

Search for Truth
Lesson Seven

Chart 4 - It is finished

A. It is finished

Mark 15:37-38

37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

38 And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

1. Jesus' soul went into the bowels of the Earth where He preached to the imprisoned souls.

Acts 2:25-27

25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

27 **Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

1 Peter 3:18-20

18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

19 By which also **he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;**

20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

2. After three days Jesus rose from the dead.

Matthew 27:52-53

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose.

53 **And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.**

3. The Lord Jesus also took back the power that the devil had over mankind.

Hebrews 2:14

14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**

Revelation 1:18

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, **I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.**

4. After Jesus died, was buried, and resurrected, he told His disciples:

Luke 24:46-53

46 And said unto them, **Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:**

47 And **that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name** among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48 **And ye are witnesses of these things.**

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: **but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.**

50 And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, **he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.**

52 And they **worshipped him**, and **returned to Jerusalem** with great joy:

53 And **were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.** Amen.

Luke, the beloved physician, is also the author of the book of Acts.

Acts 1:3-5

3 To whom also **he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days**, and speaking of the things pertaining to **the kingdom of God:**

4 And, being assembled together with them, **commanded them** that they should not depart from Jerusalem, **but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.**

5 For **John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.**

When the Apostles and disciples gathered in Jerusalem and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God, **they were waiting upon the Holy Ghost as Jesus had promised them.**

5. Remember we are in transition from the Old Testament Covenant to the New Testament Covenant.

Luke 22:20b

This cup is the **new testament** in my blood, which is shed for you.

No Testament can come into force without the death of the testator.

Hebrews 9:16-17

16 For where a testament is, **there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.**

17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: **otherwise** it is of **no strength** at all while the

testator liveth.

6. The outpouring of the Holy Ghost when the day of Pentecost was fully come, was the fulfilling of the New Testament Covenant, which is:

Hebrews 8:10-13

10 For **this is the covenant that I will make** with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:**

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

12 For **I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.**

13 In that he saith, **A new covenant, he hath made the first old.** Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

7. As soon as the Holy Ghost was poured out, when the day of Pentecost was fully come, this is what took place:

Acts 2:1-4

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And **suddenly there came** a sound from heaven **as of a rushing mighty wind,** and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And **there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire,** and **it sat upon each of them.**

4 And **they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

8. When the multitudes gathered together and asked what was the meaning of what was going on, this is what was spoken:

Acts 2:36-42

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel **know assuredly,** that **God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**

37 **Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, **Save yourselves from this untoward generation.**

41 Then **they that gladly received his word were baptized:** and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And **they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

B. Christ the Firstfruits

1. Jesus Christ is the First and only begotten of the Father!

John 1:1,14, 18

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

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, **the glory as of the only begotten of the Father**,) full of grace and truth.

18 No man hath seen God at any time; **the only begotten Son**, which is **in the bosom of the Father**, he hath declared him.

John 3:16-17

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave **his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; **but that the world through him might be saved**.

1 John 4:9-10

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that **God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him**.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that **he loved us**, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

2. Jesus Christ is the First begotten of the Dead!

Revelation 1:5

5 And from **Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead**, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Acts 26:22-23

22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

23 **That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the Gentiles**.

3. Jesus Christ is the First begotten of the Living!

1 Corinthians 15:20-23

20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, **by man came also the resurrection of the dead**.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive**.

23 But every man in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits; afterward they** that are Christ's **at his coming**.

C. The Sign of Circumcision

This process begins with understanding that **just as Abraham received the sign of circumcision**, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised, **that we too also** enter into the New Testament Covenant with a circumcision.

Just as God **cut the covenant** with Abraham with the sign of circumcision, even so God also **cuts the covenant** with us in a different way. Instead of it being a circumcision of the flesh, **it is a circumcision of the heart**.

Romans 2:28-29

28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

29 But he is a Jew, **which is one inwardly**; and circumcision is that **of the heart**, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

Hebrews 10:16-20

16 This is **the covenant** that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, **I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them**;

It is important to understand that when the Lord writes His laws into your hearts and into your minds, it comes by the receiving of the Holy Ghost.

