

## What is a Christian

*Where this is no vision the people perish*

According to what you believe the Christian life is will be how you live it.

A Christian is a person who has a love relationship with the Father, Jesus and other members of the family of God guided by The Holy Spirit.

The most important thing is to have the correct attitude in these two love relationships and to express this love toward others..

This relationship also involves obedience to Jesus because He is ruler of all and has been given care of you and if you do not obey Him He will have difficulty in carrying out His stewardship of you on behalf of The Father!

When studying The Bible, the three relationships of being a spiritual child of The Father and stepbrother to Jesus as well as a citizen of The Kingdom of God under the rulership of Jesus should always be kept mind!

### How do you relate to the Father and Jesus?

You talk to them as if you are talking to an earthly relative and listen to them when they talk to you, and they will talk to you but you must want to hear them. This means you need to want to hear what they say.

To hear them properly The Holy Spirit must be present in your spirit and you need to know how they communicate with you.!

The Holy Spirit has been given to prepare you to spend eternity with The Father and Jesus through teaching you what is God's Will for you as well as how to have a correct intimate and personal relationship with The Father and Jesus.

God's Quality of Love is the basis for all of these interactions and needs to be consciously developed!

### How do we develop this quality of Love?

We develop it through self-discipline: the denying of ourself to help another as told to and shown how to by The Holy Spirit and not just helping someone because they need help.

### In the beginning

**This section asks the question: "Why did God make you?"**

This is so important because it will determine how you should live. It will influence everything you do: objectives, purposes, obedience to His Laws, Stewardship and everything else in your life!

## **Why were You Created**

God is complete in Himself and does not need you or anything He has created!

You cannot really add anything to God or take anything away from Him.

In a sense we are completely redundant where God is concerned.

## **The Background**

Before the beginning of everything there was only God – who always existed and has no beginning or end.

There was nothing but God!

No vacuum of Space

No Physical Matter

No such things as light or darkness

No such thing as time

No such thing as eternity

God decided to make a beginning and spoke.

Everything in the universe is a result of God speaking.

He spoke and the energy of His words resonated through whatever was there and energy came into existence as waves.

Everything is a form of energy/vibration, including what we perceive as matter and light which is a result of the wave vibration started by God when He spoke.

Physical matter, in any form” Liquid, solid, gas, plasma, is just an aggregation of these wave forms expressed as atoms. They appear to form something solid when in reality everything is really space with wave energy in it in some form.

He then made angels to serve Him.

Some Jews believe He looked at the angels and said that He had servants but no friends.

## **Why mankind was created**

So, He created mankind to relate to Him as a friend on an intimate, personal basis and to show His Love for them as their spiritual Father and Creator.

Like any good parent He did what was best for mankind and placed them in a perfect Garden that had met all their needs and He would walk in the afternoon and fellowship with them (Adam and Eve) and develop the face-to-face friendship He had with them (which will be restored in heaven).

Mankind was supposed to live forever with God in this perfect environment but did not do what God said so got evicted them and from His Kingdom into a world they would now die in.

They suffered the punishment of all who rebel against a King.

## **The Fall**

Satan, whom God considered a servant, saw Adam and Eve were treated differently to Him. There is a difference between the way you treat a servant and a friend. So, Satan conspired to have them doubt God's Love and Authority.

He made them doubt God's Authority so they did what they wanted to do and not what God had commanded them to do.

They doubted God's Love stopping them eating what must have appeared a beautiful fruit to eat and so their lust was aroused over the fruit and they ate it.

There always three elements in a sin and cause incorrect stewardship of a person or thing and these three things are:

Idolatry: by making yourself a God by ignoring His requirement of you

Doubting His Love and calling Him a liar by implying His Love is not perfect towards you

Incorrect stewardship of something He has asked you to look after for Him.

Adan and Eve sinned.

If Adam and Eve had not sinned, they would be married for eternity.

### **The Purpose of The Bible**

The Bible begins and ends with man in a perfect environment. The Bible is designed to help us know about God and restore us so that we can be in this face-to-face fellowship relationship with Him again.

