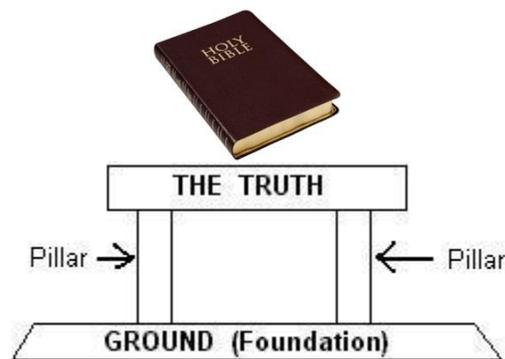


# Behavior In the House of God

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The Church: "The Foundation and Ground of Truth"

# “Behavior in the House of God” “*Foundation and Support of Truth*”

## 1 Timothy 3:15, 16

Behavior in the house of God is behavior in the Local Church: Speaking of our actions, attitude, obedience and outreach.

Not speaking of a building but rather as a group of people. We really need to understand the correct definition of a church:

### “The house of God” (the Church)

Labor for the LORD in your Church is service to the Body of Christ( The house of God). As each Local Church is a part of the House of God, and each Christian a lively stone: A Lively stone in that certain local church:

**1 Peter 2:5** *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*

### “The Church of the Living God”

The assembly (His Body) where He lives and works; where each member is a living stone, being united among themselves, grow up unto a holy temple in the Lord,

**Eph 2:21**-*In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*

### The church — “The Congregation.”

Presenting Him as the foundation of “truth,” and presenting Him as the Person of our “trust”

**2 Cor 4:5** *For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.*

### The Organism through which God works today:

The Local Church is “**The Pillar and ground of Truth**” The Church, which is this local congregation, is the organism through which God is working now. We are called the salt of the earth, the light of the world. As a “Pillar” it upholds or supports the truth: The full revelation of fellowship. The Truth is revealed to the church, not to the world.

**2 Corinthians 4:1-7.** *Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; 2. But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4. In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of*

Jesus Christ. 7. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

**That is why we are to preach the word,**

**2 Timothy 4:1-5.** I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2. Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. 5. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

God works through people that are saved and united in a local church. One of the greatest failures being made by people in 2013 is making their selves absent from church. Their rational is I am saved and a member of the body of Christ. That is wrong reasoning! You may be in the Body of Christ but you have been placed in this local church. Therefore **Hebrews 10:25** applies to attendance in the Local Church. Where else are you to go to Church?

**Required Behavior**

A Required Behavior is Attendance. Why is it important to be in attendance? Several reasons:

**Commanded by God.**

**Hebrews 10:24-25** And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 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.

**Must be present to hear His Word which gives faith,**

**Romans 10:17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

**Must be present for Him to work His Word in us,**

**Ephesians 2:21-22.** In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

“In whom” = Jesus Christ. “All the building” means people for a building is not in Christ but rather the people being the building. This building is an “Organism”

“Groweth” it is growing so it is people.

“Fitly framed together”: means “to joint together,” Like a carpenter does when he is building. Different kinds of lumber (people) is used, but each piece is fitted into another, so as to make a lasting and beautiful building: Which is the local church, . In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: **Ephesians 2:21**

**Must be present to meet with the LORD on the day of Worship,**

### **Ephesians 2:22.**

He is present in body of believers. You should go to your Local Church to meet the LORD on the Day of Worship, which is Sunday. , **“In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit”**

### **Must be present to grow.**

This building is an “Organism” That which is alive must have food to grow: That food is the Word,

**1 Peter 2:2-5** As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby : If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, 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.

### **We are to grow from newborn babes to mature:**

**Heb 5:12 -14** For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

### **A Required behavior is working , 1 Peter 2:5.**

The Local Church is not a retirement center: A house built of living stones; therefore it is a union of stability, growth, and activity. We are to grow!. The word "built" is speaking of growth in the LORD

### **Colossians 2:6-7**

"Built up a spiritual house", a regenerated group of people. .

