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PREFACE

In a meeting with fellow-workers in the Lord at Lilongwe, Malawi in 1962 plans were made for the publication of a number of helps to Bible study in Chichewa, the main language of Malawi. Since Chichewa is not only spoken by the vast majority of Malawians but also by considerable numbers in the surrounding areas of Zambia, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe, a topical index to the Chichewa Bible was planned. I was selected to do this particular work and at various intervals have worked on this project. There have been many interruptions and delays and, hence, the work has taken much longer to complete than was anticipated. The first edition was published in Blantyre, Malawi in 1971.

Appreciation is extended to various brethren who have encouraged us to get the book into print. These include Dr. Roy Palmer, Dr. Bill Humble, Dr. J.D. Thomas, of Abilene Christian College, and Tex Williams. We especially want to thank Dr. Palmer, who is primarily responsible for arranging its translation from Chichewa into English so that it could be translated into Chishona and other African languages; and Joe Lyon, longtime missionary in Central Africa, who translated the work into English. From English it has been translated into Chishona, and has subsequently been translated into a number of other languages. It is hoped that this book, written in Africa with the African situation in mind, will be useful to sincere students of the Holy Scriptures and that it will be useful in other languages where no study guide of this type exists.

Various dictionaries, topical indexes, concordances, word studies, and monograms have been used in the arrangement of the material of this book. May God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be glorified through this Bible Topical Index.

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ACCESS TO GOD

- I. *Sinners Are Unable To Reach The Holy God In Their Sins:*
 - 1. Their sins separate them from God – Isa. 59:1-2.
 - 2. They are strangers and enemies because of sins – Col. 1:21.
 - 3. They are dead in their sins and without God – Eph. 2:1,12.
- II. *Sinners Find Access To God Through Jesus Christ:*
 - 1. Jesus is the One Mediator between God and man–1 Tim. 2:5.
 - 2. He is the only Way to come to God – John 14:6; Acts 4:12.
 - 3. Christ brings us to God through his sufferings–1 Peter 3:18; Heb. 10:19, 20.
 - 4. We are brought near to God through his blood–Eph. 2:13
 - 5. Jews and Gentiles have access through the Holy Spirit –Eph. 2:18.
 - 6. We have our access by faith – Rom. 5:2.
 - 7. We have strong, confident access through faith in Christ –Eph. 3:12.
- III. *Christians Should Draw Near To God In Their Prayers Through Christ:*
 - 1. We ask the Father in the name of Christ–John 16:23, 24.
 - 2. If we sin, Christ our Advocate intercedes with the Father for us–1 John 2:1.
 - 3. Christ helps those who are tempted – Heb. 2:17–18.
 - 4. We draw near to God with confidence because of our Great High Priest – Heb. 10:21-23; 4:14-16.

ADULTERY – FORNICATION

- I. *Christians Must Not commit Adultery.*
 - 1. To avoid fornication let every man have his own wife –1 Cor. 7:2.

2. Whosoever shall put away his wife, except for fornication, causes her to commit adultery—Matt. 19:9; 5:32.
3. For out of the heart proceedeth adulteries and fornications —Matt. 15:19; Mark 7:21-22.
4. The body is not for fornication – 1 Cor. 6:13.
5. Do not have fellowship with fornicators – 1 Cor. 5:9-11.
6. Fornicators must be disfellowshipped by the church—1 Cor. 5:1-13.
8. Abstain from fornication – 1 Thess. 4:3.
8. Flee fornication – 1 Cor. 6:18.
9. Mortify (put to death) fornication – Col. 3:5.
10. Neither let us commit fornication – 1 Cor. 10:8.
11. Some do not repent of their fornication – II Cor. 12:21; Rev. 9:21.

II. *The Punishment Of Fornicators.*

1. God will judge fornicators and adulterers – Heb. 13:4.
2. Fornicators and adulterers will not inherit the Kingdom of God –1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:19-21.
3. They will not enter the Holy City – Rev. 22:15.
4. They shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone – Rev. 21:8.

ANGELS

I. *Nature And History Of Angels:*

1. They were created by God – Nehemiah 9:6; Colossians 1:16.
2. They are innumerable – Heb. 12:22.
3. They continually worship God – Psalm 103:20; Rev. 5:11-13; 7:11-12.
4. They continually worship Christ – Heb. 1:6; Rev. 5:11-13.
5. They obey Christ – Eph. 1:21; Col. 1:16; 2:10; 1 Peter 3:22.
6. They are ministering spirits – Heb. 1:14; Acts 27:23.
8. They always take care of God's people – Psalm 34:7; 91:11-12; Daniel 6:22; Matt. 18:10.

9. Some people entertained angels unawares – Heb. 13:2.
10. Sometimes they appeared as men – Genesis 18:2, 16.
11. They do not marry – Matt. 22:30; Mk. 12:25.
12. They desire to know the eternal purpose of God in the gospel – 1 Peter 1:10-12.
13. Some were disobedient and are kept in everlasting bondage – II Peter 2:4; Jude 6.
14. Everlasting fire has been prepared for the Devil and his angels – Matt. 25:41.