It tells us:

Who God is

What He has done

What He is doing

What He is going to do and

What He requires of us

It all is designed so we will know better Him and His Love for us and to help us develop the personal relationship with Him so that we will go to be with Him when we die.

### **The Rescue**

#### **The Purpose of Redemption**

The purpose of redemption was to remove all that stopped us personally relating to God so that we could be His friend again as well as a spiritual child of The Father by His adopting us, Jesus becoming our spiritual step-brother as we are in the same family as Him so that we could be in a salvation relationship with them and have eternal life so that we would forever be with The Father and Jesus in this relationship of a close, personal, intimate friend.

#### **Salvation is a relationship**

God has sent The Holy Spirit whose purpose is to help us understand God's Love for us and to guide us to live as we should so that we end up in heaven once again in an intimate, personal, relationship with God.

This is why fellowship correctly done is so important as it reflects the relationship we personally have with each member of The Trinity.

This is why Jesus said that salvation is personal, intimate, relationship with The Father and Jesus (Jn 17:3) guided by The Holy Spirit.

The Father is the ruler of heaven and Jesus is the ruler of all creation so you need to be in a personal relationship with them both to enter heaven.

The other lie of Satan is that you invite Jesus into your heart to become a Christian then continue basically to live as you did before, believing you will go to heaven when you are not working at holiness, obedience (Lordship) and the intimate relationship God desires you to have with Him.

It is a relationship with The Father as His adopted spiritual child which means Jesus is our spiritual step brother because of our adoption into His family by The Father.

Jesus is also Lord of all so we have the relationship with The Father as His spiritual Child and as a citizen of The Kingdom of God and with Jesus as our Lord.

We do not serve Jesus out of fear but out of love for our step brother and our desire to help Him in His work on earth.

The Christian life really is a reflection of our degree of intimate, personal, relationship with God.

## **The Basics**

Faith helps us to realise who God is and our relationship with Him.

We realise He is Lord of all so we practice Lordship.

To stay in this attitude, we practice Holiness and as a result are a good steward of all He gives to do or look after for Him.

The practice of Lordship and Holiness as well as our knowledge of The Bible is the best defence we have against Satan as he cannot take our focus off Jesus onto what he desires us to do or think and knowledge of the truths of God and His Bible allows us to fight Satan's lies and half-truths (Jn 8:32) he uses to try and cause us to sin.

We study God's requirements, found in His Bible to learn about Him and His character so we can express it to those around Him and be like Him (This approach is commended by God in Acts 17:11).

Who does not like to be like their hero! And Jesus should be our hero!

We study also to see what work He has asked us to do for Him as well as how and when we are to do it. It is carried out in an attitude of Love for our spiritual step brother out of a desire to help Him do His work.

We serve Jesus out of love for Him. He said "if you love me keep my commandments and not "obey me or else!"

## **After Death**

Where you end up after death will be determined by your desire to Know God and how He is revealed in The Bible so that you relate to Him correctly. You alone will be responsible for your fate after death.

The king you are serving when you die is the one whose kingdom you go to after death which is why it is always a good practice to be always right with God no matter what the cost.

The Father is waiting to receive you in heaven and Jesus is on earth helping to protect you and limit what Satan can do to you so you can do all The Father requires of you so that you can be with The Father in heaven.

So, remember, God made you so He could show His Love toward you and for no other reason except He wanted to be friends with you in an intimate personal relationship. This realization should affect how we approach God and everything He asks us to do for Him!

### **What you need to do**

This is why you need to pursue:

Holiness

Lordship

Be a good steward of all God gives you to look after and do for Him

Develop the intimate, personal, relationship you have with God

Seek to develop His Character in you

Learn to be able to hear The Holy Spirit clearly so He can guide and teach you how to live the Christian life

Study The Bible to know its truths and learn how to apply it. Meditating on the Bible will help you in this.

Perform the work of The Kingdom and show that Jesus and The Kingdom of The Father are real.

