



Answers for the Faith

Biblical answers for the tough questions

What is Hope?

What is the Bible?

Who is Jesus?

What is the Church?

What is Fellowship?

What is the will of God for my life?

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Who is Satan?

What is a Prophet?

What is Hope?

The Bible says that we are to sanctify in our hearts Christ as Lord, and be ready always to give answer to every man that asks us for a reason concerning the hope that is in us, yet with meekness and fear. The implication is that people see hope in our Christian lives. People ask us about the hope that we have because they see that we have hope. We as Christians are to be prepared to give answers for that hope. In other words, we don't have to study up on cults or comparative religions to be able to give answers because what people are looking for is hope. The answers that we give to people need to provide them with hope.

There are only a few fundamental questions for which you need answers. The answers to these fundamental questions give rise to hundreds of others. When we give answers to people it isn't so much about what we say but how we say it. People die cold and alone and no matter what they buy into intellectually, when they come face to face with the hopelessness of their world view, they all realize they want hope. People need hope. So let's answer the fundamental questions of Christianity in a way that provides hope.

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If we are going to give answers that provide hope, then it behooves us to discover what Hope really is. Does the Bible give us the answer to this question?

Philippians 3:12-14 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hope was causing a change in the life of the apostle Paul.

1 Peter 1:3-6 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who by the power of God are guarded through faith

unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.⁶ Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, ye have been put to grief in manifold trials

Hope was causing a change the apostle Peter's life

Romans 8:28 – 29 And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, *even* to them that are called according to *his* purpose. **29** For whom he foreknew, he also foreordained *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren:

Hope causes a change in the lives of believers .

Hope causes a change in people's lives.

1 Peter 3:15-16 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

What is it that we are to be ready to give to every man an answer for? HOPE! We are to be ready to give them an answer for the hope that is in us. The implication is that the question we are answering is concerning the hope that people see in us.

Do people see hope in your life?

People want answers not from people who know but from people who demonstrate. As a Christian, our lives should demonstrate HOPE. We are the experts on the subject of hope. In Hebrews, we read, "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil," We look forward to so much as Christians, and we have the opportunity to share the hope that we have with the world around us. People don't need intellectual answers to their arguments, they need hope. When people argue with us they don't think we are the experts. There are only a few fundamental questions that need answers. The answers of these questions gives rise to hundreds of others.

What is the bible?

Our attitude toward the bible is affected by our understanding of what it is.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

According to the apostle Paul the Bible is Inspired by God, Profitable, and able to build up the Christian

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

The book of Joshua tells us that the Bible causes prosperity in our lives and Leads to success when it is meditated upon.

1 Kings 2:3 And keep the charge of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn

Again we see that the Bible causes us to succeed

Psalms 1:2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers....**19:7** The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The book of Psalms teaches us that the Bible not only leads to prosperity, but it also produces wisdom in men and brings true enlightenment and joy to us as it restores our souls. We learn that the Bible is perfect, right, and pure.

2 Timothy 3:15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Paul demonstrates to us in the life of timothy that the Bible is sacred; giving wisdom, and leading to salvation.

What, in your experience, is the Bible?

Book	Decrees
Holy book	Holy
Holy teachings	Sacred
Word of God	Rules
Word of the Lord	Guidance
Law of the Lord	Gospel
Testimonies	Good News
Oracles of God	Philosophy
Statutes	Prophecy
Commanments	Greek
Precepts	Hebrew
Judgements	Poetry
Law	History
Revelation	Legends
Scripture	Stories
Lamp unto my feet	Parables
Light unto my path	Red Letters
Religion	Christianity

For most people the Bible is just another book that is written by man describing stories and teaching lessons that have no relevance in today's world. Scripturally we find that is far from the truth.

1 Peter 4:11 Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Peter tells us that the Bible is the utterances of God.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The author of Hebrews says, 'its alive and able to judge'

Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Bible accomplishes the will of God

The most succinct answer is found in the New Testament book of Hebrews.

Hebrews 1:1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, 2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

What is the Author telling us? He says, 'This is what the Bible is.' God spoke through the prophets and continues to speak to us today. What is the Bible? It's not a book, or a bunch of good thoughts. It isn't a bunch of rules. **The Bible is God Speaking.**

Who is Jesus

Our response toward Jesus is affected by our understanding of who He is.

