

“Dr. Paul’s Contemporary History To The Congregation In Ephesus (& copies of It distributed among the congregations of Asia-most of which there is little historical mention).”

Continuing Introduction:

Dr, Paul has written, thus far, eight Treatise to various areas covered in his work for Jesus and His wonderful Cause. A history of Dr. Paul’s conversion, work & travel chronology, and his evangelizing method are covered in his works and Dr. Luke’s 2<sup>nd</sup> contemporary history that covers and explains some of the ‘acts’ of the Holy Spirit in the middle East and the Western part of the Roman Empire over the first 32

years, after Jesus' Kingdom was begun by the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem. (from AD30 thru 62)

There were several essential parts to the Good News of Jesus, that Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, and Elders were to 'act' as Jesus' Teachers to converts, whether Jews or Gentiles (all other ethnic or cultural groups), as the Holy Spirit guided and informed them. This would not only ensure that all received the exact same information from Jesus' Throne, as the King of Kings, but also, that each city that had converts, had the exact understanding of 'the Faith' expected by Jesus.

Before His crucifixion in Prof. John's contemporary history, Jesus had a last meeting with His '12' (which became '11' early in this special meeting). This is covered in Prof. John's contemporary history, which declares that Jesus is the "Son of God", in the 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> 'Thought' of that Treatise. 'Thought'

17 is Jesus' special prayer for the efforts of this group of those that will become His Apostles. In this prayer, Jesus is discussing the need and kind of "UNITY" they all must have for His new Way to be correct and maintain the kind of "UNITY" He expects. Their unity will not be unlike Jesus' and the Father's (and earlier in 'Thoughts' 15 and 16, the same is expressed about the Holy Spirit), yet not in the sense of the ultimate power, wisdom, or knowledge of the Godhead. UNITY was to be 'like' the Godhead's in the sense that these '11' were to correctly, continuously, and boldly present exactly what God says to people everywhere He would send them to evangelize. UNITY was only defined from Jesus' Throne in eternity, and they 'must': hear, learn, teach, and live IT! Any addition, subtraction, neglect, or rejection of that "Unified" New Covenant, would cost them their eternity with God. Dr. Paul was the most

avid holder and clearest teacher of that “UNITY” in print. (Yet, all other Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist and Elders taught the exact same New Covenant Way, so that “Unity” would be maintained among the Kingdom. Just as the Holy Spirit would reveal to them.)

He was blessed to write 13 inspired Letters and Notes, as part of the New Covenant over the course of his 30+ years of service and worship of Jesus’ new Way. The Holy Spirit directed each One, as He is completing the promised “New Covenant” of Jesus’ new Way. There will be 27 individual Letters or Notes that make-up His “New Covenant”. There will be other letters written by many in Jesus’ Kingdom, but the Holy Spirit ‘preserved’ only these from the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD. All the others (including 2 by Dr. Paul) were destroyed by the Spirit, so these 27 would be the only witness of His work, representing Jesus’ design for UNITY!

These 27 Writings are not only written by Jesus' chosen representatives, they are inspired by the Holy Spirit! They also, are preserved through the centuries by Him, such that They are provable to be exactly as written in the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD. They are witnessed by: 1) continuous Greek Text (copies, as initially They were written upon 'grass' from Egypt and did not last long, thus requiring a continual re-writing and verification). This went on for years and we have a continuous rendering of those initial Greek Treatises; and 2) we have many "Versions" of those original koine Greek Text, as many wanted the New Covenant in their own languages. We have copies of several that are identical to the koine Greek Text, that have been preserved until today and include the exact 27 Letters initially done by the Holy Spirit; and 3) we, too, have many writers (uninspired) of the first roughly 500 years after the New

Covenant was finished (written from AD 46ish to AD 96ish), that both agreed with the Texts or did not. These, though, by repeating Text from the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD writers, are referred to as the 'church fathers' and their writing have survived the centuries. These uninspired writer confirm all but about five words of the preserved koine Greek Text that the Holy Spirit wrote through inspired men (about 9 of them) in the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD.

So, having three agreeing sources of proof that the preserved koine Greek Text is accurate, proves that just as Jesus said His blood was being given for the 'New Covenant' (in Prof. Matthew's, Prof. Mark's, and Dr. Luke's contemporary histories), He has established this only, exact design for those converts to His new Way.

The fact that no history has ever been found that this Text was ever proven to have a

single error, misquote, false date, or false event (miraculous or not), is evidence of Its legitimacy and accuracy, far beyond all other historical materials.

Dr. Paul in this Text (Ephesians) is writing his ninth inspired contemporary history (of his 13 Letters he will do) from incarceration in Rome (AD60-62). It is an explanation of Jesus and His Kingdom, which defines the design of that Kingdom with Jesus as Its HEAD. He begins with a declaration of the design and purpose of God for the Plan from Its eternal beginning (and how all should “EXTOL” Him because of It). Then, he explains the ‘one’ Kingdom as being inclusive of Jews and Gentiles in Jesus’ Kingdom. He shows that Jesus is the only HEAD and that His body (Kingdom) is all the ‘called-out’ group that responds to the Good News, anywhere. He explains how “Unity” is designed and taught only by the Holy Spirit. He develops

the concept of exactly how Jesus' Kingdom is to be "One". There is only 'one' Kingdom, which is built upon Jesus' example, Kingship, and instruction. He says that it has always been a Mystery, during the times of mankind, which is 'now' (1<sup>st</sup> century AD by the Holy Spirit, through special men) revealed for all to behold, as they observe His Kingdom's actions and new Way. Worldwide, christians had become a unified Kingdom, being exactly what pleases Him, as they have learned the Truth of His new Way. Locally, all Jews and Gentiles are to be one "United" congregation, doing His work, as is only revealed in Jesus' New Covenant. No man-made concept of unity or service is acceptable to Jesus and must be reformed to His Standard or new Way (define and illustrated in His New Covenant, so there will be no errors or disunity).



This Letter is the best coverage of the GREATEST KINGDOM THAT HAS EVER AND WILL EVER BE UPON THE EARTH-JESUS'! No one has ever conceived such a kingdom, nor can they ever match Its character, confirmations, and rewards. Only Jesus has earned such a Kingdom, which was planned in eternity before any creating was begun by God.

The structure of this Letter, Its design, and information are not just for those of the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD, but also, for all those of every century and culture that convert to His new Way. Only those that remain in 'Unity' with Jesus' New Covenant are in His Kingdom and will receive His reward for eternity. This is, thus, obviously, an essential Letter to be a part of the New Covenant of Jesus, necessary for Him to provide folks to learn, consider, and develop in their lives and evangelism to others.

# Questions (contextual and chronological) of his Letter to the Ephesian congregation of Jesus' Kingdom (and to other congregations in Asia):

## Introduction:

1. This contemporary history by Dr. Paul is thought to be distributed among several congregations, though it is only named for the congregation at Ephesus? Y/N \_\_\_\_
2. Dr. Paul and his team worked tirelessly for over three years from Ephesus throughout the Roman province of Asia? Y/N \_\_\_\_
3. If you study Dr. Luke's contemporary history about some of the 'acts' of the Holy Spirit, as He worked with Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, and Elders in the evangelizing of the Good News of Jesus across the Roman Empire in Dr. Luke's 14<sup>th</sup> Thought, you can see how vast and thorough Dr. Paul was in evangelizing the province over three years. Dr. Paul was spoken about harshly by many pagan believers, but he had worked endlessly, organized well, and had saturated the area with the Good News of Jesus and established many congregations in many cities with his team? Y/N \_\_\_\_
4. The history and work of some of those congregations of Jesus' Kingdom continued long after Dr. Paul had passed on? Y/N \_\_\_\_
5. This special Epistle by Dr. Paul is written from house-arrest in Rome as an explanation of the greatest King and Kingdom that had and will ever be. To write It from Rome, which is considered to be one of mankind's greatest

- attempts of establishing a kingdom, is very bold? Y/N \_\_\_\_
6. This King and Kingdom was purposed by God in eternity before any creating began! It is not comparable to any attempt by man to design one. This Letter is going to describe what, why, and Who purposed and designed the perfect Kingdom, which only God could create and explain. He had purpose for doing so that man had no wisdom to purpose or design, and He and only He could reward the Kingdom for Its dedication and submission to His “Plan for the salvation of mankind”? T/F \_\_\_\_
  7. It could be titled: THE GREATEST AND UNIQUE KING AND KINGDOM, AND HOW TO SERVE AND KEEP ‘IT’ PLEASING TO HIM (GOD)? Y/N \_\_\_\_
  8. If not, then, one will fall out of God’s Grace! This Kingdom’s service and worship must never to be outside of His new Way, no matter the culture or era in which His New Covenant Kingdom of Jesus is continued. They will be “Unified” as One Kingdom only by Jesus’ new Way and the complete, accurate, clear Teaching of His New Covenant? T/F \_\_\_\_
  9. Some of the first koine Greek manuscripts of this Treatise do not name Ephesus by name (yet, they are exact copies), which indicates that It was written to be distributed among several congregations? Y/N \_\_\_\_
  10. This is not an unusual idea, as seen in other Letters of the New Covenant: Galatians, the Note from Jerusalem’s congregation (co-authored by the Holy Spirit), 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter’s contemporary histories to multiple congregations in the 5 Roman provinces Prof. Peter evangelized, and ‘the Apocalypse of Jesus’, which was distributed to seven congregations in the Roman province of Asia? Y/N \_\_\_\_

11. Some congregations were instructed to 'pass-on' the inspired instructions to other congregations and 'all' were instructed to ensure that every member of their congregation received the Teachings (new members and old)?  
Y/N \_\_\_\_
12. It needs to be remembered that this Letter is being written 32 years after Jesus' new Way (His Kingdom) had begun (AD30). The Holy Spirit has been revealing to every person in every community of this new Kingdom, these now written Teachings. The special teachers of this "Plan" had been guided and inspired in varying parts, as they were needed to be understood by the congregations. There are no new or different declarations about this incredible Kingdom, yet, here you receive a good understanding of It in Its complete design. This Letter provides, also, a source in print of It, so that any changes, misunderstandings, or errors could be reformed, such that, folks could have confidence in the unified Plan from God. This will be preserved by the Spirit in the New Covenant for all time, until Jesus returns for all those that are in His Kingdom, both alive, or having passed from this life? Y/N \_\_\_\_
13. Dr. Paul begins this Letter with an opening declaration that defines: Who, what, why, when, and who is involved in this remarkable "Plan of salvation for mankind". He infers the 'how', as the hearer or reader considers that only God could develop such a Plan. He does so, too, saying God should be 'Extolled' for His beyond human reasoning and design. He gives five beginning parts of God's Plan for man? T/F \_\_\_\_
14. In his revealing of his constant praying for them all, he is hopeful of their

- correct understanding and reasoning, which ought to produce in them a wonderful respect and confidence in their God. It is all outlined for the student to have a complete understanding in their thanks to God? Y/N \_\_\_\_
15. He ends this overview with how God has acted to place Jesus as the HEAD of this effort, body, and the center of it in all things? Y/N \_\_\_\_
  16. He continues to discuss this Kingdom by saying what ugliness we all came from prior to responding to the living God's Plan of receiving His mercy and redefining of Love. When you realize that we do not deserve it, yet His Plan still gives it to us all (whether one responds to Him or not), you thankfully, humbly, and in amazement, gratefully accept His new Way? Y/N \_\_\_\_
  17. He continues in his development of this Plan to emphasize that God has designed It, such that, Jews and Gentiles will be one body? Y/N \_\_\_\_
  18. He tells the reader or hearer that he has a special job of explaining this idea and organizing each congregation to achieve this 'Mystery'. And, that all of them can and must come to the correct understanding of God's Plan for the unity of Jesus' one body? Y/N \_\_\_\_
  19. This 'Mystery' had not been revealed to mankind or the Jews. Now, he says, the 'Mystery' is understood by all, including in heaven and among all evil angels (includes the devil, since he was a fallen angel). This is God's eternal purpose and accomplished by Christ Jesus' called-out group among all generations. The practicing of 'the Faith' by His Body, boldly, is their glory? Y/N \_\_\_\_
  20. He adds another prayer for them and the kind of faith they ought to have (three areas are mentioned) followed by great praise for and to our God?

Y/N \_\_\_\_

21. Now, with all this understanding of the Truth and Reality, he is going to 'entreat' them (exhort strongly) to 'walk worthy' of such a marvelous and powerful calling to please their God. He mentions five characteristics they must have reformed to please Him (as these are Jesus')? Y/N \_\_\_\_
22. The fifth one is 'to strive' (determination and boldness) to maintain the 'Unity' of the Spirit! The others are expressions of a person's likeness to Jesus and the understanding that folks are not all as open and gracious, nor accurate as they ought to be, and they need to be aware that they use to be as they are. Striving means that they are to actively confront and defend the Truth but correctly in motive and Truth. The goal is 'unity' as the Spirit has defined 'the Faith' and to have peace as Jesus has explained it, not men. Jesus' peace binds everyone together, not split, but in 'the Faith'? Y/N \_\_\_\_
23. He then gives seven explicit, specific, and necessary areas that must be equal among them to maintain the Spirit's 'unity' (and thus Jesus'). Each one is unique (God's new Way) and singular (no additions, subtractions, neglects, or rejections are allowed). Each is significant and essential to maintain to have 'Unity'. The Holy Spirit has revealed the absolute meaning and design of each part to us, that we can please Him. Redefining, neglect, or rejection is not permissible by God. These are God's Plan for unity and peace among us and will never change? T/F \_\_\_\_
24. The 'Mystery' is being explained by Jesus, as He, from His Throne in heaven, by the efforts of the Holy Spirit, through inspiring certain men as Jesus' leaders to ensure all members of His Body are: unity in 'the Faith' (His

system), have full understanding, fully mature, and Jesus-like in character, such that they cannot be swayed by error. They will, at that point, be fitted together and unified, through Jesus, the only, unique HEAD of His Body?

Y/N \_\_\_\_

25. This will produce a growth in each person of Jesus' Kingdom, which results in the constant building up of each person in It in love? T/F \_\_\_\_

26. Then, the world's way cannot have any effect upon them, and they are to reject its involvement or practice of it, as it is not of God. Then, he exhorts them, saying that they have not learned any evil, ugly, or false way from Christ. His new Way is the only Truth! The old ways are dead men ways and the new person renews himself with the Holy Spirit's Teaching and is reforming to be in the image of God in true righteousness and holiness.

He declares in this Text that there are only two different ways: to walk as men do or 'walk' as God has designed for those in Jesus' Kingdom? T/F \_\_\_\_

27. Jesus has, as the Christ and Lord, fulfilled the Psalms 68 prophecy of providing each of His disciples the Holy Spirit to develop in their new Way of pleasing Him as their Lord. They were given leaders that carefully and completely revealed exactly what He expects. He list these inspired leaders: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, and Elders. They all were His special Teachers of His New Covenant or what was acceptable for those in Jesus' Kingdom?

Y/N \_\_\_\_

28. Their goal was for 'Unity' of Jesus' system of Faith ('The Faith' is a common term used in Jesus' Teaching to mean Jesus' new Way or New Covenant system for all believer that are dedicated and submitted to His Lordship.)

This 'unity' is only by the leadership of these special men that were selected by Jesus and taught by the Holy Spirit. The 'building up' of Jesus' Body (all His genuine disciples or saints) worldwide was done so that all saints could have four special characteristics: unity of 'the Faith, full understanding of God's Son (Jesus), to be and create mature men, develop or reform each saint to a complete measure of Jesus likeness. These will ensure that each christian will not be tossed around by errors? Y/N \_\_\_\_

29. Jesus is the only HEAD of this Body! That Body, following these reforms, will build itself up with love as its base. No way of man can compete with this new Way! They have (those in Christ that are obeying Jesus' New Covenant) learned and reformed to Christ new Way. They had been taught by those special leaders provided by the Holy Spirit. All genuine Truth comes from Christ (All other wisdom, knowledge, understanding is useless for eternity and if followed is deadly.) Renewing their minds constantly with Jesus' new Way ('the Faith') and developing His image in their lives makes you, wisely, a new person, pleasing to Jesus? Y/N \_\_\_\_
30. He concludes that since this is the Truth, they all are to reject the lie of man's way and act toward others in the Body with love and care (as Jesus would). Building up gives God's Grace to others and you will not grieve the Holy Spirit (Remember that the Holy Spirit "sealed" you at your immersion into Christ, guaranteeing you if you stay faithful, entry into God's eternal Kingdom, after life is finished.) He reveals several normal actions mankind does that they must not practice, as they give no glory to God? Y/N \_\_\_\_
31. The list of "Must" that has already begun to be listed, is done so that each



person that has understood Jesus' Kingdom new Way (His New Covenant/'the Faith') will have a full understanding of Jesus' designed expectations of those 'transferred' by God into His Kingdom. These Jesus-like characteristics have to be: 1) desired to learn, 2) taught correctly by the Holy Spirit (1<sup>st</sup> orally among folks till around AD46, 2<sup>nd</sup> orally and in His written New Covenant until around AD96, and 3rdly only in print in the New Covenant until He returns, 3) reformed to by all of Jesus' dedicated disciples, 4) taught to each new convert, that they do the same with the written New Covenant, which was accurately, completely, and clearly revealed by the Holy Spirit and is still preserved by Him. It will be until Jesus returns for His Kingdom. Thus, these 'Must' are for clarity of what is imperative to reform in folk's lives if they are to have "Unity" with all saints, no matter the culture they live in, nor in what era. "Unity" Must be achieved by each person that has decided to be a dedicated part of Jesus' Kingdom, and the New Covenant is the 'only' Teaching accepted by God for their reforms? T/F \_\_\_\_

32. This 'Introduction' covers generally the Text Dr. Paul revealed for all saints to use in their lives, with absolute confidence that the Holy Spirit revealed It to Dr. Paul. Dr. Paul was continually confirmed as Jesus' Apostle by many miraculous events he performed without flaw or lack of ability. These events to the observer or receiver of the miraculous, proved to them that Dr. Paul was being approved by God, or he would have not had such abilities. He had great success and due to his relentless efforts created a large expanse in which the Kingdom of Jesus was to be rooted. He also wrote a large part of the New Covenant, which was to be preserved by the Holy Spirit for the

complete, accurate contemporary history of Jesus and His Kingdom. Many different necessary 'Themes' are developed by various writers that Jesus assigned to reveal His new Way. Dr. Paul wrote the most of those 'themed' Text. This One best covers a theme of understanding this incredible King and Kingdom, revealing the imperative things that were designed in eternity by the Father, Word (before He took on flesh as Jesus), and Holy Spirit, which were being presented (AD30-96), and would be preserved for the continuation of the "Unity" Jesus expected of His Kingdom, until He returns for them. The 'Must' in this Letter (over 35), thus, are requirements for His Kingdom to be 'doers' of and not 'guidelines' to be considered? T/F \_\_\_\_

33. As you see, discern, learn, and evaluate the various outline indicators, we provided of this Text, you can follow the correct Message of Dr. Paul's inspired Letter. You, certainly, can disagree with the outline given and modify as you desire. But, as you cover the other Letters, you can grow in your understanding of what the Holy Spirit actually wrote to you, if you use this outline idea, along with reading the Text accurately. This English version is not perfect but is far superior to any other English (and other known language versions) versions. Thus, learn to use the Greek Text, so you are not misguided by any so-called scholar or scholarship, due to their lack of integrity when dealing with God's Text. Most corrupt the translations (actually, they are uninspired interpretations) due to some need to comply with their denominational affiliation or support. Good study for you is our hope.

