

To All Who Claim to Be Christians:

***To all the Kings, Princes, and
Governors in the whole world:
and all who profess themselves
Christians, and others, to read
and consider. This was upon me
from the Lord to write unto you.***

—By George Fox

And the word of the Lord is to you, that God has come, and is coming **to teach his people himself, by his Son Christ Jesus.**

For the Lord God that made all things in six days, and man and woman in his image, and placed them in paradise; God Almighty was their teacher, their guide, and their orderer, who taught them what to do, and what to leave undone; and as long as they kept under God's teaching, they were happy, and kept in the image and likeness of God, and in his righteousness and holiness, and in the paradise of God.

But when they forsook God's teaching, and disobeyed God's command, and hearkened to the serpent's teaching, and obeyed his command, they lost the image, and righteousness, and holiness, and likeness of God; and were driven out of paradise, coming into darkness, and falling into sin and misery, and into the imperfect and corrupt state.

And so death reigned from Adam to Moses, and so as by the offence of one, (namely, Adam), came judgment upon all men to condemnation.

Even so by the righteousness of Christ, the free gift is come upon all men to justification of life.

And so death reigned from Adam till Moses, and the law and the prophets were until John.

And now Christ having come, the seed of the woman to bruise the serpent's head, he said, 'learn of me, I am the way, the truth, and the life, and no man comes to the Father but by me.'

So here you may see Christ is the teacher again, who is the way to God, who bruises the head of the serpent, the false teacher, that led Adam and Eve from God, and is the head of all false teachers.

'And God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son into the world, that whosoever believes in him, shall not perish, but have everlasting life.'

{Whoever believes in the Son has overcome the world and the wicked one. The beginning of belief does not result in overcoming the world, (which is lust of the eye, lust of the flesh, and pride of life); neither does the beginning of belief result in salvation. But belief, which is great enough to obey, can result in salvation, which is to be freed from sin. Obedience in faith leads to salvation.}

And moreover, God said, "This is My Son, My Chosen One or My Beloved; **listen to and yield to and obey Him!**" Luke 9:35

So here all people are to believe in, and hear the Son, and learn of him, {and obey him.}

And the apostle said, to the Hebrews, 'God, who at sundry times, and in diverse manners, spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he has appointed heir of all things, by whom also he has made the worlds.' Heb 1:1-2.

So here you may see that God, who was the first speaker in paradise to Adam and Eve, was the speaker again to the apostles, and the church in the primitive times, by Christ Jesus, who 'renews man up into the image of God, and righteousness, and holiness,' as man was in, before he fell.

So the same God, I say, is the speaker now in these days, by Christ his Son, to his people, as he was in the apostles' days; and he renews us up in the image of God, and righteousness, and holiness, as they were in before they fell.

And this is my message to you all.

That God, who was the first teacher and speaker to Adam and Eve in paradise, and was the speaker and teacher to the apostles and church in the primitive

times, is now come to teach his people himself by his Son, **if you will hear him**, as in Heb 3:7.

And as the apostle said, 'do not refuse not him who speaks from heaven, for if they did not escape, who refused him who spoke on earth, how much more shall we not escape if we turn away from him who speaks from heaven.' Heb 12:25.

Objection. But now you may object, and say, how shall we hear him? and where, and when?

Answer. God poured out his spirit upon the house of Israel, to whom he gave his law, which was holy, just, and good; that by God's spirit that was poured upon them, they might understand his law, and hear his voice; as in Eze 39:29.

And Moses said, 'like unto me will God raise up a prophet, him shall you hear in all things.'

And it shall come to pass that every soul that will not hear that prophet shall be destroyed from among the people.'

And this prophet is Christ Jesus, as you may see, in Acts 3:24, to the end, whom God has raised up.

And in Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:17, they said, 'how that God would pour out of his spirit in the last days, upon all flesh.'

So that now God has poured this spirit out, and is pouring it out upon all flesh, (so in this God does not respect some flesh, and leave out others, or make a sect), but pours out his spirit upon all flesh, including, Jews and Gentiles; for he had poured out his spirit upon the house of Israel in the former times; but now in the last days, or day of Christ, the christian days, 'he has poured out his spirit upon all flesh.'

That with, and by this spirit, all flesh might see the salvation of God, and by this spirit they might all hear God and Christ, his Son, by whom God speaks, who is the alone first and last true teacher and speaker.

And as John said, 'in the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and all things were made by him, and without him was there not anything made that was made, and in him was life, (namely, the word), and the life was the light of men,' and that 'was the true light which lights every man that comes into the world,' namely, the life that is in the word, which was before anything was made.

So this light which is the life in the word, is not natural nor created.

And Christ said, 'believe in the light, that you may become children of the light.'
John 12:36.

And so by belief in the spiritual, heavenly and divine light, which is the life in Christ the word, which was in the beginning, by which all things were made; they came and come to be grafted into Christ, the heavenly root that bears them, and so become children of the light.

So here you may see Christ Jesus, the second Adam, the Lord from heaven, who is the light of the world, and enlightens every man who comes into the world, said, 'believe in the light, that you may become children of the light;' and this is the heavenly, divine light that lets you see all your sins that you have acted or committed, and all your evil words or thoughts that you have ungodly thought or spoken; and so the same light which lets you see all your sins, will also let you see your Saviour Christ Jesus, from where the light comes to save you from your sins.

And if you do evil, and hate this light, and will not come to it, because it reproveth you, this light will be your condemnation. John 3:19-20.

For the apostle said, 'whatsoever reproveth and maketh manifest, is light.'

And Christ was an offering for the sins of the whole world, therefore all are to look unto him.

And he 'is a propitiation for the sins of the whole world, and has tasted death for every man;' as in Heb 2:9 and 1 John 2:2.

'And the grace of God that brings salvation, has appeared to all men, teaching us (namely, the true christians), that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and godly in this present world.' Tit 2:11-12.

Now this was and is all the true christians' teacher, the grace of God which brings their salvation, which has appeared unto all men.

So **if** all men have and know salvation, it is brought to them by this grace of God, their teacher; which grace brought salvation to the church in the primitive times, and which grace brings the salvation to the true church now in our times.

Objection. Now if you should enquire, or ask from where does this grace come?

Answer. The law came by Moses to the Jews, the house of Israel, upon whom God poured out of his spirit that they might understand his law.

But this grace of God and truth comes by Jesus Christ, who has appeared unto all men, to teach them and bring their salvation. Now those who turn grace into wantonness [a license for immorality], and walk despitefully against the grace their teacher, to those grace does not bring their salvation, but woe is pronounced against those, as you may read in Jude:1:4,11.

For those who turn the grace of God into wantonness [license for immorality], deny the Lord that bought them, and deny the grace of God their teacher, which should bring their salvation.

And 'Christ, who has tasted death for every man, and was an offering for the sins of the whole world, has enlightened every man that comes into the world;' so his light has appeared unto all, that they might come to it, and believe in the light; and his grace has appeared unto all men, to teach them, and bring their salvation.

Now while Christ was with his disciples, he sent them first to preach salvation to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and not to go into the way of the Gentiles; and when he gave them his commission, he said unto them, 'freely you have received, freely give.'

And after Christ was risen from the dead, he gave his disciples a larger commission, and told them then 'go into all nations, and preach the gospel to every creature under heaven.'

So God having poured out his spirit upon all flesh, that by the spirit they might understand his gospel, and by his light which enlightens all men, they might see it; and by his grace which has appeared unto all men, they might receive his gospel which was sent down from heaven, as Peter says, and so not from men.

And the apostle said, 'God would judge the world according to his gospel, by the man Christ Jesus;' that is according to the invisible power, the everlasting gospel which is preached to every creature under heaven, according as they receive it and obey it; or do not receive it, but disobey it.

And so this everlasting gospel is being preached again, and received again, as it was in the apostles' days, which brings life and immortality to light, by which we see over the devil that has darkened us from this life and immortality, who led Adam and Eve into the fall from the image of God.

And so the glorious fellowship of the gospel, and salvation is known again, and received and obeyed by us, the people of God, called Quakers, who know his voice that shakes the heavens and the earth, that that may appear, and that has appeared that cannot be shaken.

