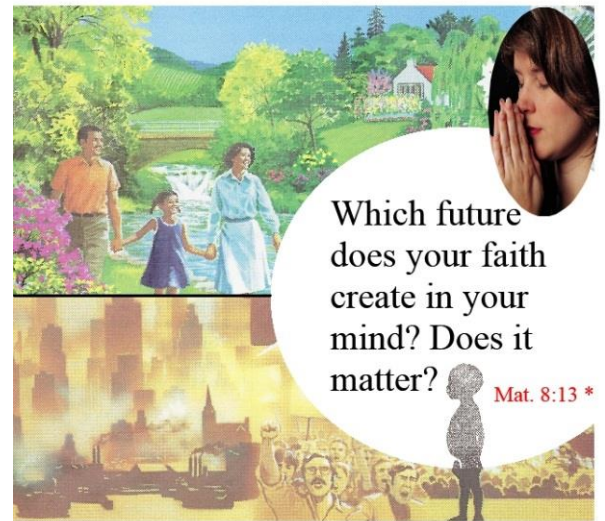


People of earth, (This is an open letter to everyone alive! I pray you copy and give it⁽⁹⁾ to everyone you know.)⁽¹⁸⁾

How do you feel about life in these troubling times? Would you like some good news bringing peace?¹ Peace today can be hard to come by. Sandy Thomas recently (Oct. 2020) said someone upset her young grandson by telling him the end of the world is here. What do you think? Most of us have heard the churches warn “the end” was coming ([Rom 13:11](#)) since our own youth. You though, do you think [the tribulation](#) could really be happening, now, in our day? From those warnings by the churches, most people can quote some of the scriptures where Jesus mentioned wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes and famine and pestilence and violence, all as being signs (*or the composite sign*) of the end.⁽²⁶⁾ Should we be surprised, then, some people are saying “the end” is now? Of note, after warning about it for all these years, why have most [churches \(and religious sects\)](#) suddenly gone silent on the matter of the signs of the end? Sandy also said her grandson has faith in Christ and is “saved.” My suggestion, and I believe Jesus’s teaching, is for Sandy to encourage her grandson ***the person might be right about this being the end of the old world system; but, and this is very important,*** show him from the Bible where ***Jesus said “the end” is a good thing.***^(26 - Luke 21:28) “The end” is a wonderful gift to those who have faith in Christ.⁽⁸⁾ (*It’s always sad when anyone has to suffer or die, of course, but the simple truth is: For peace to exist, those who are liars and other workers of lawlessness first have to die.² The wicked are, in effect, already dying by their own hand! Disobedience to God and abuse of the earth has caused the tribulation we are enduring. We have brought humankind to the brink of death; what God offers is deliverance! Disobedience caused the tribulation [violence and suffering] of Noah’s day,³ and, rebellion against God has brought our suffering as well.*) Sandy’s grandson should be helped to know and understand: He can actually rely on his expressed faith in Christ to protect him. Everyone, young or old, should know to continually read from and believe (*build faith in*) all the promises by



See Footnote 8

¹ [Luke 10:5-6 LITV](#) And into whatever house you may enter, first say, Peace to this house. (6) And if a son of peace is truly there, your peace shall rest on it; but if not so, it shall return to you.

² [Revelation 21:5-8 ESV](#) And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." (6) And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. (7) The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. (8) But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death." (*The first death is the one we inherited from Adam and which we are all born dying. God made a way out of that first death, through our faith in his son.⁽²²⁾ The second death happens if we are judged wicked by God [by refusing to put faith in the help He provided in Christ].^(footnote 27) There is no awakening from the second death.*)

³ [Genesis 6:9-14 GW](#) This is the account of Noah and his descendants. Noah had God's approval and was a man of integrity among the people of his time. He walked with God. (10) He had three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (11) The world was corrupt in God's sight and full of violence. (12) God saw the world and how corrupt it was because all people on earth lived evil lives. (13) **God said to Noah, "I have decided to put an end to all people because the earth is full of their violence.** Now I'm going to destroy them along with the earth. (*Sadly, in our day, the earth has again become filled with our violence. So, God is once again destroying the earth.*)^(see footnote 27) (14) Make yourself a ship of cypress wood. Make rooms in the ship and coat it inside and out with tar. (*God's simple instruction for you is to listen and build faith in what his son taught.*)^(footnote 28)

