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Introduction

Heavens Requirements is all about God, his Son Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and man. The man who wrote this book came to know God personally at the age of ten in 1963. The author, Caleb, has walked with God for fifty years, gaining a wealth of experience and knowledge. He now is passing along some of this knowledge and wisdom to you.

What Caleb found so shocking during these fifty years are all the false teachings or doctrines that have been incorporated into the church today. Caleb was horrified to discover that very few true doctrines are taught today. The church is so watered down with junk that even God is unable to be himself in any assembly. In **Heavens Requirements**, Caleb shares what the Bible is truly teaching. He takes the time to reveal all the scriptures about the basic

subjects of Christianity. At same time, Caleb exposes many of the false teachings that have been adopted by the modern church. Once you read through each chapter, you will agree with Caleb about what is truly taught in the Bible. Caleb leaves no doubt about what is taught in the Bible.

Heavens Requirements teaches the truth about the Bible and exposes some of the heresies and false doctrines. The first disciples warned the first church that destructive false teachings would arise. Two thousand years have passed since this warning, and the modern church has evolved into a sick mass of trashed doctrines. Millions of people are searching for God, and the church can't show anyone how to get to God because of all the false doctrines. Caleb attacks these doctrines and shows the truth. Doubtless, Caleb has gained a lot of clergy enemies because of exposing these false teachings.

This book was written for the millions who want to know the truth about God and then decide if they want to go on to have a relationship with him. Caleb also warns the millions that there is a price to pay for this relationship. The cost of knowing God can be daunting.

Chapter 1

A Foundation

Throughout this book I will be quoting lots of Bible verses. This is so that the reader doesn't have to use a Bible as a separate companion alongside this book and thereby require much more time in looking up verses. I use the New King James Version for most all the verses used in this book. The reader is more than welcome to use their favorite Bible version alongside this book. For those who are more interested in accuracy or the use of several translations you will find the use of a lap top computer to be quick. Much of this book was written with the use of the software "Quick Verse 10". With this software you can have several Bible versions that can be used simultaneously. You can also purchase other add-on software or Bible software. Many of these software programs work as an add-on to Quick Verse.

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. (Hebrews 6:1–2, NKJV)

The subject that I deal with in this chapter is not mentioned as one of the basic doctrines in Hebrews 6:1–2. I'm going to include the Bible as part of one of the basic foundational doctrines in Christianity. In the New Testament time, there was no Bible as we know today. All that existed in the first-generation church was the Old Testament and letters that were written to various churches scattered across the earth.

It was taken for granted that the first believing Christians had access to the Old Testament books and these letters (epistles). Thus, the subject of

written scripture is not part of the basic doctrinal requirements listed in Hebrews 6:1–2. Just because the Holy Scriptures do not mention the Bible and salvation in Hebrews 6:1–2 as two of the basic doctrines does not mean that the Bible and salvation are not part of the basic doctrines.

For believers today, the Bible plays a critical role in the development of maturity and fundamental beliefs of Christianity. Because of the major role of the Bible, I choose to teach about the entire Bible as part of the development of a believer in God. In the second chapter, I teach all about salvation. In the rest of the chapters, I teach about the six remaining basic doctrines mentioned in Hebrews 6:1–2.

In the Bible, there are a few references that mention a foundation. This foundation is what I want to use as a true-life structure in everyone's life, including my own. It is extremely critical that anyone who wants to get to know God and become powerful in his kingdom must have a correct foundation. I'm

amazed by how few Christians take the time to learn from someone who knows about the Christian foundation. I'm even more amazed by how few pastors and teachers instruct new Christians about Christian foundations. It is extremely critical that anyone who wants to get to know God and become powerful in his kingdom must have the correct foundation.

Any time you intend to learn something or build something, you will need a platform or a foundation. You will need a solid base to work upon. If you're going to produce a product, you will need a factory. If you are going to build a business, you will need a fundamental amount of money to start it. If you want a good, lasting marriage, you will need a foundation of basic understanding and knowledge of relationships.

The Bible uses buildings as an example of a spiritual foundation in God. God wants us to build

ourselves into fully mature Christians. Building a proper foundation in God is the act of building and growing into that fully mature spiritual man or woman of God. The Bible compares a believer's life to the construction of a building and also to a farmer, but for now, I will use the analogy of a building. Every believer is called to first build and later be used in God's service. You will not find, in the entire Bible, God using immature or baby Christians to perform his great deeds. You will find God using mature people to perform his wonders and deeds among men and women.

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit. (Jude 1:20, NKJV)

For we are God's fellow workers: we are God's field,

you are God's building. According to the grace of God, which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and other builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. (1Corinthians3:9-10NKJV)

In whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:22, NKJV)

Rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. (Colossians2:7, NKJV)

To build a solid and secure building requires a good foundation. A poor or weak foundation will not support much weight of the materials used in a building. A strong and solid foundation will support a

lot of weight of the materials that are used in a building. The same principle applies to a believer's life in God's kingdom.

In past centuries, men used a large cornerstone to begin a foundation. The Egyptian architects used this first. The cornerstone was one massive, solid stone. The bigger the stone that was used, the better the foundation. The same parallel is used in Christianity.