To maintain the personal relationship, you have with Jesus and The Father

### **Our relationship to Jesus**

All who believe are able to be part of God's spiritual family

*John 1:12 KJV But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*

Jesus said we are no longer servants but His friends if we do what He commands us! This is because we are in the intimate, love relationship God created for us to be in.

*Joh 15:14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.*

*Joh 15:15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.*

He also said we were His Family

*Luk\_8:21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.*

*Rom\_8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

*Gal\_4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father*

Learn to develop the relationship you have with The Father and Jesus guided by The Holy Spirit. Always have one ear open to them and always remember they are there to talk too and help you.

Remember they Love you deeply and will only ever do what is best for you.

In the Old Testament we have this:

*Micah 6:8 (Brenton) Has it not been told thee, O man, what is good? or what does the Lord require of thee, but to do justice, and love mercy, and be ready to walk with the Lord thy God?*

Note: 'walk with' as if they are a friend and 'not walk' behind which a servant does.

## **The Gospels**

The word 'Gospel' just Means 'good news'

When you talk about the Gospel, which gospel are you talking about?

The good news about salvation

The good news about redemption

The good news about the rapture removing us from the punishment coming on Satan and his world system .

The good news about the regeneration of the earth to restore it to what it was before Satan came along and that we will live in this new creation.

When you talk about the Gospel of Salvation is it presented as "Call Jesus Lord, obey Him or go to hell? And it is not presented how God sees it as act of His Love and restoration to an intimate love relationship with Him?

They say Jesus died for our sins. That is wrong as He died to remove the consequences of our son to restore us to the quality relationship mankind had with God in the park of Eden!

## **The Gospel of salvation**

This is the good news that by making Jesus Lord of our life The Father transfers us from the kingdom of hell to the kingdom of heaven, from the control of Satan to His control.

However, we cannot enter heaven as the consequence and punishment for our sins (rebellion against), God have not been dealt with. When we accept what Jesus did at calvary then they are dealt with because we make Him our Lord and as his subject He applies the redemptive act to us.

## **The Gospel of Redemption**

This is the good news that by His death at Calvary Jesus dealt with these things so that there are no longer any hindrances to our entering heaven because the barriers between God and mankind have been removed by His death and the intimate, personal, relationship with The Father and Jesus guided by The Holy Spirit (which is how we obtain eternal life) is restored!

Jesus told us that eternal life was the result of a relationship (by the adoption of us by The Father) and a relationship with Him that results by this adoption (John 17:3).

When we are saved we become spiritual children of The Father, Jesus becomes our stepbrother because we are adopted into God's family. We are restored to the same relationship mankind had with God on the Garden of Eden.

## **The Full Gospel**

The full Gospel is that God loves us as His children and when we rebelled He did everything he could to restore us to an intimate, personal, relationship with Him so that we could be with Him in heaven to enjoy all the good things He has created for us, His children and that we will receive new bodies in heaven and that the trials of our earthly body will no longer affect us..

### **How Jesus showed me to present The Gospel.**

God loves you and made you to be his friend to be with him for all eternity to enjoy all the good things he has made for the you to enjoy in heaven with him.

You need to believe:

Who Jesus is: He is God who was born on earth and lived on it

What He has done: Removed the barrier between God and us so we could enter into this relationship with God that He desires of us.

What He is doing is sending The Holy Spirit to guide us to develop our relationships with The Father and Jesus by guiding us to live as required to develop and maintain the two relationships we need to get to heaven.

What He will do for them: Take them to heaven to be with God hen they die so they do not go to be with Satan in hell

What He has done is a result of God's Love for them.

He has done it all.

We only need to have faith in Him and what He has done for us and to do God's Will.

You must accept that Jesus did everything you needed done for you to get to heaven.

This was done by the redemption He obtained for us at Calvary.

### **So why did we need to be redeemed?**

Everyone has at some time disobeyed what God desires them to do.

This is rebellion against The Will of God.

This breaks your relationship with God.

The punishment for rebellion against a king is death.

As you die spiritually you will go to hell and not heaven when we die.

Sin also defiles our spirit so that it cannot enter heaven.

God alone is able to do something about it so Jesus came and died in your place so that every barrier between god and you were removed.

