

# The Statement of Faith of Clifford Besson of Truth and Light Ministries, Inc.

Note that this means you do not have to believe all these statements to be a member of Truth and Light Ministries, to help us out, or to get to Heaven. Just love God and mankind as you love yourself and obey God's leadings through His words and of the Holy Spirit.

Below are just some of the beliefs of Mr. Besson that he has come to believe as true from asking God's help in Jesus' name and from his sixty-seven or more years of studying the Bible, other ancient writings, and the Bible languages. From these studies he believes he should share his faith with others and provide Bibles and other necessities of life to those in need in Manitoba, Canada, and overseas. But he needs help for the needs are great, especially from the requests we have had from India, Kenya, Nigeria, and Zambia.

Luke 10:27 He [Jesus] answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." (World English Bible (WEB))

## The Holy Bible is the Main Source of our Faith

Here are some of the Bible's most important doctrines or teachings, according to Greek, Coptic, Aramaic, and Hebrew copies of the Scriptures. Many tools for understanding the *Bible* were also consulted, besides prayer and fasting.

Psalm 43:3 Oh, send out your **light** and your **truth**. Let them lead me. Let them bring me to your holy hill, to your tents. John 3:21 But he who does **the truth** comes to **the light**, that his works may be revealed, that they have been done in God." (WEB). Clifford Besson of Truth and Light Ministries believes the following are the basic, fundamental, and some of the most important teachings of the *Holy Bible*. Note that God gave Mr. Besson the name of this ministry before he ever realized that the Psalm number for the words **light** and **truth** and are that of the year when he was born, for he was born in 1943. These two words are in reverse order to our ministry title but not in John 3:21.

1. The Holy Scriptures of the *Holy Bible* were originally written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and are the only proper guide for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness (Pr. 29:18; Is. 8:20; Jer. 36:2; Jn. 12:48; Acts 1:16; 1 Cor. 2:13; Gal. 1:8; 1 Tim. 6:3; 2 Tim. 3:16,17; and 2 Pet. 1:21).

2. (a) The **supreme God** of the *Holy Bible* is called God the Father (1 Cor. 8:6; 2 Pet. 1:17; and 2 Jn 1:3) and יהוה, commonly pronounced Jehovah or Yahweh but upon praying to know how it was pronounced, I heard **Jēh'-wah**. I had asked God to give the pronunciation to a new Christian retired gentleman, who said he could hear God speaking to him audibly, upon asking God for help in understanding the Bible. (I believed it was one of God's Holy Angels speaking to him on behalf of God the Father or on behalf of Jesus.) We were talking on the phone within one or two days of that prayer when I told him I had asked God to give me something through him but I could not tell him what it was. He said that he understood and then we hung up our phone connexions. Suddenly I heard the above word **Jēh'-wah**, but it came from my own lips. I then repeated it and I realized this was my answer to my prayers. This same **Jēh'-wah** is a living personal God or Superior One and according to Jesus, "is the only true God [or Superior One]." (Jn. 17:1-3). He is "a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and in truth" (Jn. 4:24). The word Spirit means invisible like air and our thoughts.

(b) **The word God in the Bible:** the Hebrew or Greek word or words often translated as God,

really means *Superior One* or *Superior* for consider Isa 44:6, . . . besides me there is no God. Isa 44:8 . . . Is there a God besides me? Indeed, there is not. I don't know any other Rock." Isa 45:5 I am [Jeh-wah], and there is no one else. Besides me, there is no God. . . . In other words if Jeh-wah is Superior or the Most High, then there cannot be a Superior one to him because he is SUPERIOR. The same thing goes if he is the Most High, no one else can be because he is THE MOST HIGH. Furthermore, if the Hebrew or Greek texts say words translated *the God* or *the Superior One* that is most likely referring to the God just previously mentioned or to this same God Most High but if the text does not have a definite article then it very likely is referring to Jesus, an angel, a king, a judge or one of the esteemed patriarchs like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob who were superior to the common man but not to God most high.

(c) Often in the Hebrew Bible, the word *Elohim* is simply the plural of El, for god. So Elohim means gods, referring mostly to the holy angels or to pagan gods. If it has a definite article in front of the word it very likely is referring to the God Almighty rather than a pagan god.

(d) God the Father is greater than Jesus for he said: John 10:29 My Father, . . . is greater than all; . . . John 14:28 . . . my Father is greater than I.

