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Watchword:

"Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him." John 14:23 NASB.

White Raiment Evangelism Revelation 3:18:

In Revelation 3:18 Jesus said, "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, and white raiment, and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest be clothed, that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear, and that thou mayest see."

(Paraphrase of the KJV.)

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Introduction

It is our desire to help as many people as possible learn how to be happy, and have the assurance of their salvation. There is no reason for people to not be happy, have guilt, or not have the assurance of their salvation, if they want it, and are willing to learn what God wants from them and desire to please Him. It is our desire that everyone who wants it, would find 'the Pearl of Great price', and that they would have a well of water springing up in them, unto eternal life!

On this blog you will read many inspiring articles that will help you to know where you stand with God, so you can have life and peace, if you want it, and not be oblivious to your true need. It is our desire that you would see how easy it is to get these wonderful gifts from God and much more! We will show you the secrets of how to get all the peace, love, joy, faith and happiness you were meant to have, and have the power to live a righteous life.

In this book you will see all of the articles in this blog from its start in October 2016 to December 2016.

May God bless you as you read these articles and let His Spirit touch your heart!

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Oh Hungry Soul!

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By John Foll:

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Oh Hungry Soul: You too can know The delights of being forgiven & The delights of being cleansed. And being pure, holy & free!

Surrender your doubts & unbelief, Surrender your heart & mind. Give up your broken heart, Give up your despair, And let God restore you! And let Jesus forgive you.

Let Him take that load of Guilt, Darkness, Sadness, Anger, Take it away forever!

That's just the nature of God! He's always loved you! And like a tender Father Wants what is best for you And for your happiness!

Oh Hungry soul!
Give your heart to Him, It's so easy!
His precious Holy Spirit will sweep through
And change you, and purify you,
And lift you up out of the mud.
And recreate your heart —
A heart to love Him and others.
He will write His Holy law,
The 10 Commandments of love,
On your heart to shine
For all the World to see.

He will make salvation easy for you, He will roll back the shame of your soul, You will finally be happy! Oh so happy!
Did I say you would be 'so happy, Oh so happy'?
Yes I did, but say it again 'Oh so happy!'
When you go throughout the day
You will be happy because
You will stop hurting yourself and others,
You will stop dwelling on negative thoughts,
You will stop feeling sorry for yourself,
You will stop thinking there is no hope for your life.
You will only want to glory in God's Love,
For yourself and others.

Let God from Heaven Smile on you and Grant you the Holy Spirit Without measure!

Oh Hungry soul!

Think about how much you want His life,
Think about how much you want His love,
Think about how much you want His forgiveness,
And give your heart to Him! It's so easy!
Just one thought of Him and His love for you
And your heart will melt forever;
Your soul will say, 'Why does He love me so?
Why does He care for my miserable life?
Why am I so special that He would stoop
To lift me up from the pit of ruin?'

Oh Hungry soul! God makes it easy, so easy! Just ask for forgiveness, Just believe He has forgiven you, Just believe His Holy Spirit cleanses you, And watch it happen! It's so easy! All you have to do is ask! Invite the Holy Spirit into your heart. It would make Him happy, Oh so happy; To make you happy and saved, Eternally saved, eternally happy! It's so easy, because it's free! No reason to go hungry anymore, Because the Holy Spirit, Like forgiveness from Jesus Is free!

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If You Believe In Jesus You Will Have Eternal Life!

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Do you worry for your future? Are you weary from worrying whether you are good enough to be saved or not? Are you fearful? Maybe you are worried because of your past mistakes. But fear not! "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 KJV. These are the conditions for salvation and eternal life! No matter how bad you are, or what you have done, eternal life with its love, joy, and happiness are within your reach! If you will just realize that Jesus and His Father love you and want to save you, and believe in their love, this promised eternal life will be yours! Is your eternal happiness and eternal life really that simple? Yes! But that sounds too easy, how can it be true? Surely there must be something else you must do besides believe in Jesus to be saved, isn't there? But there is no mistake in this scripture, for it was told by Jesus Himself! He explicitly stated that the Father loves you and wants to save you, and that if you will just believe in Him, then salvation is yours! Let's not make salvation any more complicated than this! Your salvation really is just this simple and easy to understand: whoever believes in Jesus the Son of God, will have eternal life!

But what does it mean to believe in Jesus? Here is where many make a mistake or are in error. Some think that they believe in Jesus, when they haven't yielded their heart completely to Him. Brother Paul tells us that of the three: faith, hope and love, 'that the greatest of these is love.' 1 Corinthians 13:13. Paul also tells us: "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17 KJV. Now the Apostle John says about God that "We love Him, because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19 KJV. So our faith comes when we hear and learn that God loves us. John also says, "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." 1 John 4:15-16 KJV. So here we see the link between faith or belief in Jesus, God's only begotten Son and God's love. The belief that John 3:16 is talking about is the belief that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that those who believe in His Son and Him, should not perish but have everlasting life! There can be no belief in Jesus, where there is no love for Him and what His Father did for us. Therefore to believe in Jesus is to love Him, because love is greater than belief or faith, and because God so loved the world. God's love for us is the first cause. Thus you cannot love Him, until you realize that He first loved you. When a child learns that its parents love them, then the child also learns to trust them, and believe in them. So faith is born when one learns that Jesus and the Father loves them, and can be trusted to take care of them, and looks out for their good.

To believe in Jesus, is to love Him and His Father with all of your heart, and all of your mind, and all of your soul, and give yourself to them because you love them. Matthew 22:37. It is impossible to fully

believe in Jesus, until you love Him, and have yielded yourself to Him. God's love for you takes care of the rest of your salvation! If you love and believe in Jesus, you will naturally believe in His sacrifice for your sins, and His desire to save and help you, and that God will send you just the help you need. And you will naturally confess your sins, and believe that God has forgiven you. 1 John 1:9. Then you will have great peace with God, and be filled with great joy when you believe in Jesus. Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." John 14:16-18 NASB. Here Jesus promises all of His disciples, which will be you if you love Him, that He will ask the Father and the Father will give you another Helper, who will abide with you forever, if you want Him to! Jesus also said, that He will not leave you as an orphan, but He will come to you! Jesus also said, 'And Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.' Matthew 28:20. But how do you know that the promise Jesus made to His disciples here applies to you? You are Jesus' disciple if you love Him, which you show if you want to keep His commandments, which are to love one another. John 13:34. Jesus said, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word.' John 14:23 NASB. If you want to keep Jesus' word, then you are His Disciple! You are His disciple if you do what He says. Jesus said, "And why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" Luke 6:46 NASB. Thus if you do what Jesus' says, He is your Lord, and you are His disciple. See also John 13:34; 14:21; 15:10. Notice that all of this traces back to love for Jesus and His Father. You could have none of this if God did not first love you! But what has this to do with believing in Jesus? It has everything to do with it! Because if you do not believe in Jesus, that means that you do not love Him, and probably do not really know how much He loves you, for if you believed that He loved you, this would awaken love in your heart, and would make all of the difference to you. If you do not believe in Jesus, that means that you don't really believe that He loves you, or you don't want the salvation He is offering you. So believing in Jesus is based on knowing His love personally.

