

Addendum To “The Authority Of The Bible”

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“You are the light of the world.
A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick;
and it gives light unto all that are in the house.
Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.”

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- **Read the Bible book of John, Chapters 20 and 21 concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ. If you would rather hear a reading of this portion of the Bible, then listen to “The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ – A Musical Meditation” found on the danielhookemusic.com website.**
 - Who is your ultimate intellectual authority? Is it you or someone else? If someone else, who?
 - We are not born with an understanding about Jesus Christ. Even after conversion we have to learn. We will learn even more in Heaven.

“For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”

Also, Jesus said that we need humble child-like faith to enter God’s Kingdom. But child-like faith is not blind faith. A very small child usually does not have faith alone when he places his faith in his parents. He has successful experience to go along with his faith in his parents. And these faith times coupled with successful faith experience support the times when

he humbly just has only faith alone in his parents which is obviously not blind, unsupported faith.

- Thus, do not let our lack of understanding on a matter end our faith. “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the Words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that You are that Christ, the Son of the living God.”

{Jesus had just spoken.} These things said Jesus in the synagogue, as He taught in Capernaum. Many therefore of His disciples, when they had heard this {what Jesus had just spoken}, said, “This is a hard saying; who can hear it?” When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, He said to them, “Does this offend you? What and if you shall see the Son of Man ascend up where He was before? It is the Spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the Words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are Life. But there are some of you that believe not.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray Him. And he said, “Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto Me, except it were given unto him of My Father.” From that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him. Then said Jesus to the twelve, “Will you also go away?” Then Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the Words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that You are that Christ, the Son of the living God.”

- **Read “The Authority Of The Bible” found on the danielhookemusic.com website. [If you have not already done so]**
 - Do you know how Jesus’ systematically supports and interprets the Bible? What is Jesus’ total theology of the Bible?

- There have been differences in doctrine in religious groups even in the time of the life of Jesus on earth but not both sides were right. Some said that there would be a resurrection and others said that there would not be a resurrection. Jesus put that argument to rest by raising Himself from the dead as predicted, never to die again, as support of who He was and what He would do.
 - “You shall call his name Jesus:
for He shall save His people from their sins.”
 - “They shall call his name Emmanuel,
which being interpreted is, God with us.”

- In more recent centuries there has been a type of intellectualism that rejects various amounts of the Bible message of the prophets and apostles. To counter this attack on the Bible some Biblical Christians have made statements about the authority of the Bible for our study and help.

This type of intellectualism rejects revealed knowledge from God through His Bible prophets and apostles. This type of intellectualism has an intellectual rationale that rejects the concept of revealed knowledge {which the intellect cannot discern and find on its own} and it does not study for the support of revealed knowledge {for instance, the prophets had valid tests to support what they said and the apostles, called by Jesus Christ, has their message supported by the authority of Jesus Christ (including Paul)}. Of course this type of intellectualism may reject the Deity of Jesus Christ. This type of intellectualism is sophisticated but it still has the appearance of the way it was at the end of the book of Judges when everybody did what was right in their own eyes.

Scripture says, “The secret things belong to the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the Words of this Law.”

- The Bible is more than intellectual understanding. Besides salvation for our sins through Jesus Christ, the Bible is about following God and Jesus Christ to be a channel for God's power starting with the Holy Spirit power of God in His Son Jesus Christ over our own life as we follow Him and yield to Him.

Jesus answered and said to them, "You do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God." And the Apostle Paul's statement to Timothy: "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

- **Read Revelation chapters 1 verses 3-20, chapter 2, and chapter 3 in the Bible.**

- How will we do in the Church here in the end times? There will be both good and bad in the Church in the end times. What will be your choices?
- And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. You go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Teach all nations regardless of worldview – Jesus did not die on the cross for just some people, He died for the sins of the world!
- Christians worldwide, including the United States, are both being killed and having their physical structures destroyed. Sometimes the governments, including the United States, are being used to work against Christians. Are we ready for the Second Coming which could be close at hand?
- {Following much advice, the end of the Apostle Paul's kind of farewell speech to Timothy spoke of the end times last days with more advice and a triumphant ending:} This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient

to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was. But you have fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But you continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing of whom you have learned them; and that from a child you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man {in this translation of the Bible man means man or woman} of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

I charge you therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom; preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But you watch in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of your ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall

give me at that day: and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing.

