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Scripture

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1).

“And God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you’” (Exodus 3:14).

Jesus Said, “Before Abraham was, I AM” (John 8:58)

So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit (John 19:30).

“Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, ‘It is done!’” (Revelation 16:17)

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and

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who was and who is to come, the Almighty”
(Revelation 1:8)

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last” (Revelation 22:13).

The supreme end of man is to know God.
Knowing Him is the greatest and highest privilege for mankind.

Man was born to fellowship with God.

Someone may ask, what is God like? What is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit like?

He is the most wonderful, most beautiful Person in the universe.

The only true God has revealed Himself as the Father, His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. He is an eternal revelation.

Those who make it to heaven will be in awe of Him, forever.

They will be in awe of the Father God Almighty, who gave and gives His Son Jesus to the world; of Jesus Christ who gave and gives Himself to humanity; and of the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of the Father and of Jesus Christ.

They will be in awe of the Lord God Almighty who gives His Son and His Son's name to the world.

The only true God is an eternal mystery.

Yet, He has revealed Himself as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

He is so glorious, so wonderful, so powerful – and infinitely, eternally more – He is beyond human comprehension and words.

He is indescribable, incomprehensible, unfathomable . . . omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent . . . life, love, eternity . . . holy . . . and infinitely more.

Yet, He has revealed Himself.

He is no longer a mystery.

He is available.

He is a present reality.

The only true God, the infinite, eternal mystery, can be summed up in one word, one name, one Person: Jesus.

Revelation 10:7, Matthew 13:11, Colossians 1:27, John 8:58, John 17:3, Psalm 139:6, Revelation 19:6, John 14:6, 1 John 4:8, Leviticus 19:2, John 8:58, Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:15

The only true God is the Father God Almighty.
His name is to be kept holy (Matthew 6:9).

His is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever (Matthew 6:13).

He has given all things that He has to His Son
Jesus Christ (John 16:15).

He has placed all that is in His name in the
name of Jesus Christ.

God has chosen to give Himself to mankind.
He gives Himself through His Son Jesus Christ.

He has chosen to give His name to mankind.
God has offered His glory to every person.
He and His glory are indescribable and inexpressible.

If someone receives Him and walks with Him while they are on the earth, they will live forever.

God has chosen to give Himself in totality to every person, forever.

He has chosen to give every person the totality of all that they are.

He has chosen to believe in every person, more than they can comprehend.

There is one choice He cannot and will not make for a person: the choice to believe in Him.

Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is the Son of God and the Lord God Almighty.

Those who know Him have eternal life, which is knowing the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent (John 17:3).

They believe in Him through His Son Jesus. They also believe in the name of Jesus Christ.

If they continue on with Jesus, they will live forever.

Outside of Jesus, there is nothing.

Apart from Jesus, someone can do nothing.

Without Jesus, someone has nothing. Even if they gain the whole world, they possess nothing.

Without Jesus, a person is spiritually dead. If they die without Jesus Christ, they go to eternal death.

Eternal life continues forever in heaven, a place of absolute glory.

Heaven is God's home, full of the glorious splendor of His majesty and infinitely more.

Those who know Jesus as Lord have the divine nature and life of God.

They have the supernatural, abundant, zoe life.

They have the Almighty God living in and through them – and all around them.

Those who know Jesus can accomplish things that will last forever. They can store up treasures

in heaven, They can do even greater things than Jesus did.

Eternal death continues forever in hell, the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

God's choices for mankind are unsearchable, infinite and eternal.

He has chosen to give Himself to mankind, for eternity.

He chose to give His Son to the world.

He has given to every person infinitely and eternally and in an infinite number of ways.

God is infinite, eternal and beyond human description.

If He offered Himself to a person for just one moment, it would be the greatest offer ever made to them.

Yet, He has offered Himself to man for eternity, for an infinite number of moments.

As He gives in the spirit realm, so He gives in the natural realm.

In the natural, He has chosen to give to every person infinitely, eternally and in an infinite number of ways. How so?

In the natural, He gives every person their life, body, soul and everything good they have and receive.

He has given every person a soul that is priceless and eternal, made in His image and likeness.

He chose to give them faith, eternity in their heart and choice.

He sustains and keeps them alive, from conception to their final breath.

He does the same for every person they rely on, even for every person in the world.

A person makes millions of choices in their lifetime.

Everything a person does is by choice.

From their early years until they leave the earth, humans choose.

They choose what to do and not do, think and not think, and say and not say.

They choose their thoughts, beliefs, words, actions and infinitely more.

They choose what they do with their time and who to spend time with.

They choose what they want, need, desire, hope for and long for.

They choose what they get and give . . . and on and on.

God has made and makes choices for a person that are unsearchable, priceless, infinite, eternal and beyond comprehension.

There is one choice He cannot and will not make for them: the choice between Him and self.

God and His Son Jesus want you to receive eternal life, to receive Him.

They want even more than that . . .

We hide, but He calls out to us.

We chose self instead of Him, but He already had a plan of salvation.

All who look upon Him, live . . . forever.

He's the God who heals you.

He loves you with an everlasting love.

His faithful love endures forever.

He numbers your wanderings and sorrows.

He collects your tears in a bottle. He records them all in His book.

His thoughts toward you are thoughts of peace, to give you a future and a hope.

When you call to Him, He shows you great and mighty things which you do not know.

He rejoices over you with singing.

Before a word is on your tongue, He knows it altogether.

He's all around you.

Everywhere you go, He's there.

He's within you.

He's laid His hand upon you.

He's inscribed you on the palms of His hands.

Not even a sparrow falls to the ground apart from His will.

The very hairs on your head are numbered.

He knows how many hairs you have. And every individual one is numbered.

He knows what you have need of before you ask.

Where two or more are gathered together in His name, He is there.

When you ask for the Holy Spirit, He gives Him to you.

If you choose Him, He prays to the Father to send you another Helper, the Holy Spirit.

He spoke these things that His joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

He died for you.

He died that you might live.

He shed His blood seven times for you.

He chose you before the foundation of the world.

He wrote your name in the book of life.

If you are His, He is with you always, even to the end of the age.

If He is your Lord, He lives with and in you, forever.

Genesis 3:8-9, Genesis 3:21, Numbers 21:8, Exodus 15:26, Psalm 100:5, Psalm 56:8, Psalm 139, Isaiah 49:16, Jeremiah 29:11, Jeremiah 31:3, Jeremiah 33:3, Zephaniah 3:17, Matthew 10:29, Matthew 10:30, Matthew 6:8, Matthew 18:20, John 14:16, Revelation 17:8, Matthew 28:20, John 15:11, John 14:16

God chose to give his Son to the world.
God has chosen to give Himself to mankind.
He chose to give His Son as a man on the earth.
He chose to send his Son to die for the world.
He's chosen to give his Holy Spirit to the world.

He's chosen to give his Son and the Holy Spirit to those who believe in Him, forever.

God has chosen to give every person their life, body, soul and everything good that they choose to receive.

Every person's most important choice is their decision between God or self.

God the Father gave His Son to humanity (John 3:16).

He sent Jesus Christ, that the world might be saved (John 3:17).

Jesus saves.

Jesus Christ gave and gives Himself to the world. He died for the life of the world (John 6:51).

Jesus is the savior.

God has given Jesus to mankind eternally in these ways:

1. God gave His Son as a man, who lived like us, died for the world, rose from the dead and ascended to heaven.
2. Since Jesus died, God has given Jesus to the world through the Holy Spirit.
3. He will give Jesus to the saints through the Holy Spirit, forever (John 14:16).

Why is it about Jesus?

Because God loves the world and wants the world to be saved.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved” (John 3:16-17).

Man was born to fellowship with God, forever.

Those who are saved and make it to heaven will fellowship with Him, forever.

God is eternity.

He is life (John 1, John 14:6).

He is existence.

He is love (1 John 4:8).

He is holy.

And infinitely, eternally more.

He has revealed Himself as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

His Son Jesus Christ is the revelation of God (John 1).

He is the image of the invisible God (Colossians 1:15).

He is the exact representation of God's nature (Hebrews 1:3).

He is Son of God and . . . the Lord God Almighty (Matthew 3:17, John 8:58).

God wants every person to find eternal life.

Jesus died for the world (John 3:16). God is not willing that any perish but that all come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). He desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4).

Every child under the age of about five, who dies, goes directly to heaven, where they will live forever. People who have visited heaven confirm this truth.

