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Matthew 6:33; 1 John 2:6;
2 Chronicles 16:9

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SUMMARY:

**URGENTLY RESPOND TO GOD TO GAIN
HIS MAXIMUM PLAN FOR OUR LIVES
AND HAVE HIS BEST IN ETERNITY**

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WE MUST BE ETERNITY ORIENTED

**WHY DID GOD CREATE US, WHAT WE ARE TO BECOME, AND WHAT MUST WE NOW DO
TO GAIN GOD'S MAXIMUM BENEFITS FOR ETERNITY OR OTHERWISE "ETERNALLY"
FORFEIT?**

INTRODUCTION: God created us and placed us on the earth. We are created beings. To understand why, we need to be both **OUTCOME** and **PROCEDURE** oriented. We need to know who and what God is. To be outcome oriented, we need to know in detail what God wants us to become. To be procedure oriented, we need to know what God wants us to do to gain the desired outcome.

Thus, we need to search **ALL** the Scriptures to know what God wants us to become (**OUTCOME**), and **ALL** the Scriptures to know what He wants us to do to reach the desire outcome (**PROCEDURE**). We should write down (in the computer) what we are learning, and then update our writings as we learn more. We should do this now with some urgency because signs signal the endtimes can come very soon. Thus, we need to train to walk by strong faith before the Tribulation comes so we can stand strong by faith and gain more maturity in Christ-likeness in the Tribulation.

We need to know and to fully realize that apart from knowing and relating to God in His Greatness, especially in eternity, there is nothing. Everything gained in this lifetime, apart from a relationship with God, will not go with us into eternity. Living a life apart from God in this lifetime will result in a wasted life and a potential forfeiture of God's best in eternity, and if remaining as unbelievers, go to the Lake of Fire instead of to heaven.

GOD: We need to know that God has always existed. There was and will never be a time when He does or will not exist. He has every perfect attribute and character quality that exists in infinite Greatness. He has no darkness or sin of any kind or any amount. (See our website document: [The Attributes of God.](#))

APART FROM GOD: We are born apart from God with depraved natures that sin - break God's relationship laws. In our lifetimes, God reaches out to us to bring us to Christ and to a new life. But we must respond to complete the action. We must know that apart from and remaining apart from God, there is no perfection and completeness of any kind or amount. Apart from Him, for created beings, such as ourselves (humans), there is no perfect spiritual relationship life possible. Any life that attempts to live apart from Him, results in sin, a breaking of His perfect spiritual relationship laws, and having a wasted life. This sin, breaking of His laws, requires a justice to be satisfied. But God satisfied His own justice and draws and changes us, who will respond, to a new life directed by Him.

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CHRIST SATISFIED GOD'S JUSTICE FOR OUR SIN: We are to know that Christ died on the Cross to satisfy God's justice for our sin. Thus, we must believe that He did in a complete work, only as recorded in the Holy Bible, and then activate our faith by praying to God that we believe, accepting the satisfied justice on our behalf. Then, the satisfied justice is placed to our personal account. Otherwise, God will satisfy His justice in another way by placing people(us) into the Lake of Fire (a most terrible place of pain and torture) for eternity. (See our website document: [Becoming a Christian.](#)) Remember we are talking about eternity (forever), not just a short time period.

WE WERE CREATED SO THAT WE COULD KNOW AND RELATE TO GOD THROUGHOUT ETERNITY. FOR THIS TO HAPPEN, WE MUST (1) ACCEPT (BELIEVE) CHRIST DYING ON THE CROSS TO SATISFY GOD'S JUSTICE FOR OUR SIN, AND THEN (2) LIVE AS HE REQUIRES GAINING A MAXIMUM MATURITY IN CHRIST-LIKENESS, LIVING IN A GROWTH PROCESS: When we believe in Christ dying on the Cross to satisfy God's justice for sin, we are born again to a new life. In this born again process, we receive a new divine nature that we did not have before that cannot and does not sin. Because our divine nature does not sin, we have eternal security in Christ with a guarantee to go to heaven when we die. We cannot lose our salvation. To walk with God, we use this new divine nature under God's direction - led of the Holy Spirit - to obey God. God establishes mature Christ-likeness in this nature, in the amount or degree we respond to God. Thus, we will have different maturities when we die because we relate to Him differently (in different amounts). Apart from knowing and relating to God, there is nothing. By relating to God, we will also relate to each other. We will have fellowship with God and each other. Thus, we should want to go all the way with God, obeying Him to the fullest so that we can know and relate to God toward His maximum. (Depending on the degree of our maturity in Christ-likeness, we will know and relate to God in different amounts or degrees now and in eternity.) As Christians, when we disobey God, we use our depraved or sin natures - we sin. We do not take our sin natures and what was developed in or by them into eternity with us. There is no sin in eternity (in heaven). **We can only take with us what was developed in our divine natures, now in this lifetime.**

