

The Bible Counselor for Soul Winning

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(1) THE ORIGIN OF SIN

Because God wants allegiance based on love & not force, created beings are given the power of choice Isa.1:18; Gen.2:17
Sin is rebellion against God's love based law 1Jn.3:4; Mat.22:37-40; Rom.8:7
Rebellion by sin is rejection of God & separates us from Him Ps.10:4; Isa.59:2
Sin originated in heaven with an angel called Lucifer, later called Satan Isa.14:12
He was created perfect but allowed to exercise his power of choice Ez.28:15
Lucifer chose sin-pride, claimed unfairness of God's law, & wanted to exalt himself above God Isa.14:13,14
In fairness to Satan God allowed him to voice his opinion which brought about the deception of 1/3 of the angels & later man .. Rev.12:4
Good & evil are not compatible Mat.12:25
So Satan & the angels who choose rebellion were evicted from heaven Rev.12:7-9

(2) THE FALL OF HUMANITY

Adam & Eve were given a choice & warned of sin & its consequences Gen.2:15-17
They choose to trust & obey the word of Satan over God Gen.3:6
Because of this surrender of allegiance to Satan all mankind became sinful by nature & deserving of death .. Rom.5:12-16
As a result all creation groans under the pain & curse of sin Rom.8:22
But since by one sin came, by One-Christ, all can be redeemed by choice ... Rom.5:17-21

(3) CONDITION OF HUMANITY

All have sinned & fallen short Rom.3:23,10-12; Ecc.7:20; Ps.130:3
Sin separates us from God .. Isa.59:2; Gen.3:8
Because of carnal natures we seek pleasure of sin, it leads to death .. Pv.16:25; 21:2
Our heart is deceitful & beyond cure without Christ's intervention Jer.17:9; 13:23
We can't even desire right, it is a gift from God Rom.2:4; Eph.2:1,5; Phil.2:13
Our destiny with out a Saviour is eternal death-the wage of sin Rom.6:23

(4) GOD'S DILEMMA

God is love 1Jn.4:8; Jer.31:3
All are sinners & are deserving of the death penalty Rom.3:23; 5:12; 2Chron.6:36
Because God is loves He wants to save every lost soul .. 2Pet.3:9; 1Tim.2:3-5; Jn.12:32
He is, & must be, fair & just .. Ps.36:6; Ex.34:7
Since the wages of sin is death the price must be paid Rom.6:23; Gen.2:17
It takes the shedding of blood for sins to be pardoned Heb.9:22

(5) GOD'S RESCUE PLAN

He choose us before the foundation of the world to be holy & blameless Eph.1:4
But He knew one day man would fall so, in love, before the world's foundation put a redemption plan into place to make our holiness possible again 1Pet.1:19,20
The plan was revealed at the fall-the promise to give us enmity (hatred) for sin which is a gift & contrary to our natures; & to send Jesus-the "Seed," to defeat Satan Gen.3:15
He gave His Son so that those who believe may have life Jn.3:16,17; 1Jn.4:10
Jesus took your sins & by His stripes you are healed Isa.53:5,6; Gal.3:13; 2Cor.5:21
This is the "gospel"-the mysteries of the unsearchable riches of Christ given to man Eph.3:8,9

(6) CHRIST'S LOVE FOR YOU

Love of Christ passes knowledge ... Eph.3:19
Is no greater love then to give life .. Jn.15:13
While you were yet a sinner Christ died for you Rom.5:8; 1Jn.3:16; 1Tim.2:5
He is the Door that every man must enter to be saved 1Jn.10:7-9
He invites you to come to know Him & find rest to your soul Mat.11:29
He has promised that He will never leave or forsake you Heb.13:5

(7) WHO JESUS IS TO YOU

The Light of world Jn.8:12; 12:46
Your True Vine Jn.15:1-8
Your Door to salvation Jn.10:7
Your Good Shepherd Jn.10:11
Your Resurrection & Life Jn.11:25
Your Way, Truth, & Life Jn.14:6
Your Living Bread of Life Jn.6:35,51
Forgiver of your transgressions .. Isa.43:25
Your Saviour, if you allow Isa.43:10,11

(8) GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU

Your fearfully & wonderfully made by Him & always in His thoughts .. Ps.139:14-18
Showed His love by sending His Son to die that you might live through Him .. 1Jn.4:9
His love is new every morning & never fails, great is His faithfulness Lam.3:22-23
Nothing can separate His love .. Rom.8:38,39
Loves you with everlasting love Jer.31:3
Behold what manner-calls you child .. 1Jn.3:1

(9) GOD'S CHARACTER

The definition of God is love 1Jn.4:8,16
God is compassionate, gracious, longsuffering, & plenty in mercy .. Ps.86:15; 145:8
Justice & judgment are the principles of

His government Ps.89:14
Christ & the Father are the same-the compassionate healers described in the four books of the gospels Jn.14:9
Sent Son not to condemn but save .. Jn.3:17
He is merciful & slow to anger & does not treat us as we deserve-has removed our sins from east to west Ps.103:8-14
He is a forgiving Father who longs for the return of His children Lk.15:20

(10) YOUR SELF-WORTH IN CHRIST

You are God's child 1Jn.3:1; Jn.1:12
He formed you in the womb .. Job31:15; 44:24
You are created in His image Gen.1:26
He has called you by named & claimed you
He will be with you & protect you, you are precious in His sight, He has created you for His glory Isa.43:1-7
He numbers hairs on your head Mat.10:30
Jesus died for you Gal.2:20; 1:4; Jn.3:16
Created, called & will save .. Isa.43; Ex.33:12
He is creating a mansion for you Jn.14:13

(11) THE POWER OF GOD

Jesus & the Father are as One, they always existed, they created all things .. Jn.1:1-3
They can forgive your iniquities, heal all your diseases, redeem your life from destruction, crown you with loving kindness & mercy, provide your food, give justice for the oppressed Ps.103:1-6
They can raise the dead Jn.11:43
They can part the sea Ex.14:12
They can deliver you from sin .. Rom.6:14
They can give your heart peace ... Phil.4:7
They can present you faultless & keep you from falling Jude1:24
They can give you eternal life that no one can take away Jn.10:28,29

(12) THE OFFER

To come & learn of Him Mat.11:29
To provide your needs Mat.6:33
To give healing, rest & peace to your soul Mat.11:28; Isa.26:3; Rev.21:4
To be called His child 1Jn.3:1
To give you a new heart Ez.36:26-28
Victory over sin Rom.6:14; 1Cor.15:57
To forgive your sins & make you a king & a priest Rev.1:6; 5:10
Eternal life to whosoever will come & freely take it .. Rev.22:17; Rom.6:23; Isa.55:1-3
An inheritance incorruptible ... 1Pet.1:3,4; Mat.25:34; Ps.37:11; Pv.8:21; Rev.21:7

(13) AUTHORSHIP OF THE BIBLE

God inspired .. 2Pet.1:21; 2Tm.3:16; Heb.1:1
Every word of God is pure (flawless) .. Pv.30:5
True from beginning & endures .. Ps.119:160
Word never changes Isa.40:8
Word is righteous & faithful Ps.119:138
He declares the end from the beginning & His counsel stands Isa.46:10

(14) BENEFITS OF THE BIBLE

A source of counsel & light to your path of life Ps.119:24,105,130
A source of strength, comfort, & hope Ps.119:28,49,50, 114,147; Ps.130:5
A source to warn us of pitfalls experienced by others & is given for our example & our admonition .. 1Cor.10:6,11; Rom.15:4

A source of wisdom for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ; gives doctrine, reproof, correction, & instruction; & it equips us for every good work 2Tim.3:15-17
A source of peace when trusted .. Ps.119:165
A source of truth & sanctification ... Jn.17:17
A source of life when you choose it, & can bring health to your body Pv.4:20-22
A source for mercy & salvation ... Ps.119:41

(15) PREPARING FOR BIBLE STUDY

Uninterrupted time is vital .. Pv.8:17; Mk.1:35
Private prayer is a vital prelude to Bible study so that the ministry of the Word can be effective in us .. Acts6:4; Rom.6:6
Believe all God's Word is truth Pv.30:5
Pray an open mind & an accepting heart so the Spirit can teach & you guide to all truth Jn.16:13; Jn.14:26
Search the Scriptures daily & seek truth with an open mind Acts17:11
Seek with all heart & will find Him .. Jer.29:13

(16) APPLICATION OF BIBLE STUDY

I. IDENTIFY PURPOSE & CONTEXT

Positive = is it meant to give you comfort, strength, to admonish, give hope, teach doctrine, give reproof, correction, instruction, motivation or to equip for good work? 2Tim.3:15-17

Negative = is it a reflection of an event or thought that is relayed so we can see & avoid the folly of others. Example: Jobs friends advice (Job.42:7); & Jonah's attitude & response (Jon.4) .. 1Cor.10:6,11

II. ASK HOW DOES IT PERTAIN TO ME?

Realize because of the affects of sin we are all in the same boat-a world plagued with sin. Without God we are each capable of the vilest crimes & all are subject to the injustice sin brings. Every word of counsel or event in Scripture can relate to our lives in some way: in us, loved ones, friends, or acquaintances. Ask God to help you realize "how" this Scripture pertains to your life Eccl.3

III. APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE

If Positive = Ask God to help you obey the counsel, command, or instruction; or to claim the blessing, promise or power it offers to your life Pv.1:5

If Negative = If tells of event or thought that is negative ask God to help you to avoid the same mistakes 1Cor.10:6,11

(17) PROPHECY VALIDATES BIBLE

Prophecy comes from God 2Pet.1:21
He knows the beginning & end ... Isa.46:10
Prophecy was written to inform us, to build our faith, & to give us hope .. Rom.15:4
Prophecy warns us of the future Isa.42:9
The Bible contains hundreds of prophecies, the majority fulfilled but a few still to come. Even secular history proves without any doubt that its predictions are 100% reliable. The following are a few prophecies involving the life of Christ.
Study of them will help you build faith in the Bible & acceptance of Jesus as Christ.