3. (a) Jesus Christ or Christ Jesus was the only begotten or unique son of God the Father and was born of a virgin called Mary, who was made pregnant by the Holy Spirit (Mt. 1:18, 25; and Jn. 3:16).

(b) The Holy Angels are called sons of God (Job 1:6; 2:1; 38:7).

(c) True believers who follow God are called sons of God (John 1:12; Romans 8:14; Philippians 2:15; 1 John 2:1; 3:2).

4. The Christ or the Messiah, the Son of God the Father (2 Pet. 1:17 and 2 Jn. 1:3) came in the flesh as the Jesus of Nazareth (Mt. 16:16; 21:11; and 1 Jn. 4:2, 3). The words Christ and Messiah mean anointed. Christ is from the Greek while Messiah is from the Hebrew.

5. God created all things through Jesus Christ and this Jesus "is an image of the invisible God, a first born of all creation, and is the head of the body, the church; for he is a beginning, a first fruits of the resurrection from the dead, that in all things he might be the first" (Col. 1:16, 18; and see 1 Cor. 15:20, 23).

6. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23) but whosoever will continue to believe, trust, and rely on Jesus Christ shall not perish but have everlasting life (Jn. 3:16), for by grace you are saved through faith and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast (Eph. 2:8, 9).

7. "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once . . ." (1 Cor. 15:3-6).

8. Jesus provided for our salvation and there is no salvation by any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved (Acts 4:12 and Rom. 3:24).

9. The righteous, who have done good works will have a resurrection of life (Jer. 17:10; Mt. 16:27; Jn. 5:29; 6:40; 11:25; Acts 24:15; 1 Cor. 15; 2 Cor. 4:14; 5:10; 1 Thes. 4:13-17; and Rev. 22:12) and the unrighteous, who have done evil works will have a resurrection of condemnation (Jer. 17:10; Mt. 5:20; Jn. 5:29; Acts 24:15; Rom. 2:8, 9; 2 Cor. 5:10; Heb. 10:27; 2 Pet. 2:13,17; and Rev. 22: 12).

10. We must "repent . . . and be converted," and that our sins may be blotted out (Acts 3:19 and see

also Mt. 3:2; Lk. 13:2; and Acts 2:38).

11. The truth of anything should be determined by the principles taught in the many references about two or three witnesses “But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.” Mt 18:16). “This *is* the third *time* I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.” (2Co 13:1) “Against an elder receive not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses.” {before: or, under} (1Ti 5:19) “He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:”(Heb 10:28 KJV). In other words, if there is just one Scripture to support a doctrine, it should not be regarded as a doctrine, in case there is a misunderstanding or someone added words that should not have been added or have taken away some words.

12 On applying the above requirement for establishing anything important, we state the following on baptisms.

(a) Baptism via water was done by immersion. This is the teaching of the *New Testament* (Mt. 3:6 and Acts 19:3-5) and this was done in the name of the Lord Jesus (Acts 2:38), our Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 10:48, 19:5 (APNT Translation<sup>1</sup>), or his name ([Jesus, the Nazarene (Acts 22:8)] Acts 22:16); in Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3); and in our Lord Jesus (Acts 8:16).

(b) Baptism in the formula of or the words of “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost [or Spirit]” at Matthew 28:19 do not make sense because God the Father has his own name, which is **Jēh-wah** or *Jehovah* or *LORD* (Exodus 6:3, 6; Psalm 83:18), his son was given the name *Jesus* (Matthew 1:21), and the Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit is called the **Comforter** and the **Spirit of Truth** (John 14:16, 17; & 15:26). As the Scripture references in the above (a), say things quite differently. That formula must have been added by despisers of Arius, who, according to his friends was murdered by Athanasius or his friends in A. D. 336. They were for the above three in one formula of a Trinity.

*The Hebrew Gospel of Matthew* as translated into English by George Howard has only one word for 28:19 and it is just “Go” but the Hebrew actually reads “Go to them” and 28:20 says: “and teach them to carry out all the things which I have commanded you forever.” Furthermore, a Coptic (Egyptian) manuscript also supports the Shem Tob Version reading: Budge, E. A. Wallis. *Coptic Texts, Volume V: Miscellaneous Coptic Texts in the Dialect of Upper Egypt*. (London: British Museum, 1915), p.637.