And so all people upon the face of the earth, must come to the spirit, that God has poured upon all flesh, and know the spirit in their hearts, and the truth there,* that by this spirit they may be baptized and circumcised; which circumcision of the spirit will cut off sin and death, and imperfection, which has gotten into them by disobedience and transgression; and that they may worship and serve God in the spirit and in the truth; and this spirit and truth must be in every man's and woman's heart.

*{God is in your heart, Christ is in your heart, the Word is in your heart, the kingdom is in your heart. There is where you will find God; there is where the things of God are revealed in a man. Do not believe them, when they tell you Christ is here, or there; you will find him in you, eager to teach you, eager to love you, eager to save you from your sins, eager to make you part of himself, in union with God, a new creature, with the love of God perfected in you.}

And this is the worship that Christ, the spiritual and heavenly man set up above sixteen hundred years ago, when he put down the worship at the mountain, where Jacob's well was, and at Jerusalem, where the temple was.

Now in this, the standing, perfect, and catholic [universal] worship in the spirit, and in the truth, which the devil is out of, **must** God the Father be worshipped.

Now Christ, after he was risen, he sent the Holy Ghost, according to his promise, which should lead the disciples into all truth; and he said, 'it would reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.'

So all the world have a [kind of] judgment, and a [kind of] righteousness; but the spirit of truth, (which leads the true christians into all truth, to Christ, from where it comes, their Lord and righteousness), reproves the world for their sin, for their judgment, and for their righteousness.

So all the world must turn from their righteousness, their judgment, and their sin, which they are reprov'd of, if they will be led by the spirit of truth, which is the true Christian's leader and guide into all truth.

And this is the spirit of truth that shows the true christians things to come; and this is the spirit which Christ said, shall glorify me; 'for it shall take of mine, and show it unto you,' namely, the christians.

And this spirit of truth does all the true christians witness which proceeds from the Father and the Son; and this spirit of truth leads us out of all error into all truth, all such as are led, and guided, and taught by it, up to God from where it comes.

And so up to his teaching, for it was God that taught Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses, and all the prophets, and is not God the same? Does not Moses say, 'would to God that all the Lord's people were prophets;' and he rebuked him that would have him to forbid those who were prophesying in the camp, as in Num 11:29.

And does not Isaiah say, 'all your children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children.' Isa 54.

And does not Christ Jesus say, 'no man comes to me except the Father, which has sent me, draw him,' and I will raise him up at the last day.

And further Christ said, it is written in the prophets, 'they shall be all taught of God;' every man therefore that has heard, and that has learned of the Father, comes to me.

And does not Jeremiah say by way of prophecy, speaking of the new covenant, 'I will put my laws in their inward parts, and write them in their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people, and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, know the Lord, for they shall all know me from the least of them, to the greatest of them, said, the Lord; for I will forgive them their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.' Jer 31:34.

'And I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord, and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, for they shall turn unto me with their whole hearts. Jer 24:7.

And in Jer 30:22, 'you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

And in Heb 1:11, does not the apostle show there the fulfilling the old covenant, saying, 'they shall wax old as a garment, and preaches up the new covenant? and are not these the days that are the christian days, the days of the new covenant, wherein all shall know the Lord.

Now let all Christendom, which professes the new covenant, Christ Jesus, examine themselves; has God written his law in your hearts? Has he put it into your minds so that you can say God is your God, and you are his people, and that you need not to teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying 'know the Lord,' and that you do all know God, from the greatest to the least of you.

So if you know this, you are under God's teachings and his work, who is at work in your hearts.

And can you say as the christians did in the apostles' days, 'we know the Son of God is come, and has given us an understanding that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ; and whosoever believes that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God; and he that believes on the Son of God, has the witness in himself; and he that has the Son of God, has life; and he that has not the Son of God, has not life?

Come now all you who are called christians, try your belief; are you born of God? Do you have the witness in yourselves? Do you have the Son of God? If so, then you have life. Do you know that you are of God? Do you know the Son of God is come? Has he given you an understanding? Do you know him that is true; namely, Christ? and are you *in him* that is true? Read 1 John 5.

For the apostle said, 'after they believed, they were sealed with the spirit of promise, and they could set to their seal (that the spirit had sealed them with), that God was true in his prophets, and in his Son, and in all his promises.'

And does not the Lord say, 'that he has given Christ for a witness and a leader, and a commander to the people?' Isa 55:4. Now, has he not come? Is he not God's true and faithful witness? Is he your leader and commander? Examine yourselves.

All who call yourselves christians, are not you to follow his leading by his power, light, and spirit, and grace, and gospel, and obey his commands?

And does not God say, 'I will give him for a light to the Gentiles, that he may be my salvation to the ends of the earth?'

So he who is the light to the Gentiles, is God's salvation to the ends of the earth.

So with the light as I said before, you may see your sins, and with the light you may see Christ your salvation.

And Christ is who says to the prisoners, 'go forth; and to those who are in darkness, show yourselves,' , and so he is the feeder of those who hunger and thirst, and the preserver, and leads them; even by the springs of water shall he guide them. Isa 49:9-10

So now Christ has come, and you who are called christians will [quickly] confess him; but how does he exercise his offices in you, or among you?

Specifically, in his office of counselor, do you hear his voice from heaven, concerning your heavenly state? In his office as the leader, does he lead you out of sin and evil? As a commander, does he rule in your hearts by faith? In his office as shepherd, are you his sheep? Do you hear his voice? for Christ said, 'I

am the good shepherd, and give my life for the sheep;' and again, 'I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and I am known of mine.'

And 'he calls his sheep by name, and leads them out; and when he has put forth his sheep, he goes before them; and his sheep follow him, for they know his voice.'

Now consider, does Christ exercise this office of a shepherd among you? Do you follow him? Do you know his voice? And does he lead you in and out into his pastures of life? Or do you know the voice of the hireling and stranger, and follow them; which his sheep will not?

{The hireling works for wages. He does not work only because he loves the sheep. He loves the wages instead. But the good shepherd loves his sheep and will even lay down his life for his sheep. In danger, the hireling flees, because he does not care for the sheep. John 10:12-13. The good shepherd cares for the sheep to love them, to see them grow in Spirit, to rejoice together with them as the love of God is perfected in them; he then shares in the harvest of love; planted, watered, weeded, and grown under the care of the good shepherd. Jesus and the Apostles wrote further about any preachers who took money and the condemnation that awaits them.}

And likewise, how does Christ exercise his office, as he is a bishop to oversee you, who is the heavenly and spiritual man, with his heavenly spirit, light, and grace, and the head of his church.

And how does Christ exercise his office, as he is a priest among you, who has died for you? Do you feel his blood sprinkling your hearts, and his pure water washing you, and he sanctifying of you, that he may present you holy, without spot or wrinkle, and without blemish to God.

And how do you feel Christ exercising his office as a prophet among you? Do you hear him in all things? Does he reveal the Father to you? For none knows him nor the Father, but by revelation? Does he open the book of conscience to you? To you does he open the book of the law, and the book of the prophets, and the book of parables, and the book of life, so that you may see your names written in the book of life? Do you see Christ, the end of the law and the prophets, and the sum and substance of all, who is the 'rock of ages,' your rock in this age to build upon, who is the foundation of many generations, and the foundation of the prophets and the apostles, and your foundation now to build upon.

And how does he exercise his kingly office among you, or in you? Does he rule in your hearts by faith, as he did in the church in the primitive times? So is Christ

the heavenly and spiritual man your ruler, by his power, and faith, and spirit, and grace in your hearts.

And does not the apostle tell the church in his days, to 'look unto Jesus the author and finisher of their faith;' and now must people look any where else, but to Jesus the heavenly and spiritual man, to be the author and finisher of their faith. Is there any faith that will save, but what Jesus is the author of, 'who purifies their hearts, and gives them access to God? Can you please God in any other faith, but what Jesus Christ is the author of? Is not this the faith that all the saints are to contend for, which is holy, precious, pure, and divine, of which Christ the holy and spiritual man is the author? Is not this the one faith which they have from the one Lord, who is the one baptizer with his one baptism, into one body, by one spirit, who thoroughly purges the floor of men and women's hearts, and 'burns up the chaff with unquenchable fire, and gathers his wheat into his garner:' and so are not all the true christians to walk in the steps of this faith, which is the faith of Abraham, which is the gift of God; and 'Jesus is the author of it,' in which faith they have all unity.

