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### **Booklet 2: The manifestation of God's grace through the crucifixion of Jesus Christ**

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**Thanks to my friend  
Mrs. Nicole MARIE-LOUISE**

Before telling you about her, I would like to invite you to pause for a moment, to consider a concept that is directly related to the text of [*Romans 13 verse 7*].

This text invites us, among other things, to give praise where it is due. Based on this text, I am going to tell you about my friend Nicole, and to do this, I would like to tell you that she has collaborated on all of my books, including this one, giving shape to my words and magnifying my ideas without altering them.

It is she who gives meaning to my ideas and manages to faithfully transcribe my thoughts by making them come alive.

However, she worked, and still works, knowing that these books will be offered free of charge in a digital format. So the precious help she gives me is not based on self-interest, but rather only out of love of God, and her passion for writing and her desire to support me.

In return for all of this time that she has graciously granted, I ask you to keep her and her family in your prayers and to grant them your blessing, in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Master.

### **Dedication to my daughter**

*This book is for you, my little princess, my daughter Laëlou.*

*With these lines, I want to tell you that I love you!*

May these pages, like an anchor, root you in the Lord. You are in my life, like an eternal dream and an Edenic vision, even if circumstances have not always allowed me to express it to you.

I am writing these lines to you so that you may always know the truth which, in Jesus Christ, enlightens and liberates. May this book be for you a guide leading to eternity.

*The objective being that you are an Edenic light on the celestial mountain!*

I glorify the Lord for allowing you to grow in wisdom by endowing you with a beautiful soul. May the love of the truth manifested in the Lord always be your priority. Never bow down to injustice !

By doing so you will always be victorious.

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(Of Feather and actions)

*Culture is the lever allowing  
men to aspire to excellence.*

*Do not neglect it.*

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## 1 Presentation of the booklets

To get to the heart of the matter, I would like to tell you that, in a world that is invisible to us, tragedies are currently taking place whose repercussions for humanity are worse than those recounted by the Greeks. Their consequences being the death of the greatest number of people both literally and spiritually.

As far as physical deaths are concerned I know that you will certainly not disagree with me, because all of humanity has been under the yoke of the *deadly Coronavirus* for many months.

This scourge has wreaked and continues to wreak havoc across the face of the earth, holding all nations hostage and decimating their populations. Faced with this dramatic and unprecedented situation, questions are pouring in:

*Where does this disease come from? Is it a virus that originated in nature and which has mutated? Or is it a chemical weapon, created intentionally? And if so, why is this virus in the wild? And if so, how did this virus get into the wild? Has it been inadvertently released, or is it part of a conspiracy by an obscure group to destroy much of humanity?*

As I am not a scientist or an investigator for the secret service, I cannot answer you, but, I can tell you who is behind all of the diseases and calamities which strike the world. To discover his identity, I invite you to read the texts of [Job 1] and [Job 2].

In these lines we see how Satan killed Job's children. To do this, he used high winds to simultaneously batter the four corners of the house where they were gathered. The devil also manipulated bloodthirsty tribes to kill Job's servants in order to steal his flocks.

We also discover how the devil controls and uses disease.

He struck Job down with an ulcer that left sores all over his body.

In [Matthew 24] and [Luke 21 verses 10-36], we get a hint of what the final days will be like, there will be wars, diseases, famines, etc. By reading this, we understand that it is the devil who is at the helm.

The purpose of all of these things is to mark the end of the world and to let us know that we live in the century when the devil runs amok, because he knows he has little time left and that's why he is unleashed like a hungry lion

The devil is always at work when there is trouble in the air and he will soon inflict another tragedy on humanity much worse than *Covid 19* and here I am talking about the *mark of the beast!* It will be a spiritual tragedy and will lead to the loss of *millions of people.*

Whoever receives this mark will *end up burning in the lake of fire and brimstone* and whoever does not have it will not be able to “buy” or “sell” and will be killed by an iniquitous entity which is an apocalyptic lamb with two horns.

As we shall see, only the “*saints*” will be spared!

This eminently strange being, although he is the one who bestows the mark of the beast, the latter does not belong to him.

He who is, is a beast with seven heads and ten horns, who serves the devil. The mark of the beast is therefore by extension the mark of the demon! It thus appears that two choices will soon be offered to all of humanity:

*The first is to receive the mark of the beast which is acquired by revering the devil, rejecting the Lord or his Word.*

*The second choice is to remain faithful to God and to be sealed by the Holy Spirit to avoid the grip of the demon and his minions.*

What we have just seen is the core of the message of the three angels of the apocalypse, the gist of which is the plea to leave Babylon, which practises the works of the lamb-like two-horned beast.

This leads, as we have seen, to receiving the mark of the beast, without which no one can buy or sell.

We will also see how over the centuries God's people, the Lord's beautiful and delicate bride, came to copulate with the beast and worse, like a courtesan, she has conceived illegitimate children with her iniquitous lover. In these lines we will lift the veil on the identity of Babylon the Great (*the sultry horsewoman who rides a scarlet beast*).

We will also decipher the reality hidden behind the mark of the beast which, in the Book of Revelation, seems to come out of nowhere and will afflict vast numbers of people.