(c) Baptism was also done spiritually without water: Tit 3:5 “not by works of righteousness which we had done, but according to his mercy, he vivified us, by the washing of the new birth, and by the renovation of the Holy Spirit,” (James Murdock, D. D. , *The New Testament* translation from the Syriac Peshito Versian, 1852). Tit 3:5 “(not by works that *are* in righteousness that we did but according to His kindness,) He did save us, through a bathing of regeneration, and a renewing of the Holy Spirit,: (Young’s Literal Translation (YLT)) 1 Peter 3:21 “And ye also, by a like figure, are made alive by baptism, (not when ye wash your bodies from filth, but when ye confess God with a pure conscience,) and by the resurrection of Jesus the Messiah;” (Murdock) 1 Pe 3:21 “also to which an antitype doth now save us—baptism, (not a putting away of the filth of flesh, but the question of a good conscience in regard to God,) through the rising again of Jesus Christ,” (YLT).

13. Christians or preferably Believers (John 2:22; 4:53; 8:30; Acts 24:14,15; and 2 Tim. 1:12) or lovers of God (2 Peter 3:4) must “continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the Gospel” (Col. 1:23 and see also Joshua 23:7; Mt. 10:22; Mk. 13:13; Jn. 15:9; Acts 11:23; 1 Cor. 15:58; Heb. 3:6; 4:14; 10:23; 12:1,7; Jas.1:12; 5:11; and Rev.3:3, 11).

14. Jesus is coming again to take us to where he is (Jn. 14:3 and 1 Thes. 4:14-17). In the meantime he is our advocate with the Father (1 Jn. 2:1), a great high priest (Heb. 4:14), and the one mediator

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<sup>1</sup> *Aramaic Peshitta New Testament Translation* by Janet M. Magiera (Truth or Consequences, NM: Light of the Word Ministry,2006).

between God and men (Rom. 8:34 and 1 Tim. 2:5).

15. As Believers we have a Comforter, that of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, who also convicts of sin, regenerates us, baptizes or cleanses us and seals us into the Body of Christ, which is the true Christian Church of born again believers (Jn. 3; 14:16,17; 16:7-11; 1 Cor. 12:12-14; Eph. 1:13,14).

16. It is the duty and privilege of all believers to be filled with the Holy Spirit, who enlightens, guides, and empowers the believer to live a consistent Christian life (Jn. 16:13; Acts 2:4; 4:31; 7:55; 11:24; 13:9; 13:52; Gal. 5:16; Eph. 5:18; 1 Jn. 2:20,27).

17. God the Father, Jesus Christ his Son, and the Holy Spirit are divine and are one spiritually, as they work together as a united family or divine team (Gen. 1:1,2; De. 6:4; Ps. 51:11; Isa. 7:14; Mt. 1:23; 28:19; Mk. 12:29,31; Lk. 3:22; Jn. 3:31; 4:24; 5:18,23; 8:23, 42; 10:30; 14:26; 15:26; 17:22; Acts 5:3,4; 1 Co. 8:4 - 6; 2 Co. 13:14; 1 Pet. 1:2; and 1 Jn. 5:7).

18. There is a reality and personality of angels and other spirit beings, both good, holy, and fallen, including Lucifer (Isa. 14:12) as Satan, the arch enemy of God and man, but whose end is sure (Job 1:6, 7; Psa. 103:20; Mt. 4:11; Lk. 2:13; Heb. 1:14; and Rev. 20:10). For examples Gabriel, and Michael are holy angels but this one is far from being holy: Baal-zebul (2 kings 1:2, 3, 6, 16) and Beelzebub (Mt 10:25; 12:24, 27; Mk 3:22; Lk 11:15, 18, 19) mean literally, *lord of flies*.

In almost every incident in the New Testament the word translated devil or demon should really be translated as demonette for in the Greek translations from the Aramaic, the translators understood that these evil entities were very small like flies or even smaller. This writer saw a number of them one day like small specks of light, while commanding them to leave a woman who was troubled with them. Shortly before he saw them, about fifteen minutes before, he prayed that God would reveal what he was dealing with. One of them, closest to his eyes, was screaming while the Holy Spirit was fighting it.

19. There is a necessity to share our faith as seen in the great commission to go and teach all nations, converting them in the name of [the Jesus Christ] (see § 11 (b) above), teaching them to observe all things whatsoever Jesus commanded (Mt. 28:19, 20; Mk. 16:15, 16; Lk. 9:2-6; 10:1-10; Jn. 4:35-38; Acts 1:8; Eph. 4:5, 11, 12; 5:26; 2 Tim. 4:1-5; 1 Pet. 3:21). Note though that it says “name of,” not “sentence phrase of.” If you will check these references of Acts 2:38; 3:6; 4:18; 5:40; 9:27; and 16:18, the apostles or ambassadors of Jesus, understood that he meant his own name, Jesus, for it includes his father’s name of Jēh, as in Jēh-wah.

