

THE DEITY OF CHRIST

AND

THE INSPIRATION OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

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The DEITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST and THE INSPIRATION OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES are THE TWO GREAT FUNDAMENTALS of Christianity and The Gibraltar of the Christian Faith. These two are One and Inseparable. Christ Identified Himself with "Thy Word". Each is "The Word" and "The Truth"; One is the Printed Word and One is "The Word made Flesh"; "Thy Word is Truth" and "I am The Truth". This is God's Binomial Revelation to men; The Rock of Holy Scriptures and The Rock of Ages; The "GOD-BREATHED" Word and The "GOD-WITH-US" Son.

All that God has in "His Word" and All that God has in "His Son" are for Every Believer; this is his Heritage "By Grace"; and no man has the right to Deprive a Believer of any portion of the "Word of Truth", nor to Curtail his Liberty in Christ Jesus. He is a Free Man in Christ; and he is Free to Feed in All the Green Pastures of The Scriptures. The Word of God was written for him; and Christ Died for Him. He may come Directly to Christ without any Intermediary; and he may come to His Word without any interpreter. The Shepherd is Mine; and The Pastures are Mine. So I come to Christ and to His Word. I am Hungry; I come for Food. I am Lost; I come for Salvation. I am a Slave; I come for Liberty. I am De-feated in Life's battle; I come for Equipment. These things my Savior and my Bible supply.

"THE HOLY SCRIPTURES are able to make thee wise unto SALVATION through Faith that is in CHRIST JESUS". All Scripture is Related to Christ and His Salvation. We "Rightly Divide The Word of

Truth" when we thus Relate Christ and The Scripture. Magnify The Word and Exalt the Lord Jesus together. The Enemies of "The Faith Once For All Delivered to The Saints" are Minimizing the Word and Belittling the Lord Jesus; Verbal Inspiration is Denied and the Deity of Christ is Rejected. Today, as ever, "The Son of Man" is "In the midst" of the churches and DEMANDS LOVE TOWARD HIMSELF and OBEDIENCE TO HIS WORD.

Denominational Lines count for nothing at present; the Dividing Line is between those Who are Loyal to the Person and Word of the Lord Jesus and those who are Lukewarm toward Him and Indifferent to His Word. The Former He "Will Keep from the Hour of Trial, which shall come upon all the world"; and the Latter, He "Will Spue out of His Mouth". Heaven is for the Overcomers; "The Great Tribulation" is for the overcome. "The Time is at Hand". CHOOSE YE.

These Outlines have been Tested and their Value Demonstrated for many years, before classes of students, teachers and ministers, who have persistently requested their publication. Only a few of the many used, are offered in this initial issue; and because of the unusual expense in printing the Diagrams in colors, this feature has been eliminated, with the result that the Lessons are not so appealing to the eye.

JESUS CHRIST, the I AM of Holy Scriptures in 40 Key Words

	I The Old Testament	II The 4 Gospels	III The Acts	IV The Epistles	V Revelation
Who Is Christ	MESSENGER of Heaven, to Patriarchs and Prophets.	PROPHET "The Word made Flesh." "God with us."	SAVIOR "No Respector of persons." "Whosoever will." "I will in no wise cast out."	PRIEST "No man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." "The New and Living Way."	KING "King of Kings"—"Eternal, Immortal." "Whose Right it is to Reign."
What Is Christ Doing	DIRECTING Revealing the Divine Will to Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Prophets.	BLESSING Teaching and Healing. His Miracles were His Credentials; a Demonstration of His power; an Example of Millennial blessings.	FORGIVING "Remission of Sins among all nations." "Through His Blood."	INTERCEDING Bestowing "Mercy and Grace." "Able to Save to the uttermost."	SUBDUING "He Must Reign." "He is able to Subdue all things." "Every knee shall bow."
What Is the Content and Purpose of these Scripture Divisions	PROPHECY Not only the messages of the Prophets, but the Law, Sacrifices, Feasts, etc., and History of Israel were Prophetic.	BIOGRAPHY A Fourfold Picture of Christ; as King, Servant, Man and Deity. Son of David, Son of Abraham, Son of Man, Son of God.	HISTORY The record of the Forming and Growth of the Church; not an organization but an organism; a Temple, "His Body."	DOCTRINE Justification, Separation, "The Church—His Body." "The 2nd coming of Christ." The Resurrection, etc.	CONQUEST A Rebel world and "the Kingdom of Darkness" conquered. Enemies Subdued, Punished or Destroyed. "God—All in All."
	GETTING READY FOR CHRIST Israel "under Law"; and the Gentiles "without Law" were both condemned, lost—Helpless.	FACTS OF THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST His Birth, Pre-existence, Power, Knowledge, Sinlessness, Transfiguration, Death, Resurrection, Ascension, etc.	COMING INTO CHRIST The Pentecostals, Samaritans, Ethiopian, Saul, Cornelius, Lydia, the Jailor came by Faith, Repentance and Baptism.	LIVING INTO CHRIST The Believer's Relation to Christ; to the Saints; to the World. His standing; His obligations; His Provision; His Hope.	VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST "The works of the Devil" "Destroyed." Satan Vanquished, Sin Abolished.
	PREPARATION Sin must have Blood Atonement. Men are hopelessly Lost without God. God is Holy and Righteous.	MANIFESTATION He was "God manifest in the Flesh." "He that hath seen Me hath seen My Father."	PROCLAMATION Here is the Beginning of The Gospel; The Church; The New Covenant; The Ministry of the Holy Spirit.	CONSECRATION "Be Ye Separate"—"Holy." "Ye are not your own. Ye are bought with a Price."	CONSUMMATION "No more Curse—Sickness—Sorrow, Death." "God shall dwell with men." "All Things New." "New Heavens and a New Earth."
	THE KINGDOM AND KING PROMISED	THE KING AND KINGDOM REJECTED By Israel "Away with this Man." "Let Him be Crucified." "We will not have Him Reign."	THE KINGDOM RULERS CALLED AND IN TRAINING "To him that overcomes will I give Power over the Nations." "If we suffer with Him we shall reign."	THE KINGDOM STABLISHED "Righteous." "Universal." "Everlasting." The Church in Heaven. Israel exalted above all. 1. Gentiles, "the nations—Saved"—Serving God.	
The Quest for Christ	WHERE IS HE? The Old Test. leaves one looking for the One promised in the "Law, Prophets and Psalms."	HERE HE IS "We have found Him." The Gospels identify Christ.	HE HAS GONE UNTIL." "Whom the Heaven must receive UNTIL." "Ye shall see Me no more UNTIL."	HE "WILL COME AGAIN" Future Life; Resurrection, Reward, Judgment, Destruction of Sin and Death await His Coming AGAIN. Over 300 references in N. T. to this event.	"BEHOLD—HE COMES" Every Prophecy and Promise is fulfilled. "Come Lord Jesus. Come quickly."
The Sinner	SEEKING CHRIST	FINDING CHRIST	TELLING OTHERS OF CHRIST	WALKING WITH CHRIST	REIGNING WITH CHRIST

The Testimonies to the Deity of Christ at His Birth

Enemies of The Virgin Birth and The Immaculate Conception of our Lord Jesus Christ may easily be routed by the mass of Scripture evidence at our disposal. No fact of the earthly ministry of Immanuel is more strongly attested. The Birth of Christ must be made more than a Christmas story for children; it is a Fundamental and Foundation Fact of "The Faith". The One Miracle of the Christian Faith, comprehending and involving all others, is the Coming of the Son of God into the World. His Entrance into the world was as Supernatural as His Exit. He was NOT Born as men are born; He did not Live as men live; He did not Die as men die. From Bethlehem to Olivet is one continuous Miracle. Let the Believer see the Deity of Christ IN THE CRADLE, and the Unitarian disciples of Paine and Voltaire, Strauss and Renan will make no further inroads upon the untaught churchmen of today.