More 'Introduction' questions:

1. Dr. Paul had written eight Letters of the New Covenant prior to the writing of this Letter. He would write three more (Colossians, Philemon, and Titus) before he was released from house arrest in Rome. Dr. Luke would then complete his 2<sup>nd</sup> Treatise (The acts of the Holy Spirit to establish the Kingdom of Jesus upon the Earth, covering the first 32 years (beginning in AD30). He revealed primarily the work of Prof. Peter and Dr. Paul, but the other Apostles and Prophets were just as active in the areas the Holy Spirit appointed them to work? Y/N \_\_\_\_
2. The Holy Spirit, just as Jesus had revealed to the 11 Apostles in Prof. John's 14<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> Thought, and Dr. Luke's "Acts of the Holy Spirit in his 1<sup>st</sup> Thought, began His revealing of the method designed by God (the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit) in eternity before any creating was begun. He saw to all the activity and Teaching to insure that Jesus' Kingdom was done as He went to war for the souls of men. Appointed dedicated men (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, and Elders worked through the Spirit in a 'unified' Plan to achieve Jesus' Plan of the salvation of man? T/F \_\_\_\_
3. There was complete "Unity" in the 1<sup>st</sup> century due to the leaders acting exactly as the Holy Spirit dictated the new Way. There was 27 special Letters, Notes, and Treatise designed, dictated (only by Him) through special writers that made up Jesus' New Covenant, which would become the exact, complete, accurate, and clear contemporary history that mankind could confidently and correctly continue to be a part of the Kingdom Jesus had begun. They only needed to follow just His New Covenant to achieve their goal of joining Him for eternity in God's eternal Kingdom? Y/N \_\_\_\_

4. The Holy Spirit has seen to it that those 27 Letters have continues to be preserved for mankind to use. “Unity” has been kept by those folks that use ‘only’ His New Covenant as their complete source of Christian Teaching through the centuries and until Jesus returns. He has given much evidence to evaluate the Greek Text since It was written to ensure all men that correctly investigate It, that they have the New Covenant’s exactness until Jesus returns. Preserving the Text in Greek (koine) has been His continuing work, which has been translated into many languages (not always accurately) ? Y/N \_\_\_\_
5. Dr. Paul in this Letter reveals the King and His Kingdom, which had been taught since the beginning in Jerusalem (AD30). It is an excellent, simple, clear designed Letter that explains It from the beginning in eternity when God designed It. Jesus is Its HEAD (Only Head), Example, and Center and anyone that decides to be in His Kingdom, no matter the era or culture, has an exact rendering of what He expects of them as they live out their lives upon Earth? Y/N \_\_\_\_
6. It was a ‘Mystery’ that God hinted about through the ages (Jewish inspired writers), but was not revealed to anyone! Only the Godhead knew and understood It, until the Holy Spirit revealed Its design, Designers, and how It was to be completed, beginning in AD30. There had not nor will not ever be a Kingdom developed upon Earth anywhere near this Kingdom. Jesus’ is far and away the most complete Kingdom, mankind will ever know. No King and Kingdom has such rewards, as man nor angel can guarantee such rewards and do not possess the powers to assure (by vast amounts of evidence)

those rewards are certain? T/F \_\_\_\_

### Dr. Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Thought

1. He begins this Treatise with a declaration of his work, which he has done over the past almost 30 years. He is an Apostle of the Christ (Messiah to Jews) Jesus! No one nor anything else has gained his attention or effort in his life. His work was his life, as souls hang in the balance. He has developed Jesus' cause for coming to His creation, "to seek and to save the lost". He is an Apostle by Jesus' decision (began in Damascus in about AD33) and has lived as one 'sent out' (definition of the Greek word) continuously since that day. Jesus has been his vocation since his conversion and 3 years of training?  
T/F \_\_\_\_
2. His Apostleship was always God's Will. He has written that God planned it since his conception. Dr. Paul was a unique man that provides a special example of likeness to Jesus, but not perfectly as only Jesus was perfect as a man. He, by God's Will (and His Grace) was used for a very special example of what one dedicated and subjected to Jesus, could achieve in their lifetime of service to Jesus? Y/N \_\_\_\_
3. After this quick declaration, which tells the reader or hearer, who is writing this Treatise, Dr. Paul tells, to whom he is addressing this Letter. It was written to the congregation of Jesus' Kingdom in Ephesus, yet there are several exact Greek copies that have the name, Ephesus, missing. Because of this fact, it is likely, he is circulating this most important Letter among some

other congregations and individuals. It is interesting that Prof. Peter in his 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter says that Dr. Paul's Letters are "Scripture" and that he has read all of them. This, thus, would include this Letter. Dr. Paul, too, in his later Letter to Timothy (AD63ish) would say that Moses Letter of Deuteronomy was Scripture (specifically quoting 25:4 with Dr. Luke's equal statement was too (in his 5<sup>th</sup> Thought to Timothy). Distribution had been going on for a long time. Since Dr. Luke reported of the massive distribution through three Roman provinces of the inspired Note from the Jerusalem Apostles, Elders and Holy Spirit, which was delivered to the Antioch congregation, initially, through Dr. Paul's Letter sent to all the congregations of Galatia, and later would include Prof. Peter's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter distributed throughout five Roman provinces, such a distribution is not uncommon by the writers of Jesus' New Covenant. This Letter, too, was a Letter for distribution by Dr. Paul? Y/N \_\_\_\_

4. He expresses the specific nature of those receiving his Letter, saying that they are "the faithful ones". Yes, the hearers and readers were to be those that had and were living faithful, daily, to the bidding of the Christ (even as DR. Paul was), Who was Jesus (though Jesus had been on His Throne in heaven since AD30). These by their faithfulness were absolutely sure Jesus was the Christ from God? Y/N \_\_\_\_
5. Look again at this short statement and you will note another reference to the kind of folks these are said by Dr. Paul to be: He calls them, also, 'saints', which means that as important as being faithful is, the fact is, that they are 'holy ones', too. The meaning of the Greek word used is 'holy ones! This audience, thus, Dr. Paul says are not only faithful to Jesus but holy ones.

They have come to the conclusion that Jesus is as 'holy' as God and they are living out their days using Jesus' example for every aspect of their lives and zealously reforming each aspect of it to Jesus' likeness (they: talk, act, think, and are motivated by Jesus and His new Way). Therefore, this audience is said by Dr. Paul to be saints (in English). Also, several religious groups today pray to "dead saints", which this (and other places) dispute strongly, as these are alive and active for Jesus' Cause. Dead saints have no position of receiving prayers or special powers relating to the living. Only God has that power and position in Jesus' New Covenant, so, to pray to dead saints (including Mary) is not from God but a man-made idea to be rejected by saints and the faithful? Y/N \_\_\_\_

6. His most significant hope for them by Dr. Paul is for a continuation of God's wonderful Grace, as he and only He is our genuine Father. Also, that God's Peace is enjoyed by them and not man's kind. He makes God and Jesus equal in Their godhood by saying that Grace and Peace are from Them both. The special differences in their authority and work is that God is the only genuine 'Father' of all and Jesus is man's 'Lord' and 'Christ'. They (as is the Holy Spirit) are the "Godhood" of all things of our universe and heavens with different eternal works to accomplish, yet equal in Godhood powers? Y/N \_\_\_\_
7. Though Dr. Paul only uses special 'words' in this short introduction, he is aware (after about 30 years of discussing, discerning and understanding with these receivers of this Letter) of the maturity and depth of understanding many have come to now have. He, others in his team, others that have received the Holy Spirit also, all can equally and accurately discuss each

'word' or phrase with the hearers of this Letter, to ensure the correct understanding and discernment of the receivers. An example might be, that when he uses the Greek word for 'peace', it is clear to mature Christians that he is referring to Jesus' kind of Peace and likely they would take a moment to ensure that the audience, too, understands its emphasis. Key to this likelihood, is that he is addressing the audience as: saints and 'the faithful', indicating that these are well grounded in 'the Faith' of Jesus? Y/N \_\_\_\_

#### Dr. Paul's 2<sup>nd</sup> Thought

1. Dr. Paul has in his writings given many remarkable Text that explain in clarity a number of very special things about our God, His Son, the Holy Spirit and the new Way (various parts of the New Covenant) for mankind to clearly understand the Truth. He, also, brings out various errors mankind makes about these wonderful Truths and what drives mankind to deny the simplistic, clear, and astounding Truths. In this 1<sup>st</sup> Thought he is going to reveal the Plan of God in five parts, that are as profound as the beginning declarations of Genesis, revealed by Moses of the events that began our universe. This is the New Covenant introduction to the mind of God (the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit) as They developed the Plan of Salvation for Their creation. As he begins, now, the introduction to that Plan, he notes for his readers and hearers that they all ought to realize and constantly



declare that God the Father must be “EXTOLED” by all and each of them. Nothing exist that deserves the level of admiration, awe, wonder, and worship as does our Father seated in heaven on the Throne of ultimate power over all things. This announcement is not to be taken lightly or be of a magnitude of less importance than as we have just stated, of which we probably have not expressed with the grandeur He should receive from us all. Dr. Paul uses a Greek word that is translated as ‘Extol’, which tries to express the magnificence of the Only, One God and Father! He has planned and produced in our world what genuine ‘reality’ is! He has provided our only real need-the Lord Jesus Christ! There is not a single need (or explanation) He has not blessed us with! In fact “Every” spiritual blessing (not secular or man developed) necessary and comforting in the entire heavenly realm has been revealed and explained to mankind and it is all in Christ (God’s only, unique Savior)! This is the only genuine ‘Reality’? T/F \_\_\_\_

2. Dr. Paul, here, begins the five essential points mankind must understand correctly to “EXTOL” God, appropriately. The phrase “even as” is an indication that Dr. Paul is beginning, here, to develop a better understanding of exactly Who and with what God has blessed mankind. The first point mentioned is that God determined that He had a specific point at which He “chose” us! He designed a “Plan” in which He could have many sons and daughters. He had a system developed so that those designed could survive (Genesis 1-3). All of this was due to the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God. He never acted out of what happened, but rather, He already knew all things and had designed a Plan to make us aware of the

nature and result of our actions. So as Dr. Paul indicates that at a point God “chose” us, it means that the Plan was designed by the all-knowing God for how we ought to respond to His Splendor, which is far superior to any and all of mankind’s? T/F \_\_\_\_

3. By mentioning that we that had been “chosen” (all of mankind, including our ability to reproduce our own kind, but not identically) were expected to be ‘in Him’, Dr. Paul is saying that we have a likeness to Him but are not as He is exactly. We have many traits and abilities that are fashioned in likeness to Him, yet do not have the ‘ultimate’ powers He has. This is an observation all mankind ought to both recognize, submit to, and humbly sustain in our every decision. It is clear that in God’s mind, He expects this ‘in Him’ to have a sustained character He approves of and not one of rebellion to His approved Way, which He always makes clear to His created ones. Mankind, sadly, rejects this in every era and substitutes their worship and pleasures in the creation He provided them, instead of how He desires them to have?

Y/N \_\_\_\_

3. God in His design of His most important creation-mankind-had seen to every detail of their being. He provided them with the capability of being ‘doers’ of certain characteristics, which no other part of His created world could accomplish. Dr. Paul, here, list the three most important ones: 1) to be dedicated to Him, meaning that He is to be their mind and lives center. They are to continually seek His Way in every aspect of their lives. God has always explained, clearly to them what pleases Him. Their dedication to His Will is expected to be their motive for all their activities, 2) to be blameless does not

mean sinless, but rather, they are to recognize when they have transgressed His Teaching. As they recognize that they have sinned against Him or His Way, they are to be genuinely in sorrow for their error. That serious remorse ought to move them to confessing of the sin to their Father and a reform from that transgression back to His Way. God sees all hearts and minds and knows if the confession is genuine. Too, He sees their actions, hears their talk, He knows if they actually have a mind subjected to Him and if their motives are based upon He and His Way. Blameless, thus, is because He knows temptations are ever present around His creation, and He has wonderfully provided this (being blameless) as an acceptable way for them to correct their ways and be certain that God loves them enough to forgive their sins, if they, then, act as they should, 3) to love Him correctly is to serve and subject themselves to Him. God has demonstrated love toward all mankind by creating them by unbelievable power and wisdom; and done so with every possible need met by Him. They cannot possibly not be aware of His love for them, if they pay attention to what He has done. No other method or reason for all there is can be the source of such a marvelous creation! Yes, mankind can become so corrupt in his thinking that they can exist for awhile without any honor being given to Him, but they have not thought clearly. He designed mankind, such that, they have the ability to 'choose' what they will be like as people. He never stops loving them no matter their dislikes of Him and His Way and will forgive them of any and all sins against He and His Way, but only as they submit, confess, reform and live in love for Him and His Way. It is a wonderful thing to realize that He expects mankind to 'learn' His Way

and practice it. He has always provided evidence for them to know that He exist, cares and will forgive them. He, also, expects that their love for Him is to be as He has for mankind. Sacrifice of the world's things and pleasures are to be done, as His love is superior and has tremendous eternal reward and the world's does not. So, these three were included in the design by God to make mankind appreciate His wisdom, since they all have the capability of being doers of them, if God's kind of love is lived by them? T/F \_\_\_\_

4. Thus, the only correct way to be "Chosen" by God, which He designed in the beginning of creating, is to subject yourself to His Way. He recognizes them, then, as one of His chosen (as doers of what He expects them to 'learn'). they turn to be before Him and not the world, in which they exist for a while? Y/N \_\_\_\_

5. Dr Paul, with this opening declaration of God's Plan for mankind, continues with the second point. With the first being evident and accurate, this point follows naturally. God in His design before any creating, also, predetermined that all of us ought to be His "sonship"! Too, in the designing of the Plan, Jesus Christ was to be the way he would structure His Plan for that to become true and realized. No other design was considered nor allowed by Him. Man always considers himself at least as smart as God and designs his 'better' ways, claiming they are from god. They all fall short and are not supported by God's power, thus, never produce 'sons of God'! His only pleasure was to produce 'sons' through Jesus, Who is the genuine, only, defined Christ (or Messiah) in God's Plan for mankind's Salvation for eternity. This Plan has to Be accepted as the only way people can 'praise' God correctly. All other

praises by man's methods are not accepted or recognized by God. His Splendor is seen clearly and correctly only by His one design of creating 'sons', through Jesus Christ! His Grace (undeserved favor for those undeserving of it and is His character toward His creation) was a major part of His design of 'sons', which they will appreciate and live by. That Grace of God was bestowed upon all of us in only one way, by His design. The Beloved was His Plan! Jesus was the manifestation (clearly and only) He delivered to us as His answer for our needed "Redemption". Sin is prayed away and forgiven, but not without the sacrifice of a sinless One! We are the 'ransomed ones'. Jesus, the Beloved, is the 'ransom' paid for our release or redemption, by God's design of His Plan of Salvation of mankind, before any creating began. That 'Redemption' was made available to us by the blood Jesus shed on His cross. Had Jesus not done so: the Plan would have not been put into affect by God, no sins through the ages would have been forgiven, mankind would die in their sins and been given the wages of their sins, condemnation by God to His prepared eternal Hell. But, thank to Jesus and our God, Jesus fulfilled all He was required to do and obey while among mankind, thus, becoming the promised and designed "Redemption" for mankind (if they had responded to God's Way or will respond to Jesus' new Way taught to the world by the Holy Spirit). The price satisfies God's requirements and we all need only obey His new Way to receive forgiveness of our sins. This is how God displays the riches of His wonderful Grace for all to see. That Grace, now, has always been overflowing, yet since Jesus' actions were completed for God's requirements for our 'Redemption', we all

can see His magnificent wisdom and thoughtfulness toward us? T/F \_\_\_\_

6. Dr. Paul has called upon those that are subjected unto God to “Extol” Him greatly because of the remarkable “Plan” They (God) have designed for the “Salvation of mankind”, whom He refers to as ‘chosen’. He has in His wisdom said that these ‘chosen’ must have genuine love for He and His Way. Also, they are to be dedicated and blameless (explained earlier). These are His basic requirements for each of those that learn to love Him (love by His definition). He also says that His ‘chosen’, are capable of ‘choosing’, if they will do so. You cannot be dedicated or blameless unless you choose to be among His ‘chosen’. These are also designed by God to be His ‘sons’ for eternity, but through only Jesus Christ. He, from the beginning in eternity of the design of the Plan, was going to be the only way God could have sons and daughters for eternity. Jesus would, by God’s good pleasure and design, be the necessary “Redeemer” of all ‘Chosen’ and for ‘Sonship”. No person would have lived that would not have transgressed God’s Way, as the world tempts endlessly, and all will at some point (more likely several points) sin against God. Jesus will intervene into the world and become mankind’s Savior. These are Dr. Paul’s first three points in his explanation of God’s unique “Plan”, which no man can design or have the level of power to bring to fruition! Only the living God can have the wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and power to produce this “Plan” and carry out all the events over time and guarantee the eternal rewards designed in the :Plan”. This explanation is provided through Dr. Paul by the Holy Spirit of this eternal “Plan of Salvation for Mankind” , if and as each of them correctly respond to

God's calling. He has, so far, here, declared that our 'redemption' is necessary. We require a 'Redeemer'. Jesus is that 'Redeemer' and only Jesus can 'redeem' anyone. Dr. Paul, now, reveals that God has made this "Mystery" known and understood to those of Jesus' Kingdom. It is clear, when you study the Scriptures, covering many years of Yahweh's interaction with mankind, that He touched upon the sure coming of His Messiah (Christ), as He revealed He and His Kingdom to the Prophets of the Jews through centuries of their development. Yet, the reason and necessity for the Messiah coming was lost and misunderstood by the Jews, until Jesus established His Kingdom in AD30 in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit reveals the imperative reason for Jesus' sacrifice and establishing of His Kingdom on that day of Pentecost (May 28, AD30), and over and over again, through the inspired workers of Jesus' Kingdom. The unique "Plan of Salvation" in the 'fullness of time' (Jesus time on Earth, murder, resurrection, ascension, and coronation as the King of Kings to rule all things with God's blessing) was completed as God had designed it and all things were accurately completed. Dr. Paul (and many other 'chosen' and inspired through the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD) taught the 'Mystery'. God, also, ensured that the unique 'Mystery' would be accurately and completely taught to His world, by adding Jesus' New Covenant in Its complete Message, which was written by special, inspired (by the Holy Spirit) writers over about 50 years in the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD (about AD46 through 96). All things (...every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realm in Christ...) concerning the heavens and Earth have been introduced, explained, and proven accurate for mankind to adjust his priorities and turn to their

God. Using contemporary historians was God's way of ensuring that we could trust His written Scriptures, and more so, the New Covenant of Jesus in any culture or any era, until He returns to meet His Kingdom in the air and Judgement take place. There, as Dr. Paul here reveals, is nothing not completely, accurately, and clearly revealed by God for His 'Chosen Sonship' to discern about His "Plan" for their eternal salvation? T/F \_\_\_\_

7. Dr. Paul comes to the last (fifth) point of his declaration about the starting thinking and purpose of God's remarkable "Plan for the Salvation" of His creation. He does not plan to continue the universe as it is but will remove it at the completion of this age (the age of Jesus' Kingdom) and begin the eternal age for His creation, if and for whomever has reformed to His New Covenant Way. Dr. Paul has, so far, given a clear picture of: God's 'chosen', as He has designed them, of what 'Sonship' is by God's standard, of the 'Redemption' method He has designed, of how He has made the Mystery (the method of forgiveness for all was completed by God) now known to all by Jesus' work and sacrifice for us, and now, in conclusion that those of all races, cultures, and eras that submit to His Will and pleasure in 'the Faith' of Jesus' Kingdom, will be "Heirs" to His eternal home with Him. This is no minor point, as your eternity is out of our reach. You have zero power to design or provide an eternal solution after your death. This makes this part of God's designed "Plan" an exceptional inclusion that ought to motivate folks to carefully consider. First, did God actually design a 'Plan' that provides such an incredible solution to our limited time of existence (120 years is not much)! 2ndly, has He designed and clearly explained how you and I may



receive the benefit of that 'Plan', and 3<sup>rd</sup>, can you depend upon His "Word" and "Power" to give us what He has promised to give in Jesus' New Covenant? Being an 'heir' to His eternal Kingdom is, obviously, a marvelous gift. Dr. Paul, as an Apostle of Jesus, has proven over many years of submission to Jesus as reported in contemporary history, that he is a trustworthy Ambassador of Jesus and the confirming miraculous actions by him could have only come from the living God, thus, his written Word, since he claims It is given him from the Holy Spirit, can only be "True"! This by all evidence that confirms its 'Truth', means God has declared that we can become an "Heir" to His promised eternal home! This is a remarkable and wonderful conclusion to this "Declaration (in five parts) of God's 'Plan for mankind's Salvation'", which only He has the ability to design and power to provide? T/F \_\_\_\_

8. Dr. Paul, then, begins to further explain the inclusion of those that He designed as "Heirs". Dr. Paul uses six pronouns in this Text to explain who is an "Heir". 'We', 'You', 'Your', and 'Our' are used. But, they do not always refer to the same folks. The first 'We' is used by him to explain that 'all' of those that are "Heirs" had been established by God's design and not by some man-made philosophy. It is and aorist tense and is a passive mood in Greek. Since most languages do not have an aorist tense (a point action that has begun at a specific past point in time) in their language, it takes a moment of thought to decide its meaning. It means that God in His design decided at a specific spot to include in His "Plan for the Salvation of mankind" a place for this idea in the 'Plan'. It did not happen later, nor did He add it as time went

on. Also, the verb is in the 'passive' mood, which indicates the same thing. God determined it not someone else. Those, thus, that are in 'Sonship' were designed by God to be "Heirs" eternally by Him. They had nothing to do with the "Plan for Salvation", as He is the only Designer.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 'We' does not refer to 'all' the 'Heirs', but in the context of the explanation, this 'we' is referring to a specific group. Dr. Paul is a member of this specific group, as he says 'we'. They had hope from God for many centuries and they were those that believed and lived in accord with God's prophetic announcements of the coming Messiah and His Kingdom. These announcements by God are revealed in the Scriptures by inspired writers (holy men and prophets), which cover thousands of years. The word used here-Christ- is Greek for the Jewish word-Messiah. Thus, Dr. Paul is describing Jewish believers in the coming Christ when he uses 'we' here. Also, the word 'before' indicates it is the Jews over many years who hoped for that Messiah's coming, as God through His prophets and His Word (Scriptures) announced. They developed many ideas about that coming, until He came (Jesus) and revealed the Truth of the Mystery of the Good News.