### **What do you need to do?**

You need to believe Jesus is Lord of all

He died for you and met God's requirements to remove all that hindered the intimate, spiritual relationship God desires with you.

You need to obey Him

Remember that God has adopted you as His spiritual child and all other Christians are also adopted so you are all family and should treat each other as one.

If you deliberately do the wrong thing you need to repent (stop doing it) and wholeheartedly try to do the right thing. As long as you wholeheartedly try to obey God you will please Him. God does not look at the results of your actions but on the attitude in which you did them.

You must focus on the things of God and reject all Satan tries to have you accept from the world he controls around you. This is the purpose of holiness.

Satan hates God and does everything to have the followers of Jesus reject Jesus so that they do what He wants them to do so that they will be in hell forever with Him.

So, you need to focus on the things of God and not on the things Satan promotes through his world system.

You need to develop the salvation relationship you have with God because by focussing on this you will ensure you will go to heaven when you die and obtain all the good things God has made for you in heaven.

### **Addendum to people proclaiming The Gospel**

The heart of The Gospel is not about salvation but redemption.

Romans is not so much about salvation but about what God has redeemed us from.

When Satan trained the church to think of Calvary as salvation he hid its true purpose, which was redemption which is why Jesus drank the third cup (redemption) but could not drink the fourth cup (cocompletion) until after He died and went to heaven.

Salvation is always by faith and does not need Calvary. Redemption does, though.

When The Bible is examined from this perspective it takes on a whole different meaning as we examine all to do with salvation being representative of God's Love and not His Judgement.

WE are part of God's Family so must help with the family business.

### **The Family Business**

The Lord Jesus said to Neville:

*"You have been adopted by The Father in heaven.*

*You are part of His family as is every other Christian who has been adopted by The Father.*

*All these Christians, are in a sense, relatives to be treated as such.*

*You also must look after the interests of this family as dictated by The Father of it in heaven.*

*If you love Him as a family member then your purposes will be His purposes and all you do will be an expression of the love relationship you have with Him.*

*This means the Christian life is an expression of this family relationship serving the family and its needs and purposes.*

*The purpose of this family business is the reconciliation of everyone with The Father and Jesus by rescuing them from the enemy and training them how to live as The Father desires His family members to live.*

*As a member of His family these too should be your purposes.*

*So, are they your purposes?*

*Do you live as part of God's family or do you ignore this fact?*

*The true Christian will be doing their part, whatever God has told them it is, for the work of the family head which is The Father, once they realise the relationship, they are in. If they do not willingly do the Will (Work) of The Father, that they know they are to do,, they do not acknowledge Him as head of the family so do not belong to it or His Kingdom.*

*So, are you part of God's family doing the type of family work which God has asked you to do?*

*Not all are called to be evangelists but all are called to demonstrate the Authority of Jesus over Satan and to be able to tell all who desire to know what Jesus and The Father has done for you and can do for them.*

*The Christian life is the expression of the love relationship you have with other members of this family."*

*Jesus*

The four Sins that send Christians to hell

This is about the four sins, that send to hell, people who call themselves Christian,.

These are all told to people by Jesus He gave various visions too.

In These visions Jesus took people to hell showing Christians in hell and explaining why they were there.

Jesus gave four reasons for their being there

The four reasons were:

They would not give up a sin they liked

Unforgiveness (not wanting to reconcile to another is a form of this).

Not showing God's quality of Love when He asked them too

People were only 99% committed to Jesus and His Kingdom. He must be complete Lord of your life or a part of it is still in rebellion against His Lordship, which is sin, and defiles you so that you cannot enter heaven. That sin is an idol you place before God.

These people still hold onto things of the world and do not do what Jesus asks them to do with these things

They were not be sinning but Jesus is not Lord of their life because they do not do what He desires them to do in an area.

There is a difference between disobeying a command of God and choosing not to do what He asks you to do which is a request of His and not a command.