Jesus. **Christ came to teach** us how to pray⁴ and what to ask for; to teach **us to personally and intimately know his Father.**⁵

I feel compelled and driven by my need to tell every living person this truth (as should you): You can help bring an end of this world's suffering (help speed us to an end of the tribulation). Jesus himself said you can! He said the tribulation would get so bad, if God didn't step in to end it, no flesh would be left alive.⁽⁴³⁾ When, though, or why and how, would God step in to speed the tribulation to its conclusion? ***Jesus went on to explain the good news about his Kingdom would be preached throughout the earth, and then the end will come.***^(26 - Mat 24:14) That preaching work is how God is speeding us to the end. You can individually help get us there faster; *if you assist in preaching that good news.* What, though, is "the kingdom of God" or "the good news" Jesus said would be preached? He said his kingdom was not something people could easily identify using their eyes, and that the kingdom was already in their midst:⁶ The kingdom and/or the power of life exists in the words Jesus spoke.^{(34)- Jn 6:63 & (30)-Jn 8:31-32} Helping you scripturally understand what the "good news of the kingdom" is, then, is what this letter is for. Such an understanding only has value, of course, if it actually is what Christ taught. Whether to put faith in Christ is ***the choice you are making;***⁽¹⁸⁾ as building faith in what Jesus said is the purpose of life.⁷ Take to heart the few scriptures footnoting this letter and you will understand and be able to see (*through eyes of faith*) the kingdom of God. ***You will understand: Listening to and building faith in what Jesus said is the very source of life.***⁽³⁴⁾ ***Faith in his words is faith in "the good news of the Kingdom."***⁽²⁸⁾ Exercising faith in Christ's promises will protect all those persons having such faith.^{(8)-Mat 8:13} So... It seems scriptural to say ***you can help end the tribulation and bring peace simply by copying or printing⁹ this letter and sending it to everyone you know. Such "preaching" will help all people decide if they want God's kingdom. That's what has to happen before "the end."*** My wife Tricia asked me: "Do you really believe if everyone on earth would spend all their

⁴ **Matthew 6:9-21 GNB** This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven: May your holy name be honored; (10) may your Kingdom come; may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (11) Give us today the food we need. (12) Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us. (13) Do not bring us to hard testing, but keep us safe from the Evil One.' (14) "If you forgive others the wrongs they have done to you, your Father in heaven will also forgive you. (15) But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive the wrongs you have done. (16) "And when you fast, do not put on a sad face as the hypocrites do. They neglect their appearance so that everyone will see that they are fasting. I assure you, they have already been paid in full. (17) When you go without food, wash your face and comb your hair, (18) so that others cannot know that you are fasting---only your Father, who is unseen, will know. And your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you. (19) "Do not store up riches for yourselves here on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and robbers break in and steal. (20) Instead, store up riches for yourselves in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and robbers cannot break in and steal. (21) For your heart will always be where your riches are. (*This brief example is not the only place Jesus taught us how to pray and how to know his Father. That is the purpose of all his teachings. Jesus's words should be your treasure.*)^{(45) & (5)}

⁵ **Luke 10:22 CEV** My Father has given me everything, and he is the only one who knows the Son. The only one who really knows the Father is the Son. But the Son wants to tell others about the Father, so that they can know him too.

⁶ **Luke 17:20-21 ESV** Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed (or, "God's kingdom isn't something you can see."-Contemporary English Version), (21) nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

⁷ **John 6:28-29 GNB** So they asked him, "What can we do in order to do what God wants us to do?" (29) Jesus answered, "What God wants you to do is to believe in the one he sent."

Ecclesiastes 12:13 GNB After all this, there is only one thing to say: Have reverence for God, and obey his commands,⁽⁴⁵⁾ because this is all that we were created for.

⁸ * **Matthew 8:13 CEV** Then Jesus said to the officer, "You may go home now. Your faith has made it happen." Right then his servant was healed.

Matthew 9:22 ESV Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well.