1 Peter 3:15 but sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord: *being* ready always to give answer to every man that asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear:

Colossians 1:16 for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and unto him;

Hebrews 1:-2 God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, **2** hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in *his* Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds;

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:
and let
them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens,
and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that
creepeth upon the earth.

1 Corinthians 8:6 yet to us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we unto him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through him.

Romans 11:36 For of him, and through him, and unto him, are all things. To him *be*
the glory for ever. Amen.

The most concise answer to this is John 1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that hath been made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not. 6 There came a man, sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but *came* that he might bear witness of the light. 9 There was the true light, *even the light* which lighteth every man, coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and they that were his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth.

What was in the beginning?

- **The Word**

Who is John calling the word?

- **Jesus**

What is John's purpose in calling Jesus the word? **THINK**

What is a word?

- A word is an expression of a thought or an idea

What does 'THE' imply?

- Expression in totality
- The Word -The Expression

Who is Jesus according to these verses?

- **Jesus is the Expression of God**

What does 'WAS' imply?

- **Before the beginning**

What was before the beginning?

- **Eternity**

According to these verses who is Jesus?

- Jesus is the total expression of God of Eternity
- The Eternal Expression of God

When you are dealing with someone who is all powerful - The action is the accomplishment

- Expression is the accomplishment
- The Expression of God's thought is the accomplishment or the fulfillment

What is Jesus the Expression of?

- Jesus is the eternal expression and fulfillment of the will of God

What does the second part of the first verse say?

The Word was with God - together, Relationship

- He has a relationship with God as the Expresser and fulfiller.
- To have a relationship you need 2
- Jesus is a person not a force
- Only animate living beings can be with each other anything else is possession

The Word was God - John makes it clear Jesus is God

According to these verses who is Jesus?

- Jesus is God eternally and expressly fulfilling the will of God -

--Who God is, is not limited to who we are

All things were made by him

- He was not created, he has always existed
- The Word is the creator

What does verse 4 say

In Him was Life

- Life cannot be produced by man on his own
- He, Jesus, is the source and maintainer of Life
- The Life that Jesus has is the meaning of it all
- When you recognize the Life that is in Jesus you recognize the meaning of it all, the meaning of everything

What does verse 14 say?

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us

- **The word became a man**
- **All that Jesus is as the Word became a man**

In Jesus, we have God himself physically, tangibly expressing and fulfilling the will of God as He lives among us as one of us

Speaking it so we can hear it

Doing it So we can see it

Jesus in His life on earth didn't do anything differently than he had been doing from eternity

Jesus walked and talked eternity

He came to unite us in His relationship with God

John 17:20 - 26 "I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me, The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and thou in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them even as thou hast loved me." "Father I desire that they also whom thou hast given me may be with me where I am, to behold my glory which thou hast given me in thy love for me before the foundation of the world." "O righteous Father the world has not known thee but I have known thee; and these know that thou hast sent me. I made known to them thy name and I will make it known that the love with which thou hast loved me may be in them and I in them."

His cry is, "May they be in us." -- He wants us to experience his connection

The relationship that is so close it's like being inside each other

To bring man into the nature and character of God

To make man like God

To make something new

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Jesus took manhood and brought it into divinity
Jesus didn't just express God's will He fulfilled it

Romans 5:8-10 But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Be saved from his wrath & have fellowship with him!

2 Corinthians 5:19-21 In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him [Christ] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

- Jesus is pure from eternity, and is willing to become the most repulsive thing to him.
 - To become the one thing that would change His relationship with God
 - Jesus becomes a man to take responsibility for man

What is the Church?

Verse by Verse

Romans 9:25 As he saith also in Hosea, I will call that my people, which was not my

1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Called out assembly

Christ's body

John 3:29 He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, that standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is made full.

Ephesians 4:4 *There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling;*

Mark 3:31-35 And there come his mother and his brethren; and, standing without, they sent unto him, calling him. 32 And a multitude was sitting about him; and they say unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. 33 And he answereth them, and saith, Who is my mother and my brethren? 34 And looking round on them that sat round about him, he saith, Behold, my mother and my brethren! 35 For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Christ's bride

Family of believers

1 Corinthians 9:13 Know ye not that they that minister about sacred things eat *of* the things of the temple, *and* they that wait upon the altar have their portion with the altar?