The Three Great Messianic Prophecies, cited on the chart, "THE HOLY CHILD", demand The Immaculate Conception and The Virgin Birth. He was "The Seed of the WOMAN", (Not of man) ; He was "Born of a VIRGIN" (Not of a wife) ; He was "A Son GIVEN", as well as "A Child Born". Because He was Not born as men are born, these three prophecies assign Him a Work which a man cannot do, ("Bruise the Serpent's Head") ; and ascribe to Him Names which would be blasphemous for any man to wear ("Immanuel" and "The Mighty God").

The Work assigned the Messiah in all the Messianic Prophecies demands The Virgin Birth. No mere man can "Bruise the Serpent's Head"; "Bless all Nations of the Earth"; "Reign from the River to the Ends of the Earth". "Universally, Righteously and Eternally"; "Deliver the whole Groaning Creation from the Bondage of Corruption" ; "Make His Soul an Offering for Sin"; as "Sun of Righteousness", "Heal" all disease, banish all sickness, destroy death and recreate the entire heavens and earth.

The Miracles in the Ministry of Christ demand the Supernatural Birth; inasmuch as He appealed to "The Works that I do . . . bear Witness that the Father hath sent Me", and "no man could do these works", the Virgin Birth is the only explanation.

The Sinless Life of Christ proclaims His Deity; and no one born as men are born has ever lived such a life. The Virgin Birth accounts for the Sinless Life.

The Testimonies of Angels and Saints are in perfect accord regarding the Virgin Birth. "The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee . . . the Power of the Highest shall overshadow thee . . . therefore that which is born of thee shall be called . . . Holy . . . THE SON OF GOD". "Fear not, Joseph . . . That which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit". "He that is Mighty hath done to me great things". "Whence is this, that the mother of MY LORD should come to me?" "Mine eyes have seen THY SALVATION" . . . "A Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of My People Israel" . . . "He shall reign over the House of Jacob forever". "She spoke of Him to all that looked for REDEMPTION" . . . "A Savior, which is CHRIST THE LORD" . . . "They WORSHIPPED Him" . . .

The Manifest Divine Authorship of Matthew and Luke, recording every detail and every word spoken by angels and saints at the birth time, which these two writers could not possibly have known personally and recorded with such inimitable beauty, simplicity and perspicuity, sets the DIVINE SEAL OF TRUTH upon the Scripture accounts.

The Declarations of John and Paul of the Miraculous birth . . . "The Word made Flesh" and "God Manifest in the Flesh", add to the Confirmation of this Vital truth.

The frequent statements of the Lord Jesus to His Pre-existence Verify all the preceding testimonies of His Birth; "I came from above" . . . "I came down from heaven" . . . "The glory I had with Thee before the world was" . . . "Before Abraham was I AM" . . . There are 40 such references to His pre-existence in John's Gospel.

"WHEN HE BRINGETH IN HIS FIRST BEGOTTEN INTO THE WORLD, HE SAITH, "LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM". Heb. 1 :6.

The Fourfold Portrait of Christ

Writer	OLD TESTAMENT FOREVIEWS				Key Words	Prominent Features
	As "Branch"	In "Faces"	In Colors	In Relationship		
MATTHEW ("Tax Collector") To Jews Dispensational	"King" of Israel Jer. 23:5	Ez. 10 :15-17. "The Lion" (King)	Ex. 26:31-32 "Purple's (Royalty)	"Son of David" Related to Israel 2 Sam. 7:13, 16	King, 14. Kingdom, 17. Son of David, 9. "It is Written" (100 Old Testament References) Key Verse 1:1	The Kingdom offered to Israel and Rejected. The Kingship and Authority of Jesus Christ. God's Messages to Israel; 5 Sermons. "The Kingdom of Heaven" (Christendom) parables.
MARK ("Servant") To Romans Ministerial	"My Servant" Zech. 3:8	"The Ox" (Servant)	`Scarlet" (Sacrifice)	"Son of Abraham" Related to the Church Gen. 12:3;	Straightway, Forthwith, etc., 40. Crowds, Multitudes, 40. Key Verse 10:45	Jesus gives Himself in Service and Sacrifice. He is Unceasingly Active and All Powerful as "The Servant of Jehovah".
LUKE ("Physician") To Greeks Humanitarian	"The Man" Zech. 6:12	"The Man"	"White" (Sinless)	15: 5-6 "Son of Man" Related to Humanity Dan. 7:13	"Son of Man", 22 Sinners—Lost Key Verse 2:14	Jesus is Healer of the Sick and Sinful. He is "Friend Sinners" "Lost". Luke has 5 parables of Lost Things. He is Sympathetic, Patient and Prayerful.
JOHN ("Beloved") To Christians Spiritual	"Jehovah" Isa. 4:2	"The Eagle" (Deity)	"Blue" (Eternity)	"Son of God" Related to Deity Isa. 9:6; 7:14	Love, 50. Life, 54. Light, 23. Truth, 33. Glory, 31. Faith, 98. Father, 121. World, 78. Sent, 38.	The Omnipotence, Omniscience and Omni-presence of Christ. He is the "I Am" to believers, past, present and future. The Position, Privilege, Salvation, Security, Illumination, Liberty, Life, Joy, Love and Peace of the Believer in Jesus Christ.

4 is the Bible number of the Earth; 4 points of the Compass, 4 Elements, 4 Seasons, 4 World Empires, 4 Kinds of Hearers, 4 Features of the Earthly Ministry of Christ.

Jesus Christ is presented as Savior, Teacher, Redeemer, Shepherd, Life, Way, Light, Word, Lamb, Judge, Immanuel, King, Physician, Vine, Door. His Deity is seen in His Virgin Birth; Names; Testimonies of God; Defeat of Satan; Miracles over Nature, Disease, Demons and Death; Teachings; Sinlessness Transfiguration; Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension. The Entire Ministry of Christ was Miraculous; Miracles were His Credentials; their absence would be inexplicable. The Prominent Feature in each of the four Gospels is "The Sufferings of Christ"—in making "Atonement" for sin. No study of the Life of Christ is rightly directed that is not focused on His Death (1) "for our sins" (the church.) (2) For His people" (Israel) and (3) "for the sins of the whole world".

