

“They have not known the Father, nor Me” John 16:1-33 3/05/23

Today, we'd like to see the title of “They have not known the Father, nor Me” in John 16:1-33.

To Online Word's people, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. ([_____ Maranatha Worship Songs](#). Videos are seeable upon the click on the website). *YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available*

Q1. In verses 2-3, “ They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. ³ And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me,” explain what it does mean with examples. And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In verse 10, “of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more,” explain what it does mean with the cross- references in the Scripture? And what can we learn from here?

Q3. In verse 33, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world,” why is it so? And how can we apply it to our lives?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

In the last time in John 15:26-27, “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning,” Jesus said that the Spirit of truth, who now came on the Pentecost, after Jesus’ ascension, through His death and resurrection, would bear the witness to Jesus. And Jesus’ original disciples accompanied all the time with Jesus, from beginning or His first calling, also would bear witness to Jesus. Now the books written by His disciples let us to believe in Jesus Christ the Son of God and to have eternal life in His name by grace upon faith.

In the light of chapters 15 and 16, this chapter seems that Jesus was speaking to His disciples on the way to the garden of Gethsemane before His death.

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

<p>¹ <u>“These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. ² They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.</u></p>	<p>¹= These thingsnot be made to stumble (Further persecution was coming. Don't be discouraged)</p> <p>²=Q1 They ...put you out of the synagogues...whoever kills you...think ...he offers God service (They expelled you from the synagogues and the killers of you thought that he was doing God's will like Paul who consented the stoned Stephen, persecuted, and murdered the believers even to foreign cities</p>
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<p>³ And these things they will do to you because <u>they have not known the Father nor Me.</u></p> <p>⁴ But these things I have told you, that <u>when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.</u> <u>“And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.”</u>⁵ <u>“But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’</u> ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, <u>sorrow has filled your heart.</u> ⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to <u>your advantage that I go away;</u> for if I do <u>not go away,</u> the <u>Helper will not come to you;</u> but if I depart, I will send Him to you.</p>	<p><i>Acts 9:1-2; Acts 26:9-11¹)</i></p> <p>3=Q1 ...they have not known the Father nor Me (Although they had a zeal of God such as a lot of charity, donation, offering, or prayers, but they have no knowledge of God the Father whose Son is Jesus. With all of their religious activities, they really didn't know or acknowledge the Father, nor Jesus; e.g., To become a Christian, first we should know the written words of God not in unknown foreign languages, followed by its understanding and wisdom which is its understood application to life – its power, work to glorify God and to thank God. Note now you may observe all His word in the Scripture by reading or hearing. And it should be developed to the knowledge subjective to the Scripture by the Spirit, and then the knowledge would be developed to its understanding and wisdom to glorify God and to thank God; Otherwise His word may be peddled at risk for dishonest gain <i>Rom 10:2; 2 Tim 3:5; Rom 1:21; Mat 28:20; John 5:39; 1 John 2:27; 2 Cor 2:17</i>²⁾</p> <p>4=...when the time comes, you may remember that I told....these thing I did not say to you at the beginning .(This is a progressive revelation of God to the hearts. Upon coming the Spirit of truth His disciples would understand these following things by the Spirit <i>John 16:13³)</i></p> <p>5=...now I go away to Him who sent Me....none of you ask...Where are You going? (Peter and Thomas asked previously the question but in Jesus' answers they did not understand in the context where He was going except just His death --- not followed by resurrection, ascension, and the coming Spirit. And so they felt sorrowful and hesitated to ask the question in verse 6 <i>John 13:36; John 14:5⁴)</i></p> <p>6=...sorrow has filled your heart (Because of His death only without the following resurrection, ascension and coming the Spirit in its context, they felt sorrowful)</p> <p>7=your advantage that I go away.....not go away the Helper will not come to you(After the death -- “go away” for 3 days and 3 nights -- for the ransom of our sins, and the Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of God, or the Spirit of Christ is coming. In this way the Lord is with every Christian.</p>
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¹ *Acts 9:1-2* Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem; *Acts 26:9-11* “Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. ¹⁰ This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against *them*. ¹¹ And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled *them* to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted *them* even to foreign cities.

