die</u>. (KJV) Sin leads to death.

<u>The Bible does not say that</u> we have an immortal soul, it says just the opposite. If you believe in the immortality of the soul, <u>you have been deceived</u>. "Prove all things", look into this, check it out. What does the Bible say? It says that **Souls die**. A dead <u>animal</u>, or <u>person</u> is a dead soul because the same fate awaits all living creatures. Can animals be resurrected? I don't know. The Bible does not say.

34. What Does The Bible Say About The Subject Of Being "Born Again"?

At this point, we need to step back and once again try to remove all of our preconceived ideas about this term. Most Christians have no idea what this really means. Most Christians believe it is a spiritual awakening, or an experience, but the Bible does not say that.

John 3:5-6 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (KJV)
Flesh is flesh. Spirit is spirit. Try and understand that the two are as far apart as the east is from the west. Someone once said to me, "stick yourself with a pin and see if you are a spirit". If you bleed, you are still in flesh and not in Spirit. These are two different life forms.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say to you, <u>Except a</u> man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

1 Cor 15:50 Now I say this, brethren, that <u>flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God</u>; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. (NAS)

If you are still flesh and blood, then you cannot enter the Kingdom of God. Many (most) Christians believe that the Kingdom of God is the church, or is in our hearts, or something here and now. The Bible does not say that. If blood is pumping through your veins, then you are mistaken to think that you are in the Kingdom of God. Luke 10:9 "Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you". (NIV) Yes, our Messiah who was on earth is as close as anyone has ever come to the Kingdom of God, but the Kingdom is indeed coming. The Kingdom is about a totally different future age, and it is about a form of Government. Christ is the King. It is about setting

things right. Yahshua shall be the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. If Yahshua is King in the Kingdom, and he is king of kings, then who are the other kings? *Revelation* 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of Lords, and King of Kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful. The chosen and faithful will be raised up at the first resurrection and they will be crowned kings.

If flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, then how do we attain it? We have to be born into it. We have to die first. *Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*

Something that may help to clarify some of this is: Luke 20:35-36 But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, 36 and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. (NIV) The "children of the resurrection" just happens to mean that they have been born into this age by the resurrection of the dead. It is a complete new birth at a time in the future, and after the first death. Some will also live right up until that time before their change occurs from physical to spirit:

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Yahshua explains to Nicodemus what being born again is like.

John 3:3-8 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again (anew), he <u>cannot see</u> the kingdom of God." <u>4</u> Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot <u>enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born</u>, can he?" <u>5</u> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and <u>the Spirit</u>, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <u>6</u> "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <u>7</u> "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <u>8</u> "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; <u>so is everyone who is born of the Spirit</u>." (NAS)

A human <u>cannot see</u> someone that is born of the Spirit. Spirits cannot be seen by mortals unless the spirit is manifested, which they the ability to do. Nicodemus knew exactly what kind of process being born was all about. But he could not comprehend spiritual things. You must be born anew. A new birth unlike the physical birth, it is a birth to spirit composition.

35. If We Wish To Qualify For The Kingdom, What Should We Do?

The following verses tell us what we must do. There are three main elements necessary. The first is <u>faith</u>, the second is <u>grace</u> (favor), and that comes from God, and <u>obedience</u> to His commandments.

Acts 5:29 We ought to obey God rather than men. A most important statement.

Matt 19:17 if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments. (KJV)

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1 Cor 7:19 ...but keeping the commandments of God is what matters. (NKJ)

I Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: (KJV)

James 2:20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that <u>faith without works is dead?</u> (NKJ)

Mark 7:7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. That is one of the reasons I wrote this paper.

Most everyone should know that we are saved by grace, through <u>faith</u> for without faith it is impossible to please God. Heb 11:6

The keeping of the law, even flawlessly, will not save us. It is also true that we will not be saved without keeping the law. The law will not save you, but you will not be saved without obedience to the law, and the law is the concentrated within the Ten Commandments, and moreover the law is contained in the first five books of the Bible. (James 2:26) For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

36. The Two Most Difficult Commandments.

No one seems to have a problem with the first two or the last six commandments of the ten. They do have a problem with the third and fourth commandments. The third commandment has to do with falsifying or doing away with, altering, or misusing Yahweh's name, but the fourth one requires that you do something that may not be convenient for you in today's society.

