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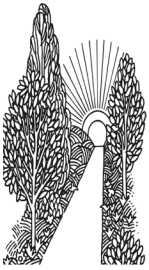
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Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners...

HEBREWS 13:3



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I have a friend who is currently feeling discouraged because she says that she has no idea what her spiritual gift is. Maybe for a young person, that is not such a big deal; she will come to realize this over time. But she is 63 years old and feels she has lived for over 40 years as a Christian without being able to discern what it is that her gift is.

Not everyone has “showy” gifts...gifts of preaching or teaching or the like. My friend is organized and dependable. Many a person has trusted her with information and various tasks over the years. She has been a great help to others both at church and in her personal life. Sometimes just being a warm and fuzzy (as opposed to a prickly) person can be a gift. My friend is that. She is a good listener and able to console and encourage. She makes God’s love “visible” (see Quotes and Quips, page 2).

First Corinthians 12 discusses spiritual gifts, and from this chapter we learn that no one gift is better than another. The church is one body, yet with many members or parts. Some may be hands, while others are feet. But without any of us, God’s church would not be complete. You may not be a great preacher, but you can make God’s love visible to others each day. Go shine your light!

— The Team at
Regeneration Fellowship

Quotes and Quips

Because of His boundless love, Jesus became what we are that He might make us to be what He is.

— Irenaeus

Jesus did not come to make God's love possible, but to make God's love visible.

— Unknown

Once we have seen [Jesus] in a stable, we can never be sure where He will appear or to what lengths He will go or to what ludicrous depths of self-humiliation He will descend in His wild pursuit of men.

— Frederick Buechner

Into this world, this demented inn in which there is absolutely no room for Him ... Christ comes uninvited.

— Thomas Merton

God is a vast reservoir of blessing who supplies us abundantly.

— Eugene H. Peterson

You'll become closer to God not by presenting God with your troubles but by thanking God for your blessings.

— Unknown

The world is round so that friendship may encircle it.

— Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

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A WORLD ON FIRE
Selected Studies on the Great Commission
 By David Metzler

PERSECUTOR OF “THE WAY”

“I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women, as also the high priest bears me witness, and all the council of the elders” (Acts 22:4, 5; emphasis added).

Saul continued to persecute the church of God, hunting them down, seizing them in their houses, and delivering them up to the priests and rulers for imprisonment and death. His zeal in carrying forward the persecutions was a terror to the Christians in Jerusalem...Saul was greatly esteemed by the Jews for his zeal in persecuting the believers. After the death of Stephen, he was elected a member of the Sanhedrin council, in consideration of the part he had acted on that occasion.

Saul [was] troubled, and he came to doubt the rightness of his actions...[but] the arguments of the priests and rulers finally convinced him that Stephen was a blasphemer, that the Christ whom the martyred disciple had preached was an impostor, and that those ministering in holy office must be right...

Saul repeatedly tried to get the new Christians to deny Jesus as the Christ, thereby blaspheming His name. This many refused to do, so men and *women* were cast into prison, their property confiscated, their lives forfeited for their belief in their Savior. Saul believed a true Jewish Messiah would someday lift the nation to glory over her conquerors. This man, Jesus, was certainly *not* the promised Messiah. Paul's intense passion on the subject fueled violence against what he saw as a threateningly false Messianism.

Saul was about to journey to Damascus upon his own business; but he was determined to accomplish a double purpose, by searching out, as he went, all the believers in Christ. For this purpose he obtained letters from the high priest to read in the synagogues, which authorized him to seize all those who were suspected of being believers in Jesus, and to send them by messengers to Jerusalem, there to be tried and punished...

Damascus, a major city, was an oasis in the desert of Syria...It is estimated that there may have been 30 or 40 synagogues in the city of Damascus at this time. Doubtless, Christians were still devoutly attending the synagogues, and it was against them that Saul planned to proceed...

We are not told who Saul's traveling companions were, but they were probably members of the temple police who were to escort those arrested back to Jerusalem under guard...Paul honestly thought that he was persecuting a weak, ignorant, fanatical sect. He did not realize that he himself was the one deluded and deceived. ■

LIGHT FOR MY PATH

What the Bible Says about Faith

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

James 1:6

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him:

Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

II Corinthians 5:7

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you

Matthew 17:20

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Ephesians 6:16

The just shall live by faith.