The 7 "Signs" Omnipotence "He Is Able"

THE "SIGN"	THE THING DONE	THE THING SIGNIFIED
I Water Made Wine 3:1-11	An Emergency Met. An Embarrassment Removed. Joy Restored. Christ is Master of Nature.	Christ is "Our Joy"—Our Help in Emergencies. "This Beginning of Miracles"—Invite Christ in the Beginning of Life and you will have His Joy all the way. Emergencies Interrupt Joy; but Christ is Master of Emergencies.
II Nobleman's Son Healed 4:46-53	An Intercessor's Prayer Answered. Distance Defied. Sickness Healed. Christ is Master of Disease.	Christ is the Great "Physician" of Souls. The father said "Come Down"; Jesus answered "Take My Word and Go". Disciples must carry His Word of Salvation, Sanctification, Liberty, Light, Life. Our obligation is not to save, but to deliver His Word of Salvation. He Saves.
III 38-Year Cripple Restored 5:5-16	Strength came to paralyzed limbs. The Lame Man walked. Christ is Master of the Body.	Christ is "Our Strength" in Weakness. He is the Only Help for a Crippled World. He is "The Way" and supplies Strength to walk in it. There are no healing waters on earth for Sin's Cripples.
IV Loaves and Fishes Multiplied 6:5-14	Hungry thousands were Satisfied with Bread they did not Bake; from flour no miller ground, from wheat no miller harvested. Christ is Master of Food Supplies.	Christ is "The Bread of Life". There is no other soul food, save Christ. He Satisfies. Disciples are the connecting Link between a Starving World and "the Living Bread".
V The Lightning Voyage 6:15-21	From Mid seas to Shore; from Toil to Rest; from Storm to Calm In a Moment. Christ is Master of <u>the</u> Elements.	Christ is "Our Hope". "In a Moment" He will come from the Mount of Prayer, in the Morning Watch , to Toiling Disciples and translate both the living and the "Dead in Christ " to Heaven. From Corruption to Incorruption; from Mortality to Immortality; from Toil to Rest; from Tents to Mansions; from Earth to Heaven.
VI The Born-Blind Given Eyes 9	Eyes Created. Light Provided. Joy Bestowed. Christ is Master of Sight and Light.	Christ is "The Light of Life". Men are blinded by "the god of this world". Christ is the Light — Seeing Him as "Savior and Lord" is Salvation. 'We were "Once Darkness—Now Light". "He that followed Me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the Light <u>of</u> Life".
VII Lazarus Raised 11:1-46	Corruption Conquered. Death Defeated. Christ is Master of Death.	Christ is "The Resurrection and The Life". A Decomposed body is no obstacle to Christ. Those dead 4,000 years will "hear His Voice" as surely as Lazarus. He is "Resurrection" to "them that sleep" (Lazarus). He is "Life" to them "which are alive and remain" (Mary and Martha). Both will be given His "body of glory" "in a moment". Only those who "hear His Voice" and "Live in Him" today have this glorious Hope.

The 7 I Am's Omnipresence—"with You Always"

PROVISION 6:35-41

"I Am The Bread of Life".

REVELATION 8:12

"I Am The Light of the World".

LIBERTY 10:7

"I Am The Door for the Sheep".

SECURITY 10 1-13, 26-30

"I Am The Good Shepherd".

HOPE 11 :25

"I Am The Resurrection and The Life".

GUIDANCE 14:6

Jesus—"Reach hither—Behold—Thrust--Believe". Thomas—"My Lord and My God" (Jehovah—Elohim).

"I Am The Way, The Truth and The Life".

FRUITFULNESS 15:1-8

"I Am The Vine".

**The 7 Conversations—Omniscience
—"He knew what was in man"**

NATHANAEL (Transparent) 1:43-51

Jesus—"When thou was under the fig tree I saw thee". Nathanael—"Thou art the Son of God".

NICODEMUS (An Exception—"But." cf 2:24-5 and 3:1) 3:1-13

Jesus—"So must the Son of Man be Lifted Up"—"Ye must be born Again".
Nicodemus—"Thou art a Teacher come from God".

SAMARITAN WOMAN (Ignorant) 4 :1-42

Jesus—"Thou hast had five husbands".

Samaritan—"Come see a man who told me all things that ever I did—The Christ".

ADULTERESS (Outcast) 8:1-11

Jesus—"Neither do I condemn thee—Go—Sin no more".
Adulteress—"Lord".

PETER (Self-Confident) 13:6-10, 36-38; 21:15-17

Jesus—"Thou shalt Deny Me Thrice".
Peter—"Lord, Thou Knows all things".

JUDAS (Traitor) 13:1, 2, 11, 18, 21-30

Jesus—"One of you shall betray Me".
Judas—"I have sinned—Betrayed Innocent Blood".

THOMAS (Doubter) 20:24-29

There are 150 references to the Deity of Christ, in John, and 50 references to His pre-existence. He was "In the Beginning with God", "Made all things"; "Before the World was"; "Before Abraham"; He "came from above", "Came down from heaven" and stated He would "Go to Him that sent Me". God, John Baptist, John the writer, Nathanael, Peter, Martha, The Blind Man, Thomas bear witness to His Deity.

The Deity of Christ as Manifested in His Miracles

I Power Over "All Manner of Sickness 9 9

LEPROSY- (1) Matt. 8. One. (2) Lk. 17-The Ten.

PALSY-(1) Matt. 9. Four Friends. (2) Matt. 8. The Centurion's Servant.

THE BLIND-(1) Matt. 9. Two. (2) Matt. 20, at Jericho. Two.

(3) John 9. The Born-Blind.

FEVER--(1) John 4. Nobleman's Son. (2) Matt. 8. Peter's mother-in-law.

DROPSY-Lk. 14.

MUTE. Mk. 7.

WITHERED HAND. Matt. 12.

ISSUE OF BLOOD. Matt. 9.

INFIRM-(1) **Lk. 13.** A Woman, 18 years "Bound". (2) John 5. A Man, 38 years Cripple.

II Power Over Demons "The Kingdom of Darkness"

2 Demoniacs of Gadara, Matt. 8.

One Dumb, Matt. 9.

Unclean and Vicious, Mk. 1.

Blind and Dumb, Matt. 12.

Syrophoenician Girl, Matt. 15.

Dumb Child, Matt. 17.

Mary Magdalene, Mk. 16.

Other Women, Lk. 8.

Jesus recognized Demons as intelligent, wicked and vicious creatures possessing men. A Demoniac was not just an insane or lunatic person. Demons knew Jesus as Deity and their own doom. They feared Him.

"We wrestle against hosts of wicked spirits in heavenly places."

In 26 of the 33 miracles, there was no personal faith. Only 7 instances of personal Faith. In 7 cases friends of the afflicted manifested faith.

III Power Over the Laws and Forces of Nature

Changing Water into Wine, John 2.

Stilling the Winds and the Sea, Matt. 8. Multiplying Loaves and Fishes, Matt. 14 and 15. The Lightning Voyage, Matt. 14;

John 6. Calling the Fishes. (1) Lk. 5. (2) John 21. The Tribute Money, Matt. 17.

The Fig Tree, Matt. 21. (Type of Israel).

Nature Recognized her Creator and Obeyed His will.

Christ's miracles over Nature were a Pledge of Kingdom blessings as well as a Demonstration of His power to remove the curse on earth and Deliver the "groaning Creation". Isa. 35:6-7; 55:12-13. Rom. 8:19-23. Rev. 22:3.

IV Power to Raise the Dead

Jairus' Daughter at Capernaum, Matt. 9.

The Widow's Son at Nain, Lk. 7.

Lazarus at Bethany, John 11.

Christ Wrought Miracles:

1. To Justify His Authority as Prophet.
2. To Manifest His Love as Priest.
3. To Demonstrate His Power as King.
4. As an Object Lesson of Kingdom blessings under His personal reign on earth.

The Deity of Christ as Manifested in His Death

and Resurrection

"I Have Power to Lay Down My Life" John 10:18

3 Demonstrations of His Power

I. At Nazareth, in the 1st year of His Ministry "They led Him to the Brow of the Hill that they might cast Him down headlong". "But He passing through their midst went His way". Lk. 4 :16-30.

II. In the Temple in His 3rd year "They sent officers to take Him". "Some of them would have taken But no man laid hands on Him". Their excuse "Never man spoke like this man".