Exod 20:8-11 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the <u>seventh day</u> is a Sabbath to Yahweh your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. 11 For in six days Yahweh made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy (Set it apart fro the rest of the week.).

Why does it say remember the Sabbath, because people have forgotten it. Also because most people that believe in the Bible have replaced it with Sunday, "the venerable day of the sun". The 4th commandment is the longest of the ten. Did you ever do a study on the day Sunday, or the "day of the sun"? The Sabbath day is the last day of the week, and the day of the Sun is on the first day of the week. Who changed it? If God makes the Sabbath holy, what man or church can make it unholy, and then make Sunday holy? The Sabbath, or the seventh day, was holy in the past, and it is still holy today. This is a vast subject, and I recommend doing some research on the subject to see how the change from Saturday to Sunday took place. Yahshua kept the Sabbath, the Apostles kept the Sabbath, and nowhere is there instructions for some other day of worship. Look up "first day" in a concordance, and check each verse for content concerning so called

worship taking place on that day. There is none. Be honest. *Gen 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy.* Has it been changed? The bible does not say that.

Exod 31:13-17 Speak thou also to the children of Israel, saying, Truly my Sabbaths you shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that you may know that I am Yahweh that does sanctify you. 14 You shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defiles it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever does any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to Yahweh: whosoever does any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days Yahweh made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed. (MKJV)

If the Bible is truly your guide, then there is no other day of worship. The God of the Bible equates breaking the Sabbath with adultery, murder, and idolatry, all of which are sin. Notice in this next verse how seriously Yahweh considers the Sabbath day.

Num 15:32 And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the Sabbath day.....Num 15:35 And Yahweh said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: (KJV). Does Yahweh take the Sabbath commandment seriously?

37. Here Is A Future Fulfillment of Prophecy:

We have just covered the Sabbath day, but there are other Sabbaths that Yahshua and the rest of the Apostles observed. These Sabbaths are called Feasts, or appointments, and there seven of them each year. People not only should keep these appointments now as in written in the Scriptures, but these appointed times will be kept in the future. Zech 14:16-17 16 Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths (Feast of Tabernacles). 17 And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, there will be no rain on them. (NAS)

This prophesy has not been fulfilled up to now. (Note: Read the next few verses of this chapter.)

There is a lot more contained here than meets the eye. It says in the future there will be **nations**, and **families**, and a **King**, and **laws**. There will also be a **government**. In this future time, there will be cities with Kings, and subjects, and laws, and territory. This is the Kingdom of God/Heaven that is covered in the four Gospels. Remember... *Mark* 1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God,(KJV). This is not the gospel about Christ, it is the gospel OF Christ, and it is good news. Life on Earth will continue after the time of the

wrath of Yahweh and the tribulation. It is the age to come.... after the return of Christ, when He sets up His kingdom to rule the earth in righteousness.

38. Is Mankind Now Under The New Covenant?

No. The Bible does not say that. It is not.

With whom is God to make the new covenant? Is it the church? Is it Christians? When is the New Covenant to be made?

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Hebrews 8:8 is a direct quotation from Jeremiah 31:31

Heb 8:8 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the <u>house of Israel</u> and with the <u>house of Judah</u>:

Think about that a second, have those days written about in Jeremiah come yet? Are the Jews that you know under the "new covenant"? Where is the house of Israel today? Do you know someone from the tribes of Isicar, Mannaseh, Gad, Ruben, or Asher. Not likely. It is true that converted followers of Messiah agree to the terms of the new covenant, but mankind is not under the New Covenant as yet. The Old Covenant is becoming obsolete, but it is not gone or done away with as yet....

Heb 8:13 By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear. (NIV) It has not disappeared as yet, but it will disappear when Christ comes in his Kingdom.

Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: (KJV) There we go again with those old Laws again. It seems not many Bible readers have those laws in their minds and hearts today.

39. Just Believe On Jesus And You Shall Be Saved.

Is that all there is to it?

Luke 6:46 "And why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? The reason is, people would rather do it their way. Perhaps their church's doctrine does not match up so well to the actual teachings of the Christ and the Bible.