The truth that God gave His Son Jesus to the world reveals God's love for the world and His eternal compassion for all people.

Jesus has revealed in recent times more proof of His love and compassion for all, including for those lost in hell.

Jesus Sheds Tears for the Lost

In 1976, Jesus visited an American woman Mary Baxter and took her to hell. He commissioned her to tell others about it.

Her book *A Divine Revelation of Hell* is the story of her visits to hell and heaven and her visions and revelations.

Numerous times during their visits to hell, Jesus shed His tears for those lost in hell.

In the midst of their visits, after speaking to those lost in hell, Jesus shed tears of compas-

sion. Jesus said to her:

"God, our Father, gave each one of us a will so that we could choose whether we would serve Him or Satan. You see, God did not make hell for His people. Satan deceives many into following him, but hell was made for Satan and his angels. It is not my desire, nor that of My Father, that anyone should perish." Tears of compassion ran down Jesus' cheeks (*A Divine Revelation of Hell*, 63).

"Tears fell down Jesus' cheeks as they moved to the next pit" (*A Divine Revelation of Hell*, p. 34).

Jesus Will Have to Wipe Away His Own Tears

Jesus took a minister named Jesse Duplantis to heaven. While there, Jesus has revealed that He will shed tears when He has turn away those who do not make it to heaven. He said:

"The worst day of my life is yet to come . . . You know that scripture where I said I will wipe away all tears in heaven?" (*Close Encounters of the God Kind*, p. 125)

Jesus was referring to Revelation 21:4-5: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the for-

mer things have passed away." Jesus said:

"Those include the tears in my eyes, Jesse. On that great Judgment Day, I will have to tell some of the creation I love to depart from me. I dread that day. I dread it! I dread it! Jesse, it's final. I can't change it. Tears flowed from my eyes the day my creation, Adam, fell. But I knew I would send myself. I had a chance to touch people. But that day is coming, and it's final. Once it's said, I can't change it. I have to wipe the tears from my eyes. Tell them I'm coming, Jesse" (*Close Encounters of the God Kind*, p. 127-128).

From *A Divine Revelation of Hell* by Mary Baxter:

Jesus said: "I came to save all men. I desire that all who are lost will repent and call upon My name. It is not My will that any should perish, but have everlasting life. Sad to say, most will not repent of their sins before they die, and they will go to hell. But the way to heaven is the same for all people. You must be born again to enter the kingdom of God. You must come to the Father in My name and repent of your sins. You must sincerely give your heart to God and serve Him" (94).

God believes in you.
Jesus believes in you.
He created you.
He knows everything about you.
He loves you with an everlasting love.
He died for you.
He's all around you.
He knocks on the door of your heart.
He wants you to choose Him and not self.
He wants you to live forever with Him in
heaven, His home.

God and Jesus Christ believe in you. All He asks is that you believe in Him.

God gave you your life. He asks that you simply give your life back to Him.

Jesus died for you. He asks that you lose your life for Him.

Psalm 139:7-10, Matthew 10:30, Jeremiah 31:3,
Psalm 139:7-10, Revelation 3:20, John 3:16, Mat-
thew 10:39, Matthew 16:24

God chose to create you.
You are fearfully and wonderfully made.
He made you into His image and likeness.
If you had died before the age of five, you
would have gone to heaven to live with Him,
forever.

He sustains you.
He gives everything that keeps you alive.
He gives you every good and perfect gift.
He gives you faith.
He put eternity in your heart.
He gave you choice.
He believes in you . . . more than you can com-
prehend.

Even if you do not believe in Him, He believes
in you.

He believes in you, even forever. All He asks
is that you believe in Him.

There is one choice He will not make for you:
the choice to believe in Him.

Psalm 139:14, Genesis 1:27, 2:7, John 3:16, 1
Timothy 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9, Isaiah 42:5, Job 12:10,
James 1:17, Romans 12:3, Ecclesiastes 3:11

How much does God the Father and Jesus want you to be saved?

The Father gave Jesus to you and the world.

The Father sent Jesus from heaven to die for you and the world.

Jesus came to the earth and lived as a human like you.

Jesus became what you are, so you could become what He is.

He was born, lived for 33 years, and died.

He died for the world.

Jesus died for you.

He died that you might receive eternal life.

He died that you might live forever.

There is no greater love than someone laying down their life for his friends.

The fact that God sent His Son to die for you and the world reveals His love for mankind and how much He believes in you.

Jesus Christ is the savior.

He is the Son of God and the Lord God Almighty.

John 3:16, John 6, John 10:28, John 6:51, John 15:13, John 8:58

Jesus died for you.
He chose to die.
No one took His life from Him.
He chose to die for you and the world.
He had the power to lay down His life.
He had the power to take it up again.
He received that command from His Father.
After He rose from the dead, He ascended to
heaven and to the right hand of God's Power.
Jesus is alive, forever.

Matthew 26:36-46, John 10:18a, John 3:16, John
10:18b, John 10:18c, Matthew 26:64

A human example:

When parents have a child, the child has the parents' same last name.

Sometimes, their child has the same first and last name as one of the parents.

This earthly example is a dim reflection of the names of the only true God and His Son.

God and His Son have different names . . . Jehovah God and Jesus Christ.

Yet, it is an eternal revelation that Jesus Christ is also . . . the Lord God Almighty.

The most exclusive Person in the universe is the most available.

The only true God is available to every person, all the time, their entire life, for all eternity.

He is even more than available: He is knocking on the door of every person's heart (Revelation 3:20).

Jesus Christ is . . . the Alpha and the Omega . . . the first and the last . . . the beginning and the end . . . the door and the good shepherd . . . the gate and the way . . . the Messiah, the Christ . . . the savior and redeemer . . . the Lamb of God and the lion of Judah . . . the King and the Prince . . . the Son of Man and the Son of God . . . and the Lord God Almighty.

Get Jesus. Whatever you do, get Jesus. If you do one thing, get Jesus. Every day, get Jesus. Every hour and minute, get Jesus. Before you leave the earth, get Jesus.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

Receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and savior.
Receive eternal, everlasting life.

Live forever in heaven, a place of glory, love and infinitely more.

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The only true God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is an eternal revelation.

He is beyond words.

All the proclamations of the only true God and the gospel, in all of human history, all combined together, would be the equivalent of one drop of water compared to all the water on the earth, multiplied times infinity.

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ONE

Jesus Said, "Before Abraham was, I AM"

Jesus Said, "Before Abraham was, I AM" (John 8:58)

I AM WHO I AM . . . I AM . . . YHWH

The first time God actually revealed His name to a person was when God revealed His name to Moses in about 1300 BC. It is recorded in Exodus 3, the burning bush passage. God appeared to Moses and told him He would deliver them from slavery in Egypt.

God appeared to Moses and in "a flame of fire from the midst of a bush" (Exodus 3:2). God said "I am the God of your father – the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob" (Exodus 3:6).

Moses asked God's name, and God answered

him:

Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What is His name?' what shall I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations'" (Exodus 3:13-15).

YHWH

The Hebrew for I AM WHO I AM is pronounced "Ehyeh asher ehyeh."

These Hebrew words could be translated as: "I am that I am" or "I will be what I will be" or even "Let it be who Let it be."

Hebrew is a complex language. Part of the first and third words has a "root," which in English is "h-y-h." This root means "to be, to become, to come to pass." It is a form of h-w-h. Experts believe this Hebrew root is the origin of the name YHWH.

YHWH in the Bible

In the original Hebrew Old Testament, the word used most frequently for God is YHWH. It is used 6,800 times.

This four-letter word YHWH is called the Tetragrammaton. The four letters are: yodh, he, waw and he.

Through the centuries, the word YHWH has been a mystery and puzzle to Bible scholars, as it is today.

The Jewish scribes who copied and recorded manuscripts of the Bible, and Hebrew scholars and Jews through the centuries, felt the name was so holy they did not even pronounce it. In the original manuscripts, they wrote it without the vowels, because it was never to be spoken out loud.

Through the centuries, scholars presented various ways to pronounce YHWH. There is a general debate about how Rabbis and Hebrew scholars pronounced YHWH when they did say God's name. Examples of pronunciations centuries ago are "Yaoweh" and "Yabeh."

What did Jews do when they wanted to read the scriptures aloud? They took the vowels from the Hebrew name "Adonai," which means "Lord" or "Lords" and inserted them in the name to make the name YaHoWaH. This name is pronounced "Jehovah."

