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## **ETWE Seven Pillars and Support of the Truth**

Through the enabling of God and His tremendous overwhelming grace and mercy given to us all, He has called us together “for such a time as this” [\[21\]](#). These are the pillars and support of the truth that God has given to us.

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[\[21\]](#) Esther 4:14 - “For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?”

[\[22\]](#) Isaiah 6:1-3 - In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. 2 Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."

Revelation 4:8 - And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

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**John 4:24 - “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”**

**1 John 1:5 - God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.**

**1 John 4:8 - God is love.**

**James 1:17 - Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow.**

**[23] Exodus 34:5-7 - 5 And the LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with him as he called upon the name of the LORD. 6 Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; 7 who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.”**

**Psalms 103:19**

**The LORD has established His throne in the heavens;  
And His sovereignty rules over all.**

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**Daniel 4:34-35 - 34 "But at the end of that period I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever;**

**For His dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
And His kingdom *endures* from generation to generation.**

**35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,  
But He does according to His will in the host of heaven  
And *among* the inhabitants of earth;  
And no one can ward off His hand  
Or say to Him, 'What hast Thou done?'**

**1 Timothy 6:13-16 - 13 I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14 that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which He will bring about at the proper time - He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords; 16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen or can see. To Him *be* honor and eternal dominion! Amen.**

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## [\[23\]](#) Psalm 139:1-16

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| 1  | O Lord, Thou hast searched me and known <i>me</i> .  | 11 | If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,<br>And the light around me will be night,"   |
| 2  | Thou dost know when I sit down and when I rise up;<br>Thou dost understand my thought from afar.   | 12 | Even the darkness is not dark to Thee,<br>And the night is as bright as the day.<br>Darkness and light are alike <i>to Thee</i> .  |
| 3  | Thou dost scrutinize my path and my lying down,<br>And art intimately acquainted with all my ways. | 13 | For Thou didst form my inward parts;<br>Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb.   |
| 4  | Even before there is a word on my tongue,<br>Behold, O LORD, Thou dost know it all.                | 14 | I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and<br>wonderfully made;<br>Wonderful are Thy works,<br>And my soul knows it very well.   |
| 5  | Thou hast enclosed me behind and before,<br>And laid Thy hand upon me.                             | 15 | My frame was not hidden from Thee,<br>When I was made in secret,<br>And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth.   |
| 6  | <i>Such</i> knowledge is too wonderful for me;<br>It is <i>too</i> high, I cannot attain to it.    | 16 | Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance;<br>And in Thy book they were all written,<br>The days that were ordained <i>for me</i> ,<br>When as yet there was not one of them. |
| 7  | Where can I go from Thy Spirit?<br>Or where can I flee from Thy presence?                          |    |  |
| 8  | If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there;<br>If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there.       |    |  |
| 9  | If I take the wings of the dawn,<br>If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,                    |    |  |
| 10 | Even there Thy hand will lead me,<br>And Thy right hand will lay hold of me.                       |    |  |

**Malachi 3:6** - For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

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[24] Isaiah 14:24-27 - 24 The LORD of hosts has sworn saying, "Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand, 25 to break Assyria in My land, and I will trample him on My mountains. Then his yoke will be removed from them, and his burden removed from their shoulder. 26 This is the plan devised against the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out against all the nations. 27 For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate *it*? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?"

Jeremiah 23:20

"The anger of the LORD will not turn back  
Until He has performed and carried out the purposes of His heart;  
In the last days you will clearly understand it."

[25] Isaiah 55:8-11

- 8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.
- 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways,  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.
- 10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
And do not return there without watering the earth,  
And making it bear and sprout,  
And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;
- 11 So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth;  
It shall not return to Me empty,  
Without accomplishing what I desire,  
And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it.

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# P&S #2: God's Infallible, Inerrant and Powerful Word of Truth[26], the Word of God[27]; the Scriptures[28] which are "spirit and life"[29] and which produces reverence for Him[30]

[26] 2 Timothy 2:15 - Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.

James 1:18 - In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures.

[27] 1 Thessalonians 2:13 - And for this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received from us the word of God's message, you accepted *it* not as the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

[28] 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:20-21 - But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a *matter* of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

[29] John 6:63, 68-69 - "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life." 68 Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. 69 And we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."