So how are we saved? We are saved when we see how much we are in need of help, then learn that <u>Jesus loves us; this awakens faith in our heart!</u> This takes away despair and gives us hope for a better life that He has promised us. Therefore, if you will just learn how much Jesus and His Father love you, this will give you all the faith you need, so that you can believe in Jesus, the Son of God, and thus have eternal life!

But you may say that all of what we have said here is more than just believing in Jesus. But all of the things that the soul needs, develops from believing in Jesus, when the soul learns that He loves them and died to save them. Therefore the one who truly believes in Jesus has eternal life, because everything else that they need will be supplied by God, if they will just believe! And what is believing in Jesus? Again, it is learning that He loves you! Everything you need is supplied, if you will just learn how much Jesus and the Father love you! The soul that is lost, has never truly learned that Jesus or the Father loved them, or didn't care, it is not because of their sins or mistakes, which can all be forgiven, if the soul will only believe in Jesus! The soul is lost because of unbelief in Jesus and the Father's love for them, or because it doesn't want this love or salvation. But how could anyone turn their back on such love? We believe that most people who turn their back on God, never really learned or wanted to learn how much He loves them, thus they didn't believe!

Therefore John 3:16 is a promise that all who believe in Jesus will be saved, because the Father will forgive their sins, and send them the Holy Spirit, who will help them to be saved, and not leave them as orphans! And Jesus also promised that He would be with His people, until the end of the age! Matthew 28:20. Thus it is really true, that all who truly believe in Jesus will be saved! Do you believe in Jesus the Son of God? Do you believe that He and His Father greatly love you? Then salvation is yours! Go forth with peace, love and joy! May 'the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.' 2 Corinthians 13:14 NASB.

Bible Texts For Reflection:

John 3:1-21; John 14:15, John 14:23-24; John 13:35; John 13:34-35; Luke 6:46; 1 John 4:19; 1 Corinthians 13:13; John 14:21; John 15:8-11.

What Lack I Yet?

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"And, behold, one came and said unto Him, 'Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?' And He said unto him, 'Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.' He saith unto him, 'Which?' Jesus said, 'Thou shalt do no murder, thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, honour thy father and thy mother: and, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.' The young man saith unto Him, 'All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?' Jesus said unto him, 'If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.' But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions." Matthew 19:16-22 KJV.

This rich young man did not have the love for others that he should have had. He claimed that he was keeping all of God's commandments, but Jesus plainly stated that we need to 'love our neighbor as ourselves,' in Matthew 22:39, and in Mark 12:31, which includes helping the poor. And Moses revealed this truth that we are to help the poor too: "If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother, but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs." Deuteronomy 15:7-8 NKJV. If this young man had been willing to give to the poor, and to follow Jesus, this would have proved to be the remedy of his soul! If he would have had God's Spirit in his heart or wanted to have God's Spirit in his heart, he would have willingly done this. After thinking about it, he went away sorrowful, because it wasn't worth it to him to give up all of his possessions to love his neighbor as himself. Jesus didn't indicate that the young man had a problem with all of the commandments, because he didn't state all of them to this young man. But in reality, the young man was breaking the first commandment too, because he wasn't loving his neighbor as himself, because everyone belongs to our loving Heavenly Father in Heaven. If we love God, then we will love our neighbor too. Paul states this same truth when he says: "Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. 'YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET,' and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of the law." Romans 13:8-10 NASB. This young man had made the claim of keeping God's law, but Paul's statement here declares that this young man, was in fact, breaking God's Law, because he did not love his neighbor as himself.

Was this young man wanting to come and follow Jesus? No, perhaps because it required giving up all of his wealth, or maybe it was because he didn't want to forsake all and come and follow Jesus? This was an even bigger problem! But praise the Lord there were some who wanted to follow Jesus, who left everything to follow Him, who preached to those who came before us the gospel message, Jesus' Disciples! After this rich young man left, in response to Jesus' statement 'with men it is impossible to be saved, but with God all things are possible' [including salvation] Peter questioned Jesus: "Then answered Peter and said unto Him, 'Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore?' And Jesus said unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'" Matthew 19:27-28 KJV.

So what was this young man really lacking? He was lacking love for God and love for His neighbor! If he had loved God he would have loved his neighbor also. If he was willing to love his neighbor, by helping the poor out of his worldly goods, to relieve their needs and suffering, then he would have also been showing his love for God.

So likewise, if we don't love our neighbor as our self, or are not willing to leave everything and come and follow Jesus, we will be in the same boat as this young man! Anyone who speaks unkind words about someone behind their back, or critical words to them, certainly does not love their neighbor as themselves, and are not keeping the first commandment to have no other gods before God, Exodus 20:3. It does not matter if we say that we know the truth, all of the truth, and claim that we follow it or not, if we do not love our neighbor, we are a transgressor of the law, and are lacking the knowledge of the truth of God's love. If we love our neighbor as ourselves, that means that we are Jesus' disciple, for the only way we can love our neighbor as ourselves, is if we love Jesus and are willing to forsake all and follow Him. God will provide everything we need if we are willing to come and follow Jesus.

When God's love is dwelling in our heart, it changes the way we speak to others and about them, and it will help us to not damage their reputations; kindness will be in our words and thoughts about them. "Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart." Proverbs 3:3 NASB. We will seek for their good, and not seek to expose their sins and weaknesses to others. When God's love is dwelling in our heart, it will change the way we view the needs of our neighbors, and we will seek to help them. Yes, we are not only our 'brother's keeper' (Genesis 4:9), but our 'neighbor's keeper' too!

Let us not be like this rich young man, who thought he had it all, but was missing something big!

When he found that he needed to give everything he had to help the poor and come and follow Jesus, he went away sorrowful, for he had many possessions. If any do not love their neighbor as themselves, this is what they lack! If this is the case, then they most certainly do not love their Heavenly Father as well, as the first commandment requires. And they do not know Him, because our Heavenly Father most certainly loves everyone on this earth, and is doing everything to help and save them, and so should all who truly love Him. All who are not thinking enough of the needs of their neighbors should now confess this sin to God, to receive pardon, and grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16), and allow God's sweet Spirit to animate their heart and life, then they will come and follow Jesus, and have no lack of any good thing that they need! No one who loves God, can turn away from the needs of others, when

it is in their power to help them! "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it." Proverbs 3:27 NASB. This will be a blessing to you if you always help others, when it is in your power to do so!

If you know you fall short in this area, and what you lack is love for your neighbor, there is good news for you! If you will confess your sins to God, and ask Him to cleanse you from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9), and willingly yield yourself to Him, then He will forgive you and bless you with new life from Him. No one need stay in this state of lacking the most important thing in their life, love, if they will allow God into their heart, to mold them and shape them. If you are having trouble believing or yielding your heart to God, you can pray, 'Lord be merciful to me a sinner' (Luke 18:13), and He will hear your prayer and smile from Heaven on you! And be sure to tell Him you are sorry for not putting Him first, and breaking the first commandment, and allow Him to help you make Him the Lord of your life! All this and more your Heavenly Father wants to do for you now!