17 And their **sins and iniquities** will I remember **no more**.

To enter into this covenant one must **repent of their sins and be baptized in Jesus name for the remission of their sins**. God will have **cut the covenant** with us because the circumcision of Christ, the circumcision made without hands, takes place when you are buried with Him in baptism. Wherein you have faith in the operation of God who raised up Jesus from the dead.

18 Now where **remission** of these is, there is **no more offering** for sin.

This is because Christ died **once** for the ungodly. Once your sins have been remitted, if you fall short and sin again we are told, "And if any man sin, **we have an advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:" "Let us therefore **come boldly** unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." "If we confess our sins, he is **faithful and just** to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

So when we **repent** of our sins and **get baptized in Jesus name** for the remission of our sins, **we enter into the New Testament Covenant**, just as Abraham entered into the covenant that God gave to him and **to his seed after him**.

Abraham received **the sign of circumcision** and was given a **promise**. We too **are circumcised** and we too **receive a promise**. **The promise we receive** is that we will receive the Holy Ghost. When we receive the Holy Ghost, the Lord, **writes His laws in your hearts and in your minds**.

Just as Abraham **believed God**, that he might become **the father of many nations**, according to that which was spoken, **So shall thy seed be** (Rom 4:18) even so **we believe** in the death, burial, and resurrection of **Jesus Christ**. (1 Cor 15:1-4) **Abraham received** the sign of circumcision **in the flesh** for that which **he believed** (Rom 4:11) and **we receive** the sign of circumcision **in heart** for that which **we believe**. (Rom 2:29)

Thus you enter into the **New Testament Covenant** when you **repent** and are **baptized in Jesus name** for the remission of your sins. However, **you must then receive the promise** to complete the fulfilment of the Covenant **in which God writes His laws in your hearts and minds**.

1 Corinthians 12:13

13 For by **one Spirit are we all baptized into one body**, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

You enter into the body of Christ when you **receive the Spirit of Christ**. Not beforehand. When you are **baptized in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of your sins **you have put on Christ**, have entered into the New Testament Covenant, but **are awaiting the promise** of the believers, which is **the Holy Ghost** and how we gain access into the body of Christ.

Understand that it is a promise that you will receive the Spirit of Christ when you have put on Christ. However, **until you receive the Spirit of Christ** you are **not in** the body of Christ. Now if **any man have not** the Spirit of Christ, **he is none of his**. (Rom 8:9)

Remember **we must be born of water and of the Spirit** to see or enter into the kingdom of God. (Jn 3:1-7)

D. Welcome to the Body of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, **all things are become new**.

18 And all things are of God, who hath **reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ**, and hath given to us **the ministry of reconciliation**;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, **reconciling the world unto himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us **the word of reconciliation**.

After you have **repented** and have been **baptized in Jesus name** for the remission of sins, and have received **the Holy Ghost**, with the evidence of **speaking in another tongue** as the Spirit gives the utterance, you have now become **a new creature in Christ** and part of **the Body of Christ**.

Colossians 3:15

15 And **let the peace of God rule in your hearts**, to the which also ye are called in **one body**; and **be ye thankful**.

1. Neither Jew nor Gentile

1 Corinthians 12:13

13 For by **one Spirit** are we all baptized into one body, **whether we be Jews or Gentiles**, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into **one Spirit**.

Galatians 3:27-29

27 For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ have put on Christ**.

28 There is **neither Jew nor Greek**, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for **ye are all one in Christ Jesus**.

29 **And if** ye be Christ's, **then are ye** Abraham's seed, **and heirs** according to the promise.

2. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Body

Ephesians 4:15-16

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, **which is the head**, even Christ:

16 From whom **the whole body** fitly joined together and compacted by that which **every joint** supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of **every part**, maketh **increase of the body** unto the **edifying of itself in love**.

Colossians 2:19

19 And not holding **the Head**, from which **all the body by joints and bands** having nourishment ministered, and knit together, **increaseth with the increase of God**.