Jesus Christ is referred to as the main cornerstone of Christianity. Without Jesus, you cannot build anything in God's kingdom. Jesus is the required cornerstone to anything that is done within God's kingdom. Anything done outside of Jesus is religion—man's attempt to appease God through man's own efforts.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. (1 Corinthians 15:50, NKJV)

For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:11, NKJV)

Therefore, it is also contained in the Scripture, “Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.” (1 Peter 2:6, NKJV)

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily. (Isaiah 28:16, NKJV)

God the Father and the Holy Spirit also make up the foundation having a vital role along with Jesus as being the corner stone. The basic subjects of this foundation are salvation in Jesus, the Bible, faith, repentance, baptisms, laying on of hands, the

resurrection of the dead, and eternal punishment. It all begins with Jesus. That is why he is referred to as the chief or main cornerstone. Jesus is like a door to the kingdom of God. To get to God and all that he has for us, you must go to Jesus first.

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. (Hebrews 6:1-2, NKJV)

13When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” 14So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” 15He said to them, “But who do you say that I

am?” 16Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the son of the living God.” 17Jesus 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. 18And 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. (Matthew 16:13–18, NKJV)

The direct translation of verse 18 explains that Peter’s name means small rock or pebble. Rock means a large rock. In verse 18, Jesus is telling Peter that his name means small rock. Jesus is using the word rock in reference to himself. Peter is a pebble, and Jesus is a large rock. Why does Jesus use this analogy? God can’t use a pebble for a foundation. God requires a large rock for a secure foundation.

The entire point of these verses is that Peter finally understands through revelation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. With this revelation to Peter, Jesus is saying that He Himself is like a large rock to build the church of God upon. This statement probably sounded very strange to Peter and the rest. Then Jesus gave them an insight to their calling.

A revelation in the Bible is when God speaks to a person and reveals a fact or certain bits of information. A revelation is God's voice within a person. A revelation is when God is speaking to you personally. I go into more detail about how God speaks to someone in the chapter about faith. This subject is also discussed in the book: **The 25 Visions.**

Each time that God speaks, New Testament believers call it a revelation from God. It is like a being in a classroom after reading the chapter, but you still don't understand the theory being explained.

When the professor goes into more detail in the lecture, you suddenly come to understand the theory. This is a revelation in the classroom. A revelation from God is when God speaks to you personally, and you suddenly gain some facts about the kingdom of God from God himself.

Chapter 2

Being Saved from Sin

Salvation from sin is not included in the list of the six foundations found in Hebrews 6:1–2.

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Salvation is not listed because it is taken for granted. Why would you write a letter to the Hebrews

believers if they were not already believers having been saved? A few verses down, we read that “things that accompany salvation.” This probably refers to the basic foundations and elementary principles of Christ found in the first verse.

But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner. (Hebrews 6:9, NKJV)

Notice the phrase; ’things that accompany salvation.’ Again, salvation is not listed in Hebrews 6:1-2 because it is taken for granted. I decided to include salvation in this book as part of the foundation. Why would I do that since you are probably saved as the Hebrews were saved? Here’s why.

For the first-generation believers, there were no false doctrines concerning salvation. It wasn’t till the

second generation of the church that false doctrines began to appear. This letter to the Hebrews was written to the first- or second-generation church. Two thousand years later, there are many false doctrines about salvation in today's church.

As I have come to know all about God in my lifetime, I have applied all the foundations and built a rock-solid life in God. While building my life in God, I have come to clearly see that today there are many false doctrines concerning salvation. If the believer is continually seeking God, the Holy Spirit is going to continually be leading him into more truth about God and the Bible. Proverbs 28:5 says, “*Those who seek the Lord understand all things.*” “Conversely, gaining more truth will also cause you to see what is false.

Part of this seeing and learning the truth involves God unraveling falsehoods. I had to go through this process.

This becomes an involved process for the Holy Spirit. We shouldn't have to undergo any corrections of false doctrines. This becomes an extra burden for the Spirit. It also becomes an extra strain for the believer. If you're listening to and following the Holy Spirit, he will reveal what is false and what is true (John 16:13). All this takes time and working with the Holy Spirit. This is one of the roles of the Holy Spirit.

Another reason for including salvation in this book is few of the Christians I have met have obtained true salvation. Most Christians have only tasted salvation, but they don't know how to go on into total salvation. It's like they have put their foot into the swimming pool but have never dived into the pool. They don't know that there is a pool to dive into. I would like to show these believers that there is so much more to know about salvation. Only having tasted of salvation will cost you hell. Another reason for teaching salvation in this book is that I have met thousands of people who think they are saved, but

they haven't been saved. It's amazing to me how all the different churches twist the Bible and can convince people that they are saved. All this involves false doctrines about salvation.

Another reason is for those who don't know about salvation.

Many years ago, Jim Jones taught false doctrines about salvation. In the 1950s, Jim Jones formed a church in San Francisco called the People's Temple. In the 1970s, the People's Temple relocated to Jonestown, Guyana. On November 18, 1978, the 911 members of this church committed suicide. The church had become grossly indoctrinated with false doctrines about salvation.

Heaven's Gate was an American UFO religion doomsday cult based in San Diego, which was founded in the early 1970s by Marshall Applewhite (1931–1997) and Bonnie Nettles (1927–1985). On March 26,

1997, the group committed mass suicide in order to reach what they believed was an alien spacecraft following the Comet Hale–Bopp. Because of their false doctrines, they believed that the earth was about to be “recycled” (wiped clean), and the only way to survive was to commit suicide and join the alien spacecraft. Again, this church was grossly wrong about salvation.

