

Are you a Wave?



Or are you a rock, over which the waves of the sea are broken? Choosing which you are represents the value of life. If you are a person ever uneasy in a world you perceive to be driven to violence by people interested only in using and taking advantage of other people, please consider God's viewpoint. It will grant protection you can't imagine!

Foreword

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The world is being destroyed by greed and hate.^A As just one small example, we see pharmaceutical companies buy up the rights to old medicines, and then raise the price a hundred (or thousand) times over. After doing exactly that, the leader of one of them recently and very publicly snickered and made light of his greed. He no doubt imagines himself an entrepreneur. Such people seem able to take pride in themselves even when they know their greed is harming or killing others. That, along with the other terrible world conditions, are actually easy to understand; if you just try and perceive our Creator's view of the world: God originally created a wonderful home where we could live and be happy. Our first parents destroyed paradise for us all, by joining God's enemy in disobedience of our Creator. That rejection of God's counsel has brought about the world we are witness of today. God has allowed time for men to do as they chose, so the evidence could accumulate: To clear his name of those first lies by Satan.^B So... He

^A 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 MWT (8) And then the lawless one [*the composite man comprised of all those who spread lies and hate*] will be revealed, whom the Lord will destroy with the words of his mouth and will consume by the revelation of his appearance, (9) of whom is his [*i.e., the lawless one's*] arrival according to [*the*] supernatural working of Satan, in all power and signs and wonders of deceit [*fig., counterfeit miracles*], (10) and in all deception of the unrighteousness among the ones perishing, because they did not accept the love of the truth for them to be saved. (11) And for this reason God will send to them a manifestation of deception, for them to believe the lie, (12) so that they shall be judged, all the ones not having believed the truth, but the ones having delighted in unrighteousness.

^B Genesis 3:1-6 CEV The snake was sneakier than any of the other wild animals that the LORD [*Jehovah*] God had made. One day it came to the woman and asked, "Did God tell you not to eat fruit from any tree in the garden?" (2) The woman answered, "God said we could eat fruit from any tree in the garden, (3) except the one in the middle. He told us not to eat fruit from that tree or even to touch it. If we do, we will die." (4) "No, you won't!" the snake replied. (5) "God understands what will happen on the day you eat fruit from that tree. You will see what you have done, and you will know the difference between right and wrong, just as God

is now in the process of restoring the paradise He created.^c By means of the resurrection, God is going to undo all the harm caused by Satan's rebellion. If you build faith in God's promises, it will soon be almost like Satan never existed. God wants each and every one of us to be upright and loving individuals, so we can benefit by having a part in the good He is reestablishing. Make no mistake, however, *He is restoring paradise* with or without your support. All the harm we see being done in the earth, done by hateful people to other people, makes it obvious for all reasonable persons why God must act; why He is acting. So... If you are absolutely determined to disregard him, and to cling to being involved in the hate and greed of this world, that is a choice you can make. In that case, He wants each person choosing to remain wicked to be clear about who they are making the choice to become. Let the one choosing wickedness, He says (the ones who will not allow themselves to be corrected), let them become fully wicked.^d They will, in that case, have nothing to complain

does." (6) The woman stared at the fruit. It looked beautiful and tasty. She wanted the wisdom that [Satan promised] it would give her, and she ate some of the fruit. Her husband was there with her, so she gave some to him, and he ate it too.

^c Isaiah 11:1-9 CEV Like a branch that sprouts from a stump, someone from David's family will someday be king (Jesus is a descendant of King David). (2) The Spirit of the LORD [*Jehovah*] will be with him to give him understanding, wisdom, and insight. He will be powerful, and he will know and honor the LORD [*Jehovah*]. (3) His greatest joy will be to obey the LORD [*Jehovah*]. This king won't judge by appearances or listen to rumors. (4) The poor and the needy will be treated with fairness and with justice. His word will be law everywhere in the land, and criminals will be put to death. (5) Honesty and fairness will be his royal robes. (6) Leopards will lie down with young goats, and wolves will rest with lambs. Calves and lions will eat together and be cared for by little children. (7) Cows and bears will share the same pasture; their young will rest side by side. Lions and oxen will both eat straw. (8) Little children will play near snake holes. They will stick their hands into dens of poisonous snakes and never be hurt. (9) Nothing harmful will take place on the LORD's [*Jehovah's*] holy mountain. Just as water fills the sea, the land will be filled with people who know and honor the LORD [*Jehovah*].

^d Job 27:7 MWT Let my enemy become in every way a wicked man, and those revolting against me be fully wicked.

about when their own bad course overtakes them.^E God can rightly say He did all he could do to help each one of us. God is good... The choice to support God (or not) is mine to make. And... It is yours as well. You can realize what all that is happening in this world means, and show appreciation for our Creator's help, or you can fight against his effort. You might even be able to choose to remain in an imagined state of ignorance about it all, by pretending it isn't happening. We are, each one of us, however, responsible to make the choice...^F God's son paid a price that is too great to ignore! It can be the greatest joy of life to choose to live, and to see evidence others are doing the same. Is it awe inspiring to realize our Creator has given *you* that choice, and that He is right now watching to see how you personally respond?^G Is it sobering to realize, the witness of your life's value amounts to the revelation of that choice, and you have no option except to choose? Put very simply: You impact those around you. God holds you accountable to make the choice to stop hurting other people.

^E John 15:22 BBE If I (Jesus) had not come and been their teacher they would have had no sin: but now they have no reason to give for their sin.

^F Deuteronomy 30:19-20 MWT (19) I call heaven and earth as witnesses this day, that I have offered you life or death, blessings or curses. Choose life in order that you may keep alive, you and your descendants. (20) Love Jehovah your God, obey him, and be loyal to him. He is your life and the length of your days, that you may dwell in the land that Jehovah swore to give to your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

^G 2 Chronicles 16:9a Darby (9) For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro through the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward him...

Something every person alive should know!

There are two separate and distinct steps to becoming a Christian: The first is you must actually know what God sent his son to teach.^(P) Apparently, God is seeing to it that everyone alive clears that first hurdle.^(H) The second step is: You must make the personal decision to have and manifest faith in what you can learn Jesus taught. You show your faith in Christ through obedience,^(U) which in turn manifests as love for other people.^(OO) That second step of faith, however, is not for everyone. Each one of us must choose if we will have faith in God based in belief he is good.^(I) One thing is very clear: You should not be found fighting against God's effort to zealously expose what is true, to every single person, doing so by exposing them to the teachings of his Son.^H You don't have to choose life but you are being given the opportunity.

^H Ezekiel 5:11-13 LITV Therefore, as I live, says the Lord Jehovah, surely because you have defiled My sanctuary (spread lies) with all your idolatries and with all your abominations, so I also will withdraw. And My eye shall not spare, and I will not have pity. (12) A third part of you shall die by the plague and shall be consumed by the famine in your midst. And a third part shall fall by the sword all around you. And a third part I will scatter into every wind, and I will draw out a sword after them. (13) And My anger shall be spent, and I will make My fury rest on them, and I will be eased. And they shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken in My zeal (by Christ), in My completing My fury among them.

Is honesty really the best policy? And, what does our integrity have to do with our being a rock?

Most everyone has heard the phrase, “honesty is the best policy.” But, is it really? Doesn’t it sometimes seem those who are dishonest and don’t care about others have a better life than persons of integrity? We see popular politicians stand up and make grandiose claims that anyone with a modicum of wisdom has to realize they can’t keep. Some say they support dishonest politicians anyway, sheepishly admitting they do so just because they see a need for change, and not because they actually believe in them or in what they say. Drastic political change is often not a good thing. We saw Greece and many other countries force change in their respective lands, to the great horror and suffering of all (or at least of most – some war mongers probably imagine they did well in the disaster of change in those nations). It is the obvious need for things to be made better that can drive people to force or support change, sometimes at unimagined cost. In the face of that obvious and overwhelming need for things to be made better, integrity often seems of little value in our modern world. And anyway, what connection could our integrity have with our being waves or rocks? What about the choice by many to join with some sect of men who share and keep secrets among their group? Does the keeping of secrets impact our integrity? Could these qualities actually define and/or represent who we are as persons? Is it sobering to consider we are all becoming either waves or rocks; and to comprehend we have no real choice except to become one or the other? God is in the process of providing a solution that will bring relief for all. You simply must choose if you support him.

If you are to give place to reflection on whether that is true, we might start by encouraging you first consider building faith in (or increasing faith in) the Bible. The Bible is where the teaching about our being either waves or rocks comes from. You might also consider that we *all*, already are, actually, people of faith. The

biggest difference in faith, and it is the difference that separates us into two very distinct groups, is that we either have faith there is a good God who will help us,^l or we believe there is not (or, we're trying to decide). Most will agree believing in God requires faith, but many believe no faith is required on the part of those who say He doesn't exist. Please... If you can look around at all the wonders of creation, and still believe there is no Creator responsible for it all, that is most certainly faith. It is bad faith, but it is faith none the less. Self-proclaimed great minds want to assure us the evidence we see of creation all just happened by blind chance - no wait, by blind selection... If you came into the first great city you ever saw, with its water and gas and power systems; you would have to note its paved streets and great high buildings with glass windows. Would you, after seeing it all, believe some person who claimed to be wise and who then asserted the city just evolved? The Bible says it is the fool who looks at the wonder of creation and beholds no Creator!^j Those who refuse to believe in God actually wind up worshiping the creation; either the gods they create with their own hands, or in worshiping the evolutionary God from their own mind (from the imagination of men).^k The Bible also says those who make and/or

^l Hebrews 11:6 ESV And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

^j Psalms 14:1-2 Darby **To the chief Musician. A Psalm of David.** The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They have corrupted themselves, they have done abominable works: there is none that doeth good. (2) Jehovah looked down from the heavens upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.

Psalms 53:1-2 ASV For the Chief Musician; set to Mahakath. Maschil of David. The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity; There is none that doeth good. (2) God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there were any that did understand, That did seek after God.

^k Romans 1:18-25 CEV From heaven God shows how angry he is with all the wicked and evil things that sinful people do to crush the truth. (19) They know everything that can be known about God, because God has shown it all to them. (20) God's eternal

worship dead or nonexistent Gods will become just like them.⁴ As you consider (or work to increase) faith in the Bible, you will note some of the Bible verses we quote use God's personal name: Jehovah. The Hebrew form of the divinely inspired personal name

power and character cannot be seen. But from the beginning of creation, God has shown what these are like by all he has made. That's why those people don't have any excuse. (21) They know about God, but they don't honor him or even thank him. Their thoughts are useless, and their stupid minds are in the dark. (22) They claim to be wise, but they are fools. (23) They don't worship the glorious and eternal God. Instead, they worship idols that are made to look like humans who cannot live forever, and like birds, animals, and reptiles. (24) So God let these people go their own way. They did what they wanted to do, and their filthy thoughts made them do shameful things with their bodies. (25) They gave up the truth about God for a lie, and they worshiped God's creation instead of God, who will be praised forever. Amen.