- But people taking sides on religious conflicts should not choose hate in thought, word, and deed toward others because God is love not hate. However, these issues may include eternally deadly consequences which should be taken into consideration regardless of what action may be needed to be taken.
- The morality of a civilization is determined by religion/worldview and is shown in their laws, etc. American civilization is shifting in these matters even in religious circles. Civilizations can use the government to enforce laws against religious worldviews in the civilization. The authority of the risen Christ has no equal. We cannot determine God's morality if we are rejecting religion and Bible!
- We need to acknowledge God if we want God to acknowledge us. God is under no obligation to keep America going if our we will not acknowledge Him which includes both the government and society.

Here is another look at the authority of the Bible:

Some take the Bible solely on faith and use it as the Bible teaches. {Paul speaking} "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when you received the Word of God which you heard of us, you received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectually works also in you that believe."

The Bible also gives a rationale for its authority but you still need it to use it in faith. "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;"

Jesus Christ, the corner stone, gave His predicted resurrection never to die again as support for Who is and what He said as the greatest authority ever: Son of God in human form Who died for our sins in our place so that we can live forever in the presence of our holy God our Creator. Of course, Jesus has much other support – His miracles, His Words, the witness of John the baptizer, etc.

Jesus endorsed the prophets down to the “jot and tittle”. He told His close apostles that “Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that receives whomsoever I send receives Me; and he that receives Me receives Him that sent Me.” Jesus selected Paul to be His messenger in the book of Acts. Paul learned the Word of God from the apostles and from Jesus. Peter in his writings includes Paul as Scripture. Thus, the greatest human authority the risen Jesus Christ supports the message of His messengers in the Bible when interpreted His way.

1 peter 1:10-12 show Christ involved in the writing of the Old Testament.

John, chapter 17, is a prayer by Jesus for His messengers His close apostles and their message and for those who accept their message. The apostles included Paul.

{Jesus praying} “For I have given unto them {the ‘11’ apostles of Jesus} the Words which You gave Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from You, and they have believed that You did send Me.” ... “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their Word {that is meant for us}”

The prayer of Jesus shows how faith in the Bible is expressed in these Words: “For I have given unto them {the ‘11’ apostles of Jesus} the Words which You gave Me; and they have received them”. These received Words and those Jesus gave to His messenger Paul who met with apostles became the New Testament under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. These Words changed the world because the apostles received {had faith in} them – they received all of them. We need to do the same -- received {have faith in} the Words of God from the apostles. The apostles made a commitment to believe the Words of God from Jesus and their message comes to us in the Bible New Testament.

The resurrection was the greatest convincer for the apostles. The apostles then had to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost with power before God’s Words from Jesus would flow through them while Paul, to have the same power with God’s Words, had to wait to be uniquely chosen by Jesus to be His messenger and meet with the apostles.

The source chain of the Bible from God to us

as shown in the last big prayer of Jesus.

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Who in faith received them.

Jesus gave God's Words to the apostles

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The apostles gave God's Words to believers

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“You shall call his name Jesus:

for He shall save His people from their sins.”

“They shall call his name Emmanuel,

which being interpreted is, God with us.”

How do we receive these Words in faith and live by them? “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” Then we make a conscious decision. We can't get away from needing to have faith. {Paul speaking} “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when you received the Word of God which you heard of us, you received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectually works also in you that believe.”

Note that the Bible New Testament {New Covenant} fulfills and reinterprets the Bible Old Testament {Old Covenant}.

Furthermore, Satan the Devil continues to say what He found effective in the Garde of Eden: “It ain't so.”

Notice that the chain likely breaks at the step of “The apostles gave God's Words to believers who in faith receive them to get all of their benefits.”

If you have trouble with any Bible Words [that want you to reject them or water them done] remember the **source chain** back to God from the prayer of Jesus.

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The Last Big Prayer Of Jesus

"These Words spoke Jesus, and lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour is come; glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You: as You have given Him power over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is life eternal, that they might know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth: I have finished the work which You gave Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify You Me with Your own Self with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

I have manifested Your Name unto the men which You gave Me out of the world: Yours they were, and You gave them Me; and they have kept Your Word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever You have given Me are of You. For I have given unto them the Words which You gave Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from You, and they have believed that You did send Me.