Prediction	Fulfillment
Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1
Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18
Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:14,15

Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16-18
Isaiah 53:3	John 1:11
Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:15
Genesis 3:15	Galatians 4:4
Malachi 3:1	Luke 7:24,27
Psalms 2:7	Matthew 3:17
Zechariah 9:9	Mark 11:7,9,11
Psalms 34:20	John 19:32-36

(18) ACCEPTANCE OF SCRIPTURE

Accept ALL Scripture as valid & applicable, do not be selective 2Tim.3:16
Don't add or take away .. Pv.30:6; Rev.22:18,19
Not all Scriptures are easy to understand-take God at His Word, avoid preconceived ideas that may cause you to distort, & wrestle to your own destruction .. 2Pet.3:16
Avoid philosophy & traditions if they conflict with Bible-historically spiritual majority isn't always right [Noah & Jesus as Christ & His teachings] Col.2:8
Let Scripture interpret itself-line upon line, precept upon precept Isa.28:10
Accept truth, apply it to your life, & it will become effective in you 1Thes.2:13; Jn.7:17; Pv.8:32-35

(19) PROMISED RESULTS OF STUDY

When you ask & seek, God WILL reveal mighty things to you Jer.33:3
Your heart will rejoice with truth ... Luk.24:32
If you diligently study God will approve & reward your efforts by helping you "rightly divide"-correctly understand ... 2Tim.2:15
The truth will set you free .. Jn.8:32; Heb.11:6
You will abide in Him with peace ... Ps.119:165
You will experience victory proportional to your connection to Him Jn.15:1-8
Be born of incorruptible seed through the living & enduring Word 1Pet.1:23

(20) THE DEFINITION OF SIN

Sin is the transgression of the law ... 1Jn.3:4
The law is to love God & others as we love ourself Mat.22:37-39; Jn.15:12
Commandments show respect & love to God & man & are our guidelines .. Ex.20:3-17
Law of God reveals sin Rom.5:13
Break one command is to break all .. Jam.2:10
Can be an unknown-sin that does not lead to death 1Jn.5:17; Act17:30
We become guilty of "sin" when we become aware of it Jn.9:41; 15:22

Sin Originates in the Heart [Mind]

Choosing to allow the mind to dwell on any immoral behavior (breaking the moral law-10 commandments) is sin, thought prepares the body to act Jam.1:14,15

Examples
Pride is sin Pv.21:4
Foolish thoughts are sin Pv.24:9
To despise a neighbor is sin Pv.14:21
Lusting is a sin Mat.5:28
Anger is a sin Mat.5:22

Sin by Commission - Things Done

Transgressing the law is sin 1Jn.3:4
Committing iniquity-moral evil .. Ez.18:24
Sin is gratification of selfish lust that brings pleasure for a short time Heb.11:25
Putting love of self before love of God or love others Isa.14:13