⁴ Psalms 115:1-18 CEV We don't deserve praise! The LORD [*when you see LORD in all capitols, it means Jehovah's personal name was used in the original text*] alone deserves all of the praise, because of his love and faithfulness. (2) Why should the nations ask, "Where is your God?" (3) Our God is in the heavens, doing as he chooses. (4) The idols of the nations are made of silver and gold. (5) They have a mouth and eyes, but they can't speak or see. (6) Their ears can't hear, and their noses can't smell. (7) Their hands have no feeling, their legs don't move, and they can't make a sound. (8) Everyone who made the idols and all who trust them are just as helpless as those useless gods. (9) People of Israel, you must trust the LORD [*Jehovah*] to help and protect you. (10) Family of Aaron the priest, you must trust the LORD [*Jehovah*] to help and protect you. (11) All of you worship the LORD [*Jehovah*], so you must trust him to help and protect you. (12) The LORD [*Jehovah*] will not forget to give us his blessing; he will bless all of Israel and the family of Aaron. (13) All who worship the LORD [*Jehovah*], no matter who they are, will receive his blessing. (14) I pray that the LORD [*Jehovah*] will let your family and your descendants always grow strong. (15) May the LORD [*Jehovah*] who created the heavens and the earth give you his blessing. (16) The LORD [*Jehovah*] has kept the heavens for himself, but he has given the earth to us humans. (17) The dead are silent and cannot praise the LORD [*Jehovah*], (18) but we will praise him now and forevermore. Shout praises to the LORD [*Jehovah*]!

of God is **הוהי** (most of the Old Testament [OT] was recorded in Hebrew). God had his name recorded over 6000 times in the original OT text. **הוהי** is not a title such as Lord or God, which can apply to any God men choose to worship. You often hear men call on those titles, or on the names of the God's they have chosen to worship. Jehovah, however, is very distinct as the personal name of the God of the Bible.^M The Bible indicates you must know both Jehovah and his son.^N The Bible also distinctly identifies the followers of Jesus as "Christians."^O Any name men have chosen beyond "Christian" to name themselves. Instead of the Bible inspired name Christian, they have chosen other names to help them identify and make special the sect *they have created*. Some religious sects have notoriously used God's personal name in the title of their organization. Don't let them make you feel uncomfortable, or feel it will publicly connect you to their sect, by your knowing and using Jehovah's name; any more than using Jesus's name connects you to all the varied and squabbling sects of Christendom. Each and every one of those sects has their own very different doctrine, and each claim to be the lone followers of Christ. They can't all be right... All serious students of the Bible know the Scriptural name of the God of the Hebrews (the God of the OT) to be **הוהי**. The modern English translation of **הוהי** is

^M Exodus 6:3 King James Version And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of God Almighty*, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them.~

Psalms 83:18 KJV That *men* may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, *art* the most high over all the earth.~

Isaiah 12:2 KJV Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and *my* song; he also is become my salvation.~

Isaiah 26:4 KJV Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

^N Proverbs 30:4 ESV Who has ascended to heaven and come down? Who has gathered the wind in his fists? Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name? Surely you know!

^O Acts 11:26 YLT ...the disciples also were divinely called first in Antioch Christians.

Jehovah. Some Bible translators followed a superstition that developed against pronouncing the divine name, and so substituted LORD in all capital letters. Thus, when you see “LORD” in the text of some Bible translations, it signifies the original text contained יהוה (Jehovah). Jesus came, among other things, to magnify the use of his Father’s name. As he said in John 17:26, “I have made your name known to them and will make it known.” Again, in John 17:6 he said: “I have made your name manifest to the men you gave me out of the world.” Jesus taught us at Mat. 6:9: “You must pray, then, this way: ‘Our Father in the heavens, let your name be sanctified...’” As you study the Gospel accounts of Jesus’s teachings (including the scriptures in the footnotes of this document), you will see the name of his Father was very important to Jesus. He came to teach us to know his Father.^P

^P Luke 10:22 CEV My Father has given me everything, and he is the only one who knows the Son. The only one who really knows the Father is the Son. But the Son wants to tell others about the Father, so that they can know him too.~

Matthew 11:27 ESV All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. (Jesus spoke to the crowds in illustrations,^{*1} but explained all to his disciples. His explanations are recorded for you in the Gospels. You make yourself a disciple of Christ by paying heed to the teachings his Father had recorded for you in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.)~

^{*1} Matthew 13:3 ESV And he told them many things in parables [*stories as illustrations*], saying: "A sower went out to sow...~

Matthew 13:10-18 GNB Then the disciples came to Jesus and asked him, "Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?" (11) Jesus answered, "The knowledge about the secrets of the Kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. (12) For the person who has something will be given more, so that he will have more than enough; but the person who has nothing will have taken away from him even the little he has. [*Those who care about the truth will get more, but those who don't care, even what they learn by selfish listening will drift away from them.*] (13) The reason I use parables in talking to them is that they look, but do not see, and they listen, but do not hear or understand. [*The majority of the people came to be fed or healed by Jesus but had no real love for his teachings. If they had, they would have*

God's name should be important to you as well. The truth is not hid in a corner.^Q If you doubt any of this to be true, go to any public library and look up the name Jehovah. You should consider several sources, to verify you are not just reading something written up by someone who is prejudiced beyond truth. Better yet, just keep it in mind (store it up in your heart)^R as you read the many scriptures we will quote where Jesus over and over draws special attention to his Father, and to our need to give Jehovah glory.^S Jesus was foremost thankful to his Father for the simple

followed Jesus like the disciples to request an explanation of his parables.] (14) So the prophecy of Isaiah applies to them: "This people will listen and listen, but not understand; they will look and look, but not see, (15) because their minds are dull, and they have stopped up their ears and have closed their eyes. [It was their willful choice not to really care about what Jesus taught.]

Otherwise, their eyes would see, their ears would hear, their minds would understand, and they would turn to me, says God, and I would heal them.' (16) "As for you, how fortunate you are! Your eyes see and your ears hear. (17) I assure you that many prophets and many of God's people wanted very much to see what you see, but they could not, and to hear what you hear, but they did not.

(18) "Listen, then, and learn what the parable of the sower means.

^Q Acts 26:26 CEV None of these things happened off in a corner somewhere. I am sure that King Agrippa knows what I am talking about. That's why I can speak so plainly to him."

^R Luke 2:18-19 ESV And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. (19) But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

^S Acts 2:36 ESV Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."~

1 Corinthians 15:19-28 GNB (19) If our hope in Christ is good for this life only and no more, then we deserve more pity than anyone else in all the world. (20) But the truth is that Christ has been raised from death, as the guarantee that those who sleep in death will also be raised. (21) For just as death came by means of a man, in the same way the rising from death comes by means of a man. (22) For just as all people die because of their union with Adam, in the same way all will be raised to life because of their union with Christ. (23) But each one will be raised in proper order: Christ, first of all; then, at the time of his coming, those who belong to him. (24) Then the end will come; Christ will overcome

and beautiful truth he was favored by God to bring humanity;^T a truth that sets us free of all lies and deceit.^U As you consider the Bible, you should note many Bible promises (prophecies) are made to Abraham and to his seed, to Jacob (renamed Israel),^V or to David and to Abraham's other descendants. If you express faith in Jesus Christ, however, you are adopted as a son or daughter of Abraham and of God.^W Faith in Christ puts you in line to benefit

all spiritual rulers, authorities, and powers, and will hand over the Kingdom to God the Father. (25) For Christ must rule until God defeats all enemies and puts them under his feet. (26) The last enemy to be defeated will be death. (27) For the scripture says, "God put *all* things under his feet." It is clear, of course, that the words "all things" do not include God himself, who puts all things under Christ. (28) But when all things have been placed under Christ's rule, then he himself, the Son, will place himself under God, who placed all things under him; and God will rule completely over all.

^T Matthew 11:24-30 CEV So I tell you that on the day of judgment the people of Sodom will get off easier than you [*easier than those who reject Jesus's teachings*]. (25) At that moment Jesus said: My Father, Lord of heaven and earth, I am grateful that you hid all this from wise and educated people and showed it to ordinary people. (26) Yes, Father, that is what pleased you. (27) My Father has given me everything, and he is the only one who knows the Son. The only one who truly knows the Father is the Son. But the Son wants to tell others about the Father, so that they can know him too. (28) If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. (29) Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. (30) This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

^U John 8:31-32 GNB So Jesus said to those who believed in him, "If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples; (32) you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

^V Genesis 32:27-28 CEV Then the man asked, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. (28) The man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob. You have wrestled with God and with men, and you have won. That's why your name will be Israel."

^W John 1:9-14 GW The real light, which shines on everyone, was coming into the world. (10) He was in the world, and the world came into existence through him. Yet, the world didn't recognize him. (11) He went to his own people, and his own people didn't

from all those promises to Abraham and to his seed.^x The writings (doctrines) of men are without number and are tiresome.^y It is the Bible alone, however, that explains everything we need to know about life in grand detail.^z You will find God's word is worthy of

accept him. (12) However, he gave the right to become God's children to everyone who believed in him. (13) These people didn't become God's children in a physical way—from a human impulse or from a husband's desire to have a child. They were born from God. (14) The Word became human and lived among us. We saw his glory. It was the glory that the Father shares with his only Son, a glory full of kindness and truth.

^x Galatians 3:26 & 28-29 GNB It is through faith that all of you are God's children in union with Christ Jesus. (28) So there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles, between slaves and free people, between men and women; you are all one in union with Christ Jesus. (29) If you belong to Christ, then you are the descendants of Abraham and will receive what God has promised.

^y Ecclesiastes 12:11-14 CEV (11) Words of wisdom are like the stick a farmer uses to make animals move. These sayings come from God, our only shepherd, and they are like nails that fasten things together. (12) My child, I warn you to stay away from any teachings except these. There is no end to books, and too much study will wear you out. (13) Everything you were taught can be put into a few words: Respect and obey God! This is what life is all about. (14) God will judge everything we do, even what is done in secret, whether good or bad.