Next, Dr. Paul uses the pronoun-you-, as he describes the Gentiles (all other tribes outside of the Jews) inclusion by God's "Plan of Salvation". He says that they 'also' ultimately heard the same Truth that the Jews had received, but it included the Good News. The Gentiles were suppose to have heard about the coming of the Messiah and His Kingdom through the Jews but it was seldom done (yet that expectation is found in the Scriptures in several Prophet's Writings). They had had the Message of Jesus, as their

Messiah, revealed by men like Dr. Paul, because God had designed centuries before in Eternity (prior to anything being created by God “speaking” things into existence), that Gentiles would be included among the “Heirs”. So, Dr. Paul, here, uses the pronouns-‘you’ and ‘your’ to mean the Gentile nations. He says that since these “Chosen” (by their own decisions, they ‘chose’ to comply with God’s Plan and not that they were pre-chosen, as some still profess in error), now, do choose to do so, they are among His “Heirs”. He says that they, that has been persuaded about Jesus as the Christ, and because of their willingness, hungrily to be in His Kingdom, have been sealed by the Holy Spirit (This is exactly what Prof. Peter by inspiration of the Holy Spirit taught in Dr. Luke’s 2<sup>nd</sup> contemporary history in his 2nd Thought in the 1<sup>st</sup> Message spoken to willing devout Jews in the Temple at Jerusalem on Pentecost, AD30, May 28<sup>th</sup>.) That ‘sealing’ was done by God in His eternal ‘Plan’, as He ‘transfers’ all genuine disciples into Jesus’ Kingdom. That ‘sealing’ is God’s guarantee that nothing can deprive these ‘Chosen’ from His eternal promise of being an ‘Heir’! Once they have allowed themselves to be immersed in water with a willingness to reform their minds and lives to Jesus’ new Way, God sees their genuine response and adds them to Jesus’ Kingdom with the addition of the guarantee of eternity with Him by the ‘seal’ of the Holy Spirit.

He uses one more ‘pronoun’ -Our- to conclude this description of who God designed, in eternity before any creating, to be His “Heir”. Yes, many rejected God’s “Plan of Salvation” through the centuries. But He from the beginning of creation has given solid, clear, and accurate reasons for them to

comply, submit, and obey His Way (while waiting the Messiah's arrival) and not their own ideas. Now (in Dr. Paul's time), God had revealed, what was and is His final, complete, new Way, the New Covenant of Jesus. In this wonderful Writing, inspired by God, in AD 61ish, He has for 'all' tribes, cultures, and people revealed His eternal "Plan" for their salvation, if they will reform and comply with what pleases Him.

This last part of God's "Plan of Salvation" had always included the Gentile nations as 'Heirs', but only in the New Covenant times (began in Jerusalem in AD30, when the Holy Spirit inspired Prof. Peter in the 1<sup>st</sup> announcement, and will continue until Jesus returns for His Kingdom) had Jesus announced that they (if they become part of God's 'Chosen') are equal and a part of His Kingdom. The five pronouns are used to prove that God has always planned and designed for their inclusion (His 'Heirs'. T/F \_\_\_\_

9. He finishes this marvelous explanation of the inheritance of God's 'Heirs' with an exclamation of joy. He refers to all of the 'Heirs' being called as the 'purchased possession'. The living God had designed a "Plan of Salvation" for the created human family. This concise explanation explaining their inclusion into His eternal realm, is spectacular and a promise for their eternal home. The redemption that was necessary for their salvation was Jesus. He paid the price that was required for their ransom! Dr. Paul ends with a declaration that says God has to be praised for the incredible Splendor He is and the splendor He has! He ought to be praised (Extolled) for His design for many sons and daughter from among the human race, through all centuries? T/F \_\_\_\_

## Dr. Paul's 3<sup>rd</sup> Thought

1. This opening "Declaration" is the necessary and clear beginning to Dr. Paul's presentation to all readers or hearers of this Letter. He is undertaking a presentation of the GREAREST KING AND KINGDOM THAT MANKIND WILL EVER ENCOUNTER AND CAN NEVER PRODUCE. He will proceed to write, step by step, specific aspects of It that God has designed, which are wonderful and clear. He begins in his next 'Thought (3<sup>rd</sup>) with the word, 'Therefore', which indicates to the audience that what he has just finished is clear, accurate, and sure. 'Therefore' says to the audience: "Now, listen to more detail of the 'work' of Splendor for which God deserves, above all other, tremendous "EXTOLING"! This is Dr. Paul's remarkable opening to a great Truth, that all can depend upon (and reform to become)? Y/N \_\_\_\_
2. He turns to their compliance, which they already had achieved. He is aware of the fact that they all had accepted and reformed to 'the Faith'. 'The Faith' is not to be confused with the fact that they all had faith in Jesus and His new Way, but that they, based upon their faith, had learned, evaluated, reformed, and were living, daily in compliance to 'the Faith'. 'The Faith' is a common expression used by most of the special writers of the New Covenant to describe Jesus' New Covenant Teachings or Jesus' system of necessary reforms for those that have agreed to be His Kingdom citizens (Body). In most English interpretations (RSV, KJ, NKJ, NASV, NIV, etc.), you will see a loose interpretation of this explicit phrase. Their error is because of a lack of

belief that there is only “One” called-out group, Jesus’! The New Covenant is clear about this Truth and is the subject of this Letter. Before you finish your study of this Letter, you will see that Jesus (God) designed only “One” specific Kingdom and that there are many ‘reforms’ by mankind to be recognized by God as a part of that ‘chosen sonship’! Each Letter in the New Covenant explains various necessary reforms that are required by God, if one is to be pleasing to Him. An interpretation of this common phrase that says, ‘your faith’, does tremendous damage to what Dr. Paul (as well as many other inspired writers) is saying.

The Greek, also, shows a clear difference between: ‘your faith...’, and ‘the Faith of you all...’. There ‘must’ be a distinct recognition of the “definite article” every time one is used in Greek, which is not significant in English. That is very frequently not seen in any group interpretation. This phrase, used by Dr. Paul, has a “definite article”, thus, ‘your faith’ is a poor rendering and is due to English scholars being affected by their religious views instead of just reporting the Greek, as it reads. It is clear that Dr. Paul is about to discuss with the audience, ‘the Faith’, as the system of Jesus’ Kingdom. The Greek says, “...’the Faith’ of you all’. Which was Jesus’ designed system of the New Covenant, covering multiple areas of the Kingdom. He is aware of their compliance to this new Way of Jesus’ Kingdom. A person first hears about Jesus, His life and Teachings, then by recognition of their sins against God’s Ways, then, they are in great remorse or grief due to their obvious condemnation by Him. That response in them causes them to have repentance over their situation (actually, repenting is great remorse for

some ugly situation affecting anyone). As that deeply grieved person seeks help, they are informed that God requires them to be willing to 'reform' to His new Way, which is based upon pleasing whatever God requires them to 'do'. Jesus is to be the new center of their life and mind, while they are alive upon the Earth. Yes, it is Jesus and 'faith' in Him that will save each soul, and if the soul agrees to reform to His new Way and is immersed, God: 1) adds him to Jesus' Kingdom, 2) forgives all of his old sins, 3) provides the 'seal' of the Holy Spirit as an initial guarantee of their inheritance of eternity, and He begins to teach them what God expects them to reform in their lives to please Him. They learn: 1) that the Apostles Teachings are their only correct, accepted, and given from Jesus directions to be acceptable as a member of Jesus' Kingdom, 2) exactly what 'koine' in Jesus' Kingdom is, 3) they are taught the correct, expected, way is to honor Jesus by the weekly, group partaking of the 'Lord's Supper in His memory until He returns, and 4) what and to Whom they are, now, expected by God to direct their prayers. Very few new converts to Jesus' new Way understand these essential things that God reveals they must reform in their thoughts and actions to please Him. These are the first four areas mentioned in the first congregation in Jerusalem in Dr. Luke's 2<sup>nd</sup> contemporary history in his 2<sup>nd</sup> Thought and verified in several other parts of the written New Covenant. These are some of the "Reforms" expected by Jesus, thus, He has a 'system' by which, each disciple or member of His Kingdom is to perform as a part of His Body, all the days of their lives in honor, obedience, and love of their God. This is 'the Faith' Dr. Paul is referring too, here, which these are all complying to, so that Jesus is

honored, praised, and glorified by their lives. God is not in chaos, nor is He disorganized, nor scattered in any way, and this new Way does reveal a systematic group of special 'reforms' that please Him. So, these saints, who are part of Jesus' called-out group practice the necessities of 'the Faith' that please God and are completely, accurately, and clearly part of Jesus' Kingdom's New Covenant in any era, tribe, or culture, until He returns for It? Y/N \_\_\_\_

NOTE:

It might be important for you to review the many uses of the Greek phrase: 'the Faith' throughout the New Covenant. Your interpretation of that Greek in your favorite new testament is frequently wrong. Compare them with this translation and you will see the difference.

How the phrase is used in context is essential to understanding its meaning. The 'system' Jesus has designed for every member of His Kingdom is essential to glorify Him and to maintain the expected "UNITY" He prayed about in the upper room revealed in Prof. John's contemporary history in his 17<sup>th</sup> Thought.

If you take a look at Dr. Luke's 2<sup>nd</sup> contemporary history, and in his 2<sup>nd</sup> Thought, you will see Prof. Peter's first spoken Holy Spirit controlled Message of Jesus' Good News. The response to it was also given. It was about two minutes long and several thousand were 'stabbed in their hearts', because they were aware that they had been involved with the murder of God's Son, Jesus, Who was their expected Messiah! They wanted relief of their sin



against God, so they shouted-out to the Apostles among them, “What will we do?”. This is them, “Repenting” (great remorse or grief for their sin against God)! Your interpretations all say that Peter (under the Holy Spirit’s control) said that they need to ‘Repent’, but they already had! Did he really say ‘repent’? No! He said something altogether different, if you look at the Greek. There are two Greek words that your interpretations say in English is ‘repent’. Those two words are: metamelomai and metanoeo. Metamelomai is only used a couple of times and is best defined in Prof. Matthew’s contemporary history in his 7<sup>th</sup> Thought [27:3], where he reveals what Judas did after Jesus was murdered. He ‘metamelomai’ed’ or repented because of his involvement with Jesus’ murder. But, then, he hung himself! He did not ‘metanoeo’! He had great remorse or grief (as did those in Dr. Luke’s 2<sup>nd</sup> history in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thought), but he committed suicide. He did not ‘metanoeo. ‘Metanoeo’ is used many times by the Holy Spirit in the New Covenant. John the immerser and Jesus used it frequently to explain that folks must ‘reform’. Yes, they needed to repent, but their emphasis was upon reforming to Jesus’ new Way. They do not mean the same thing! The only correct ‘translation’ is ‘reform’ for ‘metanoeo’ (as a few used in their translations: William Tyndale, Alexander Campbell, Robert Young and Hugo McCord). ‘Reform’ inherently has a willingness of the doer in the Greek word, and has a completeness of mind and life by the doer, too. If this is accurate, then, Prof. Peter said, “All of you must willingly ‘reform’ your minds and lives and each of you must allow yourself to be immersed in the Name of Jesus (in His ultimate authority), so that your sins might be forgiven...”, this agrees with the fact

that they had already 'repented' and that God now requires them to be willing to 'reform' (mind and lives). To what are they to 'reform'?? As you read on about these folk's conversion, you will see that there were four immediate requirements expected of each one of them by Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and God. Does this not say that there is more than saying you believe in Jesus, as a requirement by God? One must have a New Covenant definition of all necessary things to 'reform', to please Him. If you say to God, Who speaks "only" (today) through His written New Covenant, "NO!", "I will not 'reform' to this, but do it my way, or as my denomination teaches!" Do you think God continues to recognize you as a part of Jesus' Kingdom? So, 'the Faith' is just one of the accepted ways of expressing Jesus' New Covenant new Way.

3. Because of the two mention facts, Dr. Paul says that he continually prays for them all (Too, they disclose the constant interaction by Dr. Paul with saints and congregations, everywhere.). In reading this, it can be noted that Dr. Paul has a daily long list of people and various important items that he brings to the Father, which His providential and miraculous assistance will affect. God knows before the prayer is made, exactly what can and will happen, yet He works with His saints and the world, as they do not know. Prayer is the link He has revealed that ties the Body to He and His Grace. He wants us to feel this effect for our encouragement and our exhortation? Y/N \_\_\_\_
4. He, here, adds a stunning praise to God our Father, which continues to reinforce his theme of how remarkable our Father is. He does not have to remind this audience that God is the Father of our glorious Lord Jesus Christ,

but he does to emphasize that He is our 'glorious' Father, to Whom He prays often? Y/N \_\_\_\_

5. Dr. Paul tells the audience of three areas he specifically ask God our Father to ensure these brethren receive help: 1) He ask God the Father (Dr. Paul never in his Writings ask God the Son, nor God the Holy Spirit, only God the Father) to give them all a 'spirit of wisdom', which indicates that God can provide direct information to these folks, such that, they through learning and discerning, if and as, they desire and require, can be wise in the way they use and handle that knowledge. Knowledge is seldom of any use if the one receiving it does not develop an understanding of it and its worth. Wisdom is, then, seen actively lived, spoken, and motivating a person in their activity and manner. Obviously, this 'wisdom' is wisdom from God for a person's spiritual (Jesus' likeness) development and growth. He is little concerned or involved with a person's growth and development in the world's way (only as such involvement has effects upon His children and His goals). It needs to be remembered that in this 1<sup>st</sup> century (AD30-100-about) of the Holy Spirit's directing and guiding the leadership of Jesus' Kingdom, He could 'inspire' as many locally as He felt He needed to provide instructions from Jesus' Throne in eternity (heaven). Thus, Dr. Paul, both a special receiver of that involvement and direction from the Spirit, and one of the few (Only thirteen men-Apostles-were given the position, authority, and blessing of being allowed by Jesus to 'pass-on' to others the same gifts they had [these 13 were not able to pass on their ability to 'lay on hands', which would have allowed others to 'pass on' these special confirming heavenly powers]. God

used these gifts to confirm that what they were saying, and teaching, was authorized by Him. If the Christians began to slip or error, He would cut their powers off, as He did the 9 training Apostles that could not heal the epileptic child, due to their 'faith' becoming weak. Only the original 13 had such power, ensuring that that ability would die off, as the Holy Spirit provided the preserved "Word of God" [Jesus' New Covenant], which He wrote through special men to confirm and explain Jesus and His Kingdom until His return. Every effort by men to remove God's Word [His only authority on Earth] from Earth has been folly, and they have tried many times.) of these Apostles that had been given by Jesus' design, power, and authority. It required the laying-on of the hands (physically) for the Prophets, Evangelist, and Elders to receive this special blessing. Also, many members of the called-out group across many congregations (as the Apostles passed through), received this gift of the Spirit to assist in congregational development. Confirming the Good News of Jesus and the establishing of the Kingdom locally, both, needed, initially, the instructions given to be: accurate, complete, and applicable to local needs of the saints, which only the Holy Spirit could know and assist in giving right and unified knowledge. Obviously, it is reasonable that after a time, many grew to be able to be wise in God's new Way and the work of the Holy Spirit would be more of a 'watcher' to ensure the correctness of their presentation. Even then, He would not stop error and false teaching, if, someone was determined to teach it. So, praying for 'wisdom', during this time, would seem appropriate for God the Father to keep the receivers of these gifts from wrong teaching and directions (or

correction), 2) He asked God the Father to give them 'revelation', which was the Teaching needed to assist these recipients with various instructions from the Throne of Jesus by the Holy Spirit, so that right information was obtained by those in the various congregations to assist those in the congregations . That 'revelation' was Dr. Paul's prayer for his audience of this Letter. All of these 'revelations' would produce 'unity' of the called-out group across the world, as their talk, actions, mind, and motives would be Jesus-like. The Holy Spirit, because He is also God, had the power, knowledge, and wisdom to provide direction, information and guide in many different parts for immediate needs or long-term direction. Each person or congregation might have many specific needs, and to ensure "Unity' in Jesus' Kingdom, they would receive information from Him, as needed. In AD 46ish, He began the Instructions in print (This is the beginning of the writing of the New Covenant, which, as prophesied, will be Jesus' Kingdom's Instruction. It was in various parts (Letters, Notes, and Treatises) by various 'inspired' writers and took about 50 years to write. The Holy Spirit saw to these Writings being preserved, so They could and would be available to all mankind and Jesus' Body, until He returns at 'times' end. So, 'Revelation' was for the first 15 or so years, only 'oral', directly entirely by the Holy Spirit. Then, for the next 50ish years (AD46-96) both 'oral' and 'written' New Covenant instruction was 'revealed' from the Spirit. As the Apostles died-off, or had been murdered, the completed New Covenant was being circulated and translated to confirm the events of the 1<sup>st</sup> century for all readers and hearers to have to confirm the Truth about Jesus' coming (as prophesied for centuries) and His "Plan" for

the efforts and actions of His Kingdom (in “Unity”), until He returns at ‘times’ end. The ‘Revelation’ spoken of, here, by Dr. Paul, are both ‘oral’ and ‘written’, as he wrote this Treatise in about AD61, while under ‘House Arrest’ in Rome, and after he has already written 8 other Letters, that would be preserved as ‘parts’ of Jesus’ new Way, as explained ‘part by part’, until the last ‘part’-the Apocalypse of Jesus was revealed by the Holy Spirit to Prof. John. The Holy Spirit worked through, both, ‘oral’ (direct inspiration to brethren) and ‘written’ instruction (inspired, exact, correct Teaching in complete agreement with all that was given ‘orally’) for about 50 years. Various ‘parts’ of the New Covenant were being received as needed in Congregations in both, and were being distributed (both oral and written) throughout the Kingdom. Thus, “Unity” was being maintained by the Holy Spirit, as Dr. Paul in his 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter [It is commonly called 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians in religious circles.], declared in AD55ish five different time: confirming that he taught the exact same things about the New Covenant of Jesus (and Jesus) in each and every congregation, over those years (he began his evangelizing in AD36ish in Damascus). He, in this inspired Letter, is not referring to the “Good News’ of Jesus’ coming, but specific Teachings from Jesus about specific things He expects brethren to agree to observe in His Kingdom, until He returns (not just in Corinth, which is why he said he had always taught the same things). Dr. Paul’s obvious concern for praying these two things, is that both require one specific ‘Guide’. That ‘Guide’ was Jesus’ new Way, as only He designed Truth. So, his praying for their ‘wisdom’ and ‘revelation’ would be based upon God giving them “full understanding”. This Greek word

is often used in Jesus' New Covenant. It is: epignosko. The preposition 'epi' is added to the Greek word 'gnosko. Understanding something with this new word means to have 'full' or 'complete' understanding, while 'understanding' something might not include all one can understand about a subject under evaluation. To have "full understanding" is to have come to a point where you have a complete understanding of a subject, indicating God had a 'Design' for His Kingdom, in which, all His children can come to a complete, equal, exact, conclusion of His "Design". This means that the Kingdom ought to be able to be 'Unified' by a specific measurement, but only by the 'One' given from Jesus' Throne. This is Dr. Paul's prayer, that all their 'wisdom' and 'revelation' will be compared and exactly as His "full understanding" says and has designed. If they base their wisdom or revelation on anything else, it will not be on God's given 'full understanding' and unacceptable? T/F \_\_\_\_

6. Dr. Paul, now, uses a very interesting phrase, that is not used any other place in Jesus' New Covenant. He says, "...having been enlightened, the eyes of all of your hearts". This is an 'perfect tense' Greek verb, which always is a past tense beginning at some point and continuing until the present. This is difficult to translate into English. This declaration by Dr. Paul is not subjective, as the NIV stated in Its interpretation, but rather is a 'now' indicator of how Dr. Paul sees their hearts presently after being enlightened earlier in their commitment to reform to all Jesus instructs. Our translation seems to define clearly what Dr. Paul is saying, in that, he is making a parallel statement to, "...from a 'full understanding' of Him", because these two issues, then, cause the christian to come to a single conclusion, "...unto

[causing] you [p] to know:..." . The Greek word used is 'oida' as an infinitive (translated in English-to know). 'Oida' is fact, not, subjective knowing for ones imperfect understanding. It is always uses as 'fact' or learned 'fact(s)' that lead to exact Truth. Thus, he is saying that God's 'full understanding' and that the eyes (to see clearly) of their enlighten hearts, can see the exact facts God has revealed for His Kingdom. Since all things concerning His pre-creation design of His "Plan" (Dr. Paul's first 'Thought" defines that specific "Plan"), which was a Mystery to mankind an angels, have now been revealed (to and through His Kingdom citizens since the first lesson at Jerusalem in AD30), to many brethren, over those years and had become, from their hearts and God's full revelation, a spiritual impact to the point of them knowing the 'fact(s)' He planned for them to understand. Dr. Paul in this prayer is relating to his audience that this is what he prays for them? Y/N \_\_\_\_

7. Though this idea is a little difficult to assess, Dr. Paul, here, clears thing, further. He is, now, going to list three specific areas of Jesus' New Covenant, he wants them to receive God's help to hold to strongly and accurately. They must, by His revealed 'full understanding' and their correct enlightenment, have these facts in their hearts: 1) they have a clear and accurate understanding of the 'hope' God declares in His calling of all souls to submit to in His new Way. There is only 'one' accurate 'calling' by God, which He consistently has evangelized, and they ought all to be heralding It, 2) If you have that 'hope', then, you ought to be comforted and energetic, due to your joy and thanks, because of the splendor of the 'inheritance' that only God has the power to deliver, 3) and assured of the 'fact' that He and only He will use



His incredible power for we that have come to Him and submitted to His new Way. Once again, Dr. Paul is grounding his and their practice of 'the Faith' in the living God and the zeal with which they ought to serve Him? T/F \_\_\_\_

8. Dr. Paul, now, continues to emphasize God's unique and magnificent power. Why? Because He has proven that there is no one nor anything that can match His. He picks the two most incredible events that have ever happened in mankind's history to show how much power God has. And both events were for our needs, showing His compassion and design for our good. He begins by saying that God has shown clearly (manifested) His Will and power. We, if we are paying attention, cannot miss the evidence of His Will being displayed in man's history? Y/N \_\_\_\_
9. His first historical event is our most cherished one, if we are students of true history. Man's track of historical events seems to be so impressive, that we are tempted to be in awe of them. Going to Mars, medical breakthroughs, governments being overcome for changes that seem to be good ideas, and many others that are too numerous to mention. These all pale in comparison to the two Dr. Paul is going to mention. Too, they have zero effect on reality, since they seldom last nor do they provide for our real needs. Which of them can explain, define, or guarantee eternal happiness? Can they resurrect anyone from death? Can any man or method explain by proof that they are better or even as good for man as God's "Plan of Salvation for mankind"? He resurrected Jesus after three days dead in a tomb! He had provided a set of proofs for centuries to make the world aware that He was sending them a Messiah! Every description of that Messiah was proven true in the life,

death, resurrection, and coronation of Jesus (not to forget Jesus' Kingdom and Its new Way)! God has, also, provided for mankind since that incredible resurrection. The New Covenant was a contemporary history of many important and necessary explanation about the Messiah (Christ in Greek) -Jesus! It has been a clear, accurate, and complete explanation for mankind to use centuries after the event took place. To attempt to make light of the importance or the accuracy of the events, has proven to be a serious error. The reporters were contemporary with Jesus and His Kingdom in the first 70 Years of It, as Jesus' fame blanketed the world. The confirmation by God of the teaching and evangelizing by Jesus' initial Kingdom, is undeniable to any student. The fact that all of the parts of the New Covenant were prophesied by Jesus and were accurate, because the initial writers all say the identical things about Jesus and His Kingdom. Those Writings (the New Covenant) were circulated throughout the world (They have been found in many parts of the Roman and Arab world in Koine Greek and in languages that translated the entire New Covenant.)! Guess how many historians of the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD ever accused the writers of Jesus life, purpose, or Teaching of any lie in their Text? How many ever produced one piece of historical evidence that proves any part of the New Covenant was in error? The answer is 'none did so'! Also, the Holy Spirit wrote through the writers of the New Covenant to ensure their accuracy. He picked through many writing that He knew were not part of the New Covenant and only used the 27 we still have today. He preserved the Koine Greek Text of each of Them, saw to the distribution, and removed any challenging 'text' to Them! Where are the debater or

challenger to this new Way of Jesus in contemporary times? They do not exist for centuries and there are zero contemporary writers discovered to the New Covenant.