According to Revelation 3:5 and Hebrews 6:6-8 you can lose your salvation

*Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess 14his name before my Father, and before his angels.*

Their lukewarmness was idolatry, the placing of their will before that of Jesus

They were lukewarm Christians who did not teach or preach The Kingdom of God and who did not demonstrate that it and Jesus were real. not doing signs or wonder and not demonstrating the delegated Authority over demons granted to them by Jesus.

*Heb 6:5 and 6: For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.*

What about things classified as sin that you did not know you did.

Can they send you to hell?

Sin is deliberate rebellion against God and His Laws so if you did not know it was wrong then it is not considered rebellion. So, sins done without knowledge they are sin do not send you to hell unless you keep doing them once you know they are wrong.

Jesus once said to Neville:

*You thought so one saw you sin?*

*I saw you*

*Your guardian angel saw you*

*The scribe angel recording the event saw you*

*The demon tempting you saw you and gloated*

*Other angels saw you*

*Other demons saw you*

*You will have no defence when you face me and are judged as there are too many witnesses.*

*Remember any sin no matter how small is rebellion*

*Anyone you do not want to forgive or reconcile with, no matter what the reason will cause you to lose your salvation. You must love people like The Father and I do but you do not have to relate to them closely or accept what they do but you must be civil to them and treat them as The Father and I do.*

*Remember that regarding sin it is the decision to do the sinful action that condemns you and not the actual doing of the sinful action*

*The choice to sin is yours alone and only you will be responsible for where you end up after you die: heaven or hell.*

*Choose wisely as you will be there for eternity*

*Jesus.*

## The Four Foundations of The Christian life

Like everything else, the Christian life has its foundations and there are four of them. The attitude in which they are carried out should be the basic attitude behind every action we do!

The four foundations are

Faith

Lordship

Holiness

Stewardship

And the basic attitude these are expressed in is God's Quality of Love

**Faith** requires you to believe in who God says He is,

What He says He has done,

What He says He is doing,

'What He says He is going to do.

**Faith** trusts God's Love, plans and purposes for them regardless of what happens.

If you do not have 100% faith them, then you have two God's, the real one and your belief that is incorrect. They are the God in heaven and the one that is causing you to doubt as you are saying it is worth doubting and it becomes an idol as it is something put before God!

**Lordship:** if you believe in what God said He did then you believe He created everything in six days and is the ruler of all Things and will believe in everting in His Bible He states is His word.

If you believe fully in God then you will obey Him fully in everything He asks you to-do for Him. God never forces you to do any but asks you to do it out of Love for Him.

**Holiness:** If God is your ruler then you will put Him and His requirements ahead of everything else and reject all that would cause you to do anything against them.

If you fully believe He is God then you will reject everything that tries to divert you or distract you from Him in anyway.

**Stewardship:** If you believe He created everything then He owns everything and you are only a caretaker of what He has allowed you to have to be used according to how He tells you to use these things.

If you fully believe He is God who created everything and then owns everything then you will a good caretaker of what He has allowed to have to care for Him

His quality of love is the only attitude we should be expressing in everything we do just like He expresses it in everything He does!

What is **Love**?

Love is an attitude in which you gave up your own needs and benefits to help another whom God Has shown you has a need you can meet and in which you deny yourself in some way to meet! Whether or not you are to meet that need does not stop you loving that child of God regardless of what He is doing. You may not love what they are doing but you must love them because they are a child of your Father.

God asks you to do the above out of love for What He has done for you, is doing for you, and will do for you and not out of fear of being judged or going to hell!

### **Attitudes of a citizen of The Kingdom of God**

As citizens of The Kingdom are also members of the family of God it follows that these attitudes are also to be exhibited by them as family members.

The most abused commandment is The new one Jesus gave in Jn 13:34 -35 , to love others with the same quality of Love with which God loves them.

There are many in hell who called themselves Christian but disobeyed this commandment.

In the sermon on the Mount Jesus was teaching about the Kingdom of God so it was time to proclaim the attitude behind the attitudes a citizen of the Kingdom of God should have, which He taught on the Sermon on the mount.

The attitudes mentioned by Jesus in this sermon are the attitudes a citizen of the Kingdom of God should have so they are also the attitudes a member of God's family should have!