II. *The Work Of Angels In The Old Testament:*

1. They informed Abraham and Sarah of the birth of Isaac – Genesis 18.
2. They destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah – Genesis 19:1-13.
3. They delivered Lot and his daughters – Genesis 19:15-16.
4. They were seen in Jacob's dream – Genesis 28:10-11.
5. They gave the law to Moses on Sinai – Acts 7:53; Gal. 3:19.
6. They led Israel to the land of promise – Exodus 23:23.
8. One tried to prevent Balaam from doing evil – Numbers 22:22-35.
8. They delivered Jerusalem from Assyria's attack (siege) – II Kings 19:35.
9. They delivered Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fiery furnace – Daniel 3:13-28.
10. They shut the lions' mouths and saved Daniel – Daniel 6:16-22.

III. *Jesus Christ And The Service Of Angels:*

1. An angel notified Zacharias of the birth of John the Baptist – Luke 1:11-12.
2. One appeared to Mary and told her she would bear Jesus – Luke 1:26-38.
3. One appeared to Joseph concerning Jesus – Matt. 1:20.
4. They preached (proclaimed) to the shepherds concerning the birth of Jesus – Luke 2:8-13.
5. They strengthened Jesus when He was tempted – Matt. 4:11; 22:43.

6. They guarded the tomb of Jesus and first proclaimed his resurrection from the dead – Matt 28:2-7.
8. They proclaimed Jesus' coming again – Acts 1:9-11.
9. They shall return with Jesus in flaming fire – II Thess. 1:7-11; Matthew 16:27; Mark 8:38.
10. They shall assist him when he separates between the good and evil – Matt. 13:41-42.
11. Jesus is far superior to angels – Hebrews 1:4-14.

IV. *The Teaching Of Jesus Concerning Angels:*

1. Angels are in heaven – Matt 22:30.
2. God's people have their angels – Matt. 18:10.
3. They rejoice when one sinner repents – Luke 15:10.
4. They shall hear the confession and denial of men – Luke 12:8.
5. They take the righteous to Paradise – Luke 16:22.
6. They shall assist God on the day of judgement – Matt. 13:41; 25:31.
7. The reapers on the last day are angels – Matt 13:39.
8. They shall separate between the evil and good – Matt. 13:41, 49.
9. They know not the time of the Lord's coming again – Matt. 24:36.
10. Satan has his angels – Matt. 25:41.

V. *The Church And The Service Of Angels:*

1. Angels set free the apostles from prison – Acts 5:19; 12:7.
2. They struck down Herod, an adversary of the church – Acts 12:23.
3. They stood by Paul and strengthened him – Acts 27:23-24.
4. They minister unto those who receive salvation – Hebrews 1:14; Matt. 18:10.
5. Christians shall judge angels – I Cor. 6:3.
6. They rejoice when a single sinner repents – Luke 15:7-10.
7. Jesus did not come to redeem angels, but men – Heb. 2:16.
8. Christians must not worship angels – Colossians 2:18; Rev. 19:10; 22:9.

ANGER – WRATH

- I. *People Of Wrath Work Unrighteousness:*
 - 1. A wrathful man stirreth up strife – Prov. 15:18; 29:22.
 - 2. He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly – Prov. 14:17.
 - 3. The wrath of a king is as messengers of death – Prov. 16:14.
 - 4. Anger resteth in the bosom of fools – Eccl. 7:9.
 - 5. Anger is a work of the flesh – Gal. 5:19-20.
 - 6. The wrath of man does not work the righteousness of God – James 1:20.

- II. *People Of God Should Avoid Anger:*
 - 1. Be ye angry and sin not – Eph. 4:26.
 - 2. Let not the sun go down upon your wrath – Eph. 4:26.
 - 3. Wrath of a Christian to be put away – Eph. 4:32.
 - 4. Put away anger from your heart – Col. 3:8.
 - 5. Separate yourself from wrath – Rom. 12:19.
 - 6. They must be slow to anger – James 1:19.
 - 8. They must pray without wrath – 1 Tim. 2:8.
 - 8. Elders must be slow to anger – Titus 1:7.
 - 9. The one who is angry with his brother without a cause is a sinner – Matt. 5:22.
 - 10. Fathers provoke not your children to wrath – Eph. 6:4.

- III. *One Slow To Anger Truly Excels:*
 - 1. A soft answer turneth away wrath – Prov. 15:1.
 - 2. He that is slow to anger appeaseth strife – Prov. 15:18.
 - 3. The discretion of a man deferreth his anger – Prov. 19:11.
 - 4. He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding – Prov. 14:29.
 - 5. He that is slow to wrath is better than the mighty – Proverbs 16:32.
 - 6. He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city – Proverbs 16:32.

- IV. *Examples Of Anger:*
 - 1. Cain – Genesis 4:5.
 - 2. Balaam – Num. 22:27.
 - 3. Saul – 1 Sam. 20:30.

4. Naaman – II Kings 5:11-12.
5. Jonah – Jonah 4:1-4.
6. Herod – Matt. 2:16.

V. *Sometimes Anger Is justified:*

1. Moses was angry because of the deceitfulness of Pharaoh – Exod. 11:8.
2. Moses was angry because of the idol worship of Israel – Exod. 32:19.
3. Nehemiah was angry because of the mistreatment of the poor – Neh. 5:1-6.
4. Jesus was angry because of the hard hearts of the Pharisees – Mk. 3:5.
5. Be ye angry and sin not – Eph. 4:26.