So, when Dr. Paul says that the greatest event in mankind's history was performed by God, he is confident it is accurate, clear, historically verified and proof that God cares deeply for our welfare. The resurrection of Jesus was an incredible event. He's dead, guarded, and completely misunderstood by His own disciples ( How many were at the tomb at six PM, Saturday, waiting for Him to resurrect, which He had explained would happen at least six different times prior to it occurring?), and yet He did resurrect. The reason Jesus resurrected is clear. He had to be murdered by crucifixion, because it had been prophesied several times over many centuries. Also, God's "Plan for mankind's salvation" included it, which had been designed before any 'creating' was begun, God required a blood sacrifice of a perfect man-God to appease God's wrath due to all men sinning or transgressing His Way for them to live and think. Too, the resurrection of Jesus "HAD" to happen because 'death' was brought into the world from the beginning of time, due to sin coming into the world from the beginning. Did Jesus ever do or cause any sin or transgression of God's perfect way to live or think? NO! Not once! Jesus, thus, had to be resurrected, because He had no involvement with sin. God, thus, resurrected Him. You need to remember that no one (from Earth or heaven) was aware of the purpose of Jesus' death. It was only explained by Jesus to the Apostles after the resurrection. (There are a couple of written explanations that touch on the purpose of the

crucifixion but no details.) Then, on Pentecost AD30, by Peter and the other Apostles, the reason was begun to be explained. If the angels and mankind had known the reason before the event was finished, they would not have crucified Him but let Him die of old age. That's the way evil minds work, so God kept it all a "Mystery" until after the resurrection. The resurrection of Jesus was witnessed by Roman soldiers, women and by over 500 disciples of Jesus. That is proof beyond doubt! Remember that among the Jewish Priesthood that opposed Jesus violently, many, over a few years, became part of Jesus' Kingdom, too. This is our most important event in the history of mankind and it is clearly proven as accurate, many ways. It, though, testifies to the remarkable power of the living God, in that, He could perform such a fantastic thing. Could God have had any doubt that Jesus had done every single requirement and in His life, He completely and accurately declared (emulated perfectly) God and the character/nature of God? Yes, these things are all true and valid, yet Dr. Paul says only, here, that God's 'mighty strength' is clearly revealed, when, He resurrected Jesus? T/F \_\_\_\_

10. God not only resurrected Jesus from death, He seated Jesus at the ultimate place of authority and power. He seated Jesus at His 'right side', which is in an equal power position. Jesus, thus, because He had fulfilled all the requirements of the Messiah, while He was on Earth (All of which were given throughout the Old Covenant Scriptures as Jewish prophecies of the coming Messiah and His Kingdom). Since in eternity before any creating was begun, the "Plan for mankind's Salvation" was completely designed and orchestrated of It began, by God the Father, God the Word (Who

transitioned to flesh as Jesus for about 30 years, beginning in 4-6BC) and God the Holy Spirit, Dr. Paul is filling in details of Their “Plan”, as It was done over time. Jesus is now (He actually was given this ultimate place of power in AD30 after His resurrection), ruling with complete authority over all things?  
Y/N \_\_\_\_

11. As Dr. Paul is continuing to “Extol” God’s Splendor, he illustrates the authority, power, and position God, deservingly, gave Jesus! He uses the phrase, “far above” to help the reader or hearer to understand Jesus’ supreme place in the control and government of all actions in heaven and Earth. The list of 5 areas of Jesus’ ultimate and supreme power cover every kind of authority and power of the “Creation” and include the coming, or next phase of the “Creation’s” journey to God’s eternal home with Him, “...but also in the world to come;...”. Jesus’ authority, power, and position are above all things and any person or personage of our creation, and equal to the Father (as well as the Holy Spirit)? Y/N \_\_\_\_

12. Dr. Paul continues his list concerning Jesus’ place. He has mentioned and defined two incredible things about Jesus, and now says, “...He (God) has placed ‘all’ things under Jesus’ authority...”, which leaves out nothing! Jesus is in complete control, which the Father has given to Him in complete confidence and agreement. There is no decision about anything requiring God’s supreme level of wisdom, knowledge, or understanding concerning the heavenly or worldly decisions that Jesus does not control or act upon, for His pleasure or needs of His “Plan”, Thus, this means anything and everything?  
Y/N \_\_\_\_

13. The fourth thing Dr. Paul mentions that is part of “everything”, is Jesus’ position, authority, and power over, and concerning, His Kingdom or called-out group (in any age or decision as to Its actions). Jesus is Its only HEAD! No one has any power of decisions about His called-out group (His Kingdom), as He is the Only HEAD! It, thus, is clear that any decision about doctrine, actions, living style or matters concerning His Kingdom, must only come from Him. Even during the early establishment of Jesus’ Kingdom upon Earth by the inspired Apostles, He had challenges to His authority, as is reported in His New Covenant (which covered the first 70 years of the spread of His Kingdom in the Roman Empire-AD30-96ish). It is clear that these Apostles were the only correct sources of Jesus’ new Way, and had His authority to confront any errors, false doctrines, or philosophies/traditions of their cultures, that new converts might and likely would attempt to bring into His Kingdom. Jesus by the Holy Spirit dictated the information to the new citizens of His Kingdom; every essential detail of His Kingdom’s new Way. It was an unknown Way, that mankind had never (nor has yet) been able to equal. His new Way is beyond man’s ability to discern or achieve in government nor in interaction among folks. This new Way is uniquely, only, His Way! His Kingdom responds only, completely and exactly as He has defined It to be. He is Its only HEAD, and He had not given any directives for mankind to split, redefine, or organize groupings, in which He and His already given doctrines for His Kingdom are being contrasted or redefined. His new Way is His ‘only’ accepted Way to please Him! That is: Jesus, as the only HEAD of His Kingdom, being emphasized, so that when we are

considering our ideas or being coerced by men to their ideas, we have the 'one' Way that produces the correct "Unity" Jesus' New Covenant expects. No one has any authority over His Kingdom except Him! He has provided and preserved only one correct, complete, and comprehensive Source of His new Way for mankind to utilize for Truth. That Source, as He said, is Only His New Covenant (He gave His blood for It to be established!!) He is still the HEAD, ruling from and in heaven, over His Kingdom, and as all the inspired writers have been dead for many years, Jesus, as the all-knowing God He is, having already "Planned" for the New Covenant to be provided for those of mankind that come to know, love, and obey Him, after the writers departing, He saw to Its (the New Covenant) being written and preserved (Ad46-96) for mankind's use, until He returns. The only correct Way to show your dedication to Him after their death is to stay in "Unity" with His Kingdom's new Way through His Word. It is His only source of Truth on Earth, until He returns. As the HEAD, He, then, will be able to keep you in His Kingdom and not take away your Grace, because of your non-compliance to His Will?

T/F \_\_\_\_

14. This Head is over His Kingdom and is involved with their actions and lives. In fact their actions and lives are here called 'His Body'! A 'body' acts as the Head wants in real life, exactly as it wants. Jesus' Body, thus, will represent and act exactly as He expects It too! As one examines the "Body" life in the first century AD, as revealed in the New Covenant, you cannot miss the exact likeness It had to Jesus Himself. Yes, there were some errors and false teachers, but direct and appropriate actions, commanded by Jesus from His

Throne eliminated them all. He expected, demanded, and explained their errors clearly and the reforms by most folks happened. Thus the “Unity” Jesus expected in His Kingdom was maintained. This remains true for all the early congregations planted over the reported about 70 years. Their “Unity” was not mental, but explicit, in that they each were in compliance with Jesus’ expectations of His Kingdom. Several in the New Covenant, had various problems, due to bad leadership. Yet, Jesus worked in those congregations to correct their errors. In correcting them, He also provided the exact information for later congregations and leaders to hold as accurate for compliance to His new Way (His Will). The Body of Jesus is, until He returns, expected to be an equal, accurate expression of Who He is. Their only guide and Source of Truth is Jesus’ Word (the New Covenant), which Jesus had taught by Apostles and Prophets, as they were perfectly and completely directed by the Holy Spirit. After their deaths, Jesus provided and preserved His New Covenant for the continuing developing and correct, equal new Way of the first years. His Body will continue, by those Teachings, as His acting representative, until He returns and time stops. So, Jesus is not only the HEAD, as: all, complete authority, and power; He is HEAD of His Body in its actions as He dictates for it to do, just as each person does his body? Y/N \_\_\_\_

15. Dr. Paul, also, in his explaining of Jesus as the HEAD, continues in that explanation about Jesus’ Body, the called-out group, saying that they are not just His Body, but that they express His fullness. They have Jesus’ love and concern for the eternity of all mankind, which they never relent and confront



souls about (as He did and the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD Body). Their motives are exactly as Jesus' are, in that, His Body (the called-out group) sacrifices anything they can to assist people to consider and accept Jesus' new Way. The idea of, "...the fullness of Him...", is that they have sacrificed or reformed their time, talent, and old ways to be concerned, and involved, even subjected to the most important thing in Jesus' life upon Earth: the souls of people. Their "fullness" has to involve their reforms to Jesus' likeness, which is expected of them. And the time they take to achieve it. Too, the Source of their likeness to Jesus, has to only be His and not man's uninspired ideas or teachings. His New Covenant is the only correct Source of His Word, today. It, if studied completely and accurately, will make Jesus' 'fullness' seeable in All those that are dedicated to be His Body. If you only give Him 10 minutes a day, you will be affected by the other 23 hours and 50 minutes teachers. 'Fullness' in the New Covenant is ultimately expressed in Jesus sacrificing His life for undeserving souls. His 'Body' has to develop themselves to this level of genuine Jesus-likeness to be Him in "Fullness", no matter the cost to the Body, personally? Y/N \_\_\_\_

16. Dr. Paul concludes this declaration of Jesus' appointment by God, and of Jesus' expectations, with the idea, "...Who fills all in all.". He is saying that Jesus by His authority, knowledge, and wisdom, which are superior in every area of reality over anything man has designed or thought, are also, within His 'power'! Jesus has provided "all things that are necessary" for His Kingdom to understand. They lacked nothing. He finishes by saying that this is made available to 'everyone' in His Kingdom (His Body). Thus, if they see

they are lacking anything or suspect this is true, they hungrily, zealously need to reform to Jesus' correct new Way, as it is all available to them? Y/N \_\_\_\_

17. Dr. Paul, now, begins to help these christians to see the clear line, between their past lives and now. He uses the factual and clear historical event- Jesus' intervention into the world, as the reason for their correction of their lives. He refers to the transgressions and sins again God and His Standards, which they all now understood were accurate. He says that they all "walked" in them prior to their introduction to Jesus and His "Plan" for mankind's reconciliation to God. God's mercy and Grace only come through Jesus and their accurate and complete subjection to Jesus' authority, power, and His new Way, which they have all dedicated themselves to be reformed for Jesus' glory, praise, and honor. He is going to use the word 'walk' six times in the remainder of this Letter to emphasize aspects of their 'walk' with God by His new Way? Y/N \_\_\_\_

18. He says that their past 'walk' was determined by two major powers tempting and overpowering their ability to make a correct decision. He calls the first tempting power-the course of the world! The world's directions for life in all cultures and governments is never correct. They cannot be! Their interest is for successful control of as many folks as they can and power enough to keep control of them. None of that kind of effort, no matter the level of good treatment to the people in them, has any ability to save folks from God's wrath, nor is able to provide His promised eternal home. Thus the 'course' of the world, in any generation, is an act of evil against God and His Way?

Y/N \_\_\_\_

19. Dr. Paul explains the second major problem that affects all people in any era or culture. He calls him-the prince of the power of the air! This is a definition of the first 'fallen angel' that rejected God's Way, after angels were created. This was prior to any other beings or things being created by God. He is not a god nor in any way equal to God. He, as are all angels, is eternal and has superior gifts to any man. He, as is allowed by God, has influence over all people and cultures. Any and all sin, is begun by his temptations. It is our own desires, lust, and self-indulgences that cause us to be sinners against God and His Way. He, the devil (or satan) will have his power until 'time' is stopped by God and, then, he will receive his eternal fate. God has, by His design and Plan, always had a remedy to his influence and our falling into sin. Jesus always was and is the answer to man's mistakes against God's Way. Any person, like this audience he writes too, can love Jesus enough to submit to His new Way, which allows God to continually forgive any error which any New Covenant doer might fall into? Y/N \_\_\_\_
20. He appears to call these two, evil elements, that are very powerful, but not against Jesus. He refers to their double actions and effects as-the spirit. Combined, they use to have a controlling effect upon these brethren (and all christians) and still did against brethren that became disobedient to God's confirmed reality for all to see-Jesus and His new Way. It was a very difficult time in their lives, before the Good News of Jesus was evangelized to them and confirmed as being accurate by God's intervention. Dr. Paul discloses that it cannot be denied that at one time in the past, all of them and he, were under these controls and indulged 'our' fleshly desires (God holds each

person responsible for their actions and decisions.)? Y/N \_\_\_\_

21. He uses three statements to describe our sins brought on by the two evil tempters: 1) He says that the cravings of our flesh controlled their sin, 2) He declares that their minds, also, made them make decisions and actions against God, 3) He, then, states that their customs of their cultures and governments, caused them to be under evil persuasions and life styles against God and His Way? Y/N \_\_\_\_
22. Now Dr. Paul confirms the Good News! God, in His design of that Good News, has two wonderful motives for His designed special "Plan": 1) He is so incredibly merciful by nature. Mankind, by its rejection and manipulation of His glory, status, and salvation, deserves no kind of consideration by Him. Their constant rejection and reduction of His Greatness, prove they are almost senile, as far as being able or interested in anything He says or shows them about life's purposes. The 'riches' of His mercy toward mankind, thus, are beyond mankind's reasoning, yet He has extended it to all of them since the beginning of creation. The humility folks ought to have toward Him, because of His merciful actions, are the common response Christians reflect in their lives, daily, 2) His mercy is such a rich action toward all mankind, because of the Love He feels toward us. No person has ever displayed anywhere near His level or His ability to Love. We barely understand It. God's Love is clearly displayed and given, mercifully to all people. He created them! He knows their every thought! He knows their every action! He even knows their destiny! But among the billions of souls, some will respond correctly to His offer of reconciliation and salvation, which is enough for Him

to offer His mercy and love to each person. What a wonderful God He is?

Y/N \_\_\_\_

23. He says that 'even' though we all are dead in our trespasses against He and all He stands for, He loves us all. He actually says that we 'were' dead, meaning that our past lives outside of Jesus' Kingdom new Way, had caused God to render His 'verdict' of guilty! We would have lost our place in His "Plan" for our magnificent eternity with Him, and received our deserved judgement? T/F \_\_\_\_
24. God, Dr. Paul declares, by the design and announcement of the Good News of Jesus, has made us "Alive"! This 'alive' is not living as the world lives but as God 'designed' Jesus Kingdom to live while upon the Earth, so that, He can, by His ultimate power, place us 'alive' with Him for eternity? Y/N \_\_\_\_
25. We are, says Dr. Paul, already "Alive" in God's mind, due to their correct worship and service during their time upon Earth! These have God's promise and His guarantee! He uses, then, the word 'together'. Every Christian (by Jesus' new Way and is in accord with It) has this wonderful future and eternity ahead of them. They ought to draw strength and zeal to be steadfast, if they are certain that God's promise will not be removed, changed, or redefined. It is without doubt, theirs? Y/N \_\_\_\_
26. The "Plan" developed in eternity by God before any creating began, had one central element, which God knew would be required before mankind can be reconciled to Him. Jesus had to come and obediently fulfill all the requirements that were established for the Messiah (Hebrew word for Christ) to do. Those requirements were written and announced by Prophets

throughout the 1400+ years of the Old Covenant Scriptures (Moses started those Writings, reporting, also, much from God about events, people, and God's interventions/announcements, prior to Moses' time upon Earth.) Jesus was sent from God (He was 'the Word') at the correct time in history in flesh to be tempted, as all mankind is, and be murdered, yet, He was "Sinless", thus, Jesus was God's acceptable blood sacrifice. Jesus had to be resurrected (prophesies said so), but if He was, it means God approved Him as sinless. Death is only due to sin and Jesus being murdered meant He had to be resurrected! God, also, not only approved Jesus' sinless life on Earth by the resurrection, He confirms that Jesus is the only unique One that fulfilled all the given requirements to be mankind's Messiah (or Christ)! Thus, as the only possible Christ, His Kingdom has to be what mankind becomes a citizen of, as, all other kingdoms are false and inferior! So, Dr. Paul, here says, "...in Christ..." T/F \_\_\_\_

27. His next statement, "...(you all are by Grace still saved),...", is his reflection on his last verb usage. He (in koine Greek) stated that at a specific point in the past (This is an Aorist tense in Greek, noted by [x]), each of them was made "Alive", as we explained in that Text question. This means that God made each of them "Alive" at the point that they obediently did as Jesus' Kingdom entry required. Because each of them with a genuine decision to reform to anything Jesus required them to be and do, was immersed in water. As you know by now, this is the action (with the correct frame of mind) required by Jesus. Dr. Paul in his Letter to the Colossians in his 4<sup>th</sup> Thought declares that each immersed person is "co-buried" and then "co-raised" with Christ Jesus

as their co-buried partner. He provides more understanding of the purpose for being immersed in that reminder to the congregation. And, in his Letter to the Roman congregation in his 5<sup>th</sup> Thought, further renders information concerning the action of being “co-immersed” with Christ, which is when God removes all their past sins (adding or transferring the correctly immersed person into Jesus Kingdom), such that the immersed one is now clean and to live by the reforms of Jesus Kingdom as Jesus designed.

