

To understand The Holy Spirit, we must understand the completeness of God.

All scripture given is New King James Version unless otherwise specified:

For a certainty I believe all these things happened in the first century. I will never speak against anything of the Spirit of God or what has revealed of him. That would be self-destructive to me and those who hear me. The Godhead are all one in all things. Nevertheless, I do speak all these things to my present knowledge. Remember the Godhead is composed of God the Father, Jesus the Christ - the son of God and the Holy Spirit.

I will not get mad if you disagree with me. But don't disagree with scripture. If you do, you are disagreeing with God. Remember our anger does not accomplish the will of God.

James 1:20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Lesson 1: That Which Is Perfect

We must understand what is the spirit of prophecy:

Jesus is the spirit of prophecy:

Revelation 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Prophecy has brought us the Gospel. Because Jesus brought it to us. Then the Holy Spirit caused the Apostils to remember all Jesus taught. The Spirit took what was of Jesus and gave it to the apostils. Why was all this prophecy? Because the entire gospel, the perfect will of God in the Bible, had not completely delivered to all men.

Jesus spoke this about the Holy Spirit:

John 14:25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. **26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 16:15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

The purpose of tongues in the church, in the first century, were for a sign to unbelievers:

The tongues in the first century church should bring understanding to the believer:

Also prophesy in the church was for believers so they might have the complete council of God in the Bible:

1 Corinthians 14:9 So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand, how will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. 10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without significance. --- 22 Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe.

If any in the church spoke in tongues it should be to edify or by revelation to deliver knowledge and teaching: The revelation reviled God's word: Knowledge was to be of God's word: The teaching was to bring God's word into their minds:

1 Corinthians 14:5 *I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification. 6 But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching?*

The Bible was being delivered by prophesy:

Prophesy is considered more important than tongues to deliver the gospel:

The edification of believers in the church was necessary to spread the gospel:

1 Corinthians 14:1 *Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. 2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. 3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. 4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. -- 23 Therefore if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say that you are out of your mind? 24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all.*

These things Paul taught were to deliver the Bible in knowledge to the church:

All this was to be done decently and orderly:

1 Corinthians 14:37 *If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord. 38 But if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant. 39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. 40 Let all things be done decently and in order.*

Consider these thoughts:

1 Corinthians 14:6 *But now, brethren, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching?*

Are people today claiming they are giving further revelation in their tongues?

I wonder because **1 Corinthians 14:6** plainly shows it was to be by giving revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching. Is the Bible not complete? Is there a necessity to get more knowledge in the Bible?

I don't believe this is so! Because this thinking implies God was not able to deliver all his message to man. Also, this type of thinking makes these next passages lies. I know God does not lie! Men do lie! Every man makes mistakes in their life's. God does not!

1 Corinthians 2:10 *But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. 13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and *the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;*

1Timothy 4:11 These things command and teach. **12** Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. **13** Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. **14** Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

Use only what is written:

New revelation is not necessary because the whole Bible is here for man. This is why we must not go beyond what is written in the Bible. The Bible was being delivered until the whole counsel of God was written for all men. It was being delivered in the first century. So, don't go beyond, what is written in the Bible, because we have the whole counsel of God in it:

1 Corinthians 4:6 And these things, brethren, I did transfer to myself and to Apollos because of you, that in us ye may learn not to think above that which hath been written, that ye may not be puffed up one for one against the other,

Acts 20:26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. **27** For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

We must use the word of truth, the complete perfect will of God the Bible:

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. **18** Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

No further revelation is taught: If any teaching does not follow exactly what was taught by Paul, then let them be cursed by God:

Galatians 1:6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, **7** which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. **8** But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. **9** As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. **10** For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. **11** But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. **12** For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?

Revelation 22:18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Peter receive direct revelation from God and not of man's fables. Peter gave us these in the Bible:

2 Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ---19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

Sound words found in the Bible:

2Ti 1:12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. 13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 14 That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

What the Bible reveals about: what is perfect.

Perfect Love:

We are to have, the love, as God has for mankind. If one was able to be abundant in tongues, we would be just a loud noise without love. If we had faith enough to move mountains, without love, it would be as nothing. If our benevolence was great it would accomplish nothing in delivering God's way, without love. This passage also goes on to define what the behavior of love is.

1 Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. 4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

Because he loves us, he gave us the word which has given us the Bible.

All the gifts were to establish his word, the Church and Christianity:

This was to bring us the perfect will of God in his word:

The renewing of your mind suggest studying God's word:

Think soberly to prevent foolish pride:

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. 3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always

laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

How would you know the will of God but by listening and reading scripture?

The “believes all things” is referring believing all of God’s word.

When that which is Perfect comes:

1 Corinthians 13:9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. **10** But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. **11** When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. **12** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. **13** And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

This is what I believe from my scripture studies:

Prophecies are in part until all the Bible was delivered. When it was completely delivered then tongues will cease, and knowledge that is in part will vanish away. The complete will of God delivered in the complete Bible will replace the incomplete. The Bible was only known in part at this time. Without the complete Bible we can’t know all of God’s commands for man.