² *Rom 10:2* For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge; *2 Tim 3:5* having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!; *Rom 1:21* because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened; *Mat 28:20* teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen; *John 5:39* You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me; *1 John 2:27* But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him; *2 Cor 2:17* For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.

³ *John 16:13* However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

⁴ *John 13:36* Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, where are You going?” Jesus answered him, “Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward.”; *John 14:5* Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

<p><u>8</u> And when He has come, <u>He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:</u></p> <p><u>9</u> <u>of sin, because they do not believe in Me;</u> <u>10</u> <u>of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;</u></p> <p><u>11</u> <u>of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.</u></p> <p><u>12</u> <u>"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.</u></p>	<p>That's advantage <i>Mat 28:20⁵</i>)</p> <p>8=....He ...convict the world of sin...of righteousness... of judgment (The Spirit convinces everyone about sin – every flesh is a sinner; righteousness – by faith in Jesus who paid the ransom for our sins by His death; judgment – eternal death judgment to every unbeliever <i>Isaiah 64:6; Psalm 53:6; 2 Cor 5:21; John 14:6; Mat 7:13-14; Rom 3:20⁶</i>)</p> <p>9= of sin....they do not believe in Me (Not believing in Jesus is sin <i>John 3:16-18⁷</i>)</p> <p>10=Q2 of righteousness... I go to My Father...you see Me no more (The righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ because Jesus' resurrection after His death "see Me no more," i.e., the victory over Satan who rules the power of death, and the coming Spirit after ascension "go to My Father" dwells in every Christian. God the Spirit, one of trinity God, is greater than anyone in the world. The Spirit is leading a Christian life, i.e., the Spirit led life, rather than the flesh led life such as the lives of the scribes, Pharisees, or Saul <i>Mat 5:20; Phil 3:5-9; James 2:23; 1 John 4:4; 1 John 5:7; John 1:14⁸</i>)</p> <p>11= of judgment...the ruler of this world is judged (Satan the ruler of this world has been judged or defeated by Jesus upon His resurrection, but not destroyed yet; whoever doesn't believe in Jesus during each given life time is subject to the eternal death judgment, not reward judgment to believers <i>Heb 9:27⁹</i>)</p> <p>12= ...still have many things...you cannot bear them now (Just before Jesus' death on cross, His disciples had not been mature yet to receive many things spoken by Jesus <i>1 Cor 3:2¹⁰</i>)</p>
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⁵ *Mat 28:20* "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

⁶ ; *Isaiah 64:6* But we are all like an unclean *thing*, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away; *Psalm 53:6* Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When God brings back the captivity of His people, Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad; *2 Cor 5:21* For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him; *John 14:6* Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me; *Mat 7:13-14* "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it; *Rom 3:20* Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

⁷ *John 3:16-18* 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. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸ "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God;

⁸ *Mat 5:20* For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven; *Phil 3:5-9* circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. ⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; *James 2:23* And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God; *1 John 4:4* You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world; *1 John 5:7* For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one; *John 1:14* And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth..

⁹ *Heb 9:27* And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.

¹⁰ *1 Cor 3:21* fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you. 16 "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father."

17 Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" 18 They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying." 19 Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see

13= ...the Spirit of truth...guide you into all truth...not speak on His own authority....whatever He hears He will speak...tell you things to come (The truth into which the Holy Spirit guides us is the truth about Christ. The Spirit never speaks on the Spirit's own authority but on Jesus' authority; So the Spirit is never against the Scriptures which testify of Jesus upon the Spirit's own authority. All the Father's authority has been given to Jesus, not to anyone. The Spirit told His disciples "things to come." E.g., Luke said the gospel of Luke wrote about everything Jesus began to do and teach until His ascension after giving commandments through the Holy Spirit to His disciples. And the book of Acts wrote God the Spirit's continuing works through His church; The book of Revelation is the Spirit showing John the things which are going to come things of the future. Paul wrote a lot about the coming antichrist, the coming again of Jesus Christ, the rapture of the church, and other things *Acts 1:1-2; John 5:39; Mat 28:18¹¹*)

14= He will glorify Me...take of what is Mine....declare it to you (One of trinity God is the Spirit. He glorifies Jesus the Son of God and declares Jesus' thing to you.)