"An holy priesthood", A group of priest, The church is called an holy priesthood, "To offer up Spiritual Sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. It is the LORD who makes them acceptable:

**Eph 5:2** And walk in love , as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

### **What are some Spiritual Sacrifices we are to offer up?**

Our self, Ephesians 1:6f. Christ has made us acceptable, fit for heaven.

Our Processions, Mark 12:41-43.

Our Praise, Hebrews 13:15

Our Families, Psa 68:6: The origin of the family is traced to God and it is not to be replaced and it will not be replaced. The word solitary has a meaning: “not to be replaced” You need to be training your family in the local church.

**A Required Behavior Obedience-** There is a required behavior in the church and it is obedience. I believe that in salvation it is your spirit that is born again, John 3:1-3. Soul refers to your life – the

salvation of your life. If you are to go to heaven your spirit must be born again from above by the spirit of God,

**John 3:3-6** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

It is your spirit that is born again!

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20.** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

**Our Obedience in the Body of Christ.** Our attitude to the local church is our attitude to Christ, our treatment of the local church is the same as our treatment of Christ. We are not training our families in the fact that our behavior in the local church is our behavior in the body of Christ, our treatment of other members in the local church is the same as our treatment of the body of Christ.

"We are a royal priesthood... peculiar people"— literally, "a people for whom God purchased for His own; purchased by His own blood God's "peculiar treasure" above others.

**Holding forth the truth,**

**Phil. 2:16** Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

We have no reason to magnify our self above others. We were once in the same darkness and only through God's grace have been saved.

### **Sermon Series "Behavior in the House of God"**

**1 Timothy 3:15 -16**

**Sermon Title "Tempt Not the LORD"**

**1 Corinthians 10: 1-12**

**Text: 10:11:** Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

**"Ensamples":** A warning by way of an example. **"Admonition":** Calling attention to as a way of warning.

What example did they leave us and what warning do we find?

**"To the intent we should not lust after evil things, 10:6** Things become evil to you as to where they are in relation to where Christ is to you, **Colossians 3:1-7 ; Col. 2:6.** Things in themselves are not evil; they

become sin when used outside the boundaries that God established: For example tobacco, alcohol, drugs and sex. Becomes sin when you use it for your own lust,

**James 1:14-15** But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

We are to walk after the LORD: **Romans 8:1-10.** Note v 9:

**Rom 8:9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Verse 9 is the key to understanding verse 1

“Lusted” is a craving for evil,

**Colossians 3: 5-10** Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

“Neither be ye idolaters”, **10:7.** The instruction to Worship The ONE TRUE was used to worship and idol:

**Ex 32:2-6** And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, tomorrow is a feast to the LORD. And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

Their sin then lay, not in their adopting another god, but in their pretending to worship Him by a visible symbol of Him. There is nothing or no one like Him: How could one improve on One who puts His Word above His name:

**Ps 138:2** I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name

That is why the Bible exhorts us to be sure, 2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

**Ps 138:2**

The most thorough test: Example of a thorough test: **1 Cor. 3:13: Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire ; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.**

The fire of God's judgment will examine every man's work and will examine every man. Know where you stand now in the light of His Word by the Holy Spirit.

Even in the Lord's Communion Service we are told to examine ourselves,

**1 Cor. 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.**

To see that we are in Christ and building our lives on Christ.

**Don't be deceived as the Children of Israel:**

They actually said, **Ex 32:4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.**

We are Pillar and Ground of the Truth of the Gospel, **Galatians 1: 6-16.**

To reject Christ, To live for yourself- living without Him. To live without knowing Him is to live one heart beat from hell :

**John 3:18-19 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil**

**"Neither let us commit fornication" 1 Corinthians 10:8**

fornication — literally, Fornication in this case (**Num. 25:1-18**), associated at the idol feasts with spiritual fornication, that is, idolatry.

