

# Are you marked?

Is it your forehead?



What could that even mean?

## Can you hide?



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You are ~~being~~ marked in your forehead and your survival depends on appreciating what that means. Take heart, though, it's easy to understand! The Bible explains you are choosing either the mark by God for life, or, the mark of the beast for death. God has allowed those choices,<sup>a</sup> *thus affording the opportunity to become his friend [James 2:19-23] and to stay alive; in other words, God is offering you the gift of surviving through the tribulation destroying our world [all the while that tribulation grows ever harder to ignore].*

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<sup>a</sup> Deuteronomy 30:11-20 MWT (11) "The command that I am giving you today is not too difficult or beyond your reach. (12) It is not up in the sky. You do not have to ask, 'Who will go up and bring it down for us, so that we can hear it and obey it?' (13) Nor is it on the other side of the ocean. You do not have to ask, 'Who will go across the ocean and bring it to us, so that we may hear it and obey it?' (14) No, it is here with you. You know it and can quote it, so now obey it. (15) "Today I am giving you a choice between good and evil, between life and death. (16) If you obey the commands of יהוה (See pg 9) your God, which I give you today, if you love him, obey him, and keep all his laws, then you will prosper and become a nation of many people. יהוה (See pg 9) your God will bless you in the land that you are about to occupy. (17) But if you disobey and refuse to listen, and are led away to worship other gods, (18) you will be destroyed---I warn you here and now. You will not live long in that land across the Jordan that you are about to occupy. (19) I am now giving you the choice between life and death, between God's blessing and God's curse, and I call heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Choose life. (20) Love יהוה (See pg 9) your God, obey him and be faithful to him, and then you and your descendants will live long in the land that he promised to give your ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." (For us who live today, that is the paradise being established by Christ Jesus. - 1 Cor 15:20-28)

[\(Mat 24:21-22\)](#) Your life choices and activities *display your chosen mark!*

Revelation gives one of the Bible's warnings about receiving (*or choosing*) the mark of the beast:

**Revelation 13:11 ALT** And I saw another beast rising up out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, and it was speaking like (*or, its voice was that of*) a dragon (*or a serpent*).

**Revelation 13:16-18 GNB** (16) The beast forced all the people, small and great, rich and poor, slave and free, to have a (*its*) mark placed on their right hands or on their foreheads. (17) No one could buy or sell without this mark, that is, the beast's name or the number that stands for the name. (18) ***This calls for wisdom. Whoever is intelligent can figure out the meaning of the number of the beast,*** because the number stands for the name of someone. Its number is 666. (*Note: The Amplified Bible says in verse 18: "the name is a human number."*)

This Revelation speech from God conveys spiritual knowledge. Sadly, that also means it is not what most of us are used to. Don't be alarmed; being new does not make it hard to understand. God does not use mysticism or hard to grasp speech to teach. ([Mat 11:25-30](#)) Still, He must (*and does*) convey spiritual understanding from his point of view. Very simply, then, starting in [Revelation 13:11](#), we are told God saw the beast rise from among mankind appearing like a lamb but speaking like a dragon. So... The beast is some prominent person or entity claiming to represent Christ (*as the Lamb of God - [John 1:29](#)*) but it deceitfully speaks for Satan. ([Rev 12:7-12](#)) [*That understanding is supported by Jesus in [Mat 24:23-25](#) and [Mat 23:1-15](#).*] Next, the beast forced people to serve it. We are told its number is the number 6, which the Bible says represents humans, and then it is repeated 3 times for emphasis. Thus, 6-6-6 simply represents the completion of the fallen sinful condition of humankind; as viewed from God's perspective: [For 6 thousand years since Adam](#), mankind has refused God's direction and tried to govern himself. What, though, does the Bible mean by saying people are "forced" to worship the beast? Today, at the completion of [six thousand years of human works](#); or, at the time of God's bringing an end to all the attempts by humans to rule themselves, we have produced the many different sects fracturing our

world. All combined, they comprise “the beast” of God’s revelation! Human abuse and pollution of the earth, and exploitation of their fellow man, has also helped cause the tribulation destroying our earthly home. We have produced a society with so much hate it is a worldwide powder keg. Humanity has once again become so wicked and vile God must finally bring it to an end. ([Gen 6:5-8](#) of [6:5-8:17](#); [2 Pet 3:5-7](#)) We have divided ourselves and forced everyone into serving the beast in one of its many flavors: There is communism and socialism and democracy and emperor or dictator worship, to name a few. Within each nation there are additional divisive sects that have developed to ride what God calls the beast. There are Catholics and Protestants and Muslims, along with many others. Those [religious](#) sects have (*often using the governments*) judged and killed each other in the name of their God for centuries. To what end? Forced membership gains! They have even labeled some of their wars of forced conversion “holy wars.” Additionally, there are race wars between BLM racists and white supremacists (*and every other color of supremacists*); along with gay rights movements as just a few examples. ([1 Cor 6:9-11](#); [Col 3:1-17](#); [Gal 5:14-26](#)) Most of them proclaim “love” but what their never ending “forced inclusion” ([Rev 13:16-17](#)) or “forced acceptance” really spreads is hate and racism. ([Psalm 12:2](#); [Dan 11:27](#)) They are separating people, not uniting them. [Religionists](#) are the worst! Like the Muslims and Taliban groups, the different religions ride the wild beast ([Rev 17:1-2](#)) as they convince their local governments to support their causes (*some religions have actually appointed themselves a government as well a religion*). Christendom religions and nations often lie and distort truth, misapplying scriptures to keep their followers in line and separated from those who might expose their [doctrines](#) in the light of Bible truth. ([Pro 16:27-30](#)) You surely realize the one and only faith shared by all these governments and dogmatic [Doeg](#) groups is this: They each one believe they are right beyond question; and, ***they each seem compelled to encourage coerce everyone else to join their sect and share their way of thinking*** (*people are thus being “forced” to receive the mark of the beast*). No matter if they call it inclusion or patriotism or “truth” or what, forcing support is still just terrorism! They compel everyone to accept the mark they personally have chosen, which is actually: The mark of the beast? As an example: During [the dark ages](#), the Roman Catholic Church forced their imagined Christianity on much of the world (*at the point of a Roman sword. The Church had apostatized*

itself through an alliance with the [then Roman] world power. The Church gained the support or even control of Roman military might, and Rome got the religious respect and compliance of its citizens.) As the power of Rome (and therefore of the Church) waned at the close of the Dark Ages (a period of illiteracy brought about by the Church outlawing the Bible for common people; keeping it hidden in a dead language. The Bible could only be read by the Church's Latin trained priesthood, thus producing the [Dark Ages](#)). During that period, the Buddhists of Japan (functioning as the "Japanese" national religion), forced by most horrible torture the conversion of Catholic Priests serving in Japan to the Buddhist faith. Listening to stories about the prayers by some of the priests who went through such torture can make you wonder why God abandoned them. Remember though, He couldn't abandon them. He never knew them. That is not to say He didn't hear the prayers of some individuals among them or know of their plight. God couldn't know their "[sectarian religious group](#)" as his friends, however, because none of them (as a religious sect, mind you, not judging individuals) knew God. That they didn't know God is demonstrated by their not knowing to teach people to listen to Christ, instead trying to coerce them to join their sect. They taught people to look to their priesthood (or preachers or elders) for absolution and for teaching: They remained like the sincere woman at the well, before she realized her need to listen to Christ. Before the woman heard God's command to listen to his son, no matter how sincere she might have been, Jesus told her bluntly she worshipped what she did not know. ([John 4:22 and 25-26 of 7-26](#)) All these divisive groups have become "complete" over the centuries in that they are each one set in their heart to the extent of being willing to harm those who won't join them and/or seek their approval. Illustrating their divisive effects and disastrous influence, we see people who wear masks gathering as mobs to promote hate for those who don't, and vice versa. The result: People are actually killing each other over whether to wear a Covid mask. Are you not shocked at seeing that? Many church leaders take a stand on such issues as they fan the hate and thus escalate the tribulation. As a personal example: One seemingly kind and upright man was distressed to admit his involvement in politics had been so influential as to cause him to verbally assault his own son over a statement his adult child made on the telephone about Trump. He said if his son had been in his presence, he would have fought him. He has always been close to his son and is so

upset by his own outburst of anger, he has abandoned watching the news to avoid that influence. He is afraid of being further angered only causing distress. He said the news is just upsetting all the time. The evening news recently showed a large powerful black man severely beating and stomping an elderly Asian woman. In early June of 2021, a video News clip showed a person stepping up to a house in Queens, NY, sticking a hand gun through the fence to the steps of a house, and firing at least six shots; killing a ten year old boy inside the house. Most of us agree with one police officer who stated he is amazed to see how this world keeps saying good is bad and bad is good. ([Isa 5:18-25](#)) Hate is rampant and the very fabric of society is being unraveled everywhere you look: That is because the wicked have gained control of our world in a way not seen since Noah's day. ([Gen 6:5-8](#)) People feel they are above the rule of law. One point the Bible makes is this: For peace to exist, all the people "determined" to continue these terrible practices must die. ([Pro 5:21-23](#)) Not only the ones actually doing them, mind you, but all who would do them if they thought they could get away with it; they all must die. ([Rom 1:18-2:2](#)) Integrity is largely gone and all liars must die. ([Psa 58:3 & 10 of 1-11](#)) They do first receive the opportunity to listen to Christ. ([John 3:16-21](#)) Providing that chance, along with destroying the wicked, is why this "marking" is happening. Since the wicked are all liars and pretend to be nice, only God can judge among us. Jesus gave his very life to show and teach us how to be better people. ([1 Tim 2:5-6 of 3-7](#)) God is thus justified as good in destroying those who refuse to listen to Jesus! ([John 3:19](#)) If you're not concerned about world conditions, you must be either wicked or [ignorant or stupid](#), or, *you are among those taking advantage of God's help preservation of life, now being revealed.* ([Mat 24:21-22](#); [Eze 9:4 of 4-6](#)) While some people do want to change and make our world better, many become liars in an attempt to hide or protect the wicked members of the sect they worship! ([Rev 21:8 of 5-8](#)) Jesus came speaking truth to expose our own heart, ([John 15:22](#)) thus making the responsibility for the death of each wicked person their own. ([John 18:37](#); [Rom 1:18-2:2](#)) Please consider: Satan is a liar and the father of all lies. ([John 8:44](#); [2 Cor 4:3-6](#)) **God can never lie!** ([Titus 1:1-2](#)) **Your integrity, or your lack of it, thus reflects your chosen God.** ([Psa 58:1-11](#)) Liars all think, of course, they are very smart. They fail to perceive they are lost in the dark veil of their own deceit. ([2 Cor 3:15-16](#); [2 Cor 4:1-2](#)) It seems today, the majority of humankind have lost all compassion and

basic morality. ([Mat 24:11-12 of 4-14](#)) You should realize: Supporting any of these groups really just amounts to joining their chosen form of worship. Hate is what you will learn and reap. They are complete (*or have completed themselves*) by having become resolved in their heart to continue their course, no matter who they harm. ***Here is the danger: Whatever entity or group you join and/or hope in for help and protection, is actually the image of the God you have chosen.*** Forsaking love by being willing to do harm to non-believers (*physically or emotionally*), each sect demonstrates they abandoned God.