As a child starts with a little knowledge. As he grows, he becomes more knowledgeable so we as Christians develop understanding in God’s word. The perfect delivery of all of God’s will for us is in the Bible. Knowledge in the study of the Bible teaches us how to love as God loves. This perfects us in his love:

I have tried to ascertain, by scripture, what that which is perfect might be. Because the scripture in 1 Corinthians chapter thirteen verse nine doesn’t specify. The scripture does give hints. The way the scripture is stated it is referring to future events from this time period. The hint that which is in part will be done away with. (The partial understanding of scriptures) The complete teaching would replace the incomplete teaching. The complete teaching is the Bible. Then it refers to being like a child speaking as a child. It speaks of becoming a man rejecting childish things. Then it speaks of looking in a mirror to see oneself as you are. (In the mirror of the gospel we see what we look like to God). It speaks of us knowing in part. With the complete Bible we can know all of the council of God. This helps us to see how important abiding in faith, hope in God, love like God’s love. Now I know, because of scriptures. How to develop love as God wants me to have? Because, the word, became flesh and delivered us the Bible through the apostles by reembrace of all of the teaching and understanding of Jesus.

All men are fallible except when God helps. God helps in prayer to God for us and scripture. God helps in what we don’t know how to ask:

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Scriptures speaking about being a child:

Mark 10:15 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it."

We must look to our father in heaven for guidance. We must want to please him, just as any

human child would want to please a loving father. We look to him for Knowledge and love.

Luke 2:40 And *the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon Him.*

Just as Jesus did this, we need to become strong in spiritual things and the wisdom in God's will. This must be done by, studying all scripture, to understand how to please God. When we become Christians, we become Children of God. So, when we receive other Christians, we receive Christ and God who sent Christ.

Believing in his name requires understanding what God wants for us found in scripture:

Believing in his name is doing his will found in scripture:

John 1:11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. **12** *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:*

Luke 9:48 and said to them, "*Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me.* For he who is least among you all will be great."

We must accept all scripture because Jesus is the word of God which became flesh and caused the Holy Bible to be delivered to man.

This scripture refers to Jesus:

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them *He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:* **13** who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **14** And *the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

If the word became flesh and the word was delivered to man, then *are, we not putting God in our minds, when we learn the Bible?* The Bible is the word of God! Understand how powerful this really is! Study to show yourself approved of God.

Looking in the mirror of scriptures:

James 1:22 *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.* **23** *For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror;* **24** *for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.*

We see what we really are. When we look in scriptures. We must be doers of God's word, and not be forgetful of how we really are.

What could the Knowing in part be referring to?

Because God does not make his will complicated but teaches in simplicity:

2 Corinthians 1:12 For *our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that we conducted ourselves in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you.* **13** *For we are not writing any other things to you than what you read or understand. Now I trust you will understand, even to the end* **14** *(as also you have understood us in part), that we are your boast as you also are ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus.*

2 Timothy 2:15 *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

We know in part until we study all. After studying scripture often, we gain understanding. Until all the scripture was revealed to man, the Bible was in part and not completed. Now we have the complete counsel of God.

This scripture indicates Paul has delivered the whole counsel of God. All God's counsel, his word, was delivered at this time in scripture. In times before this it was being delivered to all men. This would be delivered to the whole world.

The whole counsel of God was delivered:

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. **25** "And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. **26** Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. **27** For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

The perfect understanding and the certainty of it:

Luke 1:1 Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, **2** just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, **3** it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, **4** that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.

These scriptures indicate the completed scripture delivered the perfect will of God.

Could this be what is perfect and has come?

The perfect will of God:

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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Now the perfect law of liberty has been delivered to man to look in it:

James 1:25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

All things that pertain to life and godliness:

2 Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, **3** as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, **4** by which have been given to us

exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Because of all these scriptures, I think that which is perfect has come. It is the perfect law of liberty, God's word, the complete Bible.

We must know and obey God through all scripture. God will punish those who don't:

2 Thessalonians 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, **4** so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure, **5** which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; **6** since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, **7** and **to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

It is our responsibility to know God through scriptures.

Knowing scriptures gives the knowledge of what God wants for us to obey and grow:

2 Timothy 3:14 But **you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15** and that from childhood **you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for 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, 17** **that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

The seed is the word of God. Don't let Satan take it away from you:

Mathew 13:19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand *it*, then **the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.** This is he who received seed by the wayside.

Those who claim because you don't speak in tongues you may be carnal don't understand what scripture says. Not everyone had tongues in this time in Corinth they had a diversity of gifts. They put people down without understanding tongues have ceased. There were diversities of gifts to establish God's word which was beginning to be delivered at this time.

If tongues are being done today not everyone would have them. Why? Because others had different gifts in the first century and not tongues. The Holy Spirit determined who got what to the benefit to all. You should be able to see all these gifts: **the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, faith by the Spirit, the gifts of healings, the discerning of spirits, the working of miracles, different kinds of tongues, the interpretation of tongues** and **the gift of prophesy.** If you do not see perfect evidence of all this, then it is self-deception to believe, that which is perfect has not come. The Holy Spirit delivered all of these. In other words God delivered these.