⁹ You can print this letter from JustBibleTruth.com -> Open Letter: [People of Earth.](#)

free time reading and taking to heart the words of Jesus, all our problems would be solved?" Yes! Yes! Yes! That is exactly what I believe would happen; and, **what I believe is happening**.¹⁰ Faith in Christ's words, you see, grants God's spirit.¹¹ God's spirit is power to effect change¹² (*within God's will, of course*)!¹³ That probably means Christians cannot become rich or young overnight; ⁽³⁵⁾-[Job 33:13-30](#) as everyone would then try and flock to Christ for the reward they see on others. "Our faith" can protect us, but it will not correct all the wicked. We don't have to worry about them. Doing away with the wicked is what God is using Christ and the tribulation to do. We only need faith! We need faith without seeing,¹⁴ because we recognize disobedience to God always brings harm. Because of my warning about Noah, my daughter Rachael asked me: "Dad, do you really imagine you can compare yourself to righteous Noah?" Again, the answer is yes! But not just me. Jesus compared all his "latter day" followers to Noah.⁽²⁷⁾-[Luk 17:26-30](#) Followers of Christ, you see, will be survivors of our modern day (*and final*) tribulation, which is destroying the wicked (*those without faith*). God has not, of course, whispered in my ear to tell me these things are true. And, I cannot point to my blessings that prove they are. I can't even prove to you God exists. God has provided such proof, however, and that must be your faith. [[Rom 1:18-23](#); [Heb 3:4](#)] If you do have faith in a God who is good, [[Heb 11:6](#)] the Bible, using the words of Christ, presents the only reasonable explanation of truth. So... This is my best attempt to express faith built on what I believe Jesus taught! And, my point is always: **You must have faith, your own personal faith, in what you cautiously know to be the true words of Jesus Christ**.⁽⁴⁰⁾-[Mat 7:15-20](#) Read this letter, and then, read Matthew, Mark, Luke or John to prove it is so!

Teaching obedience to his Father¹⁵ & ⁽⁴²⁾ is why Jesus came.¹⁶ Even if you are not fully convinced by me, but Jesus's words do strum your heart strings,¹⁷ send this letter of scriptures as a curiosity or as point of conversation, thus influencing everyone who hears Jesus's words toward choosing life for themselves.⁽¹⁸⁾ **Directing and cautioning people to actually hear what Jesus said**⁽⁴⁰⁾ & ⁽³⁶⁾ **is the act of preaching of the good news!** It is then

¹⁰ [Isaiah 26:20-21 GNB](#) Go into your houses, my people, and shut the door behind you. Hide yourselves for a little while until God's anger is over. (21) The LORD is coming from his heavenly dwelling place to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The murders that were secretly committed on the earth will be revealed, and the ground will no longer hide those who have been killed.

¹¹ [Luke 11:10-13 GNB](#) For those who ask will receive, and those who seek will find, and the door will be opened to anyone who knocks. (11) Would any of you who are fathers give your son a snake when he asks for fish? (12) Or would you give him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? (13) As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

[John 16:26-27 GNB](#) When that day comes, you will ask him in my name; and I do not say that I will ask him on your behalf, (27) for the Father himself loves you. He loves you because you love me and have believed that I came from God.

[John 14:13-17 GNB](#) And I will do whatever you ask for in my name, so that the Father's glory will be shown through the Son. (14) If you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it. (15) "If you love me, you will obey my commandments. (16) I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, who will stay with you forever. (17) He is the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God. The world cannot receive him, because it cannot see him or know him. But you know him, because he remains with you and is in you.

¹² [Luke 17:6 GNB](#) The Lord answered, "If you had faith as big as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Pull yourself up by the roots and plant yourself in the sea!' and it would obey you.

[Matthew 17:19-20 GW](#) Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and asked, "Why couldn't we force the demon out of the boy?" (20) He told them, "Because you have so little faith. I can guarantee this truth: If your faith is the size of a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

¹³ [1 John 5:13-14 GNB](#) I am writing this to you so that you may know that you have eternal life---you that believe in the Son of God. (14) We have courage in God's presence, because we are sure that he hears us if we ask him for anything that is according to his will.

¹⁴ [John 20:28-29 ESV](#) Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" (29) Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

¹⁵ [John 7:16 GNB](#) Jesus answered, "What I teach is not my own teaching, but it comes from God, who sent me.

¹⁶ [Luke 2:34-35 GW](#) Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother, "This child [*Jesus*] is the reason that many people in Israel will be condemned and many others will be saved. He will be a sign that will expose ⁽³⁵⁾ the thoughts of those who reject him..."