20. Whereas “[Jesus] gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:” (Eph. 4:11-13). We therefore must expect to find similar gifted people in the Church today and pray that God will supply to some of us in the Church, the necessary gifted people to bring about the purposes mentioned above.

21. Whereas God executed miracles and wonders in the Old and New Testament eras that mankind might know the power of Almighty God (Miracles: Ex. 6:7; 8:10; 16: 12; Jos. 3:10; 1 K. 18:37; Is. 45:3; Jl. 2:27; Zec. 4:9; Mt. 9:6; Jn. 10:38; 14:31; 17:23 and Wonders: Ex. 4:21; 15:11; Jos. 3:5; Ps. 77:14; Da. 4:3; Jl. 2:30; Ac. 6:8) we should be instructed properly (De. 4:5; Ne. 9:20; Jn. 6:45). We should aid our faith by studying the Bible (Ex. 4:5; 19:9; Is. 41:20; 43:10; Jn. 1:7; 11:15,42; 13:19; 14:29; 17:21; 19:35; 20: 31), and realize that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah (Jn. 2:9,11; 4:46, 54; Lu. 5:6; Mk. 1:26; Lu.

4:35; Lu. 24:6). We should therefore also expect similar miracles, wonders, divine instructions, aids to our faith, and proofs that Jesus is the Messiah in our own day and age.

Mar 16:17 And these signs shall attend them that believe: In my name, they will cast out demons; and in new tongues will they speak. 18 And they will take up serpents; and if they should drink a deadly poison, it will not harm them; and they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will be healed. (James Murdock from the Aramaic)

22. Whereas God is no respecter of persons (Eph. 6:9), whether male or female, Jew or Gentile (Ro. 10:12), young or old, poor or rich, (Ac. 10:34,35) and whereas even the un-named Seventy nobodies were used by God to perform miracles, to heal the sick, and to cast out demons in (Lu. 10:1-20) Jesus name and were given “power . . . over all the power of the enemy” (Lu. 10:19), you and I can expect to do and see the same results too, provided we too follow Jesus and fast and pray like they did (Ac. 10:34, 35).

23. The end of the world is near (Mt. 24:14), Jesus is coming soon (Mt. 24:29, 30), and only they who endure or have patience to the end shall be saved (Mt. 24:13 and see Mk. 13:1 ff. and Lu. 21:5 ff.). Isaiah 24:1-23 appears to be about a comet coming that will turn the world upside down (vs. 1 KJV) and that the impact would be so strong that the Earth will “reel to and fro like a drunkard . . . and it shall fall, and not rise again.”

J. R. Church’s *Hidden Prophecies In the Psalms*, (Oklahoma City, OK: Prophecy Publications, 1990), revealed that Psalms 1-100 are for the twentieth century, revealing things that would happen according to the Psalm numbers as years in that century. So it also appears that Psalm 101 and on represent themes that would refer to this twentieth first century. On considering that as a possibility, please compare this: Isa 24:2 “It will be as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the creditor, so with the debtor; as with the taker of interest, so with the giver of interest.” And then check the similarity to Psa 123:2 “Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress; so our eyes look to [Jeh-wah], our God, until he has mercy on us.” (WEB).

Also consider the blind Baba Vanga’s prediction of a natural disaster in 2023. She lived in the mountains of Bulgaria from 1911 to 1996 and was regarded as a clairvoyant and was good at predicting world events including Chernobyl disaster, Princess Diana’s death, 9/11, and more. See <https://www.vice.com/en/article/dp4xpw/baba-vangas-predictions>.

In other words, God has shown us in Isaiah, the Psalms and through a blind Bulgarian lady that the disaster of 2023 will mean “a few men left.” (Isaiah 24:6). Isaiah 34:4 will probably come about at the same time. So it is the time to get right with God and to try to win the lost for Jesus.

24. **Paradise is Now for the Departed Saints:** The righteous followers of Jesus, since the resurrection of Jesus, at their appointed time of death, may appear to be asleep but they are dead to this present world under the Sun. They suddenly go immediately or very shortly into the presence of Jesus. Sometimes this may be within seconds to many minutes.