John 7:14-53

III. In Gethsemane Jesus said—"Whom seek ye"—"I am He", "Take Me". "They went backward and fell to the ground". John 18 :1-14

OTHER ATTEMPTS ON HIS LIFE THAT FAILED

After Healing the Withered Hand on the Sabbath. Matt. 12:9-14

After Cleansing the Temple of Profane Profiteers. Mk. 11:15-18

After the Parable of the Vineyard. Lk. 20:9-19

After Healing the Cripple on the Sabbath. John 5:1-18

See also Lk. 19:47; 22:2

It is manifest that no man could Touch Him, Arrest Him, Strike Him nor Harm His Person save as Christ chose.

He Gave Himself into the hands of men to be buffeted and crucified.

"I Have Power to Take It Up Again" John 10:18

3 Human Devices to Keep Him

Matt. 28:2-4

I. The "Great Stone". But the mountains of Lebanon would have been as Impotent—An Angel "Rolled it Away".

II. The Governor's "Seal". What respect had the "Governor" of the Universe for a Roman Seal?—The Angel "Broke it".

III. The Roman "Guard" of 16 men. The whole Roman army would have been as helpless—as Dead men".

The Angel did not roll away the Stone to let Christ out. He needed no help of an Angel. "It was not possible that He should be Held by Death".

The Stone was "Rolled away" that men might see He was not there. He was "Risen" before the Angel came from Heaven.

His Death was a "Gift"—"an Offering".

Gal. 1:4. Titus 2:14. 1 Tim. 2:6. Heb. 9:14

He "Died for the Ungodly", Rom. 5:6, 8. "For Every Man", Heb. 2:9

To "Destroy Death", Heb. 2:14. 2 Tim. 1 :10. To "Reconcile us to God", Rom. 5:10.

His Death was Voluntary. For 3 hours He held His Head erect, then "Cried with a Loud Voice (not the voice of a dying man—with strength exhausted)—"Dismissed His Spirit" and "Bowed His Head". It was not a lingering death as the crucified died. He was perfect Master of Himself and checked off the Prophecies, one by one, then, in a moment—"Dismissed His Spirit".

Beholding His manner of death the Centurion, who was used to seeing the crucified die, said "This is not a Man—but The Son of God".

Nature Sobbed—The Temple Veil was Rent—The Sun Hid His Face—when the Creator (in "the form of man") died on the cross.

"Jesus Christ IS the Same" from Age to Age; but He is **Not Doing** the Same Work in every Age.

"Yesterday The Past Age

Prophet

From His Baptism to the Cross.

Lk. 4:14-16. Acts 10:38

To (1) Israel and (2) All who Hear the Gospel.

God's Representative among men. John's Gospel

Foretold. Deut. 18:15. Isa. 61:1

Fulfilled. Matt. 17:5; Lk. 4:14-20

"The Word"—God's Message Incarnate. John 1:1, 14

Forthtelling God's Salvation—Confirmed by miracles.
John 5:36; 14:11

Foretelling (1) The Condition of Christendom.
Matt. 13

(2) Judgment of the Nations. Matt. 25:31-46

(1) Israel's Punishment. Matt. 23:35-36

(2) Destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple.
Matt. 23:37-38; 24:1-2

(3) Conversion and Restoration of Israel.
Matt. 23:39; Lk. 21:24

(4) His Own Death (14 times), Resurrection
and Ascension. John 6:62; 20:17

(5) His Church, Matt. 16:18. "The Pearl", Matt.
13:45-6

(1) Judas' Betrayal. Matt. 26:25

Peter's Denial. Matt. 26:34

"Today" The Present Age

Priest

From Pentecost to His 2nd Advent. Heb. 1-9

Over the Church—All who Receive Him. Heb. 4:14-9

Man's Representative before God. Heb.; 1 Tim. 2:5

Foretold. Psa. 110:1, 4

(1) He Offered Himself for Sin. Heb. 9:14

(2) He is Mediator of the New Covenant. Heb. 9:15

(3) He is our Intercessor. Heb. 7:25; 4:14-16

The Acceptance of Jesus Christ as **High Priest** is a
Recognition of His Atonement for our Sins, and a
Committal of the Life to Him.

"The Natural Man" acknowledges the superiority of
Christ as Teacher; **but not as High Priest.**

"Forever"—The Future Age

King

From His Return—forward.

Ps. 72:11; Isa. 9:7; Acts 2:19-32; 1 Cor. 15:24-28

Over Israel and The Nations. Lk. 1:32-33

God's Governor on Earth. Zech. 9:17; Ps. 22:28

Foretold. Isa. 2:2-4; 24:23; Mic. 4:1-7; 32:1, 14-
18; 33:17-22; Ps. 72; 47:2-9

Fulfilled. 1 Cor. 15:24-28; Rev. 19:11-16

Universal—over all the Earth.
Ps. 72:8; Dan. 7:14; 2:44; Isa. 2:2

Righteous—"A Rod of Iron".
Ps. 2:6-9; 9:8; 37:72; Rev. **19 :11**

Peace follows Righteousness.
Isa. 2:4; 9:6; Ps. 85:8-10; 72:3, 7

Everlasting.
Dan. 7:14; Isa. 9:7; Ps. 72:17-19; Rev. 11:15

"He Must Reign"—"He is Able to Subdue".

"The Last Enemy" to be Destroyed "is Death".
1 Cor. 15:24-28-

"Mountains Sing", "Trees Clap their Hands", Wild

Beasts are Tamed, Deserts Blossom,

Thorns and Briars Vanish, When "He Comes".

Isa. 11:6-9; 35; 55:12-13

"Yesterday" He made "**Atonement for Sin**"—"Today" He is making **Intercession for Saints**—"Tomorrow" He will "**Subdue**".

In His Ministry of Atonement Yesterday, "Mighty Works" demonstrated and confirmed His Authority. In His Ministry of Intercession for the Church "Today" He blesses with all "Spiritual Blessings". When He Returns "Tomorrow" **Material** Blessings to earth, nature, beasts, and men will follow; but the Church will be with Him in Heaven in glorified bodies. "Signs" and Material Blessings are not given nor promised to the Church.

Inasmuch as our Knowledge of the Will and Character of God is Derived from the Holy Scriptures alone, it need not be a matter of great surprise that there is increasing Opposition to the Inspiration of the Bible. Paine and Voltaire, Renan and Strauss, who made no pretense of Discipleship of Christ, have multitudes of disciples both in pulpits and pews of Christendom today. The approaching reign of Lawlessness is especially Manifest in the Rejection of the Authority of the Word of God; and the Denial of its Inspiration is the easy way to the Repudiation of its Authority.

"The Bible, as we now have it, in its various translations and revisions, when freed from all errors and mistakes of Translators, Copyists and Printers, is THE VERY WORD OF GOD; and consequently, WHOLLY WITHOUT ERROR." Gen. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, 1893.

The Great Bible Expositors and Leaders in the church during all the centuries have been Committed to the Verbal Inspiration of the Scriptures.

1. The Scriptures claim Verbal Inspiration and the Human Authors confess to speaking and writing "The Word of the Lord", over 2,000 times. They are "Living Oracles", "Words of Life", "Words of Truth", "Words of Knowledge", etc.