3. Members of the Body

Ephesians 2:11-22

11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past **Gentiles in the flesh**, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision [Jews] in the flesh made by hands;

12 That at that time **ye were without Christ**, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, **having no hope**, and **without God** in the world:

13 But now **in Christ Jesus** ye who sometimes were far off **are made nigh** by the blood of Christ.

Having therefore, brethren, **boldness to enter** into the holiest **by the blood of Jesus**, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, **through the veil**, that is to say, **his flesh**. (Heb 10:19-20)

14 For he is **our peace**, who hath made **both one**, and hath **broken down** the middle wall of partition **between us**; [Jew and Gentile]

15 **Having abolished in his flesh** the enmity, **even the law of commandments** contained in ordinances; for to make **in himself** of twain **one new man**, so making peace;

Remember the New Testament Covenant: I will put my laws into their mind, and write them

in their hearts: and **I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:** (Heb 8:10)

16 And that he might **reconcile both** unto God **in one body** by the cross, **having slain the enmity** thereby:

17 And came and **preached peace** to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. [Jew and Gentile]

18 For through him [Jesus] **we both have access** by one Spirit unto the Father.

Very important to understand. **We both Jew and Gentile** gain access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore **ye are no more strangers and foreigners**, but **fellowcitizens** with the saints, and of **the household** of God;

20 And are **built upon the foundation** of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

21 In whom all **the building fitly framed together** groweth unto an **holy temple** in the Lord:

22 In whom **ye also are builded together** for an habitation of God **through the Spirit.**

1 Corinthians 12:13-14

13 For by **one Spirit** are we **all baptized into one body**, whether we be **Jews or Gentiles**, whether we be **bond or free**; and have been **all made to drink into one Spirit.**

14 **For the body** is not one member, **but many.**

Ephesians 4:25

25 Wherefore **putting away lying**, speak every man **truth with his neighbour**: for we are **members one of another.**

Ephesians 5:19-21

19 Speaking to yourselves **in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs**, singing and making melody **in your heart to the Lord**;

20 **Giving thanks always** for all things unto God and the Father **in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**;

21 Submitting yourselves **one to another** in the fear of God.

Romans 12:4-5

4 For as we have **many members in one body**, and all members **have not the same office**:

5 So we, being many, **are one body in Christ**, and every one **members one of another.**

4. Let us Love One Another

John 13:34-35

34 A new commandment I give unto you, **That ye love one another; as I have loved you**, that ye also **love one another.**

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, **if ye have love one to another.**

Hebrews 10:23-25

23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith **without wavering**; (for he is **faithful** that promised;)

24 And **let us consider** one another **to provoke** unto **love and to good works**:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; **but exhorting one another**: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Galatians 6:2

Bear ye one another's burdens, and **so fulfil the law of Christ**.

James 2:8

If ye fulfil **the royal law** according to the scripture, Thou shalt **love thy neighbour** as thyself, **ye do well**:

Romans 13:10

Love worketh **no ill** to his neighbour: **therefore** love is **the fulfilling** of the law.

5. Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-30

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus **the same night** in which he was betrayed **took bread**:

24 And when he had given thanks, **he brake it**, and said, **Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me**.

25 After the same manner also **he took the cup**, when he had supped, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me**.

26 For as often as ye **eat this bread**, and **drink this cup**, ye do **show the Lord's death** till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But **let a man examine himself**, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 **For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body**.

30 **For this cause** many are **weak and sickly among you**, and **many sleep**.

6. The Laying on of Hands

Acts 19:6

6 And when Paul **had laid his hands upon them**, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Ephesians 6:18

18 **Praying always** with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

1Thessalonians 5:15-19

15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but **ever follow that which is good**, both among yourselves, and to all men.

16 **Rejoice evermore.**

17 **Pray without ceasing.**

18 **In every thing give thanks:** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19 **Quench not the Spirit.**

James 5:11-16

11 Behold, we count them happy **which endure**. Ye have heard of the **patience of Job**, and have **seen the end of the Lord**; that **the Lord is very pitiful**, and of **tender mercy**.

12 But above all things, my brethren, **swear not**, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your **yea be yea**; and your **nay, nay**; lest ye **fall into condemnation**.

13 Is any among you afflicted? **let him pray**. Is any merry? **let him sing psalms**.

14 Is any sick among you? **let him call for the elders of the church**; and **let them pray** over him, **anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord**:

15 And **the prayer of faith shall save the sick**, and the Lord **shall raise him up**; and if he have committed sins, **they shall be forgiven him**.