*Hearing about Jesus, him being crucified, him being resurrected, and believing those events to be true, **is not faith, and is not believing in Jesus.** Faith is hearing the word of God, (and believing it to be the Son of God who is speaking); hearing **the word of God that is in your heart**, so that you may obey it. Faith is listening, hearing, and obeying. Faith comes when you are led by the Spirit of God. Until you are led by the Spirit of God, you are under the law, which is your schoolmaster; Paul says in Gal 5:18 : *if* (and when) you are led (prompted, ordered, commanded) by the Spirit, you are not under the law. The law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. Gal 3:24. When you hear the Word of God in your heart, and when you obey the Word of God in your heart, then you are walking in faith.

By faith you are saved, and by faith you are purified; but obviously in the beginning of faith, you are not purified, neither are you saved. You must contend for the faith, grow in the faith, build up your faith, increase in faith, until your faith is finished by the finisher; faith is a process and a journey, the end of which is to see Christ bring your salvation, bring your eternal life.

And is not this the faith that works by love?

And does not the apostle tell the church of the Corinthians, that if they had not love, all their prophesying and their speaking, 'though with the tongues of men and angels, yet if they had not love, it was but as sounding brass, and tinkling cymbals.'

And now let Christendom see and examine themselves, whether they have had love one to another, who have the tongues, and can speak and understand history and languages with them; yet if you do not have this love and love, are you not as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals: though you may have all the scriptures from Genesis to the Revelation; yet being out of this love, you are only as sounding brass, and as tinkling cymbals.

And does not the apostle say to the church of the Galatians, 'he that is born of the flesh, persecutes him that was born of the spirit;' and mark, is it not even so now?*

[*The 8669 early Quakers were killed, (including 3 men and 1 woman hung in Boston), and tens of thousands were imprisoned and plundered by England's and America's Baptists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, and Congregationalist Puritans; see the record on this site.]

Does not he who is born of the flesh, succeed his forefathers in persecution of him who succeeds in the birth of the spirit, in the spiritual wisdom, in the spiritual way, and in the spiritual worship; in the spiritual praying, and in the spiritual baptism, and spiritual circumcision; and walking in the spirit, and living in the spiritual fellowship, the spirit that leads all the sons of God, that keep the testimony of Jesus, the spirit of prophecy; who keep the precious, divine, and holy faith, which Jesus is the author and finisher of, who is led by this spirit of truth, which Christ promised before his resurrection that he would send after his resurrection, which leads his disciples, his learners into all truth. Are not these the children of the free woman, 'Jerusalem that is above, the mother of us all?' and are not these those who are persecuted by the birth of the flesh?

So these true christians and sons of God, that are led by the spirit of God, cannot own any mother below, but Jerusalem that is from above.

So let Christendom see whether they have not been of that birth that persecutes him that is born of the spirit, and gone contrary to Christ's commands, who says, 'love one another,' and 'love your enemies;' and let their teachers see whether they have not gone contrary to Christ's commands, who said, 'freely you have received, freely give;' and when they had returned back, and had done their message, Christ asked them, 'whether they lacked any thing? and they told him no.'

And the apostle Paul that was converted after Christ was risen; he said, 'he coveted no man's silver or gold, nor apparel, but labored with his own hands, that he might keep the gospel without charge,' and therein was his glory.

And now have you succeeded the apostles in their heavenly birth, and in obedience to his command and example stated above?

And Moses said, 'would all the Lord's people were prophets,' who was a judge, a captain, and a leader.

And I would to God that all the kings and rulers of the earth were of his mind.

And does not the apostle say, 'that God would pour out his spirit upon all flesh, and his sons and daughters should prophesy, and the old men should dream dreams, and the young men should see visions,' ...

Now, what is the matter? Seeing that God does 'pour out his spirit upon all flesh,' why is it that your sons and daughters do not prophesy, and that your old men and young men, and hand-maids and servants do not have their dreams and the visions of God. Is it not because you vex, and quench the spirit, and grieve the spirit of God, and rebel against it in your hearts, and so comes to be the birth of the flesh, and persecutes him who is born and led by the spirit?

And does not Christ say, 'as you would that men should do unto you, do you also to them likewise?' and christians, if 'they love them only that love them again, what thanks was this?' for sinners do so; or 'do good unto those who do good unto you again?' sinners did so: but Christ says, 'you must love your enemies, and do good unto those who hate you.' Luke 6:1,31-33.

And does not James tell you, that if you fulfill the royal law, according to the scripture, 'you shall love your neighbor as yourself?' James 2:8.

Now if you love your neighbor as yourselves, you will not persecute about religion.

And let all nations in Christendom, and elsewhere, consider this; let no neighbor sect in Christendom (as there is many), persecute, kill, or banish, prison, or spoil the goods of his neighbor sect about religion, because he will not be of his religion, and of his faith. For the apostle tells you, 'they themselves had not power over the saints' faith:' for 'if you do unto all men as you would have them do unto you,' which is Christ's and the apostles' doctrine, you would not have any to banish, prison, kill, or spoil your goods, concerning your religion. Then pray see you do not do so unto others, and see if you can keep this royal law for would you have the Turks, or Tartars, or Jews to kill, or imprison, or spoil your goods about your religion? You say no; then do not you do so to them, nor to one another who are called christians, that may differ from you in your religion? For you would not be so served yourselves, seeing that the conformity lies to the image of God, to which all must be conformable; and in that the true uniformity lies; and unto his righteousness and holiness as man was in before he fell: and

this is Christ's and God's work to create them anew, and renew them again into his image: and 'God is the rewarder of all those who diligently seek him, and he will judge every man according to his works.' Heb 11:6, Rev 20:13.

And behold, said, Christ, 'I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man as his works shall be.' Rev 22:12.

And Christ said, 'the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he shall reward every man according to his works.'

And the apostle tells the church of the Corinthians, 'every man shall receive his reward according to his own labor.' 1 Cor 3:8.

And the apostle said concerning Alexander the coppersmith, which did him much evil, 'the Lord reward him according to his works.' 2 Tim 4:14.

And Christ said, 'let the tares and the wheat grow together, until the harvest, which is the end of the world, lest they pluck up the good seed with the bad;' after he had sown the good seed, and the wicked one came and sowed the tares; for Christ is the good seedman, and the devil is the wicked seedman.

And he tells them the 'harvest is the end of the world;' and then he will send his angels to sever the wheat from the tares.

And Christ reprov'd the servant, 'whose Lord had forgiven him his debt, who would not forgive his fellow-servant.'

And do not you often say in the Lord's prayer, 'forgive us as we do forgive those who trespass against us?' and so you ask the Lord to forgive you your trespasses, no more but as you do forgive others that have trespassed against you.

And then consider, all you that do not forgive, whether you can expect any forgiveness.

So Christ has enlightened all, and his grace has appeared unto all men, and he has promised to pour out his spirit upon all flesh, and 'his gospel is preached to every creature,' and he 'has tasted death for every man.'

It is he that will reward every man according to his works.

And there is a day, 'when God will judge the secrets of all men by Jesus Christ, according to the gospel which is preached to every creature under heaven.' Rom 2:16.

And 'he has appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, by the man Christ Jesus, whom he has ordained, whereof he has given assurance to all men, in that he has raised Christ from the dead.' Acts 17:31.

And Christ shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing.

So all judgment is committed unto the Son; and Christ said, 'judge not, lest you be judged;' for with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged; and with what measure you meet, it shall be met to you.

So 'let the beam be plucked out of your own eyes, before you go to pluck the mote out of your brother's eye;' for you are all brethren in Adam.

And James tells you, 'you must not speak evil one of another; for he that speaks evil of his brother, and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law, and judges the law:' but if you judges the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge.