<p><u>Sin by Omission - Things Not Done</u> Withholding good (principles of love) when in your power to do it. Jam.4:17; Pv.3:27,28 When ye minister unto the least you have done it unto Him. Those that did not shall go away into everlasting punishment & those that do into life Mat.25:34-46 When much given, much expected. Luk.12:48 Lack of faith Rom.14:23; Heb.3:12 Failure to pray for others 1Sam.12:23</p> <p><u>Results of Sin</u> No sacrifice if we continue in known sin after knowledge of truth—to trample Christ underfoot Heb.10:26,29 Immediate separation from God. Isa.59:1-4 Ultimately permanent separation from God by eternal death. Rom.6:23; Jn.17:13 All sin will be destroyed & those who cling to it in the lake of fire Rev.20:8</p>	<p>Lev.5:5</p> <p><u>Results of Confession</u> Guilt from lack of confessing results in physical disorders, premature aging & death Lam.1:20; Ps.32:3,4; Rom.6:23 If confess & forsake sin get mercy. Pv.28:13 Confession removes guilt Heb.10:2 Confession brings forgiveness 1Jn.1:9 Confession brings blessings, healing, & peace of mind. Jam.5:16; Ps.32:1; Ps.41:4</p> <p><u>Examples of Confession</u> The Publican Luk.18:13 The Prodigal son Luk.15:18,19 David's confession in displeasing God by counting Israel 1Chron.21:7,8,17 David's after adultery & murder Ps.51</p>	<p>* It will be the most effective to give your invitation after using the “Steps to Accepting Christ” section to prepare and not as an exact script. It is also important to realize every soul is different so the wording of your questions may vary but the basic elements need to be present.</p> <p>* If you memorize the location of the first text and then make a “trail” to the rest in the column by each verse, you will feel more confident and your invitation will likely flow smoother.</p> <p>* You can influence their decisions by being on your knees long before the encounter!</p> <p>* Your personal testimony is powerful!</p> <p>* It is most effective to make an appeal one on one in their homes if possible.</p> <p>* They need to realize this is a complex decision. They are in the middle of a great controversy and may experience trials, and tribulations for their faith. But assure them that God will give them strength, abiding peace, and eternal life. It will be worth it all!</p> <p>* If they are hesitant it may be due to conflicts with family, work, their current church, or other concerns. The “Decision Questions and Answers” section of this booklet may help answer these questions.</p> <p>* Invite them to baptism and to join a study group! The way to keep them connected is by friendship and accountability.</p> <p>* After each question in your appeal you MUST remain silent. It is imperative that they respond first. This may seem uncomfortable but this will allow the Spirit to do His work. Don't put words in their mouth or make excuses for them. At the end of your presentation you need to be able to say, “You have said...” If you have answered for them then it is your commitment not theirs!</p>	<p>for your sins. You said you're willing to do it God's way. These are the beginning steps of receiving Him, the final one is to say these things to God in a simple prayer. Would you like to kneel together and allow me to lead you in that prayer to receive Him and become His child? ***</p> <p>Dear Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, I believe you died for me. I ask for forgiveness, I choose to turn from my sins, & I accept your way for my life. I receive you now as my Saviour & the Lord of my life. Thank you for saving me. In Jesus name, amen. .</p>	<p>What He promises He is able. Rom.4:21</p> <p>(31) CHURCH RELATED ISSUES</p> <p>I can't leave my church Come out of her my people Rev.18:4 Sheep hear voice & come. Jn.10:26,27 To ignore truth is loving praise of men more than of God Jn.12:42,43 Many will say Lord, Lord. Mat.7:22,23</p> <p>What if my pastor & friends advise me against any changes? Search Word with open mind. Act.17:11 Ought to obey God over man. Acts.5:29 If speak not of Word don't listen. Isa.8:20</p> <p>Why join the church, it seems to me to be full of hypocrites? Christ alone is our example. 1Pet.2:21 Judge not that ye be not judged. Mat.7:1 Each accountable to God. Rom.14:12</p> <p>Isn't one church the same as another? Not all that say Lord but he that does Father's will enters heaven. Mat.7:21 May have form but denies. 2Tim.3:5 Babylon is fallen & commits fornication (false doctrines). God calls His people out. Rev.18:1-4</p> <p>Is it necessary to join a church? Christ is head of the church, which is body of Christ. Eph.5:24; 5:22-33 Like a body has many members (parts) to sustain life, so to grow spiritually we must be connected to the body of Christ. 1Cor.12:14; 12-17 Baptism is ordinance uniting individual to Christ's body—the church. Gal.3:27</p> <p>How could the majority be wrong? God says, “Come out from among them be separate”. 2Cor.6:17,18; Rev.18:1-4 He is calling you out of “her”—Babylon the churches who teach the confusion of false doctrine. Rev.18:4 Don't follow a multitude to evil. Ex.23:2 Only Noah's family. Gen.7:13 Christ & disciples vs nation. Acts.13:27 Narrow way few find it. Mat.7:14</p> <p>What are the Biblical characteristics of God's true church? See “Bible Defines the True Church”</p>	<p>If speak not of Word don't listen. Isa.8:20 Don't wrestle to destruction. Pet.3:16 Babylon is fallen & commits fornication (false doctrines). God calls His people out. Rev.18:1-4 See “More Facts About Truth”</p> <p>(33) FAMILY & FRIEND CONCERNS</p> <p>What if people ridicule & reject me? The world will hate you because you are no longer of the world. Jn.17:14 Blessed when hated or rejected, rejoice your reward is great. Lk.6:22,23,26 Fear man snare, if trust safe. Pv.29:25-27 If ashamed of Him, He of us. Mk.8:38</p> <p>My friends may forsake me World loves one who hates you. Jn.15:19 Friend of world is enemy of God. Jam.4:4 Walk with wise are wise, companion of fools shall be destroyed. Pv.13:20</p> <p>What if my family forsakes me? Family will be foes, if love them more not worthy, take up cross or not worthy. Mat.10:36-39; Mic.7:5-9 Forsake family & lands receive 100 fold & everlasting life. Mat.19:29 Those who lose family & home for His sake will blessed many times over in this life & the world to come. Lk.18:29,30 When father & mother forsake you the Lord receives you. Ps.27:10 Could this cause family division? He came not for peace but to make division (saved from lost). Family members divided against each other. Lk.12:49-53 Lk.12:49-53; 1Kgs18:17,18</p> <p>What if I wait for family or a friend? Each accountable to God. Rom.14:12 We cannot deliver family. Ez.14:20 Parent can't save child. Ez.18:20</p>
<p>(21) REPENTANCE</p> <p>Repentance is a God given heart felt hatred & sorrow for our sin. Ez.36:31; 20:43; Ps.38:18; 2Cor.7:9,10 It's a tool to heal & remove the pain & bitterness from our hearts that is present due to our sin. Jer.4:18 The Lord is patient not wanting anyone to perish but all to repent. 2Pet.3:9 Allows us to receive Holy Spirit. Acts.2:38 Leads to pardon & peace. Acts.3:19; Mk.1:4 Repentance gives life, lack of it leads to destruction. Act.11:18; Lk.13:5; Ez.18:30 God leads us to repentance. Rom.2:4 Is a gift from God—carnal natures are not capable of sorrow for sin, our part is to accept the gift & act on it. Acts.5:31 Describes our role in accepting repentance. 2Chron.7:14; Joel 2:12,13; Act.3:19</p>	<p>(23) JUSTIFICATION</p> <p>Means to be acquitted, made just, cleared of guilt—God sent Him who had no sin to be sin for us so in Him we might have the righteousness of God. 2Cor.5:21 Jesus is the Way, truth, & life. None can come to Father but by Him. Jn.14:6 Washed, sanctified, & justified in Lord's name by the Spirit. 1Cor.6:11 Through Christ's righteousness justification is available for all. Rom.5:19 Are justified by faith. Rom.5:1; 3:22,28 Justified by Christ's blood. Rom.5:9</p> <p>(24) GOD ASKS FOR A DECISION</p> <p>Come learn of me find rest. Mat.11:28 All thirsty come without price. Isa.55:1-3 There is a season, time for every purpose under the heavens. Eccl.3:1 Lord is not willing any perish, wants all to come, day as a thief. 2Pet.3:9,10 That season is now—today if ye will hear His voice come. Ps.95:6-8; 2Cor.6:2</p>	<p><u>Additional References</u> Say not “more convenient time”. Act.24:25 While sinners He died for us. Rom.5:8 Plan before world's foundation. 1Pet.1:19 He will not turn any away. Jn.6:37 Salvation in no other name. Act.4:12 The close of probation. Mat.25:10 He that is just is just still. Rev.22:11</p>	<p>(28) CHOICE OF A NEW LIFE</p> <p>You're making the choice to die to self & to live for Christ by faith. Gal.2:17-20 Keep focused on Him & you will have peace in all circumstance of life. Isa.26:3 Because of love Him you won't want to hurt Him by living in known sin. 1Jn.5:18 You will live in Him by His Spirit. 1Jn.4:13 By daily submission, Bible study, & prayer you'll have faith & His strength to overcome. 1Jn.5:4; 1Pet.1:23; 2Tim.2:22 If you fall, ask for forgiveness then get up and go forward. 1Jn.1:9; Pv.24:16</p> <p>(29) THE BLESSING OF BAPTISM</p> <p>Baptism is a public (as was Christ's death) acceptance & commitment to Christ. As He died it symbolizes our death to sin, & as He was resurrected, our birth to newness of life. Rom.6:4-12; 1Pet.3:21 Baptism is to put on Christ. Gal.3:27 Believe, be baptized, are saved (when it is possible we should do it). Mk.16:16 Jesus not baptized for sin but for our example & to fulfill righteousness for those who can't (example is thief on cross). Mk.1:9 The result of baptism is remission of sin & to receive the Holy Spirit. Acts.2:38</p>	<p>When is baptism appropriate? The sequence & process for evangelism given by Christ in the gospel commission is (1) teach them the gospel (2) baptize them (3) then teach them to observe or obey—sanctification. Mat.28:18-20 It was done by Philip to the Ethiopian as soon as he understood, believed, and accepted the plan of salvation without delay & (all baptism in Bible) by immersion, went down “into” water. Acts.8:31-39</p> <p>When is re-baptism appropriate? After learning new truth. Acts.19:2-5</p>	<p>(34) KEEPING GOD'S DAY HOLY</p> <p>What does keeping the Sabbath represent? A sign so you know I am the LORD that sanctifies you. Ez.20:12 Is the seventh day still God's holy day? It remains the day of rest. Heb.4:4-11 How do I “keep” His day holy? Put no other God's before me. Ex.20:3 Focus on Him not world. Ex.20:8-11 What would God have me do? If ye love me keep my command. Jn.14:15 Will give peace if you trust. Isa.26:3 To not obey & claim Christianity is to seek a form of Godliness by deny the power there of. 2Tim.3:3-7 What if the Sabbath & His doctrines are inconvenient? If love me obey my commands. Jn.14:15 Keep Sabbath Holy. Ex.20:8-11 Take up cross or not worthy. Mat.10:38 Whoever loses life gains it. Mat.16:24</p>
<p><u>Results of Repentance</u> If real, is accompanied by desire to change & turn from sin. Isa.55:7; Jon.3:8; Ez.18:30 Acceptance of responsibility. Ps.51:3 Convicts us to make restoration—if possible, make right the wrong. Lk.19:8; Mat.5:23 It allows God to put His Spirit in us & give us victory over sin. Ez.36:27 It brings joy to all of heaven. Luk.15:7 It leads us to salvation. 2Cor.7:10</p> <p><u>Examples of Repentance</u> David's prayer of repentance. Ps.51 Prodigal son. Luk.15:18-20</p>	<p>(25) REASONS FOR A DECISION</p> <p>Is a life & death issue. Jn.3:36; Mat.19:17 Understand God's love & Christ's sacrifice for you as an individual. Lk.15 Close of probation. Mat.25:10; Rev.22:11 Your decision influences others. Rom.14:7 There's no middle ground, only two classes the saved & unsaved. Mat.12:30; 7:14 He came to give abundant life. Jn.10:10 His sheep hear his voice, He knows them & they follow. Jn.10:27 Ask “where plan to spend eternity?”. Pv.27:1 We don't know about tomorrow, life is a vapor it appears & vanishes. Jam.4:14 All are like grass that withers & are but a passing shadow. 1Pet.1:24; Ps.144:4 Scared for the future? If God cared for you enough to save you, He will not forsake you when you accept Him. Heb.13:5; Mat.28:20 Seek first the kingdom. Mat.6:33 Choose truth & Christ over the traditions of men. Josh.24:15; Col.2:8</p>	<p>(27) STEPS TO ACCEPTING CHRIST</p> <p>*** Means to REMAIN SILENT!!! “A”CCEPT = ROM. 3:23 Do you believe all have sinned? *** Do you believe you are a sinner? *** Do you believe you need a Saviour? *** “B”ELIEVE = ACTS 16:31 Do you believe Jesus died for you & His blood can cover your sins? *** “C”ONFESS = 1 JN. 1:9 Are there any sins that you are aware of between you and the Lord? *** What is it? *** Do you feel this is wrong? *** Is there any thing else? *** Are you willing to say, “God, your way is right and my way is wrong, I want to do it your way?” *** “D”ECIDE = REV. 3:20 Jesus is standing at your hearts door wanting to come in and commune with you. Your heart will be filled with peace as you choose to follow Jesus all the way. Let us read in John where it describes how we become God's child. RECEIVE = JN.1:12 This verse says to become His child you simply must receive Him. You have already told me that you realize you're a sinner in need of a Saviour. You said you believe Christ is the Son of God and died</p>	<p>(30) BACKSLIDERS</p> <p>Will God accept me again after falling back into the world? Repentance is a gift, the fact you are considering it is His call. Rom.2:4 He forgives & takes weight of ALL sins. Isa.43:25; Mic.7:7,8,18,19; 1Jn.1:9 Treat you as if you never fell. Lk.15:22 He will heal our backsliding. Hos.14:4,5</p> <p>How do I come back? Call upon Him, pray, seek with all your heart, He WILL hear. Jer.29:11-13 God is calling you back, He is merciful, He is providing you with a Pastor to guide you with knowledge & under standing, He'll give healing. Jer.3:12-15</p> <p>I've failed before how can I stand? He's able to keep you from falling. Jude 24</p>	<p>(32) SEARCH FOR TRUTH</p> <p>Why does it matter what I believe as long as I am sincere? Seem right but may bring death. Pv.16:25 Must accept truth not tradition. Mk.7:9 Only safe with Bible as standard & let it interpret itself. Isa.28:10-13</p> <p>How do I find truth? Search Word with open mind. Act.17:11 The Spirit pricks your heart. Act.2:37 God reveals by the Spirit. 1Cor.2:10-16 Do His will & know doctrine. Jn.7:17</p> <p>How do I know this is really truth? If what they speak isn't confirmed in the Bible don't listen. Isa.8:20 Christ is the truth & only way. Jn.14:6 Word is truth & sanctifies. Jn.17:17 Law is truth. Ps.119:142,151</p> <p>I can't live up to the truth so why try? Not allowed more than bear. 1Cor.10:13 His grace sufficient for thee. 2Cor.12:9 Receive Him & He gives power. Jn.1:12</p> <p>Warnings against false doctrine! Don't follow man's tradition & neglect the commandments of God. Mat.15:6 Don't be tossed & carried away by false doctrine but grow in truth. Eph.4:14,15</p>	<p>What if I can't make a living because I keep the 4th commandment? Seek ye first the kingdom. Mat.6:33 Trust, obey you will be fed. Ps.37:3</p>