The Bible clearly teaches us that we are not to murder and that starts with ourselves. These cults were teaching people that if they committed suicide, they would end up in heaven or go on to another place. People are willing to believe anything. God provides facts in the Bible that can be proven. Your salvation in God is based upon facts, but believing in doctrines that have no facts is foolishness. Yet thousands of people are out there doing just that. I can't make people see what is false or force people to believe what is true. All I can do is present the truth

of the Bible. You're the one who must choose what to believe. You must determine what is true from what is false. Remember that the Holy Spirit will guide us into all the truth.

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. (John 16:13)

In this book, I'm going to reveal the many false doctrines that the church is teaching today. I have come to see what is true and false, and if I did not share these things, I would be lying to you. I will be writing about some things that most of you have never heard before. I will use the Bible to back up my insights. I will also be doing a lot of Bible study to help you understand what the scriptures are saying.

I'll begin by showing you what salvation is in the

Bible. For those who already think you know what salvation is, try to keep an open mind with what I'm writing in this chapter. You are going to find it difficult to accept what I'm writing. I'm spelling out what the Bible is teaching, and this is going to go against much of what you've been taught. Remember that I'm only writing what the Bible is teaching and expounding upon what is written in the Bible. When you're done reading this chapter, it is your decision to accept what God has written in these verses—not what some man or woman taught you in the past.

God is your judge—not that man or woman who taught you false doctrines. In the end, it's just you and God facing each other on Judgment Day, and you will be judged for what you have chosen to believe. The things that people do in this life are based upon what they believe. Every person who has ever lived believes in something.

•Principle: What you do in life is based upon what you believe.

- Principle: It is impossible to not believe in something.

Salvation

Let's start looking into the Bible to learn what it is truly teaching about salvation.

If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—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. (John 14:15–17, NKJV)

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 14:26, NKJV)

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. (John 15:26, NKJV)

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. (John 16:13, NKJV)

Notice the Holy Spirit is referred to by Jesus as the “Spirit of truth” and the “Helper.” If you keep the commandments of Jesus by doing what Jesus said to do, he will also give you the helper, the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit of truth as mentioned in John 14:15–17. In John 14:26, the Holy Spirit is intended to be our teacher. Notice that the Holy Spirit is to teach us all things, not some things. You could say that one of the desires of God is that we learn “all things.” In John 16:13, the Holy Spirit’s job is to guide us into all the truth—not some of the truth. Again, God wants us to

obtain all the truth. Also notice in John 14:17 that the Holy Spirit is to dwell inside our bodies.

Wow. At the very beginning, we learned that the Holy Spirit is intended to be our teacher; this comes directly from God. It is important to know that salvation involves the working of the Holy Spirit.

I would also like to interject a startling and profound truth about God. I'm not going to go into showing you throughout the entire Bible all the proofs to back up what I'm about to write because it would take an entire book to do this. In **The Being We Call God**, I go into much detail concerning this subject, but it is important to dive a little into this subject at this point.

God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are three separate beings. All three are called God. We use the word god because they have far more in their makeup than humans and angels have. A being who possesses more abilities than humans is considered to be a god.

Just as an animal compared to a human, we would be gods over animals. As you read the Bible from cover to cover, you will see this to be true.

There is no such thing as the Trinity. The Trinity is a false doctrine. Knowing that there are three beings of God's will help you to understand many of the things I write about. It is important to understand that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are three separate individuals. Failure to get this correct will result in massive confusion, and you will never understand the roles of these beings in the Bible and in your personal life. I expound in more detail about this in **The Being We Call God**.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; (Gensis 1:26, NKJV)

Notice this verse is using the plural word Us. Who is us? It's not the angles but rather the Father,

the Son, and the Holy Spirit. If God were three beings in one it would be more accurate to write *Let me make man in my image, according to my likeness.*

• False Doctrine: There is no such thing as God being three persons in one person.

- Bible Principle: The Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are three separate beings.
- It's impossible for two spirits to become one spirit.

The Holy Spirit has several roles to perform. One of the Holy Spirit's roles is to lead us into all the truth as seen in the above verses.

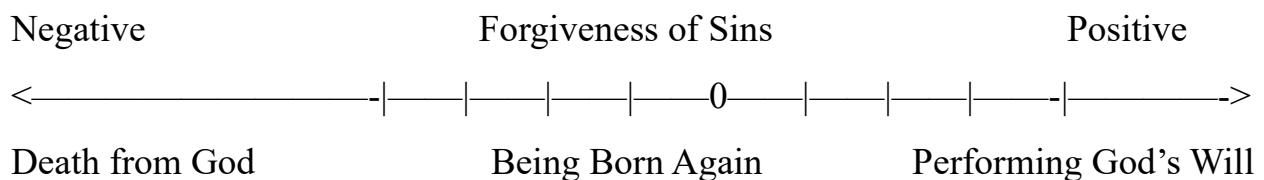
Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. (John 16:7, NKJV)

Notice that the Holy Spirit is a separate being. Also notice that another role of the Holy Spirit is to be a helper to us. Also notice that Jesus is saying, “I tell you the truth.” Is Jesus lying or speaking the truth? Also notice that this is a promise to all believers. With this, let’s go on to read more about salvation.

- Principle: The Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are three separate beings.
- Principle: Each of the three performs different roles, separate from each other.
- Principle: The Holy Spirit will guide each of us into all the truth.
- Principle: The Holy Spirit is to dwell inside of each believer.
- Principle: It is not the job of Jesus to guide us into all the truth.