15= All things that the Father has are Mine.....ThereforeHe will take of Mine...declare it to you (Whatever God has is Jesus' thing; So, the Spirit takes it and declare it to you. Note God is the valid owner of the world as well as Jesus the Son of God is. Satan fraudulently has possessed the world through Adam but Satan has been defeated by Jesus' resurrection. However, Satan is not destroyed yet until the Great White Throne Judgment. Satan is still tempting Christians who should be sober and vigilant *Mat 28:18; Psalm 24:1; 1 Peter 5:8¹²*)

16= A little whileyou will not see Me Again a little while.... You will see Me.... I go to the Father (For 3 days and 3 nights, a little while, you will not see Jesus; And you will see Jesus a little while, for the 40 days after resurrection, because of His ascension. Now Jesus ascended to the Father, Jesus prepared a place for believers including His disciples; So, believers at death immediately go to the place where Jesus receives us, before the rapture when Jesus comes again in heaven *John 14:2-3¹³*)

17-21= (Jesus' disciples did not understand it in verse 16 and hesitated to ask Jesus the question about it; But Jesus knew their desire and explained that His death time would be your sorrowful time but the world's joyful time. However, His resurrection time would be your joyful time, like the pains of baby delivery but the joy of baby birth in figure of speech in the light of verses 29-30.)

are still not able;

¹¹ *Acts 1:1-2* The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ² until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen; *John 5:39* You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me; *Mat 28:18* And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

¹² *Mat 28:18* And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth; *Psalm 24:1* The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein; *1 Peter 5:8* Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

¹³ *John 14:2-3* In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also;

Me'? ²⁰ Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. ²¹ A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

²² Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

²³ “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.

²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵ “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you;

22= ...now ...sorrow...see you again...your heart will rejoice...your joy no one will take from you (Now you are sorrowful due to His death but 3 days later you are joyful due to His resurrection; no one will take the joy from you because it is the joy in the Lord, not in circumstances; our circumstances can change but our fellowship with the Lord is a constant)

23= ...in that day...ask Me nothing...whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you (In that day of His resurrection followed by His ascension and the coming Spirit of truth, you will understand and so nobody will ask the verse 16 question to Jesus. Ask God the Father in Jesus' name, and He will give you – not through priests daily and the high priest once per year on the day of atonement in OT time but through Jesus the high priest directly anytime anywhere in NT time)

24= ...Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full (As of Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and coming the Spirit, every believer as a priest can approach God directly through Jesus Christ the high priest who is only one Mediator, not because of our own merit but because Jesus has made us acceptable to God *1 Peter 2:9; 1 Tim 2:5; Heb 10:19-23; Heb 4:16¹⁴*)

25= These things...in figurative language ...no longer speak to you in figurative language...but ...tell you plainly about the Father (The figurative language or the figure of speech is a way to explain a difficult meaning such as simile or metaphor in verse 21 the delivery of baby. But in the time of resurrection followed by ascension and coming the Spirit, you would be told no longer in figurative language about the Father but plainly or simply about the Father, because you would see His ascension into the Father *Acts 1:8-9¹⁵*)

26= In that day you will ask in My name...not...I shall pray the Father for you (On that day as of death, resurrection, ascension, and coming the Spirit of Christ, Jesus would not pray for you but you would pray to the Father in Jesus' name due to each indwelling Spirit *Rom 8:9¹⁶*)

¹⁴ *1 Peter 2:9* But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; *1 Tim 2:5* For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus; *Heb 10:19-23* Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and having a High Priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; *Heb 4:16* Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

¹⁵ *Acts 1:8-9* But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. ⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

¹⁶ *Rom 8:9* But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. 28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”

29 His disciples said to Him, “See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! 30 Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God.” 31 Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe?”