Holy temple

Ephesians 5:32 because we are members of his body. **31** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh. **32** This mystery is great: but I speak in regard of Christ and of the church.

Mystery

Ephesians 5:3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as becometh saints;

Fellowship of Saints

1 Corinthians 1:26 For behold your calling, brethren, that not many wise after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*:

The Called Body of believers

Matthew 13:44 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in the field; which a man found, and hid; and in his joy he goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. **45** Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a merchant seeking goodly pearls: **46** and having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

Kingdom

Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? **17** If any man destroyeth the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, and such are ye.

Dwelling of God's Spirit

What in your experience is the church?

Building
Christianity
Catholicism
Institution
Family
Friendships
Different from the world
Congregation

Denomination
Fellowship
Similar to the world
Religious Activity
Worship

Method/Channel
Pre chewed food
Taxes

How you function as a member is affected by your view of
what it is

Look up- Genesis 17:7, Exodus 6:7& 29:45, Leviticus 26:12, Jeremiah 24:7,
Zechariah 2:10,11

Romans 9:26 And it shall be, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, There shall they be called sons of the living God.

2 Corinthians 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves *as* servants unto obedience, his servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Revelation 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God:

God wants not a person, but a people.

The Church is God... in relationship to His people

God always works out his relationship to us in the context of a community

Ephesians 2:19-22 **19** So then ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but ye are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, **20** being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone; **21** in whom each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord; **22** in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God in the Spirit.

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

- He uses plural words to describe us

In the Old Testament, the worst punishment in the Hebrew law was death. The 2nd worst was to be cut off from the congregation. In the New Testament the worst punishment is to break fellowship. To treat a person in the church like an unbeliever

How is this relationship supposed to work?

1. **John 13:34** A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
2. **Ephesians 5:2** and walk in love, even as Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odor of a sweet smell.
3. **John 15:12** This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you.
4. **1John 3:17** But whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him?

The principle – God expresses his love to us thru others in the church

If you are not part of the church you miss a great expression of God's love

We are flesh and blood – we need to experience & feel love tangibly. He expresses his love in a way so that we can feel it

Matthew 25:40, 45 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, *even* these least, ye did it unto me..... **45** Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of these least, ye did it not unto me.

John 21:15-17 So when they had broken their fast, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of John, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. **16** He saith to him again a second time, Simon, *son* of John, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Tend my sheep. **17** He saith unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

John 15:10-12 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. **11** These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full. **12** This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you.

1 John 4:20-21 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, cannot love God whom he hath not seen. **21** And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also.

If you want to love Jesus – love his church

If you want to practically express your love for Jesus – love His church

If you want to love God more – love one another

1 John 3:18 *My* Little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and truth. The expression of my love toward God should be thru action

Galatians 5:13-14 For ye, brethren, were called for freedom; only *use* not your freedom for an occasion to the flesh, but through love be servants one to another.

Romans 5:5 and hope putteth not to shame; because the love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us.

James 2:15-16 If a brother or sister be naked and in lack of daily food, **16** and one of you say unto them, Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled; and yet ye give them not the things needful to the body; what doth it profit?

Biblical Love is intensely practical

Your love for Jesus should be visible

The ability to love has been given!

Luke 10:29-37 But he, desiring to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbor? **30** Jesus made answer and said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho; and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. **31** And by chance a certain priest was going down that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. **32** And in like manner a Levite also, when he came to the place, and saw him, passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he was moved with compassion, **34** and came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on *them* oil and wine; and he set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **35** And on the morrow he took out two shillings, and gave them to the host, and said, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, I, when I come back again, will repay thee. **36** Which of these three, thinkest thou, proved neighbor unto him that fell among the robbers? **37** And he said, He that showed mercy on him. And Jesus said unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

My neighbor is not determined by what they do to me but what I do to them.

Loving someone is not dependent on their qualities or personality.

Learn to love Jesus - build a relationship with someone you think is obnoxious

God expresses his love thru us to a lost world.

