

1. BEGINNING - Genesis

For many centuries, since the beginning of religion, humankind has been taught that creation occurred a long time ago. We have learned that creation, in the mind of man, is not yet complete. It is complete in the Mind of God however, but not in mankind's mind. Old bibles, the King James Version, published around eighteen hundred and sixty-seven AD, state that the writings in Genesis were about time, relating to God, as being four thousand and four BC.

Well, we certainly were not there, so we don't know if that is true, but we do accept it as our truth. Some books declare Moses as the author of the Book of Genesis and the Book of Job. Job was allegedly written about the time, again, relating to God's time, four thousand and forty-three BC. According to them, the Book of Job is the first recorded inspired writings of Scriptures.

On the first page of the Noahhite Manual, we have challenged a belief system that is well established. We are just passing on what we have learned and will believe until the Holy Spirit tells us differently. In a moment, we will get to the idea that creation is not yet complete, but first let there be full understanding of 2 Timothy 3:16-17;

The whole Bible (Every Scripture) was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong with our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. It is God's way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone.

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Now, here is the catch. Clearly, we can see that the idea switches or, if you prefer, reverses; one day equals one thousand years to one thousand years equal one day, which we believe is the **Last Day** of God's Creation, rather than man's mess of things, which occurred in the first six days.

So that this is finally and firmly embedded in our new awareness, let us reflect on it one more time. The one day, or series of days, as a thousand years changed to a thousand years is finally as a day. The thoughts are perfectly reversed.

In God's **Last Day**, everything changes, even though God is changeless. Since we understand that Genesis was written approximately four thousand years BC and we are now approaching two thousand years AD, let us ask Harry to call the math majors.

"Harry, you are in spiritual kindergarten, check with the math majors and see how many days have passed with God's formula."

"OK, thanks Harry." According to them, the first six thousand years, represent the first six days of creation, and the next day or **Last Day**, will also last one thousand years, with Christ at the helm, according to God's time, not man's twenty-four hours per day conception of time. One other way to express this is to say that a minute to God is like eight and one half months.

Since we are perfectly clear about the first six days that are coming to a close, and because the Holy Spirit has let us believe this truth and none of us will argue with God's Word, even if we still have some reservation, we can now thank God for perfectly clear understanding of the Scriptures in Genesis 2:1-3;

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Our proposition that creation is still ongoing is based on the King James translation of Scripture in 2 Peter 3:8; **But beloved be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

It is imperative that we receive a new awareness on this topic, because this is the critical point of this entire book. Without a new conception of creation, we would have no hope! To have full understanding of this Scripture, we have asked some detectives to give us some basic facts:

- (a) He loves us and does not want us to be dumb.
- (b) One day with the Lord is like a thousand years.
- (c) One thousand years is the same as one day.

Thanks detectives, you were very thorough.

We need to thank God for loving us. Most of us have been in places where we weren't concerned about that. We were seeking someone else's affections. The next item of interest is our intelligence. God wants us to be educated.

Some of us, however, have been educated beyond our capabilities. We learned that when our education could be used to help others, our smarts were a blessing. On the other hand, however, if we only used our learning for our personal benefit, it was an intended curse. The next facts are very simple.

Surely, God is very patient. Who would ever have thought that one day to God is one thousand years? This is an amazing thought, and could be very controversial, but it is God's Word. You may want to read it in your own King James Version.

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NOW AT LAST the heavens and earth were successfully completed, with all they contained. So on the seventh day, having finished his task, God ceased from this work he had been doing, and God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he ceased this work of creation.

Let us again ask the detectives to supply us with some facts in order to really understand what this Scripture tells us.

- (a) Now at last.
- (b) God's work is successfully completed.
- (c) His task took seven days.
- (d) The seventh day is blessed.
- (e) The last day is declared holy.
- (f) Creation is complete.

Thanks, guys, you sure are doing a splendid job. Our thought, with this new awareness, is one of great joy, in that God has a thousand years to straighten out the mess that evolved in the first six days, while the prince of the air had control.

Surely, it does not take a rocket scientist or brain surgeon to wonder what might happen to this breaking and warring world when we see news and documentary programs of various descriptions. We believe we do need God's blessings, which are *at last finally now available*. Our belief is that they have never even been available to *all* of humanity, based on the concept of *one day*, the way God thinks of it, or the **Last Day of Creation**.