¹⁷ [Hosea 11:3, 4 MWT](#) . . . But as for me, I taught Israel to walk, taking them upon [my] arms; and they did not recognize that I had healed them. ⁴ With the ropes of earthling man I kept drawing them, with the cords of love, . . .

up to each person what to do with that knowledge.¹⁸ The scriptures that follow more fully explain the “Kingdom of God.” They help you understand “the Kingdom” includes *all the individuals* who have heard God⁽²⁸⁾ and are submitting to his son; starting by knowing, of course, what Jesus teaches.¹⁹ & (42 – note [John 12:50](#)) Please consider: In the face of the tribulation destroying this world, why aren’t the churches recognizing and sharing Jesus’s warning about the “signs” we see being indicators of the time of the end?⁽²⁶⁾ Is it that they don’t know, or are they just more interested in keeping up “business as usual,” than in telling the truth?⁽²³⁾ & (40) Have they all become just another part of Satan’s world, actually working to keep truth hidden? [[1 John 5:19 of 18-21](#)]

To begin with, however, who am I that I should say such things? Let me be clear what I am: I am a student of the Bible. Talking about the Bible is the passion of my life (*or maybe just the only place I find peace*) and I do so every opportunity. Recently, during one such conversation, Max Worthington (*an old friend from my youth [in the military](#)*) asked if I “teach Sunday School or something.” I got the sense Max wanted to know if I am a preacher, or what credentials I imagine qualify me to speak so boldly in the name of Jesus. My credentials are simple: I am a Christian²⁰ and I believe in the Bible; with special attention directed to the words of Jesus himself.²¹ What I say is simply my best attempt to parrot what I have learned from God’s son. I am a plagiarist and my attempt is to speak nothing of my own originality.²² Knowing Jesus’s words, it would be very unwise for me to get to viewing myself as a teacher, or certainly, for me to encourage others to look up to me as such. Jesus did warn about that very thing: He warned against taking or accepting “elevated titles” for ourselves.²³ We all have Jesus as our one and only teacher. Understanding that, I do all I can to direct people to read the Gospels, thus making themselves part of Jesus’s family,²⁴ making themselves God’s children²⁵ by listening to his son as their chosen teacher.

¹⁸ [Deuteronomy 30:15-16 ESV](#) (15) "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. (16) If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules,⁽²⁸⁾ then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

¹⁹ [John 17:3 GW](#) This is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent.

²⁰ [Acts 4:13 NWT](#) ¹³ Now when they beheld the outspokenness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were men unlettered and ordinary, they got to wondering. And they began to recognize about them that they used to be with Jesus; (*Everyone today can “be with Jesus,” simply by reading and taking to heart what he taught⁽¹²⁾ as recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.*)

²¹ [Galatians 3:23-25 ALT](#) But before faith came, we were being guarded [*or, being kept in protective custody*] under [*the*] Law, having been confined to the faith about to be revealed. (24) Therefore, **the Law (the Bible) has become our tutor [to lead us] to Christ,** so that by faith we should be justified [*or, declared righteous*]. (25) But since faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

²² [John 7:17, 18 NWT](#) ¹⁷ If anyone desires to do His will, he will know concerning the teaching whether it is from God or I speak of my own originality. ¹⁸ He that speaks of his own originality is seeking his own glory; but he that seeks the glory of him that sent him, this one is true, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

²³ [Matthew 23:1-12 NWT](#) ²³ Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying: ² “The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the seat of Moses [*appointed themselves judges of what is right and wrong*]. ³ Therefore all the things they tell YOU, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds, for they say but do not perform. ⁴ They bind up heavy loads and put them upon the shoulders of men, but they themselves are not willing to budge them with their finger. ⁵ **All the works they do they do to be viewed by men;** for they broaden the [scripture-containing] cases that they wear as safeguards, and enlarge the fringes [of their garments]. ⁶ They like the most prominent place at evening meals and the front seats in the synagogues, ⁷ and the greetings in the marketplaces and to be called Rabbi by men. ⁸ **But YOU, do not YOU be called Rabbi, for one is YOUR teacher, whereas all YOU are brothers.** ⁹ Moreover, do not call anyone YOUR father on earth, for one is YOUR Father, the heavenly One. ¹⁰ **Neither be called ‘leaders,’ for YOUR Leader is one, the Christ.** ¹¹ **But the greatest one among YOU must be YOUR minister.** ¹² Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

²⁴ [Mark 3:31-35 GW](#) Then his mother and his brothers arrived. They stood outside and sent someone to ask him to come out. (32) The crowd sitting around Jesus told him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you.” (33) He replied to them, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” (34) Then **looking at those who sat in a circle around him, he said, “Look, here are my mother and my brothers.** (35) **Whoever does what God wants** is my brother and sister and mother.”