We shall eat & have joy Isa.65:13,14 Better is little & have Lord Pv.15:16	
(35) PERSECUTION FOR FAITH	
What if I am threatened with harm? Obey God over man Acts5:29 Fear not if kill body but soul ... Matt.10:28 God is comfort fear not man ... Isa.51:12 Word true, He's shield to trusting ... Pv.30:5 Fear man snare, if trust safe ... Pv.29:25-27 He who dwells promised safety Ps.91 He gives a spirit of praise when we suffer persecution for Christ Acts5:41	worldly things? Chokes out the gospel Mat.13:22 Not drink Lord & devil's cup . 1Cor.10:21 Can not serve two masters Lk.16:13
How will the world treat me? If the world persecuted Him they will do the same to you Jn.15:20 All who live Godly undergo it ... Mt.9:24	(38) UNBELIEF & SCEPTICISM
Will it be worth the trial & persecution? Blessed are persecuted for righteousness sake great reward Mat.5:10-12 Can't compare suffering to glory ... Rom.8:18	I think I believe but am not sure, what should I do? God gives a measure to all Rom.12:3 How long between opinions ... 1Kg18:21 Choose this day who to serve ... Josh.24:15
Is it worth the high cost? Worldly things will pass away ... 1Jn.2:17 Whoever loose life will find it ... Mk.8:35 Seek ye first the kingdom Mat.6:33 When persecuted in serving Lord He will use it for the saving of souls Acts4:4	How can I grow in faith, trust & believe? If you choose to believe & receive Him you will be given power to become His child Jn.1:12 By the Word of God Rom.10:17 Plead, Lord help my unbelief ... Mk.9:24
(36) TEMPERANCE OF THE BODY	How do I know the Bible & the offer of salvation is real? Prophecies given & fulfilled proves that we can believe the rest is true ... Jn.14:29 Signs & miracles written so we can believe in His ability to forgive & save ... Jn.20:31
Why does it matter how I treat my body or what I eat & drink? Affects our spiritual journey ... Isa.28:7 It is our reasonable service to give our bodies as a living sacrifice Rom.12:1 Body is temple & abuse of it leads to our physical & spiritual ruin ... 1Cor.3:16,17 God calls to come out & be separate so He can dwell in us 2Cor.6:17,18 Having these promises, cleanse ourselves from filthiness of the flesh 2Cor.7:1 Nothing defiling in heaven ... Rev.21:27	How do I know God exists? It is evident in nature Ps.19:1 Miracles & fulfillment Jn.14:29 By the life of Jesus 1Tim.3:16
How can I have victory over this habit? See "Overcoming Sin"	How can I understand the Bible? As you seek spiritual things He will teach you by the Spirit 1Cor.2:13-16 Bible convert soul & make wise ... Ps.19:7
(37) TIMING ISSUES	(39) UNPARDONABLE SIN
How do I know now is the right time? Know not what tomorrow holds, life is like a vapor & passes away ... Jam.4:14 Now is time & day of salvation ... 2Cor.6:2 Today if you hear voice harden not your hearts Heb3:12-15 Seek Lord while may be found ... Isa.55:6 Spirit not always strive with us ... Gen.6:3	Who convicts us of sin? Holy Spirit convicts us of sin ... Jn.16:7,8 What are warned not to do? Warned don't grieve Spirit Eph.4:30 Warned don't quench Spirit ... 1Thes.5:19 Don't resist Spirit Acts7:51
Shouldn't I wait until it feels right? Walk by faith not feelings Rom.1:17 Obedience is to know Him 1Jn.2:3 Obedience shows love for Him ... Jn.14:15 When obey get peace as river ... Isa.48:18	Why are the above actions dangerous? In turning away the Spirit our hearts be- come calloused, we slowly fail to hear, & perceive spiritual things ... Mat.13:14,15 Harden not your heart & repent the day you hear His voice Heb.3:7,8
Why is it so important to commit? Spirit not always strive with us ... Gen.6:3 He that believes & is baptized shall be saved unbeliever is cursed Mk.16:16	What is the unpardonable sin? The unpardonable sin is "blasphemy" against Holy Spirit [means to willfully reject & neglect the Spirit's convictions] Mat.12:31,32; Mt.23:29
What if some things are not clear yet? Though we may not understand we are to obey & trust Jn.13:7; Eccl.12:13 Not always meant for us to know ... Act.1:7	When there is no repentance, there is no forgiveness, & when there is no forgive- ness of sin we are lost. The unpardon- able sin is any sin done deliberately after receiving conviction of truth & choose to continue in it thus trampling the Son of God underfoot, & to "despite" or insult the Spirit to the point you no longer feel the need of repentance ... Heb.10:26-29
Is it too late, haven't I waited to long? Promises is if we turn we live ... Ez.33:19 Come & you will not be cast out ... Jn.6:37 Whoever calls will be saved ... Rom.10:13	(40) SUBMISSION TO GOD'S WILL
Doesn't the world offer me more? Lose life for His sake & gain it ... Mk.8:35 He that believes & is baptized shall be saved believe not be damned ... Mk.16:16	Why should I submit to God? He sees end from beginning ... Isa.46:9,10 Sovereign & controls all Dan.4:17,25 He loves you & if you allow He will work ALL things out for good ... Rom.8:28 He will never leave or forsake ... Heb.13:5
Why can't I be a Christian and still enjoy	How do I submit to God? Put your life in His hands daily by pray- ing "Thy will be done" ... Mat.6:10; 26:42 Walk constantly in the Spirit ... Gal.5:16 Present your body a living sacrifice, holy & acceptable to God Rom.12:1 In your love fear & obey Him for it this is the whole duty of man Eccl.12:13