Phillipians 2:15 that ye may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye are seen as lights in the world,

John 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be my disciples.

Matt 5:16 Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

1 Peter 2:12 having your behavior seemly among the Gentiles; that, wherein they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

The church is a relationship that I enter into. I enter into it by expressing my love towards others.

Being a part of the church means that I am in love with the church

What is fellowship?

Verse by verse

What in your experience is fellowship?

Bible studies
Church gatherings
Praying for one another
Encouragement

Talking about God

Sharing with one another

Beneficial

Important

Unimportant

Spending time with Christians

How you function in fellowship and your attitude toward fellowship is going to be affected by what you think it is.

Koinonia – means participating, sharing in common, communion

Ecc1 4:9-12 Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. 10 For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. 11 Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? 12 And if one can overpower him who is alone, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart.

There is **support** in fellowship

There is **power** in fellowship

Fellowship **aids in resistance**

Amos 3:3 Do two men walk together unless they have made an appointment?

There can be no fellowship where there is no agreement

Matt 18:20 "For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

Fellowship takes place **among believers**

2 Cor 6:14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? 15 Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?

There is **harmony** and **partnership** in fellowship

Heb 10:24-25 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Fellowship is a **command from God**

Fellowship **brings encouragement**

Every believer has a part to play

Gen 5:22-24 Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters. 23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24 Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

Enoch had fellowship with God

Gen 6:9-10 These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.

Noah had fellowship with God

Fellowship can be had with God

Acts 2:40-43 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

The disciples had it!!

SO, What is fellowship?

1 John 1:1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life-- 2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us-- 3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have **fellowship** with us; and indeed our **fellowship** is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 **These things we write**, so that our **joy** may be made complete.

John is speaking about Jesus
John says:

"We had fellowship with Jesus."
"We experienced eternity."
"We've had fellowship with God."
"We have seen and heard and touched God."

Have fellowship with us? No, have fellowship with God

John is saying, "We are telling you this so that you too might have fellowship with God. The Fellowship John is talking about is with God.

- He says what I have heard you will now hear thru me.
- He says what I have seen you will now see thru me

The Word – reveals the heart and mind of God.

Christ – reveals the heart and mind of God to us.

Our words – reveal our heart and mind to others. Our words to others should be a reflection of God's Word to me

John says have fellowship with God thru us

Allow yourself to be a channel thru which other people meet with God

Share in your spiritual experiences by the life that you live and the words that you speak

That's fellowship

It is possible for people to have fellowship with God thru you. So we might be able to see him and handle him, touch him and know him as John did. He says, "Have fellowship with the father as we have fellowship with the father." John wants us to experience the same eternal life that he experienced. He says, "I experienced the eternal in the here and now."

5 This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have **fellowship** with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have **fellowship** with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

Note 2 things in this paragraph

1. **Walking in darkness is not walking in fellowship with God.**
2. **You cannot divorce the Church from God**

Understand that we will never be free from sin this side of eternity but we can be clean and not filthy. How? Confession!

- Walking in the light doesn't mean that you won't sin
- Walking in the light entails confessing sins

We don't dictate our lives by sin, as we did in the old life

If we say – this implies people are listening

Confess – he means to the church.

Allow yourself to be a channel through which people confess to God

John is telling them that they can experience eternity as He did – thru Him.

John is talking about experiencing the eternal in the here and now. We get to be channels for people to come to God and God to come to them.

Fellowship is about being channels thru which God can do business with people

What is the will of God for my life

1. God loves you and has a great plan for your life

2. He's not telling you

One of the most important questions for us is what is the will of God for my life and how can I know it

The phrase "the will of God" is mentioned 23 times in the bible and all in the New Testament.

Mark 3:35 "For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother."

In the context of the will of God – it doesn't tell us much

Acots 13:36 Porque Davi, na verdade, havendo servido a sua própria geração pela vontade de Deus, dormiu e foi depositado junto a seus pais e experimentou corrupção.

Not much here

Rom 1:10 always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.

Apparently Paul didn't know the will of God but he was praying for it

Rom 8:27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Not much here

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

The will of God is good, acceptable and proveable

Rom 15:32 so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and find refreshing rest in your company.