[30] Psalm 119:38

Establish Thy word to Thy servant,  
As that which produces reverence for Thee.

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# **P&S #3: Christ, the only Way of Salvation[31] which is by Grace through Faith[32] in His Atoning Work on the Cross[33]**

**[31] John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.**

**John 1:12-13 - 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even 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 3:16-18 - 16 “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him. 18 He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”**

**Acts 4:12 - “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.”**

**[32] Ephesians 2:8-10 – 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, that no one should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**

**Titus 3:4-7 - 4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared, 5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.**

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**[33]** Romans 5:6-10 - 6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Titus 2:11-14 - 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus; 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

John 16:13-15 - 13 “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose *it* to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said, that He takes of Mine, and will disclose *it* to you.”

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**P&S #4: The Centrality of Christ**<sup>[34]</sup> in the life of every believer and all believers: “Christ is all, and in all”<sup>[35]</sup>. When all things are subjected to the Son, “then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, that God may be all in all”<sup>[36]</sup>

<sup>[34]</sup> 2 Corinthians 11:3 - But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

<sup>[35]</sup> Colossians 3:9-11 - 9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, 10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him 11 - a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

John 15:1-11 – 1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. 9 Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”

<sup>[36]</sup> 1 Corinthians 15:25-28 - 25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death. 27 For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says, “All things are put in subjection,” it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him. 28 And when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, that God may be all in all.

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## P&S #5: The Lord's House is to be "a house of prayer[37].

### [37] Isaiah 56:6-7

- 6 "Also the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
To minister to Him, and to love the name of the LORD,  
To be His servants, every one who keeps from profaning the sabbath,  
And holds fast My covenant;  
7 Even those I will bring to My holy mountain,  
And make them joyful in My house of prayer.  
Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar;  
For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples."

Matthew 21:13 - And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a robbers' den."

Mark 11:17 - And He *began* to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations? But you have made it a robbers' den.'"

Luke 19:45-46 - 45 And He entered the temple and began to cast out those who were selling, 46 saying to them, "It is written, 'And My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a robbers' den."

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**P&S #6: All believers are to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our soul and with all our mind[38] and with all our strength[39]. This “first love”[40] for God and Christ is manifested in obedience to God’s commandments[41] and in holiness of life[42].**

**[38] Deuteronomy 6:5 - “And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”**

**Deuteronomy 10:12-13 - 12 “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the LORD’s commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?”**

**Deuteronomy 11:13-15 - 13 “And it shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, to love the LORD your God and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul, 14 that He will give the rain for your land in its season, the early and late rain, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil. 15 And He will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and you shall eat and be satisfied.”**

**Deuteronomy 30:6 - Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live.**

**Joshua 22:5 - “Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God and walk in all His ways and keep His commandments and hold fast to Him and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.”**

**Matthew 22:37-39 - 37 And He said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 “This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 “The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’**

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**[39] Mark 12:29-31 - 29 Jesus answered, “The foremost is, ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; 30 and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”**

**Luke 10:25-28 - 25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?” 27 And he answered and said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” 28 And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”**

**[40] Revelation 2:4 - ‘But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.**

**[41] John 14:15, 21, 23 - 15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” 21 “He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him.” 23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.”**

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**[42] 2 Corinthians 7:1 - Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

**Ephesians 4:22-24 - 22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.**

**1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 - 12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men, just as we also *do* for you; 13 so that He may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.**

**Hebrews 12:10 - For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He *disciplines us* for *our* good, that we may share His holiness.**

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**P&S #7:** Every member will be instructed and equipped so that each one can grow to “the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ” and contribute to the body “according to the proper working of each individual part”, which in turn causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love. [43] This will be in accordance with the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given to every believer.[44]

[43] Ephesians 4:11-16 - 11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

[44] 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 - 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

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**When every member is rightly related to the Head, Yeshua HaMashiach, and to the Body, this will result in Evangelism and Discipleship[45]**

**[45] Matthew 28:18-20 - 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."**

**Daniel 12:3 – "And those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."**

**Revelation 7:9-14 - 9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; 10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and *around* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *be* to our God forever and ever. Amen." 13 And one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and from where have they come?" 14 And I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."**