The very good news is that finally, *now*, God can do his thing. It has not been available until now. More good news is that all of heaven and earth are successfully completed. The reversing of things means that we receive heavenly blessings to cancel the intended curse that started with Eve's rebellion about six thousand years ago. That is our conviction. We have been taught that she went for the tree of knowledge of good and evil, rather than just the tree of *Life*, by eating the forbidden fruit.

Our opinion is that these blessings, in the magnitude that is now available, have never even been available to all of humankind before. Of extreme importance also is the fact that these times are *holy*, which simply means dedicated to God. We are very fortunate indeed to live in this **Last Day**, God's Day.

Who would ever have thought that this was even possible, since we had the creation theory of religion drilled into us for decades and our blood line for centuries? When we see famine, corruption, collapse, and failures of such proportion in today's world, we wonder if a thousand years is enough.

Since we have learned that God is changeless, we need to be given a way to change. Along this idea of change, we believe that we need to be given a way to be changed into the image that *He* has of us. One thing that we are sure about is that God did not create the mess that is on this planet at the close of the twentieth century.

Since there is a minor discrepancy in time as it relates to the precise six thousand year period, and not even God's very own Son knows neither the day nor the hour of everyone's true spiritual perfection, let us have clear understanding of Mark 13:19-20;

Many translations of the Bible were read and studied until we finally found the right one for us. Most of us tried to understand the King James translation, but it took more education than we had to understand it.

We had difficulty understanding seventeenth century language in our day and age. There are many other good translations in today's marketplace, such as: the *New International Version* (NIV), *The Book*, *The Good News Bible*, *New Century Version*, and many more. We have even seen Bibles with dual and quadruple translations, such as *The Living Bible* © on one side of the page and the NIV on the other side. Of course, the same Scriptures are on the same page and are for comparison.

We have heard that there are over thirty translations of the original Scriptures available in today's marketplace. We urge you to let God lead you to the one that He wants you to study, basically by reading and re-reading, day by day, and year after year. As time passed in our daily Bible reading, and we listened to tapes of the New Testament, we received visions that were, we believe, the desires of the new spiritual heart that only God can create.

This new spiritual heart has to replace the human heart that this world gave us. At first, we were extremely impressed and even curious about the visions. What we did not understand was the faith that is required to receive them. We believe that the visions are in God's Kingdom, not in or of this old world. Let us fully understand now, that in this **Last Day**, God's Day, heaven is successfully completed along with the earth. Therefore, we are in hopes that our visions can be received here on earth.

"For those will be days of such horror as have never been since the beginning of God's creation, nor will ever be again. And unless the Lord shortens that time of calamity, not a soul in all the earth will survive. But for the sake of his chosen ones he will limit those days."

The Book of The Revelation revealed, in the third chapter, tenth verse, that a time is coming, in which *Great Tribulation and temptation will test everyone alive*. Over many years, Glory be to God, we have found His way, and understand John 14:6; **Jesus told him, "I am the Way - yes, and the Truth and the Life."** We believe we are chosen.

We believe this small book can help assure you of victory if you are earnest, honest, and sincere in your efforts. We have a **Good Orderly Direction**, in a variety of Anonymous Fellowships, which is helping millions. *We believe that the time that it took us can be reduced in half.*

Most of us had to seek God in a round about way, because there was little understanding of the path that was established by the founders and pioneers of the original Twelve Step Program. We believe that all paths lead to God, either through religion or spirituality.

Some of us believe that religion is for people who are afraid of going to hell, and spirituality is for people who have been there. We also heard that religion is man showing God how good man is, but that spirituality is God showing man how good God is.

Let us declare that we study *The Living Bible* ©, which is used as the basic text for documented quotes, unless otherwise noted.

Even if the visions are not started until the soul leaves the human vessel, we are ready, willing, and able to remain obedient to the teachings of the Holy Spirit. This is not to suggest that visions can be received in short order, nor is it to suggest that all will have visions. All of us place spiritual development ahead of everything in our life, in order to receive our new life that God has planned for us. Since His plan is so mysterious, a portion will be revealed later, in the third book (**VISION QUEST**) of this to be published Noahhite Manual.