TO BE ASHAMED

1. I am not ashamed of the Gospel – Rom. 1:16.
2. Be not ashamed of the testimony of the Lord – II Tim. 1:8.
3. I am not ashamed because I know him – II Tim. 1:12.
4. The Christian is not ashamed when he suffers – 1 Pet. 4:16.
5. There is nothing of which I shall be ashamed – Phil. 1:20.
6. Whoever is ashamed of Christ, Jesus will also be ashamed of him – Mark 8:38; Matt. 10:33; Luke 9:26.

AUTHORITY OR POWER

I. *The Authority Of God.*

God is the Creator and the owner of everything that exists. He has power or authority over men, angels, and all creation – Genesis 1:1; Psalm 135:5-6; Daniel 4:34-35; Psalm 24:1; Acts 14:15-17; 17:24-28; I Peter 4:19; Rev. 4:8-11; Rev. 1:8.

II. *The Authority Of Jesus Christ.*

1. He taught as one having authority or power – Matt. 7:24-29; 11:27; John 6:46; 6:68.

2. The authority or power of Christ comes from God the Father – John 5:19, 7:16, 8:28, 12:49; Matt. 17:5.
3. God speaks through Christ, who has all authority – Heb. 1:1-2; Matt. 28:18; Acts 2:36; 4:12'; 10:36; Phil. 2:9-11; Eph. 1:20-23; I Peter 3:22; Rev. 17:14; 19:16.

III. *The Authority Of The Apostles.*

1. Jesus gave them power through the Holy Spirit – John 14:26; 15:26; 16:12-14; Acts 1:8.
2. The Apostles' words are God's words – Gal. 1:8-12; I Cor. 14:37; I Thess. 2:13.
3. Those who reject the Apostles reject Christ and God – Matt. 10:40; Luke 10:16; I Thess. 4:8; Gal. 1:8-9.

IV. *Some Other Instances Of Authority.*

1. In families.
 - (1) A husband has authority over his wife – I Cor. 11:3; I Tim. 2:12; Eph. 5:22; I Peter 3:1-6.
 - (2) Parents have authority over their children – I Tim. 3:4, 12; Eph. 6:1-3.
2. Civil authorities.
 - (1) They are ordained of God – Romans 13:1-6; John 19:11.
 - (2) Christians should be subject to those in authority – Romans 13:1; I Peter 2:13-17; Matt. 22:17-21.(3)
 - (3) But they should obey God rather than men – Acts 4:19; 5:29.
3. The authority of Satan.

He has power over those who practice wickedness, but that power is destroyed by Christ in the life of believers – Luke 22:53; Col. 1:13; Heb. 2:14-15; I John 3:8; Acts 26:18; Romans 16:20; I Peter 2:9; I Cor. 10:13.

BACKSLIDING – TURNING AWAY FROM GOD

I. *God's People May Backslide And Become Separated From God.*

1. My people are bent on backsliding – Hosea 11:7.
2. Some have fallen from grace – Gal. 5:4.
3. Believers must take heed lest they fall – I Cor. 10:12.

II. *God's People Are Warned That They must Abide in Christ and Not Cast Away Their Faith.*

1. They must abide in Christ – John 15:1-6.
2. Take heed lest any of you have an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God – Heb. 3:12-14.
3. That which they have heard must abide in them – I John 2:24.

III. *Those Who Turn Away from God Shall Be Punished Severely.*

1. Their punishment shall be greater than they who never knew the way of righteousness – II Peter 2:20-22.
2. They crucify to themselves again the Son of God – Heb. 6:4-6.
3. They shall receive punishment greater than death without mercy – Heb. 10:26-31.
4. They shall be beaten with many stripes – Luke 12:47-48.

IV. *Our Responsibility Towards Backsliders:*

1. To warn them – Ezekiel 3:17-21; II Tim. 4:2.
2. To pray for them – Luke 22:32; John 17:11, 15.
3. To strengthen them – I Thess. 5:14.
4. To exhort them – Heb. 3:12-13.
5. To restore them – Gal. 6:1; James 5:19-20.
6. To withdraw from those who fail to repent – II Thess. 3:6; I Cor. 5:9-13.
8. To continue admonishing them as brothers – II Thess. 3:14-15.

BAPTISM

I. *Who Should Be Baptized?*

1. Those who have been taught – Matt. 28:19.
2. Those who believe – Mk. 16:15-16.
3. Those who are convicted of sin – Acts 2:37.
4. Those who repent – Acts 2:38.
5. Those who received his word were baptized – Acts 2:41.

6. “When they believed they were baptized” – Acts 8:12.
8. They heard, believed, and were baptized – Acts 18:8.

II. *How Were People Baptized In The New Testament?*

1. “Much water” is required – John 3:23.
2. Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan – Mk. 1:9.
3. Jesus, when he was baptized, came up out of the water – Mk. 1:10.
4. They both went down into the water – Acts 8:38.
5. They came up out of the water – Acts 8:39.
6. They were buried with Christ through baptism – Rom. 6:4
8. Buried in baptism and raised up – Col. 2:12.