And James said, 'behold the judge stands before the door.'

Mark, what judge is this? and what door is this? James 4:11,5:9.

Here you may see, Christ is the judge of every man, according to his works; and if you hate his light, and turn his grace into wantonness, and quench his spirit, and rebel against the Holy Ghost, as the Jews did; though you may make a profession of the scripture, and not walk in the life that gave them forth, yet God and Christ will judge you, and reward you according to your works, (and every man), whether they be good or evil.

So let all christians stop their works of persecuting other men, and cast forth the birth that is born of the flesh, which will persecute; for he must not be heir with him that is born of the spirit.

And therefore, as the apostle said, 'cast forth the bond-woman and her son, for he must not inherit the kingdom, and the world that has no end.' Gal 4:30.

I say, the kingdom of God, that stands in righteousness and joy in the Holy Ghost; those who are led by the Holy Ghost, inherits this.

And this first birth of the flesh you must cast forth [crucify] by the spirit of God.

For Christ tells you, 'you must be born again, before you can enter into the kingdom of God.'

And of this birth I fear many that profess themselves christians, are as ignorant of as Nicodemus.

But 'turn at my reproof,' said, the Lord, 'and behold I will pour out my spirit upon you, and I will make known my words unto you.'

Now if you will turn at the reproofs of God's spirit, you will come to know his words, and know this birth of the spirit. Prov 1:23.

And did not Moses say, 'that God was the God of the spirits of all flesh.' Num 16:22. And did not the apostle say, 'that in God we live, move, and have our being, as some of you poets have also said.'

And in Num 27, again, did not Moses call the Lord, 'the God of the spirits of all flesh.'

And so is not all your eyes to look up unto the Lord God, the creator of all, and the life of all; that gives breath unto all, that in him they may live, and move, and have their being.

And the Lord is not slack concerning his promise, but is long suffering towards us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. 2 Pet 3:9.

For Christ also has once suffered for sin, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God; mark, that Christ might bring us to God, 'being put to death in the flesh, but quickened in the spirit;' by which, namely, the spirit; 'Christ also went and preached unto the spirits in prison, which sometimes were disobedient, when once the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved.' 1 Pet 3:19-20, and the rest were drowned.

Now consider, has not the long suffering of God waited upon Christendom and all others; and do you think that Christ now by his spirit does not preach to the disobedient, and the spirits in prison; and consider, all who are disobedient to the spirit of God, are not your spirits in prison?

Was not the old world overthrown by water, and they perished for their rebellion and disobedience to God? Do you not think, that by the same word and power, that the heavens and earth are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment, and perdition of ungodly men.

So do not be ignorant of this one thing, 'that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day;' and therefore as the Lord

destroyed the old ungodly world by water, so will he destroy the ungodly world in the lake of fire.

So here you may see Christ by his spirit was a preacher to the spirits in prison, in the days of Noah to the old world; and now he is a preacher by his spirit to the spirits that are in prison, who are those of you who disobey the spirit of Christ.

For does not James tell you, 'that the judge stands at the door;' What door is this? Is it not the door of your hearts, minds, and souls?

And does not John write that Jesus said to the seven churches, seven times, 'he that has an ear, let him hear what the spirit said, to the churches?' Was this not the spirit of Christ, whom John saw walking in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, which are the seven churches?

And does not John the divine say of the Son of God, 'that he stands at the door and knocks?' and said, if any man will hear my voice and open the door, I will come into him, and sup with him, and he with me.' Rev 3:21.

So what door is this that Christ knocks at? Is it not the door of your hearts, minds, and souls? Therefore, do not stop your ears, and close your eyes, like the Pharisees, but hear Christ's voice, by turning at the reproofs of his spirit and his light; and then he which has enlightened you 'will come in, and sup with you, and you with him.'

And Christ tells Pilate, when he was examining him, 'for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth, and every one that is of the truth hears my voice;' mark this, every one of you christians, every one of you that is of the truth, hears Christ's voice; but you that are not of the truth, do not hear his voice, and will say there is no hearing of his voice in these days.

Pilate, the governor, said unto Christ, 'what is truth?' I fear that there is too many that are called christians, who crucify Christ to themselves afresh, who may say as Pilate did, 'what is truth,' because they are such strangers to it.

{To know that Jesus is the truth, is not to know the truth. To know the truth is to have been taught the truth by the Spirit of Truth, of which the promise is: the Spirit of Truth will guide you into all truth, which Spirit of Truth is given to those who are obedient. You do not learn truth by reading the Bible, just like you do not know Jesus by reading about him. Do you know a person by reading about them, or do you need to converse with them over some time? So go to him, listen, hear, and obey.}

And therefore, as the apostle said, to the Corinthians, 'examine yourselves, whether you are in the faith,' namely, that faith 'which Jesus Christ is the author

and finisher of,' which is holy, divine, and precious, and prove your own selves. 'Do you not know of your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, unless you are reprobates?' 2 Cor 13:5.

So examine and prove yourselves.

Now if you ask, examine with what, and how shall we examine and prove ourselves; the apostle tells you, 'God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined into our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus; but we have this treasure in earthen vessels,' that the excellence of the 'power may be of God, and not of us.'

So this light that shines in your hearts, will give you the knowledge — if you will come to it. Those who practice truth will come to it, that with the light he may see his works, how they are wrought in God; and it will give them the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus, where he has received the light, which is the life in him, the word. John 3:21, 2 Cor 4:6, John 1:4.

And the Lord God has promised and has fulfilled, and is fulfilling his promise: 'I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and I will take away the stony heart out of their flesh, and they shall walk in my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.' Eze 11:19-20.

And in Eze 13, 'cast away from you your transgressions, and make you a new heart and a new spirit,' ...

And I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,' said, the Lord; and I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your filthiness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you: a new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you, and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.'

And now, consider, you christians, do you witness this spirit? Do you witness this new heart, which all the true christians do.

And the Lord said, 'that his sheep has been scattered, and they have wandered through all mountains, and from mountain to hill; and he will seek his sheep, and I will feed them in a good pasture,' said, the Lord, 'and cause them to lie down, and I will set one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.' Eze 34.

And is not this Christ, who is the only feeder of his sheep?

And does not Solomon acknowledge, 'how God taught Israel the good way wherein they should walk.' 2 Chron 6.

And does not David say, 'the Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want, [lack anything] he makes me to lie down in green pastures, he makes me to lie down beside the still rivers; he restores my soul, and leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake?'

Now, can you say so, that are called christians, and acknowledge David's teacher as he did, and that the Lord is your shepherd, and that you do not lack anything?

And David said, 'O, God you have taught me from my youth, and previously have declared your wondrous works.' Psa 71:17.

I have not departed from your judgments, for you have taught me; 'how sweet are your words unto my taste, yea, sweeter than the honeycomb to my mouth.' Psa 119:102.

Now, you christians, consider this, here David acknowledged God's teaching, and how sweet his words were to him; but are God's words so sweet unto you? Do you hear God and Christ's voice?

And in Prov 4:11. 'I have taught you in the way of wisdom, I have led you in the right path.'

And the Lord said, I have taught Ephraim also to go; and when Israel was a child I loved him, and called my Son out of Egypt, taking them by their arms, but they knew not that I healed them.' Hos 11:1,3.

And so you may see here how they acknowledged the Lord's teaching.

And the apostle said, 'I neither received the gospel of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.' Gal 1:11-12.

Here the apostle acknowledges, both how he was taught it, and how he received the gospel.

And the apostle tells the church, 'as touching brotherly love, you need not that I write unto you,' for you yourselves are taught of God to love one another.' 1 Thes 4:9.

Mark, here the church of the Thessalonians were under God's teaching, and so let all that call and count themselves christians, see if they are under God and Christ's teaching, who is love, and teaches them to 'love one another,' for it is

the wicked one that teaches them to hate one another; and John tells you, 'he who does not love his brother is not of God.'

And the apostle bids them 'Holding fast to the faithful word as he has been taught, so that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convince those who contradict it [the faithful word], ' but not to persecute the opposers.' Tit 1:9.