Not much here

1 Cor 1:1 Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

Called to be an apostle by the will of God

2 Cor 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

Called to be an apostle by the will of God

2 Cor 8:5-6 and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

Give yourselves to the Lord

Gal 1:4-5 who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

The will of God is to rescue us from this present evil age

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

An apostle by the will of God

Eph 6:6 not by way of eye service, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

You can know it

Col 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
An apostle by the will of God

Col 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God.

Its possible to stand perfect and fully assured in it

1 Thess 4:3-4 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

to be sanctified

1 Thess 5:18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Give thanx in everything

2 Tim 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus,

An apostle by the will of God

Heb 10:36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

Clearly, It can be done

1 Peter 2:15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

Do well and as a result you will silence ignorant and foolish men

1 Peter 3:17 For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.

Any suffering you receive shouldnt be because you deserve it but because you are doing well + and that includes suffering

1 Peter 4:2 so as to live the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

No Contraste com as concupiscências dos homens

1 Peter 4:19

Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.

If you suffer it should be according to the will of God

1 John 2:17

17 The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

The will of God abides forever

How to know the will of God is not directly spoken of

These verses speak of the will of God in very general terms

The will of God is crucial when we need to make a decision, when we confront a decision

The Majority of believers put out a fleece to determine the will of God

Judg 6:36 Then Gideon said to God, " If You will deliver Israel through me, as You have spoken, 37 behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor. If there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I will know that You will deliver Israel through me, as You have spoken." 38 And it was so. When he arose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece, he drained the dew from the fleece, a bowl full of water. 39 Then Gideon said to God, " Do not let Your anger burn against me that I may speak once more; please let me make a test once more with the fleece, let it now be dry only on the fleece, and let there be dew on all the ground." 40 God did so that night; for it was dry only on the fleece, and dew was on all the ground.

Fleece – circumstances determine decision or will of God

The will of God is determined by the circumstances

Gideon was afraid, so he threw out the fleece

There are three reasons why I dont know the will of God

1. God is not able to tell me – that means its Gods fault
2. I have wrong motives – that means its my fault
3. My understanding about finding the will of God is defective – this is the fault of ignorance

In reality the majority of people are not concerned with doing the will of God

Most people are concerned about success

According to the Bible success is an indication that you are living biblically

Success comes by doing things in a biblical way not choosing one thing over the other

Ps 1:1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

John 13:17 "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

Matt 7:24-27"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. 26 "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 "The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell--and great was its fall."

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Acts 8:26 But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, "Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert road.) **Angel**

Acts 9:10-16 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 And the Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight." 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; 16 for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."

Vision

Sometimes Paul was seeing visions sometimes he was hearing the voice of the spirit and sometimes he was seeing angels. . The instruction was never vague but always specific.

Rom 15:24 whenever I go to Spain--for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while-- 25 but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints. 26 For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. 27 Yes, they were pleased to do so, and they are indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things. 28 Therefore, when I have finished this, and have put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will go on by way of you to Spain.

Paul wasn't seeing visions, he was just making plans with an open heart

Why do bad things happen to Good people

Verse by Verse

Why do bad things happen to Good people?

- Suffering is such a real experience that any answer is shallow to a person that is suffering
- It's not about communicating rightness or correctness, but hope.

1 Peter 3:15 but sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord: *being ready always to give answer to every man that asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear:*

Its not about what you say but how you say it –

Why do so many horrible things happen to seemingly innocent people?

Romans 8:28 And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to *his* purpose.

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward.

2 Corinthians 1:3,4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; **4** who comforteth us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

James 1:3,4 Knowing that the proving of your faith worketh patience. **4** And let patience have *its* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.

Romans 3:12 They have all turned aside, they are together become unprofitable; There is none that doeth good, no, not, so much as one:

James 5:11 Behold, we call them blessed that endured: ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord, how that the Lord is full of pity, and merciful.

Suffering – Is it punishment for sin?

Hebrews 9:24 - 24 For Christ entered not into a holy place made with hands, like in pattern to the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear before the face of God for us: **25** nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place year by year with blood not his own; **26** else must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once at the end of the ages hath he been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. **27** And inasmuch as it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh judgment; **28** so Christ also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to them that wait for him, unto salvation.