Believe by faith not feeling ... Rom.1:17 How far are my sins removed? As far as east to west Ps.103:12 Cast in depths of the sea Mic.7:19 God promises to forget your sin Heb.10:17; 8:12; Isa.43:25; Jer.31:34	See "With All Your Heart" What will result if I fully submit? He will keep you in perfect peace when focus is on Him Phil.4:6,7; Isa.26:3 Your good work will be produced by faith, labor prompted by love, & endurance inspired by hope in Christ 1Thes.1:3
What are the results of forgiveness? Forsake way, get mercy & pardon ... Isa.55:7 Redeemed from destruction ... Ps.103:3,4 Sins are made as white as snow Isa.1:18 Brings spiritual refreshment Act.3:19 Sanctified & justified in Jesus ... 1Cor.6:11 He gives new heart of flesh ... Ez.36:25-28 Receive gift of redemption & eternal life Heb.9:12; Rom.6:23; 5:17	(41) FORGIVING OTHERS
(43) WORTHY OR NOT WORTHY	What if someone has wronged me? Don't choose revenge ... Pv.24:29; 20:22 If others trespass rebuke them, if they repent forgive them Luk.17:3 Make a wise choice to ignore the trans- gression—it is glory Pv.19:11
Have I gone to far in sin to be saved? Christ came to save sinners ... 1Tim.1:15 Able to save to the uttermost ... Heb.7:25 Though sins scarlet be as snow ... Isa.1:18 He's able to present you faultless ... Jude24	Why shouldn't I take revenge? Can't hate brother & love God ... 1Jn.4:20 Don't return evil for evil ... Rom.12:17 You are forgiven by God as you forgive others Mk.11:25; Luk.6:37,38
How do I know my sins are forgiven? If we confess He forgives 1Jn.1:9 If confess & forsake get mercy ... Pv.28:13 Walk by faith not feelings Rom.1:17	How can I let go of unforgiveness? Realize peace of mind is better ... Pv.14:29,30 Choose not to to grieve the Spirit, don't let emotions control you Eph.4:31 Put it in the past & look ahead ... Phil.3:13
What if I am afraid & I can't hold on? Not tempted more then take ... 1Cor.10:13 He's able to keep you Jude 24 If think & trust, get peace Isa.26:3 He will subdue our iniquities Mic.7:19	How should I treat those who offend me? Leave vengeance to God, instead heap coals of fire (deeds of kindness) on them Rom.12:19-21; Pv.25:21,22 Bless and & pray for those who persecute you Rom.12:14; Mat.5:39-44 Put away all quarrel, wrath & bitterness against your brother & forgive as God has you Eph.4:31-32; Col.3:12,13
What if I am not good enough? None are good enough, we must rely on His mercy & grace Rom.3:23 He only wants what you have ... 2Cor.8:12 Forgiven most love most Lk.7:42,43	How many times should I forgive? Seventy times seven. The parable of the great debt Mat.18:22-35; 17:4
Why can't I keep this one thing? Pearl of great price worth all ... Mat.13:45 Have no other God's before me ... Ex.20:3 No man serve two masters Mat.6:24 Must be willing forsake all Lk.14:33 Story of rich young ruler ... Mat.19:16-22	What if they don't want forgiveness? Ultimate love is to forgive even when they don't ask Lk.23:34; Acts7:60 Forgive for Christ's sake, unforgiveness is Satan's device 2Cor.2:10,11
Don't I need to become a better person before coming to the Lord? Come as you are like the prodigal son came to the Father Lk.15:18-24 He came to save sinners Mat.9:13 Can leopard change his spots ... Jer.13:23 Saved by grace—unmerited favor, is a gift of God not of works Eph.2:8,9	(42) FORGIVENESS FROM GOD
I am not a bad person, so do I really need to be saved? All have sinned & fall short ... Rom.3:23 There is a way that seemeth right to a man but leads to death Pv.14:12 Unbelievers already condemned ... Jn.3:18 Story of Pharisee & Publican ... Lk.18:9-14	Do I deserve to be forgiven? All have fallen short Rom.3:23 Wages of sin is death Rom6:23 God is merciful & slow to anger—has not dealt with us as we deserve ... Ps.103:8-10
God is love, won't He save me anyway? Unless you repent you perish ... Lk.13:3 Rebellious angels were lost 2Pet.2:4 Deny Him you will be denied ... Mk.8:38 Obedience is sign of loyalty—He's Author of Salvation to those who obey ... Heb.5:9 I am	How is my forgiveness possible? Must be shedding of blood Heb.9:22 God so loved you He sent His Son to pay price for your sins ... 1Jn.4:8-10; Jn.3:16 Christ's sacrifice was the propitiation or payment for the sins of the whole world 1Jn.2:2; 3:5; Isa.44:22; Ps.130:4,7,8
trying on my own to do the best I can Isn't that good enough? Best is to love with all heart ... Mat.22:37 How long between opinions ... 1Kg18:21 Choose this day who to serve ... Josh.24:15	To whom does God offer forgiveness? Plenty in mercy & ready to forgive ALL who call upon Him ... Ps.86:5; Neh.9:17
(44) CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP	How can I receive forgiveness? If confess He forgives ... 1Jn.1:9; Acts3:19 If you humble yourself, seek His grace, & change ways He forgives ... 2Chon.7:14
Come to hear God's Word preached which helps your faith to grow ... Rom.10:14-17 Consists of teaching, breaking of bread, prayer, giving liberally & He will bless with incoming of many souls Acts2:42-47	Am I too great a sinner to be forgiven? Christ came to save sinners ... 1Tim.1:15 Able to save to the uttermost, He lives to be your intercessor Heb.7:25 God wants to forgive all 2Pet.3:9
	How much can God forgive me? Forgiven by God as you forgive others ... Mat.6:14,15; Mk.11:25,26; Luk.6:37,38
	How do I know my sins are forgiven? If we confess He forgives 1Jn.1:9

We are told don't stop meeting together,
come to encourage & help one another
on to do good deeds & love. Meet more as
the day approaches Heb.10:23-25
There is power in group prayer Mat.18:20
For anointing & healing Jam.5:14,15
As Christians we are a member of the body
of Christ. To forward God's work effec-
tively we must be attached to the body &
work together 1Cor.12; 10:17

(45) MORE FACTS ABOUT TRUTH

The truth never changes 2Jn.2
The Spirit is truth 1Jn.5:6
This is how we know we are in the truth,
when heart is at rest in His presence &
we obey his commands & do what is
pleasing to Him 1Jn.3:19-21
If we claim to know Him & we do not obey
His commands truth not in us 1Jn.2:4
Truth not in us if claim sinlessness ... 1Jn.1:8
If we claim to have fellowship with God but
we walk in darkness (no love) we do not
live by the truth 1Jn.1:6
Obedience to truth purifies 1Pet.1:22
God wants all to come to the knowledge
of truth 1Tim.2:4
Knowing of truth leads to Godliness ... Tit.1:1
Follow Christ's teachings & you will know
the truth & be set free Jn.8:31
Their are many who are out of the fold of
truth that are God's people Jn.10:16
Last days God calls them out of Babylon
(false doctrine) Rev.18:2-4
God's love & truth protects Ps.40:11
Wrath & anger for those who reject truth
& are self-seeking Rom.2:8
Many will perish because they refused to
love the truth 2Thes.2:10
See "Questions-Searching for Truth"

(46) FALSE WORSHIP

When we listen or say but do not practice,
devotion with our heart Ez.33:31-32
To honor God with our lips but the heart is
worshipping in vain Mat.15:8,9
To honor with lips but their hearts are far
away, obeying man's commandments
rather then God's Mk.7:6-8
Traditions are okay as long as they don't
nullify the Word of God Mk.7:13

(47) BIBLE DEFINES TRUE CHURCH

"Remnant" ... Zep.3:13; Hag.1:12; Rom.9:27
God always has a "Remnant" Rom.11:5
Based on one faith, Spirit, & Lord. Eph.4:4-5
Is Based on Bible only, not on traditions
or philosophies of men ...
Isa.8:20; Col.2:8
True worshipers worship in spirit & in
truth Jn.4:23,24; Ps.145:18
True church is based on "pillar and ground
of truth" 1Tim.3:15
Bible gives 3 definitions of truth, His true
church is based on these—Jesus, Bible, &
the Law ... Jn.14:6; Jn.17:17; Ps.119:142
Church keeps "All" the commandments &
"testimony of Jesus" ... Rev.12:17; 14:12
The "brethren" that have the testimony of
Jesus worship God & the "Testimony of
Jesus" is the Spirit of Prophecy ... Rev.19:10
Prophecy is from "brethren the prophets,"
referring to Old Testament Rev.22:9
So true church keeps All commandments
& accept "All" Bible ... 2Tim.3:16; Eph.2:20

(48) ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

The Bible says you can KNOW that you
have eternal life so believe it! 1Jn.5:13
Believe because He promised Jn.3:16
He who has Son HAS life 1Jn.5:12,13
He that abides in His teaching has Son ... 2Jn.9
Baptism is to put on Christ Gal.3:27
You can choose to turn away but none can
pluck from His hand Jn.10:28,29

(49) WITH ALL YOUR HEART

Love Him with all your heart Mk.12:30
Seek Him with all your heart Jer.29:13
Believe in Him with all your heart ... Act.8:37
Repent with all your heart Joel.2:12
Trust Him with all your heart Pv.3:5,6
Obey Him with all your heart ... Jn.14:15;
Heb.5:9; Acts5:32; Rom.6:16
Worship Him with all your heart Jn.4:23
Live for Him & serve Him with all your
heart 2Cor.5:15; 1Sam.12:24