This ‘parenthesis’ is to assure them that he knows that they are ‘still’ in that forgiven, saved, transferred condition. Too, it is God’s Grace that continues to save them? Y/N \_\_\_\_

28. God’s Grace is extended to His creation because of His great love for His creation and is His other nature-Grace. Grace is not understood by mankind, except as He has shown and taught It. Grace is His nature, as is love. He wants all mankind to be affected by His clear promise and guarantee of eternal bliss with Him. In the world in any era, there are the evils of man’s actions under the tempter’s hate for God. Their lust, egos, and rejection are the motives that control men everywhere. In their state of ‘self’, greed, and horrible thoughts and actions against each other, God can still overcome their ways. He has established His new Way through Jesus as the only acceptable solution for mankind to be reconciled to Him and to be receivers of His undeniable salvation. He interceded into history with His Son, Jesus, to prove beyond any doubt, to all mankind that His love for them reaches into His own soul and ultimate family. Jesus came from Him and allowed men to murder Him. Why did They do this? Because of their

Grace. We do not deserve His Grace, but He still gave It to us. We can do nothing of any greatness to receive It, but still He made It His reality and demonstrated It to us. To say that Grace only means: undeserved merit, is selling It short. God in His Grace goes much further. He purposed, planned, and designed His "Plan" for our salvation before He created a single thing. Thus, all the universe, angels, and events (all controlled by Him) are for mankind's good. His Grace says more: It says, "You all ought to do as I say, because I am the only Truth, and compliance will reward you greatly! If you do not, then, you are responsible for the judgement I have planned for your kind of being for eternity! Don't be foolish! I have revealed that I am the ultimate "Power" and revealed My "Nature" to you all. I have revealed the only correct new Way to be reconciled to Me-Jesus and His New Covenant. I have revealed the magnificent reward for you all, if you respond correctly. Then, I intervened into the history of mankind with My Beloved Son; displayed perfectly for you to evaluate that He is the ultimate gift of Grace. I preserved His historical intervention for all generations to use by contemporary historians of all the essentials of reconciliation and entry into His Kingdom, until He returns to transport His citizens to His eternal Kingdom. No man has ever been anywhere near capable of this kind of Grace. God continues to give It to each member of Jesus' Kingdom throughout their lives in an effort to use up their likeness to Jesus among all those they contact? T/F \_\_\_\_

29. Not only has God's great love for us been seen clearly, even while we were all in trespasses against Him, He brought us to life in His Son, Jesus. They



that live by their love, subjection to His authority and new Way, and together with all others in His Kingdom, God made them 'alive', and to have no more fear of His judgement. This was done by Him when He saw in each one's sincerity and willingness to reform to Jesus' new Way, when they allowed themselves to be immersed. In the water Jesus was co-buried with them and God removed all sins of their past and secured their eternity. They were at that 'transfer' by God made 'alive' to live by the new Way Jesus, He would teach them. Thus, the "Plan" had this second effect upon their lives. Dr. Paul is indicating that they are all still alive in Christ, but is bringing up their conversions in the past. We know this is correct, as he uses an 'aorist' tense verb for 'made us alive'. An aorist tense is a specific point of action in the past, so, what was the equal and same past event they all had, which was where God declared them all (together) to 'be alive', except when each one allowed themselves to be immersed into Christ with a determination to reform to Jesus' New Covenant Kingdom? Y/N \_\_\_\_

30. He, then, makes it clear to them that as they all were once saved by God's Grace, they still are! He uses two verbs to express this present condition: "You all 'are'", is plural, present tense in Greek, indicating that they are and will continue to be. Next, he says they are: "by Grace", thus, the source of whatever their present continual status is, is determined 'by Grace'. He ends with a plural, perfect Greek tense: "still saved" (present action due to or beginning somewhere in the past). He puts this in the Text as a parenthesis to declare they at some point became saved by God's Grace, and they still have His Grace securing their salvation, until Jesus returns?

Y/N \_\_\_\_

31. God did not only make them 'alive', He, also, 'raised all of them up'! Raised them to where, is the question. They were 'raised' to the Kingdom of Jesus. They, by their new-found understanding and convictions, were 'raised' by God to this incredibly high place. They now had security, direction, and God's special attention, while they lived out their lives upon Earth. Being 'raised' by God, also, indicates that they, at the instant that they were all raised, it was 'together', thus, being raised, was at different times, yet, all received the same action from God. What that point had to be, was when each of them was transferred by God into Jesus' Kingdom. That event, by God's power and observation, was at their conversion (when each of them was immersed with an understanding that they were committing to 'reform' their lives and minds to Jesus' new Way, He "added" or 'transferred' them into Jesus' Kingdom. Dr. Paul uses, again, an 'Aorist' tense Greek verb, indicating he is declaring what God did at the beginning of their christian journey. So, God has done two things for them all: 1) made them alive, 2) He raised them? Y/N \_\_\_\_

32. There is a third thing God did at the beginning of their new life in Christ. He 'seated' them all in the heavenly realm in Christ Jesus. So, they all were, by their action at their conversion: 1) made alive (for eternity), 2) raised their status to the highest level, and 3) seated them in Jesus' Kingdom, which is ruled and exemplified from the heavenly realm. He pictures them as being more than saved, they are a royal group by God's decree and their continuing submission to Jesus as King and His Kingdom's new Way. It is,

also, noticeable that Dr. Paul uses the pronoun 'us' five time in this discussion, to say that he, too, is part of this remarkable citizenship of Jesus' Kingdom? Y/N \_\_\_\_

33. There are no doubts in the contemporary histories, provided by God (The Holy Spirit wrote them through special writers), that those across the Roman Empire in the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD that became part of Jesus' Kingdom, were a solid bedrock. The various inspired (and preserved koine Greek Text) 'histories', (27 of them) give a very accurate indicator of them saturating their areas with the Good News of Jesus, over nearly 70 years in any location. That was expected as a part of the "Plan" for the saints to do. The secular histories (of which there are just a few) are, too, a testimony to these christian's service and dedication to their King (Jesus) and His new Way, as they mention much about the unbelievable total commitment to Jesus. They were impressed with their willingness to be killed (murdered) because of their subjection to Him. Then, there is the unexplainable continuation of such commitment to Him for centuries after those early saints were gone. Christians of the 2<sup>nd</sup> century and those after several centuries after the passing of the 1<sup>st</sup> special generation of Jesus' Kingdom, had to use the contemporary historical reports (the New Covenant) for their understanding of His new Way and the examples of the 1<sup>st</sup> generation christian's likeness and zeal for Jesus' Cause (The value and need for mankind that Jesus had and projected clearly.) Their special place in mankind's history, moved many and caused a movement across the Earth, that has not yet been stopped. Dr. Paul, here, tells this 1<sup>st</sup> century AD Body of Christ, that God is

going to use them, which historically is exactly what happened. God, through them, is able to express the immeasurable riches of His Grace, by the 'kindness' He established for all that are in Jesus' Kingdom in the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD. Their correct examples are for all people that become a part of Jesus' Kingdom in any era or culture, such that, they all ought to have His (Jesus') same commitment, direction, and guarantees! Dr. Paul is using this fact as an exhortation to continue in 'the Faith' of Jesus? Y/N \_\_\_\_

34. In Dr. Paul's conversation, here, about the remarkable Grace God has and has given, Dr. Paul had already explained that they had received God's Grace at their entry into Jesus' Kingdom. He gives a quick update of their status at the time of this writing: (in parenthesis) They are 'still by God's Grace saved. Now, he writes more information about God's Grace. It initially saved them, then it 'seated' them all together into a special community of Jesus' Kingdom, and they had over the years, Dr. Paul says, stayed in the correct relationship to Jesus' new Way. This new declaration tells them that this was because of the fact that they kept their faith in Jesus and God. God is keeping them saved by their correct practice, as their practice pleases Him. At the end of this new point, Dr. Paul adds the phrase, "...it is not of yourselves." He means that their salvation does require their obedience to Jesus Plan for the unity of His Kingdom, but their salvation actually comes from God's Grace? Y/N \_\_\_\_

35. He, then, says that their salvation is a "Gift" from God. His character is the greatest expressed Grace possible, and It naturally gives. That Grace gave the most magnificent thing any grace can give: He gave the most

extraordinary thing. He gave eternal salvation to 'flesh'. Humans in particular. They all have an unbelievable "Gift" from their living God: eternal life with Him! That 'gift' is irrevocable, too! It will come. Folks, only need to meet His requirements and the "Gift" will be wonderful. (Remember that because folks are allowed by their Creator to make choices and decisions in their lives, they have to make choices that reform to His standards, or they will still receive eternal life, but not in His company and loving care.) Dr. Paul, in this conversation is not discussing the negative side of the "Gift" but the wonderful side? Y/N \_\_\_\_

36. Since their 'salvation' is God's "Gift" to all mankind that sees, understands, and accepts His terms, they know they cannot purchase, deserve, or do anything to accomplish God giving it to them. He and only He can give such a "Gift" and they by any kind of 'work' they do, cannot give them salvation! Mankind, if they could provide salvation for man, would boast. If a person had the necessary power (or Plan) to give themselves salvation for eternity, they would and could supersede God, but they do not! No 'work' of mankind has the ability to give such a "Gift"! Mankind continually rejects, neglects, adds to, and subtracts instructions that God has given, in attempting to confuse, and to develop their own ideas, yet, foolishly, none of them is able to guarantee eternal life and salvation for eternity for anyone. He has, both, the only power and only nature to achieve mankind's eternal destinies. His "Plan of Salvation for mankind" is eternal, designed well, provided for all mankind to seek and understand, and superior to any attempt of man to redesign, change, or improve. In this Text Dr. Paul has

assured these Ephesians (and any other reader or hearer) that God's kindness in His designed "Plan" for mankind cannot be changed. It is set for eternity. Too, they, that are by faith still maintaining "the Faith" (Jesus' new Way), which is only found accurately, completely, and is named by Jesus, "the New Covenant", know they are receivers of God's "Gift"? Y/N \_\_\_\_

37. Dr. Paul follows with the fact that mankind in no way has a 'work' that gifts salvation to themselves, by saying that, "We are His 'workmanship!'" Every thing about us and our fate for eternity is by Him. There is nothing about us He is not aware of and has not controlled for His Cause. He desires our salvation, but only if we are agreeable to reform to His Will and Way. We are even given the right to choose what we will decide, but only a limited time to decide. He has set that limit at how long you live on Earth (He even has provisions for those conceived that do not get birthed and those too young and immature to make a responsible decision.) God, thus, is the absolute and only Creator of our workmanship. Here, though, Dr. Paul is referring to those folks in Jesus' Kingdom. They, too, have had God's complete involvement and control, so He designed their (as Jesus' Kingdom) lives as He pleased. They are His workmanship? Y/N \_\_\_\_
38. If one, as this audience is, is a Christian, then they are aware that they are co-crucified with Jesus and are to live out their time on Earth practicing Jesus' new Way. Each of them will reform to Jesus' new Way, as He teaches them, so that they can continue to be in His Kingdom. All of the teaching for their reforms come from God. The Holy Spirit gives the necessary reforms to all of them. God determined all of the necessary thoughts and actions for

folks to do from eternity prior to God creating anything or anyone. Thus, all those that accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, are doing God's Will and are His 'workmanship'. No one can boast that they are doing works or have ideas that are accepted by God, if they disagree with the Holy Spirit's Teaching. All correct 'works' are given and explained by God not mankind?  
Y/N \_\_\_\_

39. When someone agrees to reform their life to Jesus' new Way and is immersed in water (where they are co-buried with Jesus), they are at that point expected to subject themselves to Jesus' New Covenant Way of living. Dr. Paul, here, comments that all of his audience had been 'created' at that same point in Christ Jesus. And then says, "...for good works,...". These good works are the ones that God designed in eternity before He created anything or anyone. Christ Jesus was the designed method of God's "Plan" for all mankind to do His good works. Jesus is the only perfect example for His Kingdom and the only Teacher of His Kingdom. He only teaches God's 'good works'. His citizens reform their: talk, actions, thinking, and motives to be like Him? T/F \_\_\_\_

40. Dr. Paul, then confirms that God prepare 'in advance' the good works and that 'we' should "walk" in them. No matter what mankind may say are 'good works', if they are not verified by God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit in His New Covenant, then Jesus' Kingdom must reject them. Our 'walk' must be as Jesus walked and as He explained. He taught Dr. Paul the accurate new Way and he taught other to practice God's works correctly. This audience knows this is Truth? Y/N \_\_\_\_

41. Dr. Paul, now, reflects with the audience to the time in the past, when they lived by 'the flesh, who were called "uncircumcised" by those that had been circumcised in the flesh (Jews). During those years, they had no understanding or knowledge of the Christ (in Hebrew He was called the Messiah). These things were true about them during those years: 1) Israel was a completely foreign country to them, 2) they were stranger and had no knowledge of the Covenants of the Promises of Yahweh (God's Name in Hebrew), 3) they were completely hopeless (without knowledge and understanding of God's wonderful Plan for mankind's salvation, 4) completely godless and in error of Who God is? T/F \_\_\_\_
42. But, now, things have changed dramatically. They were "far away" and now have been made "near" ('Far away' and 'near' are occasionally used to describe Gentiles and Jews. Gentiles are all other nations but the Jews.), and are now 'in Christ' by Christ's blood. His new Way was clearly declared and historically proven to them, as God planned, and this audience, thus, subjected themselves to His new Way. Jesus' blood was given as the only acceptable appeasement God would accept and removed His wrath against them, due to their sins against Him? Y/N \_\_\_\_
43. Dr. Paul relates to them, that Jesus 'is' (A present tense Greek verb goes on forever, unless the context stops the forward action, and it indicated that He is the Only, unique way to have correct peace with God. Our 'peace'! Though there are many reasons for Jesus being sent to our world, He will offer and explain what His peace, here, is: 1) He united, both, the Gentiles and Jews, 2) by His sacrificing of His own flesh (murdered on a cross), He tore



down the wall between the two groups and all the enmity they had for each other, 3) He annulled (or rather, He removed the authority of Moses Law for Jews) the Law of Commandments in ordinances (No one, since Jesus' murder on a cross, is required or authorized by God to be obedient to the Old Law, as Jesus' new Way-the New Covenant's only, correct, accurate, and clear Way-is now the only correct Way to please God.) This is how, now, both groups are formed by Jesus into "One" new group-His Kingdom. They, as one, are a unique body, created at the action at the cross of Jesus, into a reconciled family of God's. ? T/F \_\_\_\_

44. Dr. Paul, then, adds more information about 'peace' as God sees it. When Jesus began His work for the salvation of mankind (AD27-30ish), He constantly spoke and confirmed His "Plan". He was not only, as Dr. Paul has just explained, 'peace' personified, He evangelized 'peace' so all mankind would see clearly what He expected of His citizens. They must reform to His teachings and example of what 'peace' actually was to be. 30 years later after Dr. Paul (and several others) was converted, trained, and taught thousands that same 'peace', he writes, here, that whether folks were 'far away' (Gentiles) or 'near' (Jews), both groups become 'one' unique Kingdom and have access to the Father through the Word, which was spoken and given to leaders by the Holy Spirit. The "Unity" of the Godhead (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) is expressed in this Text, as They then explained to those in Jesus' Kingdom with the expectation that all citizens will have an equal understanding and practice of Jesus' kind of 'peace' and not mankind's?

T/F \_\_\_\_

45. Dr. Paul exhorts his audience with this clear understanding of Jesus' 'peace'. They that were at one time 'far away' are no longer strangers or alien, but more so, are now fellow-citizens with the Jewish saints and as God sees them, they are members of His family! Jesus' statements concerning "One flock" has across the Roman world by Dr. Paul and others, been announced as a important practice in this new Way of brotherhood of citizens in Jesus' Kingdom. This Letter by Dr. Paul in AD61 was written after 30 years (roughly) of his work, which was along side of many others that taught the exact same expectations of Jesus' Kingdom-'peace' as He commanded it to be, without exception, which was what was taught by the Spirit's guide. They only taught the Good News of Jesus? Y/N \_\_\_\_
46. His third point, here, about Jesus and His evangelism of His "Peace", is more profound and is meant to cement the seriousness of this "Unity" concept. He says to his audience, "You!", which now includes both groups. The context will develop the idea that they are now just one Body or family. He begins with this third point to discuss their 'unity' under Jesus' rule. He says that they all have been built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets. These men were the special beginning leadership inspired and guided in Truth by the Holy Spirit, exactly as Jesus explained would come to be at the beginning of His Kingdom on Earth. This is what He said would happen in Prof. John's contemporary history, which explains that Jesus 'is' the 'Son of God' (in his 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> Thought). Also, Dr. Luke in his 2<sup>nd</sup> contemporary history (in his 1<sup>st</sup> Thought), began with Jesus, after His resurrection, confirming their special positions and that the Holy Spirit was to be their

next continual Guide for creating (evangelizing) His Kingdom correctly and they doing so in a 'unified' way. Jesus said it would begin soon and arose to His Throne in heaven. Dr. Luke (in his 2<sup>nd</sup> Thought) begins Jesus' Kingdom in Jerusalem on May 28, AD30, through Jesus' chosen 12 Apostles. So, after Dr. Paul becomes the 13<sup>th</sup> Apostle and several special Prophets had been assigned (due to the massive numbers converting), here, 30 years later, Dr. Paul can confirm to his audience that these first confirmed Apostles and Prophets are the foundation of Jesus' new Way, and that they had and were still teaching the identical Doctrine, given by the Spirit from that 1<sup>st</sup> day. He is, also, stressing that this 'foundation' is the only accurate source of Jesus' new Way. There is no other authorized Source from Jesus than these?

T/F \_\_\_\_

47. Now, he states that, like all foundations have a "keystone", that builders begin with to build a foundation, so does Jesus' foundation for His Kingdom. Jesus is that "Keystone"! He is not a figurehead, but Jesus Himself is that continuing real "Keystone". The fact that Dr. Paul uses a middle voice verb makes this a real and personal "Keystone" for His foundation-the Apostles and Prophets. He is in this growing Kingdom continually ensuring the Truth, as He teaches It, which is still accurate and the same as from the 1<sup>st</sup> day in Jerusalem. He is always going to be the "Keystone"? Y/N \_\_\_\_
48. By Jesus designing His Kingdom to be one (his kind of Peace is built upon them being one building) family, which has been achieved for the first 30+ years of the work of the Apostles and Prophets, the audience ought to be aware that Jesus' 'building' (His Kingdom) develops into a glorious Temple, if

they maintain His “Plan”, as designed by Jesus, and not redesign It their way. Thirdly, about this building, Dr. Paul says that this Temple, as long as It continues to be built by Jesus, meaning that ‘they’ (both groups as one ‘building’ in each community) remain in ‘unity’, are being built into a dwelling place where God is pleased to abide or dwell. He finishes with the fact that it is only the Holy Spirit that can achieve this building/Temple/dwelling place of God. Also, by tying the Holy Spirit with God (the Father) and Jesus, he maintains and ties Them together by the interaction of God and their joint actions for mankind’s salvation?

Y/N \_\_\_\_

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Thought of Dr. Paul

1. The phrase “for this reason” is used to tie this ‘Thought’ to the idea that the design of Jesus’ Kingdom was the only way for those that would be known as Jesus’ ‘sacred Temple’, which was only taught by the Apostles and Prophets of Jesus, must respond and obey His Will, if they are going to be God’s dwelling place. So, ‘for this reason’ is what Dr. Paul was accomplishing among mankind? Y/N \_\_\_\_
2. Dr. Paul is a prisoner in Rome, because he had “Appealed to Caesar”, so Jewish accusers would have to appear before Caesar to prove his crimes. He is in ‘house arrest’, but is a prisoner. His judge will be Nero, the Roman Caesar at this time. His fate is very uncertain at the time. He is in this situation because of his service to Jesus and His Cause (the Good News of

Jesus and man's salvation), which Jews rejected. Dr. Paul, as Dr. Luke reported in his contemporary history of the early 'acts' of the Holy Spirit (covering AD30 through AD62) through some of the special leadership of Jesus' Kingdom (Dr. Luke's 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Thought witness of Dr. Paul's commission to the Gentiles), here next, tells of the commission that he received from Jesus at his conversion. He was assigned to begin and lead the extension of the Good News of Jesus among a large part of the Roman world to Gentiles (anyone that is not a Jew) and Jews in many provinces. When he writes this Letter, he has been evangelizing, training, and organizing congregations of Jesus' Kingdom in roughly 13 Roman provinces (with Rome and Spain now and soon to receive him). This has covered about 30 years of work. He calls his work a 'stewardship', or the job and responsibility of supervising and caring for Jesus' Cause as Jesus instructed him to do? Y/N \_\_\_\_

3. He says that this 'stewardship' is God's Grace. God is a spirit, love, and Grace. These are three things that are God's nature. Dr. Paul is saying that his work is exactly what God wanted accomplished. Many other special leaders in that era had 'stewardships' from God. They all accomplished incredible things, as they worked with the Holy Spirit to evangelize, mature, and lead other in Jesus' likeness for the salvation of mankind, if they respond correctly to Jesus' new Way? T/F \_\_\_\_
4. Dr. Paul says that he received his instruction by revelation. He is saying that he had no part in the design of Jesus' Kingdom, as God had revealed the new Way to him, with all Its instructions. He, also, says that God had made the

design and the instructions about It, completely understandable to him, which he, then, correctly explained and instructed to the Gentiles, whom he was assigned to teach by Jesus. Dr. Paul had spent three years after his conversion in isolated study with heaven's instructors, learning the necessary requirements of the new Way of Jesus' Kingdom (Dr. Paul in his contemporary history to the Galatian congregations in his 3<sup>rd</sup> Thought explains much about when and how this happened.), before he began his work as a 'steward' (Apostle) of Jesus' Kingdom? Y/N \_\_\_\_

5. He calls the design and details of Jesus' Good News and His Kingdom, a Mystery! That Mystery is referred to in several of the contemporary histories (27 times, as I count). Here, he is only declaring that no one understands the details or design of It except God, because It is God's design and 'Plan'. Man cannot equal Its 'Plan' or 'design' and has not (nor ever will) the wisdom and power to do so. This Mystery, Dr. Paul will say next, is only God's, which he briefly mentioned in his third Thought. Dr. Paul, also says here, that the Mystery is now (and has been for several years) understood by many folks in Its completeness (design and instructions which were not known for all generations, because the Mystery was determined and designed in eternity by God-Father, Word, and Holy Spirit- before any 'creating' was started)? T/F \_\_\_\_