^z Psalms 119:94-107 GNB I am yours---save me! I have tried to obey your commands. (95) The wicked are waiting to kill me, but I will meditate on your laws. (96) I have learned that everything has limits; but your commandment is perfect. (97) How I love your law! I think about it all day long. (98) Your commandment is with me all the time and makes me wiser than my enemies. (99) I understand more than all my teachers, because I meditate on your instructions. (100) I have greater wisdom than those who are old, because I obey your commands. (101) I have avoided all evil conduct, because I want to obey your word. (102) I have not neglected your instructions, because you yourself are my teacher. (103) How sweet is the taste of your instructions--- sweeter even than honey! (104) I gain wisdom from your laws, and so I hate all bad conduct. (105) Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path. (106) I will keep my solemn promise to obey your

your faith in it. All the Bible's 66 books, written by some 40 different men over the course of about 1600 years, and recounting the 6000 years^{AA} since Adam; they are all intertwined to reveal the simple Bible theme in a detail that is nearly beyond human comprehension. By that wonderful and rational truth, told over all that time and using all those people, the Bible places itself above doubt that it truly is the word of God. The more you learn about it, the more you will understand and have faith in what you have previously learned. In all its great detail, however, the Bible never lies or is inconsistent with itself. While you will never cease to be amazed at the complexity and beauty of the Bible, its consistent and ever present theme is oh-so-simple. That simplicity of theme is actually part of the Bible's intricacy: As you come to understand how that simple theme is interwoven, so inextricably and beautifully throughout its 6000 year record of mankind's history since Adam, it is awe^{AA} inspiring.^(T) The Bible demands your consideration, and then your respect! You will never grow tired of learning from it. While the varied sects of men make the Bible seem hard, the *theme* of the Bible^{BB} is probably the simplest thing to understand that has ever been written;^(T) if, that is, you will actually listen to Jesus. Helping you glean that simple truth is our goal.

Hoping to have encouraged appreciation for at least considering what the Bible teaches, then, let us return to our reflection on honesty and openness; to our assertion we are all becoming either waves or rocks.^{(CC & (FF)}

As we attempt to see what the scriptures say about our choice to be or become a person of integrity, please consider the impact of that choice on defining you as a person.

just instructions. (107) My sufferings, LORD, are terrible indeed; keep me alive, as you have promised.

^{AA} Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/DisplayScroll.html>

^{BB} Visit: <http://www.justbibletruth.com/BibleTheme.html>

What is presented herein comes from no special insight beyond what the Bible offers to each of us. We did not create the question about being a wave of the sea. The early Christians learned the principle of being sincere and whole souled from Jesus Christ, and then used the illustration of waves of the sea to convey to us what they learned from Jesus. Christ even warned there would be people who would try and trick us into allowing ourselves to be driven about by sanctimonious and self-righteous men (by all those waves of the sea of humanity).^{CC & DD} As to our

^{CC} Luke 21:8 GNB Jesus said, "Watch out; don't be fooled. Many men, claiming to speak for me, will come and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time has come!' But don't follow them. (We should follow only Christ.)

^{DD} James 1:1-8 ESV James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. (2) Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, (3) for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (4) And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. (5) If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him [*we receive wisdom by recognizing the Bible as the inspired word of God, and by learning what He sent his own dear son to teach us – study the four short Gospels*]. (6) But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. (7) For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; (8) he is a double-minded man [*trying to have faith in more than one thing*], unstable in all his ways.~

Ephesians 4:13-18 GNB And so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God; we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature. (14) Then we shall no longer be children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting wind of the teaching of deceitful people, who lead others into error by the tricks they invent. (15) Instead, by speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head. (16) Under his control all the different parts of the body fit together, and the whole body is held together by every joint with which it is provided. So when each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows and builds itself up through love. (17) In the

contrasting being a wave with being a rock, again, we learned it from the Bible.^(FF)

The waves of the sea represent (from the Bible's perspective – or, from God's inspired word) all of divided humanity. The masses of men give no respect to the word of God, as they are each going their own way; *each one doing what they imagine to be right in their own eyes.*^{EE} One individual (wave) pushes this way, trying to accomplish what he wants. Another wave pushes the other way, trying to accomplish what he imagines is right. And so, they all push the direction they think things should go until mankind is adrift in an unruly sea governed and controlled by no one. The things that wind up happening and getting done are not actually what any one person wanted. What happens is some unforeseen consequence of all the pushing and shoving by the individual waves of the sea of mankind. As an example: Politicians actually attach riders to governmental bills (prospective laws) that have no connection to the law under consideration. A rider is just a way to push forward some personal agenda, by riding it forward on the back of some more important or more pressing matter, thus hijacking support. In that way, one wave forces others to go along, at least briefly, to accomplish his/her own desire. Even where iron fisted dictators rule, their rule is only over a small group of humanity and there is constant dissent from within; along with the constant threat from other groups. Recently, Saddam Hussein was leader of a nation of people and one of the richest and most dangerous men alive. A broadcast video showed one of his soldiers down on his knees kissing his boots. Soon, they showed

Lord's name, then, I warn you: do not continue to live like the heathen, whose thoughts are worthless (18) and whose minds are in the dark. They have no part in the life that God gives, for they are completely ignorant and stubborn.

^{EE} Deuteronomy 12:8-9 LITV (8) You shall not do according to all that we *are* doing here today, each *doing* all that *is* right in his own eyes. (9) For you have not come to the rest and to the inheritance which Jehovah your God is giving to you. ~

Proverbs 12:15 LITV The way of a fool is upright in his own eyes, but he who listens to advice is wise.

Hussein unshaven and dirty, hiding in a hole like a rat. That frustrating turmoil of blindness and ignorance is what the truth Jesus came to bring can set you free of.^(U) There can be no happiness or peace except among those who have their feet planted on the rock of truth brought us by God's son.^{FF} That house on the rock parable might conjure up thoughts of a huge glass cathedral in the minds of some persons. It might be better thought of as a shield, or like the dwelling home of a coral or barnacle. All those who follow Christ, through a personal choice to gain knowledge of (and apply) what he taught, they are each one affixed to the rock-mass of his teachings; as if in a protective shelter. True Christians thus form a covering over the rocks, and the waves are actually being broken upon that covering. Christ is in heaven, so the waves have no actual contact with him. The followers of Christ have contact with Jesus through his teachings. It is those followers of Jesus that the waves of the sea of mankind can actually see and come in contact with. As you share the truth you learn from Jesus Christ, it makes you the light of the world^{GG} and a rock upon which the unruly waves of the sea are being broken.^(CC) In many cases, they are broken (*being changed*) to their own great reward. What an honor to support our Creator!

The unrest and turmoil of the relentless waves of the sea are a part of what is destroying mankind. One political or religious faction pushes one way, while the other pushes the other. There is turmoil even within each of those factions. In all that turmoil of the combined efforts by them all, they are each one convinced

^{FF} Matthew 7:24-25 ESV "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (25) And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

^{GG} Matthew 5:14-16 CEV You are like light for the whole world. A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden, (15) and no one would light a lamp and put it under a clay pot. A lamp is placed on a lampstand, where it can give light to everyone in the house. (16) Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.

they are right. Many are so convinced of God's blessing, they are actively trying to kill everyone who disagrees with them. If left unchecked to keep striking each other, in the same way they are continually doing, the waves would finally destroy themselves.^{HH}

^{HH} Matthew 24:15-28 MWT "The prophet Daniel said that the disgusting thing that will cause desolation will stand in the holy place [*the disgusting thing that causes desolation is all the false religious groups claiming to serve God but causing harm*]. [Dan 8:13; 9:27; 12:11] When you see this (let the reader understand – those who claim to represent God, but who do not direct people to the teachings of God's son, those false teachers comprise the disgusting thing that causes desolation), (16) those in Judea should flee to the mountains. (This may not, at least in all cases, be a literal flight from your present physical location. It might simply be a flight from all the lies and trickery you have been persuaded to put your faith in. In any case, it is most certainly a turning to the teachings of Jesus Christ.) (17) Those who are on the roof should not come down to get anything out of their houses. (18) Those who are in the field should not turn back to get their coats. (19) "How horrible it will be for the women who are pregnant or who are nursing babies in those days. (20) Pray that it will not be winter or a day of worship when you flee. (21) There will be a lot of misery at that time, a kind of misery that has not happened from the beginning of the world until now and will certainly never happen again. (22) If God does not reduce the number of those days, no one will be left alive. But those days will be cut short because of those whom God has chosen (or is choosing). (Those days of tribulation will be cut short by God's destruction of the disgusting thing causing the desolation.) (23) "At that time don't believe anyone who tells you, 'Here is the Messiah (Christ)!' or 'There he is!' (24) False messiahs and false prophets will appear. They will work spectacular, miraculous signs and do wonderful things to deceive, if possible, even those whom God has chosen. (25) Listen! I've told you this before it happens. (In our day there are religious groups without number. Each one claims they alone have the sayings of life [some saying "Christ is in their midst"]. None of those religious sects is making the simple effort to direct to read, and learn, and put faith in, what Jesus taught.) (26) So if someone tells you, 'He's in the desert!' don't go out looking for him. And don't believe anyone who says, 'He's in a secret place!' (27) The Son of Man will come back just as lightning flashes from east to west. (Jesus teachings, as recorded in the Gospels, have flashed up [been printed in nearly every language written] so as to

Those who promote lies and deceit could never, however, destroy the rock of truth we find in the body of Christ's teachings.

Many or even most of mankind claim to have faith in God, but there is certainly no indication they are trying to live by what God sent his son to teach.⁽¹⁾ The teachings of Jesus amount to our Creator's instruction manual for our life. Can we really imagine we love and respect God, if we make the choice to disregard the instructions He and his son went to such great cost to provide us?" The terrible conditions in the earth, conditions created by

be available to all of mankind.) (28) Eagles will be gathered wherever the remains of Christ are. (Jesus's body, or his remains, are preserved for us in the Gospels. Wise persons are gathered around and feeding on those teachings.)

"John 3:13-21 GW No one has gone to heaven except the Son of Man, who came from heaven. (14) "As Moses lifted up the snake on a pole in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up. (15) Then everyone who believes in him will have eternal life." (16) God loved the world this way: He gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life. (17) God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but to save the world. (18) Those who believe in him won't be condemned. But those who don't believe are already condemned because they don't believe in God's only Son. (19) This is why people are condemned: The light came into the world. Yet, people loved the dark rather than the light because their actions were evil. (20) People who do what is wrong hate the light and don't come to the light. They don't want their actions to be exposed. (21) But people who do what is true come to the light so that the things they do for God may be clearly seen.~

Romans 4:24-25 GNB They were written also for us who are to be accepted as righteous, who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from death. (25) Because of our sins he was given over to die, and he was raised to life in order to put us right with God.~

Romans 5:1-5 BBE For which reason, because we have righteousness through faith, let us be at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; (2) Through whom, in the same way, we have been able by faith to come to this grace [*peaceful state with God*] in which we now are; and let us have joy in hope of the glory of God. (3) And not only so, but let us have joy in our troubles: in the knowledge that trouble gives us the power of waiting [*patience*]; (4) And waiting gives experience [*endurance*]; and

mankind's disobedience to God, they are actually being used by God to reestablish righteousness. God could know where our bad course would lead, and so He told us what to expect; by sending his own son to teach us.^{JJ} The tribulation of our day is what we have brought upon ourselves. The pressure of that tribulation is driving all sincere hearted people to turn to Christ. It also convicts those who refuse to listen to Jesus.^(GGG) What other hope is there, really? God has provided us salvation from the tribulation of our own self-inflicted destruction^(MMM) if we personally choose to define who we are by expressing faith in his son. We either continue on in our progression to death, as just another wave in the seething mass of humanity, or we plant our feet on the rock-mass of Christ's teachings. God either protects us based on our faith,^{KK} or we die in our sins^{LL} because of our lack of faith. Make

experience, hope: (5) And hope does not put to shame; because our hearts are full of the love of God through the Holy Spirit which is given to us.