And John tells the church in his general epistle, 'the anointing which you have received of him, abides in you; and you need not that any man teach you, but as the same anointing teaches you all things, and is true, and is no lie; and even as it has taught you, you shall abide in him: and these things I have written unto you concerning those who seduce you.' 1 John 2:26-27.

And now, let all that are called christians, see if they have not seduced away from this anointing within, which the true church received from the holy one, and whether they are not seduced from this teacher which John directed the true church unto.

And you may see how the Lord taught Moses and Aaron, and what words they should speak to Pharaoh. Exo 4:12-16.

But Moses said, 'like unto me will God raise up a prophet, him shall you hear in all things:' now consider, all you christians, whether you believe that God has raised up this prophet Christ Jesus? And if so, whether you hear him? The him is who remains in the heavens till all things are restored. And consider how does restores, and by what? For such were restored who sat in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

And David said, 'O, how I love your law, it is my meditation all the day. Through your commandments, you have made me wiser than my enemies; I have more understanding than all my teachers, your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I have keep your precepts.' Psa 119:97-104.

Now consider, who was David's teacher that he was able to profit so greatly?

'This is what the Lord, your protector says, the holy one of Israel, 'I am the Lord your God, who **teaches you how to succeed**, who **leads** you by the way you should go.' Isa 48:17.

So here you may see God is both the leader and teacher, who teaches his people to succeed.

And therefore all you christians consider, how is Christ your leader and teacher? For we must tell you, the Lord God does not change, nor his Son, and he has come to teach his children himself, who teaches them to succeed, 'and the manifestation of the spirit of God is given to every man for the benefit of all.' 1 Cor 12:7.

And the Lord said to David, 'I will **instruct** you and **teach** you in the way you should go; I will guide you with my eye, and therefore be glad in the Lord, and rejoice you righteous, and shout for joy all you that are upright in heart.' Psa 32:8,11.

Now here you may see the Lord God was the instructor and the teacher in his own way, and guides his people with his eye, which is spiritual.

And David said, 'Good and upright is the Lord, and therefore will he teach sinners in the way, the meek will he guide in judgment, and the meek will he teach his way; what man is he that fears the Lord, him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose; his soul shall dwell at ease and his seed shall inherit the earth; the secrets of the Lord are with those who fear him, and he will show them his covenant.'

And David desired God's teaching, and said, 'He was the God of his salvation, and on him he would wait all the day.'

And therefore, Oh, that men, called christians, would come to this meekness, and the fear of God, that they might come under this teaching, and under the guidance of his spirit, and have his secrets revealed to them.

And you may see that God is not the teacher only of his people, but he will teach sinners if they will hearken to him. Psa 25:8.

And David said, 'though my father and mother should forsake me, yet the Lord will take me up; and teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path.' Psa 27:10-11.

And here again you may see how David exalts the Lord's teaching.

And again, David desired the Lord to teach him to do his will, 'for you are my God, and your spirit is good, lead me into the land of uprightness.' Psa 43:101.

So here you may see David delighted in God's teaching, and set it forth upon record, that all God's people might do the same.

And again: 'thus said, God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out, and spread forth the earth, and that which comes out of it; he that

gives breath to the people in it, and spirit to those who walk therein: I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness, and will hold your hand and keep you, and will give you for a covenant of the people, and for a light to the Gentiles, to open the blind eyes, and to bring the prisoners out from the prison, and those who sat in darkness, out of the prison-house.' Isa 42:5-7.

Now hear, O Christendom, this is Christ Jesus, whom God has given for a covenant of the people, and a light to the Gentiles, who has opened our blind eyes, and has brought us prisoners from the prison, and brought us that sat in darkness, out of the prison-house; glory and praise can we sing unto the Lord through Jesus Christ, and say that there is no salvation by any other name under the whole heaven, but by the name of Jesus.

And the Lord said, 'I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground; and I will pour my spirit upon your seed, and my blessing upon your offspring, and they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water-courses.' Isa 44:3-4.

And these heavenly eternal riches do we witness, and all do, that are under God and Christ's teaching.

But we fear that this prophecy has come to pass upon many in Christendom, as in Isa 29:10-11, 'the Lord has poured out upon you the spirit of deep slumber, and has closed your eyes; the prophets, and the rulers, and the seers, has he covered, and the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed.'

And what was the cause they could not read the book? 'Because they drew near unto the Lord with their lips, but their hearts were far off him; and they honored him with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from me,' said, the Lord, 'and their fear towards me is taught by the precepts of men.' And these were those who rebelled against God's spirit, which had been poured out upon them.

And therefore, may the Lord proceed to do a marvelous work among such people; for the wisdom of their wise shall perish, and the understanding of the prudent shall be hidden.

And therefore, you may see what David says: and the Lord says, 'the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart, O, God, that you will not despise.' Psa 51:17. Now let us see if all that profess themselves christians, have this sacrifice which God will not despise.

And the Lord said, 'say unto those who are of a fearful heart, be strong, fear not; behold your God will come with vengeance, he will come with a recompense, he will come and save you; then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears

of the deaf shall be unstopped; then shall the lame leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.' Isa 35:4-6.

So all christians who are able to witness that the Lord has come to 'dwell in them, and walk in them,' and 'their bodies are the temples of God; their blind eyes are opened, and their deaf ears are unstopped, and the lame does leap, and the tongue of the dumb is loosed, and sings praises to God: 'for he makes waters in the wilderness, and streams in the desert, and springs in the parched ground; and such know God's high way, and it is called the way of holiness, the unclean shall not pass over it.'

Here is the holy way to God, Christ Jesus, who bruises the serpent's head, that has separated between man and God, and made him and his way unholy; and so through Christ, man comes again to God.

And hear what the Lord said, in Isaiah, to such as will not hear when the Lord calls, and choose their own ways, and forsake the Lord's: 'I also will choose their delusion, and will bring their fear upon them, because when I called, none did answer, and when I spoke, none heard; but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.'

And therefore let all who call themselves christians, consider this, you who say there is no hearing God, nor Christ's voice now, for he has poured his spirit upon you, that you might understand it, and hear it.

And Christ tells you after he was risen, that he stands at the door and knocks, and if any man will hear his voice, he will come in and sup with them, and they with him.

Now God and Christ calls, but you will not answer; and if he speak to you by his power and spirit, you will not hear, nor follow Christ, which is the way to God, but choose your own ways; therefore, what can you expect but delusion. Isa 66-4.

And now, those that would not hear when God spoke to them, nor answer when he called, 'they cast them out that trembled at God's word, from among them, and hated them for the Lord's name sake;' and then said unto them, let the Lord be glorified: but said, the Lord, he shall appear to your joy, namely, those that trembled at his word, but they shall be ashamed.

{This above verse is an amazing prophecy from 2800 years ago, that was fulfilled in the time of the early Quakers of 1650-1700. They were ridiculed because they trembled at God's word; derisively nicknamed Quakers by an evil judge. They were hated and despised, cast into prisons by the tens of thousands, killed in meetings and prison, their hundreds of thousands had their

property seized, and several hundred banished from their homeland. But tens of thousands were glorified in God's kingdom.}

But whom shall the Lord and his Christ teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? 'those who are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breast.' Isa 28:9.

Now let all christians consider what milk and what breasts this is, seeing the babes that are born again of the immortal seed, 'feeds upon the sincere milk of the word.'

And the Lord said, unto Jeremiah, 'behold the days come, I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and Judah, not according to the old, that I made with their fathers in the day I brought them out of Egypt, which covenant they broke: but this is the new covenant that I will make with them,' said, the Lord. 'I will put my laws in their inward parts, and write them in their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people; and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother; saying, know the Lord, for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest.' Jer 31:31-34.

So now all the christians who profess the days of this new covenant, Christ Jesus:

Has God written his laws in your hearts, and put them in your inward parts, and your minds?

Do you not need to teach every man his neighbor, and his brother? saying, 'know the Lord:'

Do all of you know the Lord, from the least to the greatest of you, by Christ Jesus the new covenant;

so that the knowledge of the Lord covers the earth, as the waters the sea, that it shall be the uppermost in you?