Behold What Manner of Love

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"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure. 1 John 3:1-3 KJV.

It is such an amazing thing that God would not only want to save us, but would want to make us one of His sons or daughters! We will never deserve the honor and blessings that God wants to lavish on us, but they are ours, if we will only claim them, and let Him qualify us. God not only wants to forgive us, but He wants to purify us, to make us like His Son Jesus! Yes, He has bestowed on us the honor to be His son or daughter! But all who would be His son or daughter must let Him purify them, even as He is pure. Is this your hope, to be the son or daughter of God? Then let the Holy Spirit fill you, and change you to be like Him, so that when Jesus the Son of God appears in the clouds with great glory, you will see Him as He is, because you adore Him, and not shrink back in fear. Matthew 24:29-31; 26:64. Hebrews 10:39.

Therefore let us get to know Him, and see Him as He appears. Let us keep His word (John 14:23), become His disciple (John 13:35; 15:8; Isaiah 50:4), and see the King in His beauty. Isaiah 33:17. Let us ask Him for help to take the remaining world out of us and purify us to be like Him, so that we can become His son or daughter.

Amen!

Watch John Foll singing "Behold What Manner of Love" on Our YouTube Channel

Time is Short: An Appeal To Give Your Heart To God!

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The time so long waited for by God's people is almost here, the Second Coming of Christ. Soon it will be too late to give your heart completely to God, and prepare for the Second Coming. Do you not hear Him calling to your heart now? Have you put off doing or forgotten anything that God has asked you to do? Have you lost your first love for Him? Jesus and the Father greatly love you, and are even now calling to your heart to yield yourself to their love, and receive help and mercy while they still can be found. Why not give your heart to Him now? Yes, the corruption in the world has about passed the divine limits, and soon Jesus will arise and come and terribly shake the earth, when He comes back in the clouds with great glory, and every eye shall see Him, even those that pierced His side, taunted Him, and put Him on the cross! This is you and I as well, for it was our sins too that placed Him on the cross. But if you will only yield your heart totally to Jesus and the Father, they will shield you from the wrath to come. 'And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who delivers us from the wrath to come.' 1 Thessalonians 1:10 NASB. And then when Jesus returns to the earth, you will not shrink back in fear, because He is the one you adore. "But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul." Hebrews 10:39 NASB.

Food For Thought:

"Jesus answered and said unto him, 'If a man love me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.'" John 14:23 KJV.

"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Romans 8:9 KJV.

If you are where you need to be with God, you will keep Jesus' words, and He and the Father will love you, and will come and make their abode with you. Then God will fill you with His precious Holy Spirit, which is the Spirit of Christ, and then you will belong to Him and His Son Jesus, and then they will shield and protect you. The only safety is yielding your heart completely to Christ. How do you know if you have yielded yourself completely to Him? You will have this great joy in your heart to serve and obey Him, and will have love for your poor erring brother and sister, and will greatly desire the salvation of the world! You will put all of your life and plans willingly on the altar and offer them to God, because you love Him. 99.999% is not enough, but God will take even this, if it is given from your heart, and will work on you gently to persuade you to give your heart to Him all the way. God only accepts the service and obedience to Him that is rendered to Him out of love. God is a God of love, and will never compel any. But if you get to know Jesus and His Father, you will find their love irresistible! And then you will find it very easy to give your heart completely to them, in fact it will be your greatest desire! And then you will belong to Jesus, and will be given His Spirit! And then when He comes back in the clouds with great glory you will not shrink back in fear from Him, whom you greatly adore! Yes we repeated this again, we want you to get this! This is so important! If you do not have the Spirit of Christ in you, you are none of His. But if you have His Spirit, you will not be living in the flesh anymore, but have life and peace! So why not give your heart to Him now, that you might have life and peace, and great joy? And then you will have the assurance of your salvation, that no one can take away from you! And your whole attitude in life will change! Truly then you will have life and peace! Is this what you want? It's yours, if you will just claim it!

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

God is kind to unkind, ungrateful and bad people.

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"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High [or God]; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Luke 6:35-36 NASB.

The words of Jesus here pretty much says it all, for God is kind to the unkind, the ungrateful, and bad people! How wonderful God is! He doesn't just love you if you love Him in return! He loves all of humanity, His creation, and is doing is best to help them, if only they would accept all of His help that He wants to give them! But for the grace of God in our lives, we would all be unkind, ungrateful and bad people.

"They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one." Psalm 14:3 KJV.

"God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were *any* that did understand, that did seek God. Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one." Psalm 53:2-3 KJV.

Speaking of God's people the scriptures say: 'The best of them is like a briar, the most upright like a thorn hedge.' Micah 7:4 NASB.

Not one of us are good, and <u>our only hope</u> of escaping the sin that is enslaving us, making us bad, is the kind help that God will give us <u>if we will only take it!</u>

We need to think on this more and more! God is so kind to us, more than we will ever deserve, for none of us are good. If God wasn't kind to the unkind, ungrateful and bad people, we would have no hope, because this is what we are without Him!

Is God's love stirring your heart now? If it is, give your heart to Him now, and ask Him to forgive you for all the times you spoke unkind words to someone, or did unkind things to them, or were ungrateful to Him for all of His blessings that you enjoy in life, or for His forgiveness and mercy. How can you not love Him? God deserves your love, affection and devotion doesn't He? Give Him your heart, and ask Him for help to be kind and merciful to yourself and others, and He will be happy to give you a new heart, a heart to love Him and others with! And then your joy will know no bounds! It will be in you a well of water springing up into eternal life! Amen!

The Holy Spirit is given to all who obey God.

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Peter said, "And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him." Acts 5:32 NASB.



So obedience to God is the condition for receiving the Holy Spirit! There is a true Holy Spirit, and there is a counterfeit. How do you know which Holy Spirit is the real Holy Spirit? If you are obeying God in what He has revealed in the Bible, or if you want to obey Him, He will give you the help you need and the continued desire to obey Him in everything He has said. If there is any resistance to what God has said, you can be sure that this soul does not have the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Acts 7:51-53. If someone is disobeying any of God's commandments willingly from the Bible, you can be sure that they don't have the Holy Spirit. The fake outpouring of the Holy Spirit is 'another Gospel' (2 Corinthians 11:4), and can never satisfy the soul's longing for peace, love and purity that God placed inside of everyone. God never compels any, but only those who want to love Him, and want to serve Him and obey Him, will be given the Holy Spirit in full. Sometimes the soul doesn't want all of this when it first starts out, but just wants to be clean and pure before God, but the heart will be given the desire to love Him, and serve and obey Him, once the soul starts to cooperate with Him, and decides that they love Him more and more! This is the sign that the Holy Spirit is taking up residence in full in their heart! There is no compulsion, but there is a very sweet, strong desire to serve and obey God once you get the Holy Spirit

in full! There is a sweet joy in communion with God that none but those who have experienced it can ever know or understand. This helps the heart to submit and completely surrender to God. Then what joy and love and peace will flood their soul! Then no trouble or perplexity will ever be able to dim their love for God!