Since we are truly only interested in God's Kingdom, and before we learn of some of it's secrets, let us get a good look at God's **reality**. We need full understanding of Acts 14:21-22; **After preaching the Good News there and making many disciples, they returned again to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, where they helped the believers to grow in love for God and each other. They encouraged them to continue in the faith in spite of all the persecution, reminding them they must enter into the Kingdom of God through many tribulations.**

Tribulation simply means a trying experience, distress, or suffering. Humans, generally speaking, we have observed and experienced, will do anything, and we do mean *anything*, to try to avoid suffering. Businesses have spent trillions of dollars in research, development, advertising, and promotion trying to sell us on, "We have the answer to your needs." We, as a society, have bought their schemes.

A few questionable things advertising has sold us on are clothes, cold remedies, credit, fertilizers, foods, housing, machines, man made medicines, preservatives, tools, unhealthy underwear, vehicles, and you name it.

This means that everything is being made available to humans except what is truly needed. We understand how long it took us to differentiate between needs and wants. We believe that we all need God's Love. In order to seek God's Love, we had to make an admission about *ourselves*.

Then we were turned from something that we finally understood was going to kill us in short order. It was not as difficult as it might sound, especially when there was as much desperation as we had. In turning from just one thing, little did we know that we were ultimately making *ourselves* available to turn to God, **perfectly**, through His Son's Spirit.

After years of spiritual quest, which finally turned into a spiritual journey, we now have a better grip on how many selves we have. To turn means to repent. In time, God allowed all things to be removed from us that would prevent spiritual development. In this process, yes, there was and is suffering. Just as He suffered and gave His life for us, we learn to suffer, joyfully, in order to receive more of God's Spirit, which helps others.

It all must start, however, through the spirit. It cannot, has not, and will not happen through our flesh. As long as we tried to be satisfied through our flesh, we were adding to our potential suffering.

Just as He was crucified, our flesh has to be starved, or crucified. Actually, it is the flesh that really does the suffering. The more we did things our own individual way, the more we set ourselves up for greater suffering. For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. Just as gravity always works, it is a physical law, God is fair and just, and that is a spiritual law. What goes around comes around.

We had never felt true brotherly love before. Most of us had been in families, businesses, or relationships where, if you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours. Joining a fellowship with like-minded people was our beginning turning point. Later, we learned how to "stand at our spiritual turning point." This was a repentant experience!

As we were given the opportunities to make right decisions, more of our old, destructive habits were replaced with helpful, caring, considerate habits that let us see our selfishness for what it was. This continued in the destruction of the flesh, but each event yielded bigger and better spiritual dividends. We thank God for Isaiah 40:2; **...Her sins are pardoned, and the Lord will give her twice as many blessings as he gave her punishment before.**

Once we had "stood at our spiritual turning point," repentantly, we learned that we were finally tied into our Creator - **spiritually**. Some of us had turned away from a debilitating habit years earlier, but we had not had the spiritual awakening. We had experienced years of spiritual experiences that we could not begin to explain, and we have never heard discussed, but we had no idea of what was really happening. We finally learned and understood that having a spiritual experience in no way made us spiritual. *It simply got our attention!*

We need to remember that God's Son is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, and the A and the Z. The not so good news is that we cannot go from A to Z. We have to take all of the points in between also. And as relates to the Greek Alphabet, how many times have we heard and even said, "That is Greek to me," indicating a tough problem or situation that needs to be understood. Just about all of us were too lazy to excel in foreign languages. But things are changing, aren't they?

It was through the process of being corrected that we got to see a facsimile of what we had done, and we readily admitted that we did not want anybody to ever have to experience those things again. Most of the time, we were very slow to recognize that we had ever done those horrible deeds, which we were accusing everyone else of, so we got to keep repeating the same lesson until we understood.

Our hope and purpose in writing this book is to give clear, direct, and convincing information about a direction in which all can turn. Hopefully, together we can all shorten the time of suffering. If you think that this will be easy, you will not succeed. What we did find, however, was an easier lifestyle than we had been living. For us to have continued in the old way would have meant sure death.

Really, there was only one decision to make; the right decision. We are in hopes that our encounter, with the help of divine awareness in you, can get you started. In time, so much joy will be experienced that there will be no concern about the pain.

Each day is fresh and new. After painful episodes, the additional joy is always a bonus, no matter what dread or sorrow was endured, through the aid of God's strength. Please keep in mind that we are walking away from just one thing to start with. We found it best to be a part of a fellowship that had a similar desire.

With this singleness of purpose, we were always being encouraged by other peoples' experiences. We truly had been the worst of the lot, but the strength, hope, caring, concern, and unselfish love that we experienced in our own fellowship was simply unbelievable at first. It was undeniably a new and rewarding experience for us.

To prove our point, we thank God for letting us have clear understanding of 1 Timothy 2:1-8; **HERE ARE MY directions: Pray much for others; plead for God's mercy upon them; give thanks for all he is going to do for them. Pray in this way for kings and others who are in authority over us, or are in places of high responsibility, so that we can live in peace and quietness, spending our time in godly living and thinking much about the Lord** (in gravity).

This is good and pleases God our Savior, for he longs for all to be saved and to understand this truth: That God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, himself man, is between them to bring them together, by giving his life for all mankind.

This is the message which at the proper time God gave to the world. And I have been chosen - this is absolute truth - as God's minister and missionary to teach this truth to the Gentiles, and to show them God's plan of salvation through faith. So I want men everywhere to pray with holy hands lifted up to God, free from sin and anger and resentment.

Well, that sure is a lot to try to digest, isn't it? No matter how much we may or may not agree with this, again it is God's word. It is truth today and we believe it will be truth tomorrow. It will not change! We see so much to the contrary in both sexes, in the world, and in religion, it is truly hard to know what is right.

What is right for us, however, is when the Spirit of Christ confirms to us as individuals, on the inside, the truth for us. That is what separates spiritually awakened people from the rest of the world and lets us know how to act and what to ignore.

Many stay on a spiritual path for years before this can happen, because of divine providence. The awakening is not given out indiscriminately. Only God is the judge of when, where, how, and why this event occurs; not man or woman. The basic truth is that all full awakenings require a simple process of many awakenings. Let us remember that we have been asleep to God's Spirit a long time by the way we lived our lives, because of the habits that we had formed over a period of years.

There is much to be explained along this avenue and it is God's responsibility, through the Holy Spirit, to teach each and every one of us what we need to know. We wondered why our religion did not help us in the pits of our confusion, but again, there was never any hope of us receiving help from God, or meeting God until the next life, based on what our religions taught us.

The indwelt Christ is written about in the book, "The Key to Triumphant Living," by Jack R. Taylor. We remember how he said that he "messed up" his congregation by a few indiscrete acts over a long period of pastorship and finally resigned. His comment was something to the effect, "The easiest thing to do is to live for the cause of Christ, and the hardest thing to do is to live for the indwelt Christ."

One thing that we had to overlook was, "I know my religion is right and it is the only way." Many people are close-minded to spiritual concepts because what they have been taught all of their lives through religion. We call that spiritual pride, and pray that God will let them understand. We cannot just voice this, however, we have to spiritually intercede in accordance with the Throne Room plan of God! In other words, we believe and are confident that only God's plan can possibly *end right*.

Now we can have perfect understanding of Romans 9:25-26; **Remember what the prophecy of Hosea says? There God says that he will find other children for himself (who are not from his Jewish family) and will love them, though no one had ever loved them before. And the heathen, of whom it once was said, "You are not my people," shall be called "sons of the Living God."**

Please read Hosea 2:23, which mentions Israelites. It seems that the more we let ourselves be hurt, because we did not know how to live like God wanted us to, the bigger heathens we became. To be sons of The Living God - *in order to have all things changed* - required a process.

In order to start this process, all of us have had spiritual awakenings. This is the first requirement for everyone who wants to partake of what God has to offer. How each receives his or her spiritual awakening - or when or where - is of no importance whatsoever.

Here, we need to mention that Israelites means "children of Israel," and Israel means "those who prevail with God." There is a tremendous process from one state of being to the other - heathens to Israelites. Let us also mention that Gentile means heathen, or not Jewish from certain old hard line religions.

Please believe that in God's mind, during the Last Day of Creation, everything is behind us. Everything that is wrong is an illusion to Him. We just have to grow spiritually until we internalize this miraculous, mysterious, and marvelous understanding.

First we were involved in formulating our own personal theology, not the theology that preachers thought and taught, and then we had to start living like we believed it. It did not do us any good just preaching it, like self-righteous people do.

In the final analysis, our individual personal plans were pathetic. So why in the world would we think that we could possibly know what is best for anybody? Pride has always known better than God, and is indeed what got Lucifer kicked out of the Throne Room to start with! That is why pride is being cast into the bottomless pit. *Pride and humility are always in conflict with each other*, which is why we need guidance from God on how to act, *one day at a time*.

To summarize chapter one as relates to change, let us make the following analogy. When Noah brought all of the animals into the Ark at the beginning of the flood, God raised the ark on water by flooding the earth. We believe that in God's **Last Day**, God has changed everything; reversed the process. But now, rather than raising the Ark on water, with all of the animals in it, He is finally raising His Spirit in the chosen, with a well of **Living Water**, after the awakening, in order to flood all of the animal like characteristics out of us.

If you venture forward with us, you will learn what animals (heathen) we had become. We could hardly have been called a part of the human race. In later chapters, we will address the issue of the animals coming in two by two, if you get our drift. But this we are sure about: only God perfectly understands the eternal outcome.

We thoroughly understand how much internal bathing with spiritual water it took to flood out the old ways of conducting our lives. Even though we are sure that none of you have reached the high cost of low living stage that we did, you too might find some things that you would like to have behind you.

What is mandatory is that a tiny seed of God's Spirit is awakened on the inside of ourselves. One common thread is that lives change dramatically and drastically when the awakenings start. Another main ingredient is desperation. A few of us had suicidal emotions around the time of the start of the awakening.

In other words, we were not in a very pleasant phase of what we perceived as life. What we have come to understand is the spirit of Christ's seed is awakened in our heart, which starts out the size of a tiny mustard seed. Over a period of years, with watering, waiting, feeding with God's word, nurturing, nourishing, exercising, and protecting, we discover the most powerful source of strength that God has ever created.

The awakened mustard seed has grown into a replica of God's very own Son, and the power available to Him is beyond measure! This new awakened mustard seed lets God's Spirit visit us and helps us in accordance with God's promises which are ordained in the *Throne Room of Almighty God*. The truth is that this secret plan is already accomplished in the mind of God, and is ready and waiting in the spiritual realm for those who are desperate enough.

We just have to learn how to slow down and connect with the Spirit. We believe that this small book can help be our guide to bring God's truth to us. The truth is already in us, it just needs to be discovered, awakened, developed, patiently and persistently practiced, and finally, obeyed.

Let us continue in our investigation. We now ask for understanding of John 4:13-14; **Jesus replied that people soon become thirsty again after drinking this water.**

"But the water I give them," he said, "becomes a perpetual spring within them, watering them forever with eternal life."

Many years ago, when some of us were given the spiritual awakening, we did not understand any of God's Word at all. We could not find anybody who could explain to us, to our satisfaction, what was happening. We believe that this small book will let people understand what to expect and what to practice. Let us emphatically point out, however, the ball will always be in your court.

We cannot do any of what we will explain for you. This must be tried by you, and if you get the results we are enjoying, we are confident that you will be glad to continue the spiritual journey, no matter how hard or trying it might become. But nothing ventured is nothing gained.

Let us remind you, we believe that the things that God has to offer us, in **His Last Day**, have never been experienced before. Therefore, there will not be much available testimony to start with.

To get back to some basic truths, though, we need to always be mindful that it is the most difficult journey that humankind will ever have to make. Now let us have full understanding of Matthew 17:22-23; **One day while they were still in Galilee, Jesus told them, "I am going to be betrayed into the power of those who will kill me, and on the third day afterwards I will be brought back to life again." And the disciples hearts were filled with sorrow and dread.**

The most important fact about the last Scripture is the duty in discipleship: dread and sorrow. These are very human characteristics; the old nature. Current day language for these tendencies are depression, anxiety, fear,

Back to the theory of our being out of the spot light, so that God's beam of light can shine through. We remember Scriptures that reveal that Jesus always **"left without seeking publicity."** He usually vanished after His teaching or healing sessions in order to get away from the crowds. We believe He did this for His own spiritual protection, and we also believe that Jesus always knew that he was *only* God's Son. We believe that he also was aware of the Godhead, the Trinity of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

One of our most unattractive human traits is to attract attention, which usually embarrassed us. Many of us have had to learn quite a bit about humiliation. Most of us found diamonds in the rough when we experienced anonymity, as hard as it was in the beginning.

Not only were our heads as hard as diamonds, our attitudes needed as much polishing as diamonds need in order for the Light of God's brilliant Spirit to shine through the vessel that was simply carrying around this most precious of all resources, the seed of Christ.

In the **Last Day** of creation - one thousand years - we came to wholeheartedly understand, internally and spiritually, that we are being prepared to live in God's Kingdom, here on this earth. We quickly learn, after the spiritual awakening, that even though we are in this world, we are not a part of it anymore.

Now just because we are not a part of it doesn't mean that we do not want to enjoy the things that we used to enjoy in our old life. In time, however, God touches us and our mind changes, and it is no longer a struggle like it is in the beginning. Many times, during times of change, **he comes like a thief**, and it might be weeks before we realize that the bad stuff has been removed.

irritability, restlessness, discontent, terror, grief and mourning.

Now there is a different definition of what the third day is about for those of us that have been given a new awareness of how God thinks about one day. We use to think of the third day as being seventy-two hours after the crucifixion, rather than being a period of time two or three thousand years after the crucifixion.

The truth is, His Spirit is being born again in people who have been given a spiritual awakening, *and shall some day live in them!* Let us also point out that Galilee means **circle**. A very serious truth for us is to be one of many rather than the leader of none. All of the anonymous meetings that we attended closed the meeting with prayer, *in a circle*.

As His spiritual sword surgically removed things from us that were harmful to us and others, the sword also cut us away from our limelight; all worldly desires and wishes which ultimately gave us lemons or peeled onions.

As painful and serious as this process was and still might be, *mourning* is nevertheless virtually mandatory and imperative. The pain that we caused Him, by our not understanding the truth, is reversed and we receive **His Spirit**, by learning how to endure pain, which provides correction. Some things that joined the path of recovery, that had to be forgiven, were **perfectly** humiliating.

It now seems to us that forgiveness comes harder for some than others. We all had to learn how to forgive, in the name of Christ, once and for all, and then keep on asking God to bless the "offenders." When hurtful thoughts of them or situations came back to us, praising God's name helped us. In a few moments, we could smile again.

The world as we know it lives by its five senses, just as we once did. Once God's Spirit is awakened however, we start learning how to obey the sixth sense. The sixth sense represents our protector, wonderful counselor, comforter, best friend, and teacher.

In addition to those attributes, the awakened seed also becomes the author and finisher of our faith, *on the inside of us*. Not only is the seed awakened in us, we are in an envelope with the comforters. The purpose of the new comforters is to teach us that our current life is no longer any of our business, what so ever, if we are to arrive in God's Kingdom, safe, sound, and alive in order to enjoy the new Life which is hidden in Christ.

No matter what we had experienced in the way of human enjoyment, we can find nothing that can compare to the wonderful sensation of the **Living Water**, which allows God's Spirit to visit us and rinse ourselves. Not that any of us were ever any good at chemistry, but we do understand that the human body is made up of about ninety percent water, and when visited, *wow*.

We learned that this **Living Water** is the first comforter in the sixth sense. Later, we will learn of **Another Comforter**. Once we have experienced this joy, God's Presence - His Love, we are hooked into something magnificent.

It never ceases to amaze us just how many different ways we are continually being drawn into more of God's perfect love; the magnificent obsession and greatest adventure, now at last available to all humans. We have never experienced anything as kind, gentle, and loving as His Love is. Make no mistake about this journey. We can think of no greater prize than to have Christ in our heart.

The main reason we found this journey so difficult was that we had to fully experience Luke 20:43; *"Sit at my right hand until I place your enemies beneath your feet."* Let us remember that **"the earth is his footstool."** In the next chapter, we will discover what our enemies were, but let us take a peek at a few of them now.

We learned, understood, and finally accepted that the main problem was the human mind, which had collected a bunch of garbage and a lot of dis-ease, since the day of our birth. We had lived for our flesh and when we started to repent, guess what we thought about? Let there be full understanding of Mark 8:20-23; **and then he added, "It is the thought life that pollutes. For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts of lust, theft, murder, adultery, wanting what belongs to others, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, pride, and all other folly. All these vile things come from within; they are what pollute you and make you unfit for God."** No wonder there needs to be so much change.