16 **Confess your faults one to another**, and **pray one for another**, that ye may be **healed**. The effectual **fervent prayer** of a righteous man **availeth much**.

7. Fasting

Matthew 6:16-18

16 Moreover **when ye fast**, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

17 But thou, **when thou fastest**, anoint **thine head**, and wash **thy face**;

18 **That thou appear not unto men to fast**, but unto thy Father which **is in secret**: and thy Father, which **seeth in secret**, shall **reward thee openly**.

Matthew 17:18-21

18 And **Jesus rebuked the devil**; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, **Why could not we** cast him out?

20 And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief**: for verily I say unto you, **If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed**, ye shall say unto this mountain, **Remove hence to yonder place**; and it shall remove; **and nothing shall be impossible unto you**.

21 Howbeit **this kind** goeth not out **but by prayer and fasting**.

Luke 5:33-35

33 And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?

34 And he said unto them, **Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them?**

35 But **the days will come**, when the bridegroom **shall be taken away from them**, and then

shall they fast in those days.

8. How Should I Worship God?

The topic of **worship and praise** is a very crucial topic. Many people **do not realize** the importance of giving God praise **or they do not fully understand** how to give God praise. This portion of the lesson is going to be on **how to worship and give praise unto God according to the scriptures.**

John 4:23-24

23 But the hour cometh, and **now is**, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Here Jesus reveals to us how we are to worship. That being in **spirit and in truth**. Jesus also reveals to us that this is what the Father is seeking from us. For **God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**

Matthew 4:10

10 Then saith Jesus unto him, **Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**

We are reminded by Jesus that we are to **only worship** and **to serve** the Lord our God!

Luke 19:35-40

35 And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon.

36 And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way.

37 And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, **the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice** for all the mighty works that they had seen;

38 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.

40 And he answered and said unto them, **I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.**

A couple of things to notice here. First that we just read that Jesus told satan that we are to only worship and to serve the Lord our God! Yet here we see that Jesus allowed the **people to praise and worship Him**. The answer of why? **Jesus is God**. For He is **Emmanuel**, which being interpreted is, God with us. (Mt 1:23) **For God was** manifest in the flesh. (1 Tim 3:16) **To wit, that God was** in Christ, reconciling the world **unto himself**. (2 Cor 5:19)

We were shown a clear example of how to worship and give praise unto God here. **The whole**

multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice. Their praise was exuberant!!!! It was not dead praise. It was not quiet speaking. It was lively and cheerful!!!! They were EXCITED!!!!!!

When the Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke the disciples.... The Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed, **I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.**

The Greek word **for cry** in use:

2896. krazo, krad'-zo; a prim. verb; prop. to "croak" (as a raven) or scream, i.e. (gen.) to call aloud (shriek, exclaim, intreat):--cry (out).

Again, just as the disciples rejoiced and praised God with a **LOUD voice**, the Lord made it clear that if they should stop **the stones would CRY OUT!!!!** This is the Lord of Glory!!!! Not a football game!? Not a sporting event!? Not some form of carnal entertainment! **But the Creator of the Universe!!!!**

Matthew 21:14-16

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, **and the children crying in the temple**, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased,

16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, **Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?**

The Greek word in use here **for crying** is the same as was above for the word cry. They were full of joy!!! **Over the mighty and wonderful works of the Lord!!!!**

Jesus said they had perfected praise!! We should be **excited** about the Lord!!! We should be **overwhelmed with joy** that He died on the cross for us!!!! We should be **ecstatic about** the grace and mercy He has extended to us!!!!

O Make A JOYFUL NOISE unto the LORD!!!!!!

Psalms 100:1-5

1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

2 Serve the LORD **with gladness**: come before his presence **with singing**.

3 Know ye that **the LORD he is God**: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; **we are his people**, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates **with thanksgiving**, and into his courts **with praise**: **be thankful unto him, and bless his name**.

5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.
(Even this one that we live in)

Colossians 3:16-17

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly **in all wisdom**; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
17 And **whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus**, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

We are to sing and to make a joyful noise unto the Lord!!