So now to examine the attitudes taught by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount - the attitudes a member of God's family should have!

### **Character of the citizen of The Kingdom of God and a member of God's Family**

They exhibit God's quality of love in all they do (Jn 13:3-35).

They seek to develop their relationship with The Holy Spirit so they can be taught and guided by Him to be a good member of the family of God expressing the Character of God in all they do and learning how to develop the intimate, personal, relationship they have with The Father and Jesus which is how you obtain eternal life (Jn. 17:3)

In this arrangement they 'inherit' the Kingdom of heaven when they die.

Now to look at the exposition of these in The Sermon on the Mount as told to us by Jesus in the Beatitudes that teach the primary attitudes of a member of God's Family.

V 4 They see their spiritual state and grieve over it and seek to better it for the purposes of serving The Kingdom of God in a better way by making their character more like it should be

V 5 They are quiet and gentle and not domineering and do not force their opinion or Will on another just like God does not force us to do things and use what God says in His Bible to judge things and people and not want they personally think.

V 6 Their desire is to be like Jesus so they pursue His Will in everything .

V 7 They show God's quality of Love in all they do just like God always shows this to us .

V 8 they seek to lead Holy lives and reject all that Satan's world offers them.

V 9 They seek to reconcile people with God so that these will become a citizen with all the benefits they have as a citizen of The Kingdom of God

V 10 to 12 They willingly suffer persecution for the sake of The Kingdom of God and endure the persecution till it is over and so fulfill the requirements of 1 Cor 15:58

Whatever they face for the Kingdom they endure knowing Satan hates The Kingdom of God so persecution will always come in some form. The promise is that it will be all worthwhile in the end when they go to heaven and that they will not be tested more than they can cope with.

So, in summary behind the character of The Kingdom of God is His quality of love expressed in their life, as desire to know God more closely, a desire to do this Will, whatever it is and a fervent Love for God so that nothing is too hard to do for Him even if it costs them their life

There are other commands but these are a result of their love for God.

Matt 5:16 We are to demonstrate the attitude of God's Love in all we do so people can see it and know it is different to the love shown by the world system of Satan around them .

Matt 5:22 Do not get angry without a just cause. The just cause is to defend the things of God. Personal anger is wrong because it says that your circumstances are not ordered by God and you have a right to alter them through anger.

Matt 5:24-25 Seek peace with all and do not offend anyone just like God who is a peacemaker and treats us with love and not anger, which stops reconciliation and forgiveness.

Matt 5:27-30 You must discipline yourself and not lust after things as this negates showing God's Quality of Love and is sin. Discipline whatever causes you to sin no matter what the cost so that it does not cause you to go to hell.

Matt 5:38 Instead of retaliating you should seek peace with the person and resolution of the conflict, things Satan's world system does not do.

Matt 5:43 We are to love all people as they are children of The Father but not love what they do

Matt 6:1 whenever you give in the Name of God do not tell others that you are doing it as it a personal an act of Love to God. Remember that you only have it because God has given it to Him to use for Him as He has promised He will do in Matt 6:33 .There is no such thing as sacrificial giving as God will give you what you need to give and anything else given is a misuse of what He has given you to use elsewhere.

Matt 6:14 It is important t o show God's Love in all you do or God will not show His love to you and call you a family member when you die.

Matt 6:16 When you do something to or for God do not promote yourself but do it so only God knows and so He is glorified in the spiritual realm before angels and demons and by this judge demons,

Matt 6:19 Your priorities should not be earthly ones but spiritual ones being the same priorities that God has so your focus will be on His things and not the things of Satan's world.

Matt 6:22 Be careful what you focus on so that the things of the world do not infect you.

Matt 6:24 You cannot have two masters as you will focus on one and neglect the other. Your focus should always be on God and His Kingdom.

Matt 6:25 If you believe God is in charge doing only what I best for you then you will not worry as you know that what will occur will always be what is best for you.

Mat 7:1 Do not judge another because you are just as guilty of doing wrong as they are. Only God has the right to judge anyone as He has not sinned.