^{JJ} Matthew 16:13-17 GNB Jesus went to the territory near the town of Caesarea Philippi, where he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" (14) "Some say John the Baptist," they answered. "Others say Elijah, while others say Jeremiah or some other prophet." (15) "What about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say I am?" (16) Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (17) "Good for you, Simon son of John!" answered Jesus. "For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my Father in heaven.

^{KK} Matthew 8:13a BBE And Jesus said to the captain, Go in peace; as your faith is, so let it be done to you...

^{LL} John 8:21-32 GNB Again Jesus said to them, "I will go away; you will look for me, but you will die in your sins. You cannot go where I am going." (22) So the Jewish authorities said, "He says that we cannot go where he is going. Does this mean that he will kill himself?" (23) Jesus answered, "You belong to this world here below, but I come from above. You are from this world, but I am not from this world. (24) That is why I told you that you will die in your sins. And you will die in your sins if you do not believe that 'I Am Who I Am' [or, 'I am who I have claimed to be' – the son of God^(JJ)]." (25) "Who are you?" they asked him. Jesus answered, "What I have told you from the very beginning. (26) I have much to say about you, much to condemn you for. The one

no mistake, you are in this war and it is for your life. People are giving directions from all sides about what they think you should do and say, and how they think you should act. What they are really doing is telling you who they think you should be, instead of directing you to Christ's teachings. ^(CC) Many of them mean well, and many *actually and sincerely believe* in their course. Those who have been deceived to build true faith in bad things, bad things they have been convinced were right and good, are the most dangerous of all. ^(NN) They are the ones who will strap a bomb to their chest and actually destroy themselves in an effort to cause damage and pain to those they have been deceived to believe are their (and God's) enemies. Those who are deceived also include all the religious and self-righteous people who will say any hurtful thing to inflict emotional injury on those they somehow imagine they sit in judgment over. Do not be deceived: Christianity is not like that! ^{MM} Christians love everyone, even their

who sent me, however, is truthful, and I tell the world only what I have heard from him." (27) They did not understand that Jesus was talking to them about the Father. (28) So he said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, you will know that 'I Am Who I Am'; then you will know that I do nothing on my own authority, but I say only what the Father has instructed me to say. (29) And he who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, because I always do what pleases him." (30) Many who heard Jesus say these things believed in him. (31) So Jesus said to those who believed in him, "If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples; (32) you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

^{MM} Matthew 5:37-48 GNB Just say 'Yes' [*and mean yes*] or 'No' [*and mean no*]---anything else you say [*and deception*] comes from the Evil One. (38) "You have heard that it was said [*in the Jewish Law*], 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' (39) But now I tell you: do not take revenge on someone who wrongs you. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, let him slap your left cheek too. (40) And if someone takes you to court to sue you for your shirt, let him have your coat as well. (41) And if one of the occupation troops forces you to carry his pack one mile, carry it two miles. (42) When someone asks you for something, give it to him; when someone wants to borrow something, lend it to him. (43) "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your friends, hate your enemies.' (44) But now I tell you: love your enemies and

enemies, while religionists hate everyone. (Those with religion might pretend they like you, and they might even believe they do. They will throw you under the buss, however, at the instant they believe it will help them escape.) Jesus specifically warned our being sincere is not enough. Along with warning us just *believing* we are doing good is not enough, Jesus followed with explaining what we actually do need to do: *obey his father*.^{NN} Following Jesus's counsel to obey his Father^(LLL) is the only way we can really know if we are doing good. One of the things Jesus came to do was to teach you about his Father.^(T) Christian followers of Jesus, in turn, tell others what they have learned from Christ and direct them to *his* teachings. You can recognize Jesus's true followers, very simply then, because they will always direct you to the

pray for those who persecute you, (45) so that you may become the children of your Father in heaven. For he makes his sun to shine on bad and good people alike, and gives rain to those who do good and to those who do evil. (46) Why should God reward you if you love only the people who love you? Even the tax collectors do that! (47) And if you speak only to your friends, have you done anything out of the ordinary? Even the pagans do that! (48) You must be perfect---just as your Father in heaven is perfect.~
Matthew 6:1-4 GNB "Make certain you do not perform your religious duties in public so that people will see what you do. If you do these things publicly, you will not have any reward from your Father in heaven. (2) "So when you give something to a needy person, do not make a big show of it, as the hypocrites do in the houses of worship and on the streets. They do it so that people will praise them. I assure you, they have already been paid in full. (3) But when you help a needy person, do it in such a way that even your closest friend will not know about it. (4) Then it will be a private matter. And your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you.

^{NN} Matthew 7:21-24 GW "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord!' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the person who does what my Father in heaven wants. (22) Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name? Didn't we force out demons and do many miracles by the power and authority of your name?' (23) Then I will tell them publicly, 'I've never known you. Get away from me, you evil people.' (24) "Therefore, everyone who hears what I say and obeys it will be like a wise person who built a house on rock.

Gospel accounts of his teachings.^(HHH) They do that because they all have love for other people.^{OO} In the midst of the turmoil of the raging sea of humanity, you alone hold your life in your own palm.^{PP} Your future is being decided by whether you are allowing yourself to be pushed around as just another wave of the sea, or you choose to plant your feet on the solid rock of Jesus's teachings. You don't have to have great strength, or be a powerful person, or an elegant speaker. God typically uses more ordinary people^{QQ} (ordinary in the view of other men). That is because it is their humility that makes them seem ordinary to other humans.

^{OO} Luke 10:25-28 LITV And behold, a certain lawyer stood up, testing Him and saying, Teacher, What shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? (26) And He said to him, What has been written in the Law? How do you read it? (27) And answering, he 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." *Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18* (28) And He said to him, You have answered rightly; do this, and you shall live.

^{PP} Psalms 119:108-109 GW Please accept the praise I gladly give you, O LORD [*Jehovah*], and teach me your regulations. (109) I always take my life into my own hands [*palm*], but I never forget your teachings.

^{QQ} Acts 4:13 GW After they found out that Peter and John had no education or special training, they were surprised to see how boldly they spoke. They realized that these men had been with Jesus.~

Matthew 11:25 CEV At that moment Jesus said: My Father, Lord of heaven and earth, I am grateful that you hid all this from wise and educated people and showed it to ordinary people.~

1 Corinthians 1:27-31 BBE (27) But God made selection of the foolish things of this world so that he might put the wise to shame; and the feeble things that he might put to shame the strong; (28) And the low things of the world, and the things without honour, did God make selection of, yes, even the things which are not, so that he might make as nothing the things which are: (29) So that no flesh might have glory before God. (30) But God has given you a place in Christ Jesus, through whom God has given us wisdom and righteousness and salvation, and made us holy: (31) So that, as it is said in the holy Writings, Whoever has a desire for glory, let his glory be in the Lord.

Christians seek no glory for themselves, but direct others only to Christ as their source of truth.^(TT) If you learn and build faith in what Jesus taught, you become a rock over which the waves of the sea are broken, and a light to the nations^(GG) existing in darkness (that darkness largely produced and sustained by the world's many sectarian false religious teachings). Don't listen to us, then, or to any of the waves; read the Gospels and so listen to the son of God.^(RR) We do not, of course, believe we are waves. We believe we are rocks. The only way *you* can know which we are, however, is by reading for yourself what Jesus taught. Even then, you still can't really know what *we* are. *You truly come to know, however, what you are!* We can each one still, all the way down to our day in time, sit at Jesus's feet by reading the recordings of his life in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.^(RR) Then, we are set free.^(U) Jesus teaches us to see and know who *we* are,^(SS) and how to become who we desire to be!

Let us consider some real life examples of those who seem to be proud and arrogant waves, and of others who appear to be

^{RR} Luke 10:38-42 GW As they were traveling along, Jesus went into a village. A woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. (39) She had a sister named Mary. Mary sat at the Lord's feet and listened to him talk. (40) But Martha was upset about all the work she had to do. So she asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work all by myself? Tell her to help me." (41) The Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha! You worry and fuss about a lot of things. (42) There's only one thing you need. Mary has made the right choice [by sitting and listening to Jesus], and that one thing will not be taken away from her."

^{SS} James 1:22-27 CEV Obey God's message! Don't fool yourselves by just listening to it. (23) If you hear the message and don't obey it, you are like people who stare at themselves in a mirror (24) and forget what they look like as soon as they leave. (25) But you must never stop looking at the perfect law that sets you free. God will bless you in everything you do, if you listen and obey, and don't just hear and forget. (26) If you think you are being religious, but can't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and everything you do is useless. (27) Religion that pleases God the Father must be pure and spotless. You must help needy orphans and widows and not let this world make you evil.

humble rocks. (We note only what they appear to be, mind you, because God is judge of all; we are not.) A forthright and outspoken (but pleasant) man recounted something that makes him angry. He is well along in years and it irritates him when he sees some young and seemingly healthy person park in a handicapped space; while he walks from the ends of the lot. He said he feels like rolling down his window and chastising the person. He also said he doesn't do that. The reason he gave for choosing not to confront the person: he is afraid they will explain they are ravaged with cancer and in terrible pain, or express some other valid reason for parking in the handicapped spot. He perceives he would make himself an enemy of God by causing additional pain to someone already suffering. Those persons who take pride in their own bold self-righteousness will surely consider his restraint to be weakness. The Bible teaches, however, it is humility^{††} in God's eyes. In a very different example, a person stops to give money to a young woman standing at the side of the road with sign asking help. A truck with two men had just pulled away and she is crying. When asked why, she recounts how the men in the truck said terrible things to her as they accused her of being lazy and of not even trying to help herself. What is responsible for the difference in the reactions by the man who was irritated about the abuse of handicapped parking, versus the men who attacked the beggar (as they no doubt regarded her)? (Those men are asserted to have been so vile as to suggest the