1 Pet 2:21 Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: In just this verse alone we are told to do what Yahshua did, and follow his lead in everything we do, especially how we worship. He did not observe Sunday. Christmas, or Easter.

Yahshua stated plainly... Matt 19:17-20 "If you wish to enter life, obey the commandments." 18 The man inquired, and Jesus replied, "'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, 19 honor your father and mother,' and 'love your neighbor as yourself.'" 20 "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" (NIV)

Yahshua listed five of the **ten commandments**. Since one cannot be saved by only obedience to the Law, more is required, but the fact remains, the man in that verse obviously kept all ten of the commandments. To illustrate, if Messiah left us an example to follow, then on which day did he worship?

Luke 4:16 as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. There is no record of him doing this on the first day of the week. To this day the Jews do the same. What other steps did he take in which we should walk? Did Yahshua keep the Feast of Tabernacles, Passover, Atonement, and the Last Day of the Feast, or did he keep Easter, The Mass of Christ (Christmas), Evening of all Hallows (Halloween), and The Venerable Day of the Sun (Sunday)? Why do people that read the Bible not see these things? It seems that they have been blinded to the point that they cannot have understanding. A person must be called by the Father, they must respond with repentance from dead works, believe and have faith in Yahshua, and obey the commandments. Here is what believers must understand:

Mat 7:13 "Enter in by the <u>narrow</u> gate; for wide is the gate and <u>broad</u> is the way that leads to destruction, and <u>many</u> are those who enter in by it.

Mat 7:14 How narrow is the gate, and restricted is the way that leads to life! <u>Few</u> are those who find it. (WEB)

Matt 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

40. What About Christmas, Easter, Halloween?

The Roman Catholic church is responsible for the Christ Mass, and Christmas is not at all biblical. All of the trappings of Christmas are of pagan origin, Easter, with its fertility symbols of rabbits and eggs, is a remnant of the ancient goddess Ishtar, and later Ostara. Look these up in the encyclopedia. Hallowed Eevening, All-hallow-even, also known as All Saints' Day is pagan to the core, and a simple look at Halloween in the encyclopedia (Wikipedia) proves that this is also not a Bible teaching.

41. What is Man's Destiny?

What would you like for your eternity to be like? Would you like to have all things given to you and that those things be at your disposal to know, have, and use? Look... Heb 2:6-8 But one in a certain place testified, saying, "What is man, that you are mindful of him? or the son of man, that you visit him"? 7_You made him a little lower than the angels; you crowned him with glory and honor, and did set him over the works of your hands: 8 You hve put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him. The ultimate destiny of mankind is to resurrected to spirit life and become like Yahweh and Yahshua Messiah. It is to ultimately become just like them and to live a life without end, without pain, and with abilities like the Messiah and Father Yahweh, all within the same family. This is what has to happen:

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it (ultimately) brings forth much fruit.

Would you like to be one of Yahweh's actual, born, living children? You will if you are born into the spirit realm of the Kingdom of God, and this birth begins with the resurrection of the dead in the first resurrection (the better resurrection), or later in the second resurrection. Read your Bible. Pray for understanding. Search the Scriptures.

Let's list some of the areas that we have covered to see what doctrines are falsely taught in religious circles compared to the plain words and teachings of the Bible:

The true names. Who the God of the Old Testament is. The Trinity. What it means to be "Born Again". Who is in Heaven. What Hell is all about. The new covenant. The Law. What sin is. What death is all about. The non-immortality of the soul. The resurrections from the dead. Sunday vs the Sabbath The Christ-mass. Easter. Halloween, The ultimate destiny of mankind.

To sum up all of the things we have covered I leave you with the hope that lies within me in particular:

1Jo 3:1 Behold, how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! For this cause the world does not know us, because it did not know him. 2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it is not yet revealed what we will be. But we know that, when he is revealed, we will be like him; for we will see him just as he is. 3 Everyone who has this hope set on him purifies himself, even as he is pure. I hope you understand the gravity of being like Him because that is our destiny.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be <u>conformed to the</u> <u>image</u> of his Son, that he might be the firstborn <u>among many brethren</u>.

It is my desire for you to attain to the high mark set before you if you have grasped what you have just read. HalleluYah My brothers and sisters in the faith!