

JESUS CHRIST

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;
And the government will rest on His shoulders;
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty
God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

(Isaiah 9:6)

Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on
Him the name which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those
who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,
and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is
Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:9–11)

To write a short chapter about our glorious Lord and Savior Jesus is a difficult task; nevertheless, here it is. I hope it will be as rewarding for you reading it, as it was for me writing it. I begin by pointing out the simple truth that Jesus is God. As the chapter unfolds, the names and characteristics of God, the Father and God, Jesus Christ will come into focus, for they are one and the same. The earthly ministry of Jesus and His accomplishments on the cross and His resurrection are outlined further on, as well as some of the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah that Jesus fulfilled. Toward the end of this chapter the truth about God, the Holy Spirit, indwelling all believers is presented, together with the Good News that Jesus is coming again. Prayer for salvation, as a guideline, is for those who are ready to receive Jesus, and in Him the eternal life and forgiveness of their sins. The chapter ends with verses that are often misunderstood and additional Scripture verses concerning Jesus. Throughout the chapter you will find names connected with Jesus Christ and where to find them in your Bible.

Immanuel	“God with us”	Matthew 1:23
Son of God		Matthew 3:17
Son of the Most High		Luke 1:32
Son of David		Mark 10:47
Sunrise from on High		Luke 1:78
Savior		Luke 2:11; John 4:42; 2 Peter 1:1

So who is this Jesus, besides being the most controversial person in the world? To answer this question we really don't have too many options. Jesus claimed to be God, so if He is not God, he is either a liar or a delusional person, and in that case, who cares what he said or did? We definitely cannot call Him *only* a good man, *only* a moral reformer, *only* a teacher or *just* a prophet. We have to think about this truth. Jesus is either God or a liar.

How do I know that Jesus is God? Well, He has lived in me for twenty years and He built a truly personal relationship with me. I hope that you have Jesus within you as well, for your eternal life depends on that.

Christ in you, the hope of glory.
(Colossians 1:27)

Someone could say, “But Jesus never claimed to be God, just a Son of God.” So let us take a closer look at the truth—Jesus is God:

1. Jesus Uses God’s Name—I AM

Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, “I am.”

(John 8:58)

In the following verse, John 8:59, we see that the Jews picked up stones to throw at Him. Why? They knew that with this statement Jesus was claiming to be God—“I AM.” The Pharisees studied the Scripture and they knew when God spoke to Moses, and Moses asked God what is His name, God answered, “I AM” (Exodus 3:13–15).

In the Garden of Gethsemane, at the time of His arrest, Jesus asked those who came to arrest Him, “Whom do you seek?”

They answered Him, “Jesus the Nazarene.” He said to them, “I am He.” And Judas also who was betraying Him, was standing with them.

When therefore He said to them, “I am He,” they drew back, and fell to the ground.

(John 18:5, 6)

Have you ever wondered why they drew back and fell to the ground? The answer is in the original Greek language. Jesus’ response was “I AM” and not “I am He.” Once again, “I Am” is the name of God Almighty. They knew whom Jesus claimed to be—God.

In using the name “I Am” Jesus claimed to be God.

2. Jesus Forgave Sins

Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, “Take courage, My son, your sins are forgiven.”

(Matthew 9:2)

And [Jesus] said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.”

(Luke 7:48)

No wonder the scribes accused Jesus of blasphemy. They knew exactly what Jesus was claiming: “I am God.” According to the Scripture, no one can forgive sins but God.

In forgiving sins, Jesus claimed to be God.

3. Jesus Identified Himself With God

I and the Father are one.

(John 10:30)

Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? *He who has seen Me has seen the Father*; how do you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

(John 14:9)

With the words: “We are One,” and “He who has seen Me has seen the Father,” Jesus claimed to be God.

4. Jesus Received Worship

According to the words of Jesus, we should worship the Lord our God, and serve Him only (Matthew 4:10). Would Jesus receive worship if He were not God? And Jesus did receive worship, as we see in the following verses:

His disciples worshipped Jesus after He calm the sea and stopped the wind	Matthew 14:33
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary worshipped Jesus	Matthew 28:9
After His resurrection the disciples saw Jesus and worshipped Him	Matthew 28:17
The man whose sight Jesus restored worshipped Him	John 9:38

In receiving worship, Jesus claimed to be God.

Lord	Luke 2:11
Word	John 1:1–4, 14; Revelation 19:13
Lamb of God	John 1:29
Messiah	“Anointed One”
Son of Man	John 4:25, 26
	John 6:27

All through the Scriptures we see that the names and the characteristics are the same for God, the Father, as well as God, Jesus Christ:

In Creation

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
(Genesis 1:1)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was in the beginning with God.

All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. . . .

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.