Bible references showing that the ones who fall asleep in Jesus have their own individual resurrection a moment later in Heaven or Paradise, each one in his or her own order (1 Corinthians 15:23), as shown below:

2 Corinthians 5:8 [Paul & Timothy] “are confident, *I say* and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.”

Philippians 1:23 “But I am in a dilemma between the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. 24 Yet, to remain in the flesh is more needful for your sake.”

Luke 9:30, 33 (Moses and Elias seen alive talking to Jesus)

Luke 16:22-26 (Abraham and the beggar Lazarus seen in Paradise from Hell);  
Mark 16:5 (“they saw a young man [not an angel] sitting on the right side (of the sepulchre),  
Luke 24:4 (two men [not angels] dressed in shining garments: . . . stood by them [about five women],  
Luke 24:23 (those men [were thought to have been angels or messengers from Heaven] to tell the ladies that Jesus was alive),

Acts 1:10 (two men [not angels] stood by them in white apparel [as they looked toward Heaven as [Jesus] went up),

Revelation 6:9-11 I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: (10) And they cried with a loud voice [they are not sleeping here at this time but they died at some occasion before], saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the Earth [where they are not now but in the Heaven or Paradise part of Sheol (the place for the dead and is the unseen world for the dead, good or bad. It has two compartments or areas. One for the righteous and the other for the disobedient, wicked or haters of God)].

The phrase “on the Earth” is similar in meaning to “under the sun” which was used twenty-nine (29) times in Ecclesiastes. See Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6;

Ecclesiastes 12:7 (“and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.”

But consider

1Co 15:20 “But now Christ has been raised from the dead. He became the first fruits of those who are asleep. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each **in his own order**: Christ the first fruits, then those who are Christ’s, at his coming. 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is also a spiritual body. 49 As we have borne the image of those made of dust, let’s also bear the image of the heavenly. 1Co 15:50 Now I say this, brothers, that flesh and blood can’t inherit God’s Kingdom; neither does the perishable inherit imperishable. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery. **We will not all sleep**, but we will all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. 53 For this perishable body must become imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. Mat 13:43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

1Th 3:13 to the end he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. [They will be risen already in Heaven, not sleeping and they will come with Jesus for the rest of the saints.] 1Th 4:13 But we don’t want you to be ignorant, brothers, concerning those who have fallen asleep, so that you don’t grieve like the rest, who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God **will bring with him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus**. 15 For this we tell you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will in no way precede those who have fallen asleep. [See 1 Cor 15:23: “each in his own order”] 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with God’s trumpet. The dead in Christ will [have risen] first, 17 then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. So we will be with the Lord forever.

Mat 22:32 ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?’ God is not the God of the dead [or sleeping ones], but of the living.” Mar 12:26 But about the dead, that they are raised; haven’t you read in the book of Moses, about the Bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?’ Luk 20:37 But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he called the Lord ‘The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ Rev 19:10 I fell down before his feet to worship him. He said to me, “Look! Don’t do it! **I am a fellow bondservant with you and with your brothers who hold the testimony of Jesus**. Worship God, for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy.” Rev 22:8 Now I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. When I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel [messenger] who had shown me these things. Rev 22:9 He said to me, “See you don’t do it! **I am a fellow bondservant with you and with your brothers, the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book**. Worship God.”

General William Booth of the Salvation Army was shown in a vision, that Jesus goes about in Heaven with a cloud of witnesses (Heb. 12:1) welcoming the saints into Heaven as they arrive **in their own order**. (<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/19416985-amazing-visions>).

According to the experience of Henry Gruver of Joyful Sound Ministries, who was dead for about twenty

minutes, and others who died, went to heaven, and then returned from being dead. Many see Jesus or their loved ones who made it to Heaven before they did and they were not sleeping in Heaven but alive, talking, and walking about. Many other people who have had trances or visions, have seen similar heavenly things and even Jesus and their relatives who loved God, in Heaven.