32 Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

27= ...the Father Himself loves you because you have loved Me...believed that I came forth from God (Since you loved Jesus and believed Jesus as the Father's son the Christ – the ordained or confirmed by God, the Father loves you; So we have fellowship with us, the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ *John 3:16; 1 John 1:3¹⁷*)

28=came forth from the Father...come into the worldleave the world and go to the Father (Jesus is being in the form of God, taking the form of a bondservant, being born as a man, followed by even the death of the cross, resurrection, and ascension *Phil 2:6-11¹⁸*)

29-31 = (His disciples said now they believed that Jesus came forth from God, i.e., God's Son the Jesus Christ)

32=Indeed the hour is coming....you will be scattered, each to his own...leave Me...yet I...not alone because the Father is with Me (When the hour for the death is coming, you are scattered by forsaking Jesus and fleeing away. But Jesus is with the Father *Zechariah 13:7; Mark 14:50¹⁹*)

33=Q3 These things I have spoken to you...in Mepeace. In the world...tribulation; but ...good cheer, I have overcome the world (Jesus makes sure His spoken things about verse 1-4 and 9-11 that you may have peace in Jesus who defeated Satan that fraudulently possesses the world, by His resurrection. And so, be cheerful or joyful even in persecution. And you may rebuke the devil in Jesus' name and then the devil would flee from you *John 14:27; James 4:7²⁰*)

¹⁷ *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; *1 John 1:3* that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ *Phil 2:6-11* who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹⁹ *Zechariah 13:7* “Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion,” Says the LORD of hosts. “Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones; *Mark 14:50* Then they all forsook Him and fled.

²⁰ *John 14:27* Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid; *James 4:7* Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that actual experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jeremiah 23:28).

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GOD's Continuing Work Through His Church Acts 29

Pray for continually "Let go, let God" because CCAH church (His sheep) is His church. "The Commentary of the Bible By Verse" is coming for this & future generation. E.g. 2020 <https://calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/letGod.pdf>

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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

Who can be against the Word (λόγος LOGOS or the written word, i.e., the Bible)?

Pray for Comfort to the Michael Loudermilk the missionary's family and for faithful word ministry until our Lord is coming again.

Pray for the Children's Rescue at Latin America from extremely Abusive Sex Trafficking, Slavery, & Torture. "...the parents are selling their children to abusers..."

than this that he lay down his life for a friend, I do not know what does.

Unfortunately, the mother chose to sell her five-year-old sister too. Once again, I know for some of you that this is offensive that we are sharing this. If you fall into this group, I can tell you that you are in sin and need to ask the Lord to help you to care. The Bible tells us that we are to care for them as if it were us who were experiencing this trauma. How people turn a blind eye to such violence against children is unconscionable.

People need to understand that we care for these children and are willing to lay down our lives to protect them. These two little girls each have their own bed, but they sleep with each other at night for comfort and love. The children have told us how happy they are to be in a place where they are protected. What is most difficult is that parents are selling their children to abusers, and by the time we get them, they are in terrible physical condition. But when the children have recovered, the parents try to get them back to sell them again.

Luke and I have talked about this, and we are going to protect the children. We will not allow these children to be returned to a life of terror and abuse.

When the laws of men are corrupt, we need to understand that we are to follow a higher law which is God's law. Luke and I have discussed this extensively, and I told

The Bible says if you are faithful in small things God will give you greater things. And I believe this is what has been happening with FRM; the Lord is calling us to protect. He has seen our faithfulness in the past and given us greater responsibility to care for and protect those that do not have the ability to protect themselves.

Today, I spoke with Gabriel, who oversees our ministry in Latin America, and he told us about some of the children in the orphanage. One little girl, who is nine, said that her father would have five to six men every night come in and pay to watch her shower, then afterward, each man would have his way with her. She said it was so painful that she would often pass out. But after the man finished with her, she would be revived, and the process would start all over again. She would pray that she would not wake up or die. When the Bible speaks of Satan as the great dragon, I believe this is the perfect example of what the dragon would do.