(John 1:1-4, 14)

In Salvation

. . . God our Savior,

who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

(1 Timothy 2:3, 4)

Yet I have been the Lord your God . . .

For there is no savior besides Me.

(Hosea 13:4)

And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people;

for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

(Luke 2: 10, 11)

This One is indeed the Savior of the world.

(John 4:42)

. . . our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

(2 Peter 1:1)

The Judge

God, the Judge of all . . .

(Hebrews 12:23)

. . . Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead.

(2 Timothy 4:1)

The Righteous One

And there is no other God besides Me,
A righteous God and a Savior;

There is none except Me.

(Isaiah 45:21)

. . . Jesus Christ the righteous.

(1 John 2:1)

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

In 1 Timothy 6:15, 16, this title is used in connection with God, the Father—the One whom no man has seen or can see. In Revelation 19:16 the same title is applied to the Word of God—Jesus.

Prophet Isaiah, while prophesying about Jesus, called Him Eternal Father (Isaiah 9:6).

Prophet Micah prophesied about Jesus, the One whose goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity (Micah 5:2).

In the gospel of John 10:28, 29, Jesus promised that no one shall snatch the believers out of His hand. In the next verse, He said that no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

The truth is clear for all to see—Jesus is God. It is revealed to us throughout the Scripture.

No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him.

(John 1:18)

Thomas answered and said to [Jesus], “My Lord and My God!”

(John 20:28)

And [Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation.

For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created by Him and for Him.

And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

(Colossians 1:15–17)

For in [Jesus] all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form,

and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority.

(Colossians 2:9, 10)

. . . our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.

(Titus 2:13)

And [Jesus] is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

(Hebrews 1:3)

And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. *This is the true God and eternal life.*

(1 John 5:20)

Yes, I believe that Jesus Christ is God. Who do you believe that Jesus is?

According to the Scriptures, God exists in three eternal and equal Persons: The Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit.

In the past, God spoke to us, but our hearts were hardened and we didn't want to hear Him. He sent us prophets, and we killed them. He gave us His Holy Word in the Scripture, and we did not read it. In these last days, God became like us so He could personally warn us about the wrath, which is upon us, and also provide salvation. It was His will to die on the cross for the sins of the whole world so all sins could be forgiven, once and for all time. And since He is God, even death couldn't hold Him. He was delivered up by His predetermined plan and foreknowledge (Acts 2:22–24), and He is imparting eternal life to all those who simply receive Him. (Read chapter "Salvation.")

Bread of Life

John 6:35

Light of the World

John 8:12

I Am

John 8:58

Door

John 10:9, 10

Shepherd

John 10:11; 1 Peter 2:25

During His earthly ministry Jesus:

Preached the Gospel

Matthew 4:23

And after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God,

and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

(Mark 1:14, 15)

Taught With Authority

Matthew 7:29; Luke 4:31, 32

And they were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

(Mark 1:22)

Healed

Mark 3:1–5; John 4:46–54

And behold, a leper came to Him, and bowed down to Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”

And He stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

(Matthew 8:2, 3)

Performed Other Miracles and Signs Matthew 14:14–21; John 2:1–11

But the boat was already many stadia away from the land, battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary.

And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea.

(Matthew 14:24, 25)

Cast out Demons

Mark 9:17–27; Luke 8:26–33

And as they were going out, behold, a dumb man, demon-possessed, was brought to Him.

And after the demon was cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the multitudes marveled, saying, “Nothing like this was ever seen in Israel.”

(Matthew 9:32, 33)

Raised the Dead

Matthew 9:18–25; John 11:17–44

Now as He approached the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.

And when the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, “Do not weep.”

And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise!”

And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And Jesus gave him back to his mother.

And fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and, “God has visited His people!”

(Luke 7:12–16)

Jesus performed many miracles so that people may believe that He is the Messiah—the One sent from God.

While the fullness of Deity dwelled in Jesus (Colossians 2:9), on earth He lived as a man. He hungered (Matthew 4:2), thirsted (John 19:28), got tired (John 4:6), wept (John 11:35), and was tempted (Luke 4:1–13).

Beloved, I would like to bring to your attention the fact that Jesus spent His entire life on earth in total dependency upon God, the Father. In the following verses, Jesus testified that He didn’t say or do anything on His own.

Jesus therefore answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, *the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing*; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.”

(John 5:19)

I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

(John 5:30)

Jesus therefore said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and *I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.*

“And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.”

(John 8:28, 29)

For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me commandment, what to say, and what to speak.

And I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.

(John 12:49, 50)

Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, *but the Father abiding in Me does His works.*

(John 14:10)

Jesus showed us how we, the children of God, should live out our lives on this earth—in total dependency upon God.