^{††} [Proverbs 15:33 Darby](#) *The fear of Jehovah is the discipline of wisdom, and before honour goeth humility.*~
[Proverbs 16:1-8 MWT](#) *We humans make plans, but from Jehovah is the answer of the tongue. (2) We may think we know what is right, but Jehovah is the judge of our motives. (3) Share your plans with Jehovah [make plans in agreement with what Jehovah is doing], and you will certainly succeed. (4) Jehovah has a reason for everything he does, and he lets evil people continue to exist only to be punished. (5) Jehovah doesn't like anyone who is conceited-- you can be sure they will be punished. (6) If we truly love God, our sins will be forgiven; if we show him respect, we will keep away from sin. (7) When we please Jehovah, even our enemies make friends with us. (8) It's better to be honest and poor than to be dishonest and rich.*

young woman allow them to take advantage of her to gain money from them.) While refraining from judging what is in their heart, it does *appear* the men who attacked the young woman *are more apt to be* waves of the sea. They may be righteous in their own eyes,^{UU} of course; possibly justifying themselves by believing they need to protect society from being harmed by the proliferation of beggars. The man upset by the apparent abuse of handicapped parking, but who checked himself because, as he said, he wasn't sure the person *should* be confronted; that man seems more likely to be acting based on the teachings of Christ. If the person beside the road asking for help, or the person parking in a handicapped space are abusing and taking advantage of others, they have made themselves just another wave of the sea. If so, God will not help them as they continue in the process of dying in their sins.^(LL) Who could we imagine we really are, however, if we join with other waves of the sea in rendering judgment over our brothers and sisters in Adam?^{VV} Make no mistake, if you assert or insinuate someone lacks integrity, or is in some other way unworthy of our love, you *are* judging them. And, by knowing Christ, you make yourself responsible for your doing so.^(SS) Losing out on the gift of life is plenty of price to be paid by every single one of those who are determined to continue to take advantage

^{UU} Proverbs 3:7 Young's Literal Translation (YLT - 1898) *Be not wise in thine own eyes, Fear Jehovah, and turn aside from evil.*

^{VV} Romans 14:1-7 CEV *Welcome all the Lord's followers, even those whose faith is weak. Don't criticize them for having beliefs that are different from yours. (2) Some think it is all right to eat anything, while those whose faith is weak will eat only vegetables. (3) But you should not criticize others for eating or for not eating. After all, God welcomes everyone. (4) What right do you have to criticize someone else's servants? Only their Lord can decide if they are doing right, and the Lord will make sure that they do right. (5) Some of the Lord's followers think one day is more important than another. Others think all days are the same. But each of you should make up your own mind. (6) Any followers who count one day more important than another day do it to honor their Lord. And any followers who eat meat give thanks to God, just like the ones who don't eat meat. (7) Whether we live or die, it must be for God, rather than for ourselves.*

of or harm others. We don't need to be doing anything to, or even judging, those who don't appear to us to be following Christ. God is watching!^{ww} Having humility to appreciate we are not judges is an indication in and of itself we have been listening to Jesus, or, to someone who did.^{xx}

^{ww} Romans 12:19-21 GW Don't take revenge, dear friends.

Instead, let God's anger take care of it. After all, Scripture says, "I alone have the right to take revenge. I will pay back, says the Lord." (20) But, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink. If you do this, you will make him feel guilty and ashamed." (21) Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil with good.~

Jeremiah 16:17-21 CEV I can see everything you are doing, even if you try to hide your sins from me. (18) I will punish you double for your sins, because you have made my own land disgusting. You have filled it with lifeless idols that remind me of dead bodies. (19) Our LORD [*Jehovah*], you are the one who gives me strength and protects me like a fortress when I am in trouble. People will come to you from distant nations and say, "Our ancestors worshiped false and useless gods, (20) worthless idols made by human hands." (21) Then the LORD [*Jehovah*] replied, "That's why I will teach them about my power, and they will know that I am the true God."

^{xx} Romans 14:10-13 ESV Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; (11) for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." (12) So then each of us will give an account of himself to God. (13) Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.

Romans 2:1-2 GW No matter who you are, if you judge anyone, you have no excuse. When you judge another person, you condemn yourself, since you, the judge, do the same things. (2) We know that God's judgment is right when he condemns people for doing these things.~

Matthew 6:31-34 GW "Don't ever worry and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' (32) Everyone is concerned about these things, and your heavenly Father certainly knows you need all of them. (33) But first, be concerned about his kingdom and what has his approval. Then all these things will be provided for you. (34) "So

Please understand this very simple and most excellent reason to be an upright person: You are receiving what you sow!^{yy} When any one of us does something bad, we cause something bad to be waiting right around the corner *for us*. God is not a liar.^(yy)

don't ever worry about tomorrow. After all, tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.~

Matthew 7:1-5 GW "Stop judging so that you will not be judged.

(2) Otherwise, you will be judged by the same standard you use to judge others. The standards you use for others will be applied to you. (3) So why do you see the piece of sawdust in another

believer's eye and not notice the wooden beam in your own eye? (4) How can you say to another believer, 'Let me take the piece of sawdust out of your eye,' when you have a beam in your own eye? (5) You hypocrite! First remove the beam from your own eye. Then you will see clearly to remove the piece of sawdust from another believer's eye.~

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 GW People should think of us as servants of Christ and managers who are entrusted with God's mysteries. (2) Managers are required to be trustworthy. (3) It means very little to me that you or any human court should cross-examine me. I don't even ask myself questions. (4) I have a clear conscience, but that doesn't mean I have God's approval. It is the Lord who cross-examines me. (5) Therefore, don't judge anything before the appointed time. Wait until the Lord comes. He will also bring to light what is hidden in the dark and reveal people's motives. Then each person will receive praise from God.

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^{yy} Galatians 6:7-10 CEV You cannot fool God, so don't make a fool of yourself! You will harvest what you plant [*or, you will reap what you sow*]. (8) If you follow your selfish desires, you will harvest destruction, but if you follow the Spirit, you will harvest eternal life. (9) Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up. (10) We should help people whenever we can, especially if they are followers of the Lord.~

A perhaps more accurate understanding would be: Something bad is already waiting for each and every one of us. Many bad things, actually. Unless we draw to Jehovah through our personal faith in his son, God cannot protect us from the tribulation mankind has brought upon themselves. Obviously, Jehovah can't support anything bad, or He would make himself unclean. What can't be supported and protected by him thus includes us! We were all made unclean (in God's sight) by the sin of our first parents (and by those we commit ourselves). We can, however, be viewed as clean by God through our faith in his son.^{ZZ} After you have faith, God is free to protect you from the death that is coming^{AAA} to

Job 4:8-9 GNB I have seen people plow fields of evil and plant wickedness like seed; now they harvest wickedness and evil. (9) Like a storm, God destroys them in his anger.~

Proverbs 22:8-12 GNB If you plant the seeds of injustice, disaster will spring up [*for you*], and your oppression of others will end. (9) Be generous and share your food with the poor. You will be blessed for it. (10) Get rid of a conceited person, and then there will be no more arguments, quarreling, or name-calling. (11) If you love purity of heart and graciousness of speech, the king will be your friend. (12) The LORD [*Jehovah*] sees to it that truth is kept safe by disproving the words of liars.

^{ZZ} John 14:6 ALT Jesus says to him, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life! No one comes to the Father except through [*or, by means of*] Me!~

Hebrews 4:13-16 MWT No creature can hide anything from God. Everything is uncovered and openly exposed for him to see. We will give an account to him. (14) We thus need to hold fast to our declaration of faith: We have a superior high priest who has gone through the heavens. That person is Jesus, the Son of God. (15) We have a high priest who is able to sympathize with our weaknesses. He was tempted in every way that we are, but he was without sin. (16) So we can go confidently before the throne of God's kindness to receive mercy and find kindness, and He will help us at the right time.

^{AAA} Job 33:17-18 GNB God speaks to make them stop their sinning and to save them from becoming proud. (18) He will not let them be destroyed; he saves them from death itself.~

Job 33:20-30 GNB Those who are sick lose their appetites, and even the finest food looks revolting. (21) Their bodies waste away to nothing; you can see all their bones; (22) they are about to go

each and every one of us; coming by means of the tribulation our own disobedience has wrought. Isn't that an eloquent and beautiful solution?

Another example of the many things happening in the world that give us opportunity to demonstrate whether we are valueless waves, appears as the hordes of people washing up in small groups on the shores of many nations; as refugees. They all claim they are fleeing death. We watch the news as some people from those nations go out to welcome them, trying to ease their pain. Others go out to confront them, telling them they are burdened with their own problems and trying to turn them back out to sea. Please understand, we are not trying to give rules to deal with these problems, or to assert what is the right thing to do in any of these cases. You must listen to Jesus so as to know what to do for your-own-self. It depends on your knowledge and ability, and

to the world of the dead. (23) Perhaps an angel may come to their aid--- one of God's thousands of angels, who remind us of our duty. (24) In mercy the angel will say, "Release them! They are not to go down to the world of the dead. Here is the ransom to set them free." (25) Their bodies will grow young and strong again; (26) when they pray, God will answer; they will worship God with joy; God will set things right for them again. (27) Each one will say in public, "I have sinned. I have not done right, but God spared me. (28) He kept me from going to the world of the dead, and I am still alive." (29) God does all this again and again; (30) each one saves a person's life, and gives him the joy of living.~

John 11:23-26 GW (Just before Jesus resurrected Martha's brother Lazarus,) Jesus told Martha, "Your brother will come back to life." (24) Martha answered Jesus, "I know that he'll come back to life [*in the resurrection*] on the last day, when everyone will come back to life." (25) Jesus said to her, "I am the one who brings people back to life, and I am life itself. Those who believe in me will live even if they die. (26) Everyone who lives [*or, who is alive at that time*] and believes in me will never die. Do you believe that?" (27) Martha said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who was expected to come into the world." (Expected since God's promise at Genesis 3:15.) BBE And there will be war between you [*Satan*] and the woman and between your seed and her seed [*Christ*]: by him will your head be crushed and by you his foot will be wounded.

your own particular circumstances what should be done. In the case of refugees, there is the threat of embedded terrorists and all kinds of related problems to consider. The truth is, in many of these sad situations, there is no good answer... Except, of course, for *your* building faith in the solution God already has in progress, and then in sharing that hope. The kingdom of Christ is the solution.^{(DDD) & (S)} One boatload of refugees may be comprised of wicked people filled with hate. God can maneuver it so they wash up amidst people who hate them just as much. A sincere hearted refugee can be directed by God to wash up amidst others of loving kindness. We can't ever know who is who, or course, but we don't need to. We just need to decide who we are. Our love for others is how we allow God to help us as well as those we come in contact with. The wicked are becoming ever more vile,^(D) and the only place for the righteous to hide is in their own faith.^{BBB} If we do have faith, we ~~must~~ will extend kindness to others. Love for others is the manifestation of our faith! It is the responsibility of each of us to look for ways to be kind and loving toward others. That is what defines you to be you! You *can not* join some religious sect and hand your responsibility for being righteous over to them! While each sect puts up a facade pretending otherwise, it is all those divided religious groups that are actually causing most of the suffering of mankind.^{CCC} We have no interest in, or any ability to, produce a set of rules to judge who is showing love. Jesus alone has told you what you need to do. The only question left is: Will you listen? That is your choice, and it is who you are becoming. You must recognize, we *all must* recognize: We are judging and separating ourselves by our kindness shown others, and that based on our own personal knowledge of what Jesus taught.^{DDD} Our personal faith in (and