Romans 1:17b

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REVELATION
SPEAKS

By Mark A. Finley

“THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY, ‘COME’ ”

[This chapter is based on Revelation, chapter 22.]

Continued from Last Issue

8. Who will not be able to enter the New Jerusalem? Revelation 13:8; 21:27

NOTE: Speaking of those who worship the beast (Revelation 13:4-7), the Bible says that their names are not in the Lamb's Book of Life.

9. Who will be able to enter that kingdom? Revelation 3:5; 21:27

NOTE: Jesus says He will confess the names of those who overcome before His Father, and He will not blot out their names from the Book of Life.

10. How do we become sons and daughters of the heavenly King? John 1:12

NOTE: When we receive Christ as our Lord and Saviour, His Father becomes our Father. We are restored to the Family of God, from which Adam and Eve were separated because they chose to follow the enemy of God.

11. When asked by the Philippian jailer what he had to do to be saved, what did Paul tell him? Acts 16:31

NOTE: After Paul instructed them as to what it means to accept Christ, the jailer and his family were all baptized (Acts 16:32, 33).

12. As we accept Christ as our Saviour, how do we “put Him on” so that the whole world knows that we belong to Him? Galatians 3:27

NOTE: Young couples who are in love show that they want to live together for the rest of their lives by being married. Newborn Christians show their desire to live and follow Christ for all time and eternity by being baptized, thus declaring that they are one with the Saviour, having “put on Christ.”

13. If we have accepted Christ as Saviour, what assurance do we have? Galatians 3:29

NOTE: It was to Abraham of old that the promise was given that his seed would inherit the earth. The Bible tells us that, “he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God” (Hebrews 11:10). And if we are Christ’s, we are heirs according to this promise!

14. What example did Christ set for us in being baptized by John the Baptist? Matthew 3:13-17

NOTE: Jesus never sinned; therefore, it was not necessary for Him to be baptized for His sin, but He left us a perfect example of what God expects of us by being baptized in order that “He might fulfill all righteousness” (Matthew 3:15). No wonder we read in verse 17, “And lo, a voice from heaven saying, this is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

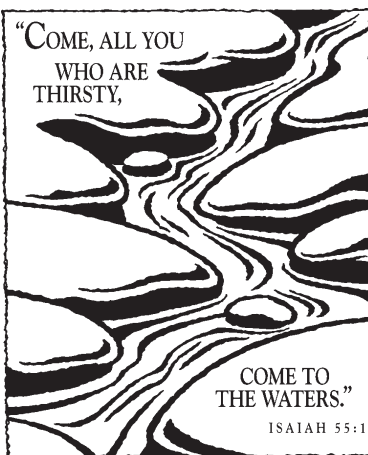
15. When Paul understood that Jesus was His Saviour and Lord, what questions did the prophet ask him? Acts 22:16

NOTE: When we understand the sacrifice of Christ and God’s great love for us, the question comes to us, “Why tarriest thou?” Yes, as we accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and “put on Christ” by being baptized, our names will be registered in the Book of Life. What an honor!

16. What urgent message did the angel give John concerning this book? Revelation 22:10

17. What beautiful invitation is given to all mankind in the last few verses of Revelation? Revelation 22:17

NOTE: From Genesis to Revelation, God's favorite word to His children on earth seems to be "COME." For 120 years, Noah gave God's message to the corrupt and evil antediluvian world: "COME." And while everyone else was walking away from God and safety, the people who were committed to God, who had put Him above every other consideration, accepted His last invitation: "COME THOU AND ALL THY HOUSE INTO THE ARK" (Genesis 7:1). Noah and his wife, along with their three sons and their wives, walked up the gangplank into the ark. Then God shut the door, forever sealing the fate of the antediluvians. How sad! God's invitation to the rebellious Israelites was, "Come now, and let us reason together...though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:16-18). Jesus' gracious invitation to His followers was: "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). What a wonderful promise! God's final invitation to earth's inhabitants is "COME" and receive the "water of life" that will satisfy every longing of your heart. Today the door of mercy is wide open. Your family, like Noah's, can take advantage of the ark of safety in Jesus. Wouldn't it be wonderful if your family could spend eternity together! This is the greatest invitation ever given to mankind! Your decision will be the greatest decision you ever make! "The spirit and the Bride say, "COME." Will you come? Will your name be written in the Lamb's Book of Life? It can be! Please "COME."