(50) ABIDING IN CHRIST

As you accepted Him, walk by faith always
abounding in thanksgiving Col.2:6,7
Dwell on Christ & keep peace Isa.26:3
Gain faith by feeding on Word ... Rom.10:17
Stay in constant communion with Him by
prayer ... Lk.18:1; Acts6:4; 1Thes.5:17
Walk in obedience to commands ... Jn.14:15
Share your testimony ... Mk.5:19; Act.22:15
Allow the Lord to cleanse & empower you
with a higher & noble purposes, be a use-
ful vessel prepared for His work ... 2Tim.2:21

(51) IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE

Love God with all heart, mind, soul. Josh.23:11
Love others as self Jam.2:8; Mk.12:31
In the judgement the bigger issue will be sins
of omission not commission – "if" you
did it unto the least Mat.25:40,41
Without love we are nothing ... 1Cor.13:1-8
Ultimate love is to give life Jn.15:13
Christ did it literally Rom.5:8; Jn.10:15
We give our life (time) as we minister to
others 1Jn.3:16-18

(52) FAITH - TRUST - BELIEF

Faith is the substance (confidence) of
things hoped for, the evidence of things
not seen Heb.11:1
Source of Faith
God gives measure to all, our responsibility
is to exercise it Rom.12:3; Jam.1:17
Comes by righteousness of God ... 2Pet.1:1
Christ—Author & perfecter of faith. Heb.12:2
Faith—stands on the power of God not the
wisdom of man 1Cor.2:5
Power of Faith
By grace through faith we are saved ... Eph.2:8

Can over come the world by faith . 1Jn.5:4
Are kept by the power of God through
faith unto salvation 1Pet.1:5
It is a breastplate—a shield 1Thes.5:8
If size of seed nothing impossible . Mat.17:20

Why have Faith

He invites—taste and see that I am good,
trust be blessed Ps.34:8
Receive promise of Spirit by faith ... Gal.3:14
Just live by faith . Rom.1:17; Gal.2:20; 3:11
If we trust He will direct our path ... Pv.3:5,6
They that trust shall be as Zion which cannot
be moved & abideth forever Ps.125:1
Faith is what saves us Eph.2:8; Gal.2:15

Increasing Faith

Trials strengthens faith . 1Pet.1:6-9; Jam.1:3
Seeing miracles builds faith—by seeing the
physical healing we can believe in His
spiritual healing as well Jn.14:11
Faith is completed by action ... Jam.2:17,22
Grows on previous experience . 1Sam.16:34-37
Faith comes by hearing testimony of others
& by the Word of God Rom.10:14-17
Plead, “Lord help my unbelief” Lk.17:5
ABC's of Exercising Faith

“A”sk according to His will 1Jn.5:14
“B”elieve with out wavering & receive all
things Mat.21:22; Jam.1:6
“C”laim promise—is done in His will as you
believe Mat.8:13; Mk.9:24

Results of Faith

Bible principles become effective in those
who believe 1Thes.2:13
Faith purifies our heart Act.15:9
Faith is what allows healing Mk.5:34
Trying of our faith works patience . Jam.1:3
Christ dwells in heart by faith Eph.3:17
All things are possible . Mk.9:23; 11:23,24
Scripture & faith makes us wise unto
salvation 2Tim.3:15

Is Our Faith Important to God?

Faith is counted by God as righteousness
..... Rom.4:3,13,20; Gal.3:6
Anything not of faith is sin Rom.14:23
Can't please God without faith Heb.11:6
Trial of your faith is of greater worth than
gold & is tried to become genuine &
results in praise, glory & honor when
Jesus is revealed 1Pet.1:7

Demonstration of Faith

True faith is shown by works . Jam.2:14-26
By faith Israel passed through the sea on
dry land, By faith walls crumbled, by
faith kingdoms were conquered, lions
mouths were shut, flames did not
consume, dead were raised. By faith
many were tortured, flogged, put in
prison, stoned, wandered the desert and
mountains, sawed in half, killed by the
sword—gave their lives for their faith
..... Heb.11:29-38

(53) DEVOTIONAL TIME

Word more important then food ... Job.23:12
Man shall not live by bread alone but by
every Word of God Mat.4:4
Communion with God was more important
then sleep to Christ Lk.6:12
Follow Christ's example, go into a solitary
place . Luk.6:12; 4:42; 5:16; Mat.14:23
Seek early & find Him ... Pv.8:17; Mk.1:35
Pray for Him to awake you morning by
morning so you can study & here His
Word Isa.50:4
Plead for Him to reveal His loving kindness
to you each morning lift up your soul,
ask daily for guidance Ps.143:8

Cling & plead as Jacob, don't leave your
devotion without a blessing ... Gen.32:26

(54) PRAYER

Is seeking by calling on the Lord .. Isa.55:6
Requests to God in supplication & thanks-
giving . Phil.4:6; Col.4:2; Ps.116:17; 105:1
Prayer—coming boldly unto the throne of
grace to obtain mercy & grace in our
time of need Heb.4:16; Ps.50:15
At times prayer is silent—Spirit hearing the
cry of your heart & interceding
with God before you
know what to ask . Rom.8:26,27
Key that unlocks power of heaven to inter-
vene in great controversy . Dan.10:12,13
Prayers are a delight to the Lord . Pv.15:8
Prayer is sign of true conversion ... Act.9:11

How To Pray

When the disciples asked, the Lord gave us
His example Mat.6:9-13; Lk.11:2-4
Boldly Heb.4:16
Earnestly as Christ did Heb.5:7
With pure motives Jam.4:2,3
Fervently . Jam.5:16; Eph.6:18; 1Kg.18:42-46
Without doubt . 1Jn.5:14; 1Tim.2:8; Jam.1:6,7
In supplication with thanksgiving . Phil.4:6,7
With fasting ... Mk.9:29; Mat.17:21; Dan.9:3
Without ceasing... 1Thes.5:17; Act.6:4; Lk.18:1
Casting all cares on Him 1Pet.5:7; Ps.55:22

When And Where To Pray

Give self continually to prayer Acts.6:4
Morning, noon, night ... Ps.55:17; Dan.6:10
Ask early & find ... Pv.8:17; Hos.5:15; Isa.26:9
Like Christ seek solitary places to pray in
private . Luk.6:12; 5:16; 4:42; Mat.6:5,6
Call in your day of trouble Ps.50:15
In groups ... Mat.18:19; Acts.12:5; Jam.5:14

Conditions of Answered Prayers

Come, seek humbly, turn from sin . 2Chr.7:2
Ask in His will 1Jn.5:14,15; Mat.26:39
We must forgive to be forgiven ... Mk.11:25
Ignoring God's laws (live in rebellion) makes
prayers detestable to Him Pv.28:9
Keep your heart free from iniquity so He
may hear & answer Ps.66:18
Obedience—must be a worshipper of God
& a doer of His will ... Jn.9:31; 1Jn.3:22

Results of Prayer

Answers ALL that call . Rom.10:12; Ps.102:17
Forgives & heals 2Chr.7:2; Jam.5:13-17
He's close to who call ... Ps.145:18; Jer.29:12
Mercy & forgiveness if we call ... Ps.86:5-7
Good gifts . Mat.7:7-11; 1Jn.3:22; Jn.16:23-26
Peace that passes understanding . Phil.4:6,7
Does more then we ask ... Jer.33:3; Eph.3:20
Prayer of righteous avails much Jam.5:16
Prayers bring deliverance . Joel 2:32; Ps.91;
50:15; 55:16; 34:15-17; 86:7

Who to Pray For

Pray for persecutors Mat.5:44; Lk.6:28
Pray for each other Jam.5:16
Pray for nation's leaders 1Tim.2:1,2
Gospel workers & ministers ... Phil.1:18,19
Pray for your children Mat.15:22
Pray for the sick Jam.5:14
Pray for workers for the harvest . Mat.9:38
Pray for those we see in sin ... 1Jn.5:15,16
Saints—those who have consecrated them-
selves to Christ Eph.6:18

Intercessory Prayer

When we see our brother sin we should
pray for his salvation 1Jn.5:16
Wrestle in prayer for others that they may
stand firm in the will of God ... Col.4:12
Fevnt prayer availeth much Jam.5:16

Is a sin of selfishness not to pray for the
needs of others 1Sam.12:23
Bible Examples of Intercessory Prayer
Example by Hezekiah ... 2Chron.30:18-20
Example by Paul Col.1:9-12
Example by Abraham . Gen.18:31,32
Example by Moses Deut.9:20-26
Example by Samuel 1Sam.15:11

(55) FASTING

Fasting—sign of humility, soul searching &
& submission to the Lord
Joel2:12
In earnestness make our voice heard on
high to plead for chains of injustice to
be broken Isa.58:6-12; Mk.9:29

Is private between you & God . Mat.6:16-18
Don't judge others for fasting, not fasting,
or how & when. This is a personal thing
between them & the Lord ... Rom.14:3-8

Examples—Reasons for Fasting

Intercession Dan.10:2; 9:3-5; 1Cor.7:5
Repentance . Jon.3:7; 1Kg.21:27; 2Sam.12:16
Dedication for ministry . Mat.4:2; Act.13:2,3
Grief & mourning . 2Sam.1:12; 1Chr.10:12

(56) SANCTIFICATION

What & By Whom is Sanctification?