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^{DDD} **Matthew 25:31-34 GNB "When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with him, he will sit on his royal throne, (32) and the people of all the nations will be gathered before him. Then he will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (33) He will put the righteous people at his right and the others at his left. (34) Then the King will say to**

application of) what Jesus taught is what should always guide us as we try to do what is right. Our reaction to Jesus also judges whether God sees us as waves, or as rocks. What *God* thinks of us is the only thing that matters.^{EEE} Whether each individual person chooses to recognize and understand what is happening to them or not, and whether they are even willing to consider it, doesn't change that *it is happening*. We are all either making ourselves waves of the sea of humanity, or we are joining God's family.^{FFF} Ignorance has been rendered inexcusable by what Jesus

the people on his right, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world.~

John 12:46-50 BBE I have come as a light into the world, so that no one who has faith in me will go on living in the dark. (47) And if any man gives ear to my words and does not keep them, I am not his judge: I did not come to be judge of the world but to give salvation to the world. (48) He who puts me on one side and does not take my words to heart, is not without a judge: the word which I have said will be his judge on the last day. (49) For I have not said it on my authority, but the Father who sent me gave me orders what to say and how to say it. (50) And I have knowledge that his order is eternal life: so that the things which I say, I say them even as the Father says them to me.

^{EEE} 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 BBE (1) Let us be judged as servants of Christ, and as those who are responsible for the secret things of God [*the knowledge from God which Christ came to give*]. (2) And it is right for such servants to be safe persons [*faithful to their master*]. (3) But it is a small thing to me that I am judged by you or by man's judging; I am not even a judge of myself. (4) For I am not conscious of any wrong in myself; but this does not make me clear, for it is the Lord who is my judge. (5) For this reason let there be no judging before the time, till the Lord comes, who will make clear the secret things of the dark, and the designs of the heart; and then will every man have his praise from God.

^{FFF} Matthew 12:46-50 CEV While Jesus was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and brothers came and stood outside because they wanted to talk with him. (47) Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside and want to talk with you." (48) Jesus answered, "Who is my mother and who are my brothers?" (49) Then he pointed to his disciples and said, "These are my mother and my brothers! (50) Anyone who obeys my Father in heaven is my brother or sister or mother."

taught.^{GGG} If we refuse to hear, the responsibility is ours.^(K) The only way you can know if you are truly in God's family, is by personally studying the teachings of his son (as recorded in the Gospels). The OT served as a tutor leading to Christ.^{HHH} The letters (books of the Bible) written by Jesus's followers after his death and resurrection (the books following the Gospels), are to help convince us Jesus was truly the son of God, and that we should listen to him.^{III} Do you get that? Do you understand what that

^{GGG} John 15:17-25 CEV So I command you to love each other. (18) If the people of this world hate you, just remember that they hated me first. (19) If you belonged to the world, its people would love you. But you don't belong to the world. I have chosen you to leave the world behind, and that is why its people hate you. (20) Remember how I told you that servants are not greater than their master. So if people mistreat me, they will mistreat you. If they do what I say, they will do what you say. (21) People will do to you exactly what they did to me. They will do it because you belong to me, and they don't know the one who sent me. (22) If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have no excuse for their sin. (23) Everyone who hates me also hates my Father. (24) I have done things that no one else has ever done. If they had not seen me do these things, they would not be guilty. But they did see me do these things, and they still hate me and my Father too. (25) That is why the Scriptures are true when they say, "People hated me for no reason."

^{HHH} Galatians 3:23-29 ALT But before faith came, we were being guarded [*or, being kept in protective custody*] under [*the*] Law, having been confined to the faith about to be revealed. (24) Therefore, the Law has become our tutor [*to lead us*] to Christ, so that by faith we should be justified [*or, declared righteous*]. (25) But since faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. (26) For you are all sons [*and daughters*] of God by means of faith in Christ Jesus. (27) For as many as were baptized [*or, immersed*] into Christ put on [*or, clothed yourselves with*] Christ. (28) There is no Jew nor Greek, there is no slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (29) Now since you [*are*] Christ's, consequently, you are seed [*fig., descendants*] of Abraham and heirs according to promise.

^{III} 1 Corinthians 3:18-4:5 MWT (18) Stop letting anyone deceive himself. If anyone seems to be wise among you in this age, let him become foolish, so that he shall actually become wise. (19) For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it has been

means? The whole of the Bible is to direct you to the teachings of Jesus, and his Bible teachings are contained in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. So then... Don't base your faith on what we tell you Christ said, or on what other well-meaning individuals (but possible waves) tell you he said. The fact they may be sincere and well-meaning doesn't really matter.^(NN) The people who attacked the young woman asking for help at the side of the road could have been sincere and even meant well. They may have believed what some other waves had told them; that they were protecting society from being overrun by beggars. They also might have been seeking to work out some selfish longing of their own.^{JJ} It is not

written, "[*He is*] the One trapping the wise [*ones*] in their own craftiness." [*Job 5:13*] (20) And again, "Jehovah knows the thought processes of the wise [*ones*], that they are futile [*or, useless*]." [*Psalms 94:11*] (21) So then, let no one be boasting in the works of men, for all [*things*] are yours to choose, (22) whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas [*i.e. Peter*] or [*the*] world or life or death or [*things*] present or [*things*] about to be, all [*things*] are yours, (23) but you [*belong to*] Christ, and Christ [*belongs to*] God. (4:1) Let a person be considering us in this way, as attendants of Christ and stewards of [*the sacred*] secrets [*or, mysteries, written throughout book*] of God. (2) Now furthermore, what is required among the stewards [*is*] that one be found faithful. (3) But to me it is as an insignificant [*thing*] that I should be examined by you or by [*any*] human judgment [*fig., human court*], but I do not even examine myself. (4) For I am conscious of nothing against myself [*fig., my conscience is clear*]; but I have not been justified [*or, acquitted*] by this, for the One examining me is [*the*] Lord. (5) So then, stop judging anything before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden [*things*] of the darkness and will reveal the counsels [*or, intentions*] of the hearts [*fig., inner selves*], and then the praise will come to each from God.

^{JJ} Psalms 10:1-18 MWT Why, O Jehovah, do you keep standing far off? Will you keep yourself hid in times of trouble? (2) The wicked in *his* pride persecutes the poor; As they get caught up in the ideas they have thought up. (3) For the wicked boasts of his selfish longing, and he blesses the covetousness that Jehovah despises. (4) Because of the height of his nose, the wicked one makes no search; all his ideas are: "There is not God." (5) His ways are always perverted; Your judgments *are* high up, out of his

our place to judge them wrong or right. They are standing before the judgment seat of Christ. What we *can do*, what we must do, is do our best to help them to realize what is happening to them. Each and every one of us is being judged – we are judging ourselves! It is our own person, and it is our own conduct, we need to worry about. It is whether our own comportment is driven by our faith in Christ and by our love for others, or by the prejudices we have been infected with by the waves of society. Becoming Christian *must* be our first concern. We should not imagine we can help others if we don't first help ourselves. People don't have to be talking about religion to infect you with thinking that is against God.^{KKK} Put very simply: Anyone teaching you

sight. *As for* all his enemies, he puffs at them. (6) He has said in his heart, I shall not be made to totter; from generation after generation, I shall be the one who is in no calamity! (7) His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud; under his tongue *are* trouble and what is hurtful. (8) He sits in the hiding-places of the villages; from secret places he will murder someone innocent. His eyes are on the lookout for someone poor. (9) He lies in wait secretly, like a lion in his den. He lies in wait to carry off the poor; he catches the poor when he draws him into his net. (10) He crouches and bows, and the poor have fallen by his might. (11) He has said in his heart, God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will not see forever! (12) Arise, O Jehovah; O God, lift up your hand; forget not the humble. (13) Why do the wicked condemn God? He has said in his heart, you will not judge. (14) You have seen *it*; for you behold mischief and vexation, to repay *it* with your hand. The poor commits *himself* to you; you are the Helper of the fatherless. (15) Break the arm of the wicked and the evil one; seek out his wickedness, *until* you find none left. (16) Jehovah is King forever and ever; the nations have perished out of his land. (17) Jehovah, you have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart, You will cause Your ear to hear, (18) to judge the fatherless and the oppressed, so that the persons of the earth may no more live in fear.

^{KKK} Mark 8:27-33 Murdock And Jesus and his disciples went to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And he asked his disciples by the way, and said to them: Who, do men say of me, that I am? (28) And they said to him: That [thou art] John the Baptizer; and others: That [thou art] Elijah; and others: That [thou art] one of the prophets. (29) Jesus said to them: And who, do ye yourselves

against doing God's will (largely evident by your expressing love for your neighbor) is an enemy of God.^{LLL} Don't allow yourself to be deceived. Everyone who tries to tell you what is right and what is wrong is leading you either toward God, or away from him. If they can't (or don't) show their advice to have come from Christ, they are likely giving bad council. Jesus warned over and over there would be people who would try to mislead or deceive us.^{MMM} If the individuals comprising the waves of humanity refuse

say of me, that I am? Simon replied, and said to him: Thou art the Messiah, the Son of the living God. (30) And he charged them, that they should say [this] of him to no person. (31) And he began to teach them, that the Son of man was about to suffer much, and be rejected by the Elders and by the chief priests and by the Scribes, and be killed, and rise on the third day. (32) And he spoke out the thing distinctly. And Cephas took him, and began to rebuke him [*saying Christ should go away and avoid this terrible destiny*]. (33) But he turned, and looked upon his disciples, and rebuked Simon, and said: Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou dost not consider what is of God, but what is of men.