Are you in this high, and glorious, and everlasting covenant?

And can say that God is your God, and you are his people?

And do you see the end of the old covenant, and its days, which was to the outward Jews?

The true Jews are those who are the true christians in spirit, 'who serve God in the newness of the spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.' Rom 7:6, 2:28-29.

And in Mich 4, where the Lord said, 'many nations shall come and say, come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, the house of the God of Jacob, and he shall teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths, and they shall sit every man under his vine, and under his fig-tree, and none shall make them afraid, the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken it.'

And now you may see, here are nations that will come under God's teaching, who teaches them his way and path to walk in; and those who are under God's teaching, do sit under Christ the vine, and are grafted into him, and those who abide in him will bring forth fruit.

And let all of Christendom take heed for fear the saying of Hosea the prophet comes upon them.

'Upon whom the day of visitation will come, and the day of recompense will come, that say the prophet is a fool,' and the spiritual man mad; and say there are no prophets nor spiritual men now in their days; as you may see in Hosea 9:7.

And these are those who quench the spirit; for though the Lord poured out his spirit upon the house of Israel, and it is said, 'he gave them his good spirit to instruct them, yet they rebelled against it.' Neh 9:20, 26 .

And Stephen said to the high-priest and council of the Jews, in his examination, 'you stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you do always resist the Holy Ghost, as your forefathers did, so do you.' Acts 9:51.

And therefore, let all christians take heed of resisting the Holy Ghost, which reproves them of their sin, righteousness, and judgment; which Holy Ghost, the Comforter, the Father does send in Christ's name, which did teach the apostles and the saints all things, and brought to their remembrance whatsoever Christ had declared unto them, which Holy Ghost did come according to Christ's promise, as in Acts 2.

And Christ said to his disciples, when they should be called before magistrates for his name's sake, he told them, 'take no thought what to answer, for the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what you ought to say.' So here the Holy Ghost was their teacher. Luke 12:11-12.

But you may see often the prophets and Christ speaks to the Jews, 'how they stopped their ears, and closed their eyes, and would not see with their eyes, nor hear with their ears, lest they should be converted, and he should heal them; and such rebelled against the good spirit, that God gave them to instruct them, and resisted the Holy Ghost.' It is well if too many of you, called christians, do not rebel now. However some will say, they do not have the same Holy Ghost and power as the apostles had; then they cannot pray in the same Holy Ghost, nor have the same comfort and fellowship in the Holy Ghost, as they had, nor be led into all truth.

And it is said in Isa 26:9, 'with my soul have I desired you in the night, namely, the Lord; yes, with my spirit within me will I seek you early; for when your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.'

So my desire is, that all christians were of this spirit and mind; and if all flesh will not obey this good spirit which strives with them all, when his judgments are come into the earth, that will make them to learn righteousness.

For, 'lo, he that formed the mountains, and created the winds, and **declares unto man what is his thoughts**, that makes the morning darkness, and treads upon the high places of the earth, the Lord of hosts is his name.' Amos 4:13.

Surely this might convince all men, that God is a God at hand, who shows men their thoughts by his good spirit.

And God strove with the old world, his spirit, and they grieved him, but at last he overthrew them: and God strove with the Jews by his spirit, which he had given them to instruct them, but they rebelled against it, so as at last he overthrew them also.

And now God has sent 'his Son to die for all,' and his gospel is preached to all nations, and every creature under heaven; and Christ has enlightened all with the light, which is the life in the word, which was in the beginning, and God has poured out his spirit upon all flesh: 'and the grace of God which brings salvation, has appeared unto all men, to teach them,' and bring their salvation.

And now, if christians and others hate the divine light of Christ, and quench his spirit, and turn his grace into wantonness, and walk spitefully against it, and resist the Holy Ghost, which reproves them of their sin, righteousness, and judgment, which is the leader of Christ's disciples into all truth, and teacher, and comforter; I say, let all Christendom take heed for fear that God Almighty overthrow them, as he did Sodom and the old world, and the Jews, and mingle them among the heathens, as he did them; 'for such as have the form of godliness, and deny the power thereof, are to be turned away from, by all God's people.

And also it is said in Mich 6:8, 'he, namely, the Lord, has showed you, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you, to do justly, and love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.'

Now let all Christendom consider this, high and low, what God Almighty has showed unto you, and what he requires of you. First, he has showed you what is good, that you might shun the evil; here God is your teacher and shower of what

is good. Secondly, what God requires of you, after he has shown you the good, that is, to do justly, to love mercy and walk humbly with God.

Here God showed man his duty, both to God and man, and how to walk before God and man; here God is your teacher by his spirit, if you will hear his voice, and hearken unto him who shows you this.

Now the Jews made a great profession of the scriptures in the Old Testament, and said 'God was their Father,' but Christ told them, if God was their Father, they would love him, for he proceeded from the Father.

And further, Christ said unto them, 'he who is of God hears God's words; you therefore, are not of God, because you do not hear them.'

And therefore, says Christ to the Jews, 'you are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father you will do; [mark, you will do,] for the devil was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there was no truth in him;' when he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own; for he is a liar and the father of it.'

Now these Jews that were erred from the spirit, and rebelled against it, which God had poured upon them, could profess the scriptures, and that God was their Father; but Christ said, 'you are of your Father the devil, who was a murderer, and his lusts you will do;' and they did it, for they murdered Christ. John 8:42-48.

And therefore, let all Christendom take heed, lest they err from this spirit which God has poured upon all flesh; then they go from the spirit of truth, and do the devil's lusts, like the Jews, who crucified Christ without the gates, and they come to crucify to themselves Christ afresh, and then persecute and murder his saints, where he is manifest.

And the apostle said, in Acts 3:22-23, 'that Moses truly said unto the fathers, a prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren like unto me, him shall you hear in all things; whatsoever he shall say unto you; and it shall come to pass that every soul that will not hear that prophet shall be destroyed from among the people.'

And further, the apostle said, 'that all the prophets from Samuel, and those that followed after, as many as have spoken of him, likewise foretold of these days, namely, the days of Christ.' Acts 3:24.

And so 'Moses as a servant, was faithful in his house;' but Christ, as a Son, is over his house, whose house we are, says the apostle to the church in the primitive times.

Therefore, as the Holy Ghost said, 'today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.' Heb 3:15.

But you may see whose voice we must hear, the voice of Christ, the voice of this prophet, whom God has raised up, and not man; Christ the Son of God, who is over his household, and those who do not hear his voice, hardens their hearts, and therefore, the Holy Ghost said, unto you, 'while it is called today hear his voice,' and therefore, you must not put it off till tomorrow, for you may be dead before tomorrow.

'And those who despised Moses's law, died without mercy, under two or three witnesses; how much sorer punishment suppose you, shall they be thought worthy of, who have trodden under foot the Son of God and counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and have dealt despitefully unto the spirit of grace,' as in Heb 10:28-29.

Oh! therefore, all you called christians, take heed, do not despise unto the spirit of grace, but let it be your teacher to season your words, and establish your hearts, and it will bring your salvation.

For the true church, in the primitive times, entered into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way; and Christ was their high priest over the household of God, which all true christians were then, and are now, who are the true church.

And the apostle told them, 'that they had come to Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, and to the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, and to the general assembly, the church of the first born, written in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling,' ...

'So if they did not escape, that refused him that spoke on earth, much less shall we escape says he, if we refuse him, namely, Christ that speaks from heaven.'

So you may see here what the true church was to come to in the primitive times, and whom they were to hear, the prophet whom God had raised up; and this was after Christ was risen.

And now let Christendom examine themselves, and see 'if they have come to Mount Zion, and to the heavenly Jerusalem, and to the innumerable company of angels,' and to the general assembly and church of the first born written in heaven, and to the 'spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator, and to the blood of sprinkling;' and that they do not turn away from hearing

Christ that speaks from heaven. Heb 12:22-25. 'For he stands at the door and knocks.' Rev 3:21.