YaHoWaH is a combination of "God" and

“Lord,” and therefore it could safely be translated “Lord God.”

“Jesus said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM’ (John 8:58).

TWO

The Name of Jesus Christ

Jesus

The name "Jesus" in Hebrew literally means "God saves." The name "Jesus" in Hebrew is "Yeshua."

In the Old Testament, Yeshua was an alternative form of the name Yehoshua, Hebrew for Joshua (Numbers 13:16, 1 Chronicles 7:27).

Therefore, Jesus is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Joshua.

The name Yeshua is related to the Hebrew verb root "rescue" and one of its noun forms, yesua, "deliverance."

Yeshua in Greek is "Iesous," and in Latin is "Iesus." The name Jesus in English comes from Iesous and Iesus.

Christ

In the New Testament, which was written in Greek, "Christ" in the Greek is the word "christos," which means "anointed."

In the Old Testament, which was written in Hebrew, the word for "Messiah" is "mashiach," which also means "anointed."

Therefore, the Greek word for Christ, "christos," is the Greek equivalent for the Hebrew word for Messiah, "mashiach."

Therefore, His name could properly be written and spoken as, "Jesus the Anointed One."

THREE

Jesus, the Messiah

One of the central themes of the Old Testament is the coming Messiah.

The word “Messiah” or “Anointed One,” or, in Greek, “Christ,” is found in Psalm 2:2 and Daniel 9:25-26.

Psalm 2:2: “The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Anointed, saying . . .”

Prophecy about the Messiah

Some scholars have found more than 400 places in the Old Testament that refer to the coming Messiah.

Author Paul Humber has found 414 prophecies, appearances, or foreshadowings (PAFs) of

Christ in the Old Testament. This chapter includes 365 Old Testament prophecies and references to Christ.

Jesus Said He is the Messiah

In the Book of John, we read that Jesus said He is the Messiah.

In John 4:1-26, Jesus spoke with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. It took place in the city of Sychar in Samaria, while Jesus and His disciples traveled from Judea to Galilee.

Jesus broke tradition in speaking with the woman, as Jews had no dealings with Samaritans (v. 9). After asking her for a drink of water, Jesus then told the woman about the "gift of God" and the "living water" (v. 10) that He could give her. In verses 13 and 14, Jesus reveals to her the results of drinking the living water.

Then, Jesus received a word of knowledge about the woman having five husbands and her current man not being her husband.

Following that, Jesus continued to reveal to her deep truths and teachings. He told the woman about salvation being of the Jews and about God being a Spirit. He finished the revelation about the Spirit with this: "'God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth'" (John 4:24). Then, we read:

"The woman said to Him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When He comes, He will tell us all things.'

“Jesus said to her, ‘I who speak to you am He’”
(John 4:25-26).

Some Primary Prophecies of Jesus Christ the Messiah

The Messiah would be the seed/offspring of a woman and would crush the head of Satan (Genesis 3:15).

He would be from the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10).

He would be born at Bethlehem of Judah (Micah 5:2).

He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14).

He would have a throne, a kingdom, and a dynasty, or house, starting with King David, that will last forever (2 Samuel 7:16).

Messiah would be tortured to death (Psalm 22:1-31).

He would be pierced for our transgression and crushed for our iniquities (Isaiah 53:5).

His life would match a particular description, including suffering, silence at his arrest and trial, death and burial in a rich man’s tomb, and resurrection (Isaiah 52:13-53:12).

He would die among the wicked ones but be buried with the rich (Isaiah 53:9).

He would be resurrected from the grave, for God would not allow His Holy One to suffer decay (Psalm 16:10).

FOUR

God Announces the Birth of Jesus Christ

God sent angels three times to mankind to announce the birth of His Son Jesus Christ.

The three visitations:

1. The Annunciation: Gabriel visited Mary (Luke 1:26-38).
2. Gabriel appeared to Mary's husband Joseph in a dream (Matthew 1:18-25).
3. An angel of the Lord and then a multitude of angels visited shepherds (Luke 2:11-14).

Gabriel said to Mary: “. . . And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus” (Luke 1:31).

“. . . an angel of the Lord appeared to [Joseph]

in a dream, saying, . . . 'you shall call His name Jesus . . .'" (Matthew 1:21)

". . . an angel of the Lord said to [the shepherds], 'For there is born to you this day . . . a Savior, who is Christ the Lord'" (Luke 2:11).

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

'Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'"
(Luke 2:13-14)

FIVE

More Announcements of Jesus Christ

God's Specific Introductions and Announcements of Jesus:

1. The Annunciation: Gabriel visits Mary (Luke 1:31-35)
2. An angel appears to Joseph in a dream; "You shall call His name Jesus" (Matthew 1:18-21).
3. Announcement of the birth of Jesus: An angel visits shepherds; "There is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:8-14).
4. John the Baptist announces that He is the Lamb of God and the Son of God (John 1:29,33).
5. When Jesus was baptized, God spoke audibly: "'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased'" (Matthew 3:17).

6. During the transfiguration, God spoke audibly: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased! Hear Him!" (Matthew 17:6).

SIX

Jehovah God Almighty and Jesus Christ

The only true God has revealed Himself as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Jesus is the revelation of God (John 1:1-13).

He is "the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15).

He is "the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form" (Colossians 2:9).

He is "the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His nature" (Hebrews 1:3).

The Name Jehovah and the Name of Jesus

The only true God's name is . . . the Lord God Almighty . . . Jehovah.

Jesus Christ is His beloved son (Matthew 3:17,

17:5). Jesus is the savior. He is also . . . the Lord God Almighty.

The only true God is the Father God Almighty. His name is to be kept holy (Matthew 6:9).

His is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever (Matthew 6:13).

He has given all things that He has to His Son Jesus Christ (John 16:15).

He has placed all that is in His name in the name of Jesus Christ. Therefore, the name of Jesus Christ has the same power, authority and dominion – and infinitely more – as the name Jehovah.

“My Father is Greater than I” (John 14:28)

It is an eternal revelation that Jesus Christ is both the Son of God and the Lord God Almighty.

Jesus is one with the Father (John 10:30).

Yet, Jesus revealed very clearly there is a difference between Him and His Father.

Jesus said: “My Father is greater than all” (John 10:29) and “My Father is greater than I” (John 14:28).

Jesus spoke about how we should fear the only true God (Luke 12:5).

In the Lord’s Prayer, which is a revelation of prayer, Jesus clearly revealed that prayer is directed to and completely focused on His Father – our Father.

In the glorious revelation, Jesus confirms and

emphasizes the difference between His Father and Himself.

The beginning and the end of the revelation focus completely on His Father:

“Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed by your name” (Matthew 6:9).

“Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10).

“For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen” (Matthew 6:13c).

SEVEN

Jesus, the Revelation of God

It is simple – and yet an eternal mystery.

God is the perfect God and Father.

He loves the world so much, that gave His only Son to die for the world, to save mankind.

He gave everything to His Son Jesus Christ and exalted Him to be equal with Himself. And “of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end . . .” (Isaiah 9:7).

Jesus is the perfect Son. He gave Himself to the world to save mankind. He came to earth and suffered and died for the life of the world.

Jesus has given everything to His people, the church, the saints (John 17:22 & more).

When someone goes to God the Father, He points to Jesus, who said: “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6).

Jesus also said: “. . . that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father” (John 5:23).

When someone goes to Jesus, He says, “I and My Father are one” (John 10:30).

And Jesus points to the Father and says, “My Father . . . is greater than all” and “My Father is greater than I” (John 10:29, John 14:28).

EIGHT

An Eternal Revelation

The only true God is an eternal revelation.
Those who find Him and make it to heaven
will be in awe of Him, for eternity.

Eternal Life – Knowing Him

Jesus offers eternal, everlasting life.
What is eternal life?
Jesus said, “And this is eternal life, that they
may know You, the only true God, and Jesus
Christ whom You have sent” (John 17:3).
For all eternity, those in heaven will be in awe
of the Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy
Spirit.
The only true God is so glorious and wonder-
ful, human words cannot express Him.

Jesus said, "The Age to Come, Eternal Life"

Jesus revealed that eternal life is also "the age to come" (Mark 10:30):

So Jesus answered and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time – houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions – and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first" (Mark 10:29-30).

God is Eternal

It is glorious that when someone knows Jesus as Lord and Savior, they are actually in "the age to come."

Though still on the earth and in a human body, they have the opportunity to experience and partake of eternity. How is this possible?