This all applied to the Corinthians (1Co.5:1, 1Co.5:9; 1Co.6:9, 1Co.6:15, 1Co.6:18; 1Co.8:10). Balaam tempted Israel to both sins: physical and spiritual.

**"Neither let us tempt Christ," 1 Cor. 10:9;** how would one tempt Christ? They hated God's provision, **Numbers 21:5.**

They hated the manna, **Numbers 11:4-6**

They hated Christ, **John 6:48- 51; John 8:48-59**

They said He is not among us, **Exodus 17:7**

He is among us as our Saviour: **Exodus 17:5-6 and Numbers 20: 8-12**

They drank of the Rock but yet complained of no water, **Exodus 17:2; Exodus 17:7**

They ate the manna (a picture of Christ the true manna) but they said we hate this light bread. The brazen serpent was an emblem of Christ, **John 8:56, Hebrews 11:26**. You must know the Christ of the Cross – You must live unto the Christ of the cross.

The word “tempt” means so as to wear out the long suffering of Christ, **Psalm 95:8, 9; Numbers 14:22**

You can tempt Him by presuming on His grace unnecessarily – exposing yourself to sin by continually refusing to confess and forsake; by trusting in your liberty, knowledge and what you believe rather than loving Him.

You can tempt Him by saying He is not here with us.

You can tempt Him by not believing Him

If you know Him it is dangerous to tempt Him – To live your life without the suffering of Christ being evident in your decisions and reflected in your life.

You must know the Christ of the Cross, **John 17:3** - and you must live unto the Christ of the Cross, **Gal. 2:20**.

“Neither murmur as some of them also murmured,” **10:10**

The grounds for their murmuring was their disappointment – unbelief,

**Num 14:2-4** And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt? And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.

They had a problem that runs deep and is the same in the House of God today: It is a lack of Holy Spirit understanding,

**Deut 29:4** Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive , and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.

Our need is LORD and with Him comes blessing, **Ephesians 1:17-19**

**Psalm 103:17** “Fear Him” means those who are afraid to live without Him, **Acts 2:39**. Who did He call? He called you,

**Titus 2:10-15**. “Purloining” means to keep back – use for your self – Acts 5:2 “kept back” that is what it means: @When you are not serving Him, When you don’t fear Him, When you live unto self: You are sealing from the grace of Christ in that you are not adorning the doctrine of God, **Acts 1:8**. You notice in this verse He is concerned about who you are to Him: “ and ye shall be witnesses unto me”

*We are to be concerned about what we are to Him!*

**1 Corinthians 10:10**, They died in the wilderness never entering Canaan

The Sum of it: **1 Corinthians 10:11-16**

**“Behavior as the House of God”**

**1 Timothy 3:15-16**

**“It is the Holy Spirit that binds together”**

**1 Corinthians 12:12-14**

We have a life to live and will give an account to our LORD for that life, **2 Corinthians 5:10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. As a child of God we are to present ourselves (our body) to Him,

**Romans 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

That is how we say, “here Am I send me”

As an individual member you have responsibilities.

**1 Corinthians 12:17.** If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

**Each church is in miniature of what the whole of the Body of Christ is collectively,**

**1 Cor 3:16** Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

The Holy Spirit of God dwells in the individual believer and also in the Church together.

**Eph 2:21-22** In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

“fitly framed” — so as exactly to fit together— “Groweth” is growing continually. The Church has the growth of a living organism, not the mere increase of a building.