([Mark 9:38-41](#)) Because of so much sectarian hate, life today is just as Jesus warned it would be: [Matthew 24:9-14 GNB](#) "**Then you will be arrested and handed over to be punished and be put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me. (10) Many will give up their faith at that time; they will betray one another and hate one another. (11) Then many false prophets will appear and fool many people. (12) Such will be the spread of evil that many people's love will grow cold. (13) But whoever holds out to the end will be saved. (14) 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.**

Please give attention: This is your chance to hear and share the "good news of the Kingdom" Jesus there said would be preached throughout the earth as *a prelude to "the end;"* that same good news is what you are hearing right now. ([Luke 21:13 of 7-28](#)) To support Christ's Kingdom, ([1 Cor 15:22-28 of 1-34](#)) and so be marked by God for life, you must abandon all the false promises being heralded by sects of men and women. They can't help or protect themselves. ([Luke 12:25-26](#)) They certainly can not help you!

And yes... ***Make no mistake!*** What individuals (*what you*) ***choose to hope in, what you envision in your mind and hope in your heart will provide your help and protection,*** ([Pro 18:11](#)) "*that*" ***is the image of the God you have chosen.*** Who or what individuals follow, by giving their right hand of power in support of, is their chosen God. As the [tribulation](#) continues to intensify, ([Mat 24:21-22](#)) every person is being encouraged (or forced) to join one of these groups. This letter will only make sense, however, to wise people. Those actually hearing God are probably not the majority. ([Mat 7:13-14](#)) [Knowledge and understanding](#) is for those who see the tribulation as cause to reevaluate whether the teachings by Jesus are true and have value. ([Rom 14:11-12](#)) As all the lost souls continue to comply



with pressures to join one of this world's sects or religions, their allegiance to that membership becomes the mark of the beast in the forefront of their mind. What, though, about receiving the mark for life from the one true God? ([1 Cor 8:5-6](#)) In considering that, ***you should probably start with becoming/being familiar with God's Personal Name:***

***God's Name is יהוה (sounds like "Yea•Vah").*** If you are going to offer your prayers him, shouldn't you call him by his [Personal Name](#)? That Divine Name is יהוה, and God does not have "many" names ([Psa 83:18; Jer 33:1-3](#)) as some people assert. ***יהוה is God's [Personal Hebrew Name](#) just as He had it recorded over 6000 times in the inspired Bible text.*** When Hebrews speak God's Name, it sounds like Yea•Vah to English speakers. (That's "Yea" as in "[yeg-go-team](#)" followed by "Vah" as in the first two letters of "[vau](#)lt." It has that same sound, of course, no matter what language "you" speak. [You should probably not write "Yea•Vah" to represent יהוה's name, because Yea•Vah is just a made up "sounds like" word. ***There is no inspired English (or other language) translation of the Divine Name.*** יהוה is God's Bible recorded Name as He spoke it to his servants thousands of years ago.]) To hear the pronunciation of the Divine Name, please visit: [JustBibleTruth.com/DoesGodHaveAName.html](http://JustBibleTruth.com/DoesGodHaveAName.html)

You should also [understand](#), יהוה is right now putting "his mark" on every person who will accept it:

***Ezekiel 9:1-7 Modern World Translation (With God's Name restored.):*** Then I heard God shout, "Come here, you men who are going to punish the city. Bring your weapons with you." (Note: "The city," [of ancient Jerusalem] represented God's real (as well as his "alleged") servants in the earth during Ezekiel's day. Today, in this prophecy, Jerusalem again represents all those who "proclaim" they are serving God [some of them falsely], whatever named sect they may have chosen as their mark.) (2) At once six men came from the outer north gate of the Temple, each one carrying a weapon. With them was a man dressed in linen clothes, carrying a writer's inkhorn. They all came and stood by the bronze altar. (3) Then the dazzling light of (and representing) the presence of the God of Israel rose up from the winged creatures (carved on the top of the ark of the covenant) where it had been,

[[Lev 16:2](#)] and moved to the entrance of the Temple. יהוה called to the man dressed in linen, (4) "Go through the whole city of Jerusalem and **put a mark on the forehead of everyone who is crying and moaning because of all the disgusting things being done in the city.**" (5) And I heard God say to the other ("six") men, "Follow him through the city and kill. Spare no one; have mercy on no one. (6) **Kill the old men, young men, young women, mothers, and children. But don't touch anyone who has the mark on his forehead.** Start here at my Temple." So they began with the (*religious*) leaders (*or with the old men*) who were standing there at the Temple. (7) God said to them, "Defile the Temple. Fill its courtyards with corpses. Get to work!" So they began to kill the (*wicked unmarked*) people in the city.

**Ezekiel's words there inform (and warn) you of your opportunity to be marked by the man with the writer's inkhorn.**<sup>(a)</sup> Please note Ezekiel prophesied there would be "six" men with weapons for destruction. Six, remember, being the number representing humans.<sup>(see pg. 4)</sup> "Six" in this instance, then, may indicate it will be humans who unwittingly accomplish the destruction of those not marked for life by God: As these warring sects become more and more radical and destructive, it may be they will annihilate each other, all while יהוה<sup>(See pg 9)</sup> is protecting ([Ps 91](#); [Ps 58](#)) the righteous (those "marked" by their true faith in Christ). Whatever the precise method of God's destruction of the wicked, ([Ps 37:8-19](#)) **"all" people, just as the Bible says, are being marked in their forehead and thereby gathered to one side or the other at Armageddon:**

[Revelation 16:14-16](#) ESV (14) For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty. (15) **[Christ says:] "Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on,<sup>b</sup> that he may not go**

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<sup>b</sup> [Ephesians 6:14-18](#) GNB So stand ready, with truth as a belt tight around your waist, with righteousness as your breastplate, (15) and as your shoes the readiness to announce the Good News of peace (Christ's teachings). (16) At all times carry faith as a shield; for with it you will be able to put out all the burning arrows shot by the Evil One. (17) And accept salvation as a helmet, and the word of God as the sword which the

**about naked and be seen exposed!"** [To live, we must clothe ourselves in the teachings of Christ. – [Eph 6:13-20 of 13-24](#)] (16)  
**And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.**

How are you marking yourself? Can't you now see...? There are only two choices. It is *ordained by God* that you choose the one or the other. You were born among a worldwide mob of people in the act of following Satan (*many unknowingly*). ([Rom 5:12-14 of 12-21](#); [Rom 3:21-24 of 19-26](#)) You will continue with them in choosing the mark of the beast until you make the willful choice to change: You must be reborn ([John 3:1-8 plus](#)) by accepting the mark of Christ. That means feeding on Christ's sayings, ([John 6:53 & 57 and Rev 19:13 and John 6:63 and Mat 4:4 and John 4:34](#)) ~~which provide~~ *which sayings are your only source of life.* ([John 6:66-69](#)) You must flourish in your personal knowledge of what Jesus taught...

[Revelation 14:9-12](#) GNB A third angel followed the first two, saying in a loud voice, "Those who worship the beast and its image and receive the mark on their forehead or on their hand (10) will themselves drink God's wine, the wine of his fury, which he has poured at full strength into the cup of his anger! All who do this will be tormented in fire and sulfur before the holy angels and the Lamb. (11) The smoke of the fire that torments (*destroyed*) them goes up forever and ever. There is no relief day or night for those who (*or during the time they*) worship the beast and its image, for anyone who has the mark of its name." (12) ***This calls for endurance on the part of God's people, those who obey God's commandments<sup>c</sup> and are faithful to Jesus.*** Just please meditate on what that scripture is telling you. If you reject the teachings God sent Jesus to bring, you are making yourself his enemy and will be dealt with accordingly. ([John 3:19](#)) Don't hope in any of these false solutions provided and even forced on you by other men and women.

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Spirit gives you. (18) Do all this in prayer, asking for [God's](#) (אֱלֹהִים) help. Pray on every occasion, as the Spirit leads. For this reason keep alert and never give up; pray always for all God's people.

<sup>c</sup> God has given only one latter day command. As he explained, we must learn what he wants us to know by listening to his son: [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!"