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- 1. The Scriptures - We believe (a) in the plenary verbal inspiration of the Scriptures and (b) that the Scriptures (both Old and New Testaments) are absolutely inerrant in their original languages (Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek), infallible and God-breathed, and are the supreme and final authority for faith and life.**
- 2. The Godhead – We believe (a) there is but only one living and true God, the God of Israel and (b) He exists eternally in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, being one in essence, having precisely the same character, nature, attributes and perfections.**
- 3. God the Father – We believe (a) He, as the first Person of the Godhead, is the Creator of all things and is the absolute, omnipotent and Sovereign Ruler over all the universe, in providence and redemption and (b) He has decreed for His own glory all things that come to pass.**
- 4. The Lord Jesus Christ - We believe (a) He, the second Person of the Godhead, pre-existed with the Father as God Eternal, (b) He is the Word of God, through whom the universe was created and through whom all things are sustained, (c) He was manifested in the flesh through virgin birth and He surrendered only His prerogatives as God but not His divine essence, (d) He died on the cross as the vicarious, substitutionary and propitiatory atonement for sin, (e) He was bodily resurrected from the dead on the third day, (f) He ascended to heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father mediating on behalf of believers as Advocate and High Priest and (g) He will return to earth personally to judge the living and the dead.**

## **ETWE Doctrinal Statement of Faith**



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5. **The Holy Spirit** - We believe that (a) the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Godhead, always pre-existed with the Father and the Son, (b) He was also the Agent through whom creation came into existence, (c) He came at Pentecost to bear witness of Christ and to convict men of sin, righteousness and judgment, (d) He regenerates, baptizes, indwells, seals, and sets apart believers unto a holy life, (e) He keeps and empowers believers day by day and (f) He is the Teacher of the Word of God and the believer's Guide for daily living.
6. **Man** - We believe that (a) man was created in the image of God, innocent and pure and (b) man's chief purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever, (c) Adam (as representative man) fell through the sin of disobedience, therefore (d) all men are corrupted in spirit, soul and body and are in need of redemption
7. **Salvation** - We believe that (a) salvation is by grace, a free gift of God apart from works; (b) salvation involves repentance, a turning from one's own way to God's way, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, (c) all who believe in Jesus as Christ (Messiah) are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and become the children of God, and (d) true salvation will be manifested by a changed life (i.e. that every believer will manifest the character of Christ).
8. **The Future** - We believe (a) in the personal, visible, bodily return of Jesus Christ to earth; (b) Jesus Christ will set up His millennial kingdom on earth, (c) in the bodily resurrection of the just to the eternal abode in the glory of God's presence and (d) in the bodily resurrection of the unjust to judgment and everlasting punishment in the lake of fire.

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Through the enabling of God and His tremendous overwhelming grace and mercy given to us all, He has called us together “for such a time as this”[\[21\]](#). These are the pillars and support of the truth that God has given to us.

**[P&S #1: God, His Nature](#)[\[22\]](#), [His Names, Attributes and Character](#)[\[23\]](#), [His Purposes](#)[\[24\]](#), and [His ways](#)[\[25\]](#)**

[\[21\]](#) **Esther 4:14** - “For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?”

[\[22\]](#) **Isaiah 6:1-3** - In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. 2 Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."

**Revelation 4:8** - And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come."

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# **P&S #1: God, His Nature[22], His Names, Attributes and Character[23], His Purposes[24], and His ways[25]**

**John 4:24** - “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

**1 John 1:5** - God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

**1 John 4:8** - God is love.

**James 1:17** - Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow.

**[23] Exodus 34:5-7** - 5 And the LORD descended in the cloud and stood there with him as he called upon the name of the LORD. 6 Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; 7 who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.”

## **Psalms 103:19**

The LORD has established His throne in the heavens;

And His sovereignty rules over all.

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**Daniel 4:34-35** - 34 "But at the end of that period I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever;

For His dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
And His kingdom *endures* from generation to generation.

35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,  
But He does according to His will in the host of heaven  
And *among* the inhabitants of earth;  
And no one can ward off His hand  
Or say to Him, 'What hast Thou done?'

