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## The Word Was God

### John 1:1-4

For all of October we're going to take a close look at Jesus Christ to determine who He \_\_\_\_\_, why He \_\_\_\_\_, and why it should \_\_\_\_\_ to us. One thing is \_\_\_\_\_: Jesus of Nazareth is unique! Whether as a spiritual teacher, a prophet, a worker of miracles, or a friend, there has \_\_\_\_\_ been a person to equal Jesus Christ. No one has done so much to \_\_\_\_\_ humanity out of sin and into a righteous life as He taught people to \_\_\_\_\_. No one has \_\_\_\_\_ love, compassion, and forgiveness like He did. Jesus helped us to \_\_\_\_\_ what God is like. Today we're going to look at the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ. The Bible clearly \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was Divine. Though some say he was merely a \_\_\_\_\_ and others suggest He was nothing more than a \_\_\_\_\_ man, the Bible does not hesitate to say that He has always been Divine in \_\_\_\_\_. If He is Divine, then He is worthy of our \_\_\_\_\_, of our \_\_\_\_\_, and of our \_\_\_\_\_. If Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_, then we should love and serve Him all the days of our lives.

The text says clearly, "In the beginning was the \_\_\_\_\_." The "beginning" was that period before there was \_\_\_\_\_ as we know it, before there ever was a universe or life on earth. To say the Word was in the beginning means that He was not \_\_\_\_\_. God created men, but the Word has \_\_\_\_\_ existed; He was in the beginning. The passage says, "and the Word was \_\_\_\_\_ God." The word "with" \_\_\_\_\_ that the Word accompanied God and had a relationship with the Father. Then the text says, "and the Word \_\_\_\_\_ God." Here we have the Word \_\_\_\_\_ as Divine, yet He was with God. What does this \_\_\_\_\_?

Genesis 1:1 gives a little \_\_\_\_\_ information. "In the beginning God \_\_\_\_\_ the heavens and the earth." And in verse 26 God said, "Let us make man in our \_\_\_\_\_, after our likeness." Here we have "let us make man." Are there \_\_\_\_\_? No, but there are \_\_\_\_\_ in the Godhead: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We only see a \_\_\_\_\_ of this in the Old Testament, but we'll see each person \_\_\_\_\_ in the New Testament.

John 1:3 says about the Word, that is \_\_\_\_\_, that "He was in the beginning with God. All things were \_\_\_\_\_ through him, and without him was not anything made that was made." God the Father was not \_\_\_\_\_ in creation. The Lord Jesus was with Him and was the \_\_\_\_\_ by which everything was made. Nothing was made \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ.



Read Colossians 1:15-17. Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ behind our creation; and everything has come into being \_\_\_\_\_ Him and for Him. Some people hear the phrase, “\_\_\_\_\_ of all creation” in Colossians 1: 15 and they wrongly \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus was the first created being who then created everything else. But, they really misunderstand what the \_\_\_\_\_ is saying. The word “firstborn” is a title, a description of His \_\_\_\_\_ over all creation. The role of “firstborn” doesn’t necessarily have anything to do with priority in \_\_\_\_\_ but in his place of preeminence. Colossians 1:18 says that, “He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in \_\_\_\_\_ he might be preeminent,” that is have \_\_\_\_\_ place. He is first in everything having to do with this \_\_\_\_\_. He created it and He sustains it by His power; and He \_\_\_\_\_ have first place in everything! In spite of His preeminence, Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to His Father, and His example teaches us how to be humble and obedient as well. Read Philippians 2:5-8.

Jesus in the beginning and throughout time lived in \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father in Heaven! He lacked for \_\_\_\_\_. He was unlimited or infinite in His \_\_\_\_\_ and in His \_\_\_\_\_. Everything \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ His. He was in the \_\_\_\_\_ form of God. He has always been and will always be \_\_\_\_\_. But the Lord Jesus saw the wickedness of mankind and out of \_\_\_\_\_ chose to \_\_\_\_\_ Himself and become nothing, so that He could reach out to a lost and sinful world. The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 8:9, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was \_\_\_\_\_, yet for your sake he became \_\_\_\_\_, so that you by his poverty might become rich.” He loved you more than His own \_\_\_\_\_, and He was willing to empty Himself so that you might be \_\_\_\_\_. He became a \_\_\_\_\_ with all the physical limitations of humanity. And though he existed in the form of \_\_\_\_\_, He also took on \_\_\_\_\_ like a man (John 1:14). For the time that He lived on earth, He lived as \_\_\_\_\_ God and man. As a man he suffered \_\_\_\_\_, and as the Son of God he suffered for our \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus Christ was \_\_\_\_\_ of grace and truth. Only a Divine Being could be full of grace and truth; grace to \_\_\_\_\_ us and truth to \_\_\_\_\_ us the right way. Read Titus 2:11-14. Only Jesus could offer His body as a \_\_\_\_\_ so that He might purify us, forgiving our sins, and making us new people.

It’s not \_\_\_\_\_ to refer to Jesus as God. John the Baptist was preparing the way for Jesus Christ, whom the prophet Isaiah, by inspiration, calls the \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 40:3).



The book of Hebrews directly refers to Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_. Read Hebrews 1:8-9, and 25-27. To speak of the Son Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_ and to recognize that He is \_\_\_\_\_ is in the Scriptures. Who else but a Divine being could \_\_\_\_\_ the foundation of the world and have \_\_\_\_\_ end?

Jesus told the Jews "I and the Father are one" (John 10:30). Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ God and yet \_\_\_\_\_ God. Because of this, we can \_\_\_\_\_ what God is like. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the Father (John 1:18). Because Jesus lived on earth we can understand \_\_\_\_\_ what God is like. Jesus is God in the \_\_\_\_\_. Read John 14:7-9. Jesus shows us the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Almighty God. The Bible makes it \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus has always existed and will always exist (John 8:56-58; Hebrews 13:8). Jesus has always indeed \_\_\_\_\_. (Revelation 1:17-18). The death of the cross could not \_\_\_\_\_ him. He conquered \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ forever and forever. Jesus has all the \_\_\_\_\_ of a Divine Being.