So... You are marking yourself by your chosen faith. If you have wisdom as a gift of God's spirit, ([John 6:63](#); [John 14:15-17](#)) you should now understand: **People are individually marked in their forehead by what they truly believe will help and protect them. Their faith is the image of the God they have chosen!** You are marked in your right hand by what you give the power of your life to support. Who they join and support, then, is the way many people of this world are being deceived to receive the mark of the beast? Satan is in control of this world.<sup>(e)</sup> He deceives people to believe they are doing good, when all they are really accomplishing is failing to heed God's command to listen to and put faith in his son.<sup>(h)</sup> **Consider this very important: The only thing that can set you free and protect you is actually listening to Christ's words for yourself!** ([John 8:31-32](#)) (Read and reread [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#) and [John](#).) Who else but Satan would produce followers allowing wealth to puddle in the hands of a few (*who then use abuse it to attend outrageously priced football games or to travel the world to lay on its beaches, and/or to take advantage of abuse the poor...*), all the while half the world's children go without the things they need? Who but Satan would want a world where women and even little children (*and men as well*) are sold into sexual slavery; to be abused and even killed by the wicked? We see hordes descend on cities to party in the streets and pillage (*to pay for their trip – all the while locals hide in their homes praying the wicked won't break in*). The wicked announce publicly to newscasters they are above complying with rule of law. ([Rom 13:1-2](#)) Further demonstrating their rebellious contempt for law and order, the wicked threaten to burn and loot cities if the courts render any judgment against their very public and threatening "directives" on what is right. The problems facing our world are uncountable and unmentionable. All these problems form the tribulation Jesus warned (or promised) was coming.<sup>d</sup> **So... The most important question of life, the question you**

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<sup>d</sup> [Matthew 24:21-22](#) ALT "For then [*there*] will be great tribulation [*or, affliction*], such as has not been from [*the*] beginning of the world until now, nor never at all shall be. (22) "And if those days were not cut short, no flesh would be saved; but because of the chosen ones [*or, the elect, or, the ones being chosen*], those days will be cut short.

**should now be asking: “What do I really believe (have faith) will solve my problems?”** Your answer to that question is the decision we are each one making. And, **that personal verdict exposes what mark is in our forehead.** Those who join one of this world’s sectarian groups or religions, are really just being deceived to join Satan.<sup>e</sup> Each group pretends (*and some believe*) they are righteous and even that they are *the (only)* servants of God. When such a religion flies an airplane into a skyscraper, killing thousands of men, women and children, it is pretty easy for most people to understand those religious terrorists are serving Satan. When they put up a cross in the name of Jesus, while they sprinkle (*what they claim is*) holy water on babies and build hospitals, they can be harder to spot. When they approach you or come to your door in a never ending sectarian ~~educational work~~ *membership drive*, disguising it as Bible education, they can be harder to spot. If you look a little closer, however, to see their homosexual child abuse and greed, and/or the emotional distress they are happy to inflict on enemies of what they consider to be “the truth,” you easily identify their bad works. After some discussion about the Bible, a member of Jehovah’s Witnesses asked me what I believe that is different from his organization. He was no doubt looking for some doctrinal teaching he could judge me on, because I disagree with his sect’s doctrine. That’s actually a question I hear often from many religions: What is different about what I teach? How is it different from what their church teaches? The question usually hides an unrecognized but harmful motive. Religion is largely responsible for the plague causing all of humanity to be argumentative. All the churches

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<sup>e</sup> [1 John 5:18-21 ESV](#) We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God (the son of God) protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. (19) We know that we are from God, and ***the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.*** (20) And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding (intellectual capacity), so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. (21) Little children, keep yourselves from idols (any person or group who teaches you what is right and good, who teaches anything besides reading [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#) and/or [John](#) so as to listen for your-own-self to God’s son, is leading you to idol worship; no matter what they proclaim they are).

cause (*but usually try to disguise*) that hostility in their “sheep.” Every single “[religion](#)” starts by creating some doctrine of faith, to both govern their group and to judge who are approved members. Their intentions may be good, but what doctrines (*laws*) always cause is judgment and hate. The only doctrine any Christian should ever have is his or her determination to know the teachings of Jesus. The churches always tell their followers, and the Bible does say, we should be ready to make a defense of our faith (*in most cases they mean their [doctrine](#)*). The Bible then adds, however, we should defend our faith with a mild temper and deep respect. ([1 Pet 3:15](#)) Human communication is truly a miracle. Just think: A person who is skilled in that art can utter words that paint a mental image of what he or she is thinking, right through the air and into the mind of another person, assuming that person is also skilled in communication; and is actually able to listen. Religion always gets in the way of communication by stirring up a spirit of judgment and contention. As soon as a person who is not a member of their sect says anything to a religious person, especially about the Bible, they are immediately on alert to know whether what the speaker is about to say something different from their sect’s doctrine. The art of communication is thus derailed by judgment and suspicion. The hearer can no longer even really consider what the person says. You can’t possibly make a defense of your faith with a “mild temper and deep respect,” if you are not willing to even listen and understand the belief of the person you are attempting to defend your faith to. Jesus and his followers, as documented in the Bible, talked to people about whatever that person was concerned with. What they never ever did, was start asking the person if they believed the same as their sect. The inclination toward such sectarian judgment did show its ugly head in Jesus’s presence. John told Jesus he and the other apostles saw a man working for Jesus who would not “follow after them.” John wanted Jesus to come and rebuke the man. Jesus told them to leave him alone and not try to prevent him, since those who were doing works in Jesus name would not quickly be able to revile him. ([Mark 9:38-40](#)) My answer to people who ask what is different about my teachings, then, is really simple: “I just do my best to teach what Jesus Christ actually said, and I never ever encourage anyone to follow me. How that differs from what their group teaches is for them to judge and is a trivial matter in my

mind.” ([1 Cor 4:3 of 1-5](#)) If you have faith in Christ, then, try to consider the “*scriptures I share*” as an addition to (or refinement of) your existing faith; not as an assault on it. Jesus is the only person my Jehovah’s Witness friend (and my friends among other religions as well) should be listening to, instead of worrying about judging me by his church’s doctrine or approval. The same is true for you. Jesus both warned us about [fake Christians](#) ([Mat 23](#)) and explained how to spot them.<sup>(1)</sup> One way you can identify [religionists](#) is by what they call themselves. The inspired Bible name for the followers of Christ is “Christian.” ([Acts 11:22-26](#)) God’s chosen scriptural label (of *Christian*) is never enough, however, for those who follow men. They are all compelled to give themselves some “special” name so they can identify and judge who measures up to their standards. ([Mark 9:38-40](#)) “Religionists” feel the need to judge who are “their” brothers and sisters, and who are not. To begin that judgment process, then, they judge those not sharing their chosen “name for identification” as being lost to God. Don’t you do that! Δ [Baptists](#), for example, note John (*the Baptist*) was a forerunner of Christ and an excellent Bible example of what a Christian should be. So... They want to be identified as Baptists. All “the faithful,” they believe, follow their logic and will join “them.” Δ Some know Jesus came from Nazareth so they call themselves [Nazarenes](#). Δ [Jehovah’s Witnesses](#) believe the (*uninspired and possibly unapproved*) attempt (*during the dark ages*) to translate יהוה’s [name into English](#) as Jehovah is both important to humans and acceptable to God; so, they named themselves Jehovah’s Witnesses. (Note: I do agree with JW’s that יהוה’s (See pg 9) name is important [because of what the Bible teaches ([Psa 83:18](#)) and what Jesus said in [John 17:25-26](#)]. I do not, however, feel emboldened to use their attempted English translation of that [Divine Name](#).) Δ Jews still believe they are God’s chosen people because, well, they were; before Jesus Christ was born among them to teach them a better way. ([Heb 7:11-25](#)) Jesus extended God’s blessings and protection to non-Jews as well. ([John 10:14-16](#)) Please take special note I said the Jews “were” God’s chosen people: They were used for a time as God’s special nation because God promised about [6000 years ago](#), in the Garden of Eden (at [Gen 3:15](#)), He would raise up a delivering Messiah who would destroy the

works of the Devil (*would crush Satan's head*). ([1 John 3:8](#)) About [2000 years later](#) (*and 4000 years ago*) God reaffirmed the promise about that coming Messiah when he assured Abraham in [Gen 22:15-18](#) that the deliverer would be one of Abraham's descendants. About 2000 years later, then, (*and [about 2000 years ago](#)*) Jesus was born among those Jewish descendants of Abraham. When their Jewish nation, which was being protected to accomplish God's purpose to produce the Messiah, rejected and killed the son of God, they lost their favored status as a nation. ([Mat 23:37-38](#)) Since then, each person, Jew or Gentile, must ~~please~~ *approach* God through their own personal faith in Christ. ([Col 3:10-11](#); [Gal 3:26-29](#)) Each individual must worship God in spirit and truth. ([John 4:21-23 of 7-26](#)) Δ So, then, because [religious people](#) continue to belch up seaweed and mire, (*false religious teachings asserted to be good - [Isa 57:19-21](#)*) we wind up with the plethora of religious sects we see today; with each one believing their "named" group identifies them as the true servants of God. (*The "completed human number" [666] of these self-named [religious](#) groups, then, represents "the number of the name of the beast." - [Rev 13:17](#)*) Since each sect picked and use some scripture they reasoned out ([Mat 16:8](#)) to be directing them to take up "their own special group name," they each one believe their names are chosen for them by God. All they have each one done, in reality, is refuse to hear God's ~~directions~~ *command* at [Acts 11:26](#) to call themselves "Christians." Each self-named group extolls their (*self-proclaimed*) powerful works done in their *group's name* as proof they are God's true servants. ([Mat 7:22-23](#)) One group builds schools and hospitals and ornate churches, which they assert are proof of God's blessings. Another sect points to their "superior" Bible knowledge as "their works" proving *they* are God's chosen ones. Each one of these groups claim to preach faith in Christ, of course, but what they really seek and demand is faith in their self-named sectarian organization and its doctrine of faith; along with abject submission to their human leaders. They each have some man or subgroup they believe you *must* follow without question: Catholics have the pope, whose teachings they assert are infallible. Mormons have Joseph Smith and the Book of Mormon, which book they assert to be equal to the Bible and infallible. Jehovah's Witnesses have the subgroup they assert are "the anointed" brothers of