Way	John 14:6
Truth	John 14:6
Life	John 14:6
Holy and Righteous One	Acts 3:14
Prince of Life	Acts 3:15
Servant	Acts 4:30

The culmination of His earthly ministry was His sacrificial death on the cross, followed by His resurrection and ascension.

Jesus Tasted Death for Each of Us

But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

(Hebrews 2:9)

But He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time onward until His enemies be made a footstool for His feet.

For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

(Hebrews 10:12–14)

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.
(1 Peter 3:18)

God dealt with the sin issue once and for all. It is done! It is finished!

Because our sins were judged and the punishment executed, our loving God can remain just, when He declares as righteous those who, by faith, receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior, those who, in Him, have the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

Forgiveness Is in Christ Jesus

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,
which He lavished upon us.
(Ephesians 1:7, 8)

And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.
(Ephesians 4:32)

For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
(Colossians 1:13, 14)

Sins have been forgiven, but that is just a part of salvation. We are not saved by the death of Christ; we are saved by His resurrected life.

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, *we shall be saved by His life*.
(Romans 5:10)

God . . . has caused us to be born again to a living hope *through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*,
to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,
who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
(1 Peter 1:3–5)

The Resurrection is of uttermost importance.

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless;
you are still in your sins.

(1 Corinthians 15:17)

Hope of Israel	Acts 28:20
Our Access to God	Ephesians 3:12
Head of the Church	Ephesians 5:23; Colossians 1:18
Lord of Peace	2 Thessalonians 3:16
Our Hope	1 Timothy 1:1
Righteous Judge	2 Timothy 4:8

Under the New Testament, the Sin Is Unbelief in Jesus

According to Jesus, it is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to convict the world concerning sin—unbelief in Him.

And He, when He comes, will convict the world
concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment;
concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me.

(John 16:8, 9)

In Christ Jesus we were made alive (1 Corinthians 15:22). God even gave us His righteousness—Jesus is our righteousness.

Jesus did it all! What is required of us is to believe it, and by faith to receive the life God is offering to all—the eternal, indestructible, and imperishable life.

In the gospel of John, chapter 5, verses 31–39, Jesus spoke of His witnesses: *John the Baptist*, who has borne witness to the truth; *the works*, which the Father has given Him to accomplish; *God, the Father* has borne witness of Jesus; and *the Scripture* testify of Him as well.

Heir of all things	Hebrews 1:2
High Priest	Hebrews 2:17; 3:1; 7:24–28
Source of Eternal Salvation	Hebrews 5:9, 10
Mediator of a New Covenant	Hebrews 8:6; 9:15
Author and Perfecter of Faith	Hebrews 12:2
Chief Cornerstone	1 Peter 2:4–8

Jesus fulfilled over 300 Old Testament prophecies about the promised Messiah—the Savior. Let me present a few of them, and I suggest that you look them up in your Bible to see how these prophecies were fulfilled in the smallest details.

Some Old Testament Prophecies About Jesus—The Messiah

Prophecy	Book	Chapter and Verse	Approximate Time of Prophecy
The place of birth	Micah	5:2	700 B.C.
His virgin birth	Isaiah	7:14	700 B.C.
His childhood in Egypt	Hosea	11:1	700 B.C.
His ministry of miracles	Isaiah	35:5, 6	700 B.C.
His public entry into Jerusalem	Zechariah	9:9	500 B.C.
His suffering	Isaiah	50:6; 52:14	700 B.C.
His substitutionary death	Isaiah	53:4–6	700 B.C.
His death	Psalms	22:1–18	1000 B.C.
His resurrection	Psalms	16:9, 10	1000 B.C.

The Holy Spirit Seals Every Believer for Eternity

In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, *you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,*

who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.

(Ephesians 1:13, 14)

God Dwells in Every Born Again Person

Can we fathom this truth?

How would we spend our day if Jesus would be with us in a physical form? Would that make any difference? Well, *Jesus is in us*, and not just one day, but always. *Beloved, we must believe it and act upon it!*

Jesus said,

I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be perfected in unity.

(John 17:23)

Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that *Jesus Christ is in you*—unless indeed you fail the test?

(2 Corinthians 13:5)

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but *Christ lives in me*; and the life which I now

live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.

(Galatians 2:20)

Christ in you, the hope of glory.

(Colossians 1:27)

Greater is *He who is in you* than he who is in the world.

(1 John 4:4)

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, *God abides in Him, and he in God.*

(1 John 4:15)

Guardian of our Souls

1 Peter 2:25

True God

1 John 5:20

King of Kings

Revelation 19:16

Lord of Lords

Revelation 19:16

Root and the Offspring of David, the

Bright Morning Star

Revelation 22:16

Jesus Is Seated in Heaven Now

After His resurrection, Jesus spent some time on earth and appeared to many people, and when His earthly mission was fully completed, Jesus returned to where He came from—heaven. In Christ Jesus we, the believers, are seated in heaven as well. Glory to His name!