For many, it would be an implanted chip, by means of vaccines against *covid 19*. However, is that what the Bible tells us about this?

We will see it! We will also see the literal reality behind the “*sell and buy*” symbols inseparable from the mark of the beast. Is it literal money here? Are they not rather prophetic symbols, presenting a completely different reality, which is in no way monetary?

We will see it! In addition, we will also do a study on how God's seal works (*without which no one will be able to have access to the Kingdom of God*) and will find out about its nature and how it is obtained.

The seal of God and of Christ being directly linked to obedience to the Holy Scriptures, we will first see the place occupied by God's law and especially the Sabbath in the great cosmic conflict between Satan and his fallen angels (*demons*) and God, those holy angels and the Lord's chosen people. The devil's greatest need is not to be judged and that's why his supreme goal is to seduce God's faithful children, if he possibly can [*Matthew 24 verse 24*].

The devil does this with the primary purpose of making God's people unworthy, because he is the one who will have to judge them ; In order to achieve his ends, he infiltrated his servants among God's people who, while serving him (*the devil*), gave themselves the facade of holiness [*1 Corinthians 6 verses 2-3*], [*2 Corinthians 11 verses 13-15*].

The most powerful, the most virulent and the bloodiest of his servants is presented prophetically as a little horn, which will *martyr, despoil* and *kill*, God's people. His mission will also be to try to change *times* and the *law* [*Daniel 7 verses 23-27*].



*We will discover how the plans of the devil to take out of the hands of the people of God these two powerful weapons, the law and the times – these times are, as we shall see, in fact those of prophecy – have been fully realized through his powerful servant called the little horn.*

The attacks of this iniquitous being are aimed at making God's people unfit to be with Jesus upon his return. In order to understand this, we must first of all know that this people that Christ will seek upon his return is known as the remnant church.

The points that make them recognisable are that they keep the Lord's commandments (*therefore his holy law*) and that they have the testimony of Jesus (*the spirit of prophecy*).

We will discover how keeping or not keeping God's law will decide who are God's people and who belong to the devil. We will also discover how the law and God's grace are complementary and according to the Lord must co-exist among his faithful people.

Once these basics have been established, we will continue our journey to the Holy Land, but we will make another type of stop.

*We will stop to study the three most important days and nights in the history of mankind.*

*Without them no one would have been saved! To do this we will go to the foot of the bloody cross of Christ at Golgotha, then to the tomb of the King of kings and we will end our excursion with the resurrection of the Lord of lords.*

*Through historical and prophetic biblical texts, we will discover the mystery hiding behind the three days and three nights where, like Jonah, Jesus Christ had to remain in the grave.*

I would like to point out that it is actually an extract from a larger digital book, which has 572 pages, entitled "Inquisitiô (The three angels' message), tome III. The reality of the attack of the little horn of Daniel 7 against the Law of God and the times of prophecy. Prophetic part (Revised and supplemented version – reissue)".

If, when referring to a chapter, you want more details, you can find them in the complete version of the book. Finally, I would like to point out that this integral version has been split into *16 booklets*, including this one.

The purpose of these booklets is to provide you with a better reading experience and a more manageable and transportable format.

They will also make it easier for you to choose the theme that suits you. However, both the booklets and the full version of the book are all made available to you in a digital format.

I invite you to download them from my site: <https://kenny-ronald-marguerite.com>.

*You can share it with your loved ones or talk about it with those around you.*

#### **GOOD TO KNOW:**

Only *60%* of the English in this book has been corrected by a professional, so there are bound to be some mistakes in it, for which I apologise in advance.

I did not want to delay sending it out as quickly as possible to those for whom it is intended and that is why I decided to publish the English version without it being fully corrected.

Nevertheless I would like to congratulate and thank Mr. Howard Eeles for the quality of his work which means that English-speaking readers can now fully understand and appreciate the contents of the already corrected parts of this book.

I salute his enthusiasm, the excellence of his work and his professionalism and I know that he has succeeded in his task.

*I therefore hope that you too will appreciate the great value of his work already done. God bless him!*

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*The reality of the times of  
the tragedy of the centuries*

*"One of the most valuable goods that exists, and that we cannot sell or buy, is time. Although we are free to enjoy it as we see fit, we are not the owners but the stewards to whom God has entrusted its management. The Lord has instituted various types of times in order to give victory to His children over all the forces of evil.*

*May we, therefore, always know these times, in order to be always, in time and in hours and in all times, victorious over all the sophisms and bastions of the enemy of our souls, the devil, to whom there is no more time left, and who in order to gain time has perverted the times".*  
*[Quote from Kenny R MARGUERITE].*

## 2 The manifestation of God's grace through the crucifixion of Jesus Christ

To begin this chapter I want to tell you that, in my opinion, some words only take on any real significance for us when we have to face what they actually mean in our everyday lives.

One of these words is “*discrimination*”. Until we have suffered its “*sting*”, we cannot understand how much this word can hurt.