These gifts were to the profit of all:

1 Corinthians 12:7 **But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:**

The Spirit of God determined who got what:

1 Corinthians 12:11 *But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

Concerning spiritual gifts:

1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: **2** You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. **3** Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. **4** There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. **5** There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. **6** And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. **7** *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:* **8** for to one is given *the word of wisdom* through the Spirit, to another *the word of knowledge* through the same Spirit, **9** to another *faith by the same Spirit*, to another *gifts of healings* by the same Spirit, **10** to another *the working of miracles*, to another *prophecy*, to another *discerning of spirits*, to another *different kinds of tongues*, to another *the interpretation of tongues*. **11** *But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.* **12** For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. **13** *For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.*

We need all who are Christians in the church to accomplish God's will:

1 Corinthians 12:14 For in fact the body is not one member but many. **15** If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? **16** And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? **17** If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling? **18** But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. **19** And if they *were* all one member, where *would* the body *be*? **20** But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body. **21** And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." **22** No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. **23** And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable *parts* have greater modesty, **24** but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it, **25** that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another. **26** And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*. **27** Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

God delivered this message to cause all to understand that all the spiritual gifts were necessary for the first century church and to stop them from being of a proudful nature:

1 Corinthians 12:28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. **29** Are all apostles? *Are* all prophets? *Are* all teachers? *Are* all workers of miracles? **30** Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? **31** But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

God used those saved allowing them spiritual gifts to spread the teachings to all and deliver the Bible: Spiritual gifts spread God's word:

Mar 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

I believe that which is perfect has come and there are no more tongues or miracle works through man today. God does all the miracles now, not through man.

Because the complete word of God has been delivered.

Lesson 2 The Lesson of love. We must love God's word because it teaches us how to love.

We cannot know true love without the God's word which perfects us:

Mark 3:35 For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."

2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. 7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us. 20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

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Colossians 4:12 Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, *that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.*

The Spirit of Truth spoken of by Jesus to the Apostils. See how the Holy Spirit delivered and guided the Apostils to all truth to become written in the Bible:

John 16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. **13** However, *when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word:

The Bible is God's word. Knowing the Bible makes us able to keep his word:

John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— **17** the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. --- **22** *Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"* **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 home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.*

The power to come to the Apostils:

Luke 24:49 *Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."*

John 16:8 *And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.*

The power of God's word: Our High Priest, Jesus Christ:

Hebrews 4:10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His. **11** Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. **12** *For the word of 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 discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. 14* Seeing then that *we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15* *For we do not have a High Priest who*

cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Spirit gives life:

The words that John spoke are spirit and life:

John 6:61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? **62** What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? **63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

Suffer all things physical but realize how blessed and rich you are spiritually by the word of truth which you have trusted:

2 Corinthians 6:4 But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, 5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings; 6 by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love, 7 by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, 8 by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

Ephesians 1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Every good gift comes from above in the word of truth by our Father in heaven:

James 1:16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. 18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Purify your souls in love born again through the word of truth, the gospel, was preached:

1 Peter 1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because "ALL FLESH IS AS GRASS, AND ALL THE GLORY OF MAN AS THE FLOWER OF THE GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND ITS FLOWER FALLS AWAY, 25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

You can do nothing without God's help so bear much fruit: The fruit comes by obedience to God:

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Young and old through God's word have overcome the wicked one:

1 John 2:14 I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one.

If we keep his commandments, we have confidence toward God: Believe in Christ and love as God does then his spirit abides with us:

1 John 3:21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. **22** And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. **23** And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. **24** Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

1 John 4:13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. **14** And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. **15** Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. **16** And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. **17** Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

His commandments are in scripture:

God's word is truth:

John 6:61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? **62** What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? **63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

See the comparison of the spirit or God abiding in us and the truth abiding in us.

As I said earlier, when we study and put the word of God in our minds, we are putting God in our minds! Recognize the power of this! He abides in us by his word found in the Bible.

No one can receive the indwelling of God without the word of God in our minds and in our hearts:

2 John 1:2 because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever.

1 Peter 1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, **23** having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

Knowing the Bible is necessary to keep His commandments:

1 John 3:24 Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Knowing God's word teaches us how to Love as God loves:

1 John 4:12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. **13** By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because

He has given us of His Spirit.

1 John 2:14 I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, *because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.*

2 John 1:1 The Elder, *To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth,* **2** *because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:*

John 17:17 *Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*

Colossians 1:3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, **4** since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; **5** because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the *word of the truth of the gospel,* **6** which has come to you, as *it has* also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as *it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;* **7** as you also learned from *Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,* **8** *who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.*

1 Thessalonians 2:13 *For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.*

If we don't abide in God's doctrine, in scripture, we do not have God:

2 John 1:9 *Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.*

The word of the Lord endures forever: It is the gospel preached to man: Tongues, will cease but God's word will be forever.

1 Corinthians 13:8 Love never fails. But whether *there are prophecies, they will fail;* whether *there are tongues, they will cease;* whether *there is knowledge, it will vanish away.*

1 Peter 1:25 *BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER."* *Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.*

After the written word is no more and we are in heaven the word will still be there because the word is of Jesus. His word will continue in God. All will know it, thus forever.

Mathew 5:17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. *I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.* **18** For assuredly, *I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.* **19** Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

God's law dwells in us (the Bible) then his spirit dwells in us:

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.* **2** *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.* --- **7** *Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.* **8** So then, those who are in *the flesh cannot please God.* **9** But *you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.* Now *if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.* **10**

And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Christ dwells in our hearts through faith. Faith comes by the word of God:

Ephesians 3:14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from through whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Paul states he has given all his knowledge to men which was given to him by Christ:

Is this a delivering the perfect will of God? I think it is:

Ephesians 3:1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles— 2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: 6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, 7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. 8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

Do you not realize the very word of God in his Spirit is given in the written word of the Bible, which you should be reading! The Spirit of God is in the Bible. Which you would not know without reading the Bible!