2. The Composite Authorship of the 66 books, written in three different languages, by 40 writers, scattered over 16 centuries, and comprising men of many grades in life, each contributing some special feature of the Matchless Portrait of the Matchless Character Who is the Heart of the Story. Such a Composition, with its Flawless Unity and Harmony, MUST HAVE ONE DIVINE AUTHOR, The Holy Spirit.

7. The Numerical Structure of the Scriptures becomes more apparent to the Devout and Diligent Student. The following example, one of many, is gathered from a tract issued by Ivan Panin, on the first paragraph of the Gospel by Matthew, verses 1-11, as found in the original Greek:

The Entire Vocabulary of these verses has	49 words	7 times 7
Beginning with a Vowel, there are.....	2	4 times 7
Beginning with a Consonant, there are	21	3 times 7
Number of Letters in these 49 words is	266	38 times 7
Number of Vowels in these 49 words is	140	20 times 7
Number of Consonants in these 49 words is.....	126	18 times 7
Words occurring More than Once	35	5 times 7
Words occurring only Once	14	2 times 7
Number of Nouns in these 49 words.....	42	6 times 7
Number of other parts of speech	7	1 times 7
Proper Names of these 42 Nouns.....	35	5 times 7
Common Names of these 42 Nouns	7	1 times 7

Other Scriptures Reveal the same Marvelous Numerical structure, Defying Imitation by an uninspired man.

3. The Gradual Development of the Plan of Redemption, and the Unveiling of the Person and Work of Christ, strictly Adhering to the things that are germane to the Story and Avoiding Irrelevant Matters is an Impossibility with 40 men gathered from many walks of life, apart from inspiration.

The Seed Bed of the Old Testament growing into The One Perfect Blossom of the Gospels; The Three Unheralded Blooms of the Acts and Epistles; The Maturity of Every Seed of preceding Scriptures into Full Bloom, Perennial and Everlasting in the Final Revelation, is Confirmation of the Divine Authorship.

4. The Frank Portrayal of the Great Characters in the Book, including the human authors, in all their Nakedness, just or unjust, is Unique among the libraries of the world. Sins are not Covered; Faults are not Excused; the Black is not made to appear White. This is not the Fashion of books.

5. The Preservation of the Scriptures through the centuries is as Miraculous as its Composition. No book has been so Hated. Political and Ecclesiastical powers have sought to Exterminate it. It is Invulnerable and Immortal.

6. The "Sure Word of Prophecy" contained in Scripture, with hundreds of Literal Fulfillments already Recorded and Confirmed in History, is a Guarantee of the Same Literal Fulfillment of those remaining unmatched as yet in History, and an Unanswerable Argument for the Authorship of Him **Who** Knows the "End from the Beginning"• and has written in Advance such things as His people should know.

The Redemption Story

Introduction Chart No. 1 of The Deity of Christ

This Brief Series of Five Outlines is Designed to Present the Prominent Features of the Holy Scriptures as Related to The Plan of Redemption. It is of First Importance in "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth" that the Great Design and Plan of the Divine Author in the Entire Book, and in its Natural Divisions be Discerned and Preserved in the mind of the Student. The Plan of the Whole Book must be known before the Place of Individual Parts can be Scripturally assigned. The Bible student must remain in ignorance of the Keys that unlock its Treasures, so long as he confines himself to the study of Isolated Texts and Favorite Chapters. A First Knowledge of The Dispensations through which the Divine Plan is gradually unfolded, and of the Three Classes dealt with separately, I Cor. 10:32, and in Different Ages; of the Marked Differences in the Two Advents of the Christ and of the Exercise of His three great Offices as Prophet, Priest and King, in three Consecutive Dispensations; these are a few of the Mountain Peaks in Bible study to be seen First.

Chart No. 1 of The Deity of Christ Series is Especially Designed to Present these Mountain Peaks in The Redemption Story, with the Person and Work of Christ always in the Forefront. In such an Outline Study only the Leading Lines of Prophecy and its Fulfillment should be followed; the Details in the Development of each separate Feature may be studied later.

Let the Student remember "The Secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him". "The things of the Spirit" are "Spiritually Discerned". "The Wisdom of this world is foolishness with God". "If any man will Do His Will, he shall Know of the Teaching". The Scriptures are Self-Interpreting. The Bible is its own Dictionary. "No Scripture is of Private Interpretation". (Compare Scripture with Scripture; Search for ALL that "Is Written" on any subject). Allow the Scriptures to mean Just What They Say; figurative language is the exception and all such finds its explanation in other portions of Scripture.

When Difficulties are encountered, Charge them to your own lack of Insight and Not to the Divine Record; in later study these difficulties will gradually disappear; you will discover New Treasures at every sitting. "ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED". Evidences of the Divine Selection of the WORDS in the Scripture will Multiply before the Honest Student.

Satan hates The Word of God. "The Sword of the Spirit" was the only Weapon our Lord used in Defending Himself from Satan's Assaults in the wilderness. The Authority of God's Word is "Settled Forever in the Heavens"; Settle the Question of its Authority in your own Life, and its Secrets will be Revealed.

The Redemption Story

Chapter 1. The Old Testament

Preparation for Christ

3 FAILURES	The Sin	The Penalty	The Remedy	
1. Adam (Individual)	Disobedience	Death	Christ	Gen. 12:3; 13:16; 15:5.
1. Antediluvians (Society)	Immorality	Destruction	The Church of Christ	Gal. 3:16.
2. Babelites (Government)	Ungodliness	Dispersion	The Kingdom of Christ	Col. 3:12. Gal. 3:29. Eph. 1:29. Dan. 2:44; 7: 1 4. Rev. 11:15.
2. Antediluvian	Adam to Noah	No Recorded Revelation		Conscience.
3. Patriarchal	Noah to Moses	Revelations to Fathers of Israel		Promise.
4. Jewish	Moses to Christ	Revelation to the Nation Israel		Law.

III. THE LAW: 1. Its Sacrifices-The continual shedding of blood prepared for the "Shed Blood of Christ".

2. Its Holy Days-(1) Passover-"Christ our Passover". (2) Pentecost-The Outpouring of the Spirit. (3) Sabbaths-Rest in Christ.

I. ISRAEL'S HISTORY: Typical of the Church of Christ. (1) Deliverance from Death by the Blood. (2) Baptism into Moses at the Red Sea. (3) Adoption at Sinai. (4) Testing in the Wilderness. (5) Victory in Canaan by Overcomers.

II. SIGNS Pointing to the Death of Christ: **1.** Isaac's Altar. **2.** The Brazen Serpent. **3.** Jonah in the whale.

III. PROPHECIES OF MESSIAH'S WORK: **1.** "The Seed of the Woman" to **Defeat Satan**. **2.** "The Seed of Abraham" to "**Bless all Nations**". **3.** "Shiloh" to give **Rest to "Nations"**. **4.** That "Prophet" to bring God's **Final Word**. **5.** "Son of David" to **reign "forever"**. **6.** "Man of Sorrows" to make "**Atonement**". **7.** "Sun of Righteousness" to **Heal**.

IV. PROPHECIES OF THE KINGDOM: **1.** The King, Isa. 9:7; Zech. 14:9. **2.** The Throne, Isa. 9:7; 22:22-23. Zech. 6:13. **3.** The Capital, Isa. 2:3; 24:23; 59:20; Jer. 3:16; Mic. 4:2. **4.** The Royal Nation, Isa. 60-62; 43; Jer. 10: 8-24 ; 31 :11-12. **5.** The Tributary Nations, Zech. 14: 16-19. **6.** Condition of Society, Ps. 72. **7.** Condition of Earth, Isa. 35; 55. **8.** Condition of Government, Mic. 4:3. **9.** Conditions among animals, Isa. 11:6; 65:25. **10.** When "Set Up", Dan. 7:13-14.