Read John 20:24-29. When Jesus arose from the dead, the \_\_\_\_\_ were fearful and Thomas doubted. Jesus didn't rebuke or stop Thomas from \_\_\_\_\_ to Him, "My Lord and my God." Paul stopped the people of Lystra from \_\_\_\_\_ him (Acts 14:15). But Jesus didn't stop Thomas, because He \_\_\_\_\_ is our Lord and God. The Bible tells how John fell down to worship at the \_\_\_\_\_ of an angel, but the angel told John, "Do not do that" (Revelation 22:8-9). Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ speak like this angel spoke; He \_\_\_\_\_ worship from Thomas as Lord and God.

Read Colossians 2:9-10. Have you made Jesus Christ the Lord of your \_\_\_\_\_? Because Jesus emptied himself and took on the form of a \_\_\_\_\_ and died upon the cruel cross of Calvary, God honored Him (Philippians 2:9-11). After His resurrection Jesus said, "All \_\_\_\_\_ has been given to Me in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18). It's incorrect to say, as some do, that Jesus will have authority when He \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus already has \_\_\_\_\_ authority. He is \_\_\_\_\_ King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 17:14). He is already the One to whom each of us must give an \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Corinthians 5:10).

To become a Christian, \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ as Lord. Be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself, to take up your cross daily and follow Him. The gospel calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. And if you believe Jesus is Lord, you're going to \_\_\_\_\_ away from sin and you are going to \_\_\_\_\_ for righteousness. This is \_\_\_\_\_. And with faith and repentance, we should \_\_\_\_\_ Christ and be \_\_\_\_\_ in water for the forgiveness of our sins as Acts 2:38 teaches.

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## **Messianic Prophecies**

### **Luke 24:44-48**

From ancient times, God \_\_\_\_\_ the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Years before Jesus began His \_\_\_\_\_ ministry the Jews longed for a Messiah. They had \_\_\_\_\_ the Old Testament Scriptures and \_\_\_\_\_ that one day God would send to them His anointed One, a Messiah, the Christ. He would \_\_\_\_\_ as a prophet, a priest, and a king! He would set up a \_\_\_\_\_ that would have no end and would extend to \_\_\_\_\_ nations. They knew that He would be a \_\_\_\_\_ of David, and they longed for the day when He would come to \_\_\_\_\_ them the times of refreshing.

When Jesus came into the world, they began to \_\_\_\_\_ how He indeed fulfilled Moses and the prophets by His birth, His life, His death, and even His resurrection. They \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as Christ and Lord. Throughout the New Testament the \_\_\_\_\_ appealed to two aspects in the life of Jesus in order to establish that He was the Messiah. They appealed to His \_\_\_\_\_ and to His fulfillment of the messianic \_\_\_\_\_ in the Hebrew Scriptures. The apostles appealed repeatedly to the Old Testament as God's Word to show Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ prophet and Messiah. The Jews knew a Messiah would come, and the disciples \_\_\_\_\_ Him in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Read Luke 24:44-48.**

In John chapter 4, Jesus had a discussion with a most \_\_\_\_\_ person, a Samaritan woman who had been married five times and was living with a man. Men didn't usually \_\_\_\_\_ to women in public, and Jews had almost \_\_\_\_\_ to do with Samaritans, but even this Samaritan woman knew something about the \_\_\_\_\_ Messiah (John 4:25-26). Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to this woman that He was indeed the Messiah!

The writings of Moses and the prophets did something that no other \_\_\_\_\_ in all antiquity ever did; they predicted the \_\_\_\_\_. That their predictions came \_\_\_\_\_ was a sure sign that God was behind them (Isaiah 46:9-10; Isaiah 48:3). The Lord Jesus said to the Jews, "For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he \_\_\_\_\_ of me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my \_\_\_\_\_?" (John 5:46-47). The apostle Peter could proclaim in the temple to all in Jerusalem, "But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled" (Acts 3:18).



J. Barton Payne calculated that 27 percent of the entire \_\_\_\_\_ contains predictive prophecy. Norman Geisler observed that, “This is \_\_\_\_\_ of no other book in the world. And it is a sure \_\_\_\_\_ of its divine origin (that is, the Bible’s divine origin).” Contrasting the Bible with other \_\_\_\_\_ books and the writings of the pagan religions, R. S. Foster said, “No well accredited prophecy is found in any other book or even oral tradition now extant, or that has \_\_\_\_\_ been in existence in the world. There is not a single one of them that meets the \_\_\_\_\_ required to prove supernatural agency, which every Scripture prophecy evinces.”

When you consider the \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s Word from the beginning, they are marvelous. After Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, God \_\_\_\_\_ the serpent and set in motion God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for the ages to redeem mankind from sin. The seed of the woman would one day \_\_\_\_\_ the seed of the serpent (Genesis 3:15). As Genesis continues we learn that the seed of Abraham would \_\_\_\_\_ all nations (Genesis 12:1-3). In Genesis 21, we learn that the \_\_\_\_\_ came through Isaac and in chapter thirty-five, he would come through Jacob. Moses revealed God’s \_\_\_\_\_ of a coming prophet – **read Deuteronomy 18:15-19.**

Unlike the \_\_\_\_\_ lightning and earthquake that took place on Mt. Sinai, God sent His Son Jesus as a \_\_\_\_\_ into Bethlehem. He spoke with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, but appeared as a \_\_\_\_\_ like his countrymen. The Word became \_\_\_\_\_, filled with glory, grace and truth. In Acts chapter 3, the apostle Peter \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of Moses’ prophecy. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the \_\_\_\_\_ and also the \_\_\_\_\_ wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph” (John 1:45). God also made a promise to David – **read 2 Samuel 7:12-13.** All the kingdoms of the earth come to an end, but this descendant of David would \_\_\_\_\_ a kingdom that would have no end.