Is the Lord making your spirit, soul, & body
holy & He who calls you has promised to
do it in you 1Thes.5:23,24;
Lev.20:7,8; Eph.4:24; 1Cor.6:11; Pv.25:4
Ps.65:3; Mal.3:3; Phil.3:20,21
Sanctification is living unto God being dead
to sin in our mortal body & not obeying the
lusts thereof. We can choose not to allow
sin to have dominion over us—we are
servants of whom we obey . Rom.6:10-16
His divine power gives us everything we
need for a life of godliness through our
knowledge of Him who called us by His
own glory & goodness. He has given

these great & precious promises so that
through them we may have the divine
nature & escape corruption 2Pet.1:13

Understanding Sanctification

When we truly fall in love with Christ we
will desire to walk as He did & give Him
glory in all we do ... 1Jn.2:6; 1Cor.10:31
But our righteousness is as filthy rags & hearts
deceitful beyond cure without Christ's
intervention ... Isa.64:6; Jer.17:9; 13:23

If we continue in habitual sin we don't
really know Him 1Jn.3:6,9
And if we claim we are sinless we deceive
ourselves, call God a liar & His

Word
no place in us 1Jn.1:8,9
We must claim righteousness that can only
come through God by faith ... Phil.3:9
And this is how we know He lives in us, by
the Spirit He gave us 1Jn.3:24

Promises for Sanctification

He promised sin would not have dominion
over you Rom.6:14
He who began a good work in you will con-
tinue it until the day He comes . Phil.1:6
He has chosen you to be holy before the
foundations of the world Eph.1:4
God has saved us & called us to a holy life,
not because of anything we have done
but for His purpose & grace ... 2Tim.1:9
He has already won the victory . 1Cor.15:57
Hunger for righteousness He fills . Mat.5:6
Important Elements to Sanctification
Copy Christ's holy example 1Pet.2:21

Constantly commune with Him & remain
active in sharing your faith Acts.6:4
We become what we behold 2Cor.3:18
Dwell on these holy things Philip.4:8
Practices of sanctification are faith, good-
ness, knowledge, self-control, perse-
verance, godliness, brotherly kindness,
& love. If, by Christ, you do these you
will be productive for the cause of Christ
& you will not fail 2Pet.1:4-10
If we walk & live in love as Christ there is
no occasion of stumbling 1Jn.2:10

Results of Sanctification

Love for Christ leads us to seek knowledge
& insight in His Word. This insight leads
to discernment to remain pure &
blame- less until the day

He comes . Philip.1:9,10
If we love Him we will keep His Word &
it allows Him & His Spirit to abide with
us Jn.14:23; Jn.14:15; 2Cor.7:1
Our sanctification brings honor & praise to
God & allow us to be used for the masters
good work 2 Tim 2:21; Philip.1:11
It allows God to bless us Deut.4:40

(57) SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

If someone falls counsel & help in meekness
lest you tempted & fall Gal.6:1
Take beam from own eye . Mat.7:5; Lk.6:42
If think you stand heed lest ye fall . 1Cor.10:12;
Pv.30:12; Lk.18:9,11; Mat.23:25-28
Don't call attention to self Mat.6:2-6
Claim perfection is proof that not . Job.9:20
Remember you are simply the messenger
of salvation not the giver of it . Gal.1:4
No matter how much the Lord is using you
or how far He has brought you never
think you have arrived but press forward
to the goal Philip.3:12-14
Instead of self-righteous thoughts have the
attitude that your blessed to do this duty
for Christ Lk.17:10; Isa.52:7

(58) TEMPTATION

Understanding Temptation

Scripture gives understanding Pv.2:11
Satan tempts not God . 1Thes.3:5; Jam.1:13
God has provided every blessing needed for
our full joy. Temptation is being drawn
to a destructive counterfeit. When
tempted pray for God to help you resist
& discover the original Jn.16:23,24
God allows temptation to test & strengthen
our faith in Him Jam.1:2,3
Our faith more precious then gold . 1Pet.1:17
Christ was tempted so it is not a sin to be
tempted & since He experienced it He
can help us Heb.4:15; 1Jn.3:5
The battle ground is the mind & is where sin
first occurs Acts.8:22; 2Cor.10:5;
Mat.5:22,28; Mk.7:21-23
Only God knows the heart & thoughts, Satan
doesn't . 1Kg.8:39; Ps.139:2; 2Chron.6:30
Your not alone even Holy men of God
struggled with temptation ... Rom.14:7-20

Stages of Temptation & Sin

The process of temptation & sin are not
spontaneous uncontrolled events, sin
happens by choice Jam.1:14,15
(1) **Drawn** [to drag forth] we are drawn
by our OWN lusts [desire] due to our
inherent carnal nature (Jer.17:9). This
is not sin, we can't help this.

(2) **Enticed** [entrap, delude, allure, beguile]
at this stage Satan uses his expertise to

entrap us to evil (1Pet.5:8) and, if we
are listening, the Holy Spirit sounds His
warning (Jn.16:8). Here we exercise the
God-given privilege of free will, we
choose to walk in the Spirit or choose to
fulfill the lusts of the flesh (Gal.5:16).
(3) **Conceived** [to clasp, seize, arrest,
capture, to catch] this happens only if
the choice was made to continue to
dwell on the tempting thought. At this
point sin occurs in our heart (Mat.5:22,28).

(4) **Death** spiritually (Isa.59:2; Rom.8:6)
& later physically (Rev.20:15) Isa.59:1-4

Renewal of the Mind

Sin begins in the mind Mat.15:19
Forsake evil thoughts & seek a renewed mind
..... Rom.12:2; Eph.4:23,24; Isa.55:7
We can only be delivered from this body of
death through Jesus Rom.7:24,25
So claim His power ... Isa.40:28,29; Lk.10:19
Must “gird” (restrain) the mind from evil
thoughts so that all are in captivity to the
obedience of Christ... 1Pet.1:13;

2Cor.10:5
Our natures seek pleasure & avoid pain but
we need to renew our minds by
associat- ing the immortal

act with pain & moral
conduct with ultimate pleasure . 2Cor.12:9,10
Look for long term good Heb.11:25,26

Practical Steps to “Resist” the Devil

Submit to God resist devil he flees . Jam.4:7
Bible gives victory—study, memorize, &
heed it Ps.119:9-11; 1Jn.2:14
Dark & light not compatible, replace nega-
tive action with
positive 2Cor.6:14
Watch & pray Mat.26:41
Put no evil before your eyes Ps.101:3
Dwell on good things Phil.4:8; Col.3:2
Avoid it, don't leave a door open—make not
provisions for it Rom.13:14; Pv.22:3
Avoid idleness Ez.16:49,50
Get support Ecc.4:9-12; Pv.11:14
Deal with temptation one day at a time
don't worry about future Mat.6:34
Praise the Lord continually Ps.34:1

(59) HABITS

Understanding Habits

Habits are “cords” that bind us & have
control over our behavior [either for
good or evil “a thing done often, and
hence done easily; a practice; a custom;
or a characteristic of the mind or body.”]
..... Pv.5:22

When we choose to repeat a sin it becomes
a snare—a bad habit Pv.29:6
Our bodies are sacred temples for the Spirit
& should bring Him glory. Defiling it will
cause our destruction—first spiritual &
sooner or later physical ... 1Cor.3:16,17
By the power of Christ it must be removed
from our lives at any cost ... Mk.9:43-48
Pollution of this world promises “liberty”
but in fact by being overcome we are
brought into bondage 2Pet.2:19,20
Habits are progressive—after finding de-
liverance through knowledge of Christ,
guard against falling back into destruc-
tive habits for the later state is worse
then the first 2Pet.2:20-22

Overcoming Habits

Acknowledge your weakness & sin ... Ps.32:5
You wrestle not with flesh & blood, take on
God's armor so can withstand ... Eph.6:12

Put no confidence in the flesh but in Christ
who will subdue all things & change your
vile body Philip.3:3,21
Come to Him as you are & trade your yoke
of failure for His yoke of victory—His
is victorious & light Mat.11:28-30
Break habits by turning from sin, accepting
the Word, & doing it Jam.1:21,22
Believe He can & has given you victory
over the world 1Jn.5:4

(60) OVERCOMING SIN

ABC's of Overcoming Sin

“A”SK - He won't refuse you . 1Jn. 5:14,15
“B”ELIEVE - His Word is true . Ps.119:160
“C”LAIM - sin can't control ... Rom.6:14
& claim the victory 1Cor.15:57
“D”IE - believe that the sin you have asked
for victory over is dead in you . Rom.6:11
“E”SCAPE - avoid temptation—don't
make provisions to fall Rom.13:14
“F”OCUS - on God's Word which has the
power to sanctify you Jn.17:17