Acts 8:25 So when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to

Jerusalem, preaching the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

We will be judged. First who are of the household of God, then those who do not obey the gospel of God, all will be judged:

1 Peter 4:17 For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and *if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?* **18** Now *“IF THE RIGHTEOUS ONE IS SCARCELY SAVED, WHERE WILL THE UNGODLY AND THE SINNER APPEAR?”* **19** *Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.*

Put on love, which is the bond of perfection: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom: *whatever* you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him:

Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, *put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;* **13** *bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.* **14** *But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.* **15** *And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.* **16** *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.* **17** *And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time:

Colossians 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward those *who are* outside, redeeming the time. **6** *Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.*

We become one in him:

Romans 12:4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, **5** *so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.* **6** Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them:* if prophecy, *let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;* **7** or ministry, *let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;* **8** *he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.*

Remember faith comes by the hearing of God's word:

Rom 10:17 So then *faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Remember Prophecy delivered the Bible. The Bible is that which is perfect.

See how the things of salvation tie together in the bible teaching so you cannot truthfully separate, what is taught on salvation, from Christ example in his sacrifice for man:

The spirit of God is truth:

1 John 5:5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? **6** *This is He who came by water and blood Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.* **7** *For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.* **8** *And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.* **9** If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. **10** He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. **11** And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. **12** He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. **13** These things *I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.*

So, as we study, we must understand the Father the Son and the Holy Ghost: They all agree as one together. If we teach anything that disagrees with all scripture or all the teachings on each part of the Godhead we are going into error.

The promise of faith: It comes only by the word of God:

Galatians 3:22 *But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.* **23** *But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.* **24** *Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

Romans 10:17 So then *faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Everything Jesus teaches carry's all the authority of God:

The Baptism was to be done by men. Men cannot baptize with the Holy Spirit. Only God can do that. Because men were told to do the baptizing, it would have to be water baptism. This is the only thing men could do.

Mathew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.* **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, *baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,* **20** *teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*" Amen.

God helped the apostles to present undeniable proof in teaching:

Luke 21:15 *for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.* may be fulfilled.

Acts 14:2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brethren. **3** Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in *the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.*

If we keep all God's commandments, we show we love God:

John 14:15 *"If you love Me, keep My commandments.* **16** *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever* **Joh 14:21** *He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My*

Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." 1Pe 1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

Just as bible is the truth the Holy Spirit is the spirit of truth:

God wants use to be one with him just as the Godhead is one:

John 14:17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. 19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

1 Thessalonians 1:5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

Our salvation is dependent on our love of truth:

You must love truth if you love God:

2 Thessalonians 2:9 The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

When God hasn't spoken, man has no sin but if he has spoken then there is no excuse for sin:

When the Helper, the Spirit of truth, comes he will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning:

John 15:20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 He who hates Me hates My Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. 25 But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.' 26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Jesus said It is to your advantage that I go. Because the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. He will convict the world of sin, because they do not believe in Me, of righteousness, and of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you:

John 16:5 "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of

judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. 16 "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father." 28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father." 29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! 30 Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God." 31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Jesus spoke this: Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as *We are*: Jesus has given Mankind God's word: For mankind's sakes Jesus sanctified himself, that obedient men could also be sanctified by God's truth. Your word is truth the Bible. And the glory which God gave Jesus he has given to the obedient, that they may be one just as the Father and Jesus are one:

John 17:11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. 20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. 24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ;

not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. there are three that bear witness in heaven: The Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son:

1 John 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. **4** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **5** Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? **6** This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. **7** For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. **8** And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. **9** If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son.

Listen to God's word and not man's bewitching words:

Galatians 3:1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? **2** This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? **3** Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? **4** Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? **5** Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? **6** just as Abraham "BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS ACCOUNTED TO HIM FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS."

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

God the Father:

John 6:27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

The church is God's kingdom on earth:

1 Corinthians 15:24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

Lesson 3: Baptism of the Holy Spirit

John the Baptist says about the wheat and the chaff:

Luke 3:16 John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. **17** His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

Chaff is the undesirable part to be burned. In Mathew 13:24-30 the enemy is the devil the wheat is those faithful to God to be gathered into heaven. The fire is Hades where the

unquenchable fire burns forever in pain for those who were disobedient to God's commands:

Mathew 13:24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "*The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. 26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. 27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' 28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.'* The servants said to him, '*Do you want us then to go and gather them up?*' 29 But he said, '*No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."*' "

This an answer to why evil people prosper and allow to remain among the righteous. We should try cause more good seed than corrupt seed. The corrupt will be burned in Hades. The good will gathered into heaven. Christ came to save men's lives.

Luke 9:56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

About those who die and go to torment, Hades exist now.

The rich man and Lazarus show the torment of Hades: Because the man in torment asked Abraham to send Lazarus to his five brothers shows Hades exist now.

Luke 16:22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' 27 "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' 29 Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

Correct men's errors in teaching:

Some claim the Holy Spirit Baptism came to all who received the spirit of God. I have not found this to be true using all scriptures. You would have to mistrust most translations of the Bible to justify that idea. I believe all the Bible and believe God has made it possible for us to understand all life and Godliness through it. Our Bible came to us from Greek, Hebrew, and Arabic. Even though some minor mistakes may be made in translations. The complete teaching of God is intact. The original Bible is without error in the originating languages. I believe in the providence of God to deliver it correctly in all teaching. Some minor errors don't distract from the complete teaching in using all scripture.