1 Peter 3:18 Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

Christ died once for sin so there is no sin that is the reason for punishment

Revelation 21:4 and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away.

God never intended pain and suffering to be a permanent part of our experience

Mark 10:18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good save one, even God.

All good – comes from God.

If all things that are good come from God then:

LOVE – a commitment to seek what is best for our benefit

Romans 8:16 - 25 The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God: **17** and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified with *him*. **18** For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward. **19** For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God. **20** For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of him who subjected it, in hope **21** that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. **22** For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only so, but ourselves also, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. 24 For in hope were we saved: but hope that is seen is not hope: for who hopeth for that which he seeth? 25 But if we hope for that which we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

What reason did God have for subjecting the world? **HOPE**
A hope for something better.

When we suffer.....we long.....all longing is ended in him.....it draws men to God. Evil is not a part of God's creation. God allows suffering and turns it to Good because it draws people to him. It helps them find God. Its not about convincing them that something is good at the end. Its about finding God....And God will make the end better than the beginning.

People in pain are very open to finding God.

Psalm 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray; But now I observe thy word. **68** Thou art good, and doest good; Teach me thy statutes.

Affliction brought David to God – to find that He is Good.

Psalm 119:71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; That I may learn thy statutes.

Affliction brought David to God

Psalm 119: 75-77 I know, O Jehovah, that thy judgments are righteous, And that in faithfulness thou hast afflicted me. **76** Let, I pray thee, thy lovingkindness be for my comfort, According to thy word unto thy servant. **77** Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live; For thy law is my delight.

In God's faithfulness God, He allowed David to be afflicted

Hosea 5:15 – 6:3 I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me earnestly. **6:1** Come, and let us return unto Jehovah; for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. **2** After two days will he revive us: on the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live before him. **3** And let us know, let us follow on to know Jehovah: his going forth is sure as the morning;

and he will come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth.

It will cause them to seek his face earnestly
There is so much in us to keep us from seeking his ways, so he uses afflictions as a crucible.

A crucible is a melting pot for metals.

Seeking God the most intensely always comes from hard times.

There is no one in the bible contradicting this.

There is no shortcut around suffering.

When ministering to someone who is suffering, point them to God.

When we suffer its to point us

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day. **17** For our light affliction, which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory; **18** while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

In the midst of all the pain I will find all that is Good.

Everything we see is not real, It will be gone, What we don't see IS!

John 16:20-22 Verily, verily, I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. **21** A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but when she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for the joy that a man is born into the world. **22** And ye therefore now have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one taketh away from you.

Even if you experience trouble your whole life when life is over you experience a joy that no one can take away

Psalm 22:24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Neither hath he hid his face from him; But when he cried unto him, he heard.

Psalm 25:16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; For I am desolate and afflicted.

Psalm 55:17 Evening, and morning, and at noonday, will I complain, and moan; And he will hear my voice.

Psalm 60:1 O God thou hast cast us off, thou hast broken us down; Thou hast been angry; oh restore us again.

Psalm 69:16-17 Answer me, O Jehovah; for thy loving kindness is good: According to the multitude of thy tender mercies turn thou unto me. **17** And hide not thy face from thy servant; For I am in distress; answer me speedily.

Psalm 77:1 I will cry unto God with my voice, Even unto God with my voice; and he will give ear unto me.

Psalm 119:107 I am afflicted very much: Quicken me, O Jehovah, according unto thy word.

Cry out to God. God will hear you, God will meet you and when you meet God you come into contact with all that is good

DON'T TRY TO FIX IT

Sufferings aren't meant for us to fix. Unbelievers can cry out because that is a major sign of repentance.

As you encounter sufferings don't run from it run to God.

Who is Satan and why does God keep him around?

Satan Shattan

What does Satan mean?

Adversary

Devil – the Slanderer/Accuser Diabolos

He is not referred to as devil in the old testament

In the Old Testament - Satan

Satan is the Adversary

Among believers he is the opposer/Accuser - Devil

He tempts

Matt 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Genesis 3:1-5 **1** Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which Jehovah God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of any tree of the garden? **2** And the woman said unto the serpent, Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat: **3** but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. **4** And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: **5** for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil.