Peter was brought back to the Council and the high priest at Jerusalem by the captain of the guard in Acts 5:26-28, after God had delivered him and the Apostles miraculously from prison (Acts 5:18). "When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man's [Jesus'] blood upon us.'" Acts 5:27-28 NASB. But Peter was filled with the Holy Ghost when he told them: "But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than men.'" Acts 5:29 NASB and "And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him." Acts 5:32 NASB.

What was Peter referring to when he said that the Holy Spirit is given to all that obey Him? Obeying God in every way. In this instance Peter was referring to the command by Jesus to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth (Matthew 24:14; 28:19-20; Acts 1:4-5, 8-9), but more specifically in this circumstance it was: "But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said, Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life." Acts 5:19-20 NASB. Now 'the angel of the Lord' can refer to God or Jesus Himself (one example of many is Genesis 22:15), but it can also refer to an angel, but the command by the angel of the Lord for Peter to preach to the people in the temple the words of life was a command from God none the less. The rulers and high priest of Israel didn't want the Apostles to preach the news of Jesus dying on the cross, because it put them in the spotlight as murdering Jesus, the Prince of Life! Obeying God is not just the command to preach the Gospel to the whole world of God's love, but is also for every word contained in the Bible, for all of it is love for the human race, because God is love, and all of His words are love! 1 John 4:8. Jesus Himself said, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.' Matthew 4:4, which was a quote from one of the books of Moses (i.e. the Law), Deuteronomy 8:3. Thus to obey God means to obey every word that proceeds from God in the Bible. But this is the Law of love, as Jesus stated in Matthew 22:36-40! Jesus came not to do away with the Law, which is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and all your mind, and all your soul and to love your neighbor as yourself, but to fulfill it. He came to provide a way for us to keep the Law! "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill." Matthew 5:17 NASB. And in Acts 1:4-5, 8-9, Jesus tells His disciples to wait in Jerusalem, until they receive the promise of the Father for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit! Once they received this power from God, the Holy Spirit, they then had the power from God not only to preach the gospel of Jesus and His Father's love for the world and salvation (words of life, Acts 5:20), but to live a holy life for God and to keep His law. This ability to keep God's Law of love was prophesied in Jeremiah 31:31-34, where God promised to write His Law of love in the hearts of His people, so that all of them from the least to the greatest of them would all know Him; and He would forgive their iniquity, and He would remember their sin no more! Thus we see that obedience to God and the desire to obey Him in everything He has commanded, is the requirement for the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

The idea that we can have the Holy Spirit, but not obey God in all that He has commanded in the Bible is another gospel than what Jesus, Peter, John and Paul preached, and another spirit! This another gospel is a lie from the spirit of the Father of lies, not the right spirit! The right Spirit brings obedience and peace, but the wrong spirit tries to get you to disobey God and bring you no peace.

"But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh <u>preacheth</u> <u>another Jesus</u>, whom we have not preached, or <u>if ye receive another spirit</u>, which ye have not received, or <u>another gospel</u>, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him." 2 Corinthians 11:3-4 KJV.

Those that love God will not get deceived by 'another gospel' from 'another spirit', and will want the real outpouring of the Holy Spirit, not the counterfeit.

In the same way as the Apostles were to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father for the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit, so we too in our day are to wait before the Lord for this full refreshing of the Holy Spirit, by making our heart right with God and with others by confession of all sin. Yes God has promised the Holy Spirit to all Christians who would repent and receive Him! Acts 2:38-39. Then we will receive this wonderful power too, and we will have the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit to help us keep His Law, and to proclaim His love to the world! Pray for it, seek for it, yield your heart to God for it, and you will be richly blessed with peace, love and joy, and the desire and the power to obey Him!

Amen!

Give your heart to God every day!

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Give your heart to God every day! Why not? He loves you! If you promise to love and serve Him, by His power, and ask Him to bless you in witnessing to others of His love, He will be happy with you! Even though we are cautioned by Jesus not to vow, because we cannot turn one hair of our head white or black, He is talking about any promises that we make in our own strength. "Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black." Matthew 5:36 NASB. See also Ecclesiastes 5:4-5, and Deuteronomy 23:21. The key here is that we cannot keep an oath that we made 'by our head,' or by ourselves. But we can vow by the mighty power of God! "For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself," Hebrews 6:13 NASB. See also Galatians 6:14, and 2 Corinthians 10:1.

Jesus also taught this vital truth that we should pray for God's will, which implies it's by His power, since He is God. Praying 'for God's will to be done' is similar to when you make a vow to God, by His power, for things that are His will. Jesus taught this when He said, "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:9-10 NASB. A prayer like this is a vow to let God's will be done in your life by His power, as it is in Heaven, because when you pray like Jesus did in 'the Lord's Prayer', as it is known, you are praying for God's will to be done in your life. Now the Apostle Peter says, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9 KJV. So if you pray for your own salvation, it is always God's will! If your heart wants to make a vow to God to give your heart to Him completely by His power, this is always His will! He is unwilling that any should perish. This is the only way any of us can be saved, by His will and power. So it is clear, that you can give your heart to God, and ask Him to keep this vow by His mighty, unfailing power! If you pray according to God's will, you are guaranteed that He will listen to your prayer and grant it to you. He is unwilling that any should perish! If you were never under any circumstances to make a vow to God, then Moses need not have said, "If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or takes an oath to bind himself with a binding obligation, he shall not violate his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth." Numbers 30:2 NASB, because Moses would have said, 'do not make any vows, for they are all sin.' But this is not the case!

Jesus is cautioning His people to not be quick to make a vow to God, because none of us have the ability to keep our vows! Only God can offer that kind of a rock-solid assurance, because only God cannot fail. We cannot fail, if we put our trust in God to help us keep our promise to be His peculiar treasure! Notice that in the original covenant between God and His people at Sinai, that He made a vow

to His people that if they would obey His voice, that they would be His own peculiar treasure above all people, for all the earth is His. Exodus 19:5. Notice that God made no reference here to His people making a promise to Him, even though they did in Exodus 19:8, but the promise is in God's power to save alone. He will help His people obey them, if they would only listen to Him and want to obey Him in all things, and keep their heart clean by confession. So when we make a vow to God by His power, we are really vowing what was already promised to us in Exodus 19:5, which is really God's vow to make us His people! Some may say this vow by God was just for the Israelites, but Paul says, "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Galatians 3:29 KJV. So this promise in Exodus 19:5 is for Christians too!

When you make a vow like this to God, you must make sure that you don't have any unconfessed sins in your heart, or the Lord will not hear your prayer! "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:" Psalm 66:18 KJV. If you are willingly turning away from hearing or wanting to do any of His commandments, God will not hear your prayers, for then they will be an abomination to Him, until you ask Him for forgiveness and repent. "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." Proverbs 28:9 KJV. You cannot have this deep love for God and desire to serve Him all the way, if your heart is stained with iniquity that has not been cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. But 'if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 KJV. So there is no reason for anyone to have any stain of sin in their heart, for God has promised to forgive us all of our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, if we would just confess them.