God is eternal. In fact, eternity exists in Him – both eternity past and eternity future.

He is so giving and gracious, that when someone receives Jesus as Lord and Savior, they are immediately in "eternal life, the age to come." They begin the eternal journey of knowing Him.

Every Person Will Exist for Eternity

Every person is an eternal being.
God made man into His own image and likeness.

I write the following with great reverence:
man is the image of God.

God is eternal. Man is eternal.

God is a trinity. Man is a trinity.

Because man is made in God's image, he has the opportunity to know God – and infinitely, eternally more!

Those who know Jesus as Lord and Savior have eternal life and all it contains.

However, those apart from Jesus Christ are in eternal death.

When someone finds Jesus as Lord and Savior, they instantly move from eternal death to eternal life.

The New Life in Jesus

The glorious new life in Jesus Christ is an eternal revelation of God.

As the New Testament reveals, believers are to continue on in this most holy faith our entire time on earth and for eternity.

In eternity, saints will continue: growing, worshipping, praying, ministering, learning, serving, knowing God . . . and infinitely, eternally more.

The New Life is Beyond Human Words

The new life in Jesus is so glorious, it cannot be expressed in human words.

The entire New Testament is an attempt to put it into words.

Why can it not be expressed? Because God is so glorious and wonderful, He cannot be put into human words.

How Do We Meet the Real God?

Perhaps the most important key to knowing God is meeting and knowing the Holy Spirit. He is God!

We get to go directly to Him. What a privilege it is to go directly to Him!

He is the Spirit of the Father and the Spirit of Jesus Christ.

Knowing Him is the greatest privilege a human can experience.

Angels

The following is an example of how awesome our God is.

The only true God sits on the highest throne in the universe.

Around and above the throne, angels continually cry out: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come" . . .

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

They continually see new revelations of the Lord God Almighty.

We do not know how long the angels have been at the throne.

The earth is estimated to be more than 4.5 billion years old.

We do not know how long the angels have existed.

Nevertheless, the angels are continually seeing new revelations of the only true God. And they cry "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come" (Revelation 4:8) . . . "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" (Isaiah 6:3).

NINE

Jesus, an Eternal Revelation

Jesus Christ is God and the Son of God

Jesus Christ is the Lord God Almighty.
And, Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
And, He is infinitely, eternally more. Amen!

The following is impossible to put into human words, but it is an attempt:

The revelation of the only true God, the great God Jehovah, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is certainly the most important revelation in the universe.

Within that revelation, the revelation of Jesus is also the most important revelation in the universe.

A person's eternal destiny depends on their response to the only true God's offer of Himself through Jesus Christ.

God has offered the Lord Jesus to every person. It is the greatest and only offer to mankind.

God wants to save all people. He wants everyone to spend eternity with Him in heaven (2 Peter 3:9 & others).

The tragedy is that most people will not find Jesus as Lord and Savior.

If anyone says no to Jesus, God cannot do anything more for them.

God has done everything He can do to save mankind.

He sent His only Son to the earth to die for the world!

Jesus rose from the dead and lives forevermore.

God sent the Holy Spirit to the earth.

Jesus – the Lord God Almighty – is available to every person, all the time, everywhere they go, for all eternity!

What else could God do for mankind?

How Can Jesus be Both God and the Son of God?

Who are we to question God?

One should never cross-question God Almighty.

We should honor and fear Him.

We should humble ourselves before Him.

We should be in awe of Him.

We should be in awe of His offer of Himself through Jesus!

Objections

Some object and say, "Jesus cannot be both God and the Son of God . . ." and "Jesus was a man but he cannot be God also . . ." and other similar objections.

Those who object are a son. Every person on earth has parents.

And they also may be a father – they might have a child or children.

So, which are they, a son or a father? They are both.

And, they are many others things, potentially a: brother, grandfather, friend, nephew, uncle, citizen (of a place), professional, student, hobbyist, and many other "titles."

So it is with Jesus Christ. He has many, many names and titles.

How is it that man has numerous "titles?" Because God created man into His own image and likeness. God has many, many names, offices, titles and descriptions, and so it is with man.

God's Plan for Humanity

God's plan for humanity is so glorious, human words cannot express it!

God's magnificent offers to mankind are beyond human comprehension!

He has offered Himself!

To every person!

All the time!

Everywhere they go!

For all eternity!

God's Offer to Mankind

God's offer to mankind is priceless, infinite and eternal. Why?

Because HE is priceless, infinite and eternal, and infinitely, eternally more!

For all eternity, man will be in awe of Him and His offer to mankind.

Beyond Human Description

Notice some of the ways His offer is described in the Bible:

"The glorious splendor of Your majesty" . . .
"A treasure hidden in a field, which a man goes and digs up again and again" . . . "The riches of the glory of the mystery" . . . (Psalm 145:5, Matthew 13:44-46, Colossians 1:27).

What is the Father, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit like?

“On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, will I meditate” (Psalm 145:5).

One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold/gaze at/see the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire/seek Him in His temple (Psalm 27:4, various translations).

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The Father . . . the Lord Jesus . . . the Holy Spirit is indeed the most wonderful, most beautiful Person in the universe.

His presence is . . . the glory of the Lord.

When we go deeper with Him in the power of the Holy Spirit, and we experience His presence and glory, He is the only One we will want.

And the Holy Spirit reveals who Jesus is. He’s the savior. He’s the Son of God. He’s our master and friend. And infinitely more.

And He is the Lord God Almighty.

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Yet, Jesus Himself said, “My Father . . . is

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It is an eternal mystery . . . the Father, Son and Holy Spirit . . . the trinity . . . one God . . . three Persons. They are one, yet they are separate and distinct Persons. The Holy Spirit reveals this mystery (Colossians 1:27, 1 Corinthians 2:10).

So when someone knows Jesus, they have a relationship with the Lord God Almighty. Knowing Him is the greatest and highest privilege for a human.

Another mystery is that it's up to a person what they do with that relationship. Why is it like that?

Because God made man into His image and likeness and gave us a free will (Genesis 1:27, 2:7). God cannot make anyone follow Him or do anything.

Priceless Results

Within knowing Him, He offers priceless results found only in Him, some of which are below.

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But let's always remember: He Himself, His presence and His glory are the answer.

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Everything a person wants, needs, desires and longs for, is found in Him.

When someone finds Him, all the things listed below are a natural result.

The Answer: Knowing Him

The answer is going directly to Him, the one and only true God.

If someone goes to Him, with a repentant, humble spirit, and desires to meet Him, He will answer.

He will reveal Himself.

And that person will find the answer.

They will have the one and only thing, the thing that will last forever, that no one can ever take from them . . . knowing the only true God.

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But we might neglect the one and only thing – knowing Him!

The incredible truth is that He is merciful, gracious, patient, faithful and infinitely more.

When we come to Him, with a repentant heart, He receives us. Amen!

Some Results of Knowing Him . . .

Just some of the priceless gifts and attributes He offers are:

Eternal, everlasting life

The divine nature
Fullness of love
Fullness of joy; joy unspeakable and full of
glory
Pleasures forevermore
Perfect peace
Blessed, favored and fortunate; happiness
Faith
Hope of glory
Harmony
Purpose
Prosperity
Divine health
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TEN

The Glorious Splendor of His Majesty

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ELEVEN

Jesus, the Image of the Invisible God

“He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence

19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross”

(Colossians 1:15-20)

14 Revelations of Jesus Christ in Colossians
1:15-20

1. He is image of the unseen God
2. He is the beginning of all creation
3. He is the creator of all things in heaven
4. He is the creator of all things on earth
5. All things were created through Him and
for Him
6. He is before all things
7. He is the sustainer of all things
8. He is the head of the church
9. He is the beginning
10. He is the firstborn from the dead
11. He has the preeminence in all things
12. He is the reconciler of all things on earth
13. He is the reconciler of all things in heaven
14. He has made peace through the blood of
His cross

TWELVE

Jesus, the Exact Representation of God's Nature

“. . . His Son . . . [is] . . . the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person” (Hebrews 1:3).

The Lord Jesus is beyond words.

The same is of course true for the Father. His glory is so powerful and strong, no man can see Him and live (Exodus 33:20). He told Moses that he, Moses, could not see His face, for no man can see Him and live.

God set up the perfect plan.

He sent His only Son to the earth to save and redeem mankind. He sent Jesus to offer life to the world.

Then, He sent the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of the Father and of Jesus Christ.