- Principle: The Holy Spirit is a guide.
- False Doctrine: There is no such thing as the Trinity.
- False Doctrine: The Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are not three in one person.

The question of how to get to the physical fourth dimension of heaven, in the end, is only partially answered. At the beginning of the number line, I mentioned that there are three requirements for ending up in heaven. What I write now is startling but ever so true. This third requirement is what most believers fail to achieve.



Chapter 3

Repentance

Though this is the third chapter in this book, it is the beginning of the six basic Bible teachings or six beginning doctrines in the Christian faith. The past two chapters provided information that the writer of the book of Hebrews was taking for granted (as mentioned in (Hebrews 6:1–2). The author of Hebrews was writing to the Hebrew believers and was assuming that those believers had already entered into the kingdom of god. In truth there are really 8 basic doctrines in the Christian faith. I have explained that we are to build upon a foundation to mature in God. The six elementary doctrines are what remain for the foundation.

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, (NKJV)

Therefore, leaving the elementary teaching about Christ, let us press on to maturity. (NASB) (Hebrews 6:1)

Notice in both versions how we see the request to move on to maturity in God. It's more accurate to *press on to maturity*. This reveals that we can reach a higher level of maturity. Those of us who have received the Holy Spirit as mentioned in John 3:5–6 undergo growth and development in the new, born again life. For this to happen, you have to understand and practice the six basic principles or doctrines taught here in Hebrews 6:1–2. We are to grow up in full maturity of the Holy Spirit. We are not to remain in babyhood the rest of our lives. We also are to push ourselves or press on to full maturity. This

pushing or pressing also shows us that if we don't move on to maturity, we will just remain babies.

Once you read through the rest of this book, you will see how we literally build our new lives by working with the Holy Spirit. God is not going to do all this building for anyone. Notice how Hebrews 6:1 mentions *let us press on to maturity*. If you don't build, you will not mature. Also notice that **we** are to *press on*. There is no mention that God is going to do this for us.

But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner. (Hebrews 6:9, NKJV)

And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. (Hebrews 6:11–12, NKJV)

Verse 9 mentions *things that accompany salvation*. Verse 12 says, “Through faith and patience inherit the promises.” To obtain these things, we must move on to full maturity. Likewise, if we never move on to maturity, then we will not obtain these promises. There are a lot of things to learn.

Also notice that it is the responsibility of each believer to move on to maturity. God is not going to do it all for us (as the church teaches). You must work with God. The first works that you are to do are the six basic doctrines.

In the Hebrew language of the Old Testament, repent means to turn or to turn back. The use comes from someone moving or walking along and suddenly turning around and going in the opposite direction. In the Old Testament and New Testament, repenting involves a decision and then turning around and moving in that direction. Remember that repentance is act that each of us is to perform. God does not repent you or force you to change your mind.

Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, “Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.” So, he divided to them his livelihood. And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, “How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no

longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.’’ And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’’ But the father said to his servants, ‘‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’’ And they began to be merry. Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. So, he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’’ But he was angry

and would not go in. Therefore, his father came out and pleaded with him. So, he answered and said to his father, “Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.” And he said to him, “Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.” (Luke 15:10–32, NKJV)

Here is an example in the New Testament about repentance. This is a parable that Jesus is using to explain or teach what repentance is. In verse 18, we read that the prodigal makes a decision. In verse 20,

he makes the action to return. Then he came to his father. This is repentance. You make a decision, take action, and carry out your decision.

In each of our own sinful lives, we are moving away from God. We are living in the negative on the number line described in chapter two. There is absolutely nothing that any man can do to get back to zero. In truth, you must have God first reveal to you that you are in the negative on the number line. You must have a revelation from God to see that you need his help. God must first get your attention to your dead state of being because dead people don't know that they are dead.

John the Baptist

The entire New Testament begins with the message of repentance. The New Testament begins with John the Baptist. His message is that of

repentance in order to receive the Messiah.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: “Behold, I send My messenger before your face, Who will prepare your way before you.” The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; make His paths straight.” John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. (Mark 1:1–4, NKJV)

John's work was to prepare the way of the Lord. This requires repentance from sin. You can't receive forgiveness from sin until you first repent from sinning and accept Jesus's forgiveness. John's ministry was to show all people that they were full of sin.

We first must understand that our sin is what has caused us to be separated from God. We all need to

repent from our sins to turn away from our sins if we want to be with God.

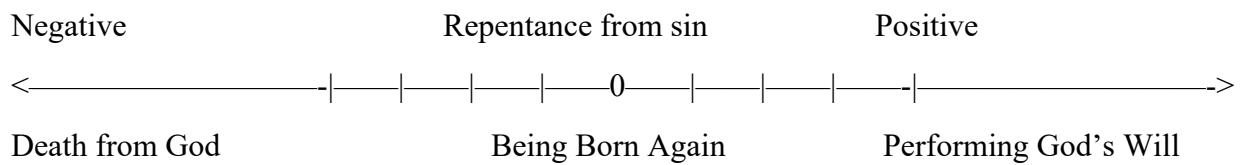
- Principle: You can't receive forgiveness from sin until you first repent from sinning and then begin to believe in Jesus.

Repentance from Sin

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”
(Mark 1:14–15, NKJV)

Repentance from sin is the very first action that all humans are required to do, and then we believe in Jesus to forgive us our sins. None of us can do anything with God till we are cleansed from our sins.

We must first be made zero on the number line.



False Doctrine: Believing in Jesus is all you must do to make it to heaven.