**1Pe\_2:5;** “lively stones ... built up a spiritual house.” 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.

**Eph\_4:16;** 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

**Zec\_6:12**, “The Branch shall build the temple of the Lord,” And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH ; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

Are builded together “in the Spirit.” God, by His Spirit in believers, has them for His habitation (1 Cor. 3:16, 1Co 3:17; 1Co 6:19; 2Co 6:16). When that body meets together He is the in the midst,

**Colossians 1:18** And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

**When that body yields to Him as the Head then and then only is His purpose accomplished in that body,**

**Colossians 1:22**, In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

**Ephesians 5:26-27**. That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

**It is the indwelling and the sealing of the Holy Spirit that makes you a child of God,**

**Romans 8:9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

**That is how we are led, taught,**

**Ephesians 3:16**. That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; **Eph 3:17** That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

**The Holy Spirit is how the eyes of our understanding is enlighten,**

**Ephesians 1:17-18**. That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

**God is Christ,**

**Isaiah 9:6**. “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”

**It is God who hath saved us.**

**2 Cor 4:3-7** 3 But if our gospel be hid , it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

**There is no God but our God: for He hath saved us!**

**Rom 14:10-12** But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

### **Behavior in the House of God**

1 Timothy 3: 15-16

Title: *Called out of Darkness into Light*

### **Galatians 1:15-16**

You cannot deny that the work of the church is to do the Work of The LORD. In fact everything connect with the Church is by the Spirit of God if it is to count for eternity. The Church is not an organization but a living organism. The Body of Christ being a group of people: having been saved by the Spirit of God, **John 3:5-6**, meeting together to Worship their Head and to carry out His Will.

Individuals make up the Church,

**Ephesians 2:21, 22** “In whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit”

The Church we are talking about, which is presented here in scripture is not the church that is presented by the recent news media: the church cannot save only Christ can save,

**Galatians 1:4** Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

The Spirit of God is at work in the calling of people to Him,

**Galatians 1: 11-12**, But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**Gal 1:15-16** But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood

A warning given to the believer, 1:6. **Gal 1:6** I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

The warning is twofold: (A).” I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that hath called you...”  
“Marvel” Paul is saying he was surprised as to how they turned out. Have you ever had high expectation for someone who has come to Christ. “Soon” could mean quickly as to length of time or suddenly.  
“From Him” The problem is always when you leave the LORD. Salvation, Your life, etc. is always The Holy Spirit’s work, **1 Cor. 1:9**. God is faithful , by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**(B)** “from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel”: The problem is always when you leave the LORD. Another message renders the Gospel of Christ useless and the power of Christ void in your life:

**Ephesians 3:20** Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

It is the Truth that makes us free.

All messengers and all messages are not of God,

**Galatians 1:7-9**. Which is not another ; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

No one has the right to change the Word of God. Even from one whose authority is high even next to God! God cannot contradict Himself,

**Duet 13: 1-5** If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

(Read the story of the Prophet and the old prophet found in 1 Kings chapter 13)

**1 Kings 13:18**, He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him .

**New Testament Reference. Hebrews 6: 16-19.** “Any message besides this Gospel “The messenger and the message are to be rejected: both accursed. **1 Corinthians 16:22.** It means to rid your self from these in the strongest terms

Moses did not enter the Promised Land,

**Ex 17:6** Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock , and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

This Rock is Christ – He died once for all sin,

**Heb 9:26** For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Sin is not forgiven – The sinner is forgiven because sin is judged. Therefore, the sinner is forgiven: because Christ was judged in his place,

**2 Cor 5:21-** For he hath made him to be sin for us , who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Striking the Rock is symbolic of Christ paying our sin debt,

**Heb 1:3** Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

He is seated at the Father’s Right Hand – Our sure ground of Peace. He is my offering! God has given Him! He is the Author and finisher of our Faith **Heb. 12:2.** He will never rise from that seat of accomplishment: There are no more sacrifices and He will not die again. “**Sat down**” applies to The Sin offering! He will never rise from that seat.

**There was another encounter with the Rock,**

**Num 20:8-12** Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

Moses was to speak to the rock: After salvation the saved deals with their sin by speaking to their Savior. The words sat down do not apply in regard to His ministry of intercession

**Heb 9:24** For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Learn to speak to your Saviour! Moses could not change the Word of God.