And the apostle said, 'such an high priest became us (namely, Christ), who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and is made higher than the heavens.' Heb 7:26.

Now this is the priest and prophet which is over God's house, and becomes it; and all the true christians who hear Christ's voice, are his house. So the true Christian's high priest is holy and harmless. He will do none hurt, but good; he is undefiled, for he leads out of defilement. He is separate from sinners, for no guile nor sin is found in his mouth; he is made higher than the heavens, and higher than Aaron's priesthood, and higher than all the priesthoods made at schools. He remains in the heavens, until all things are restored, and he is restoring by his light, spirit and power, up unto himself. Those who are restored 'are raised by Him to sit in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.' Eph 2:6.

So God was the teacher of Adam and Eve in paradise, and as long as they kept under his teaching they were happy.

The serpent was the false and second teacher, and Adam and Eve hearkening unto him, and forsaking God's teaching, they lost paradise, and became unhappy.

And God said, 'the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head,' who is the head of all false teachers.

And so as the apostle said, 'God at sundry times, and in divers manners spoke unto our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken unto us by his Son.'

So God spoke to the prophets before the flood, and after the flood, and in the time of the law; but now in these last days (the christian days), 'he has spoken unto us by his Son:' us, the church, the true christians; so he is the speaker now to all the true christians.

And so Christ, 'by whom all things were made, he was the first, and he is the last;' and he is the Quakers' first speaker, and the last. For God has spoken unto us by his Son, that same God, who was the speaker to, and teacher of Adam and Eve in paradise before they fell. The serpent that in paradise was the false teacher and speaker; Christ bruises the head of him, and through death destroyed him, the power of death, namely, the devil.

And I say again, God has spoken unto us by his Son, who renews us up in the image and likeness of God, in righteousness, and holiness, as Adam and Eve were in, before they fell.

So the same God that was the speaker unto Adam and Eve in paradise, has spoken unto us by his Son, who was the speaker to the church in the primitive times; glory to God forever.

And all must hear him, and believe in him, and follow him, in the life.

And therefore, hearken to his voice, and take heed you be not found in the spirit of deep slumber, as the Jews were in; and have eyes, and see not, and ears, and hear not; and that your outward things and inventions are not a snare and a trap to you, like unto the Jews' table, whose table was made a snare, and a trap, and a stumbling block, and a recompense unto them. Al though they talked of God and Christ, yet they did not receive him when he came. And you, who call yourselves christians, talk much about Christ, and that he has come; but if you have him not, you have not life; and if he is not in you [controlling you as Lord], then you are reprobates.

And therefore, 'quench not the spirit of God, nor hate his light, but believe in it,' as Christ commands, and mind what the righteousness of faith speaks; 'the word is near you, even in your heart, and in your mouth, to obey it, and do it; and that is the word of faith which we preach,' said, the apostle.

Now if all Christendom had continued in this word of faith in their hearts and mouths, the apostle preached and obeyed it, and done it, they had been all reconciled to God, and to the scriptures, and one to another.

And the 'holy men of God gave forth scriptures, as they were moved by the Holy Ghost;' and Christ said, 'it is the Holy Ghost that leads into all truth.'

So none can be led into all truth but by the same Holy Ghost that spoke forth scriptures, and such come to sit under God and Christ's teaching.

And Christ has ended the worldly sanctuary, and the tabernacle made with hands, as you may see in Hebrews 9:11 .

And Stephen told the Jews that much adored the outward temple: Solomon says, he built an house, 'however, the Most High dwells not in temples made with hands,' as said, the prophet. Isa 66. 'Thus said, the Lord, heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool; where is the house that you built unto me? where is the place of my rest? for all those things has my hand made, and all those things have been,' said, the Lord; 'but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor, and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at my word.'

And Solomon, that built the temple, said, 'behold, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built.' 2 Chron 2:6, Acts 7:49.

And the apostle Paul said, Acts 17:24-26, 'God that made the world, and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwells not in temples made with hands, neither is he worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing: seeing he gives to all life and breath, and all things; and has made of one blood, all nations of men to dwell upon the face of the earth,'

And the apostle said, in 1 Cor 6, 'what, know you not that your bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own.

And in 2 Cor 6:16, 'for you are the temple of the living God,' as God has said, 'I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Since you are bought with a price, namely, the blood of Christ, therefore glorify God in your bodies, and with your souls.'

And now this is every true Christian's duty, who are sensible of the price that Christ has paid for them, and are come under God and Christ's spiritual and heavenly teaching; and know that they are not their own, but Christ's that has bought them, to 'glorify God in their bodies and spirits, which are God's,' who gave them for that end to glorify him withal.

'And no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, (but by the Holy Ghost.)' 1 Cor 12:13.

'And let every man that names the name of Christ, depart from iniquity.' 2 Tim 2:19.

So let all that are called christians, first see that they are in the Holy Ghost, and that they do not resist it, and that they call Jesus Lord; that is, call him Lord with, and in the spirit of truth, that leads them into all truth.

Secondly, Let every one mark, the command is general; 'let every one that names the name of Christ, depart from iniquity:' and when they have departed from iniquity, then let them name the name of Christ, and then they will not take God and Christ's name in vain, but know him their teacher, 'that makes an end of sin, and does finish transgression, and makes reconciliation for iniquity, and brings in everlasting righteousness, who is the way to the Father, and is the prophet that is to be heard in all things.'

For Malachi said, 'behold, the day comes that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, and those who do wickedly, shall be as stubble; and the day that comes

shall burn them up,' said, the Lord of hosts, 'that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.'

'But unto you that fear my name, shall the Son of righteousness arise, with healing under his wings; and you shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall,' ...

And therefore, let all Christendom consider this day that will burn as an oven, and all the proud and the wicked shall be as stubble burnt up, and not be left neither root nor branch.

And therefore, let humility throw down pride, and virtue wickedness, and come into the fear of God, and dread the name of the Lord, that the Son of righteousness may shine upon you, and heal you, that you may grow up within God's power and spirit, as the calves do in the stalls, and so be fed of Christ your shepherd.

For as the prophet said, 'the ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib, but my people does not know me.' So in this, your ox and your ass condemns you, and you are more ignorant in your generations than the ox and ass; for they know their feeders, but you do not know God and Christ your feeder, who took care for man, and made all things ready for man, before he created them; for you know, 'the sixth day God made man,' as in Gen 1.

So the Lord who made the heavens and the earth, and all things in it, he took care for man both in temporal and spiritual things, who was Adam and Eve's teacher in paradise; and now God has spoken unto us by his Son, who bruises the head of the serpent, that led Adam and Eve from God, and renews man up in the image of God, as man was in before he fell; and not up into that only, but up into 'the measure and stature of him' that never fell, in whom the saints 'sits down in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, who is their rock and foundation, that stands sure;' the amen, and the head of his church, whom God speaks by; and all are to hear him, and follow him, if they will have life and salvation, who has given his flesh for the life of the world.

'For whoso eats my flesh, and drinks my blood, (said, Christ), has life eternal, and dwells in me, and I in him; as the living Father has sent me, and I live by the Father; so he that eats me, even he shall live by me; for I am the living bread, which came down from heaven.' John 6:54-58.

So all must eat, and feed on this bread, that comes down from heaven, if they will live.

So it is not a professing [saying your believe] what the prophets, Christ, and the apostles said, and did, and then a persecuting of one another about their words;

but an actual eating of this heavenly bread, if you have life; and this is all the true christians' food, which they must feed upon if they have life.

So here, all may see, it is Christ that gives you food, and life eternal; and has prepared life eternal for you; and he has come, as in the volume of God's book; 'for burnt offerings, and sacrifices, you would not; but a body has God prepared him, to do his will.' Heb 10:5. And, that he might take away the first priesthood, covenant, altar, and temple, sanctuary, and testament, and establish the second; and ends all the prophets, types, and figures, and shadows of him: and so, 'through the offering up of the body of Jesus once for all the offerings, he perfects forever, all those who are sanctified.'

So here is the prophet to open, the bishop to oversee, and shepherd to feed, and king to rule in their hearts by faith: and he takes away the old way that was among the Jews, and establishes the new and living way; by whom God has spoken to us, his true church, who was the first speaker, and is the everlasting speaker.