Christ, whose writings you must accept as being infallible (*as being “[spiritual food](#)” from God*). Most other “Christendom” religions proclaim unquestioning faith in the doctrine put forth by the World Council of Churches. That’s the second way to identify the false prophets Jesus warned about, ([Mat 7:15-23](#)) by realizing they each direct people to their organization and to its literature rather than to Christ and his sayings; which “Christian sayings” God inspired recorded in the Gospels by [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#) and [John](#). ([John 6:63b](#)) Many sects entice (*or coerce*) you to believe you can’t understand Christ without them to interpret his words for you. If you believe such lies (*drink their Kool-Aid – Jim Jones massacre*), can you really still imagine you are following Christ? Many people admit they believe what I say is true, but are afraid to abandon their religious sect because they feel a need to have “someone” guide them. That’s partially true! They (*and we all*) do need a guide; but please note: That’s why God sent Christ! Jesus came as our instructor and mediator, and, He was adamant that he must be our only teacher! ([Mat 23:2-12](#)) Once you really understand your need to hear Christ, ([Mat 17:5](#)) you are set free of feeling the need for any human or sect. ([John 8:31-32](#); [John 4:23](#)) If you’re not excited and made happy by your faith, you should evaluate to be certain your faith is in what Jesus actually said. ([Acts 20:29-30](#); [James 1:22-25](#)) Sectarian groups publicly mark as enemies anyone exposing their lies and hypocrisy in the light of Christ’s words. ([Luke 9:49-50](#)) One old and dear (*and very [religious](#)*) friend confided to feeling numb and having trouble feeling love for anyone, even God. Those feelings make him fearful he is not a Christian, and maybe never was! The leaders (*elders and overseers*) of his sect callously assure him his only problem is not studying their organization’s literature enough. They don’t encourage him to study the words of Christ, mind you, but *their organization’s literature*. His happiness and love for others will return, they assure him, if he is just more loyal to their group and “its teachings” (*its doctrine*). *His group’s leaders are liars!* ([Rev 2:1-2](#)) Those leaders actually do “claim” to believe in “Bible study,” of course; but then, undermine their own statement of faith by warning Bible study must be done only as directed by their leaders and organization’s literature. They actually believe everyone must listen to their sect explain what the Bible means; all the while they pick and choose scriptures out of

context to support their doctrine. What they never encourage my old friend (or any of "their sheep") to do, is simply to sit at the feet of Jesus by reading the Gospels, so as to learn from Christ how to do God's will: The will of God for us being to listen to and learn from his son. ([Mark 3:31-35](#); [Luke 10:38-42](#)) [Religionists](#) can not ever direct people to Christ, don't you see, because Jesus's words expose their hypocrisy! ([Mat 23:1-15](#)) Religious people seem unable to comprehend all "true sheep" are Christ's sheep, not their organization's sheep. ([John 10:1-15](#)) They think it's the same thing! All dressed up in a sheep suit, ([Mat 7:15](#)) my old friend's religious leaders put their arm around him as they proclaim "they" are sent by God to teach him what he needs. He We can't understand Jesus, these superfine apostles ([2 Cor 11:3-6](#)) have persuaded my friend, without their group's directions. What I suggest is my friend is not stupid (*nor are the rest of us*), and God made clear we should accept only one teacher: Jesus Christ! ([Mat 23:1-15](#); [Mat 17:5](#)) As to my friend's fears about his lacking love for God: When I say you will be made happy by your faith, I don't mean you will be delirious and able to let your guard down. Paul was inspired to write to the [Ephesian Christians in chapter 6 verses 10-18](#), that we are all caught in a spiritual war against enemies that are far more powerful than we. When that war is over, then we can and will be deliriously happy. Till then, Jesus said in [Matthew 10:32-40](#) we should realize he came not to bring peace (*in the short term*) but to bring a sword. That sword is forced to our hand, of course, by the enemies of truth. Jesus also told us in [Matthew 7:15](#) (of 15-20) to be on the watch for false prophets that come in sheep's covering but are really ravenous wolves. If you are a sheep of Christ, really contemplate what those words mean: Jesus was warning about religious leaders who come pretending to be your friend while they lyingly promise they are *the true servants* of God... They are actually, however, just a part of the Beast of Revelation! Such wolves promise if you will read their organizations literature, and follow their instructions (*including giving them your money and time*), you will be a happy servant of God. If you're not happy, they always warn, it's because you're not studying *their literature* and praying hard enough. What they will never, ever, tell you, however, is to simply hear God's command at [Mark 9:7](#) to listen to his son, and then, help you realize you should do just that: Read

the words of Jesus Christ. ([Mat 11:27](#); [Luke 10:38-42](#)) That directive from God must be just too simplistic for their imagined great status and wisdom. ([Mat 11:25-30](#)) ***“Listening” to Jesus is the real and only way you can be made happy, because that is the doing of God’s will;*** and, because your doing so makes you part of Christ’s family! ([Mark 3:31-35](#)) You can’t be perfectly happy, mind you, in the midst of this spiritual war and tribulation; but happy in your spiritual freedom and knowledge of truth. ([John 8:31-32](#)) Happy in being granted by God to identify those who are really just lying wolves. Happy in knowing the tribulation is almost over and better times are near ahead. ([Luke 21:25-28](#)) As for having love: You can and should have principled love for all people. You should hope the best for each person. You must also remember, however, unchecked love for any *individual* is dangerous. ([Luke 23:33-34](#)) You must remain vigilant that any person you know may choose to become, or already be, bad (*as they abandon their love for both God and you*)! You can’t blindly trust anyone. In the world news recently (2021), two tiny 3 or 4 year old girls were “dropped” 15 or 20 feet over the border wall (*between the U.S. and Mexico*) and then abandoned. The press quickly said their mother was already in the U.S. and the girls were being reunited with her. It’s hard not to take sides in support of them. But reality makes wise people ask... Was the mother in the U.S. illegally? Is she really just a human trafficker, bringing in children to sell or abuse? We must all face it is a terrible world and full of liars. ([Psa 58](#)) Understanding we must live with that [knowledge](#) does not represent a lack of love, but wise caution! ([Mat 10:16-20](#)) This is a time of testing! (*Mankind’s [test is not from God](#), [[James 1:13-14](#)] but is brought by Satan. Our expressing faith in Christ Jesus is God’s one simple same solution for each one of us. Being aware all these sectarian groups are being abandoned by God and some are actually destroying each other [emotionally and/or physically], you must forsake and abhor any association with them. – [Rev 18:4-5](#)*) After talking about some of the trials his followers would face, Jesus said in [Mark 9:49-50](#), we must all be tried as by fire. **Remember: The good result of [these activities by God](#) is *bringing an end of this wicked old world system, to reestablish paradise (as God destroys all those who are spreading wickedness).*** ([Mat 24:21-22](#); [Mat 24:37-39](#); [Isa 11:1-12](#); [Psa 37:29](#)) ***Only individuals who have learned***

***from Christ to be peaceful can be there.*** Thus, what God is doing is very good! True Christians, because of knowing these scriptures, avoid the judgmental sects of this world like the plague they are. Only the true followers of Christ realize their Bible assigned name is Christian.

([Acts 11:26](#)) They refuse to accept any of the names [religious sects](#) and/or movements believe to be superior to “Christian.” ***True Christian Bible Students are international and non-sectarian, having joined themselves only to Christ Jesus. They realize no man or group on earth is identifying, or most certainly deciding, Christian membership.***

([Rev 21:27](#); [Heb 12:22-13:6](#)) Christians appreciate Jesus taught we must worship God in spirit and truth, as individuals; ([John 4:19-21 & 23-26](#)) and then, that we are judged to be Christian personally by יהוה God; (See pg 9) that judgment based on our demonstrated faith in his son’s teachings.

([1 Cor 4:1-5](#); [John 3:19-21](#)) In other words, Christians are not [religious](#); they are, well, Christian! And, Christians [understand](#) the great distinction between [religion](#) and Christianity. In addition to the unnumbered religious sects, there are other imagined and/or self-proclaimed “good” political or racial causes that only foment hostility and hate. Sectarian groups teach blacks, for example, to resist when being stopped or arrested by police; thereby causing the police to be terrified of trying to enforce the law on blacks. We see whole communities where disregard for the rule of law has destroyed functional society. Mass groups of liars and thieves shut down the stores providing goods and services to their community, because they descend on those stores in hordes (*mobs*) to steal whatever they want. My personal opinion is: What made America work so well for so long was that she was a Christian nation. She protected religious freedom, thus allowing individuals the opportunity to become Christians. What I mean in saying America was a “Christian Nation” is simply that enough people had respect for the Bible to know better than to join themselves to a mob of thieves. ([Pro 1:10-19](#)) The percentage of God fearing individuals was high enough to provide a framework of protection that extended to even the wicked, because societal support for law and order protected the meek from the wicked. Most Americans had at least heard God’s command not to steal (*from among the Ten Commandments*), knew the name of Jesus Christ, and had

some fear of displeasing God. ([Deu 5:19 of 6-21](#)) Our day in time, however, seems more like Noah's day; with many or even most people once again wicked and deserving death. How can police officers control persons who resist arrest while knowing their brothers in blue are often killed by such resisters? How can radicals who teach resistance not realize resisting established law and order, even when those human laws (*supported by God* - [Rom 13:1-4](#)) are imperfect, is only going to cause people to get hurt or killed? Is it they actually do know, but are just pleased to sacrifice ~~the innocent~~ *their followers* on the altar of their sectarian cause? This is not to condemn people of any race or religion who are sincerely trying to *help* others: Those who, for example, join a school board to make their children's school better. Even in such cases, however, Christians must be very careful to keep love of Christ first in their lives (*in their forehead, or, in the forefront of their mind*). Most Christians won't ever join mob demonstrations because *everyone* knows such groups often lead to (*or serve as a cover for*) violence and hate! No matter what they assert and pretend to be, any closed sectarian community that elevates themselves judges ([Mat 23:5-12](#)) of who is pleasing God (*or who is doing good*) is really just a terrorist mob. ([Mat 7:1-2](#); [1 Cor 4:1-5](#))

These different religions and sects are all being gathered to wage war against the Christ. They war with Jesus by asserting what "they" are doing and teaching is right and good; and/or, by saying they are workers for God and are teaching what Christ taught. That reveals they are not true Christians, however, because they judge we all need to follow "them" to lead us to do good and/or to know Christ and his [Father](#). ([Mat 24:23-25](#)) All who won't join their sect are thus made wicked in their judgment. Religious leaders are, in that way, attempting to be stand-ins or replacements for Christ; by trying to connect their self-named sect with your being pleasing to God. ([Mat 23:8-12 of 1-15](#)) They want to replace Christ in your mind by linking your salvation to your being approved by, and/or giving support to, their sectarian cult: <sup>(1)</sup>

**Revelation 19:17-20 GNB** (17) Then I saw an angel standing on the sun (Note: Everyone who is looking for God and listening [by studying the Bible], can see this angel as easily as the sun, and can hear his message). He shouted in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair: "Come and gather together for God's great feast! (18) Come and eat the flesh of kings, generals, and soldiers, the flesh of horses and their riders, the flesh of all people, slave and free, great and small!" (19) **Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered to fight against the one (Christ) who was riding the horse and against his army.** (20) The beast was taken prisoner, together with the false prophet who had performed miracles in his presence. It was by those miracles that he had deceived those who had the mark of the beast and those who had worshiped the image (*their own mental picture of what will help them*) of the beast. The beast and the false prophet were both thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur. **Revelation 20:14-15 GNB** (14) Then death and the world of the dead were thrown into the lake of fire. (Note: This "first" death condition [the "first death" represents the death we inherited from Adam and are each born already dying] is destroyed [is thrown into the lake of fire] by the resurrections of people out of that "first death" [Acts 24:15]) **This lake of fire is the second death.** (15) Those who did not have their name written in the book of the living (by having God's mark in their forehead; representing their faith in Christ) were thrown into the lake of fire. (Note: The "second death" or "lake of fire" is the judgment of wickedness from יהרה. There is no resurrection from the "second death." That is the final destruction and end of all who receive it.)