ALL OF BIBLICAL HISTORY LEADS TO US BECOMING MATURE IN CHRIST-LIKENESS SO THAT WE CAN KNOW AND RELATE TO GOD: Throughout all biblical history (Genesis to Revelation), there is a spiritual warfare between Christ and Satan working for us to obey Christ or Satan. There is a testing and developing environment of the world, the flesh, and the devil. The major issue is will we obey God so that He works all things together to bring us to have maximum maturity in Christ-likeness or will we go our own way attempting to work all things together ourselves for our presumed good. Obeying God, we gain maturity. Going our way, we forfeit gaining maturity to know God, both now and in eternity. We often go our own way, because we do not know God's way. Thus, we must always study the Scriptures to learn and implement God's ways. See our website document: [God's Plan over History for Man to Become Mature in Christ Needed to Eternally Know and Relate to Our Perfect God in His Greatness.](#)

THE DEGREE OF OUR SPIRITUAL MATURITY WE HAVE AT DEATH, WE WILL MOST LIKELY HAVE FOREVER WITHOUT FUTURE OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN ADDITIONAL MATURITY (UNLESS IT IS GAINED BY A DIFFERENT WAY THAN WE CAN KNOW NOW): Because there is no sin in heaven (we make mistakes as we grow in Christ which is sin), the devil will not be in heaven, and the developing environment of the world, flesh, and the devil will not be in heaven, it appears most strongly that our maturity in Christ (at least in the way now we know now how it is developed) will not be in heaven, it appears most strongly that our maturities will not increase in heaven. God commands us to pursue maturity now. **So if we do not pursue**

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maturity now we can pay “a most terrible eternal price” - not knowing and relating to God in heaven to the degree that we otherwise could if we had maximum maturity.

WHAT ARE GOD’S WAYS FOR LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: The Bible teaches that we are to walk as Christ walks. He only did what came from God the Father as a source. He did nothing from Himself as a source. Thus, when people saw Him, they did not see Him. They saw God the Father living out through Him. If we are to live out what only comes from the Father, we must live out only what is in the Bible directly or in application as led by His Holy Spirit. We must live out what Christ is living out through and in us from the Bible. This will include the teachings throughout Scripture.

Specifically, we are to live by love and by faith. We will live in these ways when we appreciate God’s infinite Greatness with absolute perfection that includes knowing His attributes. All that is good can only come from Him as a source, being a perfect and infinite God. Knowing His Greatness, we will have great love for Him. (He demonstrated His great love for us for by having Christ die on the Cross to satisfy His justice for our sin so we do not have to pay the penalty.) This love is activated by our keeping (obeying) His commandments. We must know what they are. When we live by love, we live holy and righteously and get to know God. Not living by love, we are nothing and we sin. We can not deeply get to know God. We walk by faith to trust God to fulfill His promises to us as written only in the Holy Bible. We will activate our faith by obeying the instructions with the promises. We must know and memorize the promises and claim them as needed as we live our lives. Living by faith, we do not sin (because all came from God as a source), and we gain revelation from the Scriptures. (Our churches are falling away today because they appear to greatly live by sight (not by faith) that does not give them needed revelation from the Scriptures. They are going largely their own way.)

See our website reports: [*Living by God’s Righteousness*](#) and [*Keys to Becoming Mature in Christ-likeness In Godly Relationship Living*](#) (Needed for Now and in Eternity to Know and to Relate to Our Perfect God Toward His Fullness in Depth-Breadth).