**1 Timothy 6:13-16** - 13 I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who testified the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14 that you keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which He will bring about at the proper time - He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords; 16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen or can see. To Him *be* honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

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## [23] Psalm 139:1-16

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| <p>1 O Lord, Thou hast searched me and known <i>me</i>.<br/>2 Thou dost know when I sit down and when I rise up;<br/>Thou dost understand my thought from afar.<br/>3 Thou dost scrutinize my path and my lying down,<br/>And art intimately acquainted with all my ways.<br/>4 Even before there is a word on my tongue,<br/>Behold, O LORD, Thou dost know it all.<br/>5 Thou hast enclosed me behind and before,<br/>And laid Thy hand upon me.<br/>6 <i>Such</i> knowledge is too wonderful for me;<br/>It is <i>too</i> high, I cannot attain to it.<br/>7 Where can I go from Thy Spirit?<br/>Or where can I flee from Thy presence?<br/>8 If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there;<br/>If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there.<br/>9 If I take the wings of the dawn,<br/>If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,<br/>10 Even there Thy hand will lead me,<br/>And Thy right hand will lay hold of me.</p> | <p>11 If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,<br/>And the light around me will be night,"<br/>12 Even the darkness is not dark to Thee,<br/>And the night is as bright as the day.<br/>Darkness and light are alike <i>to Thee</i>.<br/>13 For Thou didst form my inward parts;<br/>Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb.<br/>14 I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and<br/>wonderfully made;<br/>Wonderful are Thy works,<br/>And my soul knows it very well.<br/>15 My frame was not hidden from Thee,<br/>When I was made in secret,<br/>And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth.<br/>16 Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance;<br/>And in Thy book they were all written,<br/>The days that were ordained <i>for me</i>,<br/>When as yet there was not one of them.</p> |
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**Malachi 3:6** - For I, the LORD, do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

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[24] **Isaiah 14:24-27** - 24 The LORD of hosts has sworn saying, "Surely, just as I have intended so it has happened, and just as I have planned so it will stand, 25 to break Assyria in My land, and I will trample him on My mountains. Then his yoke will be removed from them, and his burden removed from their shoulder. 26 This is the plan devised against the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out against all the nations. 27 For the LORD of hosts has planned, and who can frustrate *it*? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?"

## **Jeremiah 23:20**

"The anger of the LORD will not turn back  
Until He has performed and carried out the purposes of His heart;  
In the last days you will clearly understand it."

## [25] **Isaiah 55:8-11**

- 8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.
- 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways,  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.
- 10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
And do not return there without watering the earth,  
And making it bear and sprout,  
And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;
- 11 So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth;  
It shall not return to Me empty,  
Without accomplishing what I desire,  
And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it.

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# **P&S #2: God's Infallible, Inerrant and Powerful Word of Truth<sup>[26]</sup>, the Word of God<sup>[27]</sup>; the Scriptures<sup>[28]</sup> which are "spirit and life"<sup>[29]</sup> and which produces reverence for Him<sup>[30]</sup>**

**<sup>[26]</sup> 2 Timothy 2:15** - Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.

**James 1:18** - In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures.

**<sup>[27]</sup> 1 Thessalonians 2:13** - And for this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received from us the word of God's message, you accepted *it* not as the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.

**Hebrews 4:12** - For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**<sup>[28]</sup> 2 Timothy 3:16-17** - 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

**2 Peter 1:20-21** - But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a *matter* of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**<sup>[29]</sup> John 6:63, 68-69** - "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life." 68 Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. 69 And we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."

**<sup>[30]</sup> Psalm 119:38**

Establish Thy word to Thy servant,  
As that which produces reverence for Thee.

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# **P&S #3: Christ, the only Way of Salvation[31] which is by Grace through Faith[32] in His Atoning Work on the Cross[33]**

**[31] John 14:6** - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.

**John 1:12-13** - 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even 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 3:16-18** - 16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him. 18 He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

**Acts 4:12** - "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

**[32] Ephesians 2:8-10** – 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, that no one should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

**Titus 3:4-7** - 4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared, 5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, 7 that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

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**[33] Romans 5:6-10** - 6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**Titus 2:11-14** - 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus; 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

**John 16:13-15** - 13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose *it* to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said, that He takes of Mine, and will disclose *it* to you."

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**P&S #4: The Centrality of Christ<sup>[34]</sup> in the life of every believer and all believers: “Christ is all, and in all”<sup>[35]</sup>. When all things are subjected to the Son, “then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, that God may be all in all”.<sup>[36]</sup>**

**<sup>[34]</sup> 2 Corinthians 11:3** - But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.

**<sup>[35]</sup> Colossians 3:9-11** - 9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices, 10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him 11 - a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and freeman, but Christ is all, and in all.

**John 15:1-11** – 1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. 9 Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments, and abide in His love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”

**<sup>[36]</sup> 1 Corinthians 15:25-28** - 25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be abolished is death. 27 For He has put all things in subjection under His feet. But when He says, “All things are put in subjection,” it is evident that He is excepted who put all things in subjection to Him. 28 And when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, that God may be all in all.

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# P&S #5: The Lord's House is to be "a house of prayer[37].

## [37] Isaiah 56:6-7

- 6 "Also the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
To minister to Him, and to love the name of the LORD,  
To be His servants, every one who keeps from profaning the sabbath,  
And holds fast My covenant;
- 7 Even those I will bring to My holy mountain,  
And make them joyful in My house of prayer.  
Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar;  
For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples."

**Matthew 21:13** - And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a robbers' den."

**Mark 11:17** - And He *began* to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations? But you have made it a robbers' den.'"

**Luke 19:45-46** - 45 And He entered the temple and began to cast out those who were selling,  
46 saying to them, "It is written, 'And My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a robbers' den."

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**P&S #6: All believers are to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our soul and with all our mind[38] and with all our strength[39]. This “first love”[40] for God and Christ is manifested in obedience to God’s commandments[41] and in holiness of life[42].**

**[38] Deuteronomy 6:5** - “And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

**Deuteronomy 10:12-13** - 12 “And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 *and* to keep the LORD’s commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?

**Deuteronomy 11:13-15** - 13 “And it shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, to love the LORD your God and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul, 14 that He will give the rain for your land in its season, the early and late rain, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil. 15 And He will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and you shall eat and be satisfied.”

**Deuteronomy 30:6** - Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live.

**Joshua 22:5** - “Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God and walk in all His ways and keep His commandments and hold fast to Him and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.”

**Matthew 22:37-39** - 37 And He said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” 38 “This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 “The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

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**[39] Mark 12:29-31** - 29 Jesus answered, “The foremost is, ‘Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; 30 and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

**Luke 10:25-28** - 25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?” 27 And he answered and said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” 28 And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

**[40] Revelation 2:4** - ‘But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.

**[41] John 14:15, 21, 23** - 15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” 21 “He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him.” 23 Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.”

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**[42] 2 Corinthians 7:1** - Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

**Ephesians 4:22-24** - 22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

**1 Thessalonians 3:12-13** - 12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men, just as we also *do* for you; 13 so that He may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

**Hebrews 12:10** - For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He *disciplines us* for *our* good, that we may share His holiness.

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**P&S #7:** Every member will be instructed and equipped so that each one can grow to “the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ” and contribute to the body “according to the proper working of each individual part”, which in turn causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love. **[43]** This will be in accordance with the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given to every believer.**[44]**

**[43] Ephesians 4:11-16** - 11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ. 14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; 15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him, who is the head, *even* Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

**[44] 1 Corinthians 12:4-11** - 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*. 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another *various* kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

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**When every member is rightly related to the Head, Yeshua HaMashiach, and to the Body, this will result in Evangelism and Discipleship**[\[45\]](#)

**[45] Matthew 28:18-20** - 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

**Daniel 12:3** – "And those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

**Revelation 7:9-14** - 9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands; 10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and *around* the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *be* to our God forever and ever. Amen." 13 And one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and from where have they come?" 14 And I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

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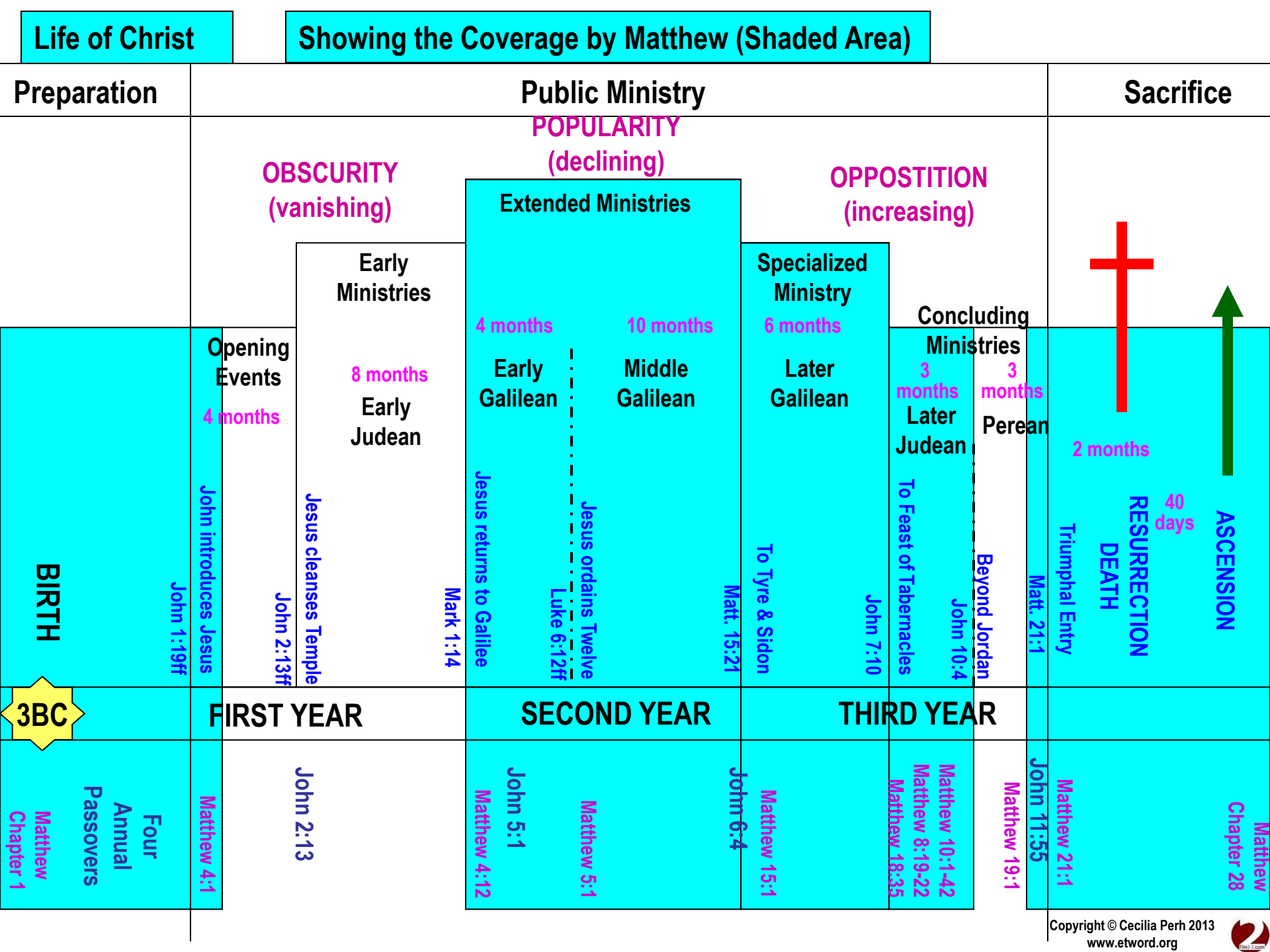
1. **The Scriptures** - We believe (a) in the plenary verbal inspiration of the Scriptures and (b) that the Scriptures (both Old and New Testaments) are absolutely inerrant in their original languages (Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek), infallible and God-breathed, and are the supreme and final authority for faith and life.
2. **The Godhead** – We believe (a) there is but only one living and true God, the God of Israel and (b) He exists eternally in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, being one in essence, having precisely the same character, nature, attributes and perfections.
3. **God the Father** – We believe (a) He, as the first Person of the Godhead, is the Creator of all things and is the absolute, omnipotent and Sovereign Ruler over all the universe, in providence and redemption and (b) He has decreed for His own glory all things that come to pass.
4. **The Lord Jesus Christ** - We believe (a) He, the second Person of the Godhead, pre-existed with the Father as God Eternal, (b) He is the Word of God, through whom the universe was created and through whom all things are sustained, (c) He was manifested in the flesh through virgin birth and He surrendered only His prerogatives as God but not His divine essence, (d) He died on the cross as the vicarious, substitutionary and propitiatory atonement for sin, (e) He was bodily resurrected from the dead on the third day, (f) He ascended to heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father mediating on behalf of believers as Advocate and High Priest and (g) He will return to earth personally to judge the living and the dead.

## ETWE Doctrinal Statement of Faith



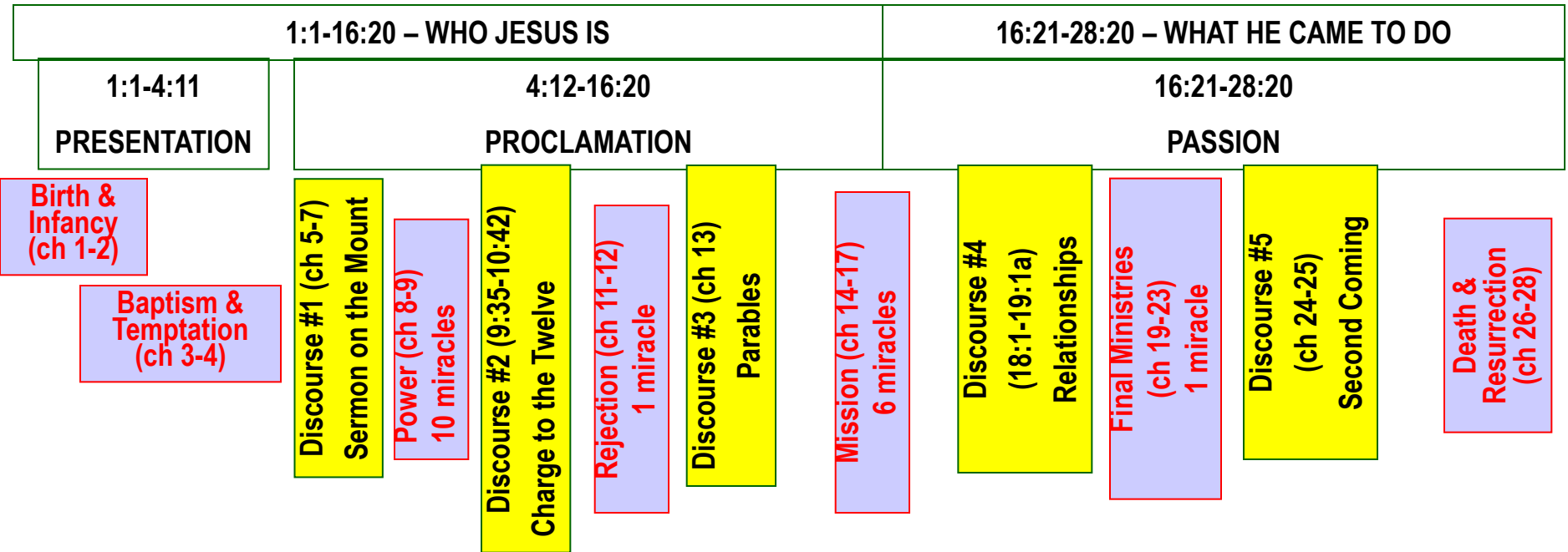
5. **The Holy Spirit** - We believe that (a) the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Godhead, always pre-existed with the Father and the Son, (b) He was also the Agent through whom creation came into existence, (c) He came at Pentecost to bear witness of Christ and to convict men of sin, righteousness and judgment, (d) He regenerates, baptizes, indwells, seals, and sets apart believers unto a holy life, (e) He keeps and empowers believers day by day and (f) He is the Teacher of the Word of God and the believer's Guide for daily living.
6. **Man** - We believe that (a) man was created in the image of God, innocent and pure and (b) man's chief purpose is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever, (c) Adam (as representative man) fell through the sin of disobedience, therefore (d) all men are corrupted in spirit, soul and body and are in need of redemption
7. **Salvation** - We believe that (a) salvation is by grace, a free gift of God apart from works; (b) salvation involves repentance, a turning from one's own way to God's way, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, (c) all who believe in Jesus as Christ (Messiah) are regenerated by the Holy Spirit and become the children of God, and (d) true salvation will be manifested by a changed life (i.e. that every believer will manifest the character of Christ).
8. **The Future** - We believe (a) in the personal, visible, bodily return of Jesus Christ to earth; (b) Jesus Christ will set up His millennial kingdom on earth, (c) in the bodily resurrection of the just to the eternal abode in the glory of God's presence and (d) in the bodily resurrection of the unjust to judgment and everlasting punishment in the lake of fire.

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# MATTHEW– JESUS & HIS PROMISED KINGDOM

Matthew contains 5 Discourses, 15 Parables & 20 Miracles



# The Righteous Lifestyle of a Kingdom Citizen (Matthew 5-7)

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# Overview of the “Sermon on the Mount”

**Entrusting the Word to the Faithful**



<sup>5:1</sup> And when He saw the multitudes, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. <sup>2</sup> And opening His mouth He *began* to teach them, saying, <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when *men* cast insults at you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, on account of Me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice, and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty *again*? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do *men* light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and so teaches others, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I say to you, that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.' <sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be guilty *enough to go* into the fiery hell. <sup>23</sup> If therefore you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your offering there before the altar, and go your way; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering. <sup>25</sup> Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, in order that your opponent may not deliver you to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I say to you, you shall not come out of there, until you have paid up the last cent.

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<sup>27</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery'; <sup>28</sup>but I say to you, that everyone who looks on a woman to lust for her has committed adultery with her already in his heart. <sup>29</sup>And if your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>"And it was said, 'Whoever sends his wife away, let him give her a certificate of divorce'; <sup>32</sup>but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for *the* cause of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>"Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not make false vows, but shall fulfill your vows to the Lord.' <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; and anything beyond these is of evil.

<sup>38</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, do not resist him who is evil; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn to him the other also. <sup>40</sup>And if anyone wants to sue you, and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. <sup>41</sup>And whoever shall force you to go one mile, go with him two. <sup>42</sup>Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you <sup>45</sup>in order that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax-gatherers do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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<sup>6:1</sup>"Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>"When therefore you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

<sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing <sup>4</sup>that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

<sup>5</sup>"And when you pray, you are not to be as the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners, in order to be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

<sup>6</sup>But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

<sup>7</sup>"And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition, as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need, before you ask Him. <sup>9</sup>Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. <sup>10</sup>Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup>And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. *For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*'

<sup>14</sup>"For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup>But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

<sup>16</sup>"And whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites *do*, for they neglect their appearance in order to be seen fasting by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. <sup>17</sup>But you, when you fast, anoint your head, and wash your face <sup>18</sup>so that you may not be seen fasting by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

<sup>19</sup>"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; <sup>21</sup>for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

<sup>22</sup>"The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup>But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

<sup>24</sup>"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will hold to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

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<sup>25</sup>"For this reason I say to you, do not be anxious for your life, *as to* what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? <sup>27</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a *single* cubit to his life's span? <sup>28</sup>And why are you anxious about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, *will He* not much more *do so for* you, O men of little faith? <sup>31</sup>"Do not be anxious then, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'With what shall we clothe ourselves?' <sup>32</sup>For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you. <sup>34</sup>"Therefore do not be anxious for tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. *Each* day has enough trouble of its own.

# The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6)

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<sup>7:1</sup>"Do not judge lest you be judged. <sup>2</sup>For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup>And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

<sup>6</sup>"Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

<sup>7</sup>"Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened. <sup>9</sup>Or what man is there among you, when his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he shall ask for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? <sup>11</sup>"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him! <sup>12</sup>Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

<sup>13</sup>"Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. <sup>14</sup>For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

<sup>15</sup>"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup>You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn *bushes*, nor figs from thistles, are they? <sup>17</sup>Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup>A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. <sup>19</sup>Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup>So then, you will know them by their fruits.

<sup>21</sup>"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup>And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

<sup>24</sup>"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man, who built his house upon the rock. <sup>25</sup>And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the rock. <sup>26</sup>And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act upon them, will be like a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand. <sup>27</sup>And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and burst against that house; and it fell, and great was its fall."

<sup>28</sup>The result was that when Jesus had finished these words, the multitudes were amazed at His teaching; <sup>29</sup>for He was teaching them as *one* having authority, and not as their scribes.

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