In Psalm 110, David prophesied of a coming \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ who would raise His scepter from Zion (that is Jerusalem). Read what David wrote by inspiration in Psalm 110:1-4. Moses spoke of the coming one as a \_\_\_\_\_, and David said that He would be a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_, and Jesus was all three. Isaiah in several passages tells us \_\_\_\_\_ about the Lord Jesus Christ. Isaiah 2:1-4 reveals that the Messiah will come in the \_\_\_\_\_ days and His \_\_\_\_\_ will go forth to all nations from Jerusalem. Isaiah notes that His ways will bring \_\_\_\_\_. Isaiah 7:14 predicts, “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a \_\_\_\_\_: Behold, a virgin



will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.” Jesus was indeed \_\_\_\_\_ of a virgin (Matthew 1:18; Luke 2:7). The Lord Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ Immanuel, “God with us.” Jesus was born of \_\_\_\_\_ and was indeed the seed of the woman who would \_\_\_\_\_ the head of the seed of the serpent (Galatians 4:4). Read God’s prediction in Isaiah 9:6-7. It is in Isaiah that we learn the coming Messiah would also be a suffering \_\_\_\_\_. Isaiah 52:13, continuing through Isaiah 53:12 contains some very specific prophecies about the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ. It reveals how He as the \_\_\_\_\_ of God silently offered himself for our \_\_\_\_\_ – read Isaiah 53:5-6. Only Jesus Christ could \_\_\_\_\_ this prophecy. No one else in all of history \_\_\_\_\_ for the sins of mankind.

Daniel predicted the Messiah would come and set up His kingdom that would last \_\_\_\_\_ in the days of the fourth empire, the \_\_\_\_\_ empire (Daniel 2:44). He predicted the year the Messiah would come, noting that He would come before the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ were destroyed (Daniel (9:24-27)). We \_\_\_\_\_ that Jerusalem and the temple were destroyed in 70 AD. The Messiah had to come \_\_\_\_\_ that time, and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus fulfilled the prophecies. Let me encourage you who are \_\_\_\_\_ hoping for a future Messiah to take a second look at Jesus of Nazareth. The Lord Jesus set up His \_\_\_\_\_ in the first century according to the prophecy of Daniel; that kingdom is the \_\_\_\_\_ and it lasts forever.

The prophet Micah (5:2) tells of the \_\_\_\_\_ village where the Messiah would be born. This \_\_\_\_\_ to be born in Bethlehem was not simply a human baby. His goings forth are from \_\_\_\_\_, from the days of eternity. Jesus is that \_\_\_\_\_ that John spoke about. He was \_\_\_\_\_ God and \_\_\_\_\_ God (John 1:1). The wise men came from the East following the \_\_\_\_\_, to find the King of the Jews. They asked Herod to find the \_\_\_\_\_ place of His birth. Herod called for the high priests and the scribes to \_\_\_\_\_ the question, and they pointed to the prophecy of Micah 5:2. The Messiah would be \_\_\_\_\_ in Bethlehem of Judah, Bethlehem Ephrathah, and no place else. Jesus fits this prophecy as \_\_\_\_\_. Herod also took it so seriously that he sent his soldiers to \_\_\_\_\_ every child from the age of two years old and under in the town of Bethlehem. Even this \_\_\_\_\_ act came as a fulfillment of the prophecy of Rachel weeping for the children (Jeremiah 31:15).

There are other prophecies pointing to Jesus. Isaiah 40 and verse 3 predicts, “A voice calling, ‘Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; Make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.’ ” Jesus said this voice refers to John the Baptist, who preached repentance, “for the



kingdom of heaven is at hand.” You see, he was preparing the way for the Lord, for God. He prepared the way for Jesus Christ our Lord.

Just as Isaiah 53 predicted Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_, so Psalm 16:8-10 prophesied His \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus came forth from the dead on the \_\_\_\_\_ day; and God did not abandon Him to death but raised Him up. The apostle Peter \_\_\_\_\_ this passage and said that \_\_\_\_\_ the apostles were eyewitnesses of His resurrection. They saw its fulfillment and proclaimed at Pentecost to everyone that Jesus Christ was both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:36).

Some skeptics have suggested that Jesus of Nazareth, as a rabbi, naturally \_\_\_\_\_ about these predictions and simply arranged the \_\_\_\_\_ of His life to fulfill these specific prophecies. But the predictions of Jesus would not be that \_\_\_\_\_ to prearrange. How would you arrange to be \_\_\_\_\_ in Bethlehem? How would you manage to be born into the \_\_\_\_\_ of Judah? How would you make sure that the \_\_\_\_\_ of your betrayal would be precisely thirty pieces of silver? How would you arrange to be crucified with \_\_\_\_\_? How would a crucified man arrange to have his enemies \_\_\_\_\_ for his garments? Grant Jeffrey observed, “The truth is that, if you could \_\_\_\_\_ all these details, you would have to be the Son of God.” There is no way that Jesus as a man could have \_\_\_\_\_ these events necessary for the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy about the Messiah. Furthermore, Jesus Christ despised dishonesty and deception; it was contrary to his \_\_\_\_\_ to pretend as the hypocrites do. Jesus was indeed a \_\_\_\_\_ person in whose mouth was no deceit.

You can put your \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus as Lord and as the Messiah without \_\_\_\_\_. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ person in all of history who could be the Messiah. He fulfilled \_\_\_\_\_ the prophecies of the Old Testament. He came to \_\_\_\_\_ all nations with salvation. If we want to receive His blessing and follow Him, we must \_\_\_\_\_ with all our hearts. We must \_\_\_\_\_ of our sins, changing our hearts and lives. We must \_\_\_\_\_ Him before others and be \_\_\_\_\_. Baptism into Christ is an immersion in water for the \_\_\_\_\_ of our sins.