A few years ago, this writer picked up a hitch hiker upon leaving Winnipeg for home, hoping to give the young man direction on how to go to Heaven, through a gospel tract but the young aboriginal man said that he has been there. This was Jacob Shannakapo of Skownan First Nation in Manitoba. His family were apparently Christian but he had back slid. While trying to get home from around McCreary, Manitoba he went into a bush to relieve his bladder, when suddenly a deer ran at him and butted him right in his chest, knocking him down to the ground in the snow. Jacob tried to stop the bleeding with his clothing but could not do it in time. A moment later he ended up in the Lake of Fire in Hell, up to about ten inches on his legs. He looked for a way out and saw there was a gate along the wall of that prison. He went to the gate and he noticed the whites of someone else who was leaning against the post of the gate. He got his help to climb over it in order to see if they could see Heaven or Paradise. They both got over the gate and fence, but found there was a huge lake between them and Paradise. They noticed though that a boat man was rowing a boat over to them to give them a ride to the other side. Apparently he must have told the two escapees what they had to do in order to be saved through the death of Jesus. They apparently must have repented and prayed that Jesus would be their saviour. Soon they got to the good shore and Jacob got to meet some of his relatives who had died before he did. They had set up some chairs for themselves and for Jacob. After some time of sharing, Jesus came up to Jacob and told him that his young son who was still on Earth was requesting to see his daddy. Jesus asked Jacob, "Should I answer your son's prayers?" Jacob said, "Yes." A moment later, Jacob was back in his earthly suit on the ground but it was now dark. He got up and went to highway #5 and hitch hiked to Ste. Rose du Lac to the hospital there. As there was no doctor on duty he carried on home to Skownan, where he met a strong Christian young man who prayed for healing of his broken ribs and flesh. A year later, I met Jacob again, hitch hiking but he was smoking cigarettes. Who knows where he is now? One of his friends told me he had moved to British Columbia. I keep on praying for Jacob and his friend that he met in Hell. Jacob said that he met that same man at tent meetings in around his area of Skownan First Nation.

Some very good Bible commentaries are Adam Clark's, Albert Barnes, 1599 Geneva Bible Notes, Family Bible Notes, Jamieson-Fausset-Brown, John Wesley's Notes, Matthew Henry's, and The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge can give further insight on the state of the dead plus try reading the Bible from different English translations from the Aramaic, Coptic, and Hebrew as well as from the Greek.

25. The Bible says that the meek shall inherit the Earth [perhaps meaning the new Earth or world but in Heaven] and not the strong wicked ones. Christ Jesus' parable about the Tares and of the Bad Fish reveal this. Matthew 13:24-52. Isaiah also revealed this regarding the day of Jēh-wah (day of LORD) in Isaiah 13:9-13 but according to some prophecies heard through the Prophecy Club program (<https://www.prophecyclub.com>) and the <https://sidroth.org/> there will come a time during the "great tribulation" (Matthew 24:21) and "after the tribulation of those days" (24:29) then there will be a rapture [of those who went throughout some tribulations in their last days.]. (24:31) and "Therefore also be ready, for in an hour that you don't expect, the Son of Man will come." (Mat 24:44 WEB). In other words, there will be no secret rapture out of all those tribulations but sometime during and after them but no man knows the day or the hour (Mat 24:36).

26. The so-called "Coming Millennium Reign of Christ Jesus" has already occurred. Jesus has been reigning in the lives of his saints for nearly two thousand years. The main passage that is used to teach this error (Revelation 20:1-15) is about only one devilish being, the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan that gets to be removed from the surface of the Earth and placed in a bottomless pit. In other words, all his billions of evil spirits are still left to roam the Earth, inhabit people, give people crazy ideas that they are a woman in a man's body or vice versa, tempt some to love their own sex rather than

the opposite sex, others to kill their unborn babies, and tempt mankind to do many other sins.

They just lose their leader for a while, like for 1,000 years. During this time, God allows the saints who get martyred for Jesus to reign with him. In other words, it is a reign of them that were **beheaded** for the witness of Jesus. (Revelation 20:4). If their heads have been cut off, how can they be living on Earth with Jesus reigning? Again, it is not about Jesus reigning but about the beheaded ones reigning with Jesus (verse 4).

A puzzling passage in this chapter is the first part of verse five, which is not found in the Aramaic version of the Bible. It is this: "But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished." This could have been added by a copier or by a translator of the text into the Greek. It should also be obvious, that we are in the period of verse eight (8) "And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea."

In John Bunyan' *Visions of Heaven and Hell* (Robbinsdale, MN: Osterhus Publishing House, n. d.) p. 23, he saw "Lucifer [sitting] upon a burning throne" and apparently chained to it for the rest of the thousand years mentioned in Rev. 20:4-7. After that he was to be released: Rev 20:8 "and he will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to the war; the number of whom is as the sand of the sea."

The way that the world is going now, is it not obvious we are in that time that Lucifer is now released?