6. This Mystery was revealed to Dr. Paul and others by revelation from the Holy Spirit. The Apostles and Prophets (of Jesus' new Way), then, evangelized It. The Gentile nations can be 'fellow-heirs' or members, and are sharers together with Jews of the "Promise". This is possible only through Christ

Jesus and His Good News? Y/N \_\_\_\_

7. Dr. Paul declares that he became a servant of that Message. He received God's Grace to accomplish that task by God's power. He recognizes that in his past, he was the very least of possible folks to receive such a commission. Yet, he did and he has evangelized that "Plan", which is the Mystery of God. He was to enlighten everyone (Jews and Gentiles) about God's Mystery and the amazing riches of Christ. It was all hidden by God for the ages. He, that created all things? Y/N \_\_\_\_
8. Now, DR. Paul confirms, things are different. This astonishing wisdom of God has been made understood to the rulers and authorities in all of heaven through the "called-out people (Jesus' Kingdom), inspired by the Holy Spirit. This was part of God's eternal purpose. It began with Christ Jesus our Lord and what, then, He accomplished? T/F \_\_\_\_
9. He says that by 'the Faith' in Jesus (His system of being a correct citizen in His Kingdom), 'we' have boldness in our efforts, and 'we' have confident access to our Lord to be bold. So, he says that they should not be concerned about his present situation in Roman confinement? Y/N \_\_\_\_
10. He says that because of this reason: the confident understanding he has that he is in God' Grace and has work left to accomplish among the nations, he can worship and serve God and ask Him, as He is knows the name of every being He has ever created. Too, He is our Father. He ask the Father to grant by His splendor, three prayers for Dr. Paul's audience: 1) That each of them might be strengthened mightily in their spirits by the Holy Spirit (by what He explains to them and by inspiration), 2) That Jesus Christ may dwell in their

motives, deep in their souls but only through 'the Faith', which means in His new Way, 3) and, because all of them are rooted and grounded in 'love', that they all can understand completely the breadth, length, height, and depth by understanding Christ's love! It surpasses anyone's understanding. This will fill them with all of God's fullness? Y/N \_\_\_\_

11. He closes the prayer with glorifying God, our Father, by exhorting them that He can do amazingly more than we can ask or imagine. With His power working in and with us. He, also, says He is worthy of extoling with great honor (and confidence) among the entire "called-out group" that are only in Christ Jesus. This, he ends with, has to be our praise for 'all generations of christians', even forever and ever? Y/N \_\_\_\_

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Thought of Dr. Paul

1. Dr. Paul in this Lesson to all that are a part of Jesus' Kingdom, has written a two-part Letter. He has finished the first half. He began with an excellent breakdown of where our beginning came from. God, before He began any creating, 'purposed' the entire "Plan" for mankind's salvation (Then, He began His creation to accomplish that "Plan"). Dr. Paul reveals the 5 most important divisions of His "Plan": A) He 'chose' us in Christ to be the recipients of His love, Grace, and mercy to be holy, blameless and act in love, B) He named those that do as He expected to be "sons' through Jesus, C) Jesus was the ransom to be paid for each of us by His blood or sacrifice (appeasing God's wrath due to our sins), also, giving us forgiveness because



of our sins against Him, due to His incredible Grace, D) His Mystery of what He Willed to do was finally explained fully through the Apostles and Jesus' called-out group (His Kingdom), through the Holy Spirit, which was His "Plan of Salvation" only to be accomplished through Jesus, E) finally that He designed His "Plan" to give all that committed to Jesus to be heirs of an eternal home with Them, which included only the joint Body of Christ Jesus made-up of Jews and Gentiles in one united 'called-out group'. Because of this infallible, glorious "Plan", we ought to "EXTOL" God above all things we consider wonderful! Can you think of any plan that has such marvel, and due

to the 'Designer' and His Power, will be completed? Y/N \_\_\_\_

2. Next, Dr. Paul will discuss this Body's make-up and his God given task as the Apostle to the Gentile world. He had worked for three years in the Arabian desert with heaven's Teachers before he began his evangelism of the Good News of Jesus (about AD33-35), in about 13 Roman provinces over the next 25+ years, prior to the writing of this Letter. He discusses the conversions of these that received this Letter, his conversion, the Mystery of God, and that all generations after this Letter was completed, ought to "EXTOL" our Father, as He can and will do more for and through us than we can ask Him to do or even imagine He can do! Does Dr. Paul, throughout this first part of this Letter mention God and His Greatness several times? Y/N \_\_\_\_
3. He begins his 5<sup>th</sup> thought, thus, with the word 'Therefore', which means the rest of the Letter is based upon this first section of spectacular information, concerning our Great and Wonderful God's "Plan for man's Salvation". He uses his third "walk" (of 8 in this Letter), saying that based on the staggering

work God has done for us, they all should 'walk' in a worthy manner, each day, realizing their 'calling' by God ought to be: 1) in all humility, 2) in gentleness, 3) with patience, and 4) being lovingly considerate of one another? Y/N \_\_\_\_

4. He, who is presently a prisoner in Rome because of this incredible "Plan", pleads for them to 'walk' in a sober manner that is confident or assured of the "Plan's" validity. It is in place and will not be changed or stopped. This calling by God is the highest calling anyone can have. It is clear, that they all understand the calling of God, but it must be lived by each of them, so they can receive His reward? Y/N \_\_\_\_
5. He, secondly, beseeches them to be 'striving', which means that they need to apply their maximum efforts to maintain every aspect of the "Plan" of God. This will result in "Unity of the Spirit" in the bond of peace. For them to have peace with God, they are to maintain the 'unity' as given by only the Holy Spirit. Their 'walk' in life is to be with a specific set of unique requirements from God to achieve that 'unity'. They are: 1) there is only 'one' unique Body -Jesus' (as He had designed It), 2) It was explained by 'one' unique Spirit to mankind-the Holy Spirit, 3) there is only 'one' unique hope in God's calling-His reward for their service and worship in His designed "Plan", 4) there is 'only' one unique Lord-Jesus, 5) there is 'only' one unique Faith-exactly as He designed It, 6) there is 'only' one unique immersion-it is where all folks are co-buried and co-crucified with Jesus and added to His Kingdom, there is 'only' one unique God and Father-the Designer and Giver of this remarkable "Plan". He is above all things, He is the One that knows, controls and sees all things

and He is in all of us? T/F \_\_\_\_

6. Here, Dr. Paul says, "Now", which means that since he has established the above purposed "Plan" of God, he has much else to write to them. So, now, he begins to explain how the system worked. He says, "the Grace...", which is God's Grace or part of His nature. He Graced everyone in Jesus' Kingdom, but It was 'measured' by Jesus as It was given. He quotes a verse out of Ps. 68, but he transfers it to Jesus' authority. He 'gave'. This was after He had been crucified, resurrected and coronated as the King of Kings and the Lord. Jesus, with 'all' authority, then, gave by His measure special and specific gifts to certain men to lead in the designed proclamation of the 'unified' "Plan", among mankind. Jesus had accomplished 'all things' to be able to do this? Y/N \_\_\_\_

7. Dr. Paul is now going to explain exactly how Jesus from His Throne in heaven designed His Kingdom's leadership on Earth. Jesus had His "Plan" from eternity (God had planned It: Father, Word, and Holy Spirit) and had explained to those that soon would be Apostles, before He ascended, that preplanned design. Here, Dr. Paul adds details about His "Plan". He says that Jesus had four special groups of leaders who were to be selected and 'helped' by the Holy Spirit to proclaim and evangelize His new Way (The Apostles were the first group from Jerusalem). After the Apostles, came Prophets. Then came Evangelist and finally Elders. All of them were inspired by the Holy Spirit with the same "unifying" Message (Jesus' new Way). Dr. Paul's reason for this explanation is to continue to detail Jesus' "Plan". Jesus was not haphazard, but rather, He had already preplanned the method of

announcing, developing, and organizing His Kingdom throughout Earth. These were His first 'Teachers' (All of these were inspired by the Holy Spirit to ensure "Unity" of 'the Faith', as they would all teach the exact same New Covenant Message and begin the spread of His "Plan of Salvation" for all mankind.) This is, also, confirmed by Dr. Luke in his 2<sup>nd</sup> contemporary Report of the initial work of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, as he writes in the beginning Thoughts of that Treatise. The Apostles were first, then Prophets, followed by Evangelist, and finally the Elders of Jerusalem, through the first nine Thoughts of Dr. Luke's Report, just as Dr. Paul says here? Y/N \_\_\_\_

8. He, now, is ready to explain the reasons for their inspired efforts for Jesus and His new Way. Those that are persuaded and become citizens of Jesus' Kingdom will be taught three significant things: 1) They all are to be 'equipped', equal to the inspired Teachers, which was done daily by the inspired leaders, 2) They require that equipping, so they all can do Jesus' works of service as He expects, 3) They, then, will be able, also, to develop, accurately, Jesus' Kingdom. This, thus, is not just the 'death, burial and resurrection' being taught or learned, but more so, Jesus' organizational structure of each congregation. "Unity" could only be accomplished by the identical talk, thoughts, actions, and motives of each citizen of Jesus' Kingdom. All citizens were zealously and humbly to reform all parts of their minds and lives to "be like Jesus", which meant, also, to submit to His instructions about His expectations for interaction among His citizens. This 'system', Dr. Paul says is 'the Faith', which must be unified in His new Way? Y/N \_\_\_\_

9. These appointed inspired leaders were to continue to teach His new Way. These three goals were to reach some wonderful results among the citizens of Jesus' Kingdom: 1) The "Unity" of 'the Faith', which was Jesus' prayer in Prof. John's contemporary history of Jesus-The Son of God-in his 17<sup>th</sup> Thought, and earlier explained by Dr. Paul in this Epistle to the Ephesian congregation, "...maintain the 'Unity of the Spirit'...". Dr. Paul says to the Corinthians at five different places, that he had throughout his work for Jesus and His Cause, always taught exactly the same things, which were not just the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, but were the specifics of 'the Faith' or Jesus' New Covenant. He makes this clear in the first preserved Corinthian Letter, as he is referring to things like: the Lord's Supper, and women not being allowed to have authority or speaking in the weekly Worship. 'Unity' is also seen in the various congregations mentioned in many Epistles and Notes covering from AD30- 96. The continuing Message by inspiration is that learning and reforming to Jesus' "Plan" of 'unity' is essential. They had several examples of false ways by individuals and congregations that were commanded and retaught to return to the Good News of Jesus, which was 'the Faith' or system Jesus had revealed for His citizens to be, 2) The next is that these special leaders would create a 'full understanding' (a special Greek word-epiginosko-) of all Jesus had designed the congregations to do and be. There was nothing left-out or lacking, and all congregations-all members-were taught by them from the Holy Spirit this complete understanding from Jesus, 3) They would, then, be mature or Jesus-like in love and obedience to Him, 4) Dr. Paul concludes with the declaration that these inspired Teachers

from Jesus would produce men that measured-up to the full look, actions, thoughts, and motives of Jesus? T/F \_\_\_\_

10. He surmises that this “Plan” for Jesus’ Kingdom, would stop folks in His called-out group from acting as children or being tossed around by every kind of doctrine men might design. Men are crafty and full of tricks of cunning deception, but this complete, new Way would reveal their errors.

Y/N \_\_\_\_

11. The use of the word ‘Thus’ could also be ‘in order that’. He says that they are to continue their ‘walk’ (beginning of this 5<sup>th</sup> Thought), such that the four mentioned characters are to be achieved. This was the purpose and work of the four initial inspired leaders, Jesus designed for His Kingdom. To know His new Way will stop the effects of false ideas. ‘Thus’ says that maintaining Truth in love (Jesus’ character expected in all citizens) ensures that we may keep growing in all the things necessary to achieve Christ’s likeness. The verb most difficult to explain in English, here, is ‘maintaining Truth’. Translating it as a verb is not easy, and we had difficulty. Yet, the context saying that these citizens should walk in ‘truthing’ seemed better explained as we did. To grow in every aspect of Jesus’ character is every christian’s goal. We want only Jesus to be seen in our lives and no effects of the world’s influence to mark us. This is the context of this verb. He is making this a priority for Jesus’ citizens in His Kingdom? Y/N \_\_\_\_

12. Dr. Paul says that Jesus is the HEAD! This is not to indicate that Jesus is the Master or over all things, yet He is. He is saying that without our HEAD, there is no Body. He mentions that Jesus is also the ‘Messiah’ but uses the

Greek word for Messiah-Christ. Quickly, though, he comes back to the discussion of citizens of Jesus Kingdom are all parts of His Body. He, as in all bodies, controls every aspect of His own body. Everything a body does, is centered and controlled by the head. Jesus' is no different. If His Body is being constantly 'fitted together' and 'united' by His input (control), the Body will serve to support itself. This idea is closed with a conclusion that says all this, that has been mentioned, will bring about the correct growth of His Body, such that it builds up itself (to Jesus' likeness) in love. This is each citizens goal to be 'in love' and not of the world. This is Jesus' "Plan" from the beginning of this Body's design? Y/N \_\_\_\_

13. Dr. Paul, now, points out that living and thinking as the Gentiles do is far from acceptable to God. He points out three characteristics of Gentile life: 1) They (Gentiles) have become darkened in their thinking, which means they do not consider God's instructions for their way to live, 2) They are not interested in pleasing Him in their practices, 3) They have lost or reject all correct feeling. These prove that they are futile in the ways they think and that they are ignorant and hardhearted. Thus, their lives are only lived in sensuality, producing lives of immorality (centered around greed or self). He says that their (christians) 'walk' cannot have any of these characteristics, but rather, love as exemplified by Jesus? Y/N \_\_\_\_
14. These brethren for years, now, had been in Jesus' Kingdom. In It they had made a covenant with Him to reform their minds and lives to Jesus' Standards for His citizens. Here, he reminds them that they had 'learned' Jesus' new Way. Dr. Paul has in this 5<sup>th</sup> Thought exhorted them to 'walk'

worthily and explained how they can be confident in His Kingdom new Way. He is saying, about what they 'learned', that it all can be trusted to please Jesus. These Christians had 'learned Jesus new Way, which is much different than the Gentile way of life. They had 'heard' Jesus, which means that they recognized Him as God's Son and the HEAD of the Body of Christ, and they willing reform to any and all things necessary to please their Lord. Their 'learning' His New Covenant Way, has to be based upon their genuine belief that He is the King of Kings and their commitment to obeying His commands. This means that they are certain that all Truth and the only Truth that matters is from Him? Y/N \_\_\_\_

15. Their 'learning' Christ new Way, which is all and the only Truth, taught them to remove every wrong idea of life, who is the 'old person' they were prior to becoming a citizen in Jesus' Kingdom (They had all, willing to reform their minds and lives, been immersed into Jesus' Kingdom), so their 'old person' died in the water grave and the sins, thereof (As God observed their minds and action, He removed all their past sins, because only He has the power to know and to do so.). This 'old person' was corrupt in God's mind and had to die (Dr. Paul says that each person is co-buried with Christ at their immersion, and that they, too, are co-crucified with Him at the same time in His contemporary Letter to the Galatian congregations. God, if they each are willing to reform to Jesus' new Way, then, adds [or transfers] them into Jesus' Kingdom.) From the moment of that action, they are to be 'renewed' by the Holy Spirit (He is the only correct source of Jesus' Plan of reforms, necessary to continue to be in Jesus' Kingdom.) He will 'renew' their thinking and they



can then make the necessary reforms. They had, then, begun to put on the 'new person'. That person was created by God (as part of His eternal Plan, designed from eternity before any creating began), in His image (likeness, which also Jesus completely displayed). That 'image' of the 'new person' was in: 1) righteousness, and 2) holiness, as God would teach them and expect them to reform to be? Y/N \_\_\_\_

16. So, Dr. Paul suggests, they must not live or teach 'the lie'. The 'lie' turns out to be all that is not from Jesus' 'all Truth'. 'The lie' in context is "...pertaining to their former style of life...", or their 'old person', and "...who is corrupt (in God's mind) according to deceptive desires;..."! Seems Dr. Paul is exhorting and warning them to insure that 'the lie' has no hold, no influence, no input nor any held effect upon them. They have to measure themselves! After all, he has said that "...they did not 'learn Christ this way...', nor had they been 'taught' to be other than submitted to be Jesus' obedient citizen by any other way but His new Way. The Lie, then, is all things that: add, subtract, neglect, or reject Jesus' Plan or likeness, because that is this King's only goal—each citizen is to be like Him: in their talk, in their actions, in their mind, and in their motives. Any influence or influencer that takes away from this kind of citizen is a "LIE"! Thus, 'the lie' is what the context says it is, and not some philosophical babble or neo-prophetic Jardin developed by false teachers. Stop 'the lie' cold by only living as taught by Jesus and His new Way. Control all would-be input and influence by His New Covenant, which the Holy Spirit teaches and only the Holy Spirit teaches. Reform is, obviously,
- still as essential to do, as it was before you were co-immersed with Christ

into His Kingdom. You are in control of your desires, lusts, and goals, and if they are not Jesus' new Way, you have let 'the lie' continue to live in you. You, if you will to do so, can 'put it away' and keep it gone and of zero effect in your life? Y/N \_\_\_\_

17. Dr. Paul, after this emphatic demand (They absolutely should have 'learned' Jesus well enough to not have allowed any past character or desire to mark their present character of Jesus, which they know is what Jesus expects of all His citizens.): "...put away the lie...", has just as importantly, a second point: "...they all 'must speak 'the Truth', too! The Truth, also, is defined in this context and requires no out of context redefining or inclusions. All Truth is only found in Jesus and His new Way. Less the reader or hearer wants to 'speak' different things than what Jesus says, Dr. Paul begins 35+ reforms they should be living and able to speak to all their neighbors. Those neighbors are in and out of Jesus' Kingdom or His local congregation. Everyone, in Jesus' Plan, is your neighbor. It is a wonderful list of reforms these brethren ought to have in place in their personal character, which the Holy Spirit had already taught them (prior to this Letter). This kind of character will affect everyone you are in contact with. Also, these are all expected by Jesus to be you 'new person', since you were added by God to Jesus' Kingdom (when you were co-buried with Jesus, and you committed to be co-crucified-your immersion in water. That is when you initially were added to Jesus' Kingdom, as your asked Him to do? T/F \_\_\_\_
18. As we begin Dr. Paul's disclosure of 35+ "Must" of the characteristics of what those that are citizens in Jesus' Kingdom have 'learned' and have reformed to

be (like Jesus), it is, first, essential to remember that the language used to reveal God's new Way, is called a 'concrete' language. This means that Koine Greek does not change over years, its meanings, definitions, or its character. When, Greek says, "must" it is not a suggestion or goal, it is a clear mandatory instruction from the Giver. Dr. Paul was an inspired writer from the only Throne that can provide this kind of expectation, as It is the ultimate and highest Throne mankind has. When Jesus wants to declare what His Standard is for His citizens, He wants there to be no doubt about His requirements for their continuing pleasing Him as their God and King. So, Dr. Paul, here, in his presentation of the GREATEST KING AND HIS KINGDOM, begins over 35 'must' for each and every citizen to check his reforms. They cover: talk, actions, thinking, and motives for them to compare their present character and Jesus'. Many folks use their personal wisdom or cultures, and even traditions to discern how to determine their ideas of citizenship in Jesus' Kingdom, but as you evaluate these 35+ characters, you contextually cannot miss that Jesus is to be their only 'Source' for them to use to evaluate their correct character. He calls mankind's wisdom, knowledge, and philosophies 'the lie'. Thus, any Jesus' 'must', is required to be and can be thought and lived by citizens in Jesus' Kingdom. These are what He planned in eternity for His called-out group to be doers of? Y/N \_\_\_\_

19. Each time you speak to your neighbor it must be centered in 'Truth'. Jesus never had a wasted conversation with anyone. Fearlessness is one of His greatest traits citizens must develop. He points out that your neighbors worth is essential to remember when talking with them. Thus, Jesus'

conversational method is to be the citizen's Standard? Y/N \_\_\_\_

20. On occasion, you will become angry with your neighbor, you must never allow it to not be corrected by sundown! You are the one to initiate the correction and without delay. He has pointed out that we are '...one with another'? Y/N \_\_\_\_
21. This stops the devil's temptation, which is able to allow any disagreement to fester or take root. It, too, will affect your relationship with your brother or sister, that likely feels you do not have strong affection for them and any argument is not to be a cause for them not feeling this Truth? Y/N \_\_\_\_
22. All kinds of people use to be thieves for their own needs or desires. All of the reasons are to be denied and stopped by Jesus' citizens. His new Way is for all of them to work at some kind of a job, so they can be of assistance (and must be) to anyone in need of help. They, then, are of Jesus's expected kind of person, like He is? Y/N \_\_\_\_
23. Any ugly, mean, thoughtless remark that passes from one's lips about anyone, 'must' stop, now! Depending upon the occasion you are in, which allows you to remark about anyone or something they do, must be used to say something upbuilding (anything but bad things said), depending upon the situation. All conversation is to be without gossip or putting down any brother or sister. Too, when you slip up, you must apologize to the one you are talking to, and to the one being discussed. Jesus is to be your explained reason for your effort and apology, as this gives Grace to your hearer?  
Y/N \_\_\_\_
24. Since, they all know that from the moment God added them to Jesus'

Kingdom (All shared the exact same experience, in that, they all professed their willingness to reform to any and all of Jesus' requirements and were, then, immersed in Jesus' Name. They each, too, at that moment received the 'seal' of the Holy Spirit, which guaranteed them a place in the eternal Kingdom upon its beginning.), they received the Holy Spirit's seal until the last Day of time and entry into the eternal Kingdom, they 'must' not grieve Him by any untoward kind of talk, action or thought concerning others, since He has taught them otherwise, in accord with Jesus' new Way (in Jesus' New Covenant)? Y/N \_\_\_\_

25. Dr. Paul now declares 5 kinds of talking points: 1) bitter (personal thoughts about others), 2) wrath (hate driven conversations about others), anger (things done by others that are unresolved in your mind that drive you to speak about them and not to them), clamor ( things about people you do not like that you must make others aware of, which ought never to be done), hurtful talk (any number of things about other folks you find irritating and feel you ought to warn others about). He says that these 'must' never be voiced by Jesus' citizens, if they are Jesus' Kingdom. Mankind finds all or any of these discussions acceptable but not God, thus, they all must be completely 'put away'? Y/N \_\_\_\_
26. He declares that they all are based upon malice (a felt or unknowing resentment for another, that can be at various levels of spite toward someone. You can allow yourself, if uncontrolled by Jesus' new Way, to turn your malice into a regular practice with just about anyone. You will get to the point where it will not matter if your audience even cares about you view?