The Fourfold Purpose

To Teach:

1. "There is One God".
2. To Record and Preserve God's Revelation.
5. To Afford Human Ancestry to Messiah.
6. The Blessedness of Serving God.

To Teach:

1. The Holiness of God.
3. The Sinfulness of Man.
7. The Necessity for Atonement by **Blood**.
8. The Hopelessness of Salvation by Law or Works.

CHARACTER TYPES OF CHRIST: Adam, Melchizedek, Isaac, Joseph, Moses, Aaron, Joshua.

OBJECT LESSONS IN FAITH: Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Job, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, etc. Heb. 11.

All Old Testament Prophecies Focus upon Christ and the 3 Features of His Work: 1. Establishing a Kingdom, Righteous, Universal, Everlasting.

2. Making Atonement for Sin. 3. Making "All Things New".

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Chapter 2. The Gospels

Chapter 2 of The Redemption Story was "Foolishness to the Greeks" and "A Stumbling Block". The Major Note of the Messianic Prophecies, The Kingdom, is **not** the Prominent Feature in the Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ; but the Minor Note of the Suffering Messiah, Ps. 22 and Isa. 53, is Pre-eminent.

The Reader of the Old Testament, knowing nothing of the chapters to follow, is, at first, disappointed in the seeming Tragedy of the Gospel Record. He looks for "The Son of David" and sees "A Man of Sorrows". He looks for the Might and Majesty of Royalty and sees the Humility and Quietness of a Servant. But the closing pages of the gospel story remove the Veil from his eyes and disclose the Hidden Plan of Redemption, namely, that "Christ Must **First** Suffer" before He Reigns; that the Cross must precede the Crown; that the "Sufferings of Christ" antedate the "Glory that is to Follow"; that He must first be "Obedient to Death" before He will "Subdue all things". Before He can "Draw all men unto" Him, He "Must be Lifted Up" on the Cross; that The Ministry of The Holy Spirit must Precede the "Restoration of the Kingdom to Israel"; that "God at First will Visit the Gentiles to Call Out a People for His

Name" and "After that I will Return and Build Again the Tabernacle of David". But the Veil over Israel's Eyes Remains" and they reject a CRUCIFIED Messiah.

The Heart of the Redemption Story is The Gospels; and the Heart of the Gospels is THE DEATH OF CHRIST "FOR OUR SINS". This Love Story is "The Power of God unto Salvation"; the Dynamite of Heaven to Break the Stony heart of man; "I, if I be Lifted Up, will Draw All Men unto Me".

Christ Introduces THREE NEW FEATURES in the Plan of Redemption, not Revealed in the Old Testament; (1) The Ministry of the Holy Spirit ; (2) The Calling Out of "My Church"; (3) and the New Birth. Before The Old Promise "I will Create a New Heaven and a New Earth", Isa. 65:17; 66:22, is fulfilled, and "The Whole Earth is Full of His Glory", Isa. 6:3, there must be "New Creatures in Christ Jesus", "His Body", (the Church) through the Ministry of the Holy Spirit.

For the Outline of The Gospels, see Chart No. 3, "THE FOURFOLD PORTRAIT OF CHRIST".

Chapter 3. The Acts of the Apostles

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

I. TO THE APOSTLES. Christ Promised them Inspiration and Guidance. John 14:26; 16:13-15; and Commanded them to "Wait" for (but not to pray for) The Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:5-8. These promises were literally fulfilled on Pentecost. The Apostles became **Infallible** teachers, speaking "as the Spirit gave them utterance. This Infallibility was essential until their messages were written in the New Testament.

II. SIGNS AND WONDERS" accompanied their preaching "Confirming the Word" until the New Testament was written. This "demonstration of the Spirit", and "Power"—was wholly under Divine control. The Apostles could not heal whom they pleased and did not require faith of the afflicted. Mk. 16:20; Heb. 2:4. Acts 3:1-8; 14:11; 9:34; 9:36-42; 13:11 5:1-10; 16:18; 19:12; 20:9-10; 28:5, 8.

III. THE WEAPON USED BY THE APOSTLES to bring men to Christ was "the Gospel", "the power of God unto salvation" —"The Sword of the Spirit". There is no record of conversions in their ministry apart from "The Word Preached".

IV. "THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT" occurs twice. 1. At Pentecost—on Jews—those "nigh", "the Circumcision"—"under Law". 2. At Caesarea—on Gentiles—those "Far off"—"the Uncircumcision"—"Without Law". Both were Baptized into one Body". 1 Cor. 12:12-13.

"The Wall of Partition was broken down" "the Enmity Slain"—"Both reconciled".

Peter used "The Keys of the Kingdom". Matt. 16:19 on these two occasions.

V. "FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT" "Sanctified" "Comforted" "Helped" "Sealed"—is for **all** Believers, an Individual Experience.

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"My Church"-Built and Established

1. Christ's Promise, Matt. 16:18, was fulfilled on Pentecost. The church was born by the Coming of the Holy Spirit. The church in the Acts is a Spirit-filled Body—a Living Organism—not an organization.

2. "The Church" (20 times, so called) is the Object Picture of "the Body of Christ"—"The Temple of the Holy Spirit", "A Chaste Virgin"—A Faithful Trustee. There is a very Special Divine **Inspiration, Providence, Demonstration, and Guidance** over the church in its infancy.

3. Three Prominent Teachers:

Peter—in Judea—to Jews—Sons of Shem.

Philip—in Samaria—to Samaritans and the Ethiopian—Son of Ham. Paul—to the uttermost parts—to Gentiles—Sons of Japheth.

4. The First Church "Continued Steadfastly in (1) The Apostles' Teaching. (2) In Fellowship. (3) In the Breaking of Bread. (4) In Prayer. In Faith, Obedience, Unity, Unselfishness, Power, Zeal, Grace, Love and Generosity they are a pattern for all believers.

Their **Mission** was to "Preach Christ"; Their **Equipment**—"Filled with the Holy Spirit"; Their **Life**, Separate from the World and United "in One Body"; Their **Recourse**, Prayer.

5. The Church "Begins" in Jerusalem and Judea, 1-7; Extends to Samaria and Syria, 8-12; To Asia and Greece, 13-21; To Rome, 21-28.

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Chapter 3. The Acts of the Apostles

The New Birth Regeneration and Conversion

Fourfold

1. "Born of God", John 5.
2. "Born of the Spirit", John 3:5.
3. "Born of the Word", 1 Pet. 1:23.
4. "Born of Water", John 3:5. God sent the Spirit; The Spirit spoke The Word through the lips of Disciples. Water, the material element, provided the "Form", the "Figure". The Life of God is imparted, by the Spirit, through the Word. Water baptism pictures the Death, Burial and Resurrection of the Believer with Christ.

Demonstrations

- At Jerusalem on Pentecost, 2;
In Samaria, 8;
The Ethiopian, 8;
Saul, 9;
Cornelius' Company, 10;
Lydia, 16;
The Jailer, 16;
The Corinthians, 18.

In every instance, save Saul's, the Gospel spoken by Inspired men was "the power of God unto salvation" and the same "obedience to the faith" in Repentance and Baptism was rendered. In Saul's case, the Lord Jesus appeared in person that this future Apostle might receive his commission direct and be a "Witness". He could henceforth say: "I have seen the Lord"—and "Paul, an Apostle, not by the will of men". Salvation was free; but conditions of acceptance were demanded. Regeneration was God's gift; Conversion was man's obligation.