So you know now that it is God's will for you to give your heart to Him! It's what He's been waiting for! But if you love Jesus and His Father, you can't help but want make a vow to them. You have nothing to lose if you break your vow to Him, because you are lost without Him, and can do nothing without Him. But if God's love is making you happy, why not commit your life to God all the way now? You can only promise your heart to God by His power, because none of us have this power within ourselves to keep our word. But God has the power to help you keep His word, so if you promise your heart to God by His power, you cannot ultimately fail, as long as you keep promising your heart to God by His power every day! His power will be in you a well of water springing up unto eternal life! John 4:14.

Why not promise your heart to God every day, by His power? Nothing can make your soul happier than doing this. If God's love is in your heart, it will be your greatest desire to serve Him, and you won't be able to help yourself! You will then be flooded with love, joy and peace!

Amen!

What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?

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"Therefore they said to Him, 'What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?' Jesus answered and said to them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.'" John 6:28-29 NASB. What shall we do that we may do the works of God? Believe in the one God sent, Jesus. Yes, we repeated it. When you want to really understand a text, it is often helpful to read it again, because the Bible explains itself. Both the question and the answer are both contained in this text. This is another way of stating righteousness by faith!

How can we, who are sinners by nature, do the works of God? You can only do the works of God if you believe in Jesus, whom God has sent to be the Savior of the world! This is the real reason why many Christians do not live the way that they should and are falling into sin over and over again. Then they conclude that it is too hard to do what is right, and hear a sermon telling them that they do not have to worry about this, because they are under grace, and they are falsely comforted. Yes, you are under grace if you have confessed your sins. The requirement for God's grace to be given to you is IF you have confessed your sins. 1 John 1:9. Why is it that people fall into sin over and over again? Could it not be because there is not a full belief in Jesus in whom God sent, as Jesus says above? Yes, for if they really believed, then they would work the works of God! Jesus also said, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.' John 8:34-36 KJV. Jesus here plainly states that whoever commits sin is the servant of sin, and that 'the servant abideth not in the house for ever,' meaning that they will die. 'But the Son abideth ever.' Since Jesus ever lives to make intercession for us, He is able also to save us to the uttermost who come to God by Him. Hebrews 7:25. [My paraphrase from the KJV.] Therefore all who come to Jesus and truly believe will be free indeed, because this is what Jesus came to do! Just believe it!

If you believe in Jesus, whom God sent to this world, you will be given the power to work the works of God! Some think that 'works' is a dirty word, since we are not saved by works. While it is true that you are not saved by works, if you believe in Jesus you will do the works of God, and can't help but do them. If anyone does not do the works of God, that means that they do not fully believe in Jesus, if at all. For if they believed in Jesus, they would be given the power from God to have good works. Jesus declares here that believing in Him is the work of God. [i.e. it produces good works.] Thus we see that works are good, if the person doing them believes in Jesus. But does this mean that all Christians are good or doing good works? No it doesn't. Sadly not all Christians really fully believe in Jesus, even though they may make this claim. If they believed fully in Jesus, they would have the power to live a righteous life and would be working the works of God as Jesus said, and then it would not be self-

<u>righteousness</u>. The fact that there are self-righteous Christians does not annul what Jesus said, because <u>only those who really fully believe in Him will be doing the works of God!</u> Everyone else who attempts to do the works of God, will always be self-righteous. All those who claim to be a Christian and think that it is OK to break His law because we are covered by grace, are also self-righteous, since they did not receive God's righteousness. [If they had received Gods' righteousness, then He would have helped them to keep His law.]

Someone who is intentionally or unrepentantly breaking God's Law, and not loving their neighbor as themselves, cannot possibly be doing the works of God, which means that they do not really believe in Jesus. People who are doing bad things, or hurting other people are most definitely not working the works of God, and do not really believe in Jesus His Son, for all of God's works are love and for the good of humanity! Yes, if you are not trying to do good works, because you think that God's grace covers you, this is also a form of self-righteousness. Nobody can be good or acceptable to God if they do not have His righteousness! Only God's righteousness is real righteousness, everything else is fake. "So you shall observe to do just as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right or to the left." Deuteronomy 5:32 NASB. Neither the left nor the right have real righteousness, only those who follow exactly as God has commanded, and turn neither to the right nor to the left. But God's righteousness is a gift that will be given to you, if you will believe fully in Jesus His Son to save you. If you have God's righteousness in your life, then you will be working the works of God for real.

Let's face it, the only way we can be forgiven (John 3:16-17), be righteous and acceptable before God, is if we fully believe in Jesus His Son. Then and only then will we be able to do the works of God without hypocrisy. This is how you may work the works of God, by truly believing in Jesus as your savior, whom the Father sent to this world to save you from your sins! Amen. If you desire to work the works of God, they are within your reach, for if you will just believe that Jesus the Son of God is your Savior, whom God sent, He will make you free indeed! This is a wonderful truth for all who love God and are tired of disappointing themselves and others by continual falling. God will make you better if you will just trust in His Son Jesus to save you from your sins! Then you will be free indeed! This is the true, complete gospel message that Jesus taught. Amen.

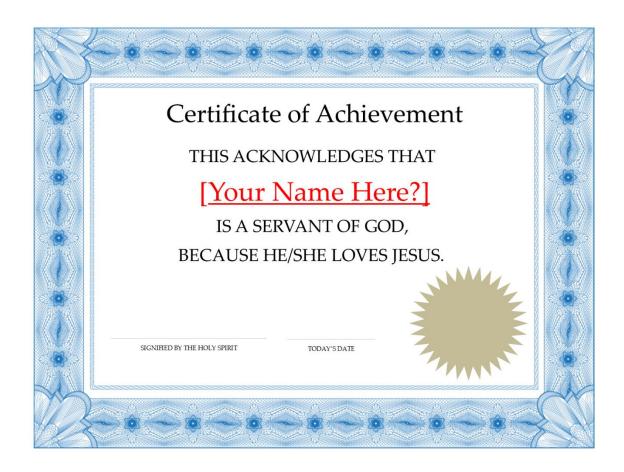
"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:16-17 KJV.

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Certificate of Achievement: This acknowledges that [blank] is a servant of God because he/she loves Jesus. [Your Name Goes Here?] Signed by the Holy Spirit. Today's Date? Please look at this certificate and ponder the importance of what it is trying to teach, it is really quite simple, yet powerful. This pictorially shows us how we can please God, and know if we are on the right track or not. It is not just trying to be cute, but to help all to see the truth.

You cannot help but want to serve Jesus and His Father, if you truly love Him and His Father. In fact, if you have been born again, by the Water and the Spirit (John 3:5), this will be what you want, and will be the most natural thing in the world for you; it will be your greatest desire! And you will love your neighbor as yourself, by God's power. This is proof that you really love God and are born again. All the peace, love, joy, faith, happiness and the power to serve God and bear fruit for His glory, is your

wonderful privilege to have! John 15:8. It's your destiny if you would claim it, and give your heart to Him! Why not? He loves you, and will give all of this to you if you will have it!

How to know if you are born again and belong to God?

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How to know if you are born again and belong to God?

See Romans 8:9; 1 John 4:13, 3:24.

Do you love to tell of Jesus and His Father's love? Or do you love to tell the faults of others? Do you love your neighbor as yourself?