Matt 7:6 Do not place the things of The Kingdom before those that will abuse them and who will not appreciate them.

Matt 7:7 Ask God for things to use to serve Him as you do not need to ask for the necessities of life if you are living correctly as He promises to provide them.

Matt 7:12 Treat others in the way you would like them to treat you.

All the above are done as an expression of God's Love and not as legalistic exercises.

They love their fellowman and desire them to be in heaven like God desires them to be in heaven with Him enjoying all He has prepared for them there. How callous for a Christian to say they have God's Love and ignore all those around going to hell.

If you have no love for the lost then you are not a follower of Jesus as He came to seek the Lost and save them from hell and this was a primary purpose of His Life along with redeeming us and teaching the requirements of God's Kingdom.

## **The prayer of the Citizen**

They declare the Lord's Prayer after the removal of the parts of it that were made redundant by Calvary"

*Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Mat 6:13. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

This is their heartfelt cry, for The Kingdom to come to earth so that all will be as it was in the beginning before Adam sinned. They know that when The Kingdom is on earth life will be beautiful for all and all will be at peace with each other and with God!

## **Sin. Its cause**

Sin is deliberate disobedience to the Will of God.

It does not result from making a choice between things God would like you to think or do and you choose the wrong choice, which Satan wants you to do. Sin is deliberate disobedience to a commandment of God once you know the action is wrong in the eyes of God.

Sin is:

It is primarily a rejection of God's Love

It is a belief you know better than God what you need

It makes something an idol as it displaces God's Will for you in the area sinned in

It breaks the family relationship you have with God and other Christians

It breaks fellowship with The Holy Spirit

It loses you eternal life

It loses God's Favour

It loses God's Blessings

You no longer belong to God's Kingdom cut to the kingdom of His enemy

You are no longer on the path God is using to train you for heaven

## **The cause of sin**

Every sin is result of a wrong attitude towards God's Love either from indifference to it or a rejection (rebellion against) it.

The first two sins in the garden illustrate this

In the first sin, Adam's indifference towards God's love made him a bad steward of the Garden and of Eve allowing her to be in a situation where Satan could tempt her.

Satan came along and made her doubt God's love so she disobeyed God not trusting His love toward her.

This is why Jesus' command, to love others as He Loves them, is pivotal to the Christian life. He is not indifferent to our love neither rejects our free will.

Sin is a bad stewardship of God's Love. We love our wrong desire more than we love God so we deal with them incorrectly in a way God does not want something dealt with and so, we disobey God and Sin.

The first time something happens in The Bible is the basis on which to look at all other events of a similar nature and when we examine all of them that we call sin, we find it is a love of our desires and a rejection of what God desires us to do out of love for him.

Adam was to be a good steward of the garden of Eden and if he had loved God, he would not have been a bad steward (caretaker of the garden) which resulted in Eve eating the forbidden fruit. Hers was the second sin.

If you examine all sin, you will find a lust is behind it.

Lust is the expression of our flesh which is opposition to God so that it does not do what God desires it to do. And as you disobey God you show a lack of love for His Things and fall short of His requirements of you.

If you love God you will be a good steward of everything He gives you to look after for Him, of which our love for Him, and its expression, is the most important. After all, salvation is having a correct love relationship with God and The Father guided by The Holy Spirit and it is His Love for us and what they have done for us, that drives us to serve Him correctly and to love Him.

Evangelism is an example of this as it is just telling others what God has done for you out of Love for you and can do for them because of His Love for them.

### **Why do you sin?**

You accept the suggestions of Satan to sin for a few reasons:

- You like the pleasure the sin gives you
- You do not realise the suggestion is from Satan and not your own mind
- You do not know how to deal with the temptation so end up doing it
- You believe the lie Satan tells you that you cannot defeat the temptation.
- You cannot see the way of escape God has given you
- It feeds your self-esteem in some way

### **As a result**

The thing causing the sin has become an idol being placed before the Will of God

You have ignored the physical and spiritual results of the sin.

You have pleasure you should not have

Satan is now your Lord and if you do not repent you will go to hell when you die.