Transformation

Bigoted Jew; Ignorant Samaritan; Haughty Greek; Proud Roman; "Bond and Free"; "Male and Female"; from Asia, Africa and Europe, are reborn and made "New Creatures in Christ"—Brought into "One Body". "From Darkness to Light"; "from the power of Satan unto God"; from Death to Life; from Condemnation to Justification. Men of every class in society and of every race were "transformed and made "Living Epistles" for Christ.

The Genesis

"Acts" is the Book of the "Beginnings" of

1. "The New Creation", Isa. 11:9; 66:22; Hab. 2:14.
2. "The Better Covenant".
3. "The Ministry of the Spirit".
4. "The Church".
5. "The Gospel Ministry".
6. "Salvation" by "Grace".

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Chapter 4. The Epistles

Of Paul (Faith) Summary and Synopsis of Message

Romans	<p>RIGHTEOUSNESS is the Key word of this letter, occurring 40 times. "There is none Righteous", either "under Law", or "without law". The Acceptance of Jesus Christ JUSTIFIES; Faith rests in Him. Neither "works" nor Character can avail. God's plan for making men Righteous is Jesus Christ. In Him, men are reckoned as Righteous; they are 'Justified freely'; "There is no Condemnation". Note the three great Therefore, 5 :1 ; 8: 1 ; 12: 1.</p>
1 Corinthians	<p>The Evils of Sectarianism are; Exalting Men above the Lord Jesus, 1 and 3. Dividing the Church, 1. Stunting Spiritual Growth, 3. Yielding Carnal Works, "Wood, Hay, Stubble", 3. Destroying Humility, 4. Tolerating Iniquity, 5. Appealing to law courts, 6. Abusing the Lord's Supper, 10, 11. Puerile Jealousies over Temporary Gifts, 12-14. 'A LIVING EPISTLE" (The church as it ought to be).</p>
2 Corinthians	<p>Written on the Heart; By the Lord; through the Holy Spirit; The World should read these lessons in the Life of the Christian; Humility, 3; Renunciation, 4; Submission in Suffering, 4-6; Other Worldliness, 5; Unselfishness, 8-9.</p>
Galatians	<p>New Covenant. Gospel. Liberty. Sarah. Isaac. Jerusalem Above. Persecuted. Old Covenant. Law. Bondage. Hagar. Ishmael. Jerusalem Below. Persecutor. 'Grace" produces "The Fruit of the Spirit; of "The Works of the Law" and "Flesh".</p>
Ephesians	<p>The Standing of "His Body"; Chosen, Sanctified, Adopted, Accepted, Redeemed, Forgiven, Enriched, Enlightened, Sealed, Quickened, Exalted, Consecrated, Reconciled, United. "IN HIM". (Out of Him. "WITHOUT" Country, Home, God, Christ and Hope). 'The Old Man" . . . "Drunk with Wine".. "The New Man" "Filled with the Spirit"; In Charity, In Unity, In Purity, In Service.</p>
Colossians	<p>Christ is HEAD, Redeemer, Creator, Preserver, Reconciler, Sanctifier, Deity. The Church is Crucified, Dead, Buried, Quickened, Risen, Circumcised and Energized by Him; Sloughs off the Old and Puts on the New.</p>
Philippians	<p>The Mind of Christ; was also seen in Paul, Timothy and Epaphroditus. Christ is our Master, Holiness, Hope, Example, Vine, Theme, Indweller, Pattern, Companion, Provider, Lord, Providence, Joy, Lesson, Goal, Prize, Redeemer, Peace, Strength, Fountain of Grace.</p>
1 Thessalonians	<p>His Coming is an Incentive to Courage, Fidelity, God-Pleasing, Gentleness, Love, Unselfishness; The Hope for the Living and "Dead in Christ".</p>
2 Thessalonians	<p>To an Ungodly World, He comes "As a thief" . . . "In flaming Fire taking Vengeance" and "Shall Consume That Lawless One".</p>
1 Timothy	<p>The CHARGE. concerning himself. Bishops and Deacons. Prayer. Church Government. Riches. The "Good Minister" is a Student. a Teacher. A Shepherd. An Example.</p>
2 Timothy	<p>He is Son, Soldier, Athlete, Gardener, Mechanic, Vessel and Servant. He should Know "Sound. Doctrine"; "The Holy Scriptures"; of the Coming Apostasy . . . and the "Crown of Righteous" for "The Good Fight" in "That Day".</p>
Titus	<p>The Character and Conduct of a Bishop. The Life and Teaching of a Minister.</p>
Philemon	<p>"Philemon", the Master, and "Onesimus", the Servant; Both "Brothers" distinctions in the church.</p>
Hebrews	<p>The Church is warned by Israel's history. UNBELIEF is the Rock that wrecks.</p>

Of James (Works)

Of Peter (Hope)

Of John (Love)

Of Jude

James	Faith without Works is "Dead" . . . "Can THAT Faith Save"? No. Works are Subsequent, not Antecedent to Faith; they Demonstrate, not Merit. Faith <u>will be Manifest in Charity, 2; In a Bridled Tongue, 3; in Trust, 4; In Endurance, 5, and Righteousness.</u>
1 Peter	Hope reaches Upward, Outward and Inward. It empowers one for The Fine Art of Living: Hating and Loving . . . Refraining and Seeking . . . Fleeing and Following . . . Abhorring and Cleaving. Enduring, Blessing and Praying . . . Suffering (20 times).
2 Peter	Peter's Precious Things; The Foundation Stone . . . The Blood . . . The Faith . . . The Promises . . . A Meek and Quiet Spirit, 5:6, 7; 1:19; 2:1; 2:4; 3:4. Divine Addition to Faith, 1; Traitors to the Faith, 2; Confirmation, 3.
1 John	LOVE . . . LIGHT . . . LIFE . Observe the 9 Keep's and 40 Know's. Fellowship, (Partnership) with God, with Christ, with the Children of God. Confessing Sin . . . Keeping His Word . . . Walking in Light . . . Living Righteously . . . Loving the Brethren . . . Loving NOT the World . . . Disowning False Teachers.
2 John	"The Elect Lady and her Children" . . Walk in Truth and hate Error.
3 John	Gaius . . . Prosperous Soul . . . Walks in Truth . . . is Kind to Brethren. Diotrephes . . . Lean Soul . . . Walks in Error . . . Prates maliciously . . . Excommunicates.
Jude	To the "Sanctified, Preserved and Called" in the "Common Salvation". Enemies of the Faith are Ungodly, Licentious and Heretical. They should remember God's judgments on Israel, Angels and Sodom. Also Cain, Balaam and Korah. They are Hidden Rocks that wreck; Empty Clouds that darken; Fruitless Trees that Cumber; Raging Waves that Engulf; Wandering Stars that Mislead. Murmurers, Complainers, Lustful, Covetous, Boastful, Mockers. "Ye, Beloved" Built up . . . Pray . . . Keep . . . Look . . . Pity . . . Rescue . . . Hate. The Last word of the Epistles "He is Able to Keep you from Falling".

Chapter 4. The Epistles

Special Chapters; Heb. 11, Faith; Rom. 8, The Holy Spirit; 1 Cor. 13, Love; 1 Cor. 15, Resurrection; Eph. 1, The Church; Jas. 2, Works; Jas. 3, The Tongue; 2 Tim. 2, The Seven-Fold Activity of the Man of God; 2 Thess. 2, 2 Tim. 3, 2 Pet. 2-3, Jude, The Apostasy of Christendom.