OUTCOME AND PROCEDURE: The **OUTCOME** is to become highly mature in Christ-likeness so that we can walk with God to the fullest at His leading. How we get there (**PROCEDURE**) is to (as a minimum): (1) Glorify, obey, honor, praise, and please God; (2) Live godly as Christ lives (see above) in head-subordinate relationships; (3) Help accomplish God’s work of evangelizing complete areas including the children, maturing people in Christ-likeness (not just working for Christian growth), planting churches, building godly families, and helping the needy; (4) Know and stand strong on the basic doctrines of the Christian faith (such as a complete Church doctrinal statement); and (5) Have a strong personal devotional life of prayer and reading the Bible. See our website doctrinal statements: Summary: [*Doctrinal Statement of Biblical Worldview Ministries*](#) - Detailed: [*Expanded Doctrinal Statement of My Personal Christian Beliefs*](#).

We must have an “experiential” Christian life, not just knowing about it and attending Church. We must know both what to do and how to do it, and “have had experience (a personal testimony) of living them out.” We will be in some ministry. “It must be a life of reality, not just one of knowledge.” We will have a life of the spiritual fruit of the Holy Spirit and the Vine of Christ. Leaders must train with a personal testimony of living out “the reality” of the Christian life, not just having the knowledge. Thus, leaders must train with what to do, how to do

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it, give examples for how to do it, give testimony for how they did it, and put their people in some form of on-the-job training.

We will have an experiential life that is centered in God and Christ, obeying the Bible, becoming mature in Christ-likeness, glorifying God, and helping to accomplish God's work.

IN ETERNITY: In eternity, God will direct every thought and action we will ever have commensurate with our maturity, calling, and gifting. It must be this way for only He is perfect, holy, righteous, and true. We are created beings. It will be God all in all. **If we do not obey God now to the fullest to become maximumly mature in Christ-likeness, we can forfeit knowing God more toward His maximum (at least expediently) throughout eternity. Because He is perfect, this forfeiture is "a most terrible result" to have "throughout all eternity."**

THE JOB OF THE CHURCH: The main (only) job of the Church is to work towards maximumly maturing her people, including her children and youth, in Christ-likeness, not just having a church service with some Bible teaching and/or reaching the youth and new people. We need to evangelize and disciple the children in the community such as by working with Child Evangelism Fellowship to work in tens and tens of after school Bible clubs. (85% of those coming to Christ do so in the age group of 4-14 years of age.) Our churches need to know how and be greatly involved. We need some example churches as guides for the others.

There are many courses we need to take to gain a college degree. Likewise, there are a large number of topics to be lived out to become maximumly mature in Christ-likeness. What are they? They would be part of God's Whole Counsel. Where can I read them in the Church? We recognize they can be updated when we learn more. But what are they today? (Paul, the Apostle, wrote that He was not guilty of the people's blood because He taught the people God's Whole Counsel or Purpose.) Leaders must train with a large number of the topics needed to mature their people in Christ-likeness. Thus, they must establish a complete curriculum containing a large number of the topics needed for us to become mature in Christ-likeness that is taught in some way in a reasonable time period.

So if the Church leadership does not train with a near complete version of God's whole counsel, are they not guilty of the people's blood? This is what I believe. So what is God's Whole Counsel?

HOW DO REVELATION'S ENDTIMES UNFOLD OR OCCUR: God implements a special sequence for how He terminates history as presented in Revelation. He brings the Rapture at Christ's Second Coming after all the people who are to live, have lived, and have made formal and binding decisions to accept or deny the Gospel. Thus, the Rapture occurs after the endtimes Tribulation, **No one is born or saved after the Rapture.** As Christians we must now train to stand strong in Christ and to walk by faith in preparation for going through the endtimes Tribulation. Signs now signal most loudly that the Tribulation can come at any time with only God knowing the precise timing (we can only have estimates based on the signs). Is your Church alerting, warning, and preparing you? Are you and family and Church prepared? See our website document: [*The Pattern View of Prophecy: the Many Doctrines of Prophecy Show Clearly the Rapture Will Come Post-tribulational and the 1000 Years During Christ's Second Coming.*](#)