**Example:** *You are a woman and you work hard, in order to deserve an executive position within your company.*

*You already hold this position on an interim basis following the death of the manager who occupied it and your superiors have repeatedly complimented you on the excellent work you provide.*

*When the new executive is about to be appointed everyone quite naturally thinks that you will get the job.*

*But to your surprise and to everyone's amazement, it is your subordinate, whom you have trained, but who has not yet mastered all of the tricks of the trade who gets the job.*

*When discussing it with the big boss, i.e. with the company's Managing Director, he tells you that a strategic choice had to be made for the image of the company, because a woman is less credible than a man in such a position.*

*And, although he does not have your training, your colleague has charisma, which according to your boss will be a most important asset for the company.*

Unfortunately, in this century, this little story is only too common!

*Sex, skin colour or religion* can be the reasons that discriminate against us. The moral of the story is that when we are discriminated against, whatever its source, it always hurts.

For me the second word which has a very far-reaching influence in our lives and which we only really measure when we come across it is GRACE. The most glaring manifestation of this word was the crucifixion of Jesus Christ in order to redeem us.

And here are the ways enabling us to benefit from it: **"That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.**

**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God"** [*Ephesians 2 verses 7-8, King James Bible*].

Throughout this chapter, we will discover the manifestation of God's grace that was offered to us, through the bloody cross of Christ to redeem us from sin. To continue, I want to tell you that we live in a world where we often pay more attention to effects rather than causes.

Let's take a concrete example:

*That of a mother who is very permissive with her child and has not taught him any limits. From an early age she allowed him to do whatever he pleased.*

*When he wanted something, even if she said no, she allowed him to take it anyway. This is the situation that unfolded as this mother, laughingly declared to her friends, who were watching one of these scenes when her son was disobedient:*

*"He has a lot of character!" And is very proud, she added: "He will not let anyone stand in his way when he is older!"*

*Unfortunately what is grown in the privacy of one's own home always ends up bearing fruit in society. We now find our little rascal at 6 years old. He is in the supermarket with his mother and he wants a packet of candy, which he asks for out loud.*

*But to his amazement, she replies: "NO! You eat too much sugar!" Upon hearing these words, under the astonished eyes of those who were in the same queue at the checkout, we see him disregarding his mother and putting the object of his desire in the shopping cart as if nothing had happened.*



*Feeling outraged by her son's reaction, she scolds him and puts back the object of the crime. But there, much to her surprise, the little scoundrel starts to cry and collapses on the ground gesturing and shouting, leaving his mother ashamed and practically on the verge of a heart attack.*

*To justify herself, she says: "This is the first time he has done this to me!" Morality matters, because what we sow we reap.*

*This scene was none other than the results of what had been fuelled long ago.*

*By doing so the sown seed now bore fruit.*

What I have just presented highlights for me the importance of the rules of decency which are the basis of the education we have received and which we instil in our children.

Likewise, the rules governing society, of which established laws are a part, guarantee its balance. It is thanks to them that the wicked cannot rob the weak with impunity.

They are what keeps society from falling apart. It is the same with God's people. Here is what we can read about it in the Holy Book:

**"To the law and to the testimony! If people do not speak according to this word, there will be no dawn for them.**

**They will pass through the land, distressed and starving, but when this takes place and they are starving, they will be frustrated, and they will curse their king and their God.**

**They will turn their faces upward"** [Isaiah 8 verses 20-21, Evangelical Heritage Version Bible (EHV)].

Let's finish with this: *"Where there is no word from God [vision; prophecy], people are uncontrolled [the people perish], but those who obey what they have been taught [guard the law] are happy [blessed]". [Proverbs 29 verse 18, Expanded Bible (EXB)].*

*In God's Word as in everyday life, causes always have their effects!*

The lack of any instilled and enforced rules of conduct inexorably ends up leading *to anarchy and perdition.*

In this world, as in the spiritual one, the law is intended to allow us to live a balanced and therefore happy life.

I humbly believe that everyone who loves God's Word should agree with what I have just said.

*Because who does not like to know that one is legally and spiritually protected against theft, adultery, embezzlement and false testimony, etc. initiated by strangers or even our own children.*

However, although we love the peace that observance of the law, by others and ourselves, provides, in my view there is a great deal of confusion among some Christians between the sustainability of the law and its coexistence with *God's grace as manifested in Jesus Christ.*

Some are aware that God's law, in the form of his ten commandments, has not been repealed, but they are convinced that it exists only for those who have not made a covenant with Jesus.

For them, as they are saved by Christ's grace and are therefore no longer subject to the law, they are not required to observe it!

Paradoxically, the very people who say that by being under God's grace they no longer have to keep the law, naturally observe nine of the Ten Commandments every day:

*They only revere the Eternal God, they do not bow down before statues (idols), they revere the name of the Lord, they refrain from adultery, robbery, murder or false testimony.*

*In addition, they live lives free from lust and honour their parents.*

What I have just presented is certainly your situation. If that is the case, a problem remains, because if your answer is yes, well, I regret to inform you that you are mechanically observing the law.

So that you may be clear about everything that we have just listed in this chapter, with Bible in hand, we will study what place the law must have in the lives of those who are saved by God's grace.

## 2.1 The purpose of the plan of salvation through God's grace that was enacted by the crucifixion of Jesus Christ

With the advent of the *Coronavirus* in our daily lives and the measures put in place to eradicate it, we understand that any plan to save as many people as possible must have a common enemy.