Chapter 4

Faith

Faith is probably the most mentioned word of the Bible. Faith is also the most misunderstood word used throughout history, especially since Jesus first came. Even in Jesus's days on earth, most didn't have a proper definition of faith.

Surprisingly, faith is one of the most difficult words to define. To make it worse, much is lost when translating it from Greek to English. First, I'm going to provide a definition of faith, and then we will dive into the scriptures to see just exactly how it works. Most modern writers (since Martin Luther) dive into the scriptures without providing a proper definition of faith. This produces a lot of false doctrines. Why would you read anything without proper definitions of the writers' words? You end up guessing at what they are talking about thus end up

misinterpreting what they were writing about.

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.
(Hebrews 11:6, NKJV)

But the just shall live by his faith. (Habakkuk 2:4, NKJV)

The second verse is the scripture that Martin Luther used as the main point in the articles he nailed to the papal church doors that ultimately dislodged the power of the Church in Rome that went on to be called the Protestant Reformation.

Faith is a requirement from God, but so few people understand the definition of faith. In turn, they don't understand what faith is. I'll define what faith really means. You may have to re-read the definition several times till you understand the definition because the word *faith* can be involved.

The Greek verb *pistis* is translated into the English as faith. The literal definition of *pistis* is “to be persuaded to believe.” (Persuasion is an action that has occurred within the mind and heart of someone.) That’s it. But what does all this persuasion entail? Herein lies the difficulty of understanding faith or persuasion. We also have the Greek word for believe that is not that same as English believe. We need the definitions of the two Greek words for persuasion and believe. This becomes an entire new meaning.

Persuasion involves two words: being and swayed. To be persuaded requires a few steps of a process that must happen. To be persuaded requires a few events to occur. Once the two words (persuasion and believing) are defined, you will learn the true meaning of faith. That’s only half of the dilemma. Then you must learn how faith is used in the Bible.

Persuasion is being swayed from one idea to another idea, from one thought to a different thought, or confirming an idea as true. It happens through hearing a testimony.

Faith involves being persuaded by the testimony of another person. Persuasion also involves ultimately believing what someone has told you, not by you personally witnessing such an event. You change your thinking based upon the testimony of another person. This form of persuasion in conjunction with faith involves trust in another person's testimony as being true.

The difficulty with the definition of faith is with the word *believe*. The word *persuasion* must be used in conjunction with another word, *believe*, which has several definitions in English but just one in Greek: “to place one’s trust in another” (*Holman Treasury of Key Bible Words*). In Greek, to believe is based on the

experience and facts of persuasion from another. It's not guessing, hoping, or trying to picture something. It is accepting facts as told by another person.

Most English-speaking people use the word *believe* differently from the way the Greeks used it. The English word *believe* means “to accept as true or real” (*The American Heritage Dictionary*). This definition is very different from the Greek definition. For example, people who want to believe there is extraterrestrial life say they believe in life on other planets. No one really knows if there is extraterrestrial life, and to believe there is creates a belief based on conjecture. In Greek, someone would have to say, “I *think* there is life on other planets.” In Greek the word *believe* is only used with a testimony.

The difference from Greek and English is in the word *accept* in the English form. In English, you

choose to accept something to be true or real regardless of having any facts to prove its existence. It has nothing to do with a testimony. The Greeks would hear someone's experience and then place their trust in those spoken words.

In ancient Greek days, when you saw or experienced an event, you witnessed it. When you told someone about the experience you saw, heard, tasted, smelled, or felt, you were telling about your experience. The person who has had the experience has a fact and thus is persuaded. If another person accepts what you say about your experience, they become persuaded from hearing that testimony and they are a believer of your words or a believer of what you said occurred. If he or she trusts your testimony, that becomes persuasion and belief which is Greek faith.

In Greek faith, belief always involves hearing

another's testimony. In English, belief doesn't just place trust in another's testimony; instead, it accepts whatever they want to be factual regardless of whether there are any facts to support the belief. *The American Heritage Dictionary* defines English faith as "confident belief." This definition of faith has nothing to do with persuasion from someone's testimony. Thus, the English form of faith is to believe whatever you choose to accept as true or real, with or without facts. In English, there is no persuasion involved to believe in something as told from another.

In Greek, *belief* is only hearing another's testimony and acknowledging those words to be true, factual, of an event or a thing, and being persuaded that the experience occurred; you believe the testimony of the experience. When you accept their experience and believe it, you are trusting in their testimony even though you do not have any facts.

or proof. Greek faith is having been persuaded to believe. If you continue to believe, you continue to have faith. If you stop believing in that person's testimony, you no longer have faith in it. In Greek faith, it's impossible to not choose to believe or disbelieve in a testimony: ultimately, you can only believe or not believe. Any uncertainty about a testimony is disbelieving.

Bible Faith

God requires all people to exercise faith in him. This means you must have God speak to you (testimony) and you decide to believe (become persuaded) his words. Without faith in God, nothing will ever happen to you from God. All God can do is try to get you to have faith in him. You may have experienced a few actions that came from God, but

that does not make you alive in God. All this means is that you conclude that there is a God. You have faith that God exists, but it doesn't mean you have faith in God. Without faith in God, it is impossible to please him.

This is why most people never come to a full understanding of faith in God. Faith in God is having to experience God personally. What does personally really mean here? You must have God communicate to you directly. God must speak to you. This is not witnessing outward signs such as miracles. Faith is literally having God speak to you. This is a personal experience of God. Another personal experience would be God suddenly appearing to you and you get to see him. God has only done this for one human in all history. His way with mankind is to speak to us. Seeing a miracle occur to someone else or observing a miracle is not a personal

experience with God. When God speaks to you personally, you then have God's testimony.