^{LLL} 1 John 4:19-21 GNB We love because God first loved us. (20) If we say we love God, but hate others, we are liars. For we cannot love God, whom we have not seen, if we do not love others, whom we have seen. (21) The command that Christ has given us is this: whoever loves God must love others also.~

1 John 5:1-3 GW Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Messiah has been born from God. Everyone who loves the Father also loves his children. (2) We know that we love God's children when we love God by obeying his commandments. (3) To love God means that we obey his commandments. Obeying his commandments isn't difficult

^{MMM} Matthew 24:21-28 BBE Because in those days there will be great sorrow [*or tribulation*], such as there has not been from the start of the world till now, or ever will be. (22) And if those days had not been made short there would have been no salvation for any [*or, no one would have remained alive*], but because of the saints [*ones being chosen*] those days will be made short. (23) Then if any man says to you, See, here is the Christ, or, Here; do not put faith in him; (24) For there will come up false Christs, and false prophets, who will do great signs and wonders; so that if possible even the saints [*or, the ones being chosen*] might be tricked. (25) See, I have made it clear to you before it comes about. (26) If, then, they say to you, See, he is in the waste land;

to appreciate the teachings Jesus brought, it is not necessary for them to comprehend they are being led away from God in order for it to be so. Some of them have good intentions, and even imagine they are serving God when they lash out against others.^{NNN} Don't become diseased with their attitude and actions. If you say hateful things to other people,^(SS) you should consider whether God sees your action^{OOO} as being similar to those wicked people who are willing cut off someone's head^{PPP} in a public demonstration of their own imagined great faith. You might fool some people by pretending to be sincere, but you can never fool

go not out: See, he is in the inner rooms; put no faith in it. (27) Because as in a thunderstorm the bright light coming from the east is seen even in the west; so will be the coming of the Son of man. (28) Wherever the dead body is, there will the eagles come together. (Christ is referred to as the "word of God." His remains or body might then be thought of as the things he came to teach us. His followers will be gathered around his teachings.)

^{NNN} John 16:1-5 GNB "I have told you this, so that you will not give up your faith. (2) You will be expelled from the synagogues, and the time will come when those who kill you [*or do you harm*] will think that by doing this they are serving God. (3) People will do these things to you because they have not known either the Father or me. (4) But I have told you this, so that when the time comes for them to do these things, you will remember what I told you. "I did not tell you these things at the beginning, for I was with you. (5) But now I am going to him who sent me..."

^{OOO} Matthew 5:21-22 CEV You know that our ancestors were told, "Do not murder" and "A murderer must be brought to judgment." (22) But I promise you that if you are angry with someone, you will have to stand trial. If you call someone a fool, you will be taken to court. And if you say that someone is worthless, you will be in danger of the fires of Gehenna (a trash dump outside Jerusalem where the Jews kept fires burning constantly to destroy what was thrown there – trash, diseased dead animals and even the bodies or wicked criminals).

^{PPP} Genesis 9:6 GW Whoever sheds human blood, by humans his blood will be shed, because in the image of God, God made humans.~

Matthew 26:52 BBE Then says Jesus to him, Put up your sword again into its place: for all those who take the sword will come to death by the sword.

Jehovah for one second. If you have judgment and hatred in your heart for others, that is who you are.^(OOO) You can't even fool other people for very long. What is in your heart will finally come out of your mouth.^{QQQ} The only person you are actually in danger of fooling, is yourself.^{RRR} The teachings of Jesus are your

^{QQQ} Matthew 12:33-37 ESV "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. (34) You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. (35) The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. (36) I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, (37) for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

^{RRR} Psalms 36:1-5 CEV (For the music leader by David, the LORD's [*Jehovah's*] servant.) Sinners don't respect God; sin is all they think about. (2) They like themselves too much [*are too proud of themselves*] to hate their own sins or even to see them. (3) They tell deceitful lies, and they don't have the sense to live right. (4) Those people stay awake, thinking up mischief, and they follow the wrong road, refusing to turn from sin. (5) Your love is faithful, LORD [*Jehovah*], and even the clouds in the sky can depend on you.~

Psalms 10:2-7 CEV Proud and brutal people hunt down the poor. But let them get caught by their own evil plans! (3) The wicked brag about their deepest desires. Those greedy people hate and curse you, LORD [*Jehovah*]. (4) The wicked are too proud to turn to you or even think about you. (5) They are always successful, though they can't understand your teachings, and they keep sneering at their enemies. (6) In their hearts they say, "Nothing can hurt us! We'll always be happy and free from trouble." (7) They curse and tell lies, and all they talk about is how to be cruel or how to do wrong.~

Psalms 5:9-12 CEV Nothing they say is true! They just want to destroy. Their words are deceitful like a hidden pit, and their tongues are good only for telling lies. (10) Punish them, God, and let their own plans bring their downfall. Get rid of them! They keep committing crimes and turning against you. (11) Let all who run to you for protection always sing joyful songs. Provide shelter for those who truly love you and let them rejoice. (12) Our LORD

protection, and you can become the salvation of others who will allow themselves to be directed to Jesus by you. Sectarian groups abound, and they are all trying to make you a member of their group through what actually amounts to radical peer pressure (or, wave pressure). Adults warn young people of the great danger of peer-pressure. Most fail to realize peer pressure doesn't stop when you get older, it just gets more sophisticated by having "religious leaders" who elevate themselves and re-dress peer-pressure, trying to include God and calling it worship. As soon as people direct you to the writings and/or teachings of their sect, rather than actually studying the simple Gospel teachings of Jesus with you, you can realize they are just religious and not Christian.^{SSS} Along with replacing the spiritual food of the Bible with their own sectarian doctrine,^{TTT} another thing most all the different sects share in common is organizational or group secrets.^(VVV) They put their heads together to whisper and share secrets they consider too glorious for common people (or even their own lower caste members) to know. Many keep special books which are only available only to the elevated members of their cult (elders, priests...). Or, they render public group judgment over the failings of others. If a sect is secretive, or they encourage you toward teachings from any source other than the words of Christ *as contained in the Bible, let them be accursed.*^{UUU}

[Jehovah], you bless those who live right, and you shield them with your kindness.

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

^{TTT} Mark 7:7-8 GW 'Their worship of me is pointless, because their teachings are rules made by humans.' (8) "You abandon the commandments of God to follow human traditions."

^{UUU} Galatians 1:8-9 MWT Whoever tells you good news that is different from the Good News we gave you *[as recorded in the*

You can know they are not followers of Jesus.^{VV} It really is just that simple! Having a faith that is based in your personal knowledge of what Jesus said is your one and only protection. Just know: There is only about 200 combined pages in all four of the Gospel recordings of Jesus's teachings (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). Learning what Jesus said is an easy task, and it will grant you freedom you can't imagine.^(T) This is not a suggestion that you read the Gospels just once, mind you; You need to become intimately familiar with what Jesus said, and thereby, with who he is. It is the most ~~important~~ *valuable* thing in life.^{WWW} It should become the center of your being.^{XXX} It is *you* who will be

Bible], let them be accursed, even if he is one of us or an angel from heaven. (9) I'm now telling you again what we've told you in the past: If anyone tells you good news that is different from the Good News you received, that person should be accursed.

^{VV} Matthew 10:24-28 GNB "No pupil is greater than his teacher; no slave is greater than his master. (25) So a pupil should be satisfied to become like his teacher, and a slave like his master. If the head of the family is called Beelzebul, the members of the family will be called even worse names! (26) "So do not be afraid of people. Whatever is now covered up will be uncovered, and every secret will be made known. (27) What I am telling you in the dark you must repeat in broad daylight, and what you have heard in private you must announce from the housetops. (28) Do not be afraid...

^{WWW} Matthew 13:44-46 CEV The kingdom of heaven is like what happens when someone finds treasure hidden in a field and buries it again. A person like that is happy and goes and sells everything in order to buy that field. (45) The kingdom of heaven is like what happens when a shop owner is looking for fine pearls. (46) After finding a very valuable one, the owner goes and sells everything in order to buy that pearl.

^{XXX} Proverbs 2:6-15 LITV For Jehovah gives wisdom; out of His mouth *are* knowledge and understanding. (7) He lays up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to the ones who walk in integrity, (8) to guard the paths of judgment, and He protects the way of His saints. (9) Then you shall understand righteousness and judgment and honesty, *yea*, every good path. (10) When wisdom enters into your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul, (11) discretion shall keep you, understanding shall watch over you, (12) to deliver you from the evil way, from the man who

rewarded by your effort. It is you alone who will pay the price if you neglect the truth. As Jesus said: “For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone that is on the side of truth listens to my voice.” (John 18:37)

By learning what Jesus taught, and then expressing faith in him as the rock-mass of your hope, you are made special in the sight of his Father Jehovah.^{YYY} That sets you apart as distinct from the

speaks perverse things, (13) those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness, (14) who rejoice to do evil, they delight in the perversities of the wicked, (15) whose paths *are* crooked, *who are* devious in their tracks;~

Proverbs 2:21 BBE For the upright will be living in the land, and the good will have it for their heritage.~

Psalms 37:27-29 LITV Turn away from evil and do good and live forever. (28) For Jehovah loves judgment and does not forsake His saints; they are preserved forever; but the wicked's seed shall be cut off. (29) The righteous shall inherit the earth and live on it forever.

^{YYY} 1 Peter 2:1-12 CEV Stop being hateful! Quit trying to fool people, and start being sincere. Don't be jealous or say cruel things about others. (2) Be like newborn babies who are thirsty for the pure spiritual milk that will help you grow and be saved. (3) You have already found out how good the Lord really is. (4) Come to Jesus Christ. He is the living stone that people have rejected, but which God has chosen and highly honored. (5) And now you are living stones that are being used to build a spiritual house. You are also a group of holy priests, and with the help of Jesus Christ you will offer sacrifices that please God. (6) It is just as God says in the Scriptures, "Look! I am placing in Zion a choice and precious cornerstone. No one who has faith in that one will be disappointed." (7) You are followers of the Lord, and that stone is precious to you. But it isn't precious to those who refuse to follow him. They are the builders who tossed aside the stone that turned out to be the most important one of all. (8) They disobeyed the message and stumbled and fell over that stone, because they were doomed. (9) But you are God's chosen and special people. You are a group of royal priests and a holy nation. God has brought you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Now you must tell all the wonderful things that he has done. The Scriptures say, (10) "Once you were nobody. Now you are God's people. At one time no one

waves of the sea comprising the fabric of society. If the individual waves refuse to learn better, they will simply remain on their course to death.^(LL) They are thus making the choice to destroy themselves. If they recognize and build faith in the rock-mass of Jesus's teachings, they will gain life. What we each one have to worry about is ourselves.^{ZZZ} As we make the effort to help ourselves, by drawing to Jesus, we also become a light to the world^(GG) and a help to all others who will listen. The waves of the sea are ungoverned and ungovernable, as they each press on in their attempt to be the cause of their own desire and destiny. That is a course leading only to the grave.^(LL) If you press on to life, by attaching yourself to our Creator as manifest in your faith in the teachings of his son, your reward is great beyond anything you can imagine. Let us become steadfast as rocks of Jehovah, through our faith in the teachings of Jesus!^{AAAA}

had pity on you. Now God has treated you with kindness. (11) Dear friends, you are foreigners and strangers on this earth. So I beg you not to surrender to those desires that fight against you. (12) Always let others see you behaving properly, even though they may still accuse you of doing wrong. Then on the day of judgment, they will honor God by telling the good things they saw you do.