It is the same with the plan of salvation, which was manifested through Jesus Christ. In this context, it is a powerful angel (*a cherub*) who takes on the role of *the evil bad guy*. His story is told to us in [*Ezekiel 28 verses 11-18*].

This text teaches us that a guardian angel, who was the model of perfection, which for me is a powerful and flawless being, sinned because his heart was uplifted due to his beauty and his brilliance perverted his wisdom.

The one whose brilliance is mentioned in this text appears to be "*like a beacon*", therefore a "*torch-bearer of God*", hence his name:

*Lucifer, which is a word based on the Latin words "lux" and "ferre", which mean respectively "light" and "to bear". Lucifer therefore means "bearer of Light".*

There is mention in the Bible of a being who can be qualified as a "*bearer of Luciferian light*": "*This does not surprise us [And no wonder, since...]. Even Satan changes himself to look like [disguises himself as; masquerades as] an angel [messenger] of light [trying to fool people into thinking he is from God, who is pure light]*". [*2 Corinthians 11 verset 14, Expanded Bible (EXB)*].

For your information, in order to understand the definition of the word "**Satan**", it is necessary to analyse its Hebrew root "**Šāṭān**" which means "*the adversary*" or "*the accuser*". Having become proud and pretentious and full of himself, he perverts his light which became darkness. This perversion of light is very well presented in the following text: "**Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness**". [*Luke 11 verse 35, King James Bible*].

When we analyse different points presented in this text from the prophet Ezekiel, that we have just seen, we realise that the description which is made of the king of Tyre cannot be applied in a literal way to this monarch. As we go through these verses, we realise that although there is no mention of Satan or the devil in this text, it is these works that are being portrayed.

To understand this, we must first of all bear in mind that this text is of the prophetic kind and, as such, *it presents allegories*. In prophetic language, what we see usually represents something quite different. *For example, a cow is worth a year in [Genesis 41 verses 26-27].*

In order to discover how Satan is represented by the symbol of the king of Tyre, we will study several images of this text. Thus, you will see that they cannot be those of a human being:

**The inhabitant of the Garden of Eden:** it is said that the king of Tyre was in Eden, God's garden and that he was the seal of perfection:

*"Moreover, the word of the Lord came to me:*

*"Son of man, raise a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord God:*

*"You were the signet of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God [...]" [Ezekiel 28 verse 11-13, English Standard Version Bible (ESV)].*

This image cannot be that of this monarch, because, apart from Adam and Eve who were perfect (*until he sinned*), no human being without sin lived in Eden. After Adam and Eve sinned, God kicked them out and no human being returned [*Genesis 3 verses 1-24*].

**The protective cherub:** the king of Tyre is presented as a protective cherub: **"You were the anointed cherub who covers and protects [...]" [Ezekiel 28 verse 14, Amplified Bible (AMP)].**

This symbol is not human since the cherub is an angel who lives with God, like those who look after Eden [*Genesis 3 verse 24*].

In addition to being presented in the guise of a cherub, he is described as having "*wings*", so that we know that it is an angel we are dealing with and not a man:

**"You, a winged creature, were installed as a guardian".** [*Ezekiel 28 verse 14, Common English Bible (CEB)*].

**The inhabitant of the mountain of God:** it says, that the king of Tyre was on the holy mountain of God: "[...] **You were on the holy mountain of God; you walked among the fiery stones**". [*Ezekiel 28 verse 14, Christian Standard Bible (CSB)*].

It should be noted that the mountain of God is his home [*Isaiah 56 verse 7*], [*Revelation 21 verse 10*].

On this mountain there are gleaming stones, and these stones are *diamonds, sapphires, emeralds, etc.* [*Ezekiel 28 verse 13*].

This wonderful mountain whose ground is strewn with precious stones is not terrestrial.

The only way to go there while alive is to be taken from among men by God to live with him, as was the case with Enoch [*Genesis 5 verses 21-24*], or Elijah [*2 Kings 2 verses 1-14*].

**Integrity personified:** it is said that the king of Tyre was blameless in his actions from the day he was created until the day when iniquity was found in his home: "**You were blameless in your ways from the day that you were created, until iniquity was found in you**". [*Ezekiel 28 verse 15, New Revised Standard Version Bible (NRSV)*].

This image cannot be that of a man, because, apart from Adam and Eve who were created without sin, no other human being on this Earth, apart from Jesus Christ who never sinned, is not or was not without sin.

We are all born sinners in Adam [*Genesis 1 verses 24-31*], [*1 Peter 2 verses 21-25*], [*1 John 3 verse 5*], [*Genesis 3*], [*Romans 5 verses 12-21*].

Furthermore this being was created. Adam is the only one that God created, Eve was drawn from his rib, apart from that, human beings are begotten. So it cannot be the King of Tyre here.

**Wisdom personified:** before the king of Tyre was corrupted in his perfection, he was full of wisdom: "[...] *You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom [...] For the sake of your splendor you corrupted your wisdom. [...]*" [Ezekiel 28 verses 12, 17, Christian Standard Bible (CSB)].

This image is one of wisdom that cannot be human, because the wisdom of men is vanity and folly [1 Corinthians 3 verses 18-20].

Since sin has infected the world, only Jesus Christ, as the son of man, has this wisdom that has not been corrupted [1 Corinthians 1 verse 30].