In the Bible, there are many places that teach that we are to place faith in God's Word. The big error most people make is placing faith in the written Bible. But you ask, "isn't the Bible teaching us to place our faith in God's Word?" You will find many verses that say exactly just that in our English translations. Many people attempt this only to end in futility, frustration, and failure because none of it works. Here is the problem.

In the Greek New Testament, there are two different words that are translated into our one English word: *word*. In Greek, there are two separate words for our one word—*word*. In Greek, one of the words we translate into word is *logos*. The other word in Greek is *rhema*, which we translate into English as *word*. Both *logos* and *rhema* are translated into our

only one word—*word*. Thus, the meanings of both *logos* and *rhema* become lost in our English translations. This happens with several other words from Greek to English, such as love. In Greek, there are three words for love—*philia*, *eros*, and *agape*. In Greek, these describe physical love, spiritual affection of love, and the caring for the other person as love. In English, there are no separate words for love that describe these three different Greek words. The same occurs for the word - *word* in English.

The Greek *logos* means “written words.” It is used to describe the scriptures as written in the Bible. Writing letters and notes on clay tablets, parchment, or even in the dirt back then was *logos* or written words. Today, we use paper, electronic tablets, etc. to write *logos* (written words).

The Greek *rhema* means “spoken words.” The Greek word is used when a conversation is occurring or has

occurred. *Rhema* is a direct personal spoken word of conversation of words from one person to another or to many others, such as preaching, that are all hearing the spoken words at the same moment in time. *Rhema* is to personally experience a spoken word from someone else.

When these Greek words are translated into English, their meanings become lost in translation. To read the Bible in English, you will easily become lost in the understanding of what is truly being taught in the Bible. In fact, many of the verses will become confusing when reading them in English because it doesn't make sense with the use of the other English words in scripture. You will only be able to make conclusions about what the scriptures are seemingly teaching in English.

Unless you have the correct words of *rhema* and

logos used in the English form; you will never gain the proper understanding of God's doctrine. When I use the following verses, I will be using two words in English to make the differential description of the two Greek words. These two words will be "written word" and "spoken word." With this corrected translation, you will clearly see what the Bible is truly teaching.

To sum up, the definition of faith is to be persuaded by a testimony (hearing plus believing equals persuasion). Bible faith is having God personally speak to us (hearing His voice and being persuaded by His words.). Faith used in the Bible is being persuaded by what God speaks. (God's spoken words + believing them = equals Bible faith). We personally experience this act, which is a fact. We

choose to believe in what God has said to us. Hence, we are persuaded that God spoke words to us.

Bible faith is not reading God's written words as found in the Bible. Faith used in the following verses is only used in conjunction with the Greek word *rhema* (spoken words). Faith is never used with the Greek word *logos* (written words). I go into detail about faith in the book **1999-2039**.

Chapter 5

Baptisms

Hebrews 6:2 includes the plural use of baptisms. There is more than one baptism. The following verses show two of the different kinds of baptisms used and described in the New Testament.

John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (Mark 1:4–8, NKJV)

John baptizes with water for the forgiveness of sins. But also remember that Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

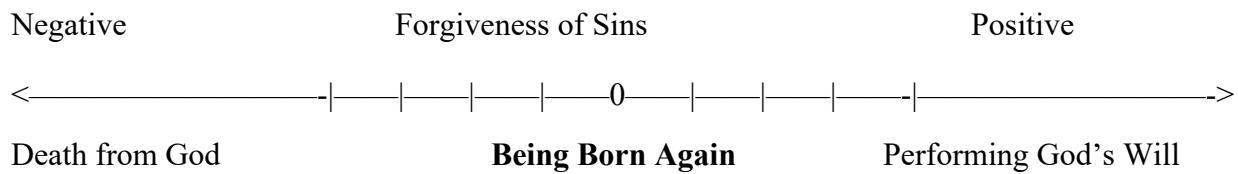
For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now. (Acts 1:5, NKJV)

A more correct translation is baptized *in* the Holy Spirit, not *with* the Holy Spirit. We discover that the New Testament mentioned four baptisms:

- John's baptism in water for the remission of sins.
- A baptism of suffering.
- Christian baptism in water resembling the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- The baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

This section is most important because it involves a part of the requirements from God to getting into eternal heaven. Remember the number line:



Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again.” The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” (John 3:3–8, NKJV)

In the passage above, Jesus mentions that you must be born again or born of the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God. This is in harmony with receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

There is no other mention of the correlation between born again and the baptism of the Holy Spirit mentioned in the entire Bible. In this verse, we learn that when we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit comes and dwells next to the spirit of each of us within our body. This is the beginning of spiritual life in God.

On the number line, you pass from being “zeroed out” to becoming alive in your spirit when you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. You are still zeroed out. God refers to this new beginning as being born again. What God has wanted to do with man since the fall of Adam and Eve is now possible. The Holy Spirit can dwell within each of us. Our spirit is

made alive with the Holy Spirit's baptism.

Now our spirit must literally grow up in maturity as from a baby to an adult. The more you mature in the Holy Spirit, the more obvious this new birth will become. I can tell you from my own personal life that this truly is an exciting event. It is wonderful to slowly feel your spirit growing and maturing in the life of God.