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I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which You have given Me; for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your own Name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one, as We are. While I was with them in the

world, I kept them in Your Name: those that You gave Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

And now come I to You; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your Word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Sanctify them through Your truth: Your Word is truth. As You have sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word;

**{ The apostles gave God's Words to believers
who in faith receive them to get all of their benefits. }**

That they all may be one; as You, Father, are in Me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that You have sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one: I in them, and You in Me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them, as You have loved Me.

Father, I will that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory, which You have given Me: for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world has not known You: but I have known You, and these have known that You have sent Me. And I have declared unto them Your Name, and will declare It: that the love wherewith You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

{End of prayer}

But the preceding rationale still has to be accepted in faith and that could affect our spiritual power from the Holy Spirit. “But without faith it is impossible to please Him {God}: for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.”

“Then He {Jesus} said to Thomas, ‘Reach here your finger, and behold My hands; and reach here your hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing.’ And Thomas answered and said unto Him, ‘My Lord and my God.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.’ And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this Book: but these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through his Name.”

You may wish to increase your understanding about the Bible from the parable of the sower and the seed in Matthew 13:2-23 and Luke 8:4-15.

Some General Comments:

It is not what we believe but is what we believe right and why and what is the authoritative evidence. It is not what we think but rather what God and Jesus Christ think and there is no greater human authority than the risen Jesus Christ.

Who defines common sense and why and on what authority and evidence? What are the oppose views for comparison?

When we speak of values, whose values are we talking about? Who defines values and why and on what authority and evidence? What are the oppose views for comparison? My religion says that the risen Jesus Christ and the message of His Bible messengers define values.

Learn all of the facts on a subject before drawing conclusions. Don't show your ignorance. Speaking confidently does not make ignorance based conclusions correct.

Saying something with a lot of passion does not make it right.

Speaking bad information with emotional passion does not make it right.

Theological statements that sound good but are not backed by the religious authority of the risen Jesus Christ and His authority through the message of His messengers in Bible are not to be trusted.

“You are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.” Can you recognize things in the world that are Biblical subjects but are given non-Biblical interpretations which means that they most likely do not have the risen Christ for the ultimate authority? One of the smart, talented Founders of America took a cutting instrument and cut out the deity of Jesus Christ in the Bible including the resurrection (hopefully that person changed before he died). That person’s religious words over a decade after the Constitution was finished (those words are often substituted for the freedom of religion words passed by our American Founders in the Constitution Bill of Rights) has had a negative influence on religion in America removing God from public affairs. Christian were not widely aware that that person cut the resurrection of Jesus Christ out of the Bible! - - the Bible that says, “But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ: Whom He raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; you are yet in your sins.”

Saying something that is not the way Jesus supports or interprets the Bible does not make it correct by saying it. Listen carefully to yourself and others. Paul says to “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.” In the Bible that includes our interpretation to see if it is in line with the way Christ supports and interprets the Bible.

You need to thoroughly researched all sides of the issues to keep from making a false prediction. Some questions: Do you know what are the points that support your issue? Do you know the opposing points on the other side of the issue? How does each position handle difficulties? Do you know how each side debates opposing points of the other side? Are there more than two sides of options on the issues? Have you realistically worked out all of the questions raised, do other nations have to cooperate (not likely) to make your plan work, and has all of the implementation realistically been worked out? And are you aware that there may be people with incomplete facts, spin, and peer pressure who encourage smart people in a hidden manner to accept false predictions when there is lots of money to be made off of the false predictions? Are you aware of ways to involve God in your decision making? I would guess that your answer would be “No” to many of these preceding questions if you came up with a false prediction. Do your research.

God gives us gifts before conversion. God does not have a morality litmus test before giving talent and skills to us to develop. He gives us gifts and talents before conversion. Paul did not give a morality or religious test before he selected a ship crew to sail for his next evangelistic journey. However, after conversion there is a whole new life, an eternal life with a holy God and Jesus Christ, that goes on into eternity. Even though there are tribulations but Jesus said that He has overcome the world: God is a rewarder; Jesus has a joy made complete for us; the list of benefits is long and significant. God gave us the risen Jesus Christ for our comfort if we yield to Him.