Note: The word “to be baptized” (baptism) comes from the Greek and means *to cover*, or *to hide*, or *to immerse*. It does not mean *to sprinkle* or *to pour*.

III. *Why Must People Be Baptized?*

1. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved – Mk. 16:16; I Peter 3:21.
2. Unto... the forgiveness of sins – Acts 2:38.
3. Be baptized and wash away your sins – Acts 22:16.
4. In order to walk in a new life – Rom. 6:4.
5. To be born anew of water and the spirit – John 3:3-5.
6. The washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit – Titus 3:5.
8. In order to come into Christ – Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27.
8. In order to put on Christ as a garment – Gal. 3:27.
9. In order to obey God – Matt. 28:19; Acts 10:48.

IV. *After People Are Baptized, What Must They Do?*

1. They must continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship – Acts 2:42.
2. They must not forsake their assembling together – Heb. 10:25.
3. They must grow in grace and knowledge – I Peter 2:2; II Peter 3:18.
4. They must put off the old man of sin – Col. 3:5-9; Eph. 4:22.

5. They put on the new man – Col. 3:10-14; Rom. 13:14; Eph. 4:24.
6. Their manner of life must befit the Gospel – Phil. 1:27.
8. They must keep themselves unspotted from the world – James 1:27.
8. They must be ready unto every good work – Titus 3:1; 3:8, 14.
9. They must take heed lest they fall – I Cor. 10:12.
10. They must adorn the doctrine of God with a good manner of life – Titus 2:10-12; 1 Peter 3:3-4

BLOOD

- I. *Shedding Of Blood Means Death At The Hands Of Others:*
 1. Cain shed the blood of his brother – Genesis 4:8-10.
 2. Whoever shed blood was also killed – Genesis 9:6.
 3. The wicked are swift to shed blood – Isa. 59:7; Rom. 3:15,
 4. God hates the hands which kill innocent people – Prov. 6:16-17.
 5. God will not hear the prayer of one who sheds blood – Isa. 1:15.
 6. Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood – Habakkuk 2:12.
 8. David was prevented from building the temple because he shed much blood – I Chronicles 22:8; 28:3.
 8. Judas betrayed innocent blood – Matt. 27:4.
 9. God will bring punishment to compensate for the blood of his servants – Rev. 19:2.
- II. *The Blood Of Animals Was Offered As Sacrifice:*
 1. The sacrificial blood was sprinkled on Aaron and his garments – Exodus 29:21.
 2. The blood of animals made atonement for souls – Lev. 17:11.
 3. The blood of animals was the blood of the Old Covenant – Heb. 9:19-20.
 4. The high priest entered the Most Holy place year after year with blood – Heb. 9:7.
 5. The blood of bulls and goats did not remove sins –

Heb. 10:4.

6. The blood of animals typified the blood of Christ. It confirmed that “without the shedding of blood there is no remission” – Heb. 9:22.

III. *The Blood Of Christ:*

1. He made peace through the blood of his cross – Col. 1:20.
2. God brings people into fellowship with Him through Christ's blood – Eph. 2:13.
3. He purchased the church with his blood – Acts 20:28.
4. We are set free from sins by his blood – Rev. 1:5.
5. We are justified by his blood – Rom. 5:9.
6. We are redeemed by his blood – Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14.
7. We wash our clothes white in the blood of the Lamb – Rev. 7:14.
8. We have faith in his blood – Rom. 3:25.
9. The great price of our purchase is his blood – I Cor. 6:19-20; I Peter 1:18-19.
10. Jesus purchased people for God with his blood – Rev. 5:9.
11. We have eternal redemption by his blood – Heb. 9:12.
12. We enter into the holy place by his blood – Heb. 10:19.
13. His blood is the blood of the eternal covenant – Heb. 13:20.
14. The blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin – I John 1:7.
15. We overcome Satan through the blood of the Lamb – Rev. 12:11.
16. The one who sins deliberately counts the blood of Christ as of no account – Heb. 10:29.

THE BODY

I. *The Body May Become An Instrument Of Unrighteousness:*

1. The body of sin – Rom. 6:6.
2. The body of death – Rom. 6:12.
3. The body which is dead because of sin – Rom. 8:10.
4. The ungodly dishonor their bodies among themselves – Rom. 1:24.

5. The immoral person sins against his own body – I Cor. 6:18.
6. The works of the flesh separate man from God – Gal. 5:19-21.
8. The works of the flesh must be put to death – Rom. 8:12-13; Gal. 5:24.
8. The body must be brought into subjection – 1 Cor. 9:27.
9. The body may be cast into Gehenna – Matt. 5:29.

II. *But The Body Also May Be An Instrument Of Righteousness:*

1. The body is not for fornication, but for the Lord – I Cor. 6:13.
2. The Christian glorifies God in his body – I Cor. 6:20.
3. Christ is magnified in the body of his people – Phil. 1:20.
4. The body presented as a living sacrifice – Rome. 12:1.
5. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit – I Cor. 6:19.
6. The body shall be redeemed – Rom. 8:23.
8. The body of the Christian shall be changed – Phil. 3:20-21; I John 3:2.
8. The Christian must not be anxious about the needs of the body – Lk. 12:22.
9. The Christian adorns the heart more than the body – I Peter 3:3-4.