Every person in the world can have a full relationship with God through His Son.

What a wonderful, perfect, glorious plan!

Jesus: the Exact Representation of God's Nature

Again, when we try to "express" or "explain" Jesus Christ, there are no words to express Him fully, neither His Person nor His glory.

Jesus is an eternal revelation, just as the Father is an eternal revelation.

The New Testament letters are an attempt to "summarize" or "explain" Jesus Christ, our most holy faith, and much more.

A great concise summary is found in Hebrews 1:3.

Notice that there are two parts to the short "explanation: or "summary" of Jesus:

Jesus is:

1. The brightness of God's glory
2. The express image of God's person

Therefore, there is the glory of Jesus. And there is His Person.

The glory of Jesus Christ is inexpressible.

The Person of Jesus Christ is inexpressible.

Jesus, the Son of God

He is the Son of God.

God so loved the world He gave His Son, that whoever believes in Him shall find eternal life.

Jesus spoke and taught very clearly about His Father and their relationship.

He will forever be the Son of God.

The Father even spoke from heaven, twice, audibly saying, "This is My Beloved Son."

Amen, and amen.

Jesus Christ, God Almighty

Jesus Christ is also the Lord God Almighty.

The Holy Spirit reveals this wondrous, glorious, eternal revelation . . . that Jesus Christ is God.

This revelation is also beyond human words.

A great man of God (John Wesley) summarized Jesus in this way:

God came to earth as a man and justified Himself to the world.

God Loves the World

Someone may ask, "Why is it all about Jesus?"

The answer is of course an eternal revelation and mystery.

God is love. Jesus is love.

God so loved the world . . .

He sent Jesus to save mankind . . . to die for the world.

The gospel is God's love story to and for the

world.

The gospel is beyond human words or explanation.

What God the Father and His Son have done and are doing – and will do for eternity – is beyond human comprehension.

The revelation that God is one – the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and yet they are separate and distinct Persons . . . is truly beyond our limited understanding.

He is beyond us . . . He is an eternal revelation.

Some Translations

Some of the various translations of Hebrews 1:3 are below.

Some examples of translations include:

Jesus is the exact imprint of God's nature

He is the exact likeness of God's being.

Other translations:

“He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature” (ESV).

“The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His nature” (Berean Study & others).

“His Son . . . [is] . . . the radiance of His glory and the exact expression of His substance” (Berean Literal).

“God’s Son has all the brightness of God’s own glory and is like him in every way” (Good News).

“Who being the brightness of his glory” (KJV)

“For he is the Brilliance of his glory” (Aramaic Bible)

“His Son is the reflection of God’s glory” (GWT).

“He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact likeness of his being” (ISV).

“The Son is the radiance of his glory and the representation of his essence” (NET).

“He brightly reflects God’s glory and is the exact representation of His being” (Weymouth).

God . . . has in these last days spoken to us by His Son . . . who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person (Hebrews 1:1-3).

THIRTEEN

Seven Revelations of Jesus in John 1:1-13

1. The eternal word (John 1:1a).
 2. The personal word (John 1:1b).
 3. The creative word (John 1:3).
 4. The life-giving word (John 1:4a).
 5. The light-giving word (John 1:5).
 6. The illuminating word (John 1:9).
 7. The saving word (John 1:12,13).
- Word incarnate (John 1:14).
Gracious word (John 1:16).

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was

life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:1-13).

The Twenty One Revelations of Jesus in the Gospel of John

Chapter 1 – The Word of God

Chapter 2 – The Son of Man

Chapter 3 – The Divine Teacher- John 3:2

Chapter 4 – The Soul Winner

Chapter 5 – The Great Physician

Chapter 6 – The Bread of Life

Chapter 7 – The Water of Life

Chapter 8 – The Defender of the Weak

Chapter 9 – The Light of the World

- Chapter 10 – The Good Shepherd
- Chapter 11 – The Resurrection and the Life
- Chapter 12 – The King
- Chapter 13 – The Servant
- Chapter 14 – The Comforter
- Chapter 15 – The True Vine
- Chapter 16 – The Baptizer in the Holy Spirit
- Chapter 17 – The Intercessor
- Chapter 18 – The Suffering Messiah
- Chapter 19 – The Uplifted Savior
- Chapter 20 – The Conqueror over Death
- Chapter 21 – The Restorer of Human Lives

FOURTEEN

The Seven "I Am" Revelations in John

Jesus spoke seven (7) "I am" statements in the Gospel of John. There are also seven (7) miracles, with every one corresponding with one of the "I am" statements. Jesus said:

"I am the bread of life." (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51)

"I am the light of the world." (John 8:12)

"I am the door of the sheep." (John 10:7,9)

"I am the good shepherd." (John 10:11, 14)

"I am the resurrection and the life." (John 11:25)

"I am the way, the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)

"I am the true vine." (John 15:1, 5)

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John 6 – Jesus feeds the multitude with five loaves and two fish. Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that Jesus gave is His flesh, which He gave for the life of the world. John 6:51

“I am the light of the world.” (John 8:12)

John 8 – Jesus forgives woman caught in adultery. Jesus and His light eliminates darkness and sin.

“I am the door of the sheep.” (John 10:7,9)

John 5 – man healed at the pool of Bethesda. Jesus said, “Rise, take up your bed and walk” (John 10:8) Jesus is the door to salvation, healing and eternally more.

“I am the good shepherd.” (John 10:11, 14)

John 6 – Jesus walks on the water. Then, in verse 21, “immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.” Jesus is the good shepherd who delivers us from storms and trouble.

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Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Jesus raises us from the dead, giving us eternal life.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life.” (John 14:6)

John 4 – the nobleman’s son healed. Jesus said,

"Go your way, your son lives" in verse 50. Jesus is the way leading to truth and life and infinitely more.

"I am the true vine." (John 15:1, 5)

John 2 – Jesus turns water to wine. Jesus is the vine that produces the new wine of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the vine, we are the branches that bear fruit.

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FIFTEEN**Jesus' Reveals the
Only True God and Himself**

Jesus' words revealing His deity:

1. "Jesus said to them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM'" (John 8:54-58).

2. "Jesus cried out and said: 'He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. He who sees Me sees Him who sent Me'" (John 12:45).

3. Jesus said: "'He who has seen Me has seen the Father'" (John 14:9)

Jesus' words revealing the only true God and Himself:

“All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him” (Matthew 11:26).

“He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me” (Luke 10:16).

“Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel. For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him” (John 5:19-23).

Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me” (John 7:16).

“You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me" (John 7:28-29).

Recommended reading:

John 12:44-50

John 14:7-11

John 16:12-15

"He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me." (John 12:44).

Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? (John 14:9).

"And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, 'Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death'" (Revelation 1:17-18).

SIXTEEN

Jesus is Alive

Jesus Christ was with and alongside the Father before the world was.

The Father gave Jesus His glory before the foundation of the world (John 17:5).

God sent His Son to the earth as a man (John 6).

Gave gave His only begotten Son to the world (John 3:16).

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

Jesus lived as a man. He fulfilled His ministry. He finished the work the Father gave Him to do.

Jesus gave Himself to the world.

He shed His blood for our sins.

He died that we might live.

He gave His body for the life of the world

(John 6:51).

When Jesus died, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, and the rocks were split. The graves were opened. Many of the saints bodies were raised. And coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into Jerusalem and appeared to many (Acts 1).

Jesus was buried and descended to the underworld.

He preached and proclaimed to the fallen angels in prison (Tartarus). He disarmed principalities and powers. He made a public spectacle of them. He triumphed over them in His victory on the cross (1 Peter 3:19, Colossians 2:15).

He rose from the dead.

He laid down His life and took it up again. He received that command from the Father (John 10:18).

He lived 40 days on the earth.

He presented Himself by many unmistakable proofs. He spoke to His apostles of things pertaining to the kingdom of God (Acts 1:3).

He appeared to Peter and His disciples. Then He was seen by more than 500 brothers at one time. He was seen by James, then by all the apostles, then by Paul (1 Corinthians 15:6).

He told His apostles to wait for "the Promise of My Father." Jesus said, ". . . John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:4).

He ascended to heaven.

As the apostles watched, "He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9).

Then, the apostles saw two men in white clothing, who said: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:10-11).

Jesus was with the Father in heaven.

Jesus came to the earth.

He descended to the underworld.

He returned to the earth.

He ascended to the right hand of God's power.

Jesus Christ is the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

The only true God and His glory fills the heavens, the earth and the universe.