The Gospel is revealed to us that we might believe and proclaim Him, **1:11-16. 2 Corinthians 4:1-7.**

**“To reveal his Son in me...”** Why? **“...That I might preach him among the heathen....”**

His Son must be revealed to us: **2 Corinthians 4: 6-7.** **“Reveal”** means to take the veil off – see what is disclosed, **Hebrews 10:22; 2 Corinthians 3:16.** The revealing of Christ is a never ending process: We will never come to the end of Christ

**It is the Spirit that deals with us, 1 John 4:1.** You can't lie to the Holy Spirit, **Acts 5:1- 11.** You are better off to say to the world: I don't believe God and I am not going to obey God than to appear to be so and then not be. “

You are to lead your family, She did what her husband said!

***Behavior In The House of God -***

***“The Pillar and Ground of Truth”***

**1 Timothy 3:15-16 - 1 Peter 2:1-12**

Called the “House of God” because it is the congregation of the Living God,

**1 Peter 2:9** **“ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people ; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:”**

**Called out of darkness into His Marvelous Light**

When one is truly under conviction by the Holy Spirit, he stands before God empty handed, without hope – stripped of all hope of righteousness.

**“Broken”, Ps 34:18** **The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.**

**Psalm 51:17** **The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.**

**“A broken and a contrite heart”** - The word rendered contrite means to be broken or crushed, as when the bones are broken, **Psa.44:19; Psa.51:8;** and then it is applied to the mind or heart as that which is crushed or broken by the weight of guilt. The word does not differ materially from the term “broken.” The two together constitute intensity of expression.” Copied from Barnes

Standing before God declaring what one believes relying on self is quite different than standing before God with no hope: consider:

**Luke 18:10-14** : Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

God is calling you out of darkness into His Light – It is He who commands the Light of Christ to shine into our hearts,

**2 Corinthians 4:4b and 6: 2 Cor 4:4-6** lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

And as the sinner accepts his lost condition before God he then can believe Christ as his Saviour,

**1 Peter 2:7** Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, To be in His Light is a Treasure,

**2 Cor.4:7** *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.* And we have this treasure now: “...In earthen vessels”: our body. “Christ in you the hope of glory” –In dwelt by the Spirit of God – “Sealed”- Makes us the purchased possession. **Eph. 1:12-14.**

**Our Heavenly Father’s answer to the need of man is Christ, Galatians 5:6.** Your faith is worthless unless it “worketh by love”.

**Matt 22:35-40** Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Illustration: Closet with more clothes hanging than the rod could support – one end fell – and all the hangers slid off.

**They both are impossible and made all sinners and in need of a Saviour.** If you don’t keep one you are guilty of all the law.

We must have Christ to Love, **Romans 5:5**

**God answers our need by showing us more of Christ. “The Just shall live by Faith”:** A revealed truth from God. That is what Paul is saying in ***Galatians 2:20***

Why is Christ not Loved – Why is He not precious to those who named His Name?

With the tabernacle in the wilderness a high fence was put up around the perimeter so to prevent one from the outside looking in. The inside of the Holy place was a place of beauty but the outside was covered with animal skin but one could not know from the outside. You can't know Christ from the outside. The fence was nine feet tall. Just anybody could not look at the things of Christ. It is only as we are in Christ that we find Him precious.

To the outsider there is no beauty in Him

**Isaiah 53 1-3.** For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

The white linen fence kept any one from looking in on those things that were taking place.

**1 Corinthians 2:14** But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

You must know Him,

**1 Peter 1:8.** Whom having not seen, ye love ; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

***There is an unseen activity of Christ today in the believer, The Song of Solomon 2:1-6***

V. 6 your wife can't see your left hand – She is resting in your left hand,

**Deut 33:27** The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms : and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

We are the Pillar and Ground of the Truth in the World today. The world stand in need of the truth – People are in the valley of sin and hopelessness; The Church – the ones that know Him – we are their lily in the valley, ***Song of Solomon 2:1-6***

The Truth of God's Word is being Compromised Every Day

**“Lust after Evil Things”, 1 Cor. 10:6.** When Christ is left out of your decision making then things become evil, Colossians 1:18. When God is left out of a Nation then that Nation's freedoms' are gone.