27. We should be praying in Jesus' name and not just closing off our prayer with an "Amen," as if we are so holy and important, that we can get to talk to God the Father without having to go through his son Christ Jesus of Nazareth (Mark 16: 17; John 14:13,14; 15:16; 16:24, 26).

28. The importance of teachings in the Bible are indicated by the number of times the teaching is mentioned.

29. The Bible teachings of the Old and New Testaments for the regular day of worship is clearly Saturday, the seventh day. The Bible day starts at dusk, about a half-hour after Sunset (Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31) and not midnight as determined regularly today. The practice of Sunday worship is mainly through the Roman Catholic Church. The Catholic Mirror, official publication of James Cardinal Gibbons, Sept. 23, 1893: "The Catholic Church, . . .by virtue of her divine [or is it rather its opinionated] mission, changed the day from Saturday to Sunday."

Sunday therefore is the Roman Catholic Sabbath and almost all her off-spring in Protestantism, erroneously follow her philosophy than God's plain teachings in the Holy Bible. See Genesis 2:3; Exodus 16:26; 20:8-11; 31:17; 34:21; Nehemiah 13:17, 18; Psalm 89:27-34; 111:7, 8; Isaiah 56:2,6; 58:13; 66: 22, 23; Jeremiah 17:20-27; Daniel 7:8,21,25; Zecharia 14:2; Matthew 5:17, 18; 12:1-13; 19:17; 24:20; 27:66-28:1-6; Mark 2:27,28; 16:1, 2; Luke 4:16; 23:56; 24:1; John 20:1; Acts 13: 27, 42, 44; 15:21; 16:13; 17:2, 3; 18:4, 11; Hebrews 4:3,4,8, 9; Revelation 22: 14 (See our article: Who Changed the Sabbath?).

It is also true that Jesus is our rest or Sabbath as shown in **Gal 5:1** "Stand firm therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and don't be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." On considering the common sense aspect of a Sabbath day of rest and Jesus being our rest, then we should realize that we can still and should have a rest day one in seven as the Bible stipulated but we are not bond to all the legal stipulations of it as found in the law of Moses. Jesus promised to take our burdens and that should also include obeying all the legal aspects of Sabbath keeping. "And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath." Luke 6:5, KJV Mark 2:27 He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

"In the days of Napoleon Bonaparte, France tried one day in ten, but soon gave this up as the evil effects were quickly manifest." (*The Defender*, Volume 21, No. 3, (Boston, Mass, May to July 1916),



p.13.)

It is great that we who are Christians can have a day off from our regular days of working for ourselves or for others with pay. We can also work and make the burdens of others much lighter or easier by working for them freely, knowing that God would be pleased and as we bless others He in turn will bless us. During that day of rest we can also fellowship with others in church services and visit the sick in hospitals, nursing homes and the lonely in prisons.

30. God's true name is declared to be very important and a blessing to those who love it and cherish it and a curse to them who despise it. It has been hidden from view in most Bibles though. We should therefore declare God's name as to what it is most likely and then use it in sacred and respectful ways. See § 2 (a) above as to how the proper pronunciation was divinely given. Wherever God's personal name is found in the original texts, it should be pronounced as it was originally. It should also be spelled in such a way as to help indicate its proper pronunciation. God has revealed that in English, the tetragrammaton of JHWH or YHWH for "the ineffable name of God" of the Hebrews or Jews should be really written as Jeh-wah, Jeh'-wah, Jēh'-wah, or JĒH-wah. The initial *Jeh* though, should be pronounced as the Jē in Jesus. The reason for this is that the name of Jesus means Jeh'-wah is salvation. The letters Jeh are abbreviations for Jeh-wah. This is seen in the names of Jehoash, Jehoram, Jehu, Jehoahaz, Hallelujah, and other similar ones (See the chapters: The Man of Galilee: his Name and Pronunciation and The Name of God the Father for more details at our website of <http://truthandlightministries.org> or <http://tln79.org> ). Here are some references on God's holy name: Exodus 9:16; Isaiah 42:8; 43:7; 48:11; 52:5,6; 65:1; Jeremiah 16: 21; 44: 21; Ezekiel 20:9, 14, 22, 41; Zechariah 13:9; Malachi 1:6,11; 2:2; and 4:2.