The events leading to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit promised only to the apostles in Acts 1:

Acts 1:1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **2** until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, **3** to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. **4** And being assembled together with them, *He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; **5** for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."*

Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

Acts 2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** Then *there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.* **4** *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.* **5** *And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.* **6** *And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.* **7** *Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? **8** And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? **9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."* **12** *So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"* **13** Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine." **14** But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. **15** For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. **16** *But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: **17** 'AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS IN THE LAST DAYS, SAYS GOD, THAT I WILL POUR OUT OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH; YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS. **18** AND ON MY MENSERVANTS AND ON MY MAIDSERVANTS I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT IN THOSE DAYS; AND THEY SHALL PROPHECY. **19** I WILL SHOW WONDERS IN HEAVEN ABOVE AND SIGNS IN THE EARTH BENEATH: BLOOD AND FIRE AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. **20** THE SUN SHALL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS, AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE COMING OF THE GREAT AND AWESOME DAY OF THE LORD. **21** AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS THAT WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.'*

After fulfillment of the apostles receiving the Baptism of The Holy Spirit in Acts 2. Another Baptism of The Holy Spirit came to the house of Cornelius in Acts 10 to show God accepts the Gentiles into salvation:

Acts 10:1 There was *a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, **2** a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. **3** About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!" **4** And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. **5** Now send men to Joppa, and send for*

Simon whose surname is Peter. 6 He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do." --- 14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." 15 And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." 16 This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again. 17 Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate. --- 22 And they said, "Cornelius the centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you." 23 Then he invited them in and lodged them. On the next day Peter went away with them, and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him. 24 And the following day they entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. 25 As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. 26 But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man." --- 34 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35 But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. 36 The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all— 37 that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. 39 And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. 40 Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, 41 not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. 42 And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. 43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins." 44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. 45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, 47 "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

After Peter returned to the Jews: His account to them:

Acts 11:2 And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with him, 3 saying, "You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!" 4 But Peter explained it to them in order from the beginning, saying: 5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, an object descending like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me. 6 When I observed it intently and considered, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. 7 And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' 8 But I said, 'Not so, Lord! For nothing common or unclean has at any time entered my mouth.' 9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, 'What God has cleansed you must not call common.' 10 Now this was done three times, and all were drawn up again into heaven. 11 At that very moment, three men stood before the house where I was, having been sent to me from Caesarea. 12 Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 And he told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, 'Send men to Joppa,

and call for Simon whose surname is Peter, **14** who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.' **15** And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. **16** Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' **17** If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?" **18** When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."

Words of the Bible of the deliverance of the Holy Spirit:

Acts 2 vs 38 Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 10 vs 44 the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

Acts 10 vs 47 Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?"

Acts 11 vs 15 the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

The same gift in Acts 11 vs 15, 16, 17:

Acts 11:15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning. **16** Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' **17** If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?"

In all these verses we see the gift of the Holy Ghost, the gift of the Holy Spirit, receiving the Holy Spirit the same as we have, Holy Spirit fell upon, pour out on, gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. All descriptions of what happened.

John specifically said Jesus would send a comforter:

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. **16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; **17** Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

All these descriptions of the Holy spirit. In Acts chapter 10 it only says the gift of the Holy Spirit. But it also says they received the same gift as we did.

All these descriptions are of the same thing in Acts 10 and 11. What is common they received the Holy Spirit in the same way as the apostils did. This is obvious. This is a gift from God. God does not give the Holy Spirit by measure. The Holy Ghost gave specific gifts to each one as the Spirit wills. But since the Baptism of the Holy Spirit was promised to the apostils in Acts 1 and Cornelius and company received it same as the apostils did. It shows both instances where the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. *I do understand the argument that because it says the gift of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:38 and Acts 10:45.* This argument would only lessen the idea of the gift to Cornelius and company. Some do use this as an example that the Gift of and the Baptism of is

the same. This I do not believe this because those receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit did not do exactly the same things the apostles did. The Holy Spirit choose what gifts to give as what is a benefit to all. Because they needed more to spread the gospel to all. We must always, never speak against what the Holy Spirit does. What the spirit does is in unison to all the Godhead. Therefore, this is how I see it. I will never speak evil against a differing opinion because we must all study to show ourselves approved. We all learn and develop in the knowledge of God's word. This is an ongoing process. We must learn, not to hold to our own opinions, when we find it contradicting any scripture. **2 Timothy 2:15 KJV** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

John 3:34 For *He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure.*

1 Corinthians 12:11 But one and the same *Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*

These two instances are the only times recorded in all the scriptures in any translation I have read of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Yet many teach the Baptism of the Holy Spirit continued in those who received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Looking in Strong's and Young's Concordance I see a different word used in the original text between the *Baptism* of the Holy spirit and the *gift* of the Holy Spirit. I am not an expert in Greek or Hebrew so I must trust their translations. Those who claim it is the same are not experts in these languages as my studies have found. I have no reason to distrust translations as the New King James, as the King James, American Standard etc. translations. *In those claiming they received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit; I would expect them to do the same works as the apostles. They should be able to speak in languages they have never studied in foreign lands able to declare the word of God causing all to understand as the apostles did in Acts 2. They should be able to raise the dead. Every healing they do would be instant or quick as the apostles did. They should be able to withstand any viper in the wild without harm. They should have knowledge and wisdom beyond ordinary men.*

Note: Those today who claim they can have vipers they have with their poison disabled. Bring a wild fresh caught viper and watch them run. They are deceivers.

Don't get me wrong, I believe in the healing from God. It is done in prayer to God and not done by men but God. Prayer to God is the only way. Prayer done by the church or Christian individuals.