III. *Jesus And His Body:*

1. Christ chose a human body and was like man in all things – John 1:14; Heb. 2:14-18; 4:15.
2. He knew hunger, thirst, and pain – Lk. 4:2; John 19:28; I Peter 2:21; 3:18; 4:1.
3. He freely gave his body to purify humanity – Heb. 10:10.
4. He bore our sins in his body – I Peter 2:24.
5. His body was buried – Matt. 27:58-60; Mk. 15:96.
6. His body was raised from the dead – Acts 2:31-32; Luke 24:39.
8. In the Lord's Supper, the bread symbolizes his body – Mk. 14:22; Lk. 22:19; I Cor. 11:24; 10:16.

8. Whoever eats the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner is guilty of profaning his body – I Cor. 11:27.

IV. *The Church Of The Lord Is The Body Of Christ:*

1. The church is compared to a physical body – Rom. 12:4-5; I Cor. 12:12.
2. The church is the body of Christ – Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18
3. We were called in one body – Col. 3:15.
4. We were baptized so that we might enter the one body – I Cor. 12:13; Rom. 6:3-4.
5. Christ is the Saviour of the body – Eph. 5:23; Acts 20:28.
6. Sinners have fellowship with God in the body of Christ – Eph. 2:16.

BOOK OF LIFE

1. Names written in heaven – Lk. 10:20.
2. Their names are in the book of life – Phil. 4:3.
3. Those who are written in the Lamb's Book are those who enter heaven – Rev. 21:27.
4. Those who are not written therein shall be cast into the lake of fire – Rev. 20:12, 15.

CALLING

I. *How Does God Call?*

1. According to his purpose – Rom. 8:28.
2. According to his grace – II Tim. 1:9.
3. Through Christ the Power of God – I Cor. 1:24.
4. Through the Gospel – II Thess. 2:14.
5. The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come!” – Rev. 22:17.

II. *What Is The Nature Of Our Calling?*

1. Not according to man's wisdom – I Cor. 1:26.
2. The heavenly calling of God – Phil. 3:14.
3. The holy calling – II Tim. 1:9.
4. In peace – I Cor. 7:15.
5. Some refuse their calling – Matt. 22:3-6.

6. Many are called; but few are chosen – Matt. 22:14.
8. We must make our calling sure – II Peter 1:10.

III. *To What Are We Called?*

1. To enter into the light – I Peter 2:9.
2. In order to belong to Jesus Christ – Rom. 1:6.
3. To the fellowship of Christ – I Cor. 1:9.
4. To holiness – I Thess. 4:7.
5. To freedom – Gal. 5:13.
6. To his glory and virtue – II Peter 1:3.
8. To eternal life – 1 Tim. 6:12.
8. To one hope – Eph. 4:4.
9. To the marriage feast – Rev. 19:9.
10. To a worthy manner of life – Eph. 4:1.
11. To suffer hardship – I Peter 2:21.
12. To follow Christ's example – I Peter 2:21.

CHILDREN

I. *The Bible Says Of Children That:*

1. They are a gift which comes from God – Genesis 33:5.
2. They are a heritage from God – Psalm 127:3.
3. Children's children are the crown of old men – Prov. 17:6.
4. They are known by their doings – Prov. 20:11.

II. *Responsibility Of Parents To Their Children:*

1. Teach them diligently the Word of God time and again – Deut. 6:6, 7.
2. Teach them to fear God – Deut. 31:12-13.
3. Teach them the Scriptures from their infancy – II Tim. 3:15.
4. Train them in the way they should go so that they go not astray later – Proverbs 22:6.
5. They must punish them when they are disobedient – Prov. 13:24; 22:15; 23:13, 14; 29:15-17; Hebrews 12:5-9.
6. They must not provoke or discourage their children – Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21.
7. They must set a good example before them – II Tim.

1:5.

III. *The Responsibility Of Children:*

1. To remember their Creator – Ecclesiastes 12:1.
2. To fear Jehovah – Proverbs 24:21.
3. To obey God – Dent. 30:2.
4. To hear the instruction of their parents – Prov. 1:8, 9.
5. To respect those who bore them – Eph. 6:2; Heb. 12:9.
6. To keep their commandments – Prov. 6:20 ; Eph. 6:1 ; 3:20.
7. To care for those who bore them – I Tim. 5:4.
8. Not to follow the evil example of their parents – Ezekiel 20:18.

IV. *Wicked Children:*

1. They despise their father and mother – Prov. 15:5, 20.
2. They curse their father – Prov. 30:11.
3. They make them ashamed – Prov. 19:26.
4. They are the calamity of their parents – Prov. 19:13.
5. They cause them to sorrow – Prov. 17:25.
6. They despise their elders – Job 19:18.

V. *In Some Ways Children Are Examples To Adults:*

1. Mature people must receive the kingdom of God like a small child – Mark 10:15; Luke 18:17.
2. The kingdom of God is of such – Matt. 19:13; Mark 10:14.
3. Those who do not repent and become like little children shall not enter the kingdom at all – Matt. 18:3.
4. They must humble themselves as little children – Matt. 18:4.
5. In malice (evil intent) be children – I Cor. 14:20.