Relationships;

To the World; Separation . . . Example . . . Teacher of the Word.

Husbands and Wives; Love . . . Reverence . . . Submission.

To Governments; Subjection . . . Obedience.

Parents and Children; Forbearance . . . Obedience.

To Other Believers; Love . . . Fellowship.

Master and Servant; Forbearance . . . Fidelity. The

Church is "HIS BODY" . . . HIS "VIRGIN" . . . HIS "TEMPLE" . . . HIS "TRUSTEE" . . . HIS "LIGHT BEARER".

She has a Living Room . . . A Dining Room . . . A Rest Room.

The Two Features in these Epistles are Adapted to the Two Hemispheres in the Believer's Life; Faith and Works; Doctrine and Duty; Confession and Conduct;

Profession and Practice; Talk and Walk. "Sound Doctrine" is the basis of proper conduct. Every phase of human life; every Duty and Relationship; every Doctrine and every Error; every Grace and every Weakness; Faith, Hope and Love; Salvation and Redemption from every angle; the Church as it is in Christendom, and the Church, which is "His Body", is treated in these Epistles sufficiently to "thoroughly furnish the Man of God unto all good works". FAITH is their great word, occurring some 255 times. The Messages of these Epistles must be translated into the Life of the church to be read by the world.

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Chapter 5. Revelation — The Days and the Lamb

CHAPTERS 2-3.

THE DAY OF MAN—

The Church on Earth.

Ephesus to Laodicea.

"The Son of Man" Demands:

Love and Obedience.

Loyalty to His Person and to His Word.

CHAPTERS 4-5.

THE DAY OF CHRIST—

The Church in Heaven, 4 :4; 5:9.

"Judgment Seat" of Christ.

Rewards for Works.

Crowns for Overcomers.

CHAPTERS 6-18.

THE DAY OF TRIBULATION—

The 7 Seals, 7 Trumpets, 7 Vials.

The Saved of Israel, 7:1-8; and of the Nations, 7:9-17. Satanic Persecution and

Divine Preservation of Israel, 12. The World worshiping the Beast King, 13.

Babylon—Christendom, with The True Church gone — Destroyed, 17.

CHAPTERS 19-20.

THE DAY OF THE LORD—

(May include "The Day of Tribulation").

"King of Kings" comes in Vengeance.

Reigns in Righteousness.

The Beast King, Anti-Christ; The False Prophet, Anti-Spirit;

and Satan, Anti-God, in "The Lake of Fire". Second Resurrection.

CHAPTERS 21-22.

THE DAY OF GOD—

"All Things Subdued".

"All Things New".

The New Jerusalem (in the heavens above earth).

Sin, Sorrow, Death, no More.

"God With Men".

THE BOOK OF REVELATION DISCLOSES THE BLASPHEMY of Unitarianism; the Condemnation of Sectarianism and the Falsity of Universalism. Jesus Christ is in Absolute Control in Revelation. His Glory is Revealed in the opening Chapter. The Announcement, "Behold He comes", opens the Revelation and the cry, "Come, Lord Jesus" is the closing prayer. The Consummation of God's Redemption Plan awaits His Coming. Scores of Promises to the Church, to Israel, and to "All Nations" remain unfulfilled "till He comes". The Redemption of the Body; The Conversion of Israel; The Righteous Government of the Nations ; The Correction of all the

Evils of Society and Industry; The Deliverance of the Groaning Creation; The Banishment of Satan; The Destruction of Death, await His coming.

THE LAMB. 27 titles in Revelation Jesus Christ is presented as "The Lamb" (God's "**Precious One**"); **with** the Crucifixion Marks; Worshiped; Worthy; Judge; In Wrath; On the Throne of David; Savior; Shepherd; Omnipotent; Life; King of Israel; Bridegroom; Avenger; King of Saints; King of Kings; Head of Apostles; Temple; Author ; Sovereign Ruler of the Universe.

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Chapter 5. Revelation- Consummation

Some Unfulfilled Promises of Former Scriptures:	Fulfilled in Revelation:
1. The Bruising of Satan. Gen. 3:15.	"Chained", 20:1-3. "In Lake of Fire", 20:10.
2. The Blessing of Nations . Gen. 12:3.	" Nations Saved ". 21:24, 27.
3. <u>The Kingdom of God Righteous, "Son of David", "Son of Man."</u> -Universal, Everlasting, of Dan. 2:44; 7:14. Ps. 72. Universal Peace. Isa. 2:4; Ps. 72:3, 7; 85:8-10. Prince of Peace". Isa. 9:6.	11:15-1; 19:11-16 . 21-22.
4. Universal Health and Joy. Isa. 35; 33:24. "Sun of Righteousness". Mal. 4:2.	21:3-4; 22:2.
5. The Curse Removed from Earth. Nature and Animals Rejoice. Isa. 11:6-9; 35; 55:12-13.	"No More Curse". 22:2-3.
6. Resurrection of Dead. Job 19:25. Dan. 12:2.	20:12-13.
7. Universal Knowledge of God. Isa. 11 :9. Hab. 2:14.	"His Name in their Foreheads". 22:4.
8. New Heavens and Earth. Isa. 65:17; 66:22. (Also 2 Pet. 3:13).	21:1.
9. "I will come Again and Receive You". John 14:3. (Also Acts 1:11).	19:7-9; 20:21:9-11.
10. The "Great Tribulation". Matt. 24:21-22, 29-30.	6-18.
11. The Two Resurrections: "He that Believeth" and "All". John 11:25; 5:28.	20:4-5; 12-13.
3. "Times of Restitution". Acts 3:20-24.	20-22.
4. Day of Judgment. Acts 1 7:31.	20.
5. Restoration of David's Throne. Acts 15:14-17. (Also Lk. 1:32-33) .	3:7; 5:5; 22:16; 7:4-8 with 14:1-.3
12. Deliverance of Groaning Creation". Rom. 8:19-23.	22.
13. Resurrection and Rapture of Church. 1. Thess. 4:13-17. 1 Cor. 15 :51-55.	4-5. The Church in Heaven.
14. Day of Fire-Burning "Wood, Hay, Stubble". 1 Cor. 3:12-15.	6-18.
15. "Day Christ" Reward for works". 2 Thess. 2 Cor. 5:10.	4-5.
16. "Day of the Lord"-of "Vengeance". 1 Thess. 2 Pet. Jude.	6-18.
17. The Great Apostasy and "The Man of Sin". 2 Thess. 2 Pet. Jude.	6-18.

Chapter 1, The Old Testament, is all Promise, (not Fulfillment) of Redemption promises.

Chapter 2, The Gospels, Record the Fulfillment of the **Atonement** for Sin; and introduce Three New Features, but leave the other **Old Test** promises unfulfilled.

Chapters 3-4, Acts and Epistles, Record the Fulfillment of Three Features of Redemption promised by Christ and Introduce Several New Promises.

Chapter 5, Revelation, is the Consummation of the Plan, the Conclusion of the Story. In Revelation, the unfulfilled promises of former Chapters are **Recorded as Facts Fulfilled**. We may Rest in them. After each of the first four Chapters the necessity for further Revelation is obvious; but after the fifth chapter there remains no unfulfilled promise. The Revelation is Complete. "If man shall add to these words-God shall add to Him the plagues".