James 5:1 *Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. --- 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*

Lesson 4 You cannot separate the Holy Spirit, Christ and God the Father.

All the Godhead has distinctive personalities and emotions yet they all together in unity. The difference is their emotion and man's emotions, is theirs is justified.

The Godhead works together to accomplish the will of God. Even though they have all distinct personalities and works they all work as one. The word is God. The word in the Bible is from God: These are a few examples:

God the Father's emotion:

Psalms 7:11 God *is* a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day.

Jesus emotion:

John 11:33 Therefore, when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. **34** And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." **35** Jesus wept. **36** Then the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"

The Holy Spirit emotion:

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. **30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

They are one in unity: God is one: The Godhead is one:

A warning not to readily accept the traditions of men. Be careful of vain philosophy of men in the principals of the world. Trust that which is taught by Christ and all of God's word:

Colossians 2:6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

The word is Jesus and he is of the Godhead. The word was God and is God:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

The word became flesh: Jesus the Christ became flesh:

You are sealed in the Holy Spirit by believing the word of truth in the Bible:

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Ephesians 1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

If you reject God's Word, you are rejecting God!

Acts 13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

Jesus and God the Father are one:

John 10:30 I and *my* Father are one.

All the Godhead is one:

Mathew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. **8** And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. **9** If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God which He has testified of His Son.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Believers are to be one in God:

John 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. **22** And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

Romans 12:5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

1 Corinthians 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

Lesson 5 The word draws men to God

We must realize you cannot separate the word of God from all in the Godhead. They all work as one. When you preach and teach you are delivering to them the steps to salvation to become one in God.

The message of the word the gospel of God is necessary to draw people to God:

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written: "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND BRING TO NOTHING THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRUDENT." **20** Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

Preaching the gospel message draws people to believe God for salvation:

1 Corinthians 1:21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

The spiritual message is what saves us:

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

A false teaching today is that the Holy Spirit draws directly people to God before receiving the word of God in preaching and teaching. The preaching of the word of God is still God's chosen method that saves and changes people. By God's word we are drawn or called to God. It is God's Calling. The Spirit has delivered the word of God.

This idea of drawing people without the teaching of God's word makes the Holy Spirit accountable if anyone is not saved without obeying God. I do not believe this, because he is part of the Godhead. In other words, it makes God responsible for those not saved. This would make God a hypocrite which definitely is not so!

This is contrary to these scriptures:

2 Thessalonians 1:7 and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, **8** *in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.* **9** These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

1 Peter 4:16 Yet if *anyone* suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. **17** For the time *has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?*

Anyone separated from the gospel must hear study and understand what God wants for obedience. Certainly, you will not know, what to obey, without the gospel. This makes Christians responsible to teach others!

You cannot receive faith without the word of God:

Romans 10:13 For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED." **14** *How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?* **15** *And how shall they preach unless they are sent?* As it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!" **16** *But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?"* **17** *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Hebrews 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

The Holy Spirit does not put a desire to follow God without the teaching of the word of God. Every scripture I have studied shows the word of God preached saves men, when they obey. Can you not see that Jesus and the apostles all used preaching of the word of God to save men? The Holy Spirit always worked through the word of God. No one was influenced to obey God before preaching and teaching.

Thus, the foolishness of preaching works:

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. **19** For it is written: "I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE, AND BRING TO NOTHING THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE PRUDENT." **20** Where *is* the wise? Where *is* the scribe? Where *is* the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? **21** For since, *in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.*

The calling:

Believing on him and his word in the Bible is the calling. Preaching spreads God's message.

Romans 10:11 For the Scripture says, "*WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO*

SHAME." **12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. **13** For "**WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.**" **14** **How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?**

We have a duty to warn people of sin:

1 Thessalonians 5:14 Now we exhort you, **brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.** **15** **See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.** **16** **Rejoice always,** **17** **pray without ceasing,** **18** **in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.** **19** **Do not quench the Spirit.** **20** **Do not despise prophecies.** **21** **Test all things; hold fast what is good.** **22** **Abstain from every form of evil.** **23** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ezekiel 3:20 "Again, **when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.** **21** **Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul."**

Do you not realize, that when you do not study and teach God's word, you are quenching the spirit? The word is God:

John 1:14 **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, **having girded your waist with truth,** having put on **the breastplate of righteousness,** **15** and **having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;** **16** above all, **taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.** **17** And **take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;**

If the Spirit of God worked directly on those being saved before teaching of the word, it would have been stated in this scripture: about the Ethiopian Eunuch. **No more I think so's. Prove or test all things by God's word.**

1 Thessalonians 5:21 **Test all things;** hold fast what is good. NKJV

1 Thessalonians 5:21 **Prove all things;** hold fast that which is good. KJV

The word influenced men to be sealed by the Holy Spirit:

Ephesians 1:13 **In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,**

1 Thessalonians 1:5 **For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.**

The Ethiopian Eunuch:

See how the angel told Philip to do as God wanted. In this case Philip was the preacher and teacher to bring the message to the Ethiopian Eunuch. Philip taught him. The Spirit told him to join himself to the chariot. The Spirit directed Philip to teach him. The Spirit did not cause him to obey. The eunuch chooses to obey. See that the direct influence of the word on the eunuch. He was studying the word. Then influenced by preaching God's word about Jesus.