1 Chronicles 21:1 **1** And Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel.

Acts 5:3 **1** But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, **2** and kept back *part* of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. **3** But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?

What is He? The opposer

What does that imply?

He is trying to oppose something

There is something He is trying to stop
Satan is opposing something
God is in Control

2Corinthians11:3 **3** But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity that is toward Christ.

He doesn't want to just tempt you sometimes
He wants to deceive you completely

John 10:10 **10** The thief cometh not, but that he may steal, and kill, and destroy: I came that they may have life, and may have *it* abundantly.

1 Peter 5:8 **8** Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour,

Revelation 9:11 **11** They have over them as king the angel of the abyss: his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek *tongue* he hath the name Apollyon.

He wants to destroy us

4 Main Satanic Passages

Job 1-21 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and turned away from evil. **2** And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. **3** His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the children of the east. **4** And his sons went and held a feast in the house of each one upon his day; and they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. **5** And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and renounced God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually. **6** Now it came to pass on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, that Satan also came among them. **7** And Jehovah said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered Jehovah, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. **8** And Jehovah said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job? for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth away from evil. **9** Then Satan answered Jehovah, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? **10** Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. **11** But put forth thy hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will renounce thee to thy face. **12** And Jehovah said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thy hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of Jehovah. **13** And it fell on a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, **14** that there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them; **15** and the Sabeans fell *upon them*, and took them away: yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. **16** While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of

God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. **17** While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have taken them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. **18** While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house; **19** and, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. **20** Then Job arose, and rent his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped; **21** and he said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: Jehovah gave, and Jehovah hath taken away; blessed be the name of Jehovah. **22** In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

CHAPTER 2 **1** Again it came to pass on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, that Satan came also among them to present himself before Jehovah. **2** And Jehovah said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered Jehovah, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. **3** And Jehovah said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job? for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth away from evil: and he still holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. **4** And Satan answered Jehovah, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. **5** But put forth thy hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will renounce thee to thy face. **6** And Jehovah said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thy hand; only spare his life. **7** So Satan went forth from the presence of Jehovah, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. **8** And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself therewith; and he sat among the ashes. **9** Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still hold fast thine integrity? Renounce God, and die. **10** But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Isaiah 14 **4** that thou shalt take up this parable against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! **5** Jehovah hath broken the staff of the wicked, the sceptre of the rulers; **6** that smote the peoples in wrath with a continual stroke, that ruled the nations in anger, with a persecution that none restrained. **7** The whole earth is at rest, *and* is quiet: they break forth into singing. **8** Yea, the fir-trees rejoice at thee, *and* the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*, Since thou art laid low, no hewer is come up against us. **9** Sheol from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming; it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. **10** All they shall answer and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? Art thou become like unto us? **11** Thy pomp is brought down to Sheol, *and* the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and worms cover thee. **12** How art thou fallen from heaven, O day-star, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, that didst lay low the nations! **13** And thou saidst in thy heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit upon the mount of congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north; **14** I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. **15** Yet thou shalt be brought down to Sheol, to the uttermost parts of the pit. **16** They that see thee shall gaze at thee, they shall consider thee, *saying*, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; **17** that made the world as a wilderness, and overthrew the cities thereof; that let not loose his prisoners to their home?

Ezekiel 28 **11** Moreover the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, **12** Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. **13** Thou wast in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was in thee; in the day that thou wast created they were prepared. **14** Thou wast the anointed cherub that covereth: and I set thee, *so that* thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. **15** Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee. **16** By the abundance of thy traffic they filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore have I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. **17** Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to the ground; I have laid thee before kings, that they may behold thee. **18** By the multitude of thine iniquities, in the unrighteousness of thy traffic, thou hast profaned thy sanctuaries; therefore have I brought forth a fire from the midst of thee; it hath devoured thee, and I have turned thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. **19** All they that know thee among the peoples shall be astonished at thee: thou art become a terror, and thou shalt nevermore have any being.

Revelation 12 **3** And there was seen another sign in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems. **4** And his tail draweth the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon standeth before the woman that is about to be delivered, that when she is delivered he may devour her child. **5** And she was delivered of a son, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and unto his throne. **6** And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that there they may nourish her a thousand two hundred and threescore days. **7** And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels *going forth* to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels; **8** And they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. **9** And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him.