The wisdom which is described as that of the King of Tyre is divine and man cannot possess it.

**Perfect beauty:** it is said that the king of Tyre was the model of perfection, he was beauty personified: "*You were the seal of perfection [...] and perfect in beauty [...]*

*Your heart became proud because of your beauty [...]*" [Ezekiel 28 verse 12, Christian Standard Bible (CSB)].

This kind of perfection cannot be that of a man, because humanity has suffered the ravages of sin [Romans 3 verses 9-24], [Romans 8 verses 19-23].

No human being can boast of being the model of perfection. Since sin entered the world, the only one who is a man and can claim such beauty is Jesus Christ who never sinned.

*Adam and Eve experienced this kind of perfection before sinning. They were created in the image of God and everything that had been done before sin was very good [Genesis 1 verses 24-31].*

So we see that this text cannot be talking about a human monarch, because the only one in the Bible who fulfils all of these criteria is Satan, the fallen angel who was once called Lucifer.

The following text tells us a lot about the reasons for the malicious works instigated by this sparkling cherub: "*You shall take up this [taunting] parable against the king of Babylon and say, How the oppressor has stilled [the restless insolence]! [...]*

*Your pomp and magnificence are brought down to Sheol (the underworld), along with the sound of your harps; [...]. How have you fallen from heaven, O light-bringer and daystar, son of the morning! How you have been cut down to the ground, you who weakened and laid low the nations [O blasphemous, satanic king of Babylon!] And you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven;*

**I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit upon the mount of assembly in the uttermost north.**

**I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol (Hades), to the innermost recesses of the pit (the region of the dead)".** [Isaiah 14 verses 4, 11-15, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)*].

First of all, I would like to point out that the elements contained in this text demonstrate that the prophetic images of the kings of Babylon and Tyre represent the same individual. Like the king of Tyre who played *the tambourine and the flute* [Ezekiel 28 verse 13], *the king of Babylon is also a musician because he plays the harp.*

We are presented here with a being who *has magnificence and who lives in heaven*, from where he will be cast out. He is also a radiant being, a "*brilliant star*".

Because of his thirst for power, he chose the wrong path. From the height of his magnificence, the angel Lucifer, the "*Edenic torch-bearer*" wanted to become *similar to the Most High, therefore to be God.*

He wanted his throne to be above everything. He aspired to be *more powerful than the Eternal God.*

In these texts mention is made of the birth of sin and it is under the features of the kings of Tyre and *Babylon* that God's Word represents the *angel of light*, who was *Lucifer*, who by his malicious works became Satan.

In what follows we have more details about the impacts of his iniquity: *"Then another sign appeared in heaven:*

**There was a great fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven crowns. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in heaven and hurled them to the earth.**

**And the dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she did give birth it might devour her child. [...] Then war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon.**

**The dragon and his angels also fought, but he could not prevail, and there was no place for them in heaven any longer.**

**So the great dragon was thrown out — the ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.**

*Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say, The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have now come, because the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been thrown down.*

*They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; for they did not love their lives to the point of death.*

**Therefore rejoice, you heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you with great fury, because he knows his time is short".** [Revelation 12 verses 3-4, 7-12, Christian Standard Bible (CSB)].

In order to make this text easier to read, it is important to note that the dragon here is presented as being Satan. Meanwhile in order to understand the symbol of the stars, we must refer to the following text:

*"The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. **The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches:** and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches".* [Revelation 1 verse 20, King James Bible].

This text presents a star as being an angel. But the symbol of the star also represents a servant of God who is a human being.

This is what we see in this text:



***"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever". [Daniel 12 verse 3, King James Bible].***

A star therefore represents a servant of God who can be either an angel or a human being whom God consecrates, as was the case with David [2 Samuel 19 verse 27], [Zechariah 12 verse 8].

Now that these points have been noted, we can continue our study. Since the stars that the dragon casts out are from heaven, they are servants of God who are already in heaven.

So these are the fallen angels. The angel of Light's thirst for power perverted him and led him to take up arms against God.

This is how Satan raised an army of malicious angels to dethrone the Lord. Lucifer rose up against God and brought a third of the angels with him in his treachery. Their objective was to make their leader become the all mighty. Thus, having taken the wrong path, the light of the powerful cherub protector became dark and he could no longer be called Lucifer, the *"torch-bearer"*.

*He became an "unclean spirit", hence becoming known as the devil.*

These same titles of devil and unclean spirit were also attributed to the angels who sinned by allying themselves with Satan in his rebellion.

The Bible does not tell us how long it took the devil to foment his plans for an uprising against God. But we know that during this time he did not only win a third of the angels to his cause.

In [Genesis 3], [2 Corinthians 11 verses 3, 13-15], we see him in Eden coming to Eve (*in the form of the serpent*) to seduce her.

Eve, on the other hand, won her husband Adam to the devil's cause and led all of humanity into sin. See for yourself:

**"Now the serpent was more subtle and crafty than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made.**

**And he [Satan] said to the woman, Can it really be that God has said, You shall not eat from every tree of the garden? And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat the fruit from the trees of the garden, Except the fruit from the tree which is in the middle of the garden.**

God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.

But the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die, For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing the difference between good and evil and blessing and calamity.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good (suitable, pleasant) for food and that it was delightful to look at, and a tree to be desired in order to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; And she gave some also to her husband, and he ate". [*Genesis 3 verses 1-6, Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)*].

Let's finish with this: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned [...]"

Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression [...]" [*Romans 5 verses 12 and 14, King James Bible*].

The consequences of sin have not only touched man, but have also impacted all of nature causing suffering everywhere. These facts are described as follows:

"For [even the whole] creation [all nature] waits eagerly for the children of God to be revealed.

For the creation was subjected to frustration and futility, not willingly [because of some intentional fault on its part], but by the will of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will also be freed from its bondage to decay [and gain entrance] into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

For we know that the whole creation has been moaning together as in the pains of childbirth until now". [*Romans 8 verses 19-22, Amplified Bible (AMP)*].

This victory over man gave the devil a powerful boost.

To understand the power acquired by the devil on Earth it is necessary to read the following text: "*So he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.*"

**The devil said to him, “I will give you their splendor and all this authority, because it has been given over to me, and I can give it to anyone I want. If you, then, will worship me, all will be yours”. [Luke 4 verses 5-6, Christian Standard Bible (CSB)].**

Satan declares that the dominion over the kingdoms of the Earth was given to him. We will discover in this text who this generous “patron” is: *“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*

**And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it:**

**And have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth”. [Genesis 1 verses 27-28, King James Bible].**

To understand how the dominion of the Earth passed from Adam’s hands to those of the devil, it is necessary to take into account the following biblical fact: **“When a strong man with many weapons guards his own house, the things in his house are safe.**

**But suppose a stronger man comes and defeats him.**

**The stronger man will take away the weapons that the first man trusted to keep his house safe. Then the stronger man will do what he wants with the other man’s things”. [Luke 11 verses 21-22, Easy-to-Read Version Bible (ERV)].**

This truth is reinforced by this text: **“[...] A person who is defeated by something, you see, is enslaved to it”. [2 Peter 2 verse 19, New Testament for Everyone Bible (NTE)].**

As soon as Adam disobeyed God and ate the forbidden fruit he became the devil’s slave who defeated him.

Thus he also subjected all of his descendants and therefore all of humanity to the devil’s power.

Satan uses the law of sin to keep humanity, us, captive and this from our birth [Romans 7 verses 14-25], [Hebrews 2 verses 14-15].

Here is our status when entering this world:

**"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me".** [*Psalm 51 verse 7, English Standard Version Anglicised Bible (ESVUK)*].

Let's discover this text in this other version: **"For I was born a sinner — yes, from the moment my mother conceived me".** [*Psalm 51 verse 7, New Living Translation Bible (NLT)*].

Let us complete our study with this text: **"So [What then?]·are we Jews [or are we Christians; are we]·better than others [or making excuses for ourselves]?·No [Not at all]!**

**We have already·said [charged; made the accusation] that Jews and Gentiles alike are all·guilty of [or under the power of; under] sin. As the Scriptures say: "There is no one who·always does what is right [is righteous], not even one.**

*There is no one who understands. There is no one who·looks to God for help [seeks God]. All have turned away.*

*Together, everyone has become·useless [worthless]. There is no one who·does anything good [or shows kindness]; there is not even one [Ps. 14:1–3]".* [*Romans 3 verses 9-12, Expanded Bible (EXB)*].

By agreeing to follow the devil's directions Adam sold us into sin. Here is the state of mankind:

*"We know that the Law is spiritual, but I am a creature of the flesh [worldly, self-reliant — carnal and unspiritual], sold into slavery to sin [and serving under its control]".* [*Romans 7 verse 14, Amplified Bible (AMP)*].

As a consequence here is the state of mankind before the devil: *"We are sure that God's children do not keep on sinning. God's own Son protects them, and the devil cannot harm them.*

*We are certain that we come from God and that the rest of the world is under the power of the devil".* [*1 John 5 verses 18-19, Contemporary English Version Bible (CEV)*].

Two distinct groups make up humanity, those who have made an alliance with Jesus Christ and remain faithful to him and the others.

The devil can do nothing against those who walk according to the whole truth manifested in Christ. He cannot dominate or keep them captive. On the other hand all of the rest of humanity is under his domination. Because of the inheritance that Adam and Eve left us, we are not able to resist sin on our own.

This is why for humanity to be redeemed it required a substitute, Jesus Christ. Here is what the Bible tells us about it:

**"Nevertheless, death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam's transgression. He is a type of the Coming One. *But the gift is not like the trespass.***

**For if by the one man's trespass the many died, how much more have the grace of God and the gift which comes through the grace of the one man Jesus Christ overflowed to the many.**

*And the gift is not like the one man's sin, because from one sin came the judgment, resulting in condemnation, but from many trespasses came the gift, resulting in justification.*

**If by the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive the overflow of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.**

**So then, as through one trespass there is condemnation for everyone, so also through one righteous act there is justification leading to life for everyone.**

*For just as through one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so also through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. The law came along to multiply the trespass.*

**But where sin multiplied, grace multiplied even more so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace will reign through righteousness, resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord". [Romans 5 verses 14-21, Christian Standard Bible (CSB)].**

In the following section, with Bible in hand, we are going to study the ways the redemption of humanity took place through Jesus Christ.