If you don't retain anything else, please store to heart the following four scriptural footnotes: (footnotes f thru i) (**Mat 11:25-30**) **The method of protecting yourself, so as to survive this tribulation, begins as God first looks through the earth to find every individual who is righteously inclined.<sup>f</sup> Jesus said God then shows his power in their behalf by directing (or dragging) them to his son.<sup>g</sup>** Every righteous person thus begins their own salvation by hearing יהרה's (See pg 9)

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<sup>f</sup> **2 Chronicles 16:9 MWT** (9) For the eyes of יהרה (See pg 9) behold all the earth, and give strength to those who with a perfect heart trust in him...

<sup>g</sup> **John 6:44 ALT** (Jesus said:) "No one is able to come to Me unless the Father having sent Me draws [or, drags] him..."

command to listen to Jesus;<sup>h</sup> then, they actually do that! If you are one who really [comprehends](#) what I am saying, it likely means you are righteous, being drawn by God's spirit.<sup>(g)</sup> **All who will be Christian must abandon the sects of men who have deceived them to join any cult, especially the [religious](#) ones, and then, they must actually turn to Christ. Christians realize that means reading Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John** for themselves. They also understand that is the only way they can safely learn <sup>(l)</sup> what יהוה<sup>l</sup> (See pg 9) sent his son to teach. This truth is harsh for those who refuse God's command to hear his son! <sup>(h)</sup> It remains true! Mankind has lived [6000 years since Adam](#), most of that time in opposition to יהוה<sup>l</sup>.<sup>(See pg 9)</sup> Those days of mankind's ignorant disobedience are now being brought to an end.<sup>i</sup> Jesus said our days of the [tribulation](#) (and of the revelation of the Son of Man) will be like the days of Noah and Lot.<sup>j</sup> To survive, Noah had to build an Ark (probably over several decades) while Lot needed only to flee a wicked city. After Noah and Lot (and their families) had safely followed God's directions, destruction of the wicked followed nearly instantaneously. ([1 Thes 5:3](#)) As for us, what we need is

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<sup>h</sup> [Matthew 17:5](#) ALT While he (*Peter*) is still speaking (*to Jesus*), look!, a bright cloud overshadowed them. And listen! A voice out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son—the Beloved—in whom I am well-pleased! Be paying attention to Him!"

<sup>i</sup> [Acts 17:29-31](#) GW So if we are God's children, we shouldn't think that the divine being is like an image made from gold, silver, or stone, an image that is the product of human imagination and skill. (30) "God overlooked the times (of such ignorance) when people didn't know any better. But now he commands everyone everywhere to turn to him (to listen to his son)<sup>(h)</sup> and change the way they think and act.<sup>(e)</sup> (31) He has set a day when he is going to judge the world with justice,<sup>(m)</sup> and he will use a man (Christ Jesus) he has appointed to do this. God has given proof to everyone that he will do this by bringing that man back to life."

<sup>j</sup> [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.

to hear God's command to listen to his son;<sup>(h)</sup> and then, to actually learn from Jesus ([1 John 5:20](#)) and exercise faith. We demonstrate our faith (*climb into the ark*) when we cease listening to and supporting the many teachings of the often well intentioned (*and usually religious*) men and women of Satan's world. ([1 John 5:18-21](#)) ***It is our own personal and undivided faith in Christ*** (such faith requiring, of course, we first be familiar with what Jesus said) ***that is the method or mechanism for the preservation of our lives.*** Put very simply, our [faith](#) in Christ's words can preserve us alive, ([Mat 9:21-22](#)) right through the tribulation. Now, I do know hearing that you need to listen to and put faith in Christ's words sounds just too simplistic to be your salvation; but, it isn't.<sup>k</sup> Most people promise it is your support for their sect that will make things better for you; and for all mankind. ***That false image of false hope is their false God.*** And, their broadcasting and promoting that false God is their bad fruitage.<sup>(l)</sup> That bad fruitage, their directing people to a sect of men rather than Christ, is the second way you can identify [religionists](#). Jesus warned just saying we are Christian is not good fruitage.<sup>l</sup> The only good

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<sup>k</sup> [2 Kings 5:9-14 GNB](#) So Naaman went with his horses and chariot and stopped at the entrance to Elisha's house. (10) Elisha sent a servant out to tell him to go and wash himself seven times in the Jordan River, and he would be completely cured of his disease. (11) But Naaman left in a rage, saying, "I thought that he would at least come out to me, pray to the LORD [יהוה] (See pg 9)] his God, wave his hand over the diseased spot, and cure me! (12) Besides, aren't the rivers Abana and Pharpar, back in Damascus, better than any river in Israel? I could have washed in them and been cured!" (13) ***His servants went up to him and said, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something difficult, you would have done it. Now why can't you just wash yourself, as he said, and be cured?"*** (14) So Naaman went down to the Jordan, dipped himself in it seven times, as Elisha had instructed, and he was completely cured. His flesh became firm and healthy like that of a child.

<sup>l</sup> [Matthew 7:15-23 GNB](#) "Be on your guard against false prophets; they come to you looking like sheep on the outside, but on the inside they are really like wild wolves. (16) You will know them by what they do. Thorn bushes do not bear grapes, and briars do not bear figs. (17) A healthy tree bears good fruit, but a poor tree bears bad fruit. (18) A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a poor tree cannot bear good fruit. (19) And any tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown in the fire. (20) So then, you will know the false prophets by what they do. [*False*



fruitage exists in actually directing people to listen to Christ for themselves. **Simply stated: The mark in your forehead is the judgment you are rendering over yourself by what you are doing about God's command to listen to Jesus.**<sup>m</sup> So... Everyone alive needs to be helped to understand this one simple truth (pg 8 - [Mat 24:14](#)) which defines (or is) "the good news of the kingdom": **We are all being marked and thereby gathered to Armageddon.** The only choice we really have is in deciding and making known whose side we are on (or perhaps more accurately, who has gathered us)! Armageddon is not a location where every person on earth is gathered physically. It is our chosen state of mind. It is the interior room ([Isa 26:20-21](#)) of your faith, temple-ing either [יהוה](#) (See pg 9) or whatever "false" God you have instead enshrined there. Some of these wicked groups are so well funded and organized, and are loyal to their cause beyond all reason and without integrity or compassion, they can be terrifying. While refusing to join them will not make you popular with the sectarian [Doeg](#) groups of this world, don't be afraid! ([1 Pet 3:10-16](#)) As the tribulation escalates, fueled in part by these sects spreading and magnifying hate, and as more and more people continue to die all around us, ([Psalm 91](#)) those who refuse God's command to listen to Christ will find they have more pressing problems than your not joining them to

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*prophets direct people to membership in their sect rather than to learn for themselves what Jesus said in the Gospels.]* (21) "Not everyone who calls me 'Lord, Lord' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only those who do what my Father in heaven wants them to do. <sup>(h)</sup> (22) When the Judgment Day comes, many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord! In your name we spoke God's message, by your name we drove out many demons and performed many miracles!' (23) Then I will say to them, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you wicked people!'

<sup>m</sup> [John 12:47-50](#) GW If anyone hears my words and doesn't (won't) follow them, I don't condemn them. I didn't come to condemn the world but to save the world. (48) Those who reject me by not accepting what I say have a judge appointed for them. The words that I have spoken will judge them on the last day. (49) I have not spoken on my own. Instead, the Father who sent me told me what I should say and how I should say it. (50) I know that what he commands is eternal life. Whatever I say is what the Father told me to say."

worry about! **While your stand for Christ might awaken and help some people, for sure and certain, your personal faith is YOUR only salvation!**

You take in God's spirit to heal and protect yourself, when and only when, you sit at Jesus's feet and listen.<sup>n</sup>

~~We~~ You can sit at Jesus's feet, still yet today, by simply reading from [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#) and [John](#). You can learn some about יהוה (See pg 9) by listening to what I say, but please know, you can't take in יהוה's spirit by listening to me. Only the words of Christ infuse you with God's spirit. ([John 6:63 plus](#)) **Truth is, most everything you can learn from me can be summed up in hearing my one simple warning: You must hear יהוה's command to listen to his son. (Mat 17:5)** So you can still hear his son, God inspired the four Gospel writers to record parallel accounts of what Jesus said and did. **We can still take in God's spirit by feeding on Christ's words. (Mark 4:35-41 and Mark 11:22-23 and Luke 11:9-13 and John 6:63 and Mark 3:31-35)** As you carve out time to peacefully read and meditate on the words of Jesus, the joy that overwhelms you is the indwelling of God's spirit. ([John 14:15-17](#)) [*In the midst of this tribulation and chaos, when many people don't have homes or even food to eat, please remember and appreciate: Any time and peace you have to learn from Christ is a loving gift from יהוה. (See pg 9) (As I speak those words, I can almost hear some of you saying "it's not about knowledge, faith is the important thing." Well, yes, but faith in what? The Bible explains faith is the assured expectation of things hoped for. [Heb 11:1-3] That requires you first know what those things you should hope [and pray] for are. The purpose of this booklet is to help you understand, that's precisely what Christ was sent by his Father to teach: What things it is proper to hope in and to ask God for. –John 16:23-24; John 6:44)]* This is all just so simple,

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<sup>n</sup> [John 6:63 ESV](#) It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

[John 6:63 GW](#) Life is spiritual. Your physical existence doesn't contribute to that life. The words that I have spoken to you are spiritual. They are life.