So the Lord is the teacher of his people by his Son; glory and honor, thanks and praise, be unto him; for he is worthy of all, who is over all, from everlasting, to everlasting.

So here you may see God is the teacher, who has poured out of his spirit upon all flesh; but if they harden their hearts, and close their eyes, that they will not see, and stop their ears that they will not hear, and quench his spirit, though Christ stands at the door of their hearts and knocks; but if they will not open to him, nor hear his voice, they refuse and neglect their salvation, and their destruction is of themselves.

For 'Christ has enlightened all,' that they might see, and poured out his spirit upon all, that they might understand and obey. The apostle says, 'he has tasted death for all, and is a propitiation for the sins of the whole world; and the gospel, which is the power of God, is preached to every creature under heaven;' so that all are left without excuse, and God is just and righteous in his judging of the world, for all have had a visitation by God's light, grace, spirit, and gospel.

And the prophet said, 'like unto me will God raise up a prophet, him shall you hear in all things;' so here you are all invited to hear the Son, and you are invited to come 'freely, without money, and without price:' and when the Son of God was come, and God had sent him into the world, he said 'whoever believes in me, he shall not perish, but have everlasting life:' and God said, 'This is My Son, My Chosen One or My Beloved; listen to and yield to and obey Him!' Luke 9:35.

So here God invites all to come, and hear his Son; and Christ said, 'learn of me;' and tells you, 'he is the way, the truth, and the life; and no man comes to the Father, but by him:' and he invites you also to come; and said, 'all that are weary and heavy laden, he calls to them to come unto him;' for his burden is light, and his yoke is easy, that they might find rest to their souls.

And the apostle exhorts you to come unto Christ, and tells you 'look unto him who is the author and finisher of your faith:' and Christ tells you, 'that all power in heaven and earth is given unto him.' He would have all the world, and every creature to have a visitation of his gospel; and therefore he sent his disciples unto all nations to preach it; he who enlightens all with his heavenly light, to see it, and receive it; and God, who has poured his spirit upon all flesh, by which they might understand it. So here are all left without excuse; and what could God and Christ have done more for the world than they have done?

But if you will have none of God and Christ's teaching, but follow your own ways, and refuse him the way, the truth, and the life; how can you expect but to be judged in righteousness?

{To follow your own way is to walk after the imagination of your own heart. God speaks many times against those who do; his most convicting statement reveals to us that to walk after the imagination of your own heart is worse than worshipping stone and wooden idols. Jer 16:11-12. What is the alternative? To walk in God's will, to do his will on earth as his will is done in heaven. How? To obey his voice; and to obey his voice, you must first hear it. To hear it, you must get quiet and wait, listening for his voice; and when you hear it you must obey.

Jesus made it simple, saying: "**There is only one thing needed.** Mary has chosen **that good part,** which shall not be taken away from her" - **to sit at the feet of Jesus and hear his word.** Luke 10:39-42

To hear his word it to listen to the word of God in your heart. Rom 10:8,17

It is a cross to a man's will to sit silently, struggling to keep his mind from wandering; **it is a cross** to a man's will to obey what he is commanded and taught by the Holy Spirit; **this is the cross of which you must** deny yourself and pick it up every day to then follow Jesus. To follow is to obey. You cannot be his disciple unless you pick up your cross daily and follow his orders. Salvation is only received by those who follow the lamb wherever he goes - who obey completely the voice of the Lord, in whatever he commands. Do not be discouraged if you don't hear for some time. Even your waiting is to your credit: Let your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, in proportion to our waiting and hoping on you. Psalms 33:22. For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by ear, nor has the eye seen a God beside you, who acts for the one

who waits for him. Isa 64.4.

Everyone of the truth hears my voice. John 18:37

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and **they follow me.** John 10:27

Listen to and obey My voice, and I will be your God and you will be My people;

and walk in the whole way that I command you. Jer 7:23

So you can see that hearing his voice and following him (obeying him) is critical to your future - critical to obtaining life: **The words I speak to you are spirit and they are life. John 6:33.** The promises are: if you listen to and obey the Holy Spirit, he will teach you all things, he will guide you into all truth, he will tell you of things to come, and you will know all things. And when you know all the truth, you will be free from all sin, forever.}

And Christ said, 'he who would be my disciple, must take up his cross daily and follow me;' and this was before he was crucified upon the outward cross; and 'the cross of Christ is the power of God.' 1 Cor 1:18. Though it is 'foolishness to those who perish,' and the preaching of it; 'but to us that are saved, it is the power of God.'

And the apostle tells you, 'the gospel is the power of God,' as you may see in Rom 1, 'unto salvation, unto every one that believes.'

{The reason Christendom has no power is because they don't believe in the cross or the true gospel of Christ that offers total freedom from sin, union with God, and entrance into the Kingdom of God.

Christendom denies any hope of purity, therefore Christendom denies the cross is necessary, and so Christendom is perishing **for the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing;** and whose end is destruction, whose God is their stomach [appetites], and whose glory is in their shame, who set their mind on earthly things. 1 Cor 1:18, Phil 3:18-19.}

So here the prophets and the apostles invite you to come to God and Christ; and also God and Christ invite you, and the 'spirit said, come: and the bride said, come; and let he who hears Christ, say come; (that is, invite others), and let him who thirsts, come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.' Rev 22:17.

So what could God and Christ himself, and his prophets and apostles, and his church, that are his hearers and learners say more unto you.

So if you will not hear God and Christ's speaking unto you by his Son, who gives you freely of the water of life, and spiritual food from heaven; and you have all these invitations to hear, and be taught of him who is your free teacher and feeder; how can you expect anything but the judgments of God, if you reject him?

And therefore, this is an invitation to you all, and a warning unto you all, and a testimony unto you all, high and low, that are called christians, who now have time to prize it, lest you pass away your time, and it will be too late; and when time is past, you may say you had time.

And therefore, Cease trusting in any man, whose breath is in his nostrils, for of what value is he? 'but look unto me all you ends of the earth, and be saved, said, the Lord.' Isa 2:22, 45:22.

{Leave them alone and disregard them; they are blind guides and teachers. And if a blind man leads a blind man, they both will fall into a ditch. Mat 15:14.}

For John says, 'the nations of those who are saved, shall walk in the light of God and the Lamb,' and the kings of the earth shall bring their glory and honor to it, namely, 'the heavenly Jerusalem, and the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day, for there is no night there, for the Lord God and the Lamb is the light thereof.'

And so, as I have said often before, he is the teacher by his Son, and therefore hear him, and do not be like Adam and Eve, who hearkened to the serpent, and forsook God's teaching; what have they gotten by it, is only woe and misery, and so lost his image, and the paradise of God.

And therefore, now Christ having come to bruise the serpent's head, and to reconcile and redeem man and woman again to God, out of that misery; I say, to bruise the head of the serpent, who is the head of enmity, the Belial, who leads men without God's yoke, and the dragon, the devourer of mankind: so Christ has bruised the head of this serpent and in him is man's peace.

So I say, hear God, who speaks now by his Son, who reconciles to God, all things in heaven, and things in earth: so here God, who is now the speaker again by his Son, that was the first speaker to Adam, in his image, in paradise, who is the creator of all, and over all, from everlasting to everlasting. If you will not hear him, consider what became of the house of Israel, which God poured out his spirit upon, and yet they rebelled against it. Now God has poured out his spirit upon all flesh; and if you will not turn to the spirit, and hear God and his Son, but instead hearken to the serpent, and follow him, how can you expect but to be cast into the lake of fire, (with the serpent), that burns forever.

And therefore, 'while it is called today, hear his voice, and harden not your hearts,' and not only hear, but obey; for it is the 'obedient to Christ that shall eat the fat of the heavenly land, and inherit substance.'

And so the Lord God, who is the Creator of all, and gives life and breath to all, that takes care for all, and is over all his works, who was and is the speaker by his Son, to the christians, the first and the last, direct you all, for all are to incline their ear and hear him, that their souls may live.

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