Acts 8:26 Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. **27** So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, **28** was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. **29** Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." **30** So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" **31** And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. **32** The place in the Scripture which he read was this: "HE WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO THE SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE OPENED NOT HIS MOUTH. 33 IN HIS HUMILIATION HIS JUSTICE WAS TAKEN AWAY, AND WHO WILL DECLARE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS TAKEN FROM THE EARTH." **34** So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" **35** Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. **36** Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" **37** Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." **38** So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. **39** Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

What lessons do we learn from this?

1. God's way is the best and only way.
2. Beware of men's teaching" *I think so's" cause miss teachings.*
3. You cannot teach correctly, if what you teaching contradicts any other scriptural teachings! God is not the author of confusion! **1 Corinthians 14:32** And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. **33** For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.
4. If the scripture leads us, to things we don't understand. Others can help us if they understand what we don't. God is in control. Philip did this. So, God helps through faithful men. Pray for God's help. We have a responsibility to diligently seek him.
5. "Preaching Jesus" is teaching, all Bible teachings, everything on salvation. If we truly believe all the Gospel, we can obey all.
6. The idea that the Holy Spirit draws men without the scripture is a false doctrine.

See this scripture: You learn the scriptures so you can become wise to salvation:

2 Timothy 3:13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. **14** But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of,

knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for 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, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Holy Spirit works through scripture which causes us to draw near to God:

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. **8** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

The scripture says the spirit dwells in us by his word:

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Ephesians 1:13 In Him you also *trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14* who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

The signs and wonders showed as a witness that what they taught was from God:

Act 14:2 But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brethren. **3** Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

We know that we know God, if we keep His commandments:

1 John 2:3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another:

Colossians 3:12 Therefore, as *the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16* Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in

psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Obedience is how we submit to God: If we continue to submit to God, Satan will flee us:

Mathew 7:20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them. **21** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

James 4:5 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

See how the Holy Spirit only comes by the word of God being taught:

Acts 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.

The Gospel calls us. This is the Holy Calling:

2 Timothy 1:8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, 10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, 11 to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. 12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless, I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. 13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. 14 That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

The gospel comes in word, power, in the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit brings joy in the word of God:

1 Thessalonians 1:5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. **6** And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.

Submitting to God is obeying all his word in the gospel makes you wise for salvation and faith in Jesus Christ: All scripture is necessary:

2 Timothy 3:14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for 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, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

When you listen to men's opinions as if it came from God, you are obeying men and not God: You must know God by the gospel and obey it:

Mark 12:24 Jesus answered and said to them, "Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God?

Acts 5:28 saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!" **29** But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men.

2 Thessalonians 1:7 and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, **10** when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed

The help of the Holy Spirit only comes to those who obey God: What we need to obey comes in knowing what all scripture says:

Acts 5:31 Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

The eternal salvation only comes to those who obey him:

Hebrews 5:8 though He was a Son, *yet* He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. **9** And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

The love of God requires us to keep his commandments. This how we show we love God:

1 John 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **5** Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Lesson 6: What God wants for our salvation:

Hear and Believe in faith:

Luke 8:12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

Acts 15:7 And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.

Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Repent:

Acts 17:30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in

righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Confess:

Romans 10:8 But what does it say? "THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): **9** that *if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Baptism saves us:

1 Peter 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. **21** The like figure whereunto *even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:* KJV

Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. **37** Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? **38** Then *Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

Acts 22:15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. **16** And now *why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*

See the importance and understanding of how the blood and water in his death is in Baptism:

We are baptized into Jesus Christ and into his death:

Romans 6:3 *Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.* KJV

Water and Blood:

When Christ was pierced come water and blood:

John 19:33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. **34** But one of *the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.*

See how these fits into this scripture: The spirit is truth delivers it to become the Bible:

1John 5:6 *This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.*

John 17:16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **17** *Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.* **18** As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

The comparison of Noah in the Ark how Noah's family was saved not by the Ark but by the water: They were saved from the sinful world of his time.

Baptism saves us by obedience to water Baptism. The water does not save us. It is not by

water's ability to cleanse dirt from the body. Baptism saves by obedience to God's command through Jesus command to the apostils. Also, by the influence of the Holy Spirit on the apostils in Acts2. Through obedience to God, thus giving us a clear conscience, knowing we obeyed God's commandments by his holy word.

1 Peter 3:20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. **21** There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **22** who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

The King James reading on this:

1 Peter 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. **21** The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

You must Obey God to be saved, then you can put on the armor of God.

It is by God's word we fight in the army of God: We seek to please God who enlisted us:

All armament is derived from God in his word:

Enlisted as a soldier:

2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. **3** You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. **4** No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14** Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth,(1) having put on the breastplate of righteousness, **15** and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16** above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. **17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; **18** praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

Put on the whole armor of God:

(1) Having girded your waist with truth (John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.)

(2) The breastplate of righteousness (2 Corinthians 6:7 by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,)

(3) The preparation of the gospel of peace (Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!"

(4) The shield of faith (**Romans 10:16** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?" **17** So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **Hebrews 11:6** But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.)

(5) The helmet of salvation (**1 Thessalonians 5:8** But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.)

Lesson 7

The Godhead

We see the complete Godhead in this scripture: The Father, the word (which was Jesus), and the Holy Spirit:

1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. **8** And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. **9** If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son.