He who believes in Jesus has eternal life.

Jesus saves.

SEVENTEEN

The Sacrifice of Jesus

For all eternity, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ will be honored, revered, proclaimed and infinitely more.

God gave and sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for the world.

Jesus gave His life and died for the life of the world.

Only one faith has a Savior who died for the world. Only one God loves the world so much that He gave His only Son and sent Him to the earth to save and redeem mankind.

God came to earth as a man and justified Himself to the world. In fact, He did something even more sacrificial than coming to the earth Himself. He sent His only begotten Son to die for the world. Whosoever believes in the Lord Jesus

shall not perish but have everlasting life.

Yet, He was hated, betrayed, condemned, and rejected.

He was beaten again and again, scourged, whipped, and flogged to the point of death.

He was brutally whipped 39 times. The instrument had thongs with metal hooks and pottery shards, designed to tear the flesh to the bone. Forty lashes was designed to kill someone.

A crown of thorns was placed on His head. His head was beaten with a heavy wooden stick.

He was mocked, ridiculed, spit upon, and slapped on the face.

He was insulted, taunted, reviled, and blasphemed.

They drove nails through his hands and feet.

He was crucified on a cross for six hours, one of the most brutal forms of execution. He was killed. He was executed.

Jesus shed His blood seven times and was the perfect sacrifice.

He rose from the dead, ascended to heaven and lives forevermore.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world.

Whosoever relies on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. Receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. He is the only way to life and heaven.

John 3:16-17, the Gospels, John 17:4, Isaiah 53:3,5,7-9, John 15:18, Mark 10:33, Matthew

21:42, Luke 17:25, John 1:11, Mark 15:19, Mark 10:33, John 19:1, Mark 10:34, John 19:3, Matthew 27:44, Matthew 27:39, John 20:25, Luke 24:39, Matthew 27:32-56, Mark 14:53-65, Luke 23:26-43, John 18:12-28, Mark 15:25,33-37, John 19:34, Revelation 13:8, Mark 16, Luke 24

The Crucifixion in the Gospels:

Mark 15:24-32

Luke 23:33-43

John 19:18-27

Matthew 27:35-44



He is God, yet He became a man (Gospels, John 1).

He is eternity, yet He lived in human time (Revelation 1 and 4).

He is life, yet He died for the world (John 1:4, 14:6, 17:3, Gospels).

He is love, yet He was hated (John 15:18, 1 John 4:8).

He saves, yet He was crucified (Matthew 18:11, Luke 19:10, Gospels)

He is holy, yet He became sin (Revelation 4:8-11, 2 Corinthians 5:21).

He dwells in eternal glory, yet He came to the earth as a human (John 17:22).

He sits on the highest throne in the universe, yet he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross (Mark 16:19, Luke 22:69, Philippians 2:9).

He is high and lofty, yet He became low and humble (Isaiah 57:15, Matthew 11:29).

He is the highest, yet He made Himself the lowest (Philippians 2:9, Mark 9:35).

He is the first, yet He became the last (Matthew 20:28, Mark 10:45, John 13:1-17).

He is the Lord of all, yet He became the servant of all (Matthew 20:28, Mark 9:35, 10:45, John 13:1-17).

He takes away suffering, yet He suffered more than any man (Matthew 11:29, John 6:35, Isaiah 52:14).

He created mankind, yet men rejected Him (Genesis 1:27, Isaiah 53:3, John 1:11).

He created the men who beat Him and crucified Him (Genesis 1:27).

He spoke the worlds into existence, yet He was silent and did not open His mouth (Genesis 1, Isaiah 53:7).

He gives life, yet His life was taken from Him (John 10:28).

He is blessed, yet He was cursed (Galatians 3:13).

He is true, yet they crucified Him based on lies (Revelation 3:7).

His face shines like the sun, yet it was marred more than any man (Isaiah 52:14).

He is grace and beauty, yet He had no loveliness or attractiveness (Isaiah 53:2).

He is beautiful beyond description, yet there was no beauty that we should desire Him (Isaiah 53:2).

He accepts, yet He was despised (Isaiah 53:3).

He welcomes, yet He was rejected (Matthew 11:29-30, Isaiah 53:3).

He removes sorrow and gives happiness, yet He was a Man of sorrows (Matthew 5:3-12, Isaiah 53:3).

He gives fullness of joy, yet He was acquainted with grief (Psalm 16:11, Isaiah 53:3).

Men find life by seeing Him, yet we hid our faces from Him (John 6:40, Isaiah 53:3).

He esteems, yet He was not esteemed (Isaiah 66:2, Isaiah 53:3).

He carried our sicknesses and grief, yet we thought He was punished and afflicted by God (Isaiah 53:4).

He carried our sorrows, yet we thought His suffering was punishment from God (Isaiah 53:4).

He heals, yet He was wounded and pierced for our transgressions (Acts 10:38, Isaiah 53:4).

He restores, yet He was bruised and crushed for our iniquities (Psalm 23:3, Isaiah 53:5).

He forgives and pardons, yet He was punished for our peace (Matthew 26:28, Isaiah 53:5).

He helps and comforts, yet He was chastised and disciplined for our well-being (John 14:26, Isaiah 53:5).

He gives rest, yet He was whipped, beaten, bruised and wounded for our healing (Matthew

11:29-30, Isaiah 53:5).

He had no sin or iniquity, yet the Lord laid on Him the sin and iniquity of us all (2 Corinthians 5:21, Isaiah 53:6).

He delivers, yet He was oppressed (2 Samuel 2:2-3, John 10:9, Isaiah 53:7).

He assists, yet He was afflicted (Matthew 11:29, John 14:26, Isaiah 53:7).

His voice is like the sound of many waters, yet He was silent (Revelation 1:15, Isaiah 53:7).

He was persecuted and crucified, yet He did not open His mouth (Isaiah 53:7).

He is the Deliverer, yet He was oppressed (Psalm 18:2, Romans 11:26, John 5:22, Isaiah 53:8).

He is the Judge, yet He was judged (Psalm 18:2, Romans 11:26, John 5:22, Isaiah 53:8).

His descendants will be as the stars and sand, yet His generation did not care about His fate on the earth (Genesis 22:17, Isaiah 53:8).

He is the giver of life, yet He was cut off from the land of the living (John 6:63, John 14:6, Isaiah 53:8).

He had no transgressions, yet for the transgressions of the people He was struck (2 Corinthians 5:21, Isaiah 53:8).

He did no violence, nor had any deceit in His mouth, yet they made His grave with the wicked (Isaiah 53:9).

He beautifies, yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him (Isaiah 53:10).

He is the hope of glory, yet the Lord put Him to grief (Isaiah 53:10).

He was an offering for sin, yet every offering is for Him (Isaiah 53:10).

He gives rest to those who labor, yet His soul labored (Matthew 11:28-30, Isaiah 53:11).

He pours His life into souls, yet He poured out His soul unto death (John 10:10, Isaiah 53:12).

He had no transgressions, yet He was numbered with the transgressors (2 Corinthians 5:21, Isaiah 53:12).

He is the only one without sin, yet He bore the sin of many (John 1:29, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Isaiah 53:12).

He is God's holy gift to mankind, yet He was

made an offering for sin, for the life of the world (John 3:16, Isaiah 53:10, John 6:51).



They sought to arrest and kill Him, yet He seeks to save those that are lost (John 5:18, 10:39, Matthew 18:11, Luke 19:10).

He honors, yet He was betrayed with a kiss (John 12:26, Mark 14:44, Luke 22:48).

He could have prayed and been provided with more than 72,000 angels, yet He endured the cross as a man (Matthew 26:53, Hebrews 12:2).

He is love, yet He was hated (1 John 4:8, John 15:18).

He is eternally loyal, yet He was betrayed (Psalm 119:90, Mark 10:33).

He forgives and frees, yet He was condemned (Matthew 26:28, John 8:36, Mark 10:33).

He accepts, yet He was rejected (Matthew 21:42, Luke 17:25, John 1:11).

He protects and shelters, yet He was beaten again and again (Mark 15:19).

He rescues and comforts, yet He was pun-

ished, abused and mistreated (John 3:16, John 14:26, Gospels).

He heals, yet He was whipped to the point of death (John 19:1).

He exalts, yet He was mocked (Matthew 23:12, Revelation 3:21, Matthew 27:27-31).

He builds up and elevates, yet He was ridiculed (Luke 1:52, Matthew 27:27-31).