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

and raised us up with Him, and *seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus.*

(Ephesians 2:4–6)

But He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God.

(Hebrews 10:12)

Some may ask, “How can Jesus be seated in heaven and at the same time live in us?” Beloved, we must keep in mind that God is spirit, and that His kingdom is of a different realm than the one we know here on earth. We cannot understand the heavenly with our human mind, and it has to be revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. It is important for us to look at the things which are not seen.

. . . while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
(2 Corinthians 4:18)

God poured His love upon us in Christ Jesus. God not only loves us, He accepted us in His Beloved Son, and He forgave us. In Christ Jesus we have *all* God's promises (2 Corinthians 1:20), *all* the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:3), and *all* the unfathomable riches (Ephesians 3:8). Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24), and Jesus is ours. Glory! Thank you, Abba! Father!

Jesus overcame the world (John 16:33), and so did we who believe in Him (1 John 5:4, 5). Jesus conquered Satan and all that conquered us. Victory! *Beloved brothers and sisters, we must believe it and act upon it!*

Jesus Is Coming Again

2 Thessalonians 2:8

This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.

(Acts 1:11)

Do you believe in the Jesus Christ of the Scriptures? He is the only One who can save you. Any other "Jesus" is a figment of yours or someone else's imagination and you are still an unbeliever destined for wrath.

If you haven't received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, there is a remedy. Repent—turn from unbelief and start believing. The following prayer is a prayer of salvation for anyone who is ready to receive Jesus, and also for those who are not sure about where they stand with Jesus. The prayer is just a guideline.

Lord Jesus, I want the life you are offering me. I want you to be my Lord and Savior. I believe that you died for my sins on the cross and that you rose from the dead. I thank you for it. I am willing to walk by faith in You from now on.

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved;

for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
(Romans 10:9, 10)

Together with God, our beloved Father, and the host of angels, I rejoice with my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, as we welcome to the family of God anyone who has just received Jesus as his or her personal Lord and Savior.

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,

who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,

but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,

and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:5–11)

The following verses are often misunderstood:

Jesus said,

“I am the bread of life . . .”

Jesus therefore said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

“He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

“For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

“He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.”

(John 6:48, 53–56)

In verse 48, we see that Jesus introduced Himself as the Bread of Life. Apart from Him, one has no life in himself. All people (except for Adam and Eve, who were created in the image of God) have been born spiritually dead and in need of life. Jesus is the Source of Life.

In other words Jesus is saying, “Come, believe and receive Me. Get Me in!” His words are spirit and life. Jesus explained His words of eating His flesh and drinking His blood.

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

(John 6:63)

The following books are often misunderstood:

The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Jesus was born and spent His entire life under the Old Testament. He lived under the Law.

But when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth
His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law,
in order that He might redeem those who were under the
Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.
(Galatians 4:4, 5)

Jesus' death ushered in the New Testament. The book of Hebrews, chapter 9, explains this important truth. We have to grasp this truth to avoid confusion and error. (Read chapter "Word of God.") The lack of understanding of the totality of God's forgiveness in Christ Jesus among Christians is a great example.

In the Gospels, Jesus is heading for the Cross. Sins are not yet forgiven. That is why Jesus is instructing His disciples to pray, "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." In the following verses we read:

For if you forgive men for their transgressions, your
heavenly Father will also forgive you.
But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not
forgive your transgressions.
(Matthew 6:14, 15)

These verses express the Old Testament attitude, the forgiveness under the Law. On the cross, God forgave sins, and the New Testament of grace came into effect. We live under a brand new dispensation. We, the children of God, don't need to ask God to be forgiven. *In Christ Jesus we are forgiven.* To keep asking for something God said is done is not walking by faith. We have to finalize the Cross in our mind and in our heart. We thank God for His forgiveness, and move on to the newness of His life. (Read chapter "Forgiveness.") *Beloved, we have to act upon what we believe.*

I know "this one" is a hard one, since the error (confess your sin and ask God to forgive you) is so established. But God will show you the truth. Go to Him with open heart. When you read your Bible, *think and ponder* what you are reading. Think it all through with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Ultimately it is the *truth* of the Word of God, which will set you free.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only
begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not
perish, but have eternal life.

For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him.

He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

(John 3:16–18)

For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure.

The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on Him.

(John 3:34–36)

[Not obey the Son = not believe in Him]

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

(John 5:24)

For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.

(John 6:40)

But these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

(John 20:31)

Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . .

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:34–39)

. . . salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.

(2 Timothy 2:10)

By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

(1 John 4:9, 10)

He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

(1 John 5:12)