Does doing the right thing, being a good witness, and sharing your faith seem like a duty or a pleasure? Do you have a nagging guilt that you should do something for God and others? Or do you have a burning desire to serve God and help others?

Are you so happy that you are free? Or are you bound in slavery and guilt?

If you are born again and keep it, it is all defined by your attitude. If you delight to serve God and help others, and you love to obey God, then you are born again. If you are not, then you are not there yet. But if you will learn to love Him, yield yourself completely to Him, and do all that He is asking you to do of your own free will, you can be born again. This is God's promise to you. People who are born again, do not have guilt, or for very long, because they seek forgiveness for all their sins from God, and get it; they have no desire to stay in this unclean state of guilt. They also have no desire to disobey God or hurt others.

Yes, you can be born again today, if you will seek for God with all your heart. "And ye shall seek me, and find *me*, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 KJV. You don't have to have any guilt from unfulfilled duties or sin, you can have great joy and wonderful peace! The choice is yours. So choose peace!

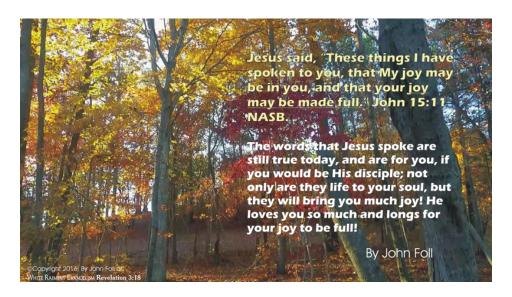
These things I have spoken to you that My joy may be in you.

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Jesus said, "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full." John 15:11 NASB.



Jesus spoke the word to His disciples in John chapters 14 to 17, but they still apply to us today, if we are His disciple! The words that Jesus has spoken to us, not only are they life to our soul, but they will bring us much joy! He loves us so much and longs for our joy to be full! We can only have this fullness of joy if we are His disciple and listen to His words of love to us. Our joy is made full when we are His disciple! This is where not only true peace is, but true joy! It is found only in the love for Jesus and following all of His words. But since He came to magnify His Father and His Father's commandments (John 15:10), it is found in the pages of the entire Bible, not just the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John!

What were the words that Jesus spoke to His disciples before our passage, John 15:11?

"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it

shall be done for you. By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and *so* prove to be My disciples. Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love." John 15:3-10 NASB.

If you want to have that full joy that Jesus wants all of His people to have, then ask God to help you become Jesus' disciple. What does it mean to be Jesus' disciple? It means to listen to and keep all of His words, and to bear much fruit for God and thus prove to be His disciple! If you abide in Him, as He was in His Father and His Father was in Him, you will bear much fruit, and become His disciple. Then when you are Jesus' disciple, you will be able to pray to God and ask whatever you wish, and it will be done unto you. This promise of Jesus was not given to the crowds that were following Him around, but to His disciples only. It was not given for selfish gratification or for anything outside of God's will. But if you are Jesus' disciple, you will only want God's will, and selfishness and sin will be banished from your heart. If you want to be Jesus' disciple, and abide in Him, you will become His disciple and then these words of Jesus will be for you, but only as you abide in Him, as He was in His Father and His Father in Him.

Final thought on the love of God and the joy He wants to give us:

"But let all who take refuge in You be glad, Let them ever sing for joy; And may You shelter them, That those who love Your name may exult in You. For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD, You surround him with favor as with a shield." Psalm 5:11-12 NASB.

Count the Cost: For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?

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"If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish." Luke 14:26-30 NASB.

Are you able to finish the course that is set before you? Hebrews 12:1. You will be able to finish the course that is set before you, if you count the true cost, and the true value of the surpassing riches that God wants to provide you. "And raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:6-7 NASB.

Count the cost of loving, obeying and serving Jesus. Whenever you see the true value of serving Jesus with all the love, joy, peace, faith and all the other gifts that He wants to give you, and agree willingly to serve Him, then this will be what your soul wants, and you will get it. The value of what you get infinitely exceeds the cost that you will pay. But He who loves his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers or sisters, and even their own life more than Jesus, cannot be His disciple. When you calculate the true cost and value of giving your heart completely to God and serving Him, you will see that even though you may have to suffer much from friends, family and others, and may even make the ultimate sacrifice, that it will all be worth it in the end, for the rich bounty of love, joy and peace that you will reap for yourself and others whom you have helped, now and for all eternity in Heaven! God will call you His good and faithful servant, if you prove to be faithful to Him. So count the cost!

What kind of a price can you put on having peace, wonderful peace, and having this great love and joy that God wants to give you? Is there anything in this life that can equal it or compare with it in any way? No. God's gifts that He wants to give you are priceless and beyond compare. All the riches of this world cannot compare to one moment of pure peace, love and joy that He will give you! And this peace, love and joy will continue throughout eternity, without end! Oh, the riches and bounty of God for us poor mortals!

Jesus also said, "So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions." Luke 14:33 NASB. If you give all of your possessions willingly and freely to Jesus, He will bless you and

keep you. He may not ask you to sell or give away all that you have to the poor right away, like the rich young ruler thought He had asked him to do (Luke 18:22), but He will ask you to be a wise steward of your time, goods, means and talents, which you should willingly use to bless others as they have need. Matthew 25:14-30. The poor include not only the poor in this world's goods, but those who are poor in the knowledge of salvation. Our heart should care about our poor brothers and sisters throughout this world that do not know Jesus yet, or those who don't know Him all the way yet, that need to get to know Him better. Jesus knows you have needs and will take care of you! He is not necessarily asking you to sacrifice all that you have now, but to be willing to help others, as the need arises, from your store of resources. He is asking you to love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:18, Matthew 22:39), because love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:10. But whatever you do to help others, the cost is insignificant compared with the infinitely better riches and reward of love, happiness, and joy that you will accrue throughout eternity! Whatever sacrifice you make for God is definitely worth it, if you count the cost and the return on your investment that you will get forever in Heaven! Don't think about what you will lose, think about what you will gain! When you have God's love in your heart, you will find that the things of this earth have lost their hold on your heart, and you will willingly give to help others, even sacrificially. And you will be happy to do it!

If anyone does not love his neighbor as themselves, they cannot be Jesus' disciple, because He said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35 NASB. And: "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:12-14 KJV. So if you want to be Jesus' friend, you must do whatsoever He commanded you, which is to love one another, as He loves you. Therefore anyone who does not love his or her neighbor as themselves, cannot be Jesus' disciple.

But if you find God's Spirit stirring your heart with love and joy, and see the true value of serving Him, you will willingly yield your heart to Him! And then you will see that there is no sacrifice too great for your God, whom you love, for all the peace, love, faith, hope, and joy that He gives you, and from all the love and joy you get as you see someone else made happy when they give their heart to Him, and become as happy as you are! Enter into the joy of your Lord, enter into the kingdom of Heaven prepared for those who love Him! Matthew 25:21. Amen.

Oh No! Not Another Gospel Message Post! Why should I read it?

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Oh no! Not another gospel message post! Why should I read it? Why does he keep writing these articles? Why does he keep writing about the basics of salvation and the gospel message and want me to read it? I already know it.