It should be noted that religious denominations are splitting over secular driven issues while not looking at the underlying issue of "is the Bible true?". Many religious circles are divided over human sexuality into irresolvable contradictory non-Biblical Christianity and Biblical Christianity options - - more specifically non-Biblical (partial-Bible) Christianity and Biblical (total-Bible) Christianity of the ages and of our Colonial Founders. One side does not believe (accept) the "facts" and "logic" of the other side and vice versa.

The final big prayer of Jesus tells us that Jesus received God's Word from God. The disciples received God's Word from Jesus. Jesus prayed for the believers that received God's Word from the message of the disciples/apostles. If God's Word from Jesus to the believers did not happen in the Bible, then where did it happen? As we argue over the truth of the Bible, we can resolve a secular driven issue crisis and the underlying Bible issue by the one way that the Bible resolves a divorce crisis when there is serious differences in Bible use in the crisis. There is the Bible possibility of divorce in adultery. (Also the Bible suggests temporary separation and, of course, if someone rams your head through the wall the marriage agreement may well be broken.) But there is also the second Bible possibility of divorce when issues are in serious Bible disagreement even without the conflicting issues getting settled: "But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God has called us to peace." All of the context of this passage does not fit our discussion but the peace aspect certainly does. In doctrine Church denominations have departed from each other in positions on the issues. Let us physically depart/split in peace but still hold each other in the love of God. He will not likely be done with we the people yet.

We are all sinners who God and Jesus Christ love very much but we are in need of a Savior. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" "For

we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. {We are all sinners who need a Savior to dwell in God's presence and in the presence of the risen Jesus Christ.} {And then we need to make changes for our benefit.} But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that you affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto all people." "Put off concerning the former conversation the old man {in you}, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that you put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be you angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the Devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needs. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and you be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you."

Christians need to remember teachings on the "Prince of air" {Satan the Devil} who is trying to take over nations and civilizations. Satan can take over our nation and civilization if we give it to him. Jesus defeated Satan and can help us do the same in His way: "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world {Satan the Devil} be cast out." The Bible discussion about the full armor of God tells more about being prepared to deal with Satan the Devil as we depend on Christ. "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." [A list of the full armor of God then follows in the Bible in Ephesians 6:10-18.] No nation has ever lasted forever on Earth.

“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.”

Since the Garden of Eden clever Satan can mislead just by saying, “It ain’t so. Satan tempted Jesus by lying (he is the father of lies) with the incorrect use of Holy Bible Scriptures. Jesus defeated his temptations with the correct use of Scriptures. We cannot defeat Satan on our own. When Satan enters a situation, use the help of Jesus Christ and wait.

“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time: casting all your care upon Him; for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the Devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”

”For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”

Somewhere it should be mentioned in passing that Bible worship should be studied. The Old Testament temple had high art and David is one the greatest musicians to ever live. See “A Case For Art Music To Be The Core Of The Church Music Program” on the danielhookemusic.com website.

Some last statements recorded in the Bible before the end times of Revelation:

“Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called: Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto

you, and exhort you that you should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though you once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. and the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the Great Day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the Devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, 'The Lord rebuke you.' But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withered, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, 'Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.' These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaks great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. But, beloved, you remember the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit. But you, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before

the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”
{End of Jude}

Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that we can live with a holy God forever. God has told us how He has designed salvation which is something that the human mind can not find out on its own – God has to tell us through His messengers. But until we are converted the cross message can seem offensive. The Bible mentions an offence of the cross in passing. Also consider these statements: “But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness”. “And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the Word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.” “But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty”. Thus, persecution may happen. But Paul did not slack from presenting the stumbling block, the offence of the cross to people who had a different worldview than the cross unless the Spirit guided otherwise.

The Bible states that Jesus came to save the world not to condemn the world. What is an example of how Jesus saves without condemning? We see this in action in a human sexuality situation that is recorded in the Bible and is in conflict with the Bible. This is how Jesus helped. Jesus, as Son of God, did not help by performing a miracle to make someone well. Instead, He helped by skillfully and wisely chasing away the accusers who all left instead of condemning. Then Jesus simply said, “Neither do I condemn you: go, and stop sinning.

Of course, if Jesus died for our sins, then we need to do works of change that are right for repentance.

“For you remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: as you know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father does his children, that you would walk worthy of God, who has called you unto his kingdom and glory.”

Some sins harder to repent than others when the body is chemically hooked on drugs and deep alcoholism pull against you. Don't give up.