He transforms people into His image, yet He was slapped on the face (2 Corinthians 3:18, John 18:22).

He approves, yet He was insulted (Proverbs 16:7).

He esteems, yet He was taunted (Isaiah 66:1, Luke 23:35).

He cherishes, yet He was reviled (Psalm 56:8, Matthew 27:44, 1 Peter 2:23).

He is the Holy One, yet He was blasphemed (John 6:69, Matthew 27:39).

He prayed three times that the Father's cup may pass from Him, yet He drank the cup (John 18:11, Matthew 26:27-29, Mark 14:23-25, Luke 22:17-18).

He prayed three times, "Not My will, but Your will be done," and He did His Father's will. And He drank of the fruit of the vine with His disciples in His Father's kingdom (John 18:11, Matthew 26:36-45, Mark 14:32-40, Luke 22:39-45).

He was slain from the foundation of the world. Yet, He chose of His own free will to suffer and die for the life of the world (Revelation 13:8, Matthew 26:27-29, Mark 14:23-25, Luke 22:17-18).

His body came from heaven, yet He gave it and it was broken for the life of the world (Luke 1:35, John 6:51).

His blood came from heaven, yet He shed it and poured it out to save mankind (Luke 1:35, Matthew 26:28).

He is the living bread, yet His body was broken for the life of the world (John 6:51).

He bought the church with His precious blood, yet He was sold for 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26:15, Galations 3:13-15).

He sees all, yet He was blindfolded. Proverbs 5:21-23, Hebrews 4:13, Luke 22:63).

He is robed in majesty, yet they stripped Him

and put a scarlet robe on Him. Matthew 27:28).

He wears many crowns, yet He wore a crown of thorns. Revelation 19:12, Mark 15:19).

He is the King of Glory and the King of Kings, yet they mocked Him as the "King of the Jews" (Psalm 24:10, Revelation 19:16, Matthew 27:29, 37).

He breathes life into people, yet He was spit upon (John 20:22, Mark 14:65, 15:19).

At His name every knee will bow, yet they mocked Him as they bowed down and worshipped (Philippians 2:10-11, Mark 15:19).

At His name every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, yet they mocked Him, saying "Hail, King of the Jews" Philippians 2:9-11, Matthew 27:29).

He gave His life for mankind, yet He was crucified with two robbers (John 10:18, Matthew 27:38).

He is the living water, yet He was given vinegar, sour wine mingled with gall, while on the cross (John 4:14-16, Matthew 27:34).

He was executed by men, yet He forgave them (Luke 23:34).

He is robed in glory, yet they divided His garments, casting lots (Psalm 93:1, Psalm 23:18).

He said, "I thirst!" on the cross, yet He is the living water which if someone drinks, they will never thirst (John 19:28, John 4:14).

He is one with the Father, yet He was forsaken (Matthew 27:46).

He is the light of the world, yet for three hours there was darkness over all the land (John 8:12, Matthew 27:45).

Heaven is His home, and the heavens are His throne, but He went down to hell and the underworlds (Isaiah 66:1, 1 Peter 3:19 and 1 Peter 4:6). He rose from the dead, ascended to heaven and returned the throne of God at the right hand of the Father God, that He might fill all in all.



He made the universe and every person. Yet, His sweat became drops of blood, for the healing of our soul (Genesis 1, Colossians 1:16, Luke 22:44).

He knows everything we do, yet His head was beaten again and again with a heavy wood-

en stick, and bled, for the healing of our mind (Psalm 139:3, Matthew 27:29).

No man can see His glorious face and live, yet His face was beaten and marred more than any man's, for the healing of our image (Exodus 33:20, Isaiah 50:6, Mark 14:65).

He revealed His goodness, His name and His back, yet His back was brutally whipped 39 times, tearing the flesh to the bone, for the healing of our body (Exodus 33:19-23, Matthew 27:26).

His hands are outstretched to every person, yet they were nailed to the cross and bled, for the healing of our work (Matthew 11:29-30, Luke 24:39-40).

Mankind finds life at His feet, yet His feet were nailed to the cross, and bled, for the healing of our walk (Revelation 1:17, Luke 24:39-40).

He created Adam and then Eve from Adam's side. Yet His side was pierced, causing blood and water to flow, for our salvation and the birth of the church (Genesis 2:22, John 19:34).

He shed and poured out His blood on the earth, yet His blood is preserved forever in heaven (Gospels, Hebrews 9:11-15).

He died, yet He rose from the dead.

He rose from the dead, and He ascended to heaven.

He lives forevermore.

Now . . .

He is the Most High God, the One & Only, the God of the universe, the Creator and Possessor of the heavens and the earth. Yet he is available to every person, all the time, forever.

He is the all-powerful God, yet He is also gentle and lowly, so that every person can know Him, from the weakest to the strongest.

“He is the High and Lofty One. He dwells in the high and holy place, and with he who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones” (Isaiah 57:15).

Therefore God has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord God Almighty, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9-11).

John 3:16-17, the Gospels, John 17:4, Isaiah 53:3,5,7-9, John 15:18, Mark 10:33, Matthew 21:42, Luke 17:25, John 1:11, Mark 15:19, Mark 10:33, John 19:1, Mark 10:34

John 19:3, Matthew 27:44, Matthew 27:39, John 20:25, Luke 24:39, Matthew 27:32-56, Mark 14:53-65, Luke 23:26-43, John 18:12-28, Mark 15:25,33-37, John 19:34, Revelation 13:8, Mark 16, Luke 24

The Crucifixion in the Gospels:

Matthew 27:35-44

Mark 15:24-32

Luke 23:33-43

John 19:18-27

EIGHTEEN

Heaven

Believers in Jesus will spend eternity in heaven.

Those who know Jesus as Lord and Savior, who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, will live forever in God's home, which is filled with the presence of God, the presence of Jesus.

Scriptures and descriptions of heaven:

"Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (Matthew 13:36-43).

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world . . .

"Then He will also say to those on the left

hand, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels . . . (Matthew 25:34,41).

"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2).

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might,
Be to our God forever and ever.
Amen."

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

And I said to him, "Sir, you know."

So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation,

and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 7:9-17).

And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who

thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Revelation 21:3-8).

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever (Revelation 22:1-5).

Descriptions of Heaven and Jesus Christ

People who have been to heaven and returned to earth describe their experience:

They placed me at the feet of the most glorious Being I could ever imagine. A crown of pure light rested on His head, and hair as white as snow fell upon His shoulders. No words could begin to describe His splendor . . . I was totally overawed by Him. His goodness, tenderness, and love overwhelmed me. I bowed down.¹

-Marietta Davis

He looked down at me. He had such beautiful eyes. I'll never forget those eyes. They were so large and full of meaning – and kindness and forgiveness and compassion. Everything you would want to see in Jesus' face was there.²

-Lorraine Tutmarc

I looked into Jesus' eyes . . . they looked like wells of living love. It seemed as if one could see a half mile deep into them, and the tender look of His love is indescribable. As I looked into His face and into His eyes, I fell at His feet.³

-Kenneth Hagin

"I felt I had everything I ever wanted to have. I was everything I had ever intended to be. I was arriving at where I had always dreamed of being."⁴

-Betty Malz

Eby calls his visit "unutterable . . . indescrib-

able . . . spiritually resplendent . . . and most ecstatically moving."⁵

The scene was "gorgeously unsurpassable in its beauty," with the foliage having a radiance. It was a great outdoors of mountains, trees, flowers, music, and sweet smells. Forests of symmetrical trees unlike anything on earth covered the foothills on each side. Every tree was tall, graceful, perfect, unblemished . . . Rolling hills under cloudless skies seemed to stretch for miles. The skies were a new color, an iridescent white-gold light. The valley floor was gorgeous. Stately grasses with perfectly straight blades were mixed in with ultra-white, four-petaled flowers on stems two feet tall, with a touch of gold at the centers.⁶

-Richard Eby

She looked into his eyes, which were loving and clear as blue water, yet piercing. It was like she was mirrored in his eyes . . . There was a heavenly illumination that made his hair light red, his eyes bluish and transparent, and his skin a light gold color . . . "There is no way to describe his coloring. It is like another world's color. It's the Shekinah glory, iridescent golden light glowing through him."⁷

-Valvita Jones

As he turned around, he saw Jesus Christ. The glory about Him moved toward Roberts and came upon him, engulfing him. Roberts fell to his knees, and tears began to stream from his eyes, running down his face. Jesus said, "I want to give you a tour through heaven, this place I have made for all who believe, because I love you so much."⁸

As he said this, tears again poured down Roberts' face. To Roberts, Jesus' presence is so tender that your joy turns to tears.