Hearts are often need of revival, so let's speak more on God's love, and then maybe they would believe, be happy, and be accepted by God and be saved. Many have been in the church for years without any apparent growth, and many have lost what they had in the past somewhere. They continue on in their passé Christian existence without knowing or remembering what they are missing. And you cannot slip a piece of paper between a lot of Christians and people who don't know Jesus at all. Think that statement is too bold? Think again, it is sadly the truth in many cases. If you love Jesus you will never tire of hearing that *'old old story of Jesus and His love.' You will not think it bad that we are writing yet another post on God's love and mercy for the world, and how you can obtain it, but you will want to hear it again and again!

*From the Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story", words by Katherine Hankey, Music by William G. Fischer.

We are trying to write startling articles, and books on God's love, and how to please Him, to help people see their need of something better and get it. We are hoping that God can use at least one of these articles or books to convict you, and get you to see your need of a better life for God and get it, if you do not already have it. Do you have a new life from God right now? Then we are happy for you! Then you will not mind hearing that old old story one more time, of Jesus and His love! It will thrill your heart like nothing else can do! Don't have it yet? You can get it, if you will pray for it and give yourself to God right now.

A song from the 60's had it right about what the world really needs: * "What the world needs now, is love sweet love! It's the only thing that there's just too little of." Yes, this is true! But it's the love of God that the world is so much in need of! This is why we are writing so much on this topic. There is no greater need! If we could just do one thing for this world that would make it a better place, that would be to get as many people as possible to see their great need of God's love in their life all-the-way. Then they would have a different song to sing! They would then sing of Jesus' love, instead of their need of love! There is no greater need for this world, than the love of God! The love of God surpasses all of our needed love from any human being. It is nice to have a spouse, family and friends that love us, but much better to have the love of God, who can never fail. The love of God, since it is the power of God, has the

ability of changing you, and saving you, it's not just a nice warm feeling. Only God can truly supply all of your needs that you have, including mate, family, and friends. He supplies this by giving you life and strength, and the ability of treating others with kindness and respect, so that they will love to be with you. You can never truly be happy until you personally know Him.

*From the song "What the World Needs Now" by Burt Bacharach, and Hal David.

When you know that God loves you because He told you so, you will have no more need that we should write to you of it. "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him." 1 John 2:27 KJV. The anointing that John is talking about here is the anointing of the Holy Spirit. If you have the Holy Spirit dwelling in your heart, you will have no need for anyone to teach you about God's love, for the Holy Spirit will reveal it to you!

When you know God's love for yourself, personally, that will make all the difference to you! Since God is love, 1 John 4:8, if you are listening to the Holy Spirit and desiring His presence and wanting to obey Him, He will be happy to tell you personally that God loves you, and He will!

There is no greater message than the gospel message that you need to hear. You may think that you already know it, but if you already know it, it should thrill your heart to hear it again and there will be a song of His love in your heart that you will sing to others. You need the gospel of Jesus and His Father's love in your heart every hour of every day! Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne." Revelation 3:20-21 NASB.

The message of Revelation 3:18 is the whole meaning and purpose of our ministry. Jesus said, "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see." Revelation 3:18 KJV. Why do we have this message? Because God's church of this age is characterized by lukewarm Christians. Revelation 3:14-17. This message is for us, <u>because we are in the last church before Jesus' second coming, the 7th church of Laodicea.</u> God's church must buy the gold tried in the fire from Jesus, and let Him clothe their spiritual nakedness, and allow the Holy Spirit to anoint their eyes that they may see, or else He will reject them! We want to help all of God's people, regardless of which denomination or belief system they are found in or not; we want to help all break out of the lukewarm state, who would hear this message. The only solution to this lukewarm mediocre Christian state that much of God's church is in, is for them to allow God to revive them, and receive the complete Gospel as stated in John 3:3, 5 and John 3:16-17. Simply stated, this is to become born again, born again by the water (baptism and forgiveness), and by the Holy Spirit, and to believe in Jesus the Son of God, who died on the cross for our sins. Unless you are born again, born of the water (baptism and forgiveness), and by the Holy Spirit you cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven. John 3:5. It matters not what each of our individual problems are, the solution to all of them is the same, God's love, mercy, and power to change.

So this is why we are writing of the basics, or the most important truths of salvation or the gospel message. There are other things to write on, but this is the most important topic of all! If you don't get this, you don't get it, and you will miss the boat to Heaven. If you don't get it, you are missing out on what God wants you to have, and will be spiritually naked until you get it from God. So what the world needs is the love of God in their heart every day! So until everyone gets it, we will keep writing on this topic, and related topics until everyone gets it or we draw our last breath. All of the truths in the Bible link together with this plan of Salvation, which is really the love of God for the world. So we will keep preaching of God's love as long as we are able to, but then God will raise up someone else when this happens. Please hear God's voice now, He is speaking to you. Accept His mercy and love while it may still be found, and have a new life with God! This is our prayer for you! Amen!

I am a Christian already, so why do I need to explore your site, articles and books?

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I am already a Christian, so why do I need to explore your site, articles or books? Some may think that because they have been a Christian for many years, that they have no need for what we are presenting; they may think that this information is only for new Christians, or for those who want to become one. While what we are presenting will certainly help new Christians or those who want to become one, this Ministry was actually created to help those who have been in the faith, who are not where they should be to have a new, vibrant life with God. Don't be too quick to think that you don't need this information, because God's church in this age is characterized in general as being lukewarm. Whether you consider yourself to be a conservative, or believe that since you are "saved by grace" that you don't need to worry about things too much, we hope that you would want to learn more of these wonderful truths that we are presenting. Please don't take for granted that everything is OK, please put yourself where God's Spirit can reach your heart and cooperate with Him! If you are on fire for God already, then our information may even inspire you more! Regardless of where you find yourself, you should come to our site and take a look around.

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Please read the purpose of our Love of God's Plan To Save You! Part 1 book in the "This book will show you" section in the full book description. Are you where you should be spiritually, or are you missing out on something? Are you happy? Do you have a rich and fulfilled life? Do you have the same peace, love and joy that you had when you first gave your heart to God years ago and were baptized? Are you unkind to others? Are you a lukewarm Christian? Are you ready if Jesus should come today? Is God happy with your life? Do you know that God loves you personally? Do you have the assurance of your own salvation? Do you worry if you are good enough to be saved? Are you too worldly? Are you angry, sad, depressed, or have bad habits that you cannot break free from? Do you have trouble doing the right thing sometimes? Do you have guilt or unfulfilled duties that are nagging you? Do you believe that God will save you regardless of what you do, no worries? Do you believe that you are good because you believe the truth? Then you SHOULD read this book, and our articles. If you already have new life with God and a ministry to serve Him with, our site and books will also greatly enrich your life even more. Our site and books will help you regardless of where you are spiritually. Do you want the promised full outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Do you want to receive the Latter Rain? Do you want a turbo-supercharged ministry to serve God with? Then you should go to our site and read our articles and books!

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If our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God

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"Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God;" 1 John 3:21 NASB.