31. We believe that Christ Jesus was not born on December 25 of whatever year some may say but on the Festival of Purim ("lots" in Hebrew) (see The Book of Esther, chapter 9, and verses 20-30). This festival is a celebration of deliverance and of salvation from being exterminated by their enemies in the Persian Empire of a certain year under King Xerxes I (485-465 B. C. E.). This insight was revealed to Clifford Besson on 22 November 1970 after he prayed that God would reveal this event to him, as no one seemed to really know when Jesus was born. He then got off his knees and went to a book shelf and opened a book on *Religions of America*. It opened up immediately to the Feast of Purim. Upon reading the article he realized that this was the answer to his prayer. In 1976, after more prayer for the year of the birth of Jesus, he was given the answer upon reading a newspaper story that the Star of Bethlehem was seen by the Chinese and the wise men for about thirty-five days in 5 B. C. This was in the *Winnipeg Free Press*, January 8, 1976, p. 21, Vol. 83, No. 87 in the article *Yule star called a comet* about astrophysicist Paul Feldman's report to the Royal Astronomical Society in Ottawa.

32. Poor translation work in the Authorized Translation of the Bible (commonly called the King James Version) is the main cause of misunderstandings concerning the state of the dead. In a booklet by C. J. B., abridged and reprinted by Martin Bergh called *Life and Death . . . Hades or Sheol . . . Immortality*. (Calgary, Alberta, Canada: Martin Bergh printer, n. d.) pp. 2-3. It states:

"Sheol is the Hebrew word and Hades is the Greek word for the same place for the after-life. "Sheol is translated hell 31 times, grave 31 times, and pit 3 times. Hades is translated hell 10 times and grave once. But we believe Sheol and Hades never mean grave, but always the place of departed spirits.

"The reason the translators rendered Sheol *grave*, was that they did not apprehend that it consisted of two apartments, and so, when the Old Testament saints were spoken of as going to Sheol, they thought it could not mean Hell, so they translated it grave. We submit the following proof that [Sheol]

"IT NEVER MEANS GRAVE

- In any of these 76 tests.
- 1st. It is never in the plural.
  - 2nd. It never speaks of the (earthly) body going there.
  - 3rd. It is never located on the face of the Earth.
  - 4th. It is never speaks of an individual's Sheol.
  - 5th. Man never puts anyone into it.
  - 6th. Man never digs or makes a Sheol.
  - 7th. It never speaks of man touching it.

But all these points are found in connection with the word *QUEBER*, which is correctly translated *grave* 34 times, *a sepulchre* 26 times, and *burying place* four times. And notice all these points would constantly and naturally occur in connection with the correct word for *grave* and in a connection with the 64 times that the word *Queber* is quoted, which is the correct Hebrew word for *grave*.

The contrasts of the forgoing seven points occur in relation to *Queber* as follows:

- 1st. It is [in] the plural 29 times.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>. The body goes there 37 times.
- 3rd. It is located on Earth 32 times.
- 4<sup>th</sup>. It speaks of an individual's Queber 44 times.
- 5<sup>th</sup>. Put there by man 33 times.
- 6<sup>th</sup>. Man digs or makes it 6 times.
- 7<sup>th</sup>. Man can touch it 5 times.

*Queber* is only twice mentioned when from one to seven of these points are not found in connection with it.

#### *Queber.*

To make this clear. we will give a few examples of the word *Queber* in its connections. We believe this to be very important, for if the language in connection with the word *Sheol and queber* are closely compared, we will find positive proof that *Sheol* does not mean grave, and never should have been so translated.

#### EXAMPLES.

“And they said unto Moses, because there were no **graves** in Egypt,” etc., Ex. 14:11. Here we have points 1 and 3; it is in the plural and located in Egypt. “He and his carcass in his own **grave**,” 1 Kings 13:22, 30. In this short passage we have of the foregoing points, Nos. 2, 4, and 5. The body is put by man into an individual's **grave**. “And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice and wept at the **grave** of Abner.” 2 Sam. 3:32. In this verse we have points 2, 3, 4, and 5. “**Whosoever toucheth** one that is slain . . . or a **grave** shall be unclean.” Num. 19:16-18. This passage gives point number 7. “And the **bones** of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the **sepulchre** of Kish his father: . . .” 2 Sam/ 21:14. In this verse we have 2, 3, 4, and 5. “And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, . . .” 2 Chron 16:14. Here we have all the seven points, at least by inference. . .

The booklet then has “**Conversations in Sheol three times, Eze. 32.21, Is. 14.9-20, Luke 16.19-31.** [It is pointed out that the last incident is not a parable because regular parables do not have the names of people that are mentioned: Abraham and a beggar named Lazarus.

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