[John 6:63 BBE](#) The spirit is the life giver; the flesh is of no value: the words which I have said to you are spirit and they are life.

and yet, it is the most wondrous and beautiful thing ever heard! Abandon the many works being done by all the self-righteous and often very [religious](#) persons following Satan<sup>(e)</sup> (*often unknowingly*). Then, join yourself to Christ. While that is simple to do, Satan is trying to hide that truth; or, to make it seem hard to understand. Many religionists teach you are dependent on following them by asserting “they” are your only source of God’s mark for salvation. Remember, you are the only one alive who can make the wise choice for yourself; *who can make “your” choice to abandon Satan and join yourself to Christ!* ([Mark 3:31-35](#)) You must start by [understanding](#): You can’t join any sect of men to get you there. Even if they mean well, if people are not very specifically directing you to Christ’s teachings (*and away from their own*), following them will bring you death. To gain the real and true life, only available in Jesus, you must express<sup>o</sup> your faith in God’s son; which must include publicly rejecting all the works (*of all the [sectarian groups](#)*) of men and women who are trying to involve you in what they have faith will protect them. Then, as you listen to Christ, stand still to witness your salvation...<sup>p</sup>

Please do not believe Satan’s lie (*and the lie of his followers*) that you will be alone or lonely if you abandon the religions and sects of this world. In abandoning them, you are joining ([John 8:31-32](#)) yourself foremost to יהוה (See pg 9) and to his dear son. Then, in righteousness and in the joy set before you, you join the great cloud of other individuals who have turned and are turning to Christ. ([Heb 12:1-3](#)) You also join me. Christians are not united by any earthly membership or sectarian name, but by their very personal faith in the heavens (*by their individual faith in God and in his Christ*). ([Pro 30:4-6](#)) Christians

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<sup>o</sup> [Romans 10:10 CEV](#) God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others.

[Romans 10:10 GNB](#) For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved.

[Romans 10:10 ESV](#) For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

<sup>p</sup> [2 Chronicles 20:17 CEV](#) You won't even have to fight. Just (stand still) take your positions and watch the LORD [יהוה (See pg 9)] rescue you from your enemy. Don't be afraid. Just do as you're told.<sup>(c)</sup> And as you march out (to Armageddon) tomorrow, the LORD [יהוה (See pg 9)] will be there with you ([Psalm 91](#)).

are all the individuals who are loving and kind toward others. They are the people who give directions when you ask, or give you a cup of cold water to drink. ([Mat 10:40-42](#)) They are always anxious to be helpful, to everyone, simply because of their Christian loving kindness. There are likely lots of them in the world: People who have managed to avoid being led along by the hateful sects created and given names by men. You will not be lonely in joining those who follow Christ, but, you must abandon everyone rendering sectarian judgments against Christ's true servants. Christians will care for you in loving-kindness and truth, just because they each one understand they also extend kindness to Christ when doing it to you. It is exactly as Jesus told us in [Mat 25:34-40 of 31-46](#): By following God's son, you join the most wondrous group of people who ever lived. In following Christ you join those who are obeying [יהוה](#). (See pg 9) I wish I could tell you I believe the great majority of mankind will follow Christ, and thus be preserved alive through this tribulation. I do hope that! From the Bible examples used by Jesus of Noah and Lot, ([Luke 17:20-30](#)) however, I don't really expect hordes of mankind to turn to Christ. Thankfully, it is [יהוה](#) who renders that judgment. However many there are being saved, will you be one of us? Join us! Please benefit yourself ([Isa 48:17](#) of 16-19) by taking the time to meditate on [Heb 11:1-12:3](#).

Can you hide yourself from danger? Maybe; if you can hold in mind a summarization of these few presented scriptures! Your life depends on your being able to comprehend what is real and true! ([Pro 1:1-4](#)) That is why Jesus was sent by his Father: ([John 18:37](#)) To teach you ([1 John 5:20](#)) what God wants you to know... ([John 6:48-58](#)) From these scriptures, you should now understand: All the people of earth are being gathered to Armageddon. You should also realize Armageddon is not a physical location but a state or place in mind. Armageddon represents (*or is the manifestation of*) your choice of who you are following (*or, of who you are being gathered by*). It is your mental image of the God you have chosen. Remember too: Being gathered to Armageddon is not bad. It is God's relief for the righteous. ([Luke 21:25-28](#)) We must be wise like Mary, and not be led along by this world's concerns and desires, like her sister Martha (*temporarily was*). ([Luke 10:38-42](#)) Mary's wise choice to have her "good portion" was simply her decision to sit and listen to the son of God. God has given only one later day command (*since the birth of Christ*): He said we must listen to his son. ([Mark 9:7](#)) One of the most vexing things is having to continue to live

(temporarily) in among a twisted and crooked generation. ([Phil 2:12-16](#); [2 Pet 2:7-9](#)) We have to work and function among them, while fighting not to be overcome with their desires and ways of thinking. Many people mean well and try to do good, but in ignoring Jesus, they are choosing to remain ignorant of truth. A few seem just greedy and selfish, lacking any love for God or other humans. ([2 Tim 3:1-7](#)) It is hard not to be drawn to help some of them; or, in the case of those who are (apparently) wicked, to want to fight against them. When we hear people explain how they have been wronged by others, or maybe even see it happen, it is hard not to take sides. A black man knocked on my white son's door (in his predominately white neighborhood) carrying a can of gasoline. When my son answered the door, the black man displayed the gas as he told him he was there to mow his grass. The problem is, we can never judge among such people to know who is a terrorist and who is just ignorant and/or doesn't care that a strange man coming to a door carrying a can of gas is going to terrify most people. Is that really what he wants? [It is comforting](#) to know God is using the [tribulation](#) (concluding in Armageddon) to expose and then destroy every single wicked person. ([Ps 37:10-11](#); [Ps 58:10-11 of 1-11](#)) It is also comforting to know telling them about Christ forces the wicked to realize their lies and deceit can't hide them; God is coming to do far worse than they have done to others. ([Luke 21:22](#); [Deu 32:39-43](#); [Psa 58:10-11 of 1-11](#)) Our world has again become wicked, it seems like or even worse than Noah's day. ([Mat 24:36-39](#)) The only benefit you can really be to anyone, lies in telling everyone the truth in Christ's words! If you (or they) are to survive this tribulation, your loyalty must be to Christ and to him alone. ([Mat 24:23-28](#)) Your protection gets life and substance through your faith! As Jesus did, we must understand it is God's judgment being rendered, not ours. ([John 12:47-48 of 44-50](#)) We are living through the tribulation that no human can stop or protect anyone else from. While the denunciation (the angels bringing the death of the wicked) is passing over, you must hide yourself in your interior room (within your faith in Christ) in order to be protected. ([Isa 26:20](#)) So then, like in the example Mary gave us, ([Luke 10:38-42](#)) we do well in spending all or most of our free time sitting at the feet of Christ - by reading [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#) and [John](#) - over and over and over... ([Mark 3:31-35 plus](#)) As you grasp that you take in יהוה's (See pg 9) spirit by reading the words of his son, ([John 6:63b](#)) you also become aware: Since Christ's very life is tied up in his teachings, ([John 18:37b](#)) it seems reasonable to think of his teachings as his remains or his body. ([Luke 17:37](#)) Reading his words thus amounts to drinking his blood and eating his flesh. ([2 Sam 23:15-17](#); [John 6:52-58](#)) Jesus's words become your source of life. You must consume and be nourished by God's spirit through reading and rereading Christ's words.

([John 6:63b](#)) By your faith in Christ, and by feeding on God's spirit that dwells within Christ's words, you may preserve yourself alive through this tribulation. ([1 Cor 15:20-28](#); [Isa 11:1-12](#); [Ps 37:8-11](#); [Ps 83:18](#); [Mark 5:34](#))

These times we *live survive* in are uncertain to say the least! It is my faith our generation is witness to the tribulation Jesus warned (*or promised*) was coming. ([Mat 24:15-22](#)) The [tribulation](#) is the final warning to (*and culminating in the destruction of*) those who have allowed themselves to be deceived to follow Satan. ([Mat 7:21-23](#)) Recognize, however, the tribulation is a wonderful promise and gift to Christ's true followers. ([Luke 21:25-28](#); [Esther](#)) Our My own emotional response to the turmoil of our day can vacillate from being happy to my core, as I ponder this tribulation is bringing the end of all the pain and suffering consuming the people of this world, to being terrified by those who try and force me to join them; as they proclaim me a fool for having faith in what they consider a fairy tale. The whole difference between my feeling happy, then, or terrified, amounts to a measure of the current state of my faith. Jesus warned us over and over about the danger of listening to or following other humans. ([Mat 23:1-15](#); [2 Pet 2:1-3](#); [2 Thes 2:3](#); [Acts 20:29-30](#); [Mat 7:15](#)) God cautioned us to listen to his son, ([Mark 9:7](#)) and Jesus said he came to teach only what his Father taught him. ([John 8:26-30](#); [John 5:30](#); [John 5:19](#)) Jesus not only taught what is true and real, he set the pattern for us to be able to teach others: Jesus read to them from the Bible! ([Luke 4:16-21](#)) The Jews being taught by Jesus (*Christ's message came first to the Jews, and then to all the rest of us –* [Mat 10:5-6](#); [1 John 2:2](#); [Gal 3:28](#); [John 10:16](#)) had only the Old Testament portion of the Bible. The Jews had only the Old Testament because, well, the New Testament was written about Jesus after he died. Just as we should also do, then, Jesus used the inspired Word of God to teach. (*The Bible is a large Book containing a great deal of information. It is easy to get lost if you fail to discern what is most important for you; what is important right now. The Old Testament was written by and for the Jewish nation, to prepare them for the coming Messiah. Now that Christ has arrived, then, shouldn't we listen to him? –* [Gal 3:23-26](#)) Jesus "customarily" read from the Bible in the Synagogue, or quoted from the Hebrew Scriptures (*Old Testament*) as he went about explaining he came in fulfillment of all the many prophecies about the coming Messiah. ([Luke 4:16-21](#)) The Bible itself teaches the inspired Scriptures (*outside the Gospels*) serve as a tutor leading to Christ. ([Gal 3:23-26](#)) Realizing that, we must then follow God's only latter day command to listen to his son! ([Mat 17:5](#)) That's what I try to do. Finding happiness by listening to God's son is *all* I ever cheer you to do! What could you possibly have to lose by listening to Jesus?