He said repeatedly, "I love my people so much. Why do people not take me at My word? Do they not know that I have all power in heaven and on earth to back up what I said? It is so easy. I made it so simple. If people would just take me at My word, I will do what I said."⁹

-Roberts Liardon

Richard saw a crystal city made entirely of glowing lights of different types. The lights gave off rays of glory brighter than the sun. The whole city was filled with tall buildings . . . Some were round, and one was shaped like a diamond. There were choirs and angels singing from the heights. Richard still remembers weeping with adoration and joy at seeing and

hearing these inexpressible things.¹⁰

Jesus walked onto the stage to thunderous praise, worship, and adoration. The Lord looked at people lovingly . . . "You could feel the Shekinah glory love that came out of Him. It was awesome . . . words fail."¹¹

-Richard Sigmund

Suddenly . . . there stood Jesus . . . glory and power billowed all around Him . . . His piercing eyes were beautiful . . . the tenderness in His eyes' is beyond a writer's description. The loveliness of the Blessed Savior was awe-inspiring and wonderful.¹²

-Mary Baxter

A voice said: "Come with me into the Throne Room where the secrets of the universe are kept!"¹³

Chrioni said to him: "You can never comprehend the depth of God's love because it is too great!"¹⁴

-Roland Buck

"Jesus spoke with a voice that relayed the same love his glance transmitted to me – such gentleness and tenderness. Once you hear it, you will never forget it."¹⁵

-Gerald Landry

The light was so intense, he had to look away and keep looking down . . . He is so big – you can't describe Him in a dimension . . . The form of God's body is somewhat like energy and spirit. The power, the energy-like smoke of God, covers all around the chair of the throne itself . . . There was a massive amount of energy, power, smoke, and noise there.¹⁶

-Jesse Duplantis

Jesus was dressed in a white robe down to His feet, with a golden sash around His chest. His eyes were gleaming and welcoming. His hair was white as snow, thick, and hanging down below His shoulders . . . His face oozed with love that was tangible and real . . . His face is radiant and inviting.¹⁷

-Maurice Maelo

NINETEEN

Hell

The unsaved, those who do not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life, will spend eternity in hell, in the lake of fire and burning sulfur.

They will be tormented with fire and brimstone, forever. The smoke of their torment will ascend forever and ever. They have no rest day or night.

Hell is a place of continual fire, suffering, torment, loud wailing, weeping, screaming, and gnashing of teeth.

The lost souls in hell burn in fire forever. Their flesh literally burns and falls off their bodies. Worms and maggots crawl inside them.

They feel and know everything going on. They suffer a literal eternal death. Human beings ex-

ist forever, because we are eternal beings, made in God's image. Their souls exist forever.

Jesus Christ spoke about hell often in the gospels, in: Matthew 5:22,29,30; 10:28; 11:23; 12:40; 16:18; 18:9; 23:15; 23:33; 25:41; Mark 9:44,46,48; and Luke 16:19-31.

Hell is currently located in the center of the earth.

At the end times, it will be thrown into the lake of fire.

In hell, a person has ALL their senses – sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch – and all five are a lot stronger there. The spirit realm is on a much higher level than the natural realm.

There are more than 110 specific Scriptures in the Bible about hell and the other four worlds under the earth, which are: the pit, tartarus, the lake of fire, and paradise.

Jesus preached and talked about hell more often than He spoke about heaven.

Who goes to hell?

Anyone on earth who dies and does not know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior, whose name is not in the book of life, will go to hell and spend their eternity there.

In hell, there is no life or goodness of any kind – no living things, no light, no love, no mercy, no water, no food.

God withdrew Himself from that place. Therefore, there is no life or anything good.

Hell is a place of: fire; brimstone; burning

sulfur; deadly heat; extreme darkness; awful nauseating smells; lethal torment; scary, massive overpowering demons that torture helpless people; worms and maggots that crawl inside people and never die; and worse.

Anyone who ends up in hell can never get out, FOREVER. For ALL ETERNITY.

At death, judgment is set.

Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

The beings in hell are: demons; some of the angels; Satan (a fallen angel); and, tragically, humans who died without knowing Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, without having a personal relationship with God Almighty through His Son Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Humans in hell can never get out.

Judgment is set. It can never be changed, FOREVER.

They are stuck in hell for eternity, and they know it. They remember their life on earth.

They are placed in small pits or cells. Their bodies are continually burned with fire, burning sulfur and hot coals. The fire and flames literally burn and tear their flesh off their skeletons.

Worms and maggots crawl inside them and are not affected by the fire.

Demons torment and torture them and keep them in their holding places.

Even worse, at the end times, hell will be thrown into the lake of fire. They will be a literal lake of fire and burning sulfur, forever.

Humans in hell feel everything and know ev-

everything going on. They remember their life on earth and the many times they could have repented and received Jesus Christ. They remember the times they could have done good and did not. They remember family and friends on earth – and hope that they avoid hell.

They know they are among billions of other lost souls, all of them weeping and wailing in torment. Approximately 108 billion people have lived so far on earth – and most people do not make it to heaven.

People in hell only leave their small pit or cell to be taken somewhere else for even worse torture, sometimes by Satan himself.

When the earth is destroyed, hell will be thrown into the lake of fire, where everyone in hell will burn in fire FOREVER (Revelation 20:14).

Why is there a hell?

Why is there even a place with such horrible, extreme, excruciating suffering?

We know only in part.

The word of God says that hell was “prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41) – not for man.

The translation for the Greek word “prepared” is “having been made ready.” God did not create hell. He removed Himself from that place, to prepare a place for the enemy, who is eternal. Angels are eternal beings. There had to

be a place for them for eternity. Satan will be tormented in the lake of fire, forever (Revelation 20:10).

The Real Battle

The real battle in the universe is between God Almighty – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – and His enemy, Satan.

The devil was originally the highest-ranking angel of God (Lucifer; see Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28) who rebelled and tried to overthrow God. Satan was cast out of heaven and is still today opposing and trying to defeat God. He still thinks he can overthrow God, but he was defeated at the cross of Jesus Christ.

One of the main ways He opposes God is by deceiving human beings into NOT following God through Jesus Christ – and into following the devil, or any other path apart from Jesus Christ.

Satan and his enslaved demons hate people, because people are made in God's image; and Satan hates God.

Why is this happening? This battle is a mystery in many ways to humans. But God has revealed much about it through His word. See the book *War in the Heavens* for a full summary of the real war in the universe.

This battle has been going on for a long time – we do not know how long.

When someone understands the spiritual bat-

tle and the good and evil forces behind it, a lot of questions and mysteries are answered and solved.

Tragically, Satan deceives people into following him – and those who follow him will end up in hell. It's very important to know this: if someone is not following Jesus Christ, that person is following and serving Satan, the devil. Every person on earth is in one of two families: God's or the devil's.

Description of hell – continued

For the billions of lost souls in hell, there is no relief from the suffering – no rest, no sleep, no water or food of any kind, no compassion from anyone. Remember, the good things we have on earth are not in hell.

There is a continual foul, toxic stench and odor from the decaying flesh, garbage, and much more.

No human would even want to see hell or spend one second or minute there, let alone eternity.

Tragically, it is estimated that more than 83,000 people a day – and possibly more than 100,000 – die and end up in hell.

Where is hell? It is in the center of the earth. Hell is shaped like a human body lying on its back, with arms and legs stretched out. Hell is beneath those on earth, which is why the Bible refers to hell as “under” and “beneath” (Deuter

onomy 32:22 and Isaiah 14:9).

There are many different parts of hell, such as the arms, belly, heart, head, legs, and so forth. In recent years, Jesus has revealed much about hell through his children.

One of the most detailed and thorough descriptions and revelation of hell is Mary Baxter's book *A Divine Revelation of Hell*. The quote below is from that book.

The truth about hell is scary, shocking, tragic, and more much.

Jesus Christ: "I came to save all men. I desire that all who are lost will repent and call upon My name. It is not My will that any should perish, but have everlasting life. Sad to say, most will not repent of their sins before they die, and they will go to hell. But the way to heaven is the same for all people. You must be born again to enter the kingdom of God. You must come to the Father in My name and repent of your sins. You must sincerely give your heart to God and serve Him" (94).

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