Immorality is ruling our nation today. The physical attraction of male and female is created by God and therefore is not sin. The reason being He set the boundaries and that being marriage.

**God established Marriage** – Which is the establishment of the Home:

**Matt 19:4-5** “And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?”

He created male and female ultimately to populate the earth, **Genesis 1:27,28**.

The LORD made a help meet for Adam, (**Read Genesis 2: 18-25**) Point: God did not make another man – He made woman. He could have made another man and Adam would have still been alone – It took the making of a female for man to not be alone.

“Help meet for him” has a meaning of the other side, before him- one who could reciprocate his feelings and stand before not in any way inferior to him.

**Genesis 2:18-25** is the making of the woman and the institution of marriage. Eve as Adam named her is the “Mother of all Living”

**“She shall be called Woman”= female.**

Marriage is established by God as a man and woman becoming one flesh. The physical attraction of male and female is not sin because of the boundary of marriage which God set and Adam accepted that boundary: He said this is now “bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh”

The biblical definition which we have established through the Bible makes any and all sexual relation outside of that boundary immorality (sin). The answer to every need and to every sin is Christ. We don't need crusades against gays or adulterers, fornicators: We need to proclaim the doctrine of God marriage and the home: All sexual Activity outside marriage which is the union of a man and woman is sin.

We need to proclaim the Doctrine of God in the Love of Christ, **Galatians 5:6**

***We are the Pillar and Ground of the Truth of Christ: “Great is the Mystery of godliness”***

**The Church has but one message, The Spirit of God at work in the calling of one to Him, Galatians 1: 1;11-12, 15-16** All messengers and all messages are not of God, **1:7-9**. No one the right to change the Word of God. Even from one whose authority is high even next to God! God cannot contradict Himself, **Duet 13:1-3, 1 Kings 13:18, 2 Thess. 2:9. Hebrews 6: 16-19**. “Any message besides this Gospel “The messenger and the message are to be rejected: both accursed. **1 Corinthians 16:22**. It means to rid yourself from these in the strongest terms.

**Col 1:27** To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

“Christ is manifest in the flesh”

**1 Cor 2:7-10** But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Our Message is Christ,

**1 Cor 1:17-18** For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Our need is not more knowledge, more faith, more work: Our need is the LORD.

That we could say, **Ps 91:1-2** He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

We are living in a day when the Church is not considered important even to the point folk will support a TV. ministry but not support their local church

Tithing is a Bible Doctrine that needs to be taught

God's way of giving was introduced to the world 430 years before the law, **Gal 3:17** And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

Abraham gave tithes long before the law, **Gen 14:20** And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. He gave to the LORD because of the victory God hath given him.

Giving to the LORD has not changed; it is still the same for the Church today: Giving is acknowledging a debt God paid for us that we could not pay our self. Christ suffered the judgment of God for our sin,

**1 Peter 2:24-25** Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

The law is subject to Christ: the law gave tithes to the LORD,

**Heb 7:9-10** And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

The law cannot be used as a reason to not give first fruits to our LORD. It would only be through a lack of knowledge that one would not give. We give because we love Him: We love Him because He gave Himself for us; we love Him because we know Him,

**1 Peter 2:7** Unto you therefore which believe he is precious : but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

One cannot see His preciousness from the outside: there was a nine foot fence around the tabernacle so you could not see from the outside. One had to enter by the sin offering: for Him to be precious you must believe Him as your Saviour,

**1 John 2:25** And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

He promised you eternal life for believing on Him

Other scripture for giving: **1 Kings 17:12-16**

And she said, As the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake , but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days. And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

The key is Elijah had to believe for she did not know God had commanded her - only Elijah knew!