Still... There are many people who assert their faith in Christ, some of whom I believe may be sincere, people who then go on to tell me I am a fool and lost to God for refusing to follow them in support of their sect. Such people don't help, but make it more difficult! ([John 9:38-40 of 38-42](#)) I am sure it is difficult for them too, and for you as well. All I know to do, ([1 Cor 2:2](#)) in the midst of this divided and Babylonish tribulation, is to remind you to **grasp what is very different about my message: I'm not suggesting you follow me, but warning you must not follow other groups of men and women either. Follow only Jesus Christ!** The only safe way I know to do that is to read the words of Jesus over and over. ([Luke 10:38-42](#)) So, I say again and again... Don't follow me. Follow Christ! One woman said: "Don't worry, I'm not about to follow you!" That's good! Are such people, however, getting the sense to be careful not to follow any other group or individual? In regard to my website (JustBibleTruth.com), one person asked how many followers I have... Since I have known that person for many years, and we have talked at length about the Bible, the question was a little offensive (*probably more so hurt my feelings*). The question makes obvious my friend has not really heard what I say at all. **I don't have followers...** I only have friends who I encourage to be followers of Jesus Christ, just as I try to be! As to my own faith (*and resultant happiness*), it is made strong when I speak with others about what I have learned from Christ. ([Mat 18:20](#)) When I encourage people to listen to the son of God for themselves, like by writing this letter, it makes me happy and I feel safe. With all the terrors in this world, studying and sharing what Christ taught is the only time I really feel safe! You can help me, and yourself: Simply tell people about our website: **JustBibleTruth.com** is the only entity I am aware of on earth (*apart from the Bible itself*) actually directing people to listen to the Son of God; ([Mat 17:5](#)) and, you can help other people by warning they can only be sure they are listening to Christ ([Mat 7:15](#)) by reading the Bible's Gospel accounts of his life and teachings – [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#) and [John](#). Much or most of the world is religious, meaning they want you to join them in believing their [religion](#) will save you. It won't! There is some pride in me, I must confess, that makes me want to join with others to share "this message" as a group. I feel pride because *my message* (*yes, I do even want to imagine it is "my message"*) is different from any I have ever heard. Don't I have the right to be proud? *After all, I did figure it out!* If we did start a new group, we'd first have to give ourselves a name so others would know who we are and want to join. And that, don't you see, has been the downfall of all [religious sects](#)! Here is the point: **Everyone who tries to share the simple message wrapped up in these few scriptures has already joined the only group acceptable to [יהוה](#), they have joined themselves to Christ.** Christians

don't start a "new group." We individually join ourselves to "Christ's group." We must join the crowd he started gathering [2000 years ago](#). If I contemplate my prideful desire to start a group, I then realize: The only reason I have never heard what is in this letter before is because I have always been influenced by religious groups. They kept me from personally hearing God's command to listen to his son. That, again, because I was always listening to a group *telling me I must listen to them!* After hearing [יהוה's](#) simple command to listen to his son, I realize, paying attention to Jesus is all I ever needed to do: The revelation of what is herein presented then flashes out like lightening as "Christ's" message spreads enlightenment to the ends of the earth. ([Luke 17:24-30](#)) It is [God's time of Christ's return](#)! Simply direct people to this website and to the Gospels, thus joining Christ in sharing his simple and wonderful message of "the Good News of the Kingdom." In light of the many warnings from Jesus about false prophets, ([Mat 7:15](#); [Mat 23:15](#); [Mat 23:1-12](#)) you can surely understand why encouraging people to read the Gospels is the only safe counsel for you to take, and, the only safe counsel to give. See you, then, in paradise! ([Psa 37:10-11](#); [Isa 11:1-12](#))

If you desire to live forever, without having to die at all, ([John 11:26](#)) hear and understand my few words. I can say that because what I have said is what Jesus taught. Lots of people are dying, and many more are going to die ([Verse 7 of Psalm 91](#)) during the tribulation bringing an end of the world we built. It is not my contention that every person dying during this tribulation is wicked. Some dying may not be wicked, but also are not taking advantage of God's protection contained within faith in Christ's words. ([Psa 58](#)) *[In other words: Some people killed by the tribulation may later receive a resurrection; ([Acts 24:15](#)) and then, be given the chance for eternal life. That is not my judgment of how it will be, mind you! All I really know is I don't know; but I do have faith in Christ and I refuse to judge. Be warned: God is judge and He is judging! ([John 3:19 of 16-21](#))]* Please don't miss the point being made: There is a special opportunity open only to Christians alive in our day in time. If you want to be a survivor of this system, like Noah and Lot and their families were (*of theirs*), ([Mat 24:36-39](#); [Luke 17:24-30](#)) you must be "in the ark" by being protected by faith in Christ (*and by your obedience to him*). If you don't like me, that's OK. Just don't reject Christ's message because you find fault with the messenger. **You must have the mark of God in your forehead, which is faith in Jesus.** I don't understand how you can have that mark if you haven't put forth effort to learn what Christ said. Don't get me wrong: If you are being protected by God, it is certainly fine with me! If you feel there is error in something I say, such as my faith in the resurrection or my hope in a future paradise on earth, it's OK. That's why I



recommend you listen to Jesus and not to me. Just like you, I'm a work in progress. That means, in part, I can't know what I don't yet know. But, that's the precise reason I continue to listen to Christ. Be cautious not to get trapped among so many who argue endlessly about their personal (*or organizational*) beliefs and doctrines. ([Acts 17:21 and 22-31](#)) Our one and only doctrine should be that we are listening to Christ. I hear people argue about such things as whether Jesus was crucified on an upright stake or on two crossed pieces of wood, with each group asserting all "true Christians" agree with their point of view. Others argue about whether there is a resurrection, or the faithful go straight to heaven at the instant of death; about whether there is eternal torment in fires of hell and what that even means; and, about the existence of a trinity (*a term not found in the Bible*). My personal belief is my dead loved ones are sleeping in death, awaiting the resurrection. ([John 11:11-14 of 1-45](#); [Ecc 9:5-6](#); [John 5:28-30 of 19-30](#)) If you have faith those who have died are somewhere else, that's OK with me. (*It is not, of course, "my judgment" you have to worry about. My OK has absolutely no value!*) It's OK with me as long, and this is very important; as long as you assert your faith is built on what you personally know Jesus taught. ([Rom 14:1-12](#)) Danger: Proclaiming your faith in what Jesus said is the act of taking responsibility to yourself. One of us would seem to be wrong about the present condition of the dead, but, if we both continue with sincere faith in Jesus, and believe his words contain the saving Spirit of God, we will be OK. ***My point is: If you avoid such doctrinal distractions and points of contention, thus freeing yourself to be able to just keep listening to Jesus, you will be fine...*** That applies to me too! Last evening, while studying the words of Christ, I came upon a scripture that I thought supported this letter. Today, I can't remember what it was. That's OK. As I continue to study the words of Christ, I'll come upon that scripture again and be encouraged again, or, it may come to me yet today. ([John 14:25-27](#)) So... Reading the words of Christ is all I encourage you to do! ***You don't have to agree with the details of my faith to be joined with me in a shared faith in the words of the son of God.*** I am convinced I have heard God's command to listen to his son, ([Mat 17:5](#)) and so, I see my own protection in my personal faith in what Jesus taught. That makes me happy! Finding that scripture last night made me happy. My weaknesses, such as my leaky memory, is one reason I warn you can't depend on me. ***If we are both listening to Christ, however, we will arrive at the same fitness of service and in a oneness of mind.*** ([1 Cor 1:10-25](#)) So... Listen to Christ! My same simple faith in Christ is all I encourage you to have. Everything I can teach can thus be summarized in one sentence: Listen to and learn from the son of God! ([1 Cor 2:2](#); [Mark 9:7](#))

It is a ~~wonderful~~ *the most wonderful* time to be alive! We are witness to the revelation of God's purpose to help mankind! My old friend Barney Denney raised chickens to produce fertile eggs for the chicken industry. He once told me his 11,000 hens needed different and more food than the 1000 roosters mixed among them. He said it was amazing to see 12,000 chickens, when a bell rang to signal feeding time, separate themselves as the hens flocked to their feed stations while the roosters gathered to theirs. That one same sound gathered the roosters to one group and the hens to another. *(He had some mechanism so the hens couldn't get to the rooster's food and vice versa. All the chickens quickly learned where they needed to go to gain their food.)* God has, in our day, used the words of his son as food ([John 4:31-34](#); [John 57-58](#)) to gather every righteous individual to his side of Armageddon. Either you have joined yourself to faith in the words of Christ, and await deliverance at God's hand; or, you refuse faith in that one same message from the true God and thus continue headed to destruction. ([Mat 3:10-12](#)) Rejecting [יהוה](#) <sup>(See pg 9)</sup> only means you are looking to some other God, whatever label you have chosen for it. It really is just that simple! So... Come to know יהוה in the one and only you can, by listening to his son. ([Mat 17:5](#)) Read [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#) and [John](#)!