²⁵ [John 1:12 ESV](#) But to all who did receive him (*Jesus*), who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, - [Galatians 3:26 GW](#) You are all God’s children by believing in Christ Jesus.

Recognizing Christ to be our *one and only* teacher, then, I have started actually listening to Jesus; doing so by simply reading the Gospels. The result of that effort is the basis of what you are reading! Based on what Jesus said, I believe we are witnessing the end of this old world system, but, and ***this is very important for everyone to understand, "the end" is not a bad thing if you love God!***²⁶ (Note [Luke 21:28](#))

Jesus said ours are like the days of Noah and Lot.²⁷ God told Noah to build an Ark for salvation. He obeyed and he lived! God told Lot to flee the wicked and depraved city of Sodom. He obeyed and he lived! Today, God has told us to listen to his son.²⁸ Therefore, if you follow the example of Noah and Lot, by obeying God's command to listen to Jesus,⁽²⁸⁾ your faith will keep you alive as theirs did them.⁽⁸⁾ Question: Could you have been deceived, only thinking you were listening to Jesus?⁽⁴⁰⁾ & ⁽³⁶⁾ Key: If you are part of a church that even hints your salvation is in any way connected with membership in their sect, you are surely putting [those men](#) above Christ! Do you and I foolishly direct people to join our Church, or [wisely](#), to join Jesus himself by actually sitting at his feet; by reading the Gospel accounts of his life and teachings inspired recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John?⁽¹²⁾ All the churches I am aware of seem only about memberships and money and control; and, they can't continue to fleece money from their sheep if they let their worshipers realize reading the Gospels and following Christ is God's one latter day command.²⁹ & ⁽²⁸⁾ & ⁽¹⁵⁾ The truth Jesus spoke takes away the need for organized religion and their "celebrated" teachers.⁽²³⁾ No person who knows the truth in Jesus feels any need for a high titled preacher or a glass cathedral. Christians are set free of such pagan beliefs.³⁰ They recognize pomp and circumstance in the

²⁶ [Matthew 24:3-8 NWT](#) ³ While he was sitting upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him privately, saying: "Tell us, When will these things be, and **what will be the sign of your presence and of the conclusion of the system of things?**" ⁴ And in answer Jesus said to them: "Look out that nobody misleads YOU; ⁵ for many will come on the basis of my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. ⁶ YOU are going to hear of wars and reports of wars; see that YOU are not terrified. For these things must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷ "For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be food shortages and earthquakes in one place after another. ⁸ All these things are a beginning of pangs of distress.

[Luke 21:7-13 GNB](#) "Teacher," they asked, "when will this be? And what will happen in order to show that the time has come for it to take place?" (8) Jesus said, "Watch out; don't be fooled. Many men, claiming to speak for me, will come and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time has come!' But don't follow them. (9) Don't be afraid when you hear of wars and revolutions; such things must happen first, but they do not mean that the end is near." (10) He went on to say, "Countries will fight each other; kingdoms will attack one another. (11) There will be terrible earthquakes, famines, and plagues everywhere; there will be strange and terrifying things coming from the sky. (12) Before all these things take place, however, you will be arrested and persecuted; you will be handed over to be tried in synagogues and be put in prison; you will be brought before kings and rulers for my sake. (13) **This will be your chance to tell the Good News.**

[Matthew 24:14 GNB](#) **And this Good News about the Kingdom will be preached through all the world for a witness to all people; and then the end will come.**

[Luke 21:25-28 GNB](#) "There will be strange things happening to the sun, the moon, and the stars. **On earth whole countries will be in despair, afraid of the roar of the sea and the raging tides. (26) People will faint from fear as they wait for what (the tribulation that) is coming over the whole earth,** for the powers in space will be driven from their courses. (27) Then the Son of Man will appear, coming in a cloud with great power and glory. [Jesus has appeared in the clouds and is doing a separating work in the earth but only those with eyes of faith can see.] (28) **When these things begin to happen, stand up and raise your heads, because your salvation is near."**

²⁷ [Luke 17:26-30 GNB](#) As it was in the time of Noah so shall it be in the days of the Son of Man. (27) Everybody kept on eating and drinking, and men and women married, up to the very day Noah went into the boat and the flood came and killed them all. (28) It will be as it was in the time of Lot. Everybody kept on eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. (29) On the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and killed them all. (30) That is how it will be on the day the Son of Man is revealed.