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:1–4, NKJV)

We notice two experiences that happened. The Holy Spirit externally fell on the believers and engulfed them. The Holy Spirit came from above and surrounded and immersed the believers. At the same time—on the inside of the believers—the Holy Spirit gushed into their spirits with his presence and power. These two experiences happened together.

From my own experience, there are no words that can accurately describe what happens on the inside of the believer. The only description that comes close is that you're suddenly bursting with power, joy, and excitement all at once. It's impossible to describe the power of the Holy Spirit. It must be experienced. If you have never received the Holy Spirit's baptism, it's like nothing you have ever experienced. This baptism is an entirely new experience because it entails the new birth, life, and power.

- False Doctrine: We receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit when we receive Jesus into our hearts. There is no scripture in the New Testament that supports this false doctrine.
- False doctrine: If you believe in Jesus, you will have the fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- False doctrine: Receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit is evidenced by a strong, intense emotional experience.
- False doctrine: The Holy Spirit plays the role of an ogre or a dictator in anyone
- False doctrine: Once we receive the Holy Spirit, there is nothing more we need to do.
- False doctrine: God will only do for us certain things that we need.

The Power of the Holy Spirit

Without the power of God, we cannot overcome our sinful nature. We need His power.

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. (Luke 24:49, NKJV)

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8, NKJV)

And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. (Acts 16:16–18)

When I was first baptized in the Holy Spirit, I spoke in tongues for several days. It was glorious.

As the days passed, I noticed that there was something about always speaking in tongues, though I didn't understand what it was. I asked my fellow believers, but they didn't know much about speaking in tongues. My church didn't know much about it either.

Two years later, I attended a Bible school that was comprised of Spirit-filled believers. After the first week, the school had an all-day prayer meeting. Since I had never heard of this, I went. About thirty believers were there, and all they did was speak in tongues while praying all day long.

I joined with them and quickly learned that they were praying to God in their tongues. After about a half hour, the power of God fell on all of us. I had never had that happen before. When the Spirit would lift, we were all full of joy. This would happen several times during the day. It was the best prayer meeting I

had ever gone to. All kinds of things happened that day. The school would do this once a month, and it was powerful and glorious.

Chapter 6

The Laying on of Hands

Laying on of hands is the act of a person or persons placing their hands on another person while praying or prophesying for that person. In the Bible, there are three main reasons why someone lays his or her hands upon another person:

- It is for the transmission of a spiritual blessing or authority from the giving person to the receiving person.
- The person or persons doing the laying on of hands is publicly acknowledging a spiritual blessing or

authority being given by God by the one laying on their hands.

•For publicly committing to God for some special task or ministry the one whom hands are laid upon. There are times when all these reasons are done at once.

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 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. (Mark 16:17–18, NKJV)

Verse 18 says, “*they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.*” Jesus is giving a commission to His believers to lay hands on the sick in order that the sick may be healed.

In verse 17, the laying on of hands becomes a sign to

non-believers as well as believers, which was intended for the work of evangelizing and developing maturity of the church.

Chapter 7

The Resurrection of the Dead

Eternity and Time

Before explaining the resurrection of the dead, you should understand the difference between eternity and time.

Eternity is difficult to explain because it involves existence in a realm that none of us has experienced. The Bible doesn't provide a definition for eternity. We only get pieces of eternity in the Bible. But on the subject of time, we get a lot of examples and definitions in the Bible. I will try to provide a

definition of eternity by using the Bible and logical thinking.

Time involves decay or aging. Eternity has no decay or aging. Beings in eternity do not undergo any decay or any aging. They can't undergo decay because they live in all eternity. All beings in eternity always remain the same. Thus, there is no need for time. Time only marks the beginning of an event till the end of that event, and the nature of this event requires decay or aging.

There is no waiting in eternity. If we pass from time into eternity, we step out of the domain of time and into the domain of eternity. There is no past tense or future tense in eternity. The nature of time has a past, present, and future tense. The nature of eternity is always present tense. There is no beginning or ending of anything in eternity. For believers who enter the kingdom of God, our only beginning is

that of a new creation—we are born again—and we suddenly begin in eternity. We pass from the realm of time into the realm of eternity. There is no end for believers and those who end up in hell. All we know is present tense. Our bodies are in the realm of time, but our newborn spirits are now members of eternity. We taste and partake of eternity. Eternity is not counting time as far distant into the future. Eternity has no future because there is no time in eternity. Those who live in eternity do not decay or age. The beings that reside in eternity only know present tense. This isn't much for us to define eternity, but it is all we have.

With this understanding of eternity, we may have a better understanding of other passages in the Bible that deal with resurrection of the dead.

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment. (Hebrews 9:27, NKJV)

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. (1 Corinthians 15:51–53, NKJV)

Notice that all men will die one death because of the Adamite fall. Also notice that Christ can resurrect people from the dead. The Christians undergo a resurrection from the dead, but do those who are non-Christians undergo a resurrection from the dead? Who gets raised from the dead? To become Lord of everyone, there must be a ceremony or event that recognizes Jesus being Lord of everyone. Only those believers who have not died when Christ returns will not undergo a resurrection from the dead. What then is the purpose of all people being resurrected?