^{ZZZ} **Philippians 2:12-13 GNB** (12) So then, dear friends, as you always obeyed me when I was with you, it is even more important that you obey me now while I am away from you. Keep on working with fear and trembling to complete your salvation, (13) because God is always at work in you to make you willing and able to obey his own purpose.

^{AAAA} **John 17:1-5 GNB** After Jesus finished saying this, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your Son, so that the Son may give glory to you. (2) For you gave him authority over all people, so that he might give eternal life to all those you gave him. (3) And eternal life means to know you, the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ, whom you sent. (4) I have shown your glory on earth; I have finished the work you gave me to do. (5) Father! Give me glory in your presence now, the same glory I had with you before the world was made.~

Ephesians 1:15-23 GW I, too, have heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people. For this reason (16) I never stop thanking God for you. I always remember you in my prayers. (17) I pray that the glorious Father, the God of our

It has been said there is no victory without sacrifice. Fortunately, for all those who choose to turn to Jehovah, the sacrifice has been made by him and by his son. All that is required of each one of us is to accept God's victory, by turning to him through our faith in Christ Jesus. That faith is not so much a sacrifice, really, as a wonderful and everlasting reward. Our sacrifice that has value in God's sight is our public praise of him.^{BBBB} That is because He is perfect and any deviation from his way of doing things will harm us or someone else. Isn't that comforting to know? Isn't it important to share with others?

Lord Jesus Christ, would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Christ better. (18) Then you will have deeper insight. You will know the confidence that he calls you to have and the glorious wealth that God's people will inherit. (19) You will also know the unlimited greatness of his power as it works with might and strength for us, the believers. (20) He worked with that same power in Christ when he brought him back to life and gave him the highest position in heaven. (21) He is far above all rulers, authorities, powers, lords, and all other names that can be named, not only in this present world but also in the world to come. (22) God has put everything under the control of Christ. He has made Christ the head of everything for the good of the church. (23) The church is Christ's body and completes him as he fills everything in every way.

^{BBBB} Hebrews 13:8 GNB Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.~

Hebrews 13:15-16 GNB Let us, then, always offer praise to God as our sacrifice through Jesus, which is the offering presented by lips that confess him as Lord. (16) Do not forget to do good and to help one another, because these are the sacrifices that please God.~

Romans 15:4-7 GW Everything written long ago was written to teach us so that we would have confidence through the endurance and encouragement which the Scriptures give us. (5) May God, who gives you this endurance and encouragement, allow you to live in harmony with each other by following the example of Christ Jesus. (6) Then, having the same goal, you will praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (7) Therefore, accept each other in the same way that Christ accepted you. He did this to bring glory to God.

If these scriptures ring true in your heart, and you appreciate the value of the message Jesus Christ brought, it most surely means there are some things you can know about yourself. It means you have made yourself special in the eyes of our Creator.^{CCCC} It also means you are being drawn to Christ by the spirit of Jehovah. Even as Jesus taught, no one can come to him unless they are drawn by his Father.^{DDDD} That defines you as special.

^{CCCC} Psalms 72:12-19 CEV Do this because the king rescues the homeless when they cry out, and he helps everyone who is poor and in need. (13) The king has pity on the weak and the helpless and protects those in need. (14) He cares when they hurt, and he saves them from cruel and violent deaths [their blood is precious in his eyes]. (15) Long live the king! Give him gold from Sheba. Always pray for the king and praise him each day. (16) Let cities overflow with food and hills be covered with grain, just like Mount Lebanon. Let the people in the cities prosper like wild flowers. (17) May the glory of the king shine brightly forever like the sun in the sky. Let him make nations prosper and learn to praise him. (18) LORD [*Jehovah*] God of Israel, we praise you. Only you can work miracles. (19) We will always praise your glorious name. Let your glory be seen everywhere on earth. Amen and amen.

^{DDDD} John 6:41-48 GNB The people started grumbling about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." (42) So they said, "This man is Jesus son of Joseph, isn't he? We know his father and mother. How, then, does he now say he came down from heaven?" (43) Jesus answered, "Stop grumbling among yourselves. (44) People cannot come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me; and I will raise them to life on the last day. (45) The prophets wrote, 'Everyone will be taught by God.' Anyone who hears the Father and learns from him comes to me. (46) This does not mean that anyone has seen the Father; he who is from God is the only one who has seen the Father. (47) I am telling you the truth: he who believes has eternal life. (48) I am the bread of life.

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Where the carcass (Christ's remains are his teachings) is, there the eagles will gather. - Mat 24:28

If this message rings true, it also means you are probably not a member of any of the sects of men, or, you are not happy there. Remember, everyone is either a follower of Jesus Christ, or a wave of the sea. That is all there is. Sects of men are not Christians. If you are a Christian, it also defines you are not popular with all those different sects.^{EEEE} If you are a Christian, we would like to know who you are. I would like to know! This is not an invitation to write with an assault on my faith. If you believe differently, you will have opportunity to present it before our Creator, the same as I will. If you are a follower of Christ Jesus, however, please let me know who you are. Share only as much information as you like. Anything you do share will be kept confidential. There may be a list of self-proclaimed Christians you can opt to be on later, if you like, but not without your written permission. Please reply to support@justbibletruth(dot)com, or, you can send mail to JUSTBIBLETRUTH (DOT) COM, Post Office Box 743, Albany, KY 42602, USA. This is not a membership offer. The only membership you need is your faith in Christ. It is not an encouragement that you will be rewarded by God for contacting us. I will keep you in my prayers, of course, but I already do that – along with the prayers of all those seeking to follow Christ; as they each offer their prayers in behalf of all among mankind who will

^{EEEE} **1 Peter 4:4-5 BBE** And they are wondering that you no longer go with them in this violent wasting of life, and are saying evil things of you: (5) But they will have to give an account of themselves to him who is ready to be the judge of the living and the dead.

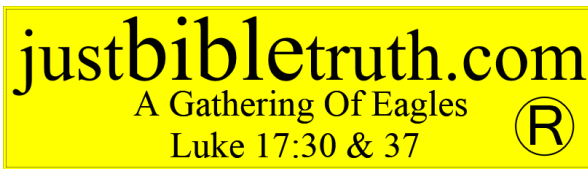
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^{FFFF} John 15:7-20 CEV Stay joined to me and let my teachings become part of you. Then you can pray for whatever you want, and your prayer will be answered. (8) When you become fruitful disciples of mine, my Father will be honored. (9) I have loved you, just as my Father has loved me. So remain faithful to my love for you. (10) If you obey me, I will keep loving you, just as my Father keeps loving me, because I have obeyed him. (11) I have told you this to make you as completely happy as I am. (12) Now I tell you to love each other, as I have loved you. (13) The greatest way to show love for friends is to *[be willing to] die for them, [to love them as much as yourself]*. (14) And you are my friends, if you obey me. (15) Servants don't know what their master is doing, and so I don't speak to you as my servants. I speak to you as my friends, and I have told you everything that my Father has told me. (16) You did not choose me. I chose you and sent you out to produce fruit, the kind of fruit that will last. Then my Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name. (17) So I command you to love each other. (18) If the people of this world hate you, just remember that they hated me first. (19) If you belonged to the world, its people would love you. But you don't belong to the world. I have chosen you to leave the world behind, and that is why its people hate you. (20) Remember how I told you that servants are not greater than their master. So if people mistreat me, they will mistreat you. If they do what I say, they will do what you say.

^{GGGG} Romans 1:11-12 CEV I want to see you (or hear from you) and share with you the same blessings that God's Spirit has given me *[knowledge of the teachings of his son]*. Then you will grow stronger in your faith. (12) What I am saying is that we can encourage each other by the faith that is ours.

with the booklet or website. I am not seeking your money, so please don't send your advertisements to get mine. I love those who love my lord Christ Jesus and his Father Jehovah,^(N) and I would like to start getting to know who you are.^{HHHH} We will have forever to continue that process.^(C) Jehovah's blessings upon all those individual Christians whom God is drawing to the teachings of his son!^(DDDD)

God knows all things! Let each one of us learn the wisdom of not knowing anything except Christ, and him impaled.^{IIII} That is not an encouragement to imagine God will accept and approve anything we do.^(U) It is an encouragement to learn from Jesus how to please God.



*All who come to God must believe that He exists,
and that He is good. Heb 11:6*

^{HHHH} **1 Samuel 18:1 ESV** As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. (After hearing David express his great love for Jehovah, the son of Saul immediately loved David, because of David's great love for God. They became lifelong friends. They will continue that friendship in the resurrection.) Also note scriptures on back cover.~

^{IIII} **1 Corinthians 2:1-5 MWT** And so I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come with an extravagance of speech or of wisdom declaring the sacred secret of God to you. ² For I decided not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him impaled. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and with much trembling; ⁴ and my speech and what I preached were not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of spirit and power, ⁵ that your faith might be, not in men's wisdom, but in God's power.

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(James 3:13-18) ¹³ Who is wise and understanding among YOU? Let him show out of his fine conduct his works with a mildness that belongs to wisdom. ¹⁴ But if YOU have bitter jealousy and contentiousness in YOUR hearts, do not be bragging and lying against the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is [the] earthly, animal, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and contentiousness are, there disorder and every vile thing are. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first of all chaste, then peaceable, reasonable, ready to obey, full of mercy and good fruits, not making partial distinctions, not hypocritical. ¹⁸ Moreover, the fruit of righteousness has its seed sown under peaceful conditions for those who are making peace.~

(James 4:4-12) ⁴ Adulteresses, do YOU not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever, therefore, wants to be a friend of the world is constituting himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or does it seem to YOU that the scripture says to no purpose: "It is with a tendency to envy that the spirit which has taken up residence within us keeps longing"? ⁶ However, the undeserved kindness which he gives is greater. Hence it says: "God opposes the haughty ones, but he gives undeserved kindness to the humble ones." ⁷ Subject yourselves, therefore, to God; but oppose the Devil, and he will flee from YOU. ⁸ Draw close to God, and he will draw close to YOU. Cleanse YOUR hands, YOU sinners, and purify YOUR hearts, YOU indecisive ones. ⁹ Give way to misery and mourn and weep. Let YOUR laughter be turned into mourning, and [YOUR] joy into dejection. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the eyes of Jehovah, and he will exalt YOU. ¹¹ Quit speaking against one another, brothers. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother speaks against law and judges law. Now if you judge law, you are, not a doer of law, but a judge. ¹² One there is that is lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But you, who are you to be judging [your] neighbor?