Y/N \_\_\_\_

27. He now gives two much more Jesus-like traits, that each of them in Jesus' Kingdom is to feel and practice in conversation to and about others: 1) kindness (always about one another, to one another, using Jesus as your only example and never other folks), 2) tenderhearted ( look inside yourself and always give people to be discussed your most tender evaluations and compliment)? Y/N \_\_\_\_
28. Though these two are both to be thought and carried out in actions among folks, he brings up a most important additional trait. They are to 'forgive' each other, but not without one most important reminder. Their 'forgiveness' is to be exactly as Jesus 'forgave' each of them. Was Jesus' forgiveness given to folks that did not repent, confess their sins to God, reform their way to Jesus' new Way or did He forgive all folks of their sins without these actions by them? Y/N \_\_\_\_
29. It, Dr. Paul says, is a breech of their subjection to Jesus to act and talk about others in any way and they must not practice such things. Their hearts, like Jesus', are to be attentive to ensuring they carefully consider their feelings and talk about others. He does not mention, here, that if there is 'sin', they are required to go to the sinner alone, first and follow Jesus' given method of handling such mistakes. Then, 'forgiveness' can be given, which means the event is now dead and not to be involved in conversation about that person again, concerning the error. Forgiveness means forgetting the incident, just as God does your past sins, when you obey Jesus' instructions for your 'forgiveness', but not unless the sins are real, confessed, and not continued.

The christian is to always hope and pray for others for their eternal best.

Yet, forgiveness is not a blanket for folks continuing in their sins. Mercy is to be, though, as God has it for the most ugly people, as well for the person in Jesus' Kingdom? Y/N \_\_\_\_

30. Dr. Paul has presented a vast list of errors in the lives of people that have no desire to be pleasing to the living God and our Lord Jesus. He, also, presented a few contrast of the kind of talk, actions, thinking and motives ought to be practiced by those that are in Jesus' Kingdom. Now, he begins a conclusion with emphasis, which they must not misunderstand. He begins it with a question with only one possible answer. There is no way the reader or hearer of this Letter can miss his strong declaration of what is expected by God of any and all souls that 'claim' they are in Jesus' Kingdom. Citizens of Jesus' new Way have agreed to 'reform' their minds and lives to His New Covenant, and here he is going to strongly remind them of their commitment to do so. They understood from the beginning of their conversions that Jesus said they must reform to His new Way and have previously been taught all of these and Jesus' reforms from them, so this question should be just a reminder, but it also has more direct implications about their present situation, which they must continually sustain. "Ought you yourselves..." stresses that point? Y/N \_\_\_\_

31. "...not be imitators of God?", is what they are expected to practice in their every day living. This should have been their constant self-evaluation-"Am I pleasing God according to Jesus' reforms?" This is what Dr. Paul is stressing. Imitation of God is each citizen's goal, but not without the correct motive-

“...as beloved children?”. Only God and each of them themselves know if that is their motive, do they still see themselves as God’s beloved children?

Y/N \_\_\_\_

32. He adds a second point to deepen their memory of their ‘why’ they imitate God, besides the fact that they are God’s beloved children-“And ‘must’ walk in love...”. The only goal of their reforms is to ‘walk’ in love! The only correct kind of ‘love’ (as man has many) is found in an imitation of God and by example of how Jesus ‘walked’ and interacted with mankind. They all have been taught and shown how this love thinks and walks through life, awaiting Jesus’ return for His citizens? Y/N \_\_\_\_

33. Their motives in life could take any number of forms, but theirs is singular! Their motive is because of Jesus: 1) He proved His incredible love for us, 2) He, too, gave Himself for us. Dr. Paul goes deeper into what our motives have to be, in that, he defines these 2 motives that Jesus had for us: a) He was the unique ‘offering’ planned from the beginning in eternity as the only acceptable ransom God would accept for our reconciliation to Him, b) and Jesus, also, was to be the only acceptable ‘sacrifice’ that would be accepted by God for the sins of all of mankind against He and His ways. This is an incredible price to pay, particularly since those being given such a spectacular ‘gift’ did not want it, deserve it, nor accept it (in most people)! He is saying that at one time they understood these facts of reality and they ought to still be motivated by the greatness of such a love as Jesus had and has for them. Nothing has changes in God’s understanding and ways and nothing ought to have changed in theirs. The emphasis by Dr. Paul is simple:



Do they still have a correct motive for their God-like imitation or has it grown weak. It was a wonderful aroma but is it now a stench. Would this cause you to carefully evaluate your motives? Y/N \_\_\_\_

34. He has already listed some unacceptable activities, but here, he states some vial things that, too, must not even be mentioned among them. Fornication includes all sexual activity between a married person and anyone other than their spouse. It, also, includes unmarried sexual activity. Any other kind of unnormal (God does not allowed) sexual activity by humans, due to their personal lust or experiments, he calls 'filthiness'. He, then, brings up 'greed', which is the close cousin to lust of any kind. Any sexual activity is only 'undefiled' in marriage with one's spouse only. By writing 'it' he is dramatically pointing to any and all of these three as vile and lasting. "...MUST not 'even' be mentioned among you...", is his way of detailing how extremely harmful these are to folks and can affect the work and character of their holiness (imitation of God) in horrible ways. Besides all this, these things are not 'fitting' for saints (God's holy ones) to live like. They all completely show where a person's true love is: self or God? T/F \_\_\_\_
35. Dr. Paul list three other unacceptable characteristics folks can become doers of: 1) wickedness (practicing actions that are unlike Jesus), 2) foolish talk (any discussions that are outside of a 'yes' means 'yes' and 'no means 'no'; embellishment to facts; excluding God from discussion), 3) course joking (God has displayed His sense of humor in many ways, but 'course joking' is not His Way. Men include lewdness, vulgar talk, actions and thoughts in their ideas of humor, too, their motives are usually not God's or His kind of

motive.) All three of these, Dr. Paul indicates, are not 'becoming' or up to the standards God expects, or as exemplified by Jesus, which are their only Sources for their citizenship to be practiced before mankind. Thus, 'becoming' is not a suggestion but the Standard.) Y/N \_\_\_\_

36. Rather than any of these man designed characters, they all must have an attitude and character of 'thanksgiving'. They are to remember what and why Jesus has done for them what He did and His reforms that praise Him, glorify Him, and magnify His Name. 'Thanksgiving' should be one of their motives for living as 'imitators' of Jesus, such that, they are always glorifying God? T/F \_\_\_\_
37. He declares, what they all must know for a fact, that the living God and our Lord Jesus have designed a Kingdom to be with Them, forever. They are a part of that special, glorious Kingdom, citizens everyone! But, anyone thinking or acting the way fornicators do, or lives their life in any kind of lewdness, nor is a greed driven person (a true idolator), has zero chance of being in the Kingdom of Christ and God! There is no inheritance designed for them, and only a continuous hell away from God for eternity, by their own choice? T/F \_\_\_\_
38. Everyone that remains pleasing to our God has deceiving teaching around them. They must recognize them, deny them, do not practice any deception no matter who or what the false source is. Their words (leading to actions) are 'empty' words! It is always a choice of hearing and obeying God or submitting to your own desires or lust, they must not surrender? Y/N \_\_\_\_
39. These deceptions bring on God's wrath, as they are sin. These are

disobedient children and do not worry about making God angry by their actions or thoughts. He has taught and shown them the better Way and Its results? Y/N \_\_\_\_

40. There are strong suggestions and lures from friends and family, back to life on the dark side. All of us were once darkness, as we lived away from God's Light. We had a choice to make, and we made the choice. These choices never stop, they only become more subtle in their appeal. They are still just as evil and sin in God's mind, yet you feel you miss these evils and even need them. You must not participate in or with others in darkness! You have become 'light' for them to see God's correct new Way! You used to be trapped as they are now, but you by a superior choice and correct instruction (and Jesus' motivation), now know and understand why God's New Covenant Way is the more excellent choice. His new Way is the only Way of Light and you present His new Way to them when you refuse to participate in any darkness? Y/N \_\_\_\_

41. So, they are to not participate in any darkness, but they work and live among them daily. Thus, darkness is how the world does almost everything it does. These folks are to light-up the room and conversation with Jesus and His new Way, because His Light is in them all. They, in their pro-active enlightening, 'must' walk as His 'enlightened' children! They are all light, if they are in Jesus' likeness and the fruit of the Light (Jesus and His new Way) is already taught to them, learned by them, and demonstrated to them. Thus, goodness (God is Good and they are to imitate all His goodness in their daily 'walk'!), uprightness (Jesus was righteous in all He said, did, and thought).

Thus, they, by using only His example for their 'walk', will reform to His Light and illuminate those they are in contact with!), and Truth (only comes from God and His new Way, which has given the complete understanding mankind must imitate to please Him! They (each one) are in all situations of their 'walk' daily, covenanted to Jesus to "Demonstrate" Him and not themselves to those in 'darkness' for their soul's sake (Jesus' primary motive for coming)! These lights are the only hope for those in darkness, as these are absolutely certain that Jesus is coming again for them that have been in His Kingdom for a home with Him for eternity? Y/N \_\_\_\_

42. He continues with this necessary emphasis: they are never again to allow darkness to have a place in their daily 'walk'! All darkness is unfruitful, which means that all that mankind says, does, and thinks is darkness. Jesus' new Way will pro-actively expose this spoiled fruit. They will only be exposed by light, thus, they 'must' expose them, because most of the motives and the ugly displays of darkness, should not be left undone. These brethren are to remember that when they expose these dark things, then, there is light, which God can and will use for good? Y/N \_\_\_\_

43. Dr. Paul, here, quotes from Isaiah 60. He sometime uses quotes themselves or refers to the Text they come from. This one is to refer them to this entire quote about God's Plan and the effect of His Light, written by Isaiah many years earlier. People are to rise from the dead or from a life separated from God. They are to no longer be asleep, but become Light, as He is. This is His new Way! They cannot hide their light, or they do not have His light! His light in this quote will affect everyone It contacts and many from Gentile areas will

come to Him, because of the many around them that enlighten them correctly. This is Dr. Paul's 'enlightened' walk. He lived it every day and is correctly saying that all of those calling themselves "citizens" of Jesus' Kingdom, know they are to do likewise-expose darkness! Dr. Paul interprets the ending of 60:1 for the reader or hearer. 'Christ' is the only eternal Light that God has sent to His creation, all other lights will fail? Y/N \_\_\_\_

44. There seems to be in Dr. Paul's words, here, an exhortation to them to be more concerned for the lost souls around them. Jesus, when fully understood, day in and day out for almost four years, spent all His time, every day, working to the cause that He had, above all others: the souls of men (Notice, that, if Jesus was not praying, He was always discussing things about man's coming fate, if they do not respond correctly to Him in the revealed events in the Good News accounts by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). Dr. Paul's 30+ years are a study of never pausing to take a day off, but only because he, like Jesus, knew both the fate and the worth of lost souls. Jesus did all He did, for them all and Dr. Paul, as an imitator of Jesus, deeply proves he had no greater cause nor any better way of giving glory, honor, and praise to Jesus, than to constantly announce His Good News in every setting. The results of both, was tragic in mankind's mind: they both were murdered by men that disagreed with them. Yet, in God's mind, there is no greater Cause on Earth: the worth and price paid for the eternal destiny of any and all souls! In this context of, "...you all 'must' be imitators of God, as beloved children...", followed by, Jesus as your most correct and sacrificial example, these brethren are being told to not live among these

evil folk (which they all use to be like) by their evil standards (which are not standards at all), but by Jesus' example-the new Way! Too, rather than live like they do, live Jesus' new Way because of their eternities, as Jesus did. He, then, follows with the fact that all of them are to expose the evils folks around them do! This is a 'walk' that is 'enlightened', or Jesus-like. Do not be concerned about your physical fate, leave that to God and be Jesus' "Light", which is what they seem to need to be reminded about. Dr. Paul, here, spends this entire 'Thought' (#6) about their need to recall this characteristic of Jesus. Dr. Paul declares that all of them, "...must 'walk' in love, even as Jesus..." at the beginning of the 'Thought' and here, he mentions their 'walk' again, "...all of you 'must' look accurately at how you 'walk'". They are to evaluate if they are living up to the image of their Lord Jesus, and if not, they 'must' confess their sin to God and reform the error. They had had several years of correct examples of Jesus-likeness by Dr. Paul, his team, their being taught Jesus' New Covenant, being trained, and by the next generation of leaders (some of which Dr. Paul has already warned of their coming errors). They still, too, had the Holy Spirit working among them with the Truth, among which is this very Letter from Him by Dr. Paul's pen. They ought to not have to be reminded of the kind of different, special, exposing 'walk' that was like Jesus' and was completely exemplified by their leaders and the Holy Spirit's inspired Word. Dr. Paul, himself in this city and province, was hated, well-known for his Teaching, known throughout Asia by name, and constantly opposed, yet he 'exposed' the evils of all men with the Good News of Jesus! They can do no less in

their love of Jesus? T/F \_\_\_\_

45. So, their 'walk' was, also, to be compared to something! He, now, has used 'walk' three times in this 'Thought' (6): 1) in love as exemplified and taught by Jesus only, 2) as 'enlightened' by His Light, which demonstrates His Light and exposes (proactively) any darkness, 3) examine their present kind of walk to ensure they are doing so correctly. To know if they are walking in wisdom or not, ought to be simple to decide, because they have God's new Way completely understood by them all. Unwise is any 'walk' that is not from God. Because time is short (the idea that you are here on Earth for a long time is a serious error) and evil is everywhere. They all 'must' avoid any foolishness (of what an accurate 'walk' must have in it) and 'walk' as the Lord Will. Will they too? Y/N \_\_\_\_

46. No life, that is full of 'debauchery (meaning: excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures), which becoming drunk on wine(s) will produce, has any comparison to being 'filled' with the Holy Spirit ( His Way is the accurate Way [walk] to please our God and obey our Lord Jesus). Thus, one that is filled with the Spirit is wise, accurate, and in love with Jesus. An example of their correct wisdom is when they are gathered and singing: psalms (To God), hymns (About God), and spiritual songs (because of the things God has revealed). They are singing among themselves from their hearts (mind), as they pluck their heart strings, meaning they are in correct worship to the Lord. This is being filled with the Spirit accurately? Y/N \_\_\_\_

47. In Dr. Paul's third 'Thought' (3rd), he reminds his audience that they all once 'walked' in darkness, but then, God was revealed to them, and they all began

a new 'walk' (new Way), which He had prepared in eternity for all to do, as they are still living in a dark world. In his fifth 'Thought', after explaining that Jesus is our only source of pleasing God and the HEAD of our Body, which includes Jews and Gentiles in one Body (both locally and worldwide) and is now revealed by Him in His Kingdom (previously It was a Mystery to all mankind), that they all should 'walk' worthily (in an accurate understanding of this new Way-'walk'), because this is what they are called by Jesus to be like. As they want His salvation, He wants them to all be His defined kind of citizen-like HIM! They are to 'walk' His new Way only. He provided them special teachers that He placed with correct, complete, and clear Directions (His Standard) to teach them. Christians are taught and are not an automatic citizen as Jews were. This was so they would not continue in Gentile (or Jewish) traditions or cultural darkness (These are dark 'walks' and unacceptable by God). An 'imitator' of God is the only acceptable 'walk'(but they must reform to the works He designed when He planned the Kingdom in heaven, of which Dr. Paul is reminding them. These three 'walks' in this 'Thought' (6<sup>th</sup>) declare the accurate 'walk' they already knew and understood. He will use the Greek for 'must' over 35 times through the rest of the Letter in nearly every verb, to ensure there is no misunderstanding of God's kind of 'walk'. These are not suggestions, or goals they might achieve, but rather, Jesus' expectation of His citizens. He is not giving his opinion, but more so, declaring what Jesus commands? Y/N \_\_\_\_

48. The split in this Text is very seeable. Dr. Paul began with a concise but thorough explanation of the design of the greatest Kingdom of the greatest



King, through his fourth 'Thought' (4<sup>th</sup>). He, then, begins the transition to what is expected from Jesus' Kingdom by calling upon his audience to 'walk worthily' of their King's new Way. This is covered in his 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 'Thought' as guided by the Holy Spirit, which presses the citizen to refresh and review their characteristics and discern, if they are actually Jesus-like or not! This should have been their only aim through their love and obedience to their King-Jesus, throughout their lives and interaction with those in darkness. Because Jesus allows His citizens to 'reform' any error or flaw they have by prayer and reform (thy must confess their sin and then reform it to Jesus' likeness, only as defined in His Standard-the New Covenant-His Kingdom's "Law of Liberty". He does not demand sinlessness but does declare what those that are in His Kingdom are to be: Like Him!, whom He defines as blameless. He is aware that all men sin, regularly (Only Jesus is sinless), but His citizen, daily, all day long, examines himself by Jesus' Standard, confesses and begins their Jesus-like reform of that sin (sometimes an apology is necessary to people). God will not forgive sin that is not zealously reformed to Jesus' Standard. Reform is and has been required by God for all men that are of 'the Faith', since our beginning. The actions by folks after becoming a genuine disciple of Jesus is a constant reminder in His New Covenant of reforming carried out by His Kingdom. Dr. Paul calls this, "..., and to put on (clothed with) the new person...", in his 5<sup>th</sup> 'Thought'? Y/N \_\_\_\_

49. The review in the last two questions are to bring the audience to not only a refresher of this Epistle describing the King and His Kingdom, but to make them aware of how 'Thankful' all of them ought to be for God's Grace,

Wisdom, and Power. This “Plan” was designed by the Godhead (Father, Word, and Holy Spirit) in eternity prior to anything being created! He, then, ‘spoke’ everything into being created and designed perfectly for the time they would be on Earth. Every atom, light particle, gravitational pull, and cell was perfectly designed for continued use and reproduction, which, too, revealed to the curious: His power and divine nature! How wonderful is the living God! Thus, Dr. Paul, who began this Treatise with, “EXTOL” (directing this audience), is deserved toward the God and the Father, here again, directing the level of ‘Thankfulness” they all ought to have for Him. First, he declares that they should be continually (constantly) thanking Him. Not for a few ‘good’ things, but for ‘all’ things. It is obvious to Dr. Paul that God’s activity with each of us, is more understood after the fact than by our activity, thus, ‘all things’ is much more appropriate to be thankful for. Great words in prayer are not his point but intimacy with our God and Father. It, if you truly investigate Him and His Plan for us, cannot be a relationship without complete honesty, openness, and humility (He already knows you better than you know yourself). This, also, reveals a proper prayer. It is always to be to the Father and not to others. No prayer in the New Covenant is ever given to any human, or angel, or the Holy Spirit or to Jesus. Only God, the Father is approached with a prayer. Also, here, is verified that all prayers are, since the beginning of Jesus’ Kingdom, to be presented to God the Father in Jesus’ Name (or authority and submission to Him). The Word never makes a mistake and the Message many times has both instructional thoughts, as well as, mental development and understanding.