1 Peter 2:3-5

3 If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
4 To whom coming, as unto **a living stone**, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,
5 **Ye also, as lively stones**, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Matthew 22:32

32.....God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

Does anybody out there **have Spiritual Life?????** Then **lift up your voices with a shout** unto the Lord!!!! Is He not worthy???? O Praise God with a **LOUD voice!!!**

Some people will try to find a way to pass off the praising of God by saying there is a time and a place for everything. I am here to tell **you** the time to praise God **is always!!!!**

Philippians 4:4

4 **Rejoice** in the Lord **always**: and again I say, **Rejoice**.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

16 **Rejoice evermore**.
17 Pray without ceasing.
18 **In every thing give thanks**: for **this is the will of God** in Christ Jesus **concerning you**.
19 Quench not the Spirit.

Hebrews 13:15-16

15 By him therefore **let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually**, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.
16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for **with such sacrifices God is well pleased**.

Not only do we offer up a sacrifice of praise to God **with our voices**, but we also **raise our hands** unto the Lord. The lifting up of your hands to the Lord **is an act of love** and of **submissiveness!** A yielding up of yourself **to the King!!!**

Psalms 141:1-2

1 LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.
2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee **as incense**; and **the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice**.

O bless God with some Praises Worthy of a KING!!!!

Psalms 47:1-2

- 1 **O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.**
- 2 For the LORD most high is terrible; **he is a great King over all the earth.**

Does anybody have a dance in them for the Lord????

Psalms 150:1-6

- 1 Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise **him in the firmament of his power.** (This would include the lifting up of your hands.)
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him **with the sound of the trumpet**: praise him **with the psaltery and harp.**
- 4 Praise him **with the timbrel and dance**: praise him **with stringed instruments and organs.**
- 5 Praise him **upon the loud cymbals**: praise him **upon the high sounding cymbals.**
- 6 **Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.**

PRAISE THE LORD!!!! Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD!!!!

2 Samuel 6:14-15

- 14 And **David danced before the LORD with all his might**; and David was girded with a linen ephod.
- 15 So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD **with shouting**, and with the sound of the trumpet.

2 Samuel 6:5

- 5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD **on all manner of instruments** made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

1 Chronicles 15:16

- 16 And David spake to the **chief of the Levites** to appoint their brethren to be the singers with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding, **by lifting up the voice with joy.**

Luke 6:22-23

- 22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.
- 23 **Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy:** for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

Does anybody out there feel like leaping for the Lord?? Anybody out their feel like rejoicing in the Lord???

Remember, we are **His people**, and **the sheep of His pasture**. **The hour cometh, and now is**, when the **true worshippers** shall worship the Father **in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.**

For us to partake of what God has asked of us, we need to be **more than hearers of the Word**, we need to be **doers of the Word**.

Again, **this is how** we worship God. **We give Him worship through** our **singing** unto Him, the **lifting up of our hands** unto Him, the **lifting up of our voices** of praise unto Him, **the playing of music** unto Him, **the clapping of our hands** unto Him, and **by dancing** unto the Lord!!!!

We want to invite God **into our midst by our worship** unto Him. The Lord **will inhabit the praises of His people**. And we are also told that **the Joy of the Lord is our strength**. When you worship the Lord and He comes into your presence, **Joy** will come into your heart. **For godly sorrow worketh repentance** to salvation not to be repented of.

Is there any true worshippers out there???? Then Let's give God some praise **with the voice of Triumph!!!!**

9. Edify One Another

Philippians 2:2-3

2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye **be likeminded**, having **the same love**, being of **one accord**, of **one mind**.

3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; **but in lowliness of mind** let each **esteem other better** than themselves.

1Thessalonians 5:11

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and **edify one another**, even as also ye do.

10. Obey them that have the Rule over you

Ephesians 4:11-13

11 And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors and teachers**;

12 For the **perfecting of the saints**, for the **work of the ministry**, for the **edifying of the body of Christ**:

13 Till we all come in **the unity of the faith**, and of **the knowledge of the Son of God**, unto a **perfect man**, unto **the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ**:

Hebrews 13:17

17 **Obey them** that have the rule over you, and **submit yourselves**: for they watch for your souls, as they that **must give account**, that they may do it **with joy**, and **not with grief**: for that is **unprofitable for you**.