VI. *Christians Are Children Of God:*

1. They were born again of water and Spirit – John 3:3, 5.
2. Those who receive Christ are children of God – John 1:12.
3. They are children of God through faith – Gal. 3:26, 27.
4. Those who do righteousness are children of God – I John 3:10.

5. Those who are led by the Spirit are children of God – Rom. 8:14.
6. The Spirit bears witness with their spirits that they are children of God – Rom. 8:16.
7. They are called children of God, and such they are – I John 3:1.
8. They are children of light – John 12:36; Eph. 5:8; I Thess. 5:5.
9. They are beloved children – Eph. 5:1.
10. They are obedient children – I Peter 1:14.
11. They are children of the resurrection – Luke 20:36.
12. But some become “disobedient children” – Eph. 5:6; Col. 3:6.
13. Those who are such shall become “children of cursing” – II Peter 2:14.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

- I. *All Christians Must Grow In Spiritual Power:*
 1. They must put away every evil attitude – I Peter 2:1.
 2. They must long for the necessary milk that they may grow thereby unto salvation – I Peter 2:2.
 3. They must grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord – II Peter 3:18.
 4. The eyes of their understanding must be enlightened – Eph. 1:18.
 5. They must be followers of God – Eph. 5:1.
 6. They must add Christian attributes to their faith – II Peter 1:5-11.
 8. They must be renewed in the spirit of their minds – Eph. 4:23.
 8. They must be transformed by the renewing of their minds – Rom. 12:2.
 9. They must be transformed into the image of the Lord – II Cor. 3:18.
- II. *To Grow In Spiritual Power:*
 1. We must remember the greatness of our salvation – I Tim. 1:12-16; II Peter 1:9; I Peter 1:18-19.
 2. We must be constant in prayer:

- (1) The example of Daniel – Dan. 2:17-18; 6:10; 9:3-19.
- (2) The example of Jesus – Mk. 1:35; Lk. 3:21; 6:12; 22:41-46; John 11:41-42 ; Heb. 5:7.
- (3) The example of the original church – Acts 2:42; 3:1;4:24-31;6:4; 12:5; 13:3.
- (4) The example of Paul – Eph. 1:15-19; 3:14-19; 6:18; Phil. 4:6-7; Col. 4:2.
3. We must fill our hearts with God's Words – Psalms 119:9, 11; John 17:17; Acts 17:14; 20:32; I Peter 2:2.
4. We must remember that we are examples to others – Matt. 5:13-16; Phil. 2:15-16; Titus 2:9-10; Matt. 18:6; I Cor. 10:31-33.
5. We must not stumble because of other Christians; our faith must rest in God not in men – Rom. 3:3-4; II Tim. 2:11-13.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

I. *The Church In New Testament Usage:*

1. The word “church” means a “called out” body, a covenanted assembly of people. It is not just a company who have come together to share their own thoughts but a body of people called together to hear the voice of God.
2. It is used in three senses in the New Testament:
 - (1) Universal church – Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22, 23; Col. 1:18.
 - (2) Local congregation – Rom. 16:1; Gal. 1:2; I Cor. 1:2; 16:19.
 - (3) The actual assembly – I Cor. 11:18; 14:19, 23.
3. It is never used in the New Testament as a denomination, a group larger than the local church but smaller than the universal church.
4. It never means a material building in the New Testament.
5. There is “one body” – the church in the New Testament – Eph. 1:22, 23; 2:16; 4:4; Rom. 12:4-5.

II. *The Glory And Grandeur Of The Church:*

1. It was in God's eternal purpose – Eph. 3:8-11.
2. It is the fulness of Christ – Eph. 1:22, 23.
3. It is the body reconciled to God – Eph. 2:11-18.
4. It is the dwelling place of God in the Spirit – Eph. 2:18-22.
5. It is God's holy temple – I Cor. 3:16-17; II Cor. 6:14-16.
6. It is the family of God – Eph. 2:19; 5:1-2; I Tim. 3:15.
8. It is the bride of Christ – Eph. 5:22-33.
8. It is God's militant army – Eph. 6:10-17.
9. It will be presented to Christ in splendor – Eph. 5:27; II Cor. 11:2.
10. It will be saved by Christ – Eph. 5:23.

III. *The Church Belongs To Christ*

1. He is its builder – Matt. 16:18.
2. He is its foundation – I Cor. 3:11; Eph. 2:20.
3. It is His body – Eph. 1:23; Col. 1:24.
4. He is its head – Eph. 1:22; 5:23.
5. He purchased it with His blood – Acts 20:28.
6. It is subject to Christ – Rom. 7:4; Eph. 5:24.
8. It is sanctified and cleansed by Christ – Eph. 5:26, 27.
8. He adds the saved to it – Acts 2:41, 47; 5:14; 11:24.
9. It is the fulness of Christ – Eph. 1:23.
10. He is its Savior – Eph. 5:23.