Both are reforms to Jesus' New Covenant Way? Y/N \_\_\_\_

50. This 'subjection' to one another is an essential part of the daily life of all of Jesus' Kingdom. He established, and expects, that the relationship in each of His local congregations be strong in its internal interaction. Usually, you find folks strong in the blood family ties, even willing to war against other families. Some folks are sometimes loyal and very strong in their support of their local or national leaders and laws they generate for folks to give allegiance, too. This usually becomes abusive or overbearing, requiring a military method to continue the governing body's control. Usually, resulting in some kind of a regime leadership change and a new law system. Jesus' is much different, in that, He is the only Leader that calls for His citizens to "be like Me!". Also, their tie to Him does not offer prestige, power, or popularity while upon Earth. Too, His goal is not utopia on Earth, but rather, a promise of an "Eternity" of bliss after life is removed from Earth on the last Day by God. No leader among mankind has ever offered any such promise. First, they could not prove that they have the power to deliver such a future. But Jesus did, as He came, proved His extraordinary powers, was murdered but sinless, resurrected, ascended to His Throne (rule over all things in heaven and upon Earth) and provided a complete, accurate, clear Standard for all generations to become part of His Kingdom, equally. That Standard was written by His contemporaries that personally witnessed His work and the beginning of His Kingdom. They did not war against anyone, abuse them, demand the allegiance of anyone. They reasoned the validity of their King and Kingdom, lived as citizens of It, and continuously evangelized, even in

the most difficult of times, seemingly with little concern for their lives on Earth. Subjection to the others in your community that live by this calling, Dr. Paul says, are to be your true family, above blood or politics. No favoritism was among them only 'subjection' to each other? T/F \_\_\_\_

51. He, also, says that they do this remarkable thing (subjection to each other in the Kingdom), because of their 'reverence' of Jesus. This is a 'genitive' case use of Christ (Xristou). Thus, these brethren have to develop their 'subjection to one another' due to the fear, love, commitment, or reverence of Jesus. He expects them to think, act, talk, and be motivated exactly as He is toward others. Without this relationship as their priority, they will not be as Jesus is. Others, no matter their obnoxious nature, or good nature, if they are in Jesus' Kingdom must be their most Jesus-like attention, above all others. This is exactly what motivated Jesus to die for folks in sin that could care less about His new Way, nor had any concern for their fate with God, nor wanted saved. That reverence for Him will allow them to reform to His nature? Y/N \_\_\_\_

52. Now, since he has proven that God has a special 'walk', which He intends all citizens to do, as part of this Kingdom, he begins to compare Jesus' relationship to His called-out group with the relationship God expects in all marriages. He makes it clear that he is continuing to speak about Jesus' Kingdom, but a marriage is a parallel to It. Marriage was the first relationship between mankind that God put in place. He even gave some 'law' about it.

Only one man for one woman for life. The female was to be the helper to her mate (but equal in all things, except subjection). The male was the leader of each family (He has the responsibility to obey God in the family). No one could unglue what God had set as law. This was many years before Moses wrote the Jewish Law by God's inspiration. It was even longer till Jesus and His new Way would come (this was 'the fulness of time'-the center or reason for all other things being created). Marriage was defined by God prior to a nation being designed to follow His Law. Marriage, too, was before a congregation was organized by Jesus' New Covenant. Dr. Paul, now, declares that in reverence liken unto the kind one has for Christ Jesus, a wife is to have for her husband. Thus, nothing over all those centuries has changed in God's mind. Marriage is a wife and a husband (male and female only) and she is to be 'in subjection to her spouse only, just as she is to Jesus. Does she desire to do so, or hunger to do so, or does she not! This is her question, which is not to be answered by culture or tradition, or by her new character. It is designed by God and not his fault that lust, pressures, desires, educators, and the powers of ego have redesigned marriage. They will all fail to achieve what He has planned, which is an eternal Kingdom that worships Him and serves Him. In It will be no marriages anymore, only those that are liken to angels for eternity. So, the wife is to spend her time on Earth in a relationship with a man in subjection to him, even as the wife has to Christ. Now, that is a clear definition of being in subjection. Is Dr. Paul saying anything not already defined by God, years before? Y/N \_\_\_\_

53. He points out that the man is the 'head' of the wife. Not smarter, not more

dependable, not more considerate, not even free to make more errors than her in their marriage! But, he, by God's decree, is the 'head' and to be clearer, Dr. Paul says that he is equal in being 'head' to Jesus Christ, as "HEAD" of His called-out group (His Kingdom)! Then, can she make decisions without or against his will or knowledge! Or can she in any way not consult with and not submit to his will, with patience and genuine respect for God's order of family responsibility? Y/N \_\_\_\_

54. The husband, though, must be aware that God has given him great responsibility toward his family (wife and children), he is, in many ways, their savior, even as Jesus is for His called-out group. He died for His family and provided a correct view and understanding of what would save them. It meant more than life to Jesus and there is no doubt nothing less is expected of a husband. This kind of clear understanding, when seen and felt by a man's wife will generate in her subjection to him, exactly what the called-out group (Jesus' Body) responds with toward Jesus' Headship? Y/N \_\_\_\_
55. By Dr. Paul saying, "...in everything.", at the end of this declaration, he is not leaving out any area of living that a marriage will affect. Just as 'her' subjection to Jesus is to cover every part of 'her' daily life, so is 'her' marriage? Y/N \_\_\_\_
56. He, now, turns to the 'husbands' role in a marriage. He begins with the only way God accepts them to relate to their own wife. Every culture or tradition on Earth has a seeable plan for marriage. They seldom give any in-site into the actual relationship, but give rules to govern a marriage. If all husbands genuinely felt as Jesus does for His called-out group, marriage would be in a

more honorable place in mankind's mind. Here, Dr. Paul sets the level of commitment He expects 'men' to have for their wives (female). The usual ideas of "love" are all almost meaningless toward a wife, after a while. Dr. Paul says that it is imperative that the husband 'loves' his wife. This 'love' is in koine Greek is 'agape' or sacrificial love. Some wives make this very difficult as time goes on, but the husband, like Jesus, never does not have and practice 'agape' toward his chosen mate (his female wife). Did the people Jesus died for have 'agape' for Him? No, they learned over time what the 'love' Jesus has, actually was. They could feel it, once learned, but learning its depth, meaning, and how to express it to their mate was a continuous conscious effort, which like Jesus, required a sacrifice for them of spiritual value not secular. He did all He did to set them apart from all others, such that they were pleasing to God. At the beginning of a marriage, they are being presented to all as cleansed, just as is anyone that is committing to Jesus. They are immersed into Christ, as He planned and directed, which then, is recognized as the moment God transfers them into Jesus' Kingdom. Marriage allows a husband to have the same kind of special bond because of his commitment to her. Love motivated Jesus to allow His kind of marriage, and marriage on Earth is to be based on the exact same kind of 'love'. Jesus presents His 'bride' to himself in splendor, seeing no flaw in her, as a husband has to feel toward his spouse (wife)? Y/N \_\_\_\_

57. He mentions a second area of 'agape' most folks do not even consider. A husband 'must', also, love (agape) his wife (female) as he loves his own self. He says that since folks care for and nourish their own bodies, they must

'love' their wives the same way. A person will decide what is best for themselves in many areas, but they have to consider, now, their wife and her needs. This is often applied to secular needs, but cannot be the emphasis here, as the comparison is Jesus to His called-out group (His Kingdom), which He considers His Body. His relationship to them is instructive, patient, continuous, gentle, and toward an eternal wedding forever. Every marriage, then, must have His goals, actions, and submission with a plan for the eternal Kingdom. If the goals for marriage of two people (male to female) are not equally 'loving' each other, and committed to (some day) both of them entering Jesus' eternal Body, there is a 'love' problem, that needs to be worked through until the eternal destiny is mutually discerned and working between them. Jesus does this with each of His Kingdom, daily, with great 'love' for them. If a marriage has not worked through this kind of declared 'love', it is best they hold off until they have Jesus' Plan as their only goal. It means that they have not yet formed the kind of 'love' of self, toward each other, as they have different goals? Y/N \_\_\_\_

58. Dr. Paul next says, " Therefore, a man will leave his father and mother..." , which means that based upon this correct 'agape', which is an absolute "must" to have, a man has found a correct wife (female)! He can leave his family, unite with his wife (female) and they will be one flesh. God recognizes and declares that these are a 'must' to be in order. Any other idea of love is an error and not a satisfactory reason for a marriage. This is unlike the requirements for two folks getting married in any other kingdom, right? Y/N \_\_\_\_



59. Order in a marriage is a Mystery of God's design. He has established an order He says will be best for the spouses to develop and live by. He is aware of this but commands His order to be kept by them both. The husband (male) is to 'love' the wife (female) as Jesus 'loves' His called-out group and his own self, and the wife (female) is to respect him in all things due to her reverence to God. This will not always be easy to do, but His order should be sacrificed to accomplish His goals for her family, which is not a well-adjusted civil family, but rather, an eternal home with Him for the entire family? This is Jesus' goal for His 'family' and these spouses are to imitate Him, not man's various ways of marriage? Y/N \_\_\_\_

54. He, then, brings up the family children. A single child can be 'children' as well as multiple can be children. From early ages, in most cultures, children will develop the normal trait of being obedient to parents. It will erode over time as the children, are allowed to have their own decisions. If parents work with the children, generally, the children are responsive to their parent's guide, whether the guide is good (God's new Way) or not (anything else man holds as important). Here, we have no idea as to the age of these 'children', to which Dr. Paul is writing. They may be those that have accepted Jesus and His new Way, but could be all children in a family that has parents that are in Jesus' Kingdom. He tells them that they are in a special place, which is in a home honoring God correctly. Some have speculated that this is for all children, but the context is about parents that are responding to God's New Covenant. He says that they 'must' obey their parents 'in the Lord'. Thus, in they being good children, they are to follow

all things God teaches, which their parents ought to be emulating as Christians. He, then, says that they ought, also, to 'honor' their parents. Children are not responsible by God's standard for their mistakes in life decisions (In Deut.1:39 He says this through Moses about the children through the age of 19 of the rebellious 1<sup>st</sup> generation of Jews under Moses.) The things of life taught them by parents of God's new Way are the 'right' things, and their mistakes ought to be discussed, reformed, and accepted to please God. He expresses a reward to the children for so doing: 1) Their lives will be well, 2) and They will live long on the Earth. When a child is in an abusive or violent home, it is only the parent's conversion to Truth that can offer such a setting to properly effect their children and their eternity. Most parents of the world have poor goals or hopes for their children. It ought to always be: am I providing a home that assures my family a good understanding of our God, His Son-Jesus- our King, and exactly what His New Covenant teaches is the only acceptable new Way to live out our time upon Earth, such that, we all can join our God in His designed eternal Kingdom after life on Earth is completed. This is God's designed Plan (from the beginning of creation) for every soul. Children that obey their parents in the Lord have often converted their parents to Jesus' new Way, as found only in the New Covenant? Y/N \_\_\_\_

55. Dr. Paul returns to the 'fathers' of these children. They are the same men that are correct husbands, above. He declares that it is their responsibility in God's mind and Plan to ensure that the children are attended to correctly. First, he says that they 'must' not, meaning that they must stay in self-control

no matter the mistake of the child, as they must handle things by God's standard. There is justified punishment for mistakes, but learning and seeing God's love, reforming, and forgiveness are much more useable for growth and adjustment in children. Thus, self-control is to be the nature of interaction with children, God's kind. Nothing is gained if a father (or mother) abuses a child for mistakes. Often times, abuse, oppression, losing control, or poor punishment will develop in a child a sense of hate or wrath, which will be difficult to correct. Parents that cannot say to their children (or each other) that they are sorry for a poor or quick decision, are going to have difficulty developing their family to be pleasing to God. Provoking your child to wrath will happen through the years. It must be spotted, dealt with love, in humility, and correctly, so that the child learns how to handle anger as God wants him to (remember God said, "Vengeance is Mine!", meaning, only He knows how or when to be vengeful, not most parents). The responsibility in the family is the father's, to ensure this is controlled. He Has to set aside time, as a priority, for his family to work on these things with God's new Way. Anger will come to all, but handling your anger by God's standard, allows for all to learn the correct way to control it? Y/N \_\_\_\_

56. He says that there are two area a father has to ensure his family receives correctly from him. The first is 'training', which Dr. Paul leaves open to all kinds of possible interpretations. The reason is because there are all kinds of training activities, which will be available during a child's life. The father has the responsibility of watching over the child and what they are being trained to do (or participate in). There is no higher acceptable 'trainer' by God of a

family's children, other than the father. He is approving the child's training in the child's mind by allowing the child to participate in things. The culture, traditions, lack of personal time, using educators, recreation, things that are 'fun', etc., should be allowed only by the living God's standard, and as a father approves of it. He is the only one with God's authority for the activity of his children. Training is to be only for the child's adjustment to becoming a responsible Christ-like adult. Too many times activities replace the father, not support or relate to his authority. Secondly, Dr. Paul says the father has the responsibility of ensuring the child is receiving the 'instruction' of the Lord. Because children are much easier influenced by wrong things, the father is assigned the responsibility to ensure that the things learned are instructions of the Lord and not an interpretation of His Word. God has provided us everything for 'living and God likeness' and the father by example and explanation, has the responsibility of insuring the child learns God's new Way (the Truth) and is practicing It. He must take the time to ensure that daily the correct 'living and God likeness' are being instructed and learned by the child. It is not his responsibility to 'pass the buck' to his wife (whom also has responsibility, but not above the father's) or others for this most significant need of every child he has. None of the children can be rejected or slacked-off with in the father's efforts, if they (the father's) are to be pleasing to God? Y/N \_\_\_\_

57. Dr. Paul began this section of imperatives ('must'), comparing marriage to the relationship of Jesus to His called-out group. God's design and mine-set about the relationship is identical in many respects. He, then, carried his

instruction about groups in Jesus' Kingdom to see their various effects on each other from God's divine expectations. These are not 'guidelines' or 'suggestions', but more so, these are God's expectations of those that are citizens in Jesus' Kingdom. He has already covered the children and father's responsibility toward his children. Here, he turns to another most difficult area of human interaction. Many cultures, then, (and even today) have several levels of slaves. The Roman Empire was full of slaves at many levels. Their Law would continue to change, allowing slaves to be full Roman citizens, through their years as an Empire. At Dr. Paul time, though, there were only a few ways a slave to a Roman citizen, could become a citizen and most were unable to achieve that freedom. He, thus, in this discussion of "the Greatest King and His Great Kingdom", sees it necessary to express how slave and master of the slaves 'must' act toward each other. These are not up for debate or for interpretation, but more so, this is God's only acceptable new Way. These will be a defining of how He and Jesus actually feel toward representing and imitating Them 'must' be done. Too, it informs any weak follower of Jesus' New Covenant, that God can see and knows exactly how they are motivated in their slavery. They 'must' reform their deep feeling to His new Way, so that, the slave can have the correct effect on their fellow slaves, people around them, and their masters. Remember, this is God's mind on this relationship, not mankind's. This is parallel to how Jesus feels about all mankind, no matter their false understanding of their position over them. Reform to Jesus' motives, has to be reformed in all slaves and masters. God's reward to those that respond correctly is eternal and He

knows their situation. They must remember that in reality they are Jesus' slaves. Creating 'slaves' is not God's way for mankind to interact, it is evil's way of oppression and control? Y/N \_\_\_\_

58. He concludes with this instruction to all of these groups (as well as all others) that these three things will sustain them. 1) They must become strong in the Lord (There is no question that God's new Way in Jesus' Kingdom is the correct Way a citizen of Jesus' Kingdom must reform to be! So, their consciences and actions are absolutely certain ones, that God can be trusted over their old evil ways to have interaction with mankind, which they all learned and have from: their cultures, traditions, egos, and education. Their strength 'must' be from God, as He has the only genuine power to know and judge by Truth, 2) They 'must' equip themselves for this battle against evil forces. They are the real enemy! He is saying that reform to this new Way, might not be easy but must be done. Their trust in God will determine what instructions they will use in their interaction with mankind. God prepared His new Way in eternity before any creating began, and mankind began to fall to the devil's evil ways, as Dr. Paul has already addressed in this Letter. These citizens are capable of defeating their real enemy in God's mind, thus, the 'doer' of God's new Way gives them victory over evil. These are God's armor for your battle, 3) They, themselves, 'must, therefore, put on (cloth themselves) God's armor! They, will then, be victorious, as evil's attempts to defeat you will not be able to penetrate God's armor. You will stand as a victor over anything he designs to destroy you, and you will be rewarded for being Jesus' genuine imitator? Y/N \_\_\_\_

59. Dr. Paul gives four descriptions of the 'devil's devices' to make us aware that our battle (struggle) is far more important than those among 'blood and flesh'. Our battle is for our eternal destiny, not: success, control, abuse, or oppression of mankind. Eternity is possible and promised by our living God (because this is His entire reason for this new Way) for anyone that stands 'for' and 'in' Jesus New Covenant Way, and our real enemy is the devil's evil (against God)? Y/N \_\_\_\_
60. Now, he gives the six parts of the armor that make a citizen of Jesus' Kingdom a soldier that is completely prepared to defeat anything the devil might use in his fighting for your soul. These make the devil's battle plan look very childish, as well as, incapable of even creating a real battle. All a citizen of Jesus' Kingdom has to do, is be dressed for battle correctly with God's armor and you cannot be defeated by any device of the devil! The six parts of our armor (provided by God for our complete protection) are: 1) a complete 'belt' of Truth, which only God has and has provided for all citizens, no matter their culture or era, 2) a chest-plate that is righteousness (being like Jesus by His New Covenant, makes you righteous in God's mind), 3) your feet are shod with Jesus' Good News of the Peace (wherever you walk in life, He expects you to explain and defend, at all cost (not concerned with physical results), the Good News concerning Jesus, which is your reason for all you do, 4) you must have a shield for both defense and offense, which Romans had designed well. They perfected how to battle with a certain shield that produced victory after victory, due to it almost being a wall that is not able to be penetrated. God's shield by design (in eternity) is unable to

be penetrated by any device the devil comes up with. This shield is named by Dr. Paul, as 'the Faith', which is a common phrase in the Greek Text of the New Covenant, which explains the complete new Way. 'The Faith' includes all of God's instruction of Jesus' new Way, which Jesus commissioned all His citizens to observe and teach. Dr. Paul, after giving a detailed explanation of God's Plan and planning in the opening of this Letter, calls that Plan: 'the Faith', which the audience of this Letter had been taught and understood. Thus, this 'shield' is the most complete protection in a battle for your soul's allegiance, security, and victory, 5) the need of an excellent 'helmet' (even with a great shield), is essential, thus, Dr. Paul says that Jesus' citizen army 'must' have the most magnificent helmet: a confidence of your own salvation, which you are absolutely certain God will give you, as He promised. He has never lied or changed His revealed Way to mankind, under any circumstance, 6) finally, you need a 'sword', which is for defense and offense. You cannot win a war without being capable of great defense and equal offense. If you just want to be defensive in your battle for the souls of men, you are not doing your assigned work by God correctly and 'must' reform. A sword is essential to be used correctly, also. If you do not train and learn how to use a sword correctly, you are not prepared for your opponent. This 'sword' Dr. Paul also names: a) It is only from the Holy Spirit, thus, of perfect development, and b) this sword from Him is God's Word! It is His only 'sword', His divine sword, and It is actually "God's Word"! Folks often miss this essential point: every time they read the New Covenant (or the Old Covenant), they are having a conversation with God! This is His



method of talking with each of us! The Word of God is not a source of Truth from God, It is God "Talking" to us. This is His actual conversation with each of us. So, do not ever become persuaded that this 'sword' is to be not heard accurately or completely. This 'sword' is God, Himself, speaking to you with His instruction and new Way. You have to admit that this would make you impregnable from any attack, as well as, able to take the battle to the enemy? T/F \_\_\_\_

61. Dr, Paul has finished his detailed description of Jesus' Kingdom. He explains It from its inception in the mind of God from in eternity before any creating was begun. Followed this, he reveals the 'design' God had in mind for that Kingdom. As you read and study through the revealed information about It, you can see many things that are different about Jesus' Kingdom and any other kind of kingdom mankind has designed. The HEAD is Jesus (from His Throne in heaven) and His goal for It is to be 'like Him'! The local congregation is to include both Jews and Gentiles. There is to be only a single congregation of all saints in a community. They are to maintain "Unity" only as He has designed with nothing governing It except exactly what the Holy Spirit will reveal. The relationship of each citizen with both Jesus and each other is defined clearly, with many 'do not' or 'must do' to imitate Jesus (this is their only goal). All of those things make Jesus' citizens much different than normal citizens of any other kingdom. They are to maintain these to continue to be pleasing to God until the last Day, meaning in every generation or culture. He is not making suggestions or a guide for the citizens life-style, but more so, he is giving the expected way to: speak,

act, think, and be motivated! Citizens are each to live by this Textbook. This is the mind of God in print, explaining exactly how He designed the life to be lived by Jesus' Kingdom. Mankind that comes to Jesus for eternal life and salvation has agreed to 'reform' to His new Way, and this is not just a reminder to those that Dr. Paul has taught completely, personally, but more so, this Treatise is the Standard of the 'Greatest King and Kingdom That Has Ever Exist on Earth'! Every person from any era makes a decision, as to whether they will 'reform' to obey Jesus' Kingdom instructions, so they can be His citizen. This Letter is the central Theme of what they are to do?

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#### Dr. Paul 7<sup>th</sup> Thought

1. He authorized Tychicus to be both the bearer of this Letter and the one that can update them as to Dr. Paul's situation. Tychicus also delivered two other Letters (Colossians and Philemon) to another congregation on this mission ( possible distributed copies of them to other congregations in Asia) which were part of the plan Dr. Paul used while in Ephesus, a few years earlier, to evangelize Asia (Roman Province). Tychicus was a strong and faithful to Jesus Prophet and Evangelist in Dr. Paul's team for many years. He was to explain what was happening in Rome, where Dr. Paul was under house arrest because of his 'Appeal to Caesar". And to encourage the congregations, as required? Y/N \_\_\_\_
2. He wants the Peace of God and the Love of God to be in all brethren, with full

understanding or assurance in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

These two are reality's only genuine sources of Peace and Love. He also says to each of them, that he prays that 'the Grace' (God's active favor toward them) will be evident among all folks, whose love of Jesus is imperishable (will always be strong, even into eternity). He is suggesting that this Treatise is from Them and love of Jesus makes the 'doing' of It imperishable, while all else perishes? Y/N \_\_\_\_