## 2.2 The measures put in place to redeem man from the wages of sin

Many viruses exist in the world, each more terrible than the next. Among the most virulent are *Ebola* or even the *Coronavirus* whose horrific effects we are currently experiencing.

Yet, as terrible as they are, they do not have the capacity to touch all of humanity by continuing to perpetuate themselves from generation to generation. As we have seen, Adam and Eve's delicious bites from the prohibited fruit that they ate accomplished this feat.

Through this forbidden fruit, which they ate, the virus of sin spread to all of humanity. Generally, when we are confronted with a virus, the essential approach needed to eradicate it is to find an antidote.

Often, even before this virus reaches humans, if need be, studies are carried out with a view to eradicating it. Similarly, with regard to sin, an "*antidote*" was prepared long before it arrived on the scene to infect the world. To introduce it to you, I would say that it takes the form of God's grace that was manifested in Jesus in order to save all humanity.

To understand its significance, we must go back to the time when our salvation by God's grace was enacted in Christ.

Many believe that it was decreed on the bloody cross of Calvary. But for my part, this is not how I see it, because although it was on the cross that the death of Jesus manifested God's grace, its enactment was much earlier. This is what we discover in the following text:

*"For you know that you were not redeemed from your useless [spiritually unproductive] way of life inherited [by tradition] from your forefathers with perishable things like silver and gold, But [you were actually purchased] with precious blood, like that of a [sacrificial] lamb unblemished and spotless, the priceless blood of Christ.*

**For He was foreordained (foreknown) before the foundation of the world, but has appeared [publicly] in these last times for your sake and through Him you believe [confidently] in God [the heavenly Father], who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are [centered and rest] in God".** [1 Peter 1 verses 18-21, *Amplified Bible (AMP)*].

The bloody sacrifice of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ was not prepared in a hurry and in an emergency, as if one was preparing protective measures against the *Coronavirus*.

As we can see, the Lord was not overwhelmed by the events of his son's passion, because to compensate for this, a plan was put in place free of any interference before the world was even created and long before the arrival of sin.

To continue I would like to say that generally, when we think of salvation, we automatically see Jesus crucified.

But we do not always take into consideration the unity and the organisation that existed at the level of the Holy Trinity so that things could be done.

Being omniscient our God knew that sin would enter the universe. This is why the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit worked out a rescue plan for humanity, where the Holy Trinity would come to die on the cross for us.

Although it was Jesus Christ who suffered in the flesh and died for us, his Father was with him and by extension, his Holy Spirit. This is what we learn from the following text:

*"[For] The love of Christ controls [compels; drives] us, because we know [are convinced; have concluded] that One died for all, so all have died [we died spiritually with Christ, the penalty for our sins].*

*Christ died for all so that those who live would not continue to [no longer] live for themselves, but for him who died for them and was raised from the dead. [...]*

**All this is from God, who through Christ made peace between us and [reconciled us to] himself, and gave us the work of telling everyone about the peace we can have with him [ministry/service of reconciliation].**

**[For] God was in Christ, making peace between the world and [reconciling the world to] himself.**

*In Christ, God did not hold the world guilty of its sins [count their trespasses against them]. And he gave [committed/entrusted to] us this message of peace [reconciliation]". [2 Corinthians 5 verses 14-15, 18-19, Expanded Bible (EXB)].*

As we read these lines, we can get the feeling that the Eternal God was with his Son on the cross, but that for his part the Holy Spirit was absent. Yet he was not!

Before learning more about this fact, I think it is important to take a *break* so that we have a clear vision of who God's Spirit is. In my opinion, it is difficult to grasp the concept that the Holy Spirit has an individual character and yet is an indivisible part of the divine trinity.

For many, he is like the spirit of man, just a force that works from within, without having a personality or a purpose of his own as would be a sentient being, endowed with feeling and free will.

This is not so, for he is a fully-fledged sentient being and although he is part of the divine trinity he has a character of his own.

This fact is well represented in [*Ephesians 4 verse 30*] where we discover that he can feel emotions, because we can sadden him and like a mother who surrounds her child, he shows tenderness and consoles us [*John 14 verse 16-17*].

In addition, God's Spirit is also a guide and manager who gives directions to God's people. To realise this, we must consider [*Acts 13 verses 1-4*].

Notice that here it is not God the Father speaking, but the Holy Spirit and this clarification is brought home to us.

Usually when it is the Eternal God who is speaking the text makes mention of it, like in [*Exodus 3 verses 4-22*].

Let us return to this text from the book of Acts. To picture what is going on here, I would like to portray the Holy Spirit as the general who governs God's people. It is he who sets his troops in motion.

We discover in this text, a thinking and coordinated being, who independently sets plans in motion. However, these are not his, but those of God the Father and which are supported by Jesus Christ [*John 16 verses 12-15*].

Apart from what we have just seen, the text of [*Matthew 12 verses 31-32*] unambiguously presents the Holy Spirit to us, as being a person distinct from God the Father or from Jesus Christ.

Before continuing, it is important to note that the word *son of man*, used in Matthew's text represents Jesus [*Matthew 17 verses 22-23*], who while being God, took flesh in Mary, a human being [*Philippians 2 verses 5-7*], [*Galatians 4 verse 4*], [*Matthew 1 verse 18-25*].