Jesus the son of God became flesh:

John 1:11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. **12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **13** who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. **14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

See how the preaching of God's word draws people to be taught of God from the gospel the word of God: Being taught of God comes from his gospel:

The Bible is how we are taught by God. The Holy Spirit delivered the Bible for all men forever:

John 6:44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. **45** It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT BY GOD.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

It is necessary to diligently obey all the Gospel to please God:

Faith comes by the word of God and without faith we cannot please him:

Romans 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?" **17** So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **Hebrews 11:6** But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

A mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one:

Galatians 3:19 What purpose then *does* the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was* appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. **20** Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one.

John 10:29 My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to

snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. **30** *I and My Father are one.*"

Mathew 11:27 *All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*

John 14:6 *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."*

John 10:29 My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. **30** *I and My Father are one.*"

God's word (the Bible) (the truth), draws us to God (by the foolishness of preaching and teaching): This is how we learn of him:

John 17:17 *Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18* As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. **19** *And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.*

1 Corinthians 1:21 *For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.*

John 6:44 *No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT BY GOD.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.*

Note: The father draw men through the foolishness of preaching.

In the first century the gift of the Holy Ghost only comes to those who obey him:

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "*Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

Salvation is one of the many gifts.

Romans 11:28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. **29** *For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30* For as *you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, 31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. 32* For God has committed them all to disobedience, *that He might have mercy on all. 33* *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!*

John 14:20 At that day you will know that *I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21* *He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."* **22** Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" **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 home with him. 24* *He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me. 25* "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. **26** *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27* Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

See how everything the apostles taught would be bound in heaven. So, you can't obey Christ

only and ignore what the Apostils taught because the Holy Spirit was to bring them remembrance of what Christ taught: So, what they taught is what Christ taught:

Mathew 16:15 He said to them, *"But who do you say that I am?"* **16** *Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."* **17** Jesus answered and said to him, *"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."* **18** And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. **19** *And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

John 14:25 *"These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."*

We are to become one as Christ and the Father are one:

John 17:5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. **6** *"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. 9 "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. 20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."*

See how important the word from God through Jesus and delivered by the Holy Spirit in remembrance of Jesus words to become the Bible is in making us one in Christ.

All the Godhead are involved in our salvation:

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. --- **18** For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling

with which you were called, **2** with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, **3** endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6** one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. **7** But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Philippians 1:27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, **28** and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God.

If we truly love God, we will keep his commandments:

1John 5:1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. **4** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **5** Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? **6** This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. **7** For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. **8** And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. **9** If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. **10** He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. **11** And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. **12** He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

See how the word of God is God they cannot be separated from God.

Jesus was a creator of all things in the Godhead:

We see the entire Godhead at work in **John 1:1-4**. God the Father in verse one. The Holy spirit in verse two. And in the whole of verses one to three we see son of God because of what was said in **John 1:14**. We see Jesus is the word which became flesh.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **2** He was in the beginning with God. **3** All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

See the Godhead in creation:

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over

all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

John 8:54 *Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. --- 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad." 57 Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" 58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."*

The Great I Am:

Exodus 3:13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?"* **14** *And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'* "

God's word is truth: The word of God is the Bible: Be of the same mind by the scriptures and not of men's opinions:

Romans 12:16 *Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.*

Romans 15:4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, *that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.* **5** *Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,* **6** *that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.* **7** Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Paul taught fully the word from God the gospel of Christ:

Romans 15:13 *Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* **14** *Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.* **15** Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, *because of the grace given to me by God,* **16** *that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.* **17** Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things *which pertain to God.* **18** For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient **19** *in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.*

We have the mind of Christ now through teaching of God's word:

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written: *"EYE HAS NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NOR HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN THE THINGS WHICH GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."* **10** *But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.* **11** For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? *Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.* **12** *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.* **13** *These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual*

things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For "WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD THAT HE MAY INSTRUCT HIM?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Lesson 8: Why Denominationalism Is Wrong

The error of believing in a denomination or men instead of what is in his God's word.
We should be saying I am of Christ:

Is it wrong to say I am of the Catholic church or I am of the Baptist church or I am of the Methodist church or any other denomination? All denominations have men as their founder. Should we not be saying I am of Christ? The problem with all denominations they have separate doctrines and creed books. All doctrines should be from the Bible only without contradictions in teaching. No other book is necessary. Are we not following the opinions of these men, and not all of God's complete teaching?

1 Corinthians 3:4 *For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal? 5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.*

We are to be of God:

1 Corinthians 3:9 *For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

Our work will be exposed to good or bad:

1 Corinthians 3:13 *each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.*

The work done from God's teachings is what will be rewarded:

1 Corinthians 3:14 *If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.*

The work we do is wrong will be burned: Seek to repent from our sin to be saved:

1 Corinthians 3:15 *If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. 16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? 17 If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are. 18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "HE CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR OWN CRAFTINESS"; 20 and again, "THE LORD KNOWS THE THOUGHTS OF THE WISE, THAT THEY ARE FUTILE." 21 Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours:*

We are to be Servants and Stewards of God's word to teach it protect it and correctly deliver it to man: We don't judge ourselves because our judgement is flawed. God's word is what judges us: We must study it to understand what needs to change in our life's:

Let us not go beyond what is written in the Bible:

1 Corinthians 4:1 *Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. 3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. 4 For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. 5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God. 6* Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, *that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other. --- 15* For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.*

Don't become arrogant in what you know. He who understands perceives how little he knows therefore seeks to know God's word:

1 Corinthians 8:2 *And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know. 3 But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.*

Don't let your knowledge destroy your weak brother's conscience:

1 Corinthians 8:10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? **11** And *because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? 12 But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. 13* Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.