### **How to handle Temptation**

Resisting Satan does not remove the demon so that temptations will continue

You need to send the demon to Jesus the moment they attack

You need to find the way-out God has given you

If deliverance is needed because the demon is internal use the five steps

If deliverance is not needed (the demon is external) in Jesus' Name, send the demon to Jesus asking The Holy Spirit to take its place.

Always ask The Holy Spirit to replace the demons that have left so that your soul has no place for them to re-enter in.

### **Strategy for the mind**

Do not accept the thought from the demon so it does not enter your mind but cast it to Jesus immediately it attacks you and replace it with The Holy Spirit and Godly thoughts.

Do not try and resist the thoughts but remove the demon(s) behind them. Fighting the thoughts only makes them stronger in your mind.

Do not argue, reason, react or assume anything but ask The Holy Spirit what to do. This stops demons using these reactions or assumptions against you as reactions and assumptions are too easily influenced by demons unless these are disciplined by the will

### **The Kingdom of God**

The Kingdom of God is in heaven

It is found in on earth in the citizens of the Kingdom of God

It is not found in denominations or in other Christian organisations or similar but in the body of believers with Jesus as its head amped by The Holy Spirit and who are doing the work of God which is.

In everything they do they express the Love of God which is a trademark of the Kingdom and as they show this they will be either

- Doing the work of the Kingdom as a good steward of what God has given them to be steward of
- Resting relaxing from doing the work of The kingdom
- learning about their role as a citizen of the Kingdom
- Representing The Kingdom
- Teaching it
- Defending the Name of its King and His Values.
- Whatever Jesus tells them to do.

They do this out of Love of and appreciation for God because of what He has done for them whatever Jesus tells them tells them To do

A Citizen of the Kingdom of God is guided by the Holy Spirit in all they do

They also have a personal, intimate, relationship with The Father and Jesus

### **Ambassadors of The Kingdom of God**

Christians are citizens of the heavenly Kingdom of God, and are ambassadors in a foreign land ruled by Satan so that they and what they do are the only evidence of The Kingdom of God in this foreign land that people will see.

They are an ambassador for The Kingdom of God, representing it, so should represent it in all they do, which is really their duty as an ambassador.

### **So, what do ambassadors do?**

They represent their King

They represent the Kingdom they are citizens of

They promote and defend their King and His Kingdom

They deal with problems their fellow citizens have in this foreign land

They do whatever The King asks them to do for Him.

### **So, what does The King ask His Ambassadors to do?**

Attempt to persuade the citizens of this foreign land you join the Kingdom they belong to (Evangelism)

Promote their King and His Kingdom (Spiritual Warfare)

Defend it against any hostile citizens of the land they are in (Demons and their human workers) (Spiritual Warfare)

Teach them what their King has done for the citizens of this foreign land (Evangelism, Discipling)

Tell them of the relationship The King desires with the citizens of their foreign land and of all the good that will come to them if they follow their King.

Tell them what happens if they do not follow their King (eternal damnation in hell)

The ambassadors of The Kingdom of God are peacemakers expressing the character of their King in all they do.

If they wish to remain an ambassador for The Kingdom of God, they must do the work of an ambassador as required by their King.

Each ambassador has different duties to other ambassadors so that they need to be able to hear their King's instructions clearly. If they do not do what their King asks, they may find they have become citizens of their foreign land and have lost their citizenship of The Kingdom of God.

### **What is the motivation of an ambassador?**

They are part of God's Family so as an ambassador they represent a relative they love (The Father and Jesus) so -perform this role of an ambassador out of Love for The King (their step-brother Jesus) and Their Father.

The Holy Spirit is their mentor and guide in serving as an ambassador so they need to learn how to clearly hear His Teaching and Guidance in all they do.

Eternal life is the result of an intimate, personal, relationship with The Father and Jesus guided by The Holy Spirit. This is why they are part of God's family as Christians going to heaven have this relationship which needs to be maintained to guarantee eternal life.

A citizen of The Kingdom of God believes his relationship is vital to be maintained and developed to live as a true Citizen of The Kingdom of God.