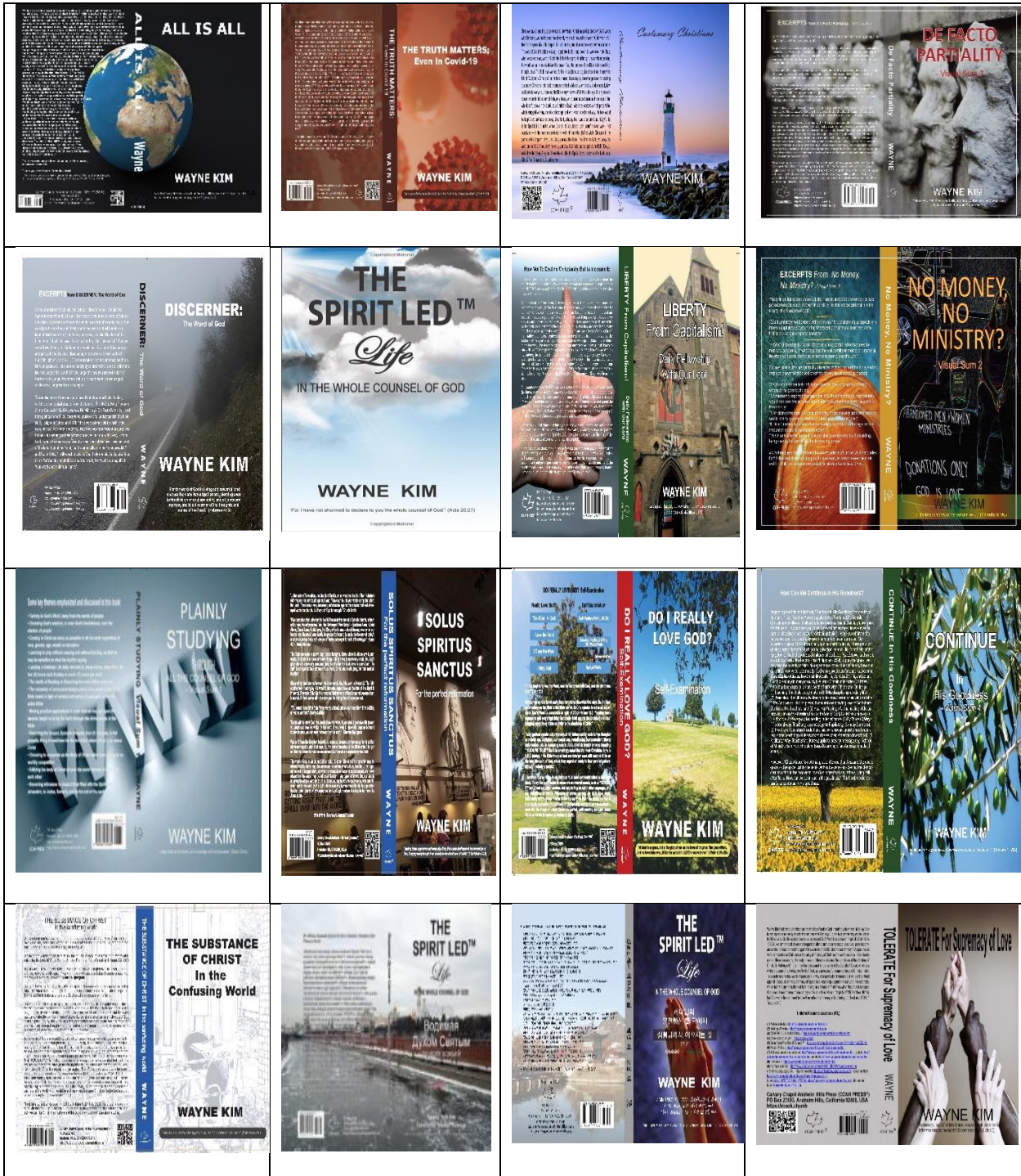
Another child said her mother would sell her to about five men every night. Then the mother decided to start selling her younger sister, and she begged her mother to let her sleep with the men instead of her five-year-old sister. It is incredible to me that a child would be willing to suffer so much to save her younger sister. If this does not exemplify no greater love does man have

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