Satan had considered Job

It was an identical question to Adam, *Where are You?*

Daniel 10:13 **13** But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days; but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me: and I remained there with the kings of Persia.

Revelation 12:7 **7** And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels *going forth* to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels;

Heb1:7 **7** And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels winds, And his ministers a flame a fire:

Angels are Ministers & Messengers. Satan fights with angels because he knows their here to help us

Devil – Accuser

Revelation 12:10 **10** And I heard a great voice in heaven, saying, Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, who accuseth them before our God day and night.

Zechariah 3:1 And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of Jehovah, and Satan standing at his right hand to be his adversary. **2** And Jehovah said unto Satan, Jehovah rebuke thee, O Satan; yea, Jehovah that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

Satan is the opposer and the accuser

Tries to keep us from God	Tries to keep God from us
Opposes	Accuses
Jesus paid for our sin	Advocate gave us his righteousness

Jesus took everything that Satan accuses us of and dies for it

Matthew 13 **1** On that day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. **2** And there were gathered unto him great multitudes, so that he entered into a boat, and sat; and all the multitude stood on the beach. **3** And he spake to them many things in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went forth to sow; **4** and as he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the way side, and the birds came and devoured them: **5** and others fell upon the rocky places, where they had not much earth: and straightway they sprang up, because they had no deepness of earth: **6** and when the sun was risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. **7** And others fell upon the thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked them: **8** and others fell upon the good ground, and yielded fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. **9** He that hath ears, let him hear. **10** And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? **11** And he answered and said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. **12** For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he hath. **13** Therefore speak I to them in parables; because seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. **14** And unto them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall in no wise understand; And seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive: **15** For this people's heart is waxed gross, And their ears are dull of hearing, And their eyes they have closed; Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And should turn again, And I should heal them. **16** But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear. **17** For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things which ye see, and saw them not; and to hear the things which ye hear, and heard them not. **18** Hear then ye the parable of the sower. **19** When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, **then cometh the evil one, and snatcheth away that which hath been sown in his heart.** This is he that was sown by the way side. **20** And he that was sown upon the rocky places, this is he that heareth the word, and straightway with joy receiveth it; **21** yet hath he not root in himself, but endureth for a while; and when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightway he stumbleth. **22** And he that was sown among the thorns, this is he that heareth the word; and the care of the

world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. **23** And he that was sown upon the good ground, this is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; who verily beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. **24** Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man that sowed good seed in his field: **25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares also among the wheat, and went away.** **26** But when the blade sprang up and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. **27** And the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? whence then hath it tares? **28** And he said unto them, **An enemy hath done this.** And the servants say unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? **29** But he saith, Nay; lest haply while ye gather up the tares, ye root up the wheat with them. **30** Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather up first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn. **31** Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: **32** which indeed is less than all seeds; but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the heaven come and lodge in the branches thereof. **33** Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened. **34** All these things spake Jesus in parables unto the multitudes; and without a parable spake he nothing unto them: **35** that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world. **36** Then he left the multitudes, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Explain unto us the parable of the tares of the field. **37** And he answered and said, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; **38** and the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; **and the tares are the sons of the evil one; 39 and the enemy that sowed them is the devil:** and the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are angels. **40** As therefore the tares are gathered up and burned with fire; so shall it be in the end of the world. **41** The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and them that do iniquity, **42** and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth. **43** Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He that hath ears, let him hear. **44** The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in the field; which a man found, and hid; and in his joy he goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field. **45** Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a merchant seeking goodly pearls: **46** and having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it. **47** Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: **48** which, when it was filled, they drew up on the beach; and they sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but the bad they cast away. **49** So shall it be in the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the righteous, **50** and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth. **51** Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea. **52** And he said unto them, Therefore every scribe who hath been made a disciple to the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 **8** And then shall be revealed the lawless one, whom the Lord Jesus shall slay with the breath of his mouth, and bring to nought by the manifestation of his coming; **9** *even he*, whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, **10** and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **11**

And for this cause God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe a lie: 12 that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

God lets Satan hang around because it shows who loves him and it strengthens our love.
Luke 22:31 **31** Simon, Simon, behold, Satan asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat: