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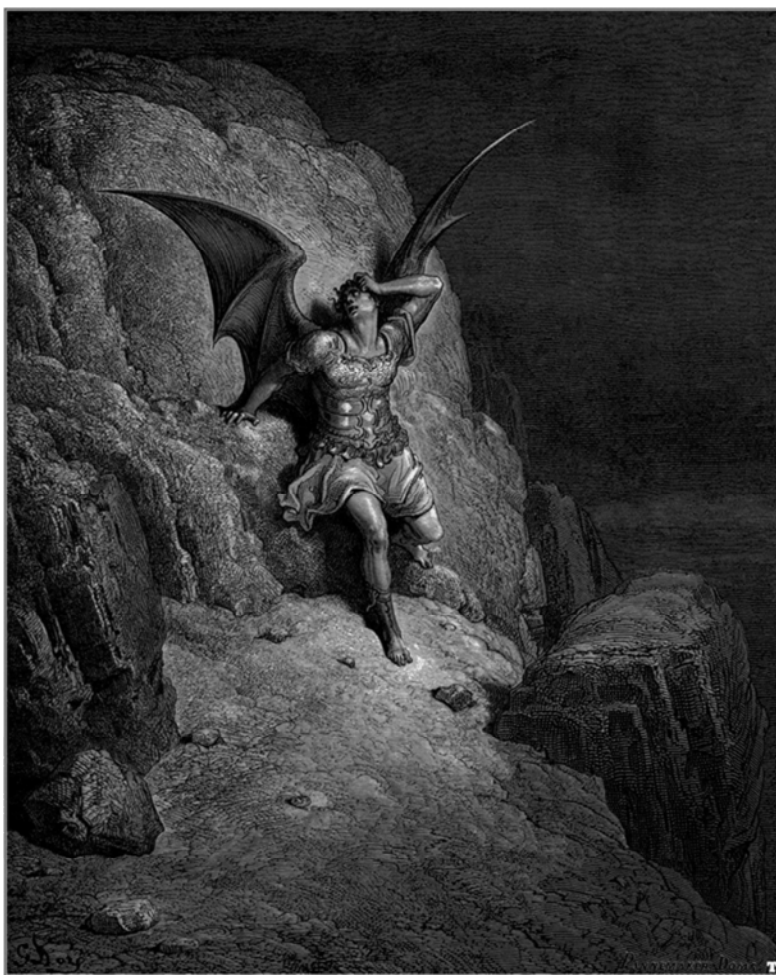
**A Review Of**

**A COMMENTARY OF REVELATION TWENTY:**

**PAST-PRESENT- FUTURE**

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## Preface

In his Commentary on Revelation: Past – Present – Future, Bro. L. R. Shelton Jr. never used the term “Amillennialism”, though that is the theological position he was advocating. Rather, Bro. Shelton was content to write about what God had shown him in Scripture in his own studies of eschatology.

The term “Amillennialism” does not suggest there is no rule and reign of Christ. Rather, the teaching this word represents, contends that the rule and reign of Christ on the earth, and over the universe, is a present reality, and shall last, not just for a thousand years, but for all eternity. The present reign of Christ will be made more visible to all, and will be fully manifested at the Lord’s glorious second advent. This second coming of the Lord will not take place in “stages”, or “phases”, but will be one grand event. *Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*

When speaking of different eschatological positions, Bro. Shelton was careful to show grace and courtesy, even though he feared others were reading too much into certain passages of Scripture. He refers to the brethren as a friend speaking to a friend. “...*our friends, the pre-tribulationists, pre-millennialists and the dispensationalists, have read into these verses.*” They of course, would beg to differ. In the end, Christian charity must be shown, one towards another, as individuals come to different conclusions in their personal journey into grace.

I do believe that individuals with differing positions should give a careful hearing to what others are saying. I also believe there is much said that can be a source of blessing within each theological construct. The passion of Bro. Shelton for an authentic conversion experience, personal sanctification, and evangelism of the lost, shines forth in this Commentary on Revelation 20, and so there will be much common ground.

In this Leader’s Study Guide, and Student’s Study Guide, I have tried to extract the essence of what Bro. Shelton taught about Revelation 20. My objective is to elicit, not only a review of what has been written, but reflection and discussion. Those who continue to hold to a different conclusion about the millennial can still profit from understanding an alternative perspective. The section, Heart Work, is designed for personal application.

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## The Symbolism of Revelation 20

### 1 Corinthians 2:13

*“Which things also we speak,  
not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth,  
but which the Holy Ghost teacheth;  
comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”*

<b>The Symbol</b>	<b>The Spiritual Substance and Meaning</b>
• Angel	The Lord Jesus Christ, the ultimate Messenger of God
• Key	Authority
• Great Chain	The faith of Jesus Christ
• Dragon	The Devil
• Old Serpent	Satan
• A thousand years	A number of perfection or completeness
• Bottomless pit	Satan's prison
• Seal	The mark of God's ownership, authority, and authenticity
• Deceive the nation	Spiritual blind them to the gospel truth
• A little season	An indeterminate length of time
• Thrones	Representing kingdom authority
• Souls	Christian martyrs
• The Beast	The arch-enemy of the saints
• The Image of the Beast	Representing forced idolatry and pseudo worship
• His mark	A reference to the mark of the beast which is the number of a man
• Foreheads and hands	The places of understanding and power

- First resurrection                      Salvation, regeneration by the Holy Spirit
- Second death                              Eternal judgment and separation from God
- Priests of God                              A great function and privilege of the believer
- Gog and Magog                              Illustrative of the ancient enemies of the saints
- Camp of the saints                        Where the church is gathered on earth
- The Beloved City                         The New Spiritual Jerusalem
- Fire from heaven                         The place from which God shall protect His own
- Lake of Fire / Brimstone                The awful sphere of eternal judgment
- The False Prophet                        The puppet of the arch-enemy of the saints
- Great White Throne                       The final place of judgment of mankind
- The books                                    The books of good works on which men depend for salvation
- The Book of Life                            The record of the redeemed
- Sea gave up the dead  
with death and hell                        General resurrection

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Revelation 20  
Chapter 1**

***Review***

1. Why is it important to have a correct understanding of Revelation 20?

***Answer.***

A correct understanding of the truths contained in this chapter will cause the child of God to praise his risen Lord for all He has done for Him in giving him so great salvation.

2. What spiritual truth will be opened to the heart of the Christian when Revelation 20 is rightly understood?

***Answer.***

When rightly understood, this chapter opens to us the glory of our blessed Lord as He rules and reigns now from His throne in the heavenlies.

3. List three victorious results the heart of the Christian can see in Revelation 20.

***Answer.***

There are three victorious results the heart of the Christian can see in Revelation 20.

First, our Lord's victory at the cross in conquering sin, Satan, and the world.

Second, His triumph over death, hell, and the grave.

Third, His final triumph when all His enemies are made His footstool at His glorious second coming.

4. How many verses are in Revelation 20?

***Answer.***

This is a chapter of 15 verses.

5. List eleven questions for which answers will be sought with this study of Revelation 20.

***Answer.***

A study of Revelation 20 will seek to answer the following eleven questions.

- What does the binding and loosing of Satan mean?
- When does it take place?

- What does the "thousand years" mean?
- When does Christ rule and reign with His saints, and for how long?
- What does "the first resurrection" mean, and why are those called "blessed and holy" who have part in it?
- What is "the mark of the beast"?
- How does this compare with Rev. 13?
- What do these beasts represent?
- Why could they not buy or sell that didn't have the mark of the beast?
- When does the "Great White Throne Judgment" take place, and how does it compare with the other judgments mentioned in the New Testament?
- What is the "second death"?

6. What are the four natural divisions of Revelation 20?

***Answer.***

There are four natural divisions in Revelation 20.

First, the binding of Satan, vv. 1-3.

Second, the reign of Christ and His saints, vv. 4-6.

Third, the loosing of Satan for a little season, vv. 7-10.

Fourth, the great white throne judgment of the entire world before the wicked are cast into the lake of fire for ever and ever, vv. 11-15.

7. What is the key thought to understanding all that is in Revelation 20?

***Answer.***

This chapter covers not only the future, but the present, and the past also.

8. What three grand pictures are presented in Revelation 20?

***Answer.***

There are three grand pictures presented in Revelation 20.

First, there is the picture of what transpires from the first coming of Jesus Christ our Lord to His second coming, and the binding of Satan by our blessed Lord at His first coming.

Second, there is the picture of the rule and reign of Christ and His saints during this gospel age in which we are living.

Third, there is the picture of the loosing of Satan at the end of this age for a little season to again deceive the nations.

9. What is a distinct characterization of Revelation 20?

**Answer.**

This chapter is set in a book of symbols.

10. List the seven symbols found in Revelation 20:1-3.

**Answer.**

There are seven symbols found in Revelation 20:1-3.

- A key.
- A bottomless pit.
- A great chain.
- A dragon.
- A serpent.
- A thousand years.
- A seal.

11. What determines whether or not a text is being spiritualized?

**Answer.**

The Scriptures tell us whether or not the Word is being spiritualized.

12. Identify the dragon, that old serpent mentioned in Revelation 20:2.

**Answer.**

The symbol of the dragon, that old serpent, is the devil. *Revelation 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,*

13. Identify the bottomless pit mentioned in Revelation 20:2.

**Answer.**

The bottomless pit is identified in context as Satan's prison. *Revelation 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,*

14. List six popular teachings based on Revelation 20 not found in these fifteen verses.

**Answer.**

First, nothing is said here about a regathered Israel in Palestine.

Second, nothing is said about the restitution of Israel as a nation in covenant relation with God.

Third, nothing is said of Israel as a political commonwealth among the nations of the earth.

Fourth, nothing is said of Jerusalem as the world capital after the second coming of Christ.



Fifth, nothing is said of Jewish racial supremacy over the Gentile nations of the world.

Sixth, nothing is said of the saints reigning on the earth after the second coming of Christ.

15. Identify seven divisions in the book of the Revelation and briefly label each division.

***Answer.***

Seven divisions can be found in the book of the Revelation.

First Division	Revelation 1-3	Christ in the midst of seven golden lampstands
Second Division	Revelation 4-7	An open book with seven seals
Third Division	Revelation 8-11	Seven trumpets of judgment
Fourth Division	Revelation 12-14	The woman and man-child persecuted by the dragon and his helpers: the Beast, the False Prophet, and the Harlot
Fifth Division	Revelation 15-16	Seven bowls of wrath poured out upon the earth
Sixth Division	Revelation 17-19	The fate of the Great Harlot, the Beasts and the False Prophet
Seventh Division	Revelation 20-22	Judgment upon the Dragon and the new heavens, the new earth, and the New Jerusalem

16. List five important questions to be asked concerning the binding of Satan.

***Answer.***

There are five questions to be answered concerning the binding of Satan.

First, who was the one who bound Satan?

Second, when did this binding of Satan take place?

Third, how is Satan bound?

Fourth, how long will Satan be bound?

Fifth, why must Satan be loosed a little season?

17. Where is the setting of the scene for the verses in Revelation 20:1-3?

***Answer.***

In these verses, Revelation 20:1-3, we have set before us an earthly scene.

18. Identify the Angel that came down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit.

**Answer.**

The Angel Who binds Satan is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

19. When is the time of the binding of Satan and what is the Scriptural evidence of this time frame? List at least three passages of Scripture in support of the answer.

**Answer.**

The binding of Satan took place when Jesus came into this world. The Scriptural evidence is the ability of Christ to triumph over Satan in the temptations in the wilderness, and then go on to cast out devils by the Spirit of God.

- *Matthew 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.*
- *Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. 29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house.*
- *Luke 11:20 But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. 21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: 22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils.*

20. What did Jesus do to Satan at the Cross in fulfillment of the prophecy of Genesis 3:15?

**Answer.**

At the Cross, Jesus fulfilled the prophecy of Genesis 3:15 by crushing the head of the serpent who in turn bruised the Lord's heel. *Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

21. What passage in Paul's epistle to the church of Colossae, Turkey, speaks of the triumph of Christ over Satan?

**Answer.**

Colossians 2:14-15 speaks of the Lord's triumph over Satan. *Colossians 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

22. List two reasons why the Lord cast Satan out and bound him.

**Answer.**

There are two reasons why the Lord cast Satan out and bound him.

First, Satan was bound so that he could no longer deceive the nations.

Second, Satan was bound so that he could no longer keep the gospel from going to the four corners of the earth.

23. Provide Scriptural proof for the Lord's two-fold purpose for coming into this world.

**Answer.**

The Lord came into this world for two purposes.

First, the Lord came to "destroy the works of the devil". *1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

Second, the Lord came to bind Satan during this gospel age so the gospel message might reach His elect. *Revelation 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

24. What does a KEY represent in Scripture? Offer at least one reference to support the answer.

**Answer.**

A "key" in Scripture represents authority.

- *Revelation 1:18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*
- *Matthew 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

25. Provide two important passages from the epistles confirming the absolute authority of Jesus Christ.

**Answer.**

Two important passages from the epistles establishing the absolute authority of Jesus Christ are Ephesians 1:20-23 and 1 Peter 3:22.

- *Ephesians 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*
- *1 Peter 3:22 Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.*

26. Though Satan has been chained these many years, what about him has not been abolished or completely destroyed?

**Answer.**

Though Satan has been chained these many years, his influences have not been abolished or completely destroyed. Incarceration does not mean cessation of activity or influence. A dog can be chained by a leash and yet do much damage within his sphere of movement.

**Special Note.**

Satan has been bound in a specific way which is that, *“he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years are fulfilled. Revelation 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

27. List twelve critical doctrines clearly established throughout the New Testament.

**Answer.**

There are many critical doctrines that are clearly established throughout the New Testament.

- Doctrine of Faith
- Doctrine of Grace
- The Cross of Jesus
- Doctrine of Justification
- Doctrine of Sanctification
- Doctrine of Prayer
- Doctrine of Jesus as Lord
- Doctrine of the Sovereignty of God
- Doctrine of Election
- Doctrine of Judgment upon Sin

- Doctrine of Heaven
- Doctrine of Hell

28. What system of doctrine is not clearly taught throughout the New Testament?

**Answer.**

The system of Christ's millennial rule at Jerusalem cannot be found in the New Testament when it includes a rebuilt temple and renewed animal sacrifices.

**Special Note.**

Read Hebrews 10 in light of the idea being advanced of animal sacrifices being reintroduced in worship.

29. How does Bro. Shelton Scripturally defend the interpretation that the regeneration of which Jesus speaks in Matthew 19:27-30 refers to the Lord in His eternal glory and His apostles reigning with Him in the restored or renewed universe?

- *Matthew 19:27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? 28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. 30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.*

**Special Note.**

“Christ's second coming will be a regeneration, when there shall be new heavens, and a new earth, and the restitution of all things. All that partake of the regeneration in grace (John 3:3) shall partake of the regeneration in glory; for as grace is the first resurrection (Rev 20:6), so glory is the second regeneration” (Matthew Henry)

**Answer.**

- *2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.*
- *Revelation 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.*

- *Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*

30. What does the expression “the thousand years” mean? Compare Scripture with Scripture.

**Answer.**

According to some Scriptures, a thousand years may refer to vastness, a long period of time, or completeness.

Vastness. *Deuteronomy 1:11 (The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you!).*

**Special Note.**

If taken literally, then the creation of billions of Jews is in view.

A Long Period of Time. *Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;*

**Special Note.**

If literal, then a thousand generations would be about 40, 000 years.

Completeness. *Psalms 50:10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.*

31. How many times is the word “thousand” used in Revelation 20?

**Answer.**

The word “thousand” is used in Revelation 20, six times.

32. According to *The Analytical Greek Lexicon*, and *Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon*, is the word in Greek, translated “thousand”, in the singular or the plural?

**Answer.**

In the Greek, the word “thousand” is in the plural and should read, “thousands of years”.

**Special Note.**

According to Strong’s Concordance, the word  $\chi\iota\lambda\iota\alpha$ ,  $\chi\iota\lambda\iota\omicron\iota$  (khil’-ee-oy) is plural of uncertain affinity; [translated] a thousand [in 2 Peter 3:8; Revelation 11:3 etc].

33. Where is the setting for the scene found in Revelation 20:4-5.

**Answer.**

In Revelation 20:4-5, we find a heavenly scene.

34. How many times in the book of Revelation are the throne of God, the throne of the Lamb, and the throne of the saints found in heaven.

**Answer.**

Twenty-two times in the Book of Revelation, the throne of God, the throne of the Lamb, and the throne of the saints is said to be in heaven.

35. Did John see the bodies of the martyred saints?

**Answer.**

John saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the Word of God.

36. When did Jesus teach the resurrection of the dead would occur?

**Answer.**

Jesus taught the resurrection of the dead would occur on the “last day.”

**Special Note.**

Read aloud, and together, the following verses.

- *John 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.*
- *John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.*
- *John 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*
- *John 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.*

37. If the resurrection takes place on the “last day”, can there be any more resurrections?

**Answer.**

The simple answer is, “no”. The last day means the last day.

38. At the death of the body, where is the soul of every child of God taken?

**Answer.**

At the death of the body, the soul of every child of God is taken to be with Christ.

- *Philippians 1:23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:*
- *2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*

39. What are the saints doing after death with Christ according to Revelation 20:4?

- *Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

**Answer.**

The saints are reigning with Christ.

40. What two major truths summarize Peter's sermon in Acts 2?

**Answer.**

The resurrection and exaltation of Jesus Christ summarizes Peter's sermon in Acts 2.

41. What word in 1 Corinthians 15:24 has been inserted into the text but is not in the original.

- *1 Corinthians 15:24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.*

**Answer.**

The word "cometh" found in 1 Corinthians 15:25 has been inserted in the text but is not in the original.

42. Is the destruction of death placed biblically at the beginning or at the end of the millennial reign of Christ, according to 1 Corinthians 15:25-26?

**Answer.**

According to 1 Corinthians 15:25-26, the destruction of death is placed biblically at the end of the millennial reign of Christ.

- *1 Corinthians 15:25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*

43. According to 1 Corinthians 15:27-28, is the reign of Christ before the resurrection of the dead, or after it?

**Answer.**

According to 1 Corinthians 15:27-28, the reign of Christ is before the resurrection of the dead, and not after it.



- *1 Corinthians 15:27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28 And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.*

44. Write out three passages of Scripture that set forth the present reign of Christ.

**Answer.**

These three passages of Scripture set forth the present reign of Christ.

- *Acts 2:31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. 34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.*
- *Ephesians 1:20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*
- *Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*

**Special Note.**

Please read out loud, and in unison with your Mentor, these passages of Scripture.

45. What is meant by the first resurrection introduced in Revelation 20:5?

**Answer.**

Our Lord told Nicodemus that to enter the kingdom of God a man must be born of the spirit, so from the study of the Scriptures we must believe that the first resurrection takes place at the time of the new birth, when the soul passes from death unto life; it is then that the redeemed soul stands on resurrection ground.

- *John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. 25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.*
- *Colossians 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.*
- *Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved ;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

***Special Note.***

The first resurrection is spiritual in nature. It occurs when a person who is dead in trespasses and sin is brought to life by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- *John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. 25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.*

46. Why is a person called “blessed” who is a partaker of the first resurrection?

***Answer.***

A person is called “blessed” who is a partaker of the first resurrection because he is blessed with this so great salvation which God has been so pleased to pour upon those who have been born again by the Spirit of God.

47. List nine facets of blessings a person enjoys by being in the first resurrection.

***Answer.***

- The power of sin is broken.
- The person is given the right to be called a child of God.
- The person is clothed upon with the perfect righteousness of Christ.
- The person stands justified by the blood of Christ.
- The person is made holy in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The person is adopted into the family of God.
- The person is filled and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.
- The person is enabled to walk in the narrow way that leads to heaven, glory, and perfection.
- The person awaits a new body from heaven.

48. According to Romans 5:17 and Ephesians 2:6, when does a Christian begin to reign with Jesus Christ?

- *Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)*
- *Ephesians 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

**Answer.**

The believer's "reign in life" with Christ is a present reality.

**Special Note.**

Grace has made believers kings and priests unto God.

- *Revelation 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

49. Which passage more than any other convinced Bro. Shelton that the first resurrection is a spiritual, and not a physical, resurrection?

**Answer.**

*John 11:23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. 24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*

50. What is the Scripture saying about "the rest of the dead" mentioned in verse 5?

**Answer.**

What the Scripture is telling us here, is that those who live and die without Christ will remain spiritually dead until the time of our Lord's second coming, when they shall have part in the physical resurrection (John 5:28-29). Then they will be brought before Christ, the Judge, at the Great White Throne Judgment where they will be sentenced to the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15); which is the second death.

### ***Reflection and Discussion***

1. Do you agree there is widespread misunderstanding in Christendom in regard to Revelation 20? What is one basic cause for this misunderstanding?
2. Would you agree that the children of God rule and reign with Christ right now, or, do you believe that the rule and reign of Christ with His saints is something to be realized in the distant future?
3. Is it possible to over spiritualize the teachings of the Bible in the book of the Revelation? What practical safeguards can be used to keep the Christian from doctrinal error?
4. Is it possible to under-spiritualize the teachings of the Bible so that we miss the true meaning of what is being said, as the Pharisees did? *John 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 21 But he spake of the temple of his body.*
5. Would you agree that spiritual truths must be compared with spiritual truths? *1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*
6. Discuss the difference between the interpretation of a Scripture, and the application of the same.
7. Do you believe that Jesus presently has kingdom authority over heaven and earth and is exercising it now?
8. Brother Shelton identifies the “chain” in Revelation 20:1 as, “faith in action that will and does bind Satan”. Is his understanding valid? Can a literal chain bind a spiritual creature?

#### ***Special Note.***

The word “chain” is used in Scripture in both a literal and symbolic way.

*Literal. Genesis 41:42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;*

*Symbolic. Ezekiel 7:23 Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. The chain would be a symbol of the captivity.*

9. Do you believe that a Christian’s final view of eschatology must come from the New Testament?

10. If a person's final view of eschatology should come from the New Testament, what is to be said of the fact that nothing can be found in the New Testament clearly teaching that Christ will reign upon this earth for a thousand years at Jerusalem after His second coming with all His saints ruling and reigning with Him?
11. Discuss the argument that Revelation 20 refers to a literal angel, with a literal key, and a literal chain, and there is a literal binding of the literal devil, for a literal one thousand time period.
12. Are you surprised to discover the word translated, "thousand" in Revelation 20, is in the Greek, plural? Does this knowledge affect your understanding of the passage?
13. Would you agree that it is biblically unwarranted to teach that salvation will be offered after the second coming of Christ?

**Heart Work**

1. As you begin your study of the Bible, have you confessed all known sin to God?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If not, please do so now. *1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

2. Many who study the book of the Revelation, approach it with a presuppositional frame of reference. Some approach the study of the Revelation with a Dispensational frame of reference. Others approach the study with a Reformed frame of reference. How do you approach the book of the Revelation?

3. Are you aware of any theological biases in your mind?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

4. If the arguments set forth by the author are illuminated by the Holy Spirit to be true, is your heart teachable? *1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5. Does your heart look forward to the second coming of Christ? *Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

6. Have you ever read into a passage of Scripture something that was not there?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are you afraid of death?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

For comfort, read Hebrews 2:14-15. *“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”*

8. Knowing the authority that is invested in Christ, is your heart not comforted and encouraged in personal evangelism and soul winning efforts?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

9. Have you had part in the first resurrection, and are among the number of those who are called "blessed and holy"?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Memory Work**

*Revelation 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*

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**Chapter 2**

**Review**

1. According to Scripture, is there one antichrist, or many? Write out the Scriptural answer.

**Answer.**

According to Scripture, there are many antichrists. *1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.*

2. What is the distinguishing mark of an antichrist? Write out the Scriptural answer.

**Answer.**

The distinguishing mark of an antichrist is that the person will deny that Jesus is the Christ. *1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.*

**Special Note.**

To deny that Jesus is the Christ is to deny the divinity of the Lord. "The great and pernicious lies that the father of lies, or of liars, spreads in the world, were of old, and usually are, falsehoods and errors relating to the person of Christ. There is no truth so sacred and fully attested but some or other will contradict or deny it. That Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God had been attested by heaven, and earth, and hell. It should seem that some, in the tremendous judgment of God, are given up to strong delusions." (Matthew Henry)

3. What is the best way to understand what is mean by the mark of the beast taught in Revelation 20:4?

**Answer.**

The best way to understand what is meant by the mark of the beast taught in Revelation 20:4 is to understand the sealing of the Father in Revelation 7:2 and Revelation 14:1.

**Special Note.**

Satan is a counterfeiter. He has a counterfeit gospel (Galatians 1:8), counterfeit ministers (2 Corinthians 11:14-15), and a counterfeit mark of sealing (Revelation 20:4).

4. Who are the 144,000 who are sealed by the Father in Revelation 7 and 14?

**Answer.**

They are the true Israel of God, symbolized under the names of the twelve tribes of literal or physical Israel. They are the great multitudes of Revelation 7:9.



5. What does the number 144,000 represent?

**Answer.**

The number 144,000 (which is 12 thousand times twelve thousand) represents the complete number of the elect of God, made up of the Old Testament and New Testament saints, from Abel-the first man ever saved by grace-to the last soul saved before the second coming of Christ.

6. Provide three reasons why the sealing of the Father is important.

**Answer.**

- A seal protects against tampering. *Matthew 27:66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.*
- A seal marks ownership. *Song of Solomon 8:6 Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.*
- A seal signifies genuine character. *Esther 3:12 Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.*

7. In what way has God the Father sealed the saint?

**Answer.**

The believer enjoys the Father's protection throughout his life; and Satan with all his power cannot break this protective seal wherewith the Father has sealed His people.

8. In what way has God the Son sealed the saint?

**Answer.**

The Son has sealed us, for He has bought and redeemed each believer with His own precious blood. Therefore He owns us and declares our name before the Father.

9. In what way has God the Holy Spirit sealed the saint?

**Answer.**

Also the Holy Spirit has sealed us, for He certifies that we are the sons of God (Romans 8:16); He is the Spirit of adoption Who cries within us "Abba Father", and witnesses with our spirit that we are the children of the living God, heirs of God and joint-heirs with the Lord Jesus Christ.

- *Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.*

- *Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

10. What is the seal that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit gives to every child of God? Write out the Scriptural support.

**Answer.**

The sealing of the triune God is nothing less than the holy nature of God given in the new birth.

*2 Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

11. State the one great purpose why God marks His children.

**Answer.**

The mark, or seal of God, has one purpose, which is that the child of God might be made like unto Him in holiness.

- *Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*
- *2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*
- *1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:*
- *1 Thessalonians 4:7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.*
- *Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:*

**Special Note.**

Read aloud, and together, these biblical references.

12. What does Revelation 13:18 say about the mark of the beast.

**Answer.**

Revelation 13:18 says the mark of the beast is the number of man, 666.

**Special Note.**

In context, it may be that “the number of man” is a veiled reference to Nero. In ancient times letters were used as numbers. For example A=1, B=2, C=3 and so forth. So names had a certain numerical value. The Hebrew spelling of Nero Caesar (Neron Kaiser) adds up to exactly 666. There is a textual variant in Revelation 13:18 with the number 616 which is probably the Latin equivalent of Nero Caesar.

N = 50  
 R = 200  
 W = 6

N = 50  
 Q = 100  
 S = 60  
 R = 200

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666

13. According to Scripture, what is every person who is outside of the Lord Jesus Christ?

**Answer.**

Every man outside of the Lord Jesus Christ is a child of the devil and follows and serves him. *John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.*

14. According to Revelation 13:16-17, in what two areas on the body can the mark of the beast be found? *Revelation 13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*

**Answer.**

The mark of the beast is found on the forehead or on the right hand.

15. For what five actions are the saints of Revelation 20:4 commended?

**Answer.**

- The saints had endured martyrdom in that they were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God.
- The saints had not worshipped the beast.
- The saints had not worshiped the image of the beast.
- The saints had not received the mark of the beast upon their foreheads.
- The saints had not received the mark of the beast in their hands.

16. Write out 1 Corinthians 6:11 which is a Scripture of hope that anyone can change and be fundamentally and forever different.

**Answer.**

- *1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.*

17. List some people believed to have been the “number of a man.”

***Answer.***

- Adolf Hitler (1889 – 1945), Fuhrer of Germany.
- Benito Mussolini (1883 – 1945), head of Government of Italy.
- The Pope. *London Baptist Confession of Faith, 1689*. Chapter 26: Of the Church: Section 4. “The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the church, in whom, by the appointment of the Father, all power for the calling, institution, order or government of the church, is invested in a supreme and sovereign manner; neither can the Pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof, but is that antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalteth himself in the church against Christ, and all that is called God; whom the Lord shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.”
- Henry Kissinger (1923 – present), 56<sup>th</sup> United States Secretary of State.

***Special Note.***

Many others have been included in this list.

- Charlemagne (AD 742 – 914). He tried to rebuild the Roman Empire when he controlled much of Central Europe.
- Napoleon (1769-1821), emperor of the French.
- Aleister Crowley (1875 – 1947). He was so evil that he was called "The Great Beast 666." A number of rock and roll groups such as The Beatles, The Doors and Ozzy Osbourne have paid tribute to him on their albums.
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), the 32<sup>nd</sup> and the most autocratic US president of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
- Joseph Stalin (1878-1953), one of the greatest mass murders of all time, having killed 30 million people. He specialized in killing his own citizens.
- Ronald Wilson Reagan (1911-2004), was the 40<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. During the 1980's, many prophetic pundits noticed he had six letters in all three of his names.

18. Whom does Bro. Shelton believe is to be identified with “the number of a man”?

***Answer.***

Bro Shelton believes that since this number 666, is one short of seven, which is the number of perfect, and since the number 6 is given three times to show failure, that this is a symbolic way of saying what man is, apart from the grace of God.

19. List four specific details about Satan's future activities revealed in Revelation 20:7-9.

**Answer.**

First, Satan will be loosed for a little season just before the end of this age (the end of the world).

Second, Satan will try to deceive every soul and will try to keep the gospel from being preached.

Third, Satan will try by his power through the nations of this world to stamp out all signs of Christianity.

Fourth, Satan will persecute the saints of God and try to kill all of them, for his time will be short.

20. What is promised to the persecuted saints in Revelation 20:9?

**Answer.**

The Lord Jesus Christ will come in His glorious second coming to deliver the little remnant of His people from being destroyed.

21. List the two beasts of Revelation 13.

**Answer.**

There is the Beast from the Sea. *Revelation 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.*

There is the Beast from the Earth. *Revelation 13:11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.*

22. Identify the dragon of the Revelation with Scriptural proof.

**Answer.**

The dragon in the Book of Revelation is none other than Satan himself. *Revelation 13:4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?*

23. In what two areas does Satan operate?

**Answer.**

First, Satan operates as the prince of the power of the air. *Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*

Second, Satan operates as the god of this world, or age. *2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

24. How does Bro. Shelton sum up the mark of the beast?

**Answer.**

Brother Shelton believe the mark of the beast is the God-opposing, Christ-rejecting, church-persecuting spirit of antichrist, wherever and whenever it manifests itself, as Satan works through the very depraved nature of man.

25. In what two areas does Satan operate in order to deceive individuals?

**Answer.**

In order to deceive individuals Satan operates as a roaring lion and as an angel of light.

26. What three signs accompany the “working of Satan”?

**Answer.**

The working of Satan is manifested by the following.

First, by power and signs.

Second, by lying wonders.

Third, with all deceivableness of unrighteousness.

27. List five ways the word “world” is used in the New Testament.

**Answer.**

- The world is used to describe the universe.
- The word is used to describe the earth.
- The word is used to describe mankind.
- The word is used to describe Jews and Gentiles.
- The word is used to describe believers.

28. List six systems known to exist.

**Answer.**

- The religious world system.
- The educational system.
- The political system.
- The scientific system.
- The social system.
- The economic system.

29. How does Satan rule all the various systems in the world?

**Answer.**

Satan rules all the systems in the world by bombarding the senses with his insinuations against God and His Christ, and with his imitations and counterfeits in religion.

30. List 9 tools Satan might employ to deceive others.

**Answer.**

- False preachers.
- Political rallies.
- The editorial pages of our newspapers
- The magazines.
- The bill boards along our streets and highways.
- The TV screens.
- Movie houses.
- Radios.
- Lies from person to person.

31. List 14 ways the world can impress upon and try to influence Christians.

**Answer.**

- Thoughts
- Ideas
- Impressions
- Opinions
- Views
- Beliefs
- Convictions
- Maxims
- Moral beliefs
- Theories
- Principles of operation
- Speculations
- Reasons
- Thinking

32. Through which three gates does the world pass through to influence the Christian?

**Answer.**

The thoughts of the world will pass through the eye-gate, the ear-gate, and the mind-gate of mankind to try and influence and deceive.

33. Provide two reasons why God will send men strong delusions.

**Answer.**

God will send strong delusions to men first, because they “*believed not the truth*”, and second, because they have “*pleasure in unrighteousness*”.

34. What is “carnal Christianity”?

**Answer.**

Carnal Christianity is the belief that there is no need for bowing to the Lordship of Christ before having Him as Savior, that there is no need for the work of the Holy Spirit in conviction or for a holy life and righteous living.

35. What six truths does atheism deny?

**Answer.**

- Atheism denies the existence of God.
- Atheism denies there is life after death.
- Atheism denies the wrath of God.
- Atheism denies a day of judgment.
- Atheism denies the need for salvation.
- Atheism denies there is redemption through the blood of Christ

36. What would it mean to Christ if Satan was set loose after His second coming and near the end of His reign?

**Answer.**

If Satan was set loose after the Lord’s second coming, and near the end of His reign, it would mean that Christ would suffer a second humiliation. Even though all power has been given to Him, both in heaven and upon earth (Matthew 28:18), yet Dispensational teaching says Jesus must wait for a miraculous deliverance from the Father before He can be saved!

37. What Scriptural evidence would refute the idea of a second chance for salvation after death or after Jesus comes the second time for all who believe (Hebrews 9:28).

**Answer.**

The Bible teaches that the day of salvation is now, not after death, and not after the return of Jesus. *2 Corinthians 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*

**Special Note.**

To 2 Corinthians 6:2 can be added Acts 17:30. *Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:* The day of salvation is now. There is urgency to the gospel message which must not be withdrawn in a gospel presentation. The church must not be formally charged with offering souls a false sense of security by presenting a future opportunity for salvation when the Bible says today is the day of salvation. *Hebrews 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the*



*beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; 15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.*

38. What biblical evidence is there for teaching that when Christ returns the second time, He is coming in judgment upon the wicked and in mercy upon the righteous; and there is no time period between our Lord's second coming and the Day of Judgment? Provide at least three Scriptural references. Write out the texts. Read them aloud with your mentor.

**Answer.**

- *Jude 14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.*
- *2 Thessalonians 1:6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; 7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;*
- *Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*

39. What is a pivotal passage of Scripture for teaching the general resurrection and the general judgment at the second coming of Christ?

**Answer.**

John 5:28-29 is a pivotal passage of Scripture for teaching the general resurrection and the general judgment at the second coming of Christ. *John 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*

**Special Note.**

To John 5:28-29 can be added 2 Timothy 4:1; Acts 17:31, Romans 14:10, and 2 Corinthians 5:10-11. Look these verses up together with your Mentor and read them aloud in unison.

### ***Reflection and Discussion***

1. Are you satisfied that the words of Revelation 7:9, “*which no man could number*”, indicates that the 140,000 is representative of completeness, and the number is to be taken symbolically?
2. Comment on, and discuss, the various candidates suggested for “the number of a man”. Begin with Nero and conclude with Bro Shelton’s idea that “the number of a man” is what every sinner is, a person who is depraved because he has failed and is short of perfection.
3. Since every passage in the New Testament that uses the word “tribulation” indicates suffering, why do so many Christians believe they will escape great tribulation?
  - *John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*
  - *Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.*
  - *1 Thessalonians 3:4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.*
  - *2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*
4. Why is there so much pleasure in unrighteousness? Why is sin so appealing?
5. What are some examples of the strong delusions that God has sent that men might believe a lie? Discuss whether or not some of the following teachings and organizations include strong delusions.
  - Evolution
  - United Nations
  - Communism
  - Ecumenicalism
  - Pentecostalism
  - The Health and Wealth Gospel
  - Self-esteem Theology
  - Liberation Theology
  - Arminianism
  - Free will
  - The Rapture and Pre-tribulational Dispensationalism
  - Mormonism
6. Mormonism teaches there is a second chance for a person to be saved after death. Do you believe that? Should the church teach there is a second chance for salvation after the Lord comes?

7. Do you agree that the Rapture, Pre-tribulational, Dispensational teaching advocates three comings of Christ?

- First Coming.           The First Advent birth
- Second Coming.        The Rapture (Christ comes for His saints)
- Third Coming.         The Second Advent (Christ comes with His saints)

***Special Note.***

Classic Dispensational teachers unite the Rapture and the Second Advent into one event happening in two stages, or two phases, even though these two events are separated by a seven year time period and are going in opposite directions. Is such teaching reasonable?

8. Do you still believe in the doctrine of the Rapture? Has not Bro. Shelton made a strong case, with Scripture, that there is no secret Rapture and there is no second chance for sinners to be saved after Jesus has come? If you still believe in a secret Rapture, discuss what you believe is the biblical evidence for such a position.

***Heart Work***

1. Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are you an antichrist?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you personally believe the Devil is a real person?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you believe that God has marked, or sealed His own, according to Scripture?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you been sealed by the Father?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Have you been sealed by the Son?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you been sealed by the Holy Spirit?
8. Do you have a new heart and a new nature that is given to the people of God?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
9. Have you willingly accepted and received the mark of the beast?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you allow the lusts of the flesh to master your soul?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you held captive by the devil at his will?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
12. Do you walk according to the course of this world as a child of disobedience?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
13. Do evil thoughts and all manner of sin come out of your heart?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
14. Will you one day be cast into the Lake of Fire which is the Second Death?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
15. Do you recognize, and have you confessed, the depravity of your own heart?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

16. Is Christ, the Hope of glory, in you to enable you to stand?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
17. Is Christ your all in all?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
18. Is your eye upon the Lord Jesus to follow Him no matter what may come upon you?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
19. Do you believe God when He speaks?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
20. Do you have pleasure in unrighteousness?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
21. Are you a carnal Christian?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
22. Do you know Christ as your personal Savior?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
23. Are you trusting Christ to save you?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
24. Have you obeyed the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and closed with Him?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
25. If He comes today, are you prepared?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Memory Work***

*Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.*

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***Review***

1. What does the phrase, “a thousand years” mean?

***Answer.***

“A thousand years” is not a literal but a symbolic time period of completeness, reaching from the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to His second coming.

2. Identify Gog and Magog.

***Answer.***

Gog and Magog were heathen nations that existed 2,500 years ago. They fought great battles against the nation of Israel (Ezekiel 38-39).

3. What do Gog and Magog illustrate?

***Answer.***

Gog and Magog illustrate the greatness of the persecution against the saints who will be living at that time just before our Lord's return.

4. Should the “beloved city” of Revelation 20:9 be spiritualized? What Scriptural warrant is there for so doing?

***Answer.***

The apostle Paul spoke of Jerusalem in two ways in an allegory in Galatians 4:22-31. *“For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. 23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. 24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the Mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. 25 For this Agar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. 26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. 27 For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. 28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. 29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. 30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. 31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.”*

5. What passage in Hebrews speaks of Jerusalem as a spiritual city?

**Answer.**

Hebrews 12:22 speaks of Jerusalem as a spiritual city. *“But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,”*

6. What three truths offend the conscience of men?

**Answer.**

- The sovereignty of God.
- The wrath of God.
- The total depravity of man.

7. On what two grounds is God justified in punishing sinners?

**Answer.**

God has a right to punish sinners first, on the basis of His justice, and second to vindicate His holiness.

8. How does the natural man open himself to Satan’s deception?

**Answer.**

When the natural man receives not the love of the truth that, he may be saved (2 Thessalonians 2:10), he opens himself to Satan’s deception.

9. How will Satan again deceive the nations prior to the return of Christ?

**Answer.**

Satan is able to deceive the nations through man’s natural total depravity.

10. Define “total-depravity”.

**Answer.**

Every part of man’s mental and moral nature is corrupted by sin; therefore his depravity is total.

11. Define a tri-part being.

**Answer.**

Man is a tri-part being composed of body, soul, and spirit. *1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

12. List nine facets of man's mental and moral nature.

**Answer.**

- Intellect
- Volition (will)
- Emotions
- Instinct
- Desire
- Motives
- His urge (lusts, intense desires)
- Disposition
- Temper

13. Describe the relation of the carnal (natural) mind of man toward God. Provide at least one Biblical reference in support of your answer.

**Answer.**

The carnal (natural) mind of man toward God is hostility. *Romans 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*

**Special Note.**

To Romans 8:7 can be added Jeremiah 17:9; Ezekiel 36:26; Ephesians 4:18; John 3:19; Romans 5:6; Proverbs 15:8; Psalm 51:5; Isaiah 48:8; 2 Timothy 2:6; and Psalm 58:3.

If you do not mind marking in your Bible, make a chain reference of the Doctrine of Total Depravity by placing by the first text the next reference. For example, at Psalm 51:5 write, T – Psalm 58:3, which indicates, Total Depravity, and then the next reference, Psalm 58:3. Repeat this process. On a blank page in the front, or back, of your Bible write the first Bible reference. You can repeat this process for each of the Doctrines of Grace: T-U-L-I-P. This will aid your memory.

14. What do the following verses say about the natural man?

- 1 Corinthians 2:14
- John 3:19
- Ephesians 2:2-3

**Answer.**

- 1 Corinthians 2:14           The mind of the natural man is not spiritually discerning.
- John 3:19                    The affections of the natural man are prostituted.
- Ephesians 2:2-3            The will of the natural man is enslaved by the lust of the flesh.

15. What is worshipped today in addition to the mind?



**Answer.**

The body is also glorified and served, especially the female body.

16. List six mediums for promoting sensual sin in society.

**Answer.**

Magazines, newspapers, radios, televisions, movies and books all promote sensual sins in society.

17. List two ways man has been deceived by Satan.

**Answer.**

First, Satan has turned the truth of God into a lie by teaching that God does not exist.

Second, Satan deceives by teaching that God, if He does exist, does not take knowledge of us, so there is no hell, no wrath, and no punishment.

**Special Note.**

The late astronomer Carl Sagan (1934-1996), has influenced untold millions in his book *Cosmos*. Sagan declared that the Cosmos is all that is or ever was or ever shall be. He went on to say, "The size and age of the Cosmos are beyond ordinary human understanding. Lost somewhere between immensity and eternity is our tiny planetary home. In a cosmic perspective, most human concerns seem insignificant, even petty." The message is clear. Man is insignificant. God is not interested in us.

18. On what basis is the Lord able to save a sinful rebel?

**Answer.**

The Lord is able to save a sinner on the basis of the righteousness of Christ, Who gave Himself without spot to God that He might purge the conscience from dead works to serve the living God, cleansing the soul from the vile and filthy effects of sin, and covering all spiritual nakedness before God.

19. In what two areas does Satan work to deceive the souls of men?

**Answer.**

First, Satan works as a roaring lion, in acts of persecution, to deceive individuals.

Second, Satan works as an angel of light to deceive the mind as he works through imitation.

20. Keep in mind, and summarize, Satan's one aim.

**Answer.**

Satan's one aim is to deceive and imitate, making the world religious without Christ.

21. Clarify what is meant by a "strong delusion." Provide one false doctrinal example.

***Answer.***

A “strong delusion” is a misleading influence, a working of error that will cause an individual to believe what is false. The false Doctrine of the Carnal Christian is one example of a strong delusion.

22. Define the following terms.

- Eschatological
- Doctrine of Carnal Christianity
- Easy Believism
- The Gospel of the Grace of God in Christ
- Justification
- Sanctification
- Metaphor.

***Answer.***

- Eschatological is a term that relates to the study of the end, or future events.
- Doctrine of Carnal Christianity is a doctrine, preached today as a false gospel, for it has no power to save, but only to deceive; it deceives poor sinners into believing that all is well with their souls because they have believed something or other (most don't know what), and they are preached into heaven when they die, no matter what kind of life they have lived!
- Easy Believism is a doctrinal teaching that contends it is possible for a person to be saved without knowing anything of Holy Spirit conviction or of heart-felt repentance.
- The Gospel of the Grace of God in Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation, demands the death, burial and resurrection of YOU the sinner in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Justification is the sinner being set free by Christ from the penalty of sin and hell.
- Sanctification is the soul being set free from the power and dominion of sin in this life.
- Metaphor. A figure of speech in which a word or phrase is used to designate something else.

23. How does a false gospel change the evangelistic appeal?

***Answer.***

The false gospel does not seek to slay the sinner before the new life in Christ is received. Rather the false gospel tells a person to receive new life and then, if they desire to crown Jesus as Lord, by and by, and destroy the old life, that's fine. However, the person has believed and now all is well, so they will go to heaven no matter what they do.

24. What does the Gospel of the Grace of God in Christ proclaim?

**Answer.**

The Gospel of the Grace of God in Christ tells a person they are going to the place of death, where they will take up the cross of Christ, and will say good-bye to former friends, and will say good-bye to the world, for the sinner is not coming back the same person. *Luke 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear this cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple*". The cross means death.

25. Can justification be divided from sanctification?

**Answer.**

A person cannot divide justification from sanctification any more than someone can divide the Person of Christ, for He is the sinner's Salvation, and Hope of glory.

26. Bro. Shelton believes the "man of sin" of 2 Thessalonians 2:3, has two other names. How else may he be identified?

**Answer.**

The "man of sin" is also called "the wicked one" or "the son of perdition".

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

**Special Note.**

<b>A Comparison of Two Comings</b>	
Anti-Christ	Christ
Man of Sin	Son of Man
Son of Perdition	Son of God
The Mystery of Iniquity	The Mystery of Godliness
The Wicked One	The Holy One
The Working of Satan	The Working of the Lord of Glory

27. What Scripture can Christians appeal to in support and encouragement of a rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem?

**Answer.**

You will not find one verse in the New Testament that God has purposed for the Jews to build another physical temple in Jerusalem for His dwelling place, for He has completely fulfilled all types and shadows in the Person of Christ (Hebrews 10).

### ***Reflection and Discussion***

1. Bro. Shelton says, “Take your New Testament and look up all the references from the Old Testament that are used in the New, and you will find to your amazement as I did, that these Old Testament Scriptures are always used to show forth some great spiritual truth; in other words, all the Old Testament Scriptures that are used in the New Testament are given a spiritual meaning, NEVER a material or physical meaning!” Would you agree with his observation? Defend your answer with Scripture.
2. There are several passages of Scripture that speak only of man’s soul and body (Isaiah 10:18; Micah 6:7; Matthew 10:28). When God breathed into the body of Adam, we are told he became a living soul. *Genesis 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.* Is it possible that man consists of body and soul, and the spirit is synonymous with the soul?
3. Do you believe that homosexuality is a medical condition? Can the argument be made that homosexuals are born that way? Can a practicing homosexual be a Christian? Appeal to the Scriptures in support of your answer.
4. Despite the new birth and all the gifts of divine grace, why do Christians continue to struggle with sin? Some even stop struggling against the flesh and just act the way they are. Why?
5. In Chapter 3 Bro. Shelton presents the deception of Satan as a future event. However, does not Satan roam even now, as a roaring lion, seeking to devour and deceive individuals through acts of persecution? Does not Satan even now appeal as an angel of light, as he deceives the mind and works through imitation? If so, then will not any future deception be the same as the present deception? Or, is Bro. Shelton saying something more about Revelation 20:7-10?
6. Do you believe there are three types of men in the Bible: the saved, the lost, and the carnal man? Use Scripture for discussion (1 Corinthians 3:1-3; 9:11; 2 Corinthians 10:4; Hebrews 7:16; Hebrews 9:10).
7. Would you agree with Bro. Shelton that the modern Gospel of Easy Believism appeals to the flesh, gives no power over sin, allows for a false hope of heaven, changes the evangelistic appeal, does not seek to slay the sinner, exalts the pride of man by allowing him to decide if Jesus will be Lord, is self-assertive, and makes no demands on the sinner, such as heart felt sorrow for sin?
8. The term “wicked one” is used six times in Scripture and seems to refer to Satan and not “the man of sin” of 2 Thessalonians 2:3. What is your conclusion? Read Matthew 13:19; 13:38; 1 John 2:13; 2:14; 3:12; 5:18).

9. Is it possible that “the man of sin”, who is also “the son of perdition”, was once a figure of prophecy, but is now a historical figure? Comment on the following observation by Kurt Simmons.

“The whole tenor of Paul's description shows that this was to be an individual of world proportion; an individual of world infamy set out upon a career of lawless and blood lust against the church. The better view is that the man of sin was Nero. Nero was restrained from obtaining the throne of the empire while Claudius remained in power. Claudius was "he who lets will let until he be taken out of the way."

With the poisoning of Claudius by Nero and his mother, Claudius was taken "out of the way" and Nero came to power and was revealed as the man of sin who opposed all that is called God or worshipped. Taking his seat in the temple of God so as to show himself as God was not in reference to Zealot occupation of the Jerusalem temple, but to Nero's rage against the church and all that is held sacred.

His taking his seat in the temple is similar to the Babylonian king's setting his seat on the "sides of the north" (Jerusalem) ruling over the stars of God" (children of Israel). His aspiration to be like the Most High, which is the thrust of the man of sin's ambitions, did not require actual occupation of the temple. (Isaiah 14)

Similar language occurs regarding the king of Tyre who thought he was like God sitting in the heart of the sea. (Ezekiel 28)

These examples of world kings lifting themselves up in their hearts, thinking they are gods, mirrors the language of II Thessalonians 2. The language in both Isa. 14 and Ezek. 28 spoke to world leaders. Hence, we expect the same of II Thessalonians 2.”

***Heart Work***

1. Do you love the Doctrine of God's Sovereignty?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you believe in the Doctrine of the Wrath of God?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you believe the doctrine of Total Depravity?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you believe the Cosmos is all that is or ever was or ever shall be?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is there any area of rebellion against the known will of God in your life?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Have you been deceived by Satan into thinking God does not care what you say or do?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
7. Has the Lord purged your conscience from dead works to serve God?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
8. Has the Lord cleansed your soul from the vile and filthy effects of sin?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
9. Has the Lord covered all of your spiritual nakedness before God and clothed you in His righteousness?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
10. Has God granted you the gift of repentance to the acknowledging of the truth?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
11. How did you come into the church? Have you come into the church by listening to a gospel of Easy Believism?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
12. Have you come into the church by embracing The Gospel of the Grace of God in Christ?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Memory Work**

*Revelation 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. 12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;*

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***Review***

1. Provide a four part division of Revelation 20.

***Answer.***

I. The Binding of Satan	Revelation 20:1-2
II. The Reign of Christ and His Saints	Revelation 20:3-10
III. The Loosing of Satan for a little season	Revelation 20:7-10
IV. The All-Conquering One	Revelation 20:11-15

2. According to Revelation 20:13, what shall happen when Christ returns?

***Answer.***

When Christ returns, every man, saved and lost, "small and great", will be summoned to this final judgment. In Revelation 20:13 we are told that *"the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works."*

3. Identify the two classes of people that shall appear at the Great White Throne Judgment.

***Answer.***

Sheep. The sheep are the Lord's blood-bought ones.

Goats. The goats are the wicked ones who have never bowed their knees to Him Who sits upon the throne.

4. Describe the goats or wicked ones gathered for judgment.

***Answer.***

The goats gathered for judgment are filled with all unrighteousness, fornication and wickedness. They are covetous and maliciousness. They are full of envy, murder and debate, haters of God, proud, and inventors of evil things. The wicked are without understanding, and are covenant-breakers, implacable, and unmerciful. They are self-righteous and hypocritical.

5. Describe the sheep who are also gathered for judgment.



**Answer.**

These are those who have "*Washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb*" (Revelation 7:14), of whom it was granted that they should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints, according to Revelation 19:8.

6. List sixteen characteristics of the Great White Throne.

**Answer.**

The Great White Throne is a throne of

- purity,
- calmness,
- truth,
- justice,
- righteousness, and
- authority.

The Great White Throne is a throne

- unsoiled,
- untainted, and
- incorruptible.

The Great White Throne is a throne with

- no one-sidedness,
- no imperfection,
- no bribery, and
- no favor.

The Great White Throne is

- all white,
- transparent as light, and is of
- spotless perfection.

7. Based on Hebrews 7:26, list four characteristics of the Judge who will preside at the Great White Throne Judgment.

**Answer.**

The Judge who will preside at the Great White Throne Judgment is

- holy,
- harmless,
- undefiled,
- separate from sinners.

8. According to Philippians 2:10-11 what shall those who are gathered for judgment do together?

**Answer.**

Those who are gathered for judgment shall hear the name of Jesus and then, collectively, *“every knee shall bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

9. List six world orders that shall be swept away on the Day of Judgment.

**Answer.**

- The social world order will be gone.
- The political world order will be swept away.
- The educational world order will be swept away.
- The economical world order will be swept away.
- The world of pleasure will pass away.
- The religious world order shall pass away.

10. What four provisions will a person not have on the Day of Judgment without Christ?

**Answer.**

- A person without Christ on the Day of Judgment will not have a Hiding Place.
- A person without Christ shall have no Friend to stand with them.
- A person without Christ shall not have a Savior to be a substitute for them.
- A person without Christ will have no righteousness to cover them.

11. Name three men who saw the glory of God.

**Answer.**

- Abraham saw the glory of God.
- Job saw the glory of God.
- Isaiah saw the glory of God.

12. List six books that are going to be opened out of which men will be judged.

**Answer.**

- The Book of Nature
- The Book of Conscience
- The Book of the Gospel
- The Book of God’s Providence
- The Book of Memory
- The Book of Life

13. Whose names are to be found in the Book of Life?

***Answer.***

The Book of Life contains the names of all the elect of Adam's sinful race who have been saved by the grace of God, washed by faith in the Lamb's blood, clothed in the Lamb's imputed righteousness, made like the Lamb in holiness, and accepted in the Lamb, the Beloved, by God Himself.

14. How does the salvation that is of the Lord, come to us sinners?

***Answer.***

Salvation comes to us wholly and completely of grace, based upon the imputed righteousness of Christ, and worked out for us in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

***Reflection and Discussion***

1. Why is the teaching so popular of an escape from seven years of great tribulation and a literal millennium reign of Christ on earth with Israel being exalted among the nations?
2. Some teach that only unbelievers will be judged at the Great White Throne Judgment. Are they wrong?
3. Do you find any Scriptural basis for believing in multiple judgments?
4. There is much sympathy for the idea that God will be merciful to people who do not know about the Lord Jesus Christ. The hope is that the Lord will save them and give them a place in heaven. Comment on this idea after you read again what Bro. Shelton says in his series of thoughts about the word, “Only” in the section about Isaiah.
5. Since men want to be judged for their “good works”, apart from faith in Christ, do you think it is fair that God will allow that to happen? *Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*

***Heart Work***

1. Do you believe you will be numbered as a “goat” at the Great White Throne Judgment?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you believe you will be numbered as a “sheep” at the Great White Throne Judgment?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Have you ever bowed and confessed Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. If you have never confessed Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God, would you do that right now?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you laid down your arms of rebellion, hoisted the white flag of surrender in repentance, with a change of mind about sin and about God?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Have you bowed your knees unto the Lord Jesus Christ and surrendered your all up to His Lordship, crowning Him Lord of your life?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you by faith closed in with Christ, believing Him through grace to be your Savior, and obeying Him as Lord?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
8. Have you counted God as faithful and true in giving His Son for your redemption?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
9. Have you ever stopped and considered where you will spend eternity?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
10. Are you among that number who will testify of the matchless grace of God in that day when this Book is opened?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
11. Have you made your calling and election sure?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
12. Will you stand in the Day of Judgment, washed from all your sins by the precious blood, and clothed in the perfect righteousness of Him Who sits upon that throne?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
13. Will you one day stand before God naked, still in your sins, speechless, and unable to rejoice because you neglected so great salvation and did not bow your knees in repentance to Christ?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### **Memory Work**

*Revelation 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

### **Supplemental Material**

#### **Doctrine of the Last Day**

1. All the Scriptures of the New Testament that speak of Christ's Second Coming, the Last Day and the Great White Throne Judgment, show that these are one event.
2. On the Last Day, the Lord will judge the world in righteousness. This is the day He has appointed "*...in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead*" (Acts 17:31).
3. On the Last Day the Lord will judge the secrets of men. This is "*...the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel*" (Romans 2:16).
4. On the Last Day all men shall be judged. This is the day when "*we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ...so then every one of us shall give account of himself to God*" (Romans 14:10, 12).
5. On the Last Day all men are to receive their just reward. "*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we persuade men...*" (2 Corinthians 5:10-11).
6. On the Last Day the living and the dead shall be judged. This is the day when the Lord Jesus Christ "*shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom*" (2 Timothy 4:1).
7. All Scriptures speak of one coming, and one judgment, which is the final day of this world's history when every man shall stand before the Judge and the books shall be opened (Revelation 20:11, 12).
8. Once the books are opened, the Lord will "*render to every man according to his deeds: to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: but unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness,*"

9. A terrible fate awaits the unrighteous. "*Indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile.*"
  
10. In contrast, the righteous shall fare much better. "*But glory, honour, and peace to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile. FOR THERE IS NO RESPECT OF PERSONS WITH GOD*" (Romans 2:6-11).

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**Chapter 5**

***Review***

1. What has God never done first?

***Answer.***

God has never judged until He came down first.

2. In the four gospels, how many times did the Lord Jesus speak of the judgment of hell?

***Answer.***

Over 50 times in the four gospels the Lord Jesus spoke of the judgment of hell.

3. Define the word, Gehenna. Where is it located and for what purpose was it used?

***Answer.***

Gehenna is the name of a ravine starting from the northwest of Jerusalem, which sweeps around the southwest angle of the city and then meets the brook Cedron below the pool of Siloam. This valley is the traditional site of the fire worship which began in the reign of King Ahaz; and after its desecration by King Josiah, it became a common receptacle for the refuse of the city. Jesus used the word Gehenna as a fitting description of the final abode of the wicked dead, which is the Lake of Fire.

4. How is the fire of hell different from a normal fire?

***Answer.***

The fire of hell is "salted with fire". Salt is a preservative. Therefore the fire of hell, far from consuming, shall preserve.

***Special Note.***

"He Who kept the burning bush from being consumed before Moses, and He Who kept the three Hebrew children from dying in the fiery furnace of King Nebuchadnezzar can also keep the bodies of those in hell from being destroyed!" (LRS).

5. In what two ways are sinners banished?

***Answer.***

First, sinners are banished from God's presence.

Second, sinners are banished from the glory of God's power.



6. What is the only thing that God punishes?

**Answer.**

God punishes nothing but sin.

7. What will a person take into eternity? Use Scripture to support your answer.

**Answer.**

A person will take the status of their soul with them into eternity. If a person is righteous, he will be righteous still. If a person is wicked and unconverted, he will be wicked and unconverted still. *"He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy let him be holy still"* (Revelation 22:11).

8. What is meant by there being "a fire for the soul"?

**Answer.**

When a man is made to face sin and its consequences, there is that guilt, and that burning, that horror and that suffering, that mental anguish; THIS IS HELL ITSELF, as the man is devoured in his guiltiness before God forever and ever as he sees his sins. And his sins and sin nature burn within him, keeping the fires of hell going continually!

9. List the eight classes of sinners that will occupy hell.

**Answer.**

- The Fearful
- The Unbelieving
- The Abominable
- The Murderers
- The Whoremongers
- The Sorcerers
- The Idolaters
- All Liars

10. List at least nine Bible characters in the abode of the damned.

**Answer.**

- Balaam, the False Prophet
- Judas, the False Apostle
- King Herod
- Herodias, The Mistress-Wife of King Herod
- Lot's Wife
- Demas, the Friend of Paul
- Esau, the Profane Man
- Ananias
- Sapphira

***Reflection and Discussion***

1. What should be said to those who believe in the Doctrine of Annihilation of the Soul? Does eternal punishment fit the crime of sinning against God?
2. Bro. Shelton asked God for a broken heart so that he could deliver his messages on the Lake of Fire. Do you think ministers should follow his example and ask God for a love for sinners?
3. Do you think a person who knowingly persists in sin is simply weak, or are they wicked?
4. Is self-image important in the effort to combat sin, live right, and not go to hell? Or, does self-image even matter?
5. What does Bro. Shelton mean when he says that God punishes nothing but sin?
6. Are you familiar with the idea that hell is simply God letting a sinner continue in the sin of choice? What is a proper biblical response to this idea?

***A Personal Note.***

In 1973, while serving in the United States Army as a chaplain's assistant, I first heard, from a Baptist chaplain speaking to the troops, the idea that hell is a perpetual sin of choice. Bro. Shelton was familiar with this teaching as well. The idea is not new. Dante Alighieri (1265-1321), in one of his works wrote, "*If you insist on having your own way, you will get it. Hell is the enjoyment of your own way forever.*"

**Heart Work**

1. Do you love the Lord Jesus Christ?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. On which side will you be in that great Day of Judgment? Will you be on the Lord's right hand of grace and mercy?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you believe in your heart that, *"it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment"* (Hebrews 9:27)?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. Will you one day be found to be in Christ, washed by faith in His blood, clothed in His righteousness, so you will hear those blessed, blessed words, *"Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" ?*  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. On the Day of Judgment, will you be with those on the left, standing there in all of your sins, naked before Him and before the world, to hear those awful words, *"Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels"?*  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you have a broken heart over the lost?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you ever literally wept over someone you know is lost and needs salvation?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
8. Would you ask God to give you a broken heart over sinners?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you love God supremely?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Memory Work**

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

*Supplemental Material*

**A Biblical List of those that Will Not Inherit  
The Kingdom of God**

**1 Corinthians 6:9-10**

*“Know ye not that the unrighteous  
shall not inherit the kingdom of God?  
Be not deceived: neither...*

- Fornicators
- Idolaters
- Adulterers
- Effeminate
- Abusers of themselves with mankind
- Thieves
- Covetous
- Drunkards
- Revilers
- Extortioners

*...shall inherit the kingdom of God.”*

**Galatians 5:19-21**

*“Now the works of the flesh are manifest,  
which are these;*

- Adultery
- Fornication
- Uncleaness
- Lasciviousness (licentiousness)
- Idolatry
- Witchcraft
- Hatred
- Variance (quarrel)
- Emulations (jealousies; self-exaltation)
- Wrath
- Strife
- Seditions
- Heresies
- Envyings
- Murders
- Drunkenness
- Revellings

*and such like: of the which I tell you before,  
as I have also told you in time past,  
that they which do such things  
shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”*

**Revelation 22:15**

*For without are...*

- Dogs
- Sorcerers
- Whoremongers
- Murderers
- Idolaters
- Whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

**Doctrine of Hell**

1. Hell is a place of belated belief. Saint Cyprian (200-258) said that in hell, *“The pain of punishment will be without the fruit of penitence; weeping will be useless, and prayer ineffectual. Too late they will believe in eternal punishment who would not believe in eternal life.”*
2. Hell is a place of insatiable selfishness. Dante Alighieri (1265-1321), in one of his works wrote, *“If you insist on having your own way, you will get it. Hell is the enjoyment of your own way forever.”*
3. Hell is the place of satanic reward. The great evangelist Billy Sunday (1862-1935) noted, *“Hell is the highest reward that the devil can offer you for being a servant of his.”*
4. Hell is the final resting-place of personal ambition. William Henry Davies (1871-1940),

*“I had ambition, by which sin  
The angels fell;  
I climbed, and step by step, O Lord,  
Ascended into hell.”*

5. Hell is the place of eternal separation from God. W.R. Matthews (1818-1909) declared that, *“The essence of hell is complete separation from God, and that is the ultimate disaster.”*
6. Hell is a place of utter despair. Said Martin Luther (1483-1546), even,

*“The gnashing of teeth despair,  
when men see themselves abandoned by God.”*

*“What do the damned endure, but despair?”*

asked William Congreve (1670-1729).

On the entrance into hell a sign could be posted that reads,

*“Abandon hope all ye who enter here.”*

7. Hell is a place without music, without laughter, and without joy or hope. “There are harps in heaven, but cymbals in hell” reads an ancient Irish Proverb.
8. Hell is a place without love and without the capacity to love. A great Russian author asked, “*What is hell?*” and then answered by saying that hell is, “*The suffering that comes from the consciousness that one is no longer able to love*” (Fyodor Mikhaylovich Dostoyevski, 1821-1881).
9. The reason why there is no capacity to love in hell is because self is the core of existence. One author has well said that, “*We must picture hell as a state where everyone is perpetually concerned about his own dignity and advancement, where everyone has a grievance, and where everyone lives the deadly serious passions of envy, self-importance, and resentment*” (C. S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*, p. ix).
10. Hell is a place of incredible hatred. “*Hell is where no one has anything in common with anybody else except the fact that they all hate one another and cannot get away from one another and from themselves*” (Thomas Merton, 1915-1968).
11. Hell is a place that is easy to get to. “*The road to hell is easy to travel; the road to heaven is not*” (Isaac Asimov). Jesus said “*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it*” (Matthew 7:13-14).
12. Hell is a place full of sincere people who were sincerely wrong. It was James Boswell (1740-1795) who observed that, “*Hell is paved with good intentions*”.
13. Because hell is real, because hell is a horrible place, individuals are commanded to deal radically with sin, “*For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt*” (Mark 9:49).

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**Chapter 6**

***Review***

1. List four conditions of the eternal state.

***Answer.***

First, the eternal state is a perfect state.

Second, former things are passed away.

Third, spiritual thirst is satisfied.

Fourth, the meek shall inherit the earth.

2. Summarize seven great spiritual truths Bro. Shelton examined relating to the new earth.

***Answer.***

First, the earth came forth from the hand of God in creation, in perfect beauty and perfect glory.

Second, man, as he came forth from the hand of God in creation was a free moral agent in the image and likeness of God.

Third, man became a sinful, fallen creature in a cursed state in body, soul and spirit.

Fourth, the earth is now in a cursed state because of man's sin.

Fifth, there is an eternal purpose of God in planning and carrying out His great redemptive work in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sixth, our Kinsman-Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ, has done wondrous things in redeeming fallen man from this cursed state in spirit, soul and body.

Seventh, the final act of God's redeeming work in Christ is giving His redeemed people all that they lost in Adam—a completely restored earth on which to live forever in a blessed state of holiness and righteousness, and glorified bodies which are made in the image and likeness of the blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

3. Why does the feminist movement of today hate the first chapters of Genesis?

**Answer.**

The feminist movement of today hates the first chapters of Genesis for therein God has said that the husband is to rule over the wife, and that because of her sin, she shall have pain and sorrow in childbirth.

4. What is a driving cause for the murder-killing of unborn children in their mother's womb?

**Answer.**

Men and women want the pleasure of lust without the sorrow of childbirth, so they try to do away with the curse upon their sin!

5. List at least three qualification of a kinsman redeemer of persons, of inheritance and land.

**Answer.**

First, the kinsman redeemer must be a near relative.

Second, the kinsman redeemer had to be willing to redeem as well as able.

Third, the kinsman redeemer had to pay the full price demanded by the law.

6. What spiritual truth does Isaiah 11:6-9 and Isaiah 55:12-13 teach in symbolic language?

**Answer.**

In symbolic language, Isaiah 11:6-9 and Isaiah 55:12-13 tells us of the peace and quietness, the love and the obedience, that shall be upon the new earth, inhabited by the glorified people of God.

7. Provide at least four passages that can be appealed to teach the Doctrine of the Perpetuity of the Earth.

**Answer.**

- *Psalms 37:11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.*
- *Psalms 78:69 And he built his sanctuary like high palaces, like the earth which he hath established for ever.*
- *Psalms 104:5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.*
- *Ecclesiastes 1:4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever.*

8. When will the complete restoration of the earth take place? Support your answer with Scripture.



***Answer.***

The complete restoration of the earth will take place at the second coming of Christ. *Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. 20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, 21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.*

9. Can sin be eradicated from the life and body in this life?

***Answer.***

Nowhere do the Scriptures promise that the body of sin can be eradicated in this life. The final redemption and glorification of the body must await the resurrection.

### ***Reflection and Discussion***

1. Bro. Shelton traces the misunderstanding regarding the new earth, and the final abode of the righteous, to be a failure to start with God in the study of Christ and the End Times. This “has led to the mass confusion today in regard to sin, salvation, death, heaven, hell, the intermediate state; and also in regard to the work of Christ in all of His offices of Prophet, Priest and King, His present reign in His kingdom now, His glorious second coming, the Great White Throne Judgment, the final abode of the wicked in the lake of fire, and the final state of the redeemed children of God! “ Would you agree that this is the root cause of the problem? Consider other causes such as spiritual immaturity (2 Timothy 4:3), and false teachers who want personal power and glory (1 Timothy 4:1-3).
2. Many Christians embrace theistic evolution whereby, it is argued, God used the evolutionary process to bring forth man. What would be your response to the idea of theistic evolution?
3. Bro. Shelton speculates that Adam and Eve stayed in the Garden of Eden, the place of perfect tranquility and harmony, for the same amount of time our Lord was tempted in the wilderness after His baptism, which was forty days. What are your thoughts on this time frame?
4. Jesus is often referred to as the “second Adam.” Would it be more proper to refer to Him as the “last Adam” as per 1 Corinthians 15:45. “*And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*” Does it matter? Consider this statement by Dr. Bill Greenhaw of the Creation Museum. “The Last Adam implies that there would not be a third representative man, sinless, as were both Christ and Adam.”
5. What should be said to those who believe in the Doctrine of Sinless perfection or the eradication of sin in this present life? Read together 1 John 1:8-10. “*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*”

**Heart Work**

1. Do you cry like David in Psalm 42:1, 2: *“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?”*  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you have a thirsty soul for the Lord?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are you one who is longing to see the Lord’s face and thirsting to be filled with His presence and His glory?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are you crying out in your soul, *“I want Him, I desire Him, ‘Oh that I knew where I might find Him!’”*  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you believe that you continue to sin in this present life?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Do you confess your sin to God?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you believe God is faithful and just to forgive you for your sin when you confess it to Him?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Memory Work**

*Isaiah 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.*

“Come, every soul by sin oppressed;  
There’s mercy with the Lord,  
And He will surely give you rest  
By trusting in His Word.

Only trust Him, only trust Him,  
Only trust Him now;  
He will save you, He will save you,  
He will save you now.

For Jesus shed His precious blood  
Rich blessings to bestow;  
Plunge now into the crimson flood  
That washes white as snow.

Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way,  
That leads you into rest;  
Believe in Him without delay  
And you are fully blessed.

Come, then, and join this holy band,  
And on to glory go  
To dwell in that celestial land  
Where joys immortal flow.

O Jesus, blessèd Jesus, dear,  
I’m coming now to Thee;  
Since Thou hast made the way so clear  
And full salvation free.”

John H. Stockton  
1869