²⁸ [Matthew 17:5 GNB](#) While he was talking, a shining cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, **"This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased---listen to him!"** (See footnote 16)

²⁹ [Hebrews 1:1-2 ESV](#) Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, (2) but in these last days **he has spoken to us by his Son...**

³⁰ [John 8:31-32 GNB](#) So Jesus said to those who believed in him, **"If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples; (32) you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

midst of ornate buildings are no more an aid to true worship than the stones and chicken bones some use in their [pagan worship](#). (That is not to diminish the importance of the Bible. Any church that in any way directs people to the Bible is at least doing that much good; even if they aren't teaching their followers to actually listen to Christ. Some of their sheep, like me, may then pick up a Bible and hear God's command^{(28) & (15)} to listen to his son. If people are not specifically directing others to "really" listen to Christ, though, they are not true Christians!) It is hard for me to [understand](#) how I can join or support a church, without implying membership in that group is beneficial to, or even part of, proper worship. It isn't! And since it isn't, why join? Churches just distract from recognizing the simple truth of our need to listen actually and personally to God's son. How could I value membership in some group of men without also foolishly worrying about that sect's approval (or disapproval) of me? [[John 5:44](#); [1 Cor 4:3 in 1-5](#)]⁽⁴¹⁾ **This is the exciting truth: Jesus said we must each one worship "in spirit and truth," as individuals.**³¹ What does that even mean? Simple! We worship in spirit because Jesus told us no one can come and really listen to him unless they are first drawn by his Father's spirit.³² Then, we worship in truth because Jesus came to bring truth;³³ and we take in God's spirit through the words of Christ.³⁴

This is really simple: If you are actually listening to Jesus instead of men, you *can* understand these things. This is the most exciting time in all human history: The promises from Job are being fulfilled.³⁵ And, it is only a simple thing God has asked of you: All you need do is follow his command to listen to his son.^{(28) & (15)} Few people, however, seem able to comprehend what that really means. They are mostly confused to believe it means working out their own salvation through some group religious association or membership. Many of them seem sincere and maybe mean well.⁽³⁶⁾ **God's command to listen to his son does not, however, mean listening to some preacher. People remain workers of lawlessness until they comprehend their need to direct other persons to hear Christ for themselves.**³⁶ All Christians need to [understand](#): There are no lords or great teachers among us.⁽²³⁾ **While continuing to extend kindness and to help others when able, we all need to listen to Christ Jesus by reading the Gospels and directing others to that one same source of "the good news of the kingdom."**^(15 & 28) Understand: The good news of the kingdom is the sum total of the knowledge wrapped up in Jesus Christ!

³¹ [John 4:21-23](#) **ESV** Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. (22) You worship what you do not know; (this woman was a Samaritan, but this applies to any of the many forms of sectarian worship, including some calling themselves "Christian")^(see footnote 36) we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews (Jesus was born from the Jewish nation so Christianity is the fulfillment of Judaism). (23) But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

³² [John 6:44](#) **ALT** "No one is able to come to Me unless the Father having sent Me draws [or, drags] him...

³³ [John 18:37](#) **GNB** ... I was born and came into the world for this one purpose, to speak about the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth listens to me."

³⁴ [John 6:63](#) **ALT** "The Spirit is the One giving life; the flesh does not accomplish [or, benefit] anything. The words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life!

³⁵ [Job 33:13-14](#) **GNB** Why do you accuse God of never answering our complaints? (14) Although God speaks again and again, no one pays attention to what he says. ^(see footnote 15)

[Job 33:17-18](#) **GNB** God speaks to make them stop their sinning and to save them from becoming proud. (18) He will not let them be destroyed; he saves them from death itself.

[Job 33:22-30](#) **GNB** they are about to go to the world of the dead. (23) Perhaps an angel may come to their aid-- one of God's thousands of angels, who remind us of our duty. (24) In mercy the angel will say, "Release them! They are not to go down to the world of the dead. Here is the ransom to set them free." (25) Their bodies will grow young and strong again; (26) when they pray, God will answer; they will worship God with joy; God will set things right for them again. (27) Each one will say in public, "I have sinned. I have not done right, but God spared me. (28) He kept me from going to the world of the dead, and I am still alive." (29) God does all this again and again; (30) each one saves a person's life, and gives him the joy of living.