**The Cross**  
**Romans 5:6-8**

From time to time we each need to take a close look at the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. Jesus was just \_\_\_\_\_ years old when he decided to take up a cross and die. He was in the \_\_\_\_\_ of life, doing so much \_\_\_\_\_. He had everything to \_\_\_\_\_ for! Jesus was not given a cross and He didn't \_\_\_\_\_ it, but He took it up! He \_\_\_\_\_ it! (Mark 14:34-36). The commitment that Jesus made to \_\_\_\_\_ crucifixion was permanent; there was no turning back (John 10:17-18). Jesus willingly laid down His life to atone for the \_\_\_\_\_ that you and I have committed, because He genuinely \_\_\_\_\_ us (John 15:13).

What \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus to die on His cross? One thing is sure: He put the \_\_\_\_\_ needs of everyone else before His own \_\_\_\_\_ needs. His death is the most \_\_\_\_\_ act of all time. The Lord Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ to suffer that horrible death because of His love for His \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven (John 14:31). The Father required a blood \_\_\_\_\_ to atone for sin (Hebrews 10:4). Only the sacrifice of the \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God could atone for your sins and mine. We must thank God and thank Christ Jesus for His willingness to \_\_\_\_\_ in our stead. The prophet Isaiah, more than 700 years before Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ this sacrifice (Isaiah 53:5-6). We can enjoy an \_\_\_\_\_ life here on earth and an \_\_\_\_\_ life in Heaven, because of the sacrifice of Jesus, who bore the punishment that was due to us, so that we might have \_\_\_\_\_ and a life with God. Jesus was willing to be \_\_\_\_\_ to His Father, so He could open a way for salvation. Hebrews 5:7-9 presents a marvelous \_\_\_\_\_ of this obedience and how \_\_\_\_\_ it was for Jesus. It wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus to obey His Father, but He obeyed out of \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord Jesus bore the cross because of His utter love for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 5:6-8 \_\_\_\_\_ us as helpless, as ungodly, and sinners. We are helpless in the sense that we're \_\_\_\_\_ incapable of reaching salvation and eternal life without Jesus Christ. We were once ungodly; we \_\_\_\_\_ God out of our lives and neglected to do His \_\_\_\_\_; and when we \_\_\_\_\_ His commandments, we sinned against Him. Sin is a \_\_\_\_\_ thing with God. We don't merely break God's commandments; we violate our \_\_\_\_\_ with Him (Isaiah 59:1-2). Sin is \_\_\_\_\_ offensive to God; all sin—your sin, and my sin. In spite of the offense of sin, the Lord loved us and wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ a relationship with us, that is to make \_\_\_\_\_ with us again. Reconciliation means that God no longer \_\_\_\_\_ our transgressions against us (2 Corinthians 5:19). It means that our offense toward God is



\_\_\_\_\_ so that we can maintain a loving and close relationship with our God. And this is made \_\_\_\_\_ through the blood of Jesus Christ, sacrificed on the cross. I can still hear the words of the Lord Jesus while they were crucifying Him, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). The Lord's salvation for us makes a marvelous \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives. The Lord removes our \_\_\_\_\_ sins, so that God no longer holds them against us; but the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ that we're human and imperfect. He knows that we continue to sin, even when we don't want to. Even as Christians we all live with the nagging \_\_\_\_\_ of sin. For this reason the Lord constantly \_\_\_\_\_ us and pleads our case for us and for our salvation before the Father. First John deals with the \_\_\_\_\_ imperfections and God's provisions (1 John 1:7-10). People who \_\_\_\_\_ in the light still \_\_\_\_\_ the blood of Jesus to cleanse them from sin. Walking in the light is not perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ behavior. No one can \_\_\_\_\_ a perfectly sinless life. If a Christian says that they do not have sin, they \_\_\_\_\_ themselves and the \_\_\_\_\_ isn't in them. In fact, they make Christ a \_\_\_\_\_ and aren't listening to His Word. What Christians must do when they sin is \_\_\_\_\_ their sins to God and \_\_\_\_\_ of them. Read 1 John 2:1-2. The word propitiation refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ that atones for our sins, so that we may have \_\_\_\_\_ and a relationship with God our Father. Jesus bore the \_\_\_\_\_ that we should have endured so that we might be redeemed and reconciled to God. Jesus serves as an \_\_\_\_\_ for us every single day. We need a righteous advocate, a defender \_\_\_\_\_ to our side to assist us as we approach God (1 Timothy 2:3-6). Jesus, the Righteous sacrifice for our sins, is also interceding with the Father for you, \_\_\_\_\_ for the continued forgiveness of your sins (Hebrews 7:25). Read Luke 22:31-34. When you have sinned against God, \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus prays for you too! He loves you enough to \_\_\_\_\_ the Father to \_\_\_\_\_ you and to \_\_\_\_\_ you in His grace and favor. The Lord has made an amazing commitment to your \_\_\_\_\_ that includes the cross but it goes \_\_\_\_\_ beyond it. The Lord will stick with you \_\_\_\_\_ the way. A person walking in the light \_\_\_\_\_ sin and stays with the Lord. But a person walking in darkness \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord and lives for himself. When he does that he \_\_\_\_\_ his fellowship with God and the ongoing hope that he has in Christ.

Jesus on the cross \_\_\_\_\_ us how to \_\_\_\_\_ in God (1 Peter 2:21-24). Jesus suffered the \_\_\_\_\_ man could throw at Him on the cross. Cruel men \_\_\_\_\_ the cross to give the maximum punishment before death. Jesus was taken by \_\_\_\_\_ and bound as a



common criminal in the Garden of Gethsemane. They falsely \_\_\_\_\_ Him and wrongly tried Him. The High Priest and members of the Sanhedrin Council determined to put Him to death \_\_\_\_\_ the trial ever took place. Their witnesses were \_\_\_\_\_ and their evidence was manufactured. Ultimately, they falsely accused Him of blasphemy for acknowledging that He was the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. The Jews generally put people to death for blasphemy by \_\_\_\_\_ them, but the Jews sought to do \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus. They sought for the Romans to \_\_\_\_\_ Him. They took Him before \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for condemnation. Pilate wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ Him, saying four times that he found no fault in Jesus that was \_\_\_\_\_ of death. Jesus endured the mocking and beating of the soldiers, yet \_\_\_\_\_ for the Father to forgive them. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the nails driven through His hands and feet, the gambling over his clothes, and the cruel taunts of the Jewish leaders as He hung between heaven and earth. During all this suffering, Jesus never once \_\_\_\_\_ with His lips. He didn't revile or speak \_\_\_\_\_ to those who mocked Him. He didn't \_\_\_\_\_ those who did violence to Him. The Bible says that He "kept \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to Him who judges righteously" (1 Peter 2:23). He kept putting Himself into the Father's \_\_\_\_\_. Even with His last \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus said, "Father into Your hands, I commit My spirit" (Luke 23:46, a quotation from Psalm 31:5).

At the hardest moments of our lives, we too must \_\_\_\_\_ to commit ourselves into the hands of the Father (1 Peter 4:19). The cross was exceptionally painful and incredibly humiliating, but Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ it patiently and lovingly. He was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the cross through His willingness to put Himself into the hands of His Father. He died to \_\_\_\_\_ up a way for us to live with God forever. May God be \_\_\_\_\_.

The Lord Jesus challenges us to \_\_\_\_\_ up our cross daily and \_\_\_\_\_ Him (Matthew 10:38). The Lord has a cross for you and for me; and if we are to be \_\_\_\_\_ to wear His name and follow Him, we too must take up our cross. How do we take up our cross? Read Romans 6:3-7. When we place our \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ of our sins, \_\_\_\_\_ His name, and are \_\_\_\_\_ into Christ, we're baptized into His \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord shed His \_\_\_\_\_ in His death and the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ His blood to cleanse us from sin when we're baptized into the death of Christ. At that time the old man of \_\_\_\_\_ is crucified with Him. Throughout life we \_\_\_\_\_ to carry our cross by \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus.



## The Resurrection

### Matthew 28:2-7

The Christian \_\_\_\_\_ rests on the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We're going to examine the \_\_\_\_\_ for that resurrection. Whether Jesus arose matters \_\_\_\_\_. If Jesus arose, there is \_\_\_\_\_ after death. If Jesus arose, then He fulfilled His prophecies and has \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to be the Son of God. If Jesus arose, then His promises and teaching are \_\_\_\_\_. If Jesus arose and is the Son of God, He is Lord of all and has \_\_\_\_\_ over your life and mine. If the Lord Jesus arose, then He will one day \_\_\_\_\_ again and \_\_\_\_\_ you and me according to His Word. Since what we're studying has \_\_\_\_\_ consequences for our souls, we need to pay \_\_\_\_\_ attention. If Jesus arose from the dead, we can't \_\_\_\_\_ Him or live as if that was a meaningless act. Read Hebrews 4:12-13.

The Lord Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ His death and resurrection (Matthew 20:18-19). This is an amazing and a \_\_\_\_\_ prediction. Jesus not only predicted He would be scourged and crucified at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the chief priests and the Gentiles but also that He would \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead the third day. Only the Son of God could \_\_\_\_\_ such a prediction about His death and resurrection and \_\_\_\_\_ its fulfillment just as He predicted.

Before we can speak of a resurrection, we have to \_\_\_\_\_ examine the evidence that Jesus actually died upon the cross. That Jesus was beaten by the soldiers and then scourged is \_\_\_\_\_ dispute. All four \_\_\_\_\_ accounts speak of His scourging. A Roman scourging was not \_\_\_\_\_ a beating. Many men \_\_\_\_\_ from scourging. The whip they used lacerated the skin with \_\_\_\_\_ objects and caused the \_\_\_\_\_ of much blood. The Romans did not \_\_\_\_\_ their stripes to 39 as the Jews did. The purpose of the cross was to kill a person \_\_\_\_\_ and very \_\_\_\_\_. While the nails that went through the hands and feet were not of themselves \_\_\_\_\_, the physical position of a crucified person hung upon a cross created tremendous \_\_\_\_\_ on the heart and lungs. A person had to pull himself up to \_\_\_\_\_ in and out. The cross gradually \_\_\_\_\_ a person down to where he couldn't breathe. In the case of Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ surrounded his heart until it failed. The reason soldiers would \_\_\_\_\_ the legs of a crucified person was to \_\_\_\_\_ their death. A person with broken legs couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ himself up to breathe and would die quickly. They broke the legs of the \_\_\_\_\_ thieves; but these experienced soldiers found Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ dead, so they didn't break His bones in fulfillment of Psalm 34:20 that "not a bone of Him should be broken." Instead, a soldier \_\_\_\_\_ His side with a spear, "and immediately there came out blood and water" (John 19:34). This flowing of water and blood is a sure \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ dead. If Jesus had not died from the crucifixion, He could not have survived this \_\_\_\_\_. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus asked Pilate for the \_\_\_\_\_ of



Jesus, but Pilate would not release the body until it was determined \_\_\_\_\_ positive that he was dead. The two prepared his body for \_\_\_\_\_ in a new tomb a short distance from where he was crucified. John reveals that they \_\_\_\_\_ the body in linen wrappings with myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound weight. This burial process would have \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus in a mummy-like wrapping with spices sealing the cloth together. Bound up like this, Jesus—even if He by some remote \_\_\_\_\_ survived the crucifixion and the spear—couldn't have breathed and lived. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ in the tomb.

The Pharisees and the priests went to Pilate and they requested a \_\_\_\_\_ for the tomb. Read Matthew 27:62-66. They were determined not to let \_\_\_\_\_ happen to that tomb. They didn't merely \_\_\_\_\_ a couple of guards at the tomb. They made it as \_\_\_\_\_ as they could. Some scholars suggest that there were as many as 28 guards at the tomb, and they would have been particularly \_\_\_\_\_ on the third day, when the threat was the very greatest. The governor's \_\_\_\_\_ meant that it would be criminal to mess with the tomb.

The Scriptures tell us that the women came very \_\_\_\_\_ on the first day of the week to the tomb, and they came to \_\_\_\_\_ the body of Jesus. This was their first opportunity since the Sabbath had passed; and they wondered, "Who will \_\_\_\_\_ the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" They realized the stone was "extremely large" (Mark 16:4). Scholars again \_\_\_\_\_ that this stone weighed between one and a half and two tons, three to four thousand pounds. They knew that moving this stone was far beyond their \_\_\_\_\_ and that it would take a number of strong men to move it. When they arrived they saw that an \_\_\_\_\_ had rolled the stone away.

When the women \_\_\_\_\_ to the apostles the tomb was empty, many of the apostles laughed and they \_\_\_\_\_ the women; but two apostles wanted to find out for themselves if the tomb was empty. Peter and John \_\_\_\_\_ to the tomb. John 20:5-7 says they looked in the tomb and saw the linen wrappings \_\_\_\_\_ there. They saw "the face-cloth which had been on His \_\_\_\_\_, not lying with the linen wrappings, but \_\_\_\_\_ in a place by itself." Why would the disciples, if they \_\_\_\_\_ the body, take the \_\_\_\_\_ to loosen the linen wrappings and \_\_\_\_\_ them in the tomb, knowing that the guards were just outside? Whatever understanding you have of this event, you must \_\_\_\_\_ who moved the stone, how the tomb became empty, and who took the linen wrappings from the body of Jesus. The people who examined these events \_\_\_\_\_ without hesitation that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead. The soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ all these events to the chief priests, who paid the soldiers a large sum of money to \_\_\_\_\_ and promised to keep them out of trouble with the governor (Matthew 28:11-15). But down deep these soldiers and the chief priests knew the \_\_\_\_\_.



We now ask whether the testimony we have about the empty tomb is \_\_\_\_\_. Is there some way that we can \_\_\_\_\_ the credibility of the report that we have of the resurrection? First, let's remember that Jesus believed and taught His people to be \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ hypocrisy and deceit. Jesus praised Nathanael for being a person in whom there was no \_\_\_\_\_ (John 1:47). Jesus spoke of the devil as a \_\_\_\_\_ and He condemned \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:44). How could His disciples abandon everything they had been \_\_\_\_\_ and spread a \_\_\_\_\_ throughout Jerusalem? All the Jews had to do to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus had not **been** resurrected from the dead was to \_\_\_\_\_ the body of Jesus. If the Jews produced the body of Jesus, they could \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity. They never \_\_\_\_\_, because they knew they couldn't. All they could do was \_\_\_\_\_ the soldiers to lie and \_\_\_\_\_ the disciples.

Look at the \_\_\_\_\_ in the disciples. The disciples did not know for \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus had been raised on that third day; they \_\_\_\_\_ it; and so they \_\_\_\_\_ in the upper room with the door locked for fear of the Jews. They \_\_\_\_\_ and they \_\_\_\_\_ when the women came and told them that Jesus had risen. Their hard \_\_\_\_\_ kept them from believing until Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to them. One apostle, Thomas, persisted in his disbelief \_\_\_\_\_ when the others insisted they had seen the Lord (John 20:25-29). Jesus appeared to the disciples and He \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to them in a variety of ways. Read Luke 24:36-39. Acts 1:3 tells how Jesus "presented Himself \_\_\_\_\_ after His suffering, by many convincing \_\_\_\_\_, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God." So strong did He convince them that we see a very \_\_\_\_\_ group of men at Pentecost than we do on the day that Jesus arose. After they disbelieved, hiding themselves as cowards, and doubting the prophecy of Jesus; Jesus then \_\_\_\_\_ Himself alive with many convincing proofs. So at Pentecost they were \_\_\_\_\_ and unrelenting in their \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel. They told everyone they were \_\_\_\_\_ of the resurrection. They called the people to \_\_\_\_\_ of their sins, because they had \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus whom God for certain had made both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36). In Acts 3-8 the early disciples endured beatings and imprisonment, but they wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ preaching Jesus as the Christ resurrected from the dead.

When the Sanhedrin, that is the Jewish Council, commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, Peter and John were convinced that they must \_\_\_\_\_ God and continue preaching the gospel (Acts 4:19-20). The Council arrested the apostles, flogged them, commanded them to \_\_\_\_\_ preaching in the name of Jesus, and released them. But the apostles \_\_\_\_\_ "that they had been considered worthy to \_\_\_\_\_ shame for His name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ" (Acts 5:41-42). They later suffered imprisonment, beatings and



even death for their \_\_\_\_\_, but nothing kept them from continuing to preach Jesus as the Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead. The disciples didn't become \_\_\_\_\_ from their preaching; they suffered \_\_\_\_\_ to tell the story of Jesus. They (the enemies of Christ) stoned \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 7) and they beheaded \_\_\_\_\_ the son of Zebedee (Acts 12). Not one of the disciples \_\_\_\_\_ denied the resurrection. They died for \_\_\_\_\_ it. The only \_\_\_\_\_ they spoke out so boldly about their faith was they believed Jesus was truly the Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God. And their bold faith \_\_\_\_\_ us that we too can place our faith in Jesus as Lord.

Saul of Tarsus was originally \_\_\_\_\_ to Judaism and a violent persecutor of the church, but He \_\_\_\_\_ Christ on the road to Damascus. His conversion is especially important in view of his earlier \_\_\_\_\_ against Christianity. He gave up everything to \_\_\_\_\_ a Christian. What he wrote about the resurrection in 1 Corinthians 15 is really the \_\_\_\_\_ documentary evidence that we have. No one can satisfactorily \_\_\_\_\_ the conversion and the later life of the apostle Paul except in the way that he himself explained it. He had seen the \_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

Some say Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross and revived in the cool of the tomb; but this doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ how Jesus survived the linen wrappings, how He moved the stone, or how He frightened the guards to get away. Others say the apostles only \_\_\_\_\_ they saw Jesus after His resurrection, but this doesn't explain why there were linen wrappings in the empty tomb, how the stone was moved before the women arrived, or how the guards were frightened. Nor does it explain how they were able to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

Though we have barely discussed the \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the resurrection, we have seen \_\_\_\_\_ to say confidently with Peter and the apostles that God raised Jesus from the dead. And if He is risen, He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of all. He will one day \_\_\_\_\_ you and me according to His Word (John 12:48; Acts 17:31).

To become a Christian \_\_\_\_\_ with all your heart that Jesus is the Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ from your sins in repentance, \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as the Christ and the Son of God, and be \_\_\_\_\_ for the forgiveness of your sins as the Bible teaches in Acts 2:38.



## How Jesus Changes Lives Colossians 1:9-12

The Lord can transform your life, if you will \_\_\_\_\_ Him. Jesus can make a \_\_\_\_\_ in your life, a difference you can \_\_\_\_\_ on! Jesus can give you the \_\_\_\_\_ to make some changes in your life by providing for your basic \_\_\_\_\_ needs. When you're willing to give your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_ to Him, He can work in you things that you never imagined. You don't have to be trapped in \_\_\_\_\_. You don't have to be filled with despair over the \_\_\_\_\_. You don't have to live in \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord can \_\_\_\_\_ you; and He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ your life.

I have watched the power of God \_\_\_\_\_ people's lives around. Criminals become \_\_\_\_\_, atheists become strong \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ, sinners become saints, and addicted people become \_\_\_\_\_. The power of God can \_\_\_\_\_ in your life, because the Lord Jesus is everything that He \_\_\_\_\_ to be. The New Testament records how He walked on \_\_\_\_\_, turned water into \_\_\_\_\_, calmed the \_\_\_\_\_, healed the \_\_\_\_\_, set the captives \_\_\_\_\_, gave sight to the \_\_\_\_\_, gave hearing to the \_\_\_\_\_, gave speech to the \_\_\_\_\_, and gave \_\_\_\_\_ to the despondent. Wherever He went, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ people up and gave them a \_\_\_\_\_ start in life. He opened the door with His \_\_\_\_\_ and His death on the cross for people to be \_\_\_\_\_ again, freed from all the trappings of their old man of sin. He was God's true \_\_\_\_\_ in a world darkened by sin and bound for hell.

But Jesus did \_\_\_\_\_ than this. Jesus lived in a day when the \_\_\_\_\_ traditions and teaching of the time convinced many that God would never \_\_\_\_\_ them. The Pharisees had made and observed many man-made \_\_\_\_\_ that God didn't give and they \_\_\_\_\_ them on other people. Even to this day various denominations and religious groups believe and practice things that they \_\_\_\_\_ but the Lord Jesus never taught. We believe that Jesus is Lord, and the \_\_\_\_\_ Lord. Only the Lord Jesus has the \_\_\_\_\_ to legislate to His church what they are to believe and practice. He didn't \_\_\_\_\_ that authority to anyone (Matthew 28:18). There's no authority in heaven or on earth \_\_\_\_\_ than His authority (Ephesians 1:20-23). Jesus is truly Lord of \_\_\_\_\_ and He has \_\_\_\_\_ authority. We should not think that He will \_\_\_\_\_ have authority on earth. He is \_\_\_\_\_ Lord and King. He has all authority \_\_\_\_\_ and cannot have \_\_\_\_\_ authority than He already has.





If we \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus “Lord,” we need to \_\_\_\_\_ Him as Lord (Matthew 7:21-23). Serving the Lord means \_\_\_\_\_ His laws and commandments.

In our culture we \_\_\_\_\_ to determine our \_\_\_\_\_ way. We don't fully appreciate what it \_\_\_\_\_ to have a Lord and to belong to a Master. In ancient times, masters had \_\_\_\_\_ authority over their servants. Many today think the \_\_\_\_\_ world should be subservient to them and to their desires. But when we take on the name of Jesus and we become His disciples, we \_\_\_\_\_ our lives to His service and we become His slaves (Matthew 10:24-25). If we're going to \_\_\_\_\_ our Lord Jesus, we must be obedient to Him just as He was obedient to the Father (Hebrews 5:8-9).

As Lord, Christ can \_\_\_\_\_ our lives around. He has the \_\_\_\_\_; He has the \_\_\_\_\_; and He has the \_\_\_\_\_ to make a difference in our lives. He will \_\_\_\_\_ us make changes, but He won't \_\_\_\_\_ us to change. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ transform our lives, but we have to \_\_\_\_\_ Him. Some people think Christ \_\_\_\_\_ miraculous power to make these changes and He makes them irresistibly, but they're \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord rather reasons with us and \_\_\_\_\_ on our \_\_\_\_\_, and He does that through His \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 1:18-20). The Lord God wants what is \_\_\_\_\_ for you and for me, but we have to be \_\_\_\_\_ to trust and obey Him. The power of Christ is not \_\_\_\_\_ mysterious or irresistible force. God doesn't arbitrarily choose some folks to be \_\_\_\_\_ and others to be \_\_\_\_\_ and then mysteriously force His will on us. That's a terrible doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_, and it's an unscriptural doctrine. God rather helps whosoever will to \_\_\_\_\_ when they accept Him and obey His teaching, when they \_\_\_\_\_ themselves and follow Him according to the teaching of the Word.