We have been taught, through the aid of the first comforter, how to turn away from things that perpetuate old actions that were so common. In time, we learned how to start practicing things that started changing what we thought. With the new mind, we were given **uncommon** thoughts that we had never been able to conceive.

The more good things that were put into our minds, the more good things we thought. In time, God's Spirit touched us in a way that let all of our thoughts be changed. We learned how to think about what the mind of Christ had taught us. We had to take directions and advice from spiritually centered people, however, who were very humble. No matter what we thought or felt, we learned how not to act on our old emotions.

Then the High Priest said to him, "I demand in the name of the living God that you tell us whether you claim to be the Messiah, the Son of God."

"Yes," Jesus said, "I am. And in the future you will see me, the Messiah (the Son of Man) sitting at the right hand of God and returning on the clouds of heaven."

We understand what it means to have, "Our feet planted firmly on the earth, and our head in the clouds with Him." There are a few draw backs, however. First, we never knew where we were headed because of the veil of the cloud, and we never knew what to anticipate. We just believed.

Even though Jesus laid down his life for us, the Christ in Him, the High Priest of the Most High GOD has never died. Jesus gave his life so that he would know how to plead our case for us after we have turned to him. We can always get God's attention if we ask in His name. Let us now have clear understanding of Matthew 8:24-25; *"All who listen to my instructions and follow them are wise, like a man who builds his house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents, and the floods rise and the storm winds beat against his house it won't collapse, for it is built on rock."*

The truth is, at that time in our lives, we were in the worst mess that we had ever been in. There were things that had occurred in our lives that might have been similar to what had happen to Job in the first chapter of the Book of Job. Many years later, along the spiritual path, we lived some of the things that Job must have experienced in the second chapter of the Book of Job, in order to receive *patience*. Like Job, there were quite a few years that a few of us cursed the day of our birth.

But change helped us fully understand Romans 13:14; **But ask the Lord Jesus Christ to help you live as you should, and don't make plans to enjoy evil.**

We also remember a Scripture in Matthew 5:39; *"But I say: Don't resist violence! If you are slapped on one cheek, turn the other too."*

In other words, believe it or not, God does know the outcome of all things, whether we like it or not. So the real deal is to learn how to trust the process, and in time, God.

Another important discovery for us was to realize that spiritual victory was given to us when God wanted us to have it, for His purpose, not when we just wanted it without any effort on our part, or for just egomania.

We received needed spiritual victories when God knew we were spiritually prepared which meant that **"we were entirely ready,"** and He knew that He would receive the credit, not us. Again, let us mention that sometimes we did not know, for days or weeks, that the defects had been taken away from us, by literally being cast out.

Since we are coming to the close of our first chapter, we believe that this is a good time to understand Matthew 26:59-64; **The chief priests and, in fact, the entire Jewish Supreme Court assembled there and looked for witnesses who would lie about Jesus, in order to build a case against him that would result in a death sentence. But even though they found many who agreed to be false witnesses, these always contradicted each other.**

Finally, two men were found who declared, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the Temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'" Then the High Priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Well, what about it? Did you say that or didn't you?" But Jesus remained silent.

It was not fun, having lost all sense of security, having to learn how to do hard menial labor and tasks in order to just get food to stay alive. We learned that we were not teenagers any longer. This transformation could not have occurred without a spiritual awakening.

As we come to the end of this chapter, let us thank God for this perfect Scripture in John 6:39-40; *"And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them to eternal life at the Last Day. For it is my Father's will that everyone who sees his Son and believes on him should have eternal life - that I should raise him at the Last day."*

We are learning that only the pure in heart can see God face to face, and that it is our faith and the love of God that passes all understanding. Let us close this chapter with the Scriptures in Ezekiel 39:25-29; **"But now, the Lord God says, I will end the captivity of my people and have mercy upon them and restore their fortunes, for I am concerned about my reputation! Their time of treachery and shame will all be in the past; they will be at home again, in peace and safety in their own land, with no one bothering them or making them afraid. I will bring them home from the lands of their enemies - and my glory shall be evident to all nations when I do it.**

"Through them I will vindicate my holiness before the nations. Then the people will know I am the Lord their God - responsible for sending them away to exile, and responsible for bringing them home. I will leave none of them remaining among the nations. And I will never hide my face from them again, for I will pour out my Spirit upon them, says the Lord God."