³⁶ [Matthew 7:21-23](#) **NWT** ²¹ "Not everyone saying to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of the heavens, but the one doing the will of my Father who is in the heavens will. ²² Many will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and expel demons in your name, and perform many powerful works in your name?' ²³ And yet then I will confess to them: I never knew YOU! Get away from me, YOU workers of lawlessness.

So... Like it or not, you are caught in the midst of a spiritual war.³⁷ Pretending it isn't happening doesn't change a thing. It is happening! And, whether you ignore it or not, you are choosing a side.⁽¹⁸⁾ The choice you are making is simple: Either you realize *your own* need, and are helping other people see *their* need, to pick up a Bible and read the words of Christ³⁸ from Matthew, Mark, Luke or John; or, [you are looking to and directing people to some other solution](#). The other solution might be church membership or political affiliation or gang association or any of the thousands of other choices. We see people willfully lie and fight (*in vain*) in support of their Bible condemned sexual orientation, [[1 Cor 6:9-11](#)] or for their race or their family, or for any of many other human causes.^{(2) & (27)} Society can only function as long as there is a consensus for rule of law. Make no mistake, radicals who burn cities to defy law are ready to tear down society to get their own way. It will get worse,⁽⁴³⁾ but faith can protect *you*. The thousands of other choices available are all really the one same sad choice, they are *the choice not to follow God's command* to listen to his son.^{(38) & (28)} And that, my friend, is why none of the churches are warning people, or even talking about, the tribulation destroying our world. Either they don't know God's simple command to listen to and exercise faith in the promises of his son,⁽²⁸⁾ or, they don't want to lose their control over you to fleece you of your valuables (*your money and ~~your effort and preaching (work) in support of their~~ set- your worship of them*). Hearing and following the words of Christ will set you free of all such slavery.^{39 & (30)}

JustBibleTruth.com is a website I support for the sole purpose of helping people recognize their need to actually hear the words of Christ. In all fairness to those who don't like JustBibleTruth.com, Christ's words can (*at first*) seem a little harsh toward [religious sects](#). Many people have been members of some sect for most or all of their lives... Even so, I remain convinced everyone has to understand [group religion](#) can't help⁽¹⁸⁾ (at best they can't help).⁴⁰ But I do also know, it can take some time to let go of misunderstandings we have been taught all our lives (*assuming we have the time to let go of those lies*). I've been a member of several churches over the years, and associated with even more. From personal experience, then, I know it is hard to realize those organizations we have joined to put faith in are actually distracting us from the teachings of Christ, teaching sectarian doctrines.⁴¹ One thing I am sure is that God will help everyone who will allow themselves to be helped; myself included!

Now, you should be warned, all sectarian churches do share one goal. They all want "their sheep" (*including you my dear friend*) to believe my words are just the ravings of a disgruntled old fool who can't get along with anyone. Some of them think I talk too much about the Bible, and sometimes to people who don't even want to

³⁷ [Ephesians 6:10-13 CEV](#) Finally, let the mighty strength of the Lord make you strong.⁽²¹⁾ (11) Put on all the armor that God gives, so you can defend yourself against the devil's tricks. [*One of the devil's greatest tricks is to make people think they need to be part of some church.*⁽¹⁸⁾] (12) We are not fighting against humans. We are fighting against forces and authorities and against rulers of darkness and powers in the spiritual world. (13) So put on all the armor that God gives. Then when that evil day comes, you will be able to defend yourself. And when the battle is over, you will still be standing firm.

³⁸ [Matthew 12:30 GNB](#) "Anyone who is not for me is really against me; anyone who does not help me gather is really scattering.

³⁹ [Romans 6:16 GNB](#) Surely you know that when you surrender yourselves as slaves to obey someone, you are in fact the slaves of the master you obey...⁽⁴⁰⁾

⁴⁰ [Matthew 7:15-20 CEV](#) Watch out for false prophets! They dress up like sheep, but inside they are wolves who have come to attack you. (16) You can tell what they are by what they do. No one picks grapes or figs from thornbushes. (17) A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. (18) A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. (19) Every tree that produces bad fruit will be chopped down and burned. (20) You can tell who the false prophets are by their deeds. [*False prophets are identified because good fruitage is directing people to the teachings of Christ while bad fruitage is directing them to organizations of men!*]

[Acts 20:29-30 ESV](#) I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; (30) and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.