I'm 73 years old with a host of health problems common to age; that led by an awareness my better years in this old world system are already spent. *(That is without God's intervention, of course. I do hope in God's intervention. – [Job 33:13-30](#))* Every night I go to bed, and every morning I awake, always in hope these scriptures are true. Sometimes I doubt but largely I have faith God's word is true. I hope my [life choices](#) indicate I do have faith. ([1 Cor 4:3 of 1-5](#)) What else is there? ([John 6:66-69](#)) Then next, I desire to figure out how to make my days have value. What could I possibly say, though, after all you have seen and heard, to entice or shock you to hear and consider what I proclaim Christ taught? I approach in hope doing good is the same desire you have for your life. [Seeking God](#) has been present with me since I can remember, but urgency has steadily increased. That zeal is partly because of my age, of course, but I think as well, because of these terrible escalating world conditions ([the tribulation](#)). Sharing truth is thus the only thing I know that is real. Wanting to help others can actually put us in danger, however, as it can drive us toward joining one of their many sectarian cults. I struggle with being inclined to get involved myself. My prejudices may show up in my writing. I try not to allow that and I pray they don't! My faith is, you see, it is God's Day of Judgment and we need to stand still and see salvation at his hand. ([2 Chron 20:17](#)) World conditions are very bad. They are probably going to get rapidly worse ([Psalm 91:7 of 1-16](#)) before

they get better. ([Mat 24:15-22](#)) No man or group can turn it back or protect you. ([Psalm 91:8 of 1-16](#)) So, please don't imagine I write this in an effort to make the world a better place. I hope I can help you make yourself a better person, through Christ; but, the world as a whole has been judged to be destroyed.

([Luke 17:22-30](#); [Esther](#)) The end of this system is יהוה's blessing in the form of his judgment against the wicked. ([2 Pet 3:5-7](#)) While all the righteous individuals, I hope including you and me, are being preserved alive; all the wicked are being destroyed. Only God can judge (*using Christ*) who has chosen which fate. He has personally offered you deliverance through your faith in the words of his Christ. Faith in Christ is your mark for survival. ([Eze 9:3-4](#)) You must avoid putting faith in any of the many solutions being promoted by men!

I have only recently come to understand this simple but very important truth: ***God deals with each of us, but he only speaks to some of us.*** Very shortly (*or maybe now*) God is going to strike a blow to destroy all wicked people. ([Ps 37:8-19](#)) That shows He certainly does "deal" with even those who are wicked, but, He doesn't speak to them personally. Those He does speak to, he speaks to each one in the same way: By drawing us to hear his son. ([John 6:44](#))

As to God dealing with people, He deals with each one of us by manipulating the affairs of our life. If we are people He thinks might listen and obey, He goes about helping and protecting us as He draws us to listen to his son. ([Ps 34:11-16](#); [Job 36:5-7](#)) If we are people inclined to badness, ([Psa 58:3 of 1-11](#)) he may thwart our efforts to both protect others from us, and hopefully, to correct us. Sometimes we may believe we see יהוה "working" in our own life, or in the lives of others. We might even be right about what we think we see him doing! The fact we "may be right" is the problem, however; and is why our thinking we "see" God's activity in our life is not the same as him "talking" with us. We can never really know, please understand, if God helped us with some thing that happened in our life, or if we just had some good fortune befall us. ([Ecc 9:11](#)) God's way of speaking to us is never open to any interpretation, ([2 Pet 1:19-21](#)) nor does it ever vary or present as ambiguous. He speaks to us through Jesus Christ. ([John 5:31-40](#)) Now, since Jesus came trying to help everyone, ([John 12:46-50](#); [John 8:42-47](#)) how can I then say God only speaks to some of us. It is because of what Jesus himself said: [John 6:44](#) ALT "No one is able to come to Me unless the Father having sent Me draws [or, drags] him... God is speaking to mankind through Christ, but only those He first draws to his son can hear. That's why Jesus said at [John 18:9](#) he had not lost even one of those given him by his Father. Only if יהוה recognizes a

person as being valuable, does He show his power in behalf of that individual, ([2 Chron 16:9](#)) by drawing them to Christ. So, it seems only those under the influence of, and being drawn by God's spirit, can hear his simple command to listen to his son. ([Mat 17:5](#)) And, all those are still able to listen to Jesus down to our day in time. The life and teachings of Christ are recorded for us in the four parallel accounts by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Think what that means. Each Gospel is a Book telling us what Jesus came to teach, and, Jesus is the very person God specifically told you to listen to. The greatest danger to each one of us may be each other: We each one think we have figured it all out, and then, we want to help by sharing what we know. We then form groups and share our faith among our group; usually starting to "judge" who doesn't belong. Problem is, God didn't tell us to listen to each other. יהוה commanded us to listen to Jesus. ([Mark 9:7](#)) We each one imagine we can pick and choose scriptures that explain what we believe, and then, we become convinced we are right. People teaching what "they believe" are not who you should build faith in... If you had a dear friend recommend what they heard and are convinced is the most important book ever written, would you want to listen to excerpts from that book organized and taught by other people, as they each one tried to tell you what the author's message is. Wouldn't you want to hear the author by reading the book for yourself, starting at the beginning and reading straight through to end? Isn't that the only way to be certain you glean what the author wanted you to learn; and be able to feel what he intended you to feel? Similarly, that's the only way you can actually listen to Christ: By reading [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), [Luke](#) and [John](#) through beginning to end. The Gospels are only about 50 pages each. If you are wise, however, you realize that is exactly what I have been doing to you: I have picked and chosen scriptures to support my belief. Good for you! That is also why I say over and over, don't follow me or join yourself to me. Join yourself to Christ and follow him. After reading what I say, read the Gospels to verify. The reason I put forth effort to write this material is, I am convinced, I can help you understand the importance of יהוה's message delivered by his Christ. (Well, while it's true I do want to help you, I also want to keep building my own faith; so as to have life for myself.) In the final analysis, however, you must listen to Jesus and see for yourself if his message is actually what I have asserted it is. If what I have said is what Jesus said, great for you: You know more about what Jesus taught. If listening to Jesus teaches you I am wrong, great for you, you still know more about what Jesus taught by reading "his" words. My counsel to listen to Christ can just never be bad advice...

Why, though, do I keep saying our reading the Gospels through “*from beginning to end*” is so important? Because that’s the one and only way we can set ourselves free of the lies some sincere persons assert are what Jesus taught! ([John 8:31-32](#)) I usually try not to talk about religious doctrine because it only causes strife. Mostly, I just quote Jesus and encourage people to listen to him. Breaking that pattern, I mention a perfect example of what I consider an erroneous doctrinal teaching by an old friend who is very sincere. Recently, he mentioned his belief in the Rapture. The rapture is a non-Bible word coined to try and explain Jesus’s expression at [Matthew 24:40-42](#) where he said: **GW - "At that time two men will be working in the field. One will be taken, and the other one will be left. (41) Two women will be working at a mill. One will be taken, and the other one will be left. (42) "Therefore, be alert, because you don't know on what day your Lord will return.** For our consideration, when using the term rapture, I mean the teaching that at some point good people are going to be lifted up to heaven while the rest are left behind (*to die I assume*). Those verses really do sound like they could be teaching that, don’t they? Other people, however, believe differently. They share my faith that Jesus was simply saying some people will be protected alive here on earth, while others are left to continue dying in their sins. ([John 8:24](#)) Now the reason I bring this up is to illustrate a simple fact: From those verses just quoted from Matthew, you can’t possibly know which understanding is what Jesus was really teaching. If, however, you simply read what Jesus said in context, his true meaning becomes obvious. What Jesus said in context, then, is this: [Matthew 24:36-42](#) **GW "No one knows when that day or hour will come (the time for Jesus's return or second coming). Even the angels in heaven and the Son don't know. Only the Father knows. (37) "When the Son of Man comes again, it will be exactly like the days of Noah. (38) In the days before the flood, people were eating, drinking, and getting married until the day that Noah went into the ship. (39) They were not aware of what was happening until the flood came and swept all of them away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes again. (40) "At that time two men will be working in the field. One will be taken, and the other one will be left. (41) Two women will be working at a mill. One will be taken, and the other one will be left. (42) "Therefore, be alert, because you don't know on what day your Lord will return.** (See also: [Luke 17:20-37](#)) Jesus clearly defines his meaning, then, when saying one will be taken and the other left, because he also said it will be just like it was “in the days of Noah.” Noah and his family were preserved alive, while the wicked continued in their course of dying in their sins. ([John 8:24](#)) Even as Jesus himself said, what some people call the rapture is just like the days of Noah!

Do you believe these Bible teachings? As Paul wrote in his [first letter to the Corinthians, in chapter 15 verse 19](#), if these things I believe in are not true, I am of all men most to be pitied. Thank יהוה, I do believe!

If you are reading this, whoever you are, you should know you are in my prayers. That's what I always tell everyone: "you are in my prayers." (*You should join me in keeping everyone in your prayers as well.*) You should also know what I mean by saying you are in my prayers: If you have made yourself righteous, because you have heard God's command ([Mat 17:5](#)) and are actually listening to Jesus (*by reading the Gospels*), I pray יהוה will keep and protect you. (*Not those who imagine they are righteous, by having faith in some [religious](#) sect, mind you, but made righteous by true faith in Christ.*) If you are [ignorant](#), I pray the terrors of this [tribulation](#) will awaken you to seek יהוה and so hear and put faith in his Christ. If you are unrepentantly wicked, I pray your swift destruction. (*But not, of course, before you have suffered everything יהוה has in store for you.* – [Isa 3:11 of 8-11](#); [Gal 6:7-10](#); [2 Cor 5:10](#); [2 Tim 4:14](#); [Ps 28:4](#); [Mat 8:11-12](#); [Psa 58:3 & 8](#)) Pray God's peace, then, to all people of good conscience! ([Luke 10:5-6](#); [Luke 2:8-14](#)) The [Bible explains everything!](#)

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“All who come to God believe he exists and is good.” Heb 11:6

Everyone is being forced by the [tribulation](#) to get busy living, or, to continue busy dying: You were born under the sentence of death we all inherited from Adam and Eve.

([1 Cor 15:20-22](#)) Building faith in what Christ said marks you as set free of that condemnation; and, sets you free of believing Satan’s lies: [John 8:31-32 GNB](#) So Jesus said to those who believed in him, "If you obey (or remain in) my teaching, you are really my disciples; (32) you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

If you refuse the gift of life our Father sent us, wrapped in the words of his son, you are marked to continue on to die in your sins: [John 8:24 MWT](#) . . .Therefore I said to YOU, YOU will die in YOUR sins. For if YOU do not believe that I am God’s son, YOU will die in YOUR sins.

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