Promises For Overcoming Sin

God knows how to rescue the godly from
temptations 2Pet.2:9; Heb.2:18
He will subdue your iniquities & help you
escape . Mic.7:19; Philip.3:21; 2Pet.1:3,4
When enemy comes in like a flood, Spirit
will lift up standard against him . Isa.59:19
He has promise that He can keep you from
falling Jude 24,25
Weapons are not of this world there is divine
power to break the strongholds of

evil
befall us 2Cor.10:4,5; Lk.10:19
He won't let us be tempted above what we
are able & provides escapes . 1Cor.10:13
Choose to walk in Spirit & won't fulfill lusts
of the flesh ... Gal.5:16; 6:8; Rom.8:9-11
He's able to do more than we ask or imagine
if we allow that power in us ... Eph.3:20
He called you to righteousness, He will help
you overcome ... Isa.42:6; Ez.36:23-27
He promises to deliver those bound with
chains Ps.68:6

(61) GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

Dedicate yourself to God's purpose & He will
bring good from it & direct your life .
..... Rom.8:28; Ps.37:23; Jer.29:11; 1:5
We are ordained by Him to bear fruit, if we
are unfruitful there is no purpose for our
existence Jn.15:16,6; Lk.13:7
You are the workmanship of Christ created
& chosen by Him before the foundation
of the world for good
works . Eph.2:4,5,10

(62) SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Should use ability to faithfully minister to
others for God's glory 1Pet.4:10,11
Seek to excel in Spiritual gifts that you
may build up the church 1Cor.14:12
There are different kinds of gifts but the
same spirit, there are different kinds of
service but the same Lord, there are
different kinds of workings but the same
God works all in His people . 1Cor.12:4-7
He gives wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing,
powers, prophecy, ability to distinguish
between spirits, tongues, interpretation
of tongues & the Spirit gives then as he
decides 1Cor.12:8-11; Eph.4:11,12
We are all parts of the body & given gifts:

some are apostles, prophets, teachers,
miracles, healing, helpers, leaders,
tongues 1Cor.12:12-27; Rom.12:6-8
If you posses these gifts but have not love
it is worthless 1Cor.13:1-3

(63) SHARING & WITNESSING

When you love the Lord you can not help
but witness to others . Acts4:20; Rom.1:16
Those who walk in faith are channels to
reveal God's righteousness Rom.1:17
Always be ready to give an answer for your
hope with meekness & fear 1Pet.3:15
Make the most of every opportunity . Col.4:6
We can only be an effective witness when we
are filled with the Holy Spirit Act1:8

(64) WHY SHARE THE GOSPEL?

Allow the Lord to cleanse & empower you
with a higher & noble purposes, be a usefull
vessel prepared for His work . 2Tim.2:21
Because Christ died for us we should not
live for self but for Him 2Cor.5:15
We are labourers with God 1Cor.3:9
Its a privilege of trust allowed us . 1Thes.2:4

Additional References

He made you an able minister 2Cor.3:6
Present yourself to God & allow Him to make
you a workman whose not ashamed &
correctly handles the Word .. 2Tim.2:15
Do it for least do it for Jesus Mat.25:40
It is our commission of love Mat.28:19
If don't share there blood is on our hands
..... Ez.3:18,19; Ez.33:7-10; 3:17-19
Soul winning is wise Pv.11:30
Faith without works is dead Jam.2:26
Your created for His good works & He
planned in advance for you Eph.2:10
Your a letter (epistle) to world 2Cor.3:3
Harvest is great labourers are few ... Luk.10:2
Decide to work while it is day Jn.9:4
Pray, "Here I am send me" Isa.6:8

(65) WHO SHARES THE GOSPEL

Christian's chosen to bear name . Act9:15
Commission to all followers . Mat.28:18-20
All who are in Christ bear fruit Jn.15:2
All given different gifts & should work in
unison as the parts of the body & all are
of equal importance 1Cor.12:12-27
When we give our heart & weak efforts
He empowers & uses us to shame the
strong so none may boast . 1Cor.1:27-31
You're never to old to bear fruit . Ps.92:14

(66) GOSPEL SHARING RESOURCES

Seek Kingdom first, rest comes . Mat.7:31-33
Lord will be by you & give the strength to
proclaim to world & deliver you from
every evil work 2Tim.4:17
Our work produced by faith, labor prompted
by love, endurance inspired by our hope
in Jesus & power of the Spirit . 1Thes.1:3
Sufficiency comes from God ... 2Cor.3:5,6
God makes grace abound & provides our
needs for any good work 2Cor.9:8
Promised army to publish Word .. Ps.68:11
If God's in it no one can stop it .. Act5:39
Liberal soul made fat & watered Pv.11:25
Cast "bread" on water will return . Ecc.11:1
Sow bountifully reap bountifully 2Cor.9:6
All power of heaven is given Mat.28:18
God supplies ALL your needs Philip.4:19
God called you & will help you be light, give

sight & set free the captives . Isa.42:6,7
Spiritual gifts are of God & cannot be
purchased. Pray for them! .. Act8:19-21
Okay for gospel workers to be supported
by the gospel but, if possible you support
self, you win their respect . 1Thes.4:11,12

(67) HOW TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

Pray for Spirit & wisdom of Christ

because the message seems foolish to
the perishing 1Cor.1:17,18

Become as one of them, win their confi-
dence, bid them to follow . 1Cor.9:20-23

**Preach Christ-centered message to help sinful
man realize what Christ has done for them
individually**

Preach Christ crucified 1Cor.2:2
See & mourn who pierced ... Zech.12:10
Show He draws all unto Him Jn.12:32

Preach the truth—the whole message

Don't add or take away ... Rev.22:18,19
Don't handle word deceitfully . 2Cor.4:2

Preach with conviction

Blood on us if we don't tell Ez.3:18
Woe if don't preach gospel ... 1Cor.9:16
I am not ashamed of gospel .. Rom.1:16

Lift voice like a trumpet Isa.58:1
If you don't who will? 1Cor.14:8
Claim power of the Spirit Mic.3:8
Word in our heart as a fire Jer.20:9
Say, "We can't help speak what we have
seen & heard" Acts4:20

**Preach the Word at all times, reprove,
rebuke and exhort** 2Tim.4:2

Don't worry about the outcome

that's the work of the Spirit Ez.2:5
Teach the way and God, through the
Spirit will bring conversions Ps.51:13

Don't Fear opposition .. Ez.2:6; Jer.1:7,8

Share your own testimony Mk.5:19

Additional References

Sharing faith effectively is acknowledging
that Christ is the good in us Philem.1:6
Do it with all your might! Ecc.9:10
Be a frugal steward of the resources God
provides you for the gospel Jn.6:12
Get a support system—they were sent out
by two's Mk.6:7
As Christ, live to help others Phil.1:1-5
Witness at home then extend out Act1:8
Show love as action . 1Jn.3:18; Jam.2:15-17
Take opportunity do good to all Gal.6:10
Minister humbly knowing we sin . Heb.5:1-3
Continue in prayer & ministering ... Acts6:4
Don't weary, if faint not will reap .. Gal.6:9
Pray for with whom you share . 1Thes.3:10
Strive forward, you don't know which
will succeed Ecc.11:6
Use of talents with the wrong motives will
fail but minister pleading for God's Spirit
& power it will be effective .. 1Cor.2:1-5

(68) HOW TO MEET OPPOSITION

Exalt Christ presenting truth logically

Line on line, precept on precept . Isa.28:10
He will give words to say .. Lk.21:14,15

Be gentle, patient, tactful and friendly

No strife, be gentle & patient . 2Tim.2:24,25
Wise serpents harmless doves . Mat.10:16

Do not condemn their religious belief

Forbid not if they're for Christ . Mk.9:39

**Consider them honest, be respectful having
a Christian spirit in you**

the meek & humble are great .. 1Pet.3:4

Sidestep arguments, be positive

"Taste & see the Lord is good" .. Ps.34:8

Say, "I see your point of view & I am
trying to understand but I need you to
explain this text ..." or "You may be
right but have you considered ..."

(69) BLESSINGS & RESULTS

His Word will not return void Isa.55:11

In success remember your sufficiency
comes from the Lord. By His grace we
plant & water but He gives growth to
the seed 2Cor.3:7-9

Blessing to whom worketh good . Rom.2:10

Good works makes a glad heart Pv.12:25

Labor of righteous brings life Pv.10:16

Blessed when sow beside all waters . Isa.32:20

He that soweth & reapeth rejoice Jn.4:36

Help the hungry and afflicted your light shall
rise in obscurity Isa.58:10

Good deeds silences foolish men ... 1Pet.2:15

Happy when have mercy on poor .. Pv.14:21

Inherit kingdom if feed hungry, cloth naked,