CONFESSING CHRIST

I. *To Confess Christ IS Sometimes Difficult:*

1. Those who confessed Christ were put out of the synagogue of the Jews – John 9:22.
2. Some leaders failed to confess Christ because of the Pharisees – John 12:42-43.
3. When afflicted, Christians must continue to confess Christ – Matt. 10:32-33.
4. Those who are ashamed of Christ shall be rejected – Mark 8:38.
5. If we deny Him, we shall be denied by Him also – II Tim. 2:12; Matt. 10:33.

II. *However, God Continually Desires All People To Confess Christ:*

1. Those who confess Christ as Lord shall be saved – Rom. 10:9-10.
2. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God – I John 4:15.
3. He who confesses the Son has the Father as well – I John 2:23.
4. The spirit which confesses that Christ came in the flesh proceeds from God – I John 4:2.
5. Christians must hold fast their confession – Heb. 3:1; 4:14.
6. Every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord – Phil. 2:9-10.

III. *Christ Shall Confess Those Who Confess Him:*

1. He shall confess them before His Father – Matt. 10:32.
2. He shall confess them before the angels of God – Luke 12:8
3. He who overcomes shall be confessed before God – Rev. 3:5.

IV. *Examples of Confessing Christ:*

1. Nathaniel – John 1:49.
2. Peter – John 6:68-69; Matt. 16:13-18.
3. The man who was blind from birth – John 9:23, 35-38.
4. Martha – John 11:27.
5. Stephen – Acts 7:52, 59.
6. Paul – Acts 9:29.
8. Timothy – I Timothy 6:12.
8. Some Christians at Pergamos – Revelation 2:13.

CONFESSING SINS

I. *God Wanted The Children Of Israel To Confess Their Sins:*

1. Those who had brought a trespass offering – Leviticus 5:5-6.
2. God was pleased with those who confessed their sins – Lev. 26:40-42; Hosea 5:15.
3. Jeremiah exhorted the people to confess their sins – Jeremiah 3:13.

4. Daniel confessed his personal sins and those of his people Daniel 9:1-20.
5. Those who confess and forsake their sins shall receive mercy – Prov. 28:13.

II. *Christians Must Also Confess Their Sins:*

1. If we confess our sins, God will forgive us – I John 1:9.
2. The one who refuses to confess his sins deceives himself – I John 1:8, 10.
3. Confess your faults one to another – James 5:16.

III. *Those Who Confess Their Sins Must:*

1. Submit to their punishment – Leviticus 26:41.
2. Be of a humble heart – Jeremiah 3:25; Isaiah 64:6, 7; Lk. 18:13.
3. Leave their sins – Prov. 28:13; Ezekiel 18:30-31.
4. Pray for forgiveness – Psalm 51:1; I John 1:9.

IV. *Examples Of Those Who Confessed Their Sins:*

1. Nehemiah – Nehemiah 9:16-38.
2. Daniel – Daniel 9: 1-20.
3. David – Psalm 32:5 ; 51:4.
4. Jeremiah – Jeremiah 14:20.
5. Those who were baptized by John – Matt. 3:6.
6. Peter – Luke 5:8.
7. The publican – Luke 18:13.
8. The lost son – Luke 15:21.

CONSCIENCE

I. *The Work Of The Conscience:*

1. The conscience is **not** designed to tell us what is right or wrong, but it passes judgement on whether we have done what is right according to our knowledge or not.
2. It continually accuses or excuses – Rom. 2:15.
3. If our conscience does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God – I John 3:19-21.
4. It bears witness concerning our actions – Rom. 9:1.
5. When people who know the truth commit sin, their consciences hurt.

6. Adam and Eve – Genesis 3:8.
7. David – I Sam. 24:5; II Sam. 24:10.
8. Saul – I Sam. 24:16-22; 26:21-25.
9. Judas – Matt. 27:3-5.
10. Herod – Mk. 6:14-29.
11. The people on Pentecost – Acts 2:37.
12. However, if someone was taught error, he will continue to have a good conscience although he is doing wrong – Acts 23:1; 26:9.
13. Thus the conscience must be trained by the will of God which is written in the Holy Scriptures.

II. *A Good Conscience:*

1. The end of the commandment is a good conscience – I Tim. 1:5.
2. A pure conscience – II Tim. 1:3.
3. A conscience void of offence towards God and people – Acts 24:16.
4. A good conscience in all things – Heb. 13:18.
5. To be subject to the government for conscience' sake – Rom. 13:5.
6. To suffer because of conscience – I Peter 2:19.
7. To have a good conscience among those who revile us – I Peter 3:16.
8. But the conscience sometimes is weak because of being accustomed to erroneous teaching and practices – I Cor. 8:1-13; 10:24-33.

III. *An Evil Conscience:*

1. Some thrust from them a good conscience – I Tim. 1:19-20.
2. Some have their conscience seared as with a hot iron – I Tim. 4:2.
3. They have their conscience defiled – Tit. 1:15, 16.
4. They harden their hearts – Eph. 4:17-19; Heb. 3:13, 15.

IV. *Cleansing The Conscience:*

1. Sacrifices in the Old Testament were unable to purify (perfect) the conscience – Heb. 9:9.
2. The blood of Christ purifies the conscience from dead

works – Heb. 9:14.

3. Hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience – Heb. 10:22.
4. Baptism is the appeal to God for a clear conscience – I Pet. 3:21.
5. The consciences of Christians are purified day by day with blood – I John 1:7-9.
6. But if one sins deliberately and stifles his conscience, he shall receive fearful punishment – Heb. 10:26-31.

COVENANT (Compact, Agreement)

I. *Covenants Between Men:*

1. Jacob and Laban – Genesis 31.
2. Gibeon and Israel – Joshua 9.
3. Israel commanded not to make covenants with the inhabitants of Canaan – Judges 2:2; Exodus 34:12-13; Deut. 7:2-4.
4. David and Jonathan – I Sam. 18:3; 23:14.
5. A husband and his wife – Malachi 2:14.

II. *Covenants Between God And Man:*

1. With Noah – Genesis 6:18; 9:9-11. The rainbow the sign of that covenant – Genesis 9:12-16
2. With Abraham – Genesis 12:1-3 ; 15:12-17 ; Please notice Lk. 1:72; Acts 3:25; Acts 7:8; Gal. 3:17.
 - (1) Circumcision of the flesh a sign of that covenant – Genesis 17:9-14.
 - (2) Fulfilled in Jesus Christ – Gal. 3:8; 3:15-29; Acts 3:25-26.
3. With Israel – Exodus 24:1-8; Deut. 4:13, 23; 5:1-21.
4. With David – that he would set a descendant on his throne – Psalm 89:3-4, 29-37; II Sam. 7:12-17; Isa. 55:3-4. These words were fulfilled in Christ – Lk. 1:32-33; Acts 2:30-36; 13:34.

N.B. According to the word of God, covenants between God and men originated from God Himself as the one with power to direct his creatures. Men did not make covenants with God as his equals. They were neither able to add to these covenants, to subtract from them

nor to change them. They either received or rejected the covenant which God offered to them through His grace and mercy.

III. *In The Old Testament God Promised To Give A New Covenant:*

1. The New Covenant would not be like the first – James 31:31-34; Heb. 8:6-12.
2. The Messiah (Christ) would Himself be a Covenant – Isa. 42:6.
3. A Cover / of peace – Isa. 54:10; Ezek. 34:25; 37:26; Eph. 2
4. An eternal covenant – Jer. 32:40; Heb. 13:20.

IV. *Jesus Christ Established A Superior Covenant Through His Blood:*

1. He offered “the blood of the new covenant” – Matt. 26:28; Mk. 14:24; Lk.22:20; I Cor. 11:25; Heb. 9:20; 10:29.
2. He gave a covenant superior to the former one – Heb. 7:22 8:6.
 - (1) Blood of bulls and goats was unable to remove sins – Heb. 10:4, 11. The Blood of Christ removes all sins – I Jno. 1:7; Heb. 9:14.
 - (2) The sacrifices of the Old Covenant were offered over and over; Jesus gave Himself once and for all – Heb. 9:25-28; 10:12, 14.
 - (3) Christ Himself is the Mediator of the New Covenant – Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12:24.
 - (4) The Covenant of Christ is eternal – Heb. 13:20; 8:12.

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

I. *Death On The Cross Was Desplicable In The Eyes Of Man:*

1. It was a shameful death in the eyes of the Greeks – I Cor. 1:23.
2. It was like a stumbling block to the Jews – I Cor. 1:23; Deut. 21:23; Gal. 3:13; I Peter 2:8.

- II. *Jesus Endured The Cross Because Of Us:*
 1. He laid down his life freely – John 10:18.
 2. He became a curse for us (in our place) – Gal. 3:13.
 3. He endured the cross because of the joy which was set before him – Heb. 12:2.
- III. *Preaching Of The Cross Is The Power To Save People:*
 1. Jesus died for our sins so that we could be saved – I Cor. 15:1-4.
 2. The words which appear to be foolish are God's power to save sinners – I Cor. 1:18; 1:23, 2:4.
- IV. *Our Glory Is In The Cross Of Christ:*
 1. We are to know nothing save Jesus and him crucified – I Cor. 2:2.
 2. We are to glory in the cross of the Lord – Gal. 6:14.

CROWN – WREATH

- I. *Crowns Were Worn As Evidence Of Rulership:*
 1. The great dragon (Satan) had on his heads seven crowns – Rev. 12:3.
 2. The beast which came out of the sea had upon his horns ten crowns – Rev. 13:1.
 3. However, both of these have only usurped authority. Jesus Christ himself is the rightful King of kings and Lords. He has “many crowns”, Rev. 17:14; 19:16; please notice Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:20-23; I Peter 3:22.
- II. *Crowns (wreaths) Were Worn By Victors In Games And War, At Times Of Feasts, And Weddings:*
 1. Christ the Conqueror wears a crown of gold – Rev. 6:2; 14:14.
 2. He was crowned with glory and honor – Heb. 2:9.
 3. Faithful Christians are promised a crown of life – Rev. 2:10; James 1:12; of righteousness – II Tim. 4:8; of glory – I Peter 5:4.
 4. Those wreaths were of flowers and leaves and thus spoiled quickly, but Christians have the hope of an incorruptible crown – I Cor. 9:25.
 5. But a man is not crowned unless he strives lawfully –