Only—unto Sheol thou art brought down, unto the sides of the pit.” (Isaiah 14:10–15, YLT)

29There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes, who have been given up in their might, with the pierced of the sword, they with the uncircumcised do lie, and with those going down to the pit. (Ezekiel 32:17-32 YLT

- In verses 18, 19, 24, 27, 29, and 30, notice the use of “going down.”
- In verses 18, 24, 25, 29, and 30, notice the use of “the pit.”
- In verse 23, notice the use of “the sides of the pit.”
- In verse 19: “laid,” 21: “have lain,” 25: “appointed a bed,” 27: “they lie not,” 29: “do lay” and “do lie,” 30: “they lie” 32: “laid down.”

We can conclude that hell must look like a pit that has sides. “The sides of the pit” may look like a canyon with walls all around it. We are not told how big this pit is or how broad or narrow or deep this pit is. We are also given information that the spirits of all who are in the pit are assigned a place along the *sides of the pit*. We are given information that none of these spirits are allowed to wander from these assigned places along *the sides of the pit* because there is no mention of wandering. Instead, it is mentioned that each spirit must remain in that assigned place. It is also apparent that these spirits of former people are very much awake and aware of other spirits entering the pit to their assigned places in *the sides of the pit*. We also observe that each nation that had a warring king on earth and is assigned a place to *the side of the pit* also has his army of those spirits placed around him on *the sides of the pit*.

Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, “If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us.” But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said to Jesus, “Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.” And Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise.”

(Luke 23:39–43, NKJV)

Notice how verse 43 mentions *be with me in paradise*. This can't be heaven; otherwise, Jesus would have used the word *heaven*. Paradise literally means “garden” in Greek. This word paradise is the only name used to describe the place where departed spirits of the righteous go.

One more point to mention is that the spirit of every

person who dies on earth is escorted to someplace where Jesus is. This could be outside of heaven itself. The point is that every spirit returns to God (Jesus) and at that point receives a sentence to either go into the pit or to the place of paradise. This is not the final judgment—but two separate places of waiting for the final end of everything to happen on earth. It is at the final end that all are resurrected from the dead and receive eternal judgments. The pit and paradise are merely places of waiting till the time of the resurrection of the dead.

All the Dead Must Return to Their Former Bodies

Jesus sets a pattern for all people who have died to dwell in the realm of the departed spirits. Later **all** spirits are to come back from the realms of the departed spirits.

Chapter 8

Eternal Judgment

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (John 3:17, NKJV)

The word eternal is part of this judgment. That means that once the judgment is made, it is not modifiable. It is a final judgment that can never be revoked or changed. This judgment lasts throughout all eternity. The entire Bible is riddled with verses that reveal God as a judge. I will share some of these verses.

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are

registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.
(Hebrews 12:22–24, NKJV)

Notice how God is the judge of all. The general assembly is the nation of Israel; the church of the firstborn is the New Testament Christian. The spirits of just men and women made perfect are the Old Testament believers who placed their faith in God. Since God is the Creator of the earth and all living beings on earth, he thus has all responsibility to be the judge of all. In the New Testament, we find that God is reluctant to administer judgment.

Since Jesus has become the Lord of even

death, God has made Jesus the Lord of all the earth. So now judgment becomes part of Jesus's responsibility. This is also due to the fact that Jesus is also the written Word.

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.
(Revelation 20:12, NKJV)

We read that God has recorded everything that every person has ever done. God has the ability to remember all these things, but he goes further to record them in books so that judgments are made from more than the ability of God. God is keeping a complete, flawless record of everything each human does. Also, in verse 6—and many other verses in the Bible—we find the use of the word *deeds*. Deeds

pertain to the outward actions that are performed by individuals. The Bible also reveals that God is the judge of the intentions of the heart.

In the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel. (Romans 2:16, NKJV)

The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good. (Proverbs 15:3, NKJV)

God has the ability to see our hearts and the thoughts of our minds. So, this too is recorded. Just because men and women think these things or toy with them in their hearts does not mean that they are carried out in deeds. We are judged by our deeds. There are many deeds performed that go unseen by most people, but God is watching and will judge

based upon the evil motive of the heart. An example is when someone plans a murder or an evil act but has another person carry out the deed. King David did this with Uriah to gain Bathsheba – Uriah’s wife.

•Bible Principle: God can see the heart and thoughts of all beings he has created.

Two Stages of Judgment

In the Bible I see two stages of judgment. One is in relation to time, or the history of the earth and the other is in relation to eternity. Eternal judgment is mentioned in Hebrews 6:1–2. I will deal mostly with eternal judgment, but it will help to understand the first stage of judgment. This will also show the pattern of God’s ways as we see how judgment operates in eternity. The stage of judgment in relation

to time is when God doles out judgments to men and women while they live on earth.

Chapter 9

Summing Up

These eight basic foundational doctrines are the main building stones that are needed to have a wonderful relationship with God. Having a good understanding of all eight of these doctrines will enable you to go on to full maturity in God. If you don't accept these—or only accept a few of them and believe in something else other than what is presented—you will never go on to develop into a mature person of God. God will never be able to use you—even in the smallest way. This will become

apparent as you become older in physical age because of two outstanding fruits. You will never flow in the power of God, and you will never grow deeper in a relationship with God—and he will not talk with you. Inevitably, if you believe and build upon these eight doctrines, you will flow in God's power, and he will talk to you on a consistent basis. God will use you in his kingdom to do many works. You also will have entered into the kingdom of God. The big test that you can gauge yourself with is if you are having God speak to you on a consistent basis and you are moving in the power of God with signs and wonders. If neither of these fruits is occurring, there is something wrong with what you believe or not practicing.