Satan the Devil caused a delay to a prayer answer for Daniel. Don't give up.

"There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it." The time of escape can pass and then it may be eternally too late. If you can still cry out to God and Jesus Christ in your mind, there is still likely an escape.

"The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:"

"Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love Him. Let no man say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted of God:' for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempts He any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren."

More concerning sin:

"Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own? For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

When Joseph found himself being dragged into a situation involving human sexuality sin, he left his coat and ran.

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us."

A lot about God and the world beyond we do not know, much less understand, unless we are told:

{God speaking through His prophet Isaiah} “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and returns not thither, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall My Word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

“Again the Word of the Lord came to me {the prophet Ezekiel}, saying, ‘Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them, ‘When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he sees the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; then whosoever hears the sound of the trumpet, and takes not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that takes warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.’ So you, O son of man, I have set you a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear the Word at my mouth, and warn them from Me.”

Jesus became a watchman for us when He told us about the other side of death which we could not know about.

“Before the foundation of the world” and “before the world was” Jesus came from the other side of our death and from the world after our death possibly from something like another dimension. Hence not only He could and He did talk about a heavenly paradise but He could and He did also did not hesitate to talk to warn us about a place of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Then said one unto Him, “Lord, are there few that be saved?” And He said unto them, “Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and has shut to the door, and you begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open unto us;’ and He shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence you are: then shall you begin to say, ‘We have eaten and drunk in Your presence, and You have taught in our streets.’ But He shall say, ‘I

tell you, I know you not whence you are; depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the Kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the Kingdom of God. And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last."

{At the end of a story:} "You cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

{"When the Son of man {Jesus Christ} shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory:"} {End of the discourse follows:} Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels: for I was an hungred, and you gave Me no meat: I was thirsty, and you gave Me no drink: I was a stranger, and you took Me not in: naked, and you clothed Me not: sick, and in prison, and you visited Me not." Then shall they also answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we You an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto You?" Then shall He answer them, saying, "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to Me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

Some final Words from Jesus about God's Words:

{Jesus speaking} "He that has My commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves Me: and he that loves Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him." Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest yourself unto us, and not unto the world?" Jesus answered and said to him, "If a man love Me, he will keep My Words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make our home with him. He that loves Me not keeps not My sayings: and the Word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me."

"And He {the risen Christ} said unto them, 'These are the Words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning Me.' Then He opened their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures, and said unto them, 'Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to

suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you: but you tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until you be endued with power from on high.”

[Some final statements of Jesus before His death] And Jesus answered them, saying, “The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone: but if it die, it brings forth much fruit. He that loves his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serve Me, him will My Father honour. Now is My soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify Your Name.” Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, “I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.” The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, “An angel spoke to Him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice came not because of Me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world {Satan the Devil} be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.” This He said, signifying what death He should die. The people answered Him, “We have heard out of the law that Christ abides for ever: and how do You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up?’ Who is this Son of Man?” Then Jesus said unto them, “Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knows not whither he goes. While you have Light, believe in the Light, that you may be the children of Light.” These things spoke Jesus, and departed, and did hide Himself from them. But though He had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on Him: {true today also} that the saying of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, ‘Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?’ Therefore they could not believe, because that Isaiah said again, ‘He has blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.’ These things said Isaiah, when he saw His glory, and spoke of Him.” Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on Him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Jesus cried and said, “He that believes on Me, believes not on Me, but on Him that sent Me. And he that sees Me sees Him that sent Me. I am come a Light into the world, that whosoever believes on Me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear My Words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejects Me, and receives not My Words, has one that judges him: the Word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of Myself; but the Father which sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that His commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak.”

If Jesus said, “whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak”, then I don’t see any way that we can avoid heeding the Words of Jesus and the message of His chosen messengers including Paul who Jesus chose to be His messenger. Taking this position then non-Biblical conflicts with the Bible will not be a problem with the help of Jesus to defeat Satan the Devil. However, Satan will continue to say, “It ain’t so”. Jesus Christ has done all He can to help us choose our life and our eternal destiny with Him and God.

{Jesus} said, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.”

{Jesus} said, “Blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it.”

{Comment: You probably know that some people vote with their pocketbooks. Some people vote with their feet. They walk away to something better, or to something that might not be better, or some walk away from the Church never to return which may be the fault of the person or may be the fault of the Church.}