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THE STORY OF
REDEMPTION
by E. G. White

IN THE REGIONS BEYOND
(This chapter is based on Acts 13:1-4; 15:1-31.)

Ordination of Paul and Barnabas

God communicated with the devout prophets and teachers in the church at Antioch. "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13:2). These apostles were therefore dedicated to God in a most solemn manner by fasting and prayer and the laying on of hands; and they were sent forth to their field of labor among the Gentiles.



Paul and Barnabas

Both Paul and Barnabas had been laboring as ministers of Christ, and God had abundantly blessed their efforts, but neither of them had previously been formally ordained to the gospel ministry by prayer and the laying on of hands. They were now authorized by the church not only to teach the truth but to baptize and to organize churches, being invested with full ecclesiastical authority. This was an important era for the church. Though the middle wall of partition between Jew and Gentile had been broken down by the death of Christ, letting the Gentiles into the full privileges of the gospel, the veil had not yet been torn away from the eyes of many of the believing Jews, and they could not clearly discern to the end of that which was abolished by the Son of God. The work was now to be prosecuted with vigor among the Gentiles, and it was to result in strengthening the church by a great ingathering of souls.

The apostles, in this, their special work, were to be exposed to suspicion, prejudice, and jealousy. As a natural consequence of their departure from the exclusiveness of the Jews, their doctrine and views would be subject to the charge of heresy; and their credentials as ministers of the gospel would be questioned by many zealous, believing Jews. God foresaw all these difficulties that His servants would undergo, and in His wise providence, caused them to be invested with unquestionable authority from the established church of God, that their work should be above challenge.

The ordination by the laying on of hands was, at a later date, greatly abused; unwarrantable importance was attached to the act, as though a

power came at once upon those who received such ordination, which immediately qualified them for any and all ministerial work, as though virtue lay in the act of laying on of hands. We have, in the history of these two apostles, only a simple record of the laying on of hands and its bearing upon their work. Both Paul and Barnabas had already received their commission from God Himself; and the ceremony of the laying on of hands, and its bearing upon their work. Both Paul and Barnabas had already received their commission from God Himself; and the ceremony of the laying on of hands added no new grace or virtual qualification. It was merely setting the seal of the church upon the work of God — an acknowledged form of designation to an appointed office.

The First General Conference

Certain Jews from Judea raised a general consternation among believing Gentiles by agitating the question of circumcision. They asserted, with great assurance, that none could be saved without being circumcised and keeping the entire ceremonial law.

This was an important question, and one that affected the church in a very great degree. Paul and Barnabas met it with promptness, and opposed introducing the subject to the Gentiles. They were opposed in this by the believing Jews of Antioch, who favored the position of those from Judea. The matter resulted in much discussion and want of harmony in the church, until finally the church at Antioch, apprehending that a division among them would occur from any further discussion of the question, decided to send Paul and Barnabas, together with some responsible men of Antioch, to Jerusalem, to lay the matter before the apostles and elders. There they were to meet delegates from the different churches and those who had come to attend the approaching annual festivals. Meanwhile all controversy was to cease, until a final decision should be made by the responsible men of the church. This decision was then to be universally accepted by the various churches throughout the country.

Upon arriving at Jerusalem the delegates from Antioch related before the assembly of the churches the success that had attended the ministry with them...[They also told of] the confusion that had resulted from the fact that certain converted Pharisees declared that the Gentile converts must be circumcised and keep the law of Moses in order to be saved.

The Jews had prided themselves upon their divinely appointed services; and they concluded that as God once specified the Hebrew manner of worship, it was impossible that He should ever authorize a change in any of its specifications. They decided that Christianity must connect itself with the Jewish laws and ceremonies. They were slow to discern the end of that which had been abolished by the death of Christ, and to perceive that all their sacrificial offerings had but prefigured the death of the Son of God, in which type

had met its antitype, rendering valueless the divinely appointed ceremonies and sacrifices of the Jewish religion.