The real question is why should our heart condemn us? God has promised us that 'if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.' 1 John 1:9 KJV. It is impossible for God to lie. 'So that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.' Hebrews 6:18-20 NASB. Since Jesus greatly loves us, suffered and died for us on the cross for our sins, and is now in Heaven as our High Priest, we do have an anchor indeed for our soul! He will plead our case with His Father because He loves us, if we will confess them to God. We can trust that if we confess our sins, that God not only has forgiven us, but that He will also cleanse us from all unrighteousness, that is to make us more like Him, because it is impossible for Him to lie! So just believe it! So there is no reason for anyone who knows this to have any guilt in their heart! Why would you want to carry this heavy load of guilt? Jesus bore it for you, oh sinner on the

<u>cross for you, if you will accept it and believe.</u> So confess your sins, and let Him take that load of guilt off of you now. <u>There is no reason for you to carry it for a moment.</u> **Just confess and be free and cleansed and be happy!**

Could this be the reason why many do not have the confidence in God that they should have? Could it be because their own heart condemns them, and they know that they stand guilty before God? You cannot have peace until you have confessed all of your sins, including not loving God with all of your heart, mind and soul – yes, that's a sin! "Jesus said unto him, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.""

Matthew 22:37-38 KJV. This is the same thing as the First Commandment in Exodus 20:3. Of all of God's commandments in the Bible, we believe that this is the most broken one! If you break any of God's commandments, you are also sinning against Him by not loving Him more than anything else. So it appears that this could be the reason why many are not where they should be spiritually, even those who have been Christians for many years. Lack of full, specific confession to God may very well be indicated. This may also be the reason why many do not love Jesus or His Father enough to obey all of their commandments, because their heart is not clear with God. We must want to obey everything that God has told us to do, or revealed by His Holy Spirit to us personally, if we want to have full confidence before Him. (The Holy Spirit never contradicts the Bible.)

If we want to have confidence toward God, we must confess all of our sins and believe and want to obey Him. "But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul." Hebrews 10:39 NASB. If we have confidence in God, then we will have confidence in our salvation that He is giving us, because it is impossible for God to lie. If we love God we should know that He loves us, and that our salvation is secure in Him, and no one can take it away from us but ourselves. Paul says, "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1 NASB. Are you in Christ Jesus? Then there is no more condemnation for you! But why would anyone want to walk away from the salvation that God is offering them?

If you know that you have not kept all of God's commandments, the first step to fixing this (the first step), is to confess these sins to God, and let Him cleanse them from you, and He will. This is His work for you, not your own. If you wait until you are 'good enough', whatever that means, it will NEVER happen. Only God can produce this change in you, not yourself. All of our efforts to save ourselves are utterly useless. Only God can save. If you are tired of the guilt, and tired of the endless round of sinning, hurting yourself and others, then allow God to cleanse you and make you happy! It's the only way you can be free and be happy!

Guilt may also be the reason why many do not love God as they should, for if they were free of this heavy load they would want to obey Him, or they do not fully appreciate this forgiveness. *They have been forgiven little*. Jesus said, "Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins (Mary Magdalene), which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loveth little." Luke 7:47 KJV. Jesus was speaking this to a Pharisee named Simon, who had been healed of leprosy. See Matthew 26:6 for this other account that mentions that Simon was a leper, when Mary anointed Jesus' feet, and Luke 7:36. While we don't have proof that Jesus healed Simon, we have the fact that He and others were at his house, and that the Law of Moses forbids people from associating with lepers, Leviticus

13:45-46, because it says that the leper must cry 'Unclean! Unclean!' and must remain outside the camp, i.e. outside Israel, unless they are cured of leprosy. We also know that Jesus healed lepers (Luke 17:11-19), so it is natural to conclude that Jesus must have healed Simon of his leprosy, and that this man had invited Jesus to his home in gratitude. But apparently this man had some sins that hadn't been forgiven, or maybe he had sins that he really didn't want forgiven? Maybe he didn't see all of his sins and his great need of forgiveness like Mary did? Whatever the case, he wasn't truly grateful for his healing or for God's forgiveness. (Yes, the fact that God was willing for him to be healed indicated that He had pardoned or wanted to pardon him, since He gave him a new lease on life by healing him of leprosy.) If he had truly believed that he was a sinner in great need of forgiveness and had been forgiven of all of his sins, he should have been as happy as Mary was, and even more so since Jesus had healed him from that living death of leprosy! Read the whole sad account in Luke 7:36-50 and in Matthew 26:6-13. Whenever someone sees their true guilt, and realizes that only God can pardon all of these sins, confesses and believes, then they will be so happy and be free! For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), so all must confess their sins to God if they want to be free and happy. Then they will love God greatly! So those who have been forgiven little, because they have confessed little, also love God little, and have little faith in Him. And they do not have confidence before Him that they would have if they had been forgiven much. It's easy to love God, if you believe that you have been forgiven! It is the most natural thing in the world! You can't help but love Him like Mary did when He removes that awful load of quilt from you and you are free! "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36 KJV. There is no good reason why every Christian shouldn't be free from the weight of sin, because Jesus has made all who believe in Him free by His death on the cross for our sins. John 3:16-17. Those that have been forgiven little, love God little, and have little faith, and their heart condemns them.

If you will confess all of your sins, God has promised to forgive you and cleanse you from all unrighteousness. Then when you are free from guilt, you will be free to have confidence in Him. When you are free from all of your sins, then you can pray what John says next after our main text: "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." 1 John 3:22 KJV. This prayer is for all those who have confessed their sins to God, and are free and have confidence in Him. If we are free and love Him, He will help us to keep all of His commandments and do the things that are pleasing to Him, and He will hear our prayers. What a wonderful promise! You don't have to worry on how you can be good, if you will just confess your sins, and allow God to cleanse you from all unrighteousness, He will do it for you! Amen!

John also says this in another way: "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7 KJV. So if we want to be cleansed from all sin, we must also walk in the light as God is light. "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:" 1 John 1:6 KJV. If we say that we have fellowship with God, that is to say, if we say that we are a Christian, if we walk in darkness then we are a liar and the truth is not in us. To put this with what we quoted from in 1 John 3:21, earlier in this article: if we have confidence in God, then we are walking in the light, and have fellowship with one another, and then the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we walk not in the light, and do not have fellowship with one another, then we do not have confidence before God, and our sin remains.

If we have confessed all of our sins, we will believe that God has forgiven us, and cleansed us from all unrighteousness, and we will be confident that He loves us, and we will walk in the light of His love, and we will have fellowship with one another, because the blood of Jesus has cleansed us from all sin!

Therefore all who believe in Jesus should also have this confidence in God. So confess your sins and believe, and then your heart will not condemn you, and you will walk in the light of His love, because the blood of Jesus cleanses you from all sin! Amen.

White Raiment Evangelism Purpose:

It is our desire to help as many people as possible learn how to be happy, and have the assurance of their salvation. There is no reason for people to not be happy, have guilt, or not have the assurance of their salvation, if they want it, and are willing to learn what God wants from them and desire to please Him. It is our desire that everyone who wants it, would find 'the Pearl of Great price', and that they would have a well of water springing up in them, unto eternal life!

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