⁴¹ [Luke 11:52 BBE](#) A curse is on you, teachers of the law (*or doctrines of men*)! for you have taken away the key of knowledge: you did not go in yourselves, and you got in the way of those who were going in.

[Mark 7:7 GNB](#) It is no use for them to worship me, because they teach human rules as though they were my laws!

hear. Religionists assert I seek to find fault with their faith and am not loving and forgiving. Truth is, I'm trying not to judge anyone at all. That said, ***we every one need to be told: Jesus Christ did warn us "his words" are judging each of us.***⁴² More accurately, we are each judging ourselves by our response to Christ's words. Since *Jesus said* our response to his teachings is our judge, how can we favorably judge ourselves if we don't begin by accurately knowing what Christ said. (*Not by constantly studying the writings of some religious sect,*⁽⁴⁰⁾ *mind you, but by actually studying the words of God's own son - by reading the Gospels over many times.*) Similar to ancient Egypt, [[Ex 7:1-5](#); [Num 33:4](#)] what we see happening to this world is a direct assault on its false Gods: The [tribulation](#) of our day is an assault on organized religion along with the greedy commercialized governments that work together to control society. [[Rev 17:3-18:8](#)] That two headed false God is the cause of, or at best turn a blind eye to, acts such as humanity's spending millions of dollars (*per individual game and per player, mind you*) to keep grown men playing football to empty stadiums while half the world's population doesn't have enough to eat and a decent place to live. How long ~~did mankind~~ *did you* really imagine God would ignore such abuse and suffering? If mankind can figure out how, and then expend money and effort to send a probe millions of miles into space to bring back a handful of soil from a meteor, they could feed the world's hungry children; *if they cared*. Your knowing this truth doesn't cause or add to the tribulation, and, it is an easy thing to know if I am right; assuming you have time to see! If this is the tribulation Jesus promised,⁴³ more and new problems will just keep getting worse and worse until Christ and the angels finally step in to physically destroy the last remaining wicked persons;⁴⁴ & (2) to prevent them killing us all.⁽⁴³⁾ If I am wrong, things will get better: The politicians and the "enlightened movements" (*often really just domestic terrorism*) along with the prayers of the televangelists and [religious sects](#) will help us. Which of those two solutions (*the "two" being Christ or any other solution*) you personally have faith in for salvation,⁽⁸⁾ don't you see, is the [one same choice and decision](#) we are all making.⁽¹⁸⁾ So... Don't listen to my teachings except as I direct you to Christ. Don't listen to anyone else either; except Jesus. Read [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#) and [John](#) to make yourself a member of Jesus's family.⁽²⁴⁾ Please, if you are tired of all the pain and suffering, join the seemingly small portion of humanity that realizes: Ours are the days for living!⁽³⁵⁾ The tribulation is not something to be upset by or afraid of. Its end is nearly too wonderful to comprehend!⁽⁴³⁾ [[Luke 21:28](#)] Help bring an end to humanity's suffering.⁽⁴³⁾ Share this letter with everyone, thus bringing them Christ's wonderful news (*bringing them "the good news of the kingdom"*)!⁽²⁶⁾ [[Mat 24:14](#)] Then, ~~live~~ *stay alive (or, continue protected alive)* by Christ;⁴⁵ continuing to live by your unwavering faith in his words, words carrying you into God's promises.⁽³⁵⁾ Peace to you and yours,⁽¹⁾

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⁴² [John 12:46-50](#) **ESV** I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness. (47) If anyone hears my words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. (48) The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; **the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.** (49) For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment--what to say and what to speak. (50) And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me."

⁴³ [Matthew 24:21-22](#) **CEV** This will be the worst time of suffering since the beginning of the world [*a great tribulation*], and nothing this terrible will ever happen again. (22) **If God doesn't make the time shorter, no one will be left alive.** But because of God's chosen ones [*or the ones being chosen*], **he will make the time shorter [*the days will be cut short*].**

[Luke 21:28](#) **GW** "When these things begin to happen, stand with confidence [*lift your heads high*]! The time when you will be set free [*or your deliverance*] is near."

⁴⁴ [Psalms 37:10-11](#) **ESV** In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. (11) But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.

⁴⁵ [Luke 3:15-17](#) **ESV** As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, (16) John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.** (17) His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn (*by their faith in him*), but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

⁴⁶ [Acts 11:26](#) **NWT** . . .and it was first in Antioch that the disciples were by divine providence called Christians.