Paul had prided himself upon his Pharisaical strictness; but after the revelation of Christ to him on the road to Damascus, the mission of the Saviour and his own work in the conversion of the Gentiles were plain to his mind, and he fully comprehended the difference between a living faith and a dead formalism. Paul still claimed to be one of the children of Abraham, and kept the Ten Commandments in letter and in spirit as faithfully as he had ever done before his conversion to Christianity. But he knew that the typical ceremonies must soon altogether cease, since that which they had shadowed forth had come to pass, and the light of the gospel was shedding its glory upon the Jewish religion, giving a new significance to its ancient rites.

Evidence of Cornelius' Experience

The question thus brought under the consideration of the council seemed to present insurmountable difficulties, viewed in whatever light. But the Holy Ghost had, in reality, already settled this problem, upon the decision of which depended the prosperity, and even the existence, of the Christian church. Grace, wisdom, and sanctified judgment were given to the apostles to decide the vexed question.

Peter reasoned that the Holy Ghost had decided the matter by descending with equal power upon the uncircumcised Gentiles and the circumcised Jews. He recounted his vision, in which God had presented before him a sheet filled with all manner of four-footed beasts, and had bidden him kill and eat; that when he had refused, affirming that he had never eaten that which was common or unclean, God had said, "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common."

He said, "God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as He did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?"

This yoke was not the law of the Ten Commandments, as those who oppose the binding claim of the law assert; but Peter referred to the law of ceremonies, which was made null and void by the crucifixion of Christ. This address of Peter brought the assembly to a point where they could listen with reason to Paul and Barnabas, who related their experience in working among the Gentiles.

The Decision

James bore his testimony with decision — that God designed to bring in the Gentiles to enjoy all the privileges of the Jews. The Holy Ghost saw

good not to impose the ceremonial law on the Gentile converts; and the apostles and elders, after careful investigation of the subject, saw the matter in the same light, and their mind was as the mind of the Spirit of God. James presided at the council, and his final decision was, "Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God."

It was his sentence that the ceremonial law, and especially the ordinance of circumcision, be not in any wise urged upon the Gentiles, or even recommended to them. James sought to impress the fact upon his brethren that the Gentiles, in turning to God from idolatry, made a great change in their faith; and that much caution should be used not to trouble their minds with perplexing and doubtful questions, lest they be discouraged in following Christ.

The Gentiles, however, were to take no course that should materially conflict with the views of their Jewish brethren, or which would create prejudice in their minds against them. The apostles and elders therefore agreed to instruct the Gentiles by letter to abstain from meats offered to idols, from fornication, from things strangled, and from blood. They were required to keep the commandments and to lead holy lives. The Gentiles were assured that the men who had urged circumcision upon them were not authorized to do so by the apostles.

Paul and Barnabbas were recommended to them as men who had hazarded their lives for the Lord. Judas and Silas were sent with these apostles to declare to the Gentiles, by word of mouth, the decision of the council. The four servants of God were sent to Antioch with the epistle and message, which put an end to all controversy; for it was the voice of the highest authority upon the earth.

The council that decided this case was composed of the founders of the Jewish and Gentile Christian churches. Elders from Jerusalem and deputies from Antioch were present, and the most influential churches were represented. The council did not claim infallibility in their deliberations, but moved from the dictates of enlightened judgment and with the dignity of a church established by the divine will. They saw that God Himself had decided this question by favoring the Gentiles with the Holy Ghost, and it was left for them to follow the guidance of the Spirit.

The entire body of Christians were not called to vote upon the question. The apostles and elders — men of influence and judgment — framed and issued the decree, which was thereupon generally accepted by the Christian churches. All were not pleased, however, with this decision; there was a faction of false brethren who assumed to engage in a work on their own responsibility. They indulged in murmuring and faultfinding, proposing new plans and seeking to pull down the work of the experienced men whom God had ordained to teach the doctrine of Christ. The church has had such obstacles to meet from the first, and it will ever have them to the close of time. ■

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WORDS of WISDOM

His Many Names, Our Great Hope

Long before the manger in Bethlehem, the prophet Isaiah pointed God's people to the promise of a Savior. In Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) we read: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Even before Jesus' birth, His names revealed who He is and what He would bring. Each title carries a promise that still impacts our lives today.

Wonderful Counselor: Jesus brings wisdom and guidance for every situation. In moments of confusion, we can lean on him to direct our steps with love and truth.

Mighty God: He is strong enough to carry our burdens and powerful enough to overcome sin, fear, and death itself.

Everlasting Father: Jesus reflects the heart of God the Father, offering care that is constant and unchanging. His love doesn't fade with time or circumstance.

Prince of Peace: In a world filled with turmoil, Jesus offers a peace that goes deeper than circumstances, a peace that guards our hearts and minds.

At Christmas, we celebrate more than a baby's birth. We celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise, a Savior with many names. Each one reminds us of His eternal love and presence. This season, let His names bring you comfort, strength, and peace.

An Inescapable Date

We celebrate Christ's birth by referring to it in the date placed on all our coins, civil records, and vital documents. It is inscribed upon metal and written on parchment and engraved on the cornerstones of great buildings. It is on every newspaper, every check, every deed, and it is universally acknowledged at the beginning of a new life.

Every human transaction is related to the birth of Christ. It cannot be avoided or evaded. God has seen to it that this event is more widely advertised than anything on earth that is or that ever has been.

Small Packages, Big Things

The motto for Hershey's Kisses used to be "Big things come in small packages!" That also could be a motto for Bethlehem, for Baby Jesus and, indeed, for us. It's an important message to remember when we fear we're too weak to fix the world's problems, too small to fight the gigantic terror that threatens a loved one or too lacking in abilities we see in others.

"But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah," God declares through the prophet Micah (5:2, NRSV), "from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel." Bethlehem was a mere village. God's ruler for Israel started as an infant. His birthplace was a small stable, not a palace or temple. But size isn't everything. Big — that is, great — things can come in small packages. And thanks to the tiny baby who grew up to share immeasurably huge love with the world, God can do great things through you, too!

The Perfect Gift

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry said, "Love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction." At Christmas we celebrate God coming to earth to look outward with us in the same direction, from our perspective and experience.

Jesus was an ordinary person: He learned to talk and walk like any toddler, learned a trade from his father and acquired the habits of faith from his family. In adulthood, Jesus experienced life as we all do: the challenge of hard work, grief at a loved one's death, heartache over oppression, and the world's great needs — but also joy in celebration, fellowship with neighbors, and deep friendship.

God personally knows our every experience, emotion, and need — because Jesus, while fully divine, lived as a full human being. He has gazed at the world, life and even death, from our direction, giving us the perfect Christmas gift: love.

All Aboard

On a recent train trip, I couldn't help noticing how the conductors' "welcome" speeches were all different. Unlike air travel, where safety instructions sound the same no matter who's speaking, Amtrak conductors each had their own style. One stressed that kids must stay with parents. Another warned that messy restrooms would be locked. A third cautioned that stepping off during a short stop could mean getting left behind. Each conductor emphasized what had caused trouble before.

And in much the same way, the Gospel writers highlighted different details of Jesus' birth. Matthew, writing for Jewish readers, connects Jesus to Moses, Abraham, and David. He tells about Joseph's role and the wise men seeking the "king of the Jews." Luke, writing for Gentiles and society's outsiders, focuses on Mary, a humble birth, and shepherds — the first unlikely visitors. Both messages tell the same story, but with unique emphases shaped by the audience.

And that's a reminder for us, too: when we share our faith, we can tailor the message. Longtime friends, curious neighbors, kids, and the hurting will all hear God's love in different ways.

YOUR BIBLE QUESTIONS . . . ANSWERED

Will Elijah come back before Jesus returns to the earth?

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse" (Malachi 4:5, 6).

Some believe that this text teaches that Elijah will be reincarnated before the second coming of Christ. But notice what Jesus said in His day: "'I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands.' Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist" (Matthew 17:12, 13).

You might also remember that even though Jesus said that John was Elijah, John himself strongly denied it. When religious leaders approached him, notice his candid response: "They asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not'" (John 1:21).

This sounds a bit perplexing, doesn't it? But now let's read two texts that explain this riddle. Even before his birth, it was prophesied of John that he would "turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:16, 17).

Instead of John actually being Elijah, John's work was to be in the "spirit and power" of Elijah.

Jesus clarified this when He said, concerning John's ministry, "If you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come" (Matthew 11:14). This makes it clear that John's message was the Elijah message for his day. It was given in the spirit, power, and boldness of Elijah's call to repentance. Just before Jesus comes, another message of equal power and boldness will be given to prepare the world for the second coming of Christ.



— D.B.

Bible Puzzles

SHAKESPEARE OR THE BIBLE?

One of the quotes for each number is from William Shakespeare; the other is from the Bible. Select the one from the Bible.

- _____ 1. a. "The better part of valor is discretion."
 b. "The total number of chief officers of the mighty men of valor was two thousand six hundred."
- _____ 2. a. "Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind."
 b. "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it."
- _____ 3. a. "A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted."
 b. "The valiant never taste of death but once."
- _____ 4. a. "A man can die but once."
 b. "Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow."
- _____ 5. a. "A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls."
 b. "To thine own self be true."

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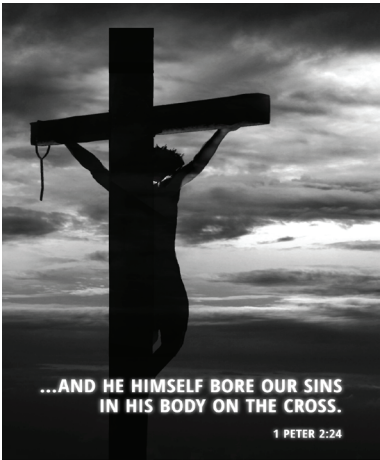
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A Tree

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Free gift of eternal life,
Just remember,
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There on that old tree where
Jesus hung for you and me.

— Chris Nance



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there next. Do this until all verses are marked. Now you are ready to share a Bible study on the given topic with a friend or acquaintance, with your verses listed in order.

DISCOVERING THE TRUTH ABOUT:

SUBJECT	LABEL	FIRST VERSE
1- ANGELS	1A	Heb. 1:13, 14
2.-GOD'S PURPOSE FOR WORLD	1P	Eccl. 1:4
3-THE WAY OF SALVATION	1WS	Matt. 19:16
4-NEARNESS OF CHRIST'S RETURN	1NR	Matt. 24:3
5-SECOND COMING OF CHRIST	1SC	Heb. 9:28
6-BIBLE TEMPERANCE	1BT	1 Cor. 10:31
7-MILLENNIUM	1M	Rev. 20:5
8-MOST WONDERFUL PROPHECY IN BIBLE	1WP	Dan. 8:3-14
9-MEANING OF HELL	1MH	1 Cor. 15:55
10-WHERE ARE THE DEAD?	1WD	Eccl. 12:7
11-PUNISHMENT OF THE WICKED	1PW	2 Pet. 2:9
12-HEAVEN	1H	2 Cor. 12:2
13-CHRISTIAN'S RULE OF LIFE	1CR	Jam. 2:8-12
14-JESUS, OUR HIGH PRIEST	1HP	Dan. 8:14
15-LORD'S DAY	1LD	Rev. 1:10
16-FIRST DAY OF WEEK	1FD	Mark 16:9
17-CHANGE OF SABBATH	1CS	Ex. 20:8-11
18-GREAT DAY OF JUDGMENT	1JD	Acts 17:31
19-THE PRESENT TRUTH	1PT	2 Pet. 1:12
20-SEVEN LAST PLAGUES	1SP	Rev. 15:1
21-SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD	1SG	Rev. 7:1-3
22-MARK OF THE BEAST	1MB	Rev. 14:9-11.14
23-HOW TO KEEP SABBATH	1KS	Ex. 20:8
24-CHRISTIANS IN DRESS	1CD	1 Cor. 10:31
25-BAPTISM	1B	Mark 16:16
26-THE TRUE CHURCH	1TC	Rev. 12:1
27-BIBLE PLAN TO SUPPORT GOD'S WORK	1SW	Deut. 8:16
28-GOD'S GATHERING CALL	1GC	Rev. 17:3, 4

No. 1 ANGELS: 1A: Hebrews 1:13, 14; 2A: Genesis 3:24; 3A: Job 38:3-7; 4A: Psalm 8:4, 5; 5A: Ezekiel 28:14, 15; 6A: Ezekiel 10:12; 7A: Revelation 5:11; 8A: Matthew 18:10; 9A: Psalm 91:11, 12; 10A: Psalm 34:7; 11A: Matthew 25:31.