What power does the Lord use to \_\_\_\_\_ our lives? The power is in the simple \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel. How much it changes our lives \_\_\_\_\_ upon our hearts and whether we're \_\_\_\_\_ to listen and to follow God's Word or not.

### **Where is the power of God?**

**First**, it's in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. The Word of God brings us to \_\_\_\_\_. Read Romans 10:17; 1 Corinthians 1:21; John chapter 20:30-31. The Word of God \_\_\_\_\_ us to believe Jesus is the Christ, and that faith leads us to eternal \_\_\_\_\_.



**Second**, the Lord uses the power of \_\_\_\_\_ to reach into our hearts. The story of what Jesus did on the cross reaches \_\_\_\_\_ into our hearts and moves us to love God (John 12:32). The cross demonstrates in undeniable \_\_\_\_\_ the unfailing love of our Lord Jesus and the Father (John 15:13). Jesus showed the \_\_\_\_\_ kind of love towards us in dying for our sins, suffering the punishment that we deserved. Such love is \_\_\_\_\_ full understanding. People are willing to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves, and \_\_\_\_\_ their crosses daily, and \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as Lord, because they \_\_\_\_\_ Him. They've \_\_\_\_\_ His love in the Word and they want to love in return (1 John 4:19). People are grateful for all of God's wonderful \_\_\_\_\_ and they know Romans 8:32 is really true. We're not enslaved to God \_\_\_\_\_ our will. We serve God by \_\_\_\_\_, because we know our Lord Jesus is a \_\_\_\_\_ master who will do us good and give us an abundant life (John 10:10). In addition to the forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ blessings we receive from Him, He also adds us to His \_\_\_\_\_ and gives us a family to strengthen and encourage us. The church is a great blessing, and the Lord knew that we would \_\_\_\_\_ each other to grow in faith. The love of our brothers and sisters in Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ to our spiritual growth. They stir us to \_\_\_\_\_ and good \_\_\_\_\_.

**Third**, another way the Lord works His power on us is that the Lord uses the power of the \_\_\_\_\_ to reach into our hearts. He is lovingly \_\_\_\_\_ and straight with us about our sins and about righteousness. He uses the truth that's in the Word like a \_\_\_\_\_ for us to see ourselves as we \_\_\_\_\_ are and as God sees us. Such honesty may \_\_\_\_\_ deep and hurt, but it is better to be hurt temporarily by the truth than to believe a \_\_\_\_\_ and suffer much greater pain for eternity. The Lord gives us the truth that \_\_\_\_\_ for a time but \_\_\_\_\_ us. He corrects us in order to make our lives \_\_\_\_\_ and to help us to avoid the pitfalls of life. Some people think that when the Lord condemns \_\_\_\_\_ He is mean and harsh. Some people say that if you \_\_\_\_\_ certain sins sinful, you're "unchristian." There seems to be in this day a kind of a knee-jerk reaction that if we \_\_\_\_\_ anything is morally or spiritually wrong that we've done something \_\_\_\_\_. The best known \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible for some people today is "Judge ye not, that you be not judged" (Matthew 7:1). The Lord Jesus also said in John 7:24, "Do not judge according to \_\_\_\_\_, but judge with righteous judgment." Honesty means that we hear \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus says not merely what we \_\_\_\_\_ to hear. The same \_\_\_\_\_ that condemns murder and rape also condemns covetousness, lying, fornication, adultery, homosexuality, and drunkenness. Christianity is not a pick-and-choose \_\_\_\_\_ that allows us to tell God what we feel rather than to listen to His Word.



The Lord greatly \_\_\_\_\_ His Word as truth (John 8:31-32). When we deceive ourselves by failing to \_\_\_\_\_ what the Lord says, we remain enslaved to sin and death. But when we \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord's words and \_\_\_\_\_ Him, we are set \_\_\_\_\_ from sin and become true disciples. It is the Lord who determines who are \_\_\_\_\_ disciples on the basis of whether they \_\_\_\_\_ in His Word. The Lord has \_\_\_\_\_ that He has clearly communicated and uses to make distinctions between true disciples and how they're different from deceived disciples. It is a Christian kindness to \_\_\_\_\_ the truth about sin and what one needs to do to be saved. It's the work of Satan and very \_\_\_\_\_ to let people think they're saved, when they're really lost. The Bible still says that \_\_\_\_\_ "does not rejoice in unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth" (1 Corinthians 13:6).

**Fourth**, the Lord gives us the power of \_\_\_\_\_. We need hope to live \_\_\_\_\_ as much as we need air to live \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord Jesus blesses His people with \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. We have all the blessing of God in this \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, too (1 Peter 1:3-4). Thank God

Jesus can transform your \_\_\_\_\_, if you will let Him; but you \_\_\_\_\_ to let Him. You have to give yourself to Him completely: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

The Father invested His Son in you, and the Lord Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ His life so that you might be redeemed from sin and \_\_\_\_\_ a new and righteous life. God does not think that you are \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Peter 1:18-19). But if you want the \_\_\_\_\_, that purchased and redeemed you, to apply to your soul, you must \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel. You must allow the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to \_\_\_\_\_ in your life. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ with all your \_\_\_\_\_, and out of love repent of every \_\_\_\_\_, confess Jesus as the Christ and as your \_\_\_\_\_, and be baptized in water to be \_\_\_\_\_. When you're immersed in water, the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ away your sins (Acts 22:16) and adds you to His family (Acts 2:47). That family is His kingdom, the \_\_\_\_\_. You're purchased with His blood, and you \_\_\_\_\_ to Him when you are baptized and Him alone. Humble yourselves, and \_\_\_\_\_ your hearts, and \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.