So we find that not all blasphemies are considered the same.



Only those which are uttered against the Holy Spirit are totally prohibited and heavily repressed. All the others, even those which would concern Jesus Christ who is the true God [1 *John 5 verses 20*] can be forgiven. So by extension it is the same for all of the blasphemies that men would have uttered against God, the Father.

Thus, in the case of blasphemies proffered against the three persons of the divine trinity, *the Father, the Son or the Holy Spirit*, only those which are committed against the latter remain forever unforgivable.

In [*Romans 8 verses 26-27*] the Holy Spirit and the Eternal God are presented to us as two very distinct persons.

We are told that it is *the Holy Spirit*, who collects our prayers to convey them to God, therefore God the Father and it is he who prays for us and some versions say: *That he intercedes for us, with the Lord.*

So here we have a ministry that is unique to the Holy Spirit. He leads our prayers to God, as would an ambassador representing his nation to a person of authority in another country.

So, we understand that God is God and remember, the Holy Spirit is a very different person.

I understand that this fact is complex from the point of view of our human thought processes.

Yet it is this same bond that exists between Jesus and his Father. This is what we find out in [*John 14 verses 7-10*].

In this text Jesus declares that he and his Father are one, so much so that he who sees him also sees his Father.

One could therefore think that it is a question of one and the same person, in fact a single being, bearing two different names. This theory is swept away by [*Matthew 27 verses 46*], which presents Jesus agonising on the cross and desperately calling for his Father.

So we understand that they are two very distinct beings, yet intrinsically united.

It should be noted that each member of the Divine Trinity works on a different level. We find out in [*John 16 verses 12-15*].

The roles are distributed as follows:

*God the Father is the master of works [John 17 verse 3-4], [John 6 verses 38-40], Jesus his son is the order giver and the Holy Spirit carries out the works.*

This unity in the biblical sense (*very distinct entities but yet intrinsically linked*) is found at various levels, within the framework of marriage [*Matthew 19 verses 4-6*] or even within God's people [*Ezekiel 11 verses 19*].

*Mystery of the Trinity, each of the three supreme beings are persons in their own right, but who ultimately form one.*

After what is, in my opinion, this useful digression on this complex idea of the Holy Spirit and the divine Trinity, let us return to the passion of Christ.

I therefore emphasised that the Holy Spirit was also with Jesus on the cross. To understand this, we must not lose sight of the intrinsic bond which binds the three persons of the divine trinity and especially the importance of the Holy Spirit.

To find out, I invite you to read this: "**Now the Lord is the Holy Spirit. [...] And this glory comes from the Lord, who is the Holy Spirit**". [*2 Corinthians 3 verses 17-18, New International Reader's Version Bible (NIRV)*].

In these lines we learn that the Lord and the Holy Spirit are one and that the Lord is the Spirit.

So when in [*2 Corinthians 5 verses 14-19*] we read that God was in Christ, when he died to redeem mankind, we must understand that we are talking about God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

*It is through this incredible magnanimous act, where the divine trinity was to die on the infamous cross, that human beings were able to be reconciled with the Lord.*

Once implemented this reconciliation between humanity and God was to occur at a definite time, but until Jesus came to redeem us, he being the the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, plans for the substitution were established with the intention of anticipating his divine sacrifice.

*Innocent animals were to be sacrificed instead of humans.  
They thus assumed the sins of humanity.*

For the sins of men to be erased, sacrifices were presented in a timely manner and on a date defined by the high priest [*Hebrews 9 verse 7*], [*Hebrews 10 verses 1-4*].

The animal sacrifices, intended to be substitutes for the sins of men, lasted for centuries without having the capacity to definitively cleanse from sin those for whom they were offered.

Because of the imperfect nature of the sacrifices that were offered to erase sin, it was therefore necessary that a powerful antidote could be given.

*This antidote was like the blood that is given to a patient in order to save him. A special blood had to flow, which was not that of the sacrificial beasts!*

*This blood that had to flow was divine. It was that of the son of God who is himself God. He came to sacrifice himself in order to redeem humanity.*

Here is how this fact is presented: "*In fact under the Law almost everything is cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness [neither release from sin and its guilt, nor cancellation of the merited punishment]. [...]*

*Nor did He [enter into the heavenly sanctuary to] offer Himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.*

**Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer over and over since the foundation of the world; But now once for all at the consummation of the ages He has appeared and been publicly manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.**

*And just as it is appointed and destined for all men to die once and after this [comes certain] judgment, so Christ, having been offered once and once for all to bear [as a burden] the sins of many, will appear a second time [when he returns to earth], not to deal with sin, but to bring salvation to those who are eagerly and confidently waiting for Him". [*Hebrews 9 verses 22, 25-28, Amplified Bible (AMP)*].*

Let's also read this to enhance our study:

*"Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; Which are offered by the law; Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God.*

*He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.*

**By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:**

**But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;**

**From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified".** [*Hebrews 10 verses 8-14, King James Bible*].

Until Jesus Christ came, the blood that was presented for the redemption of man was that of beasts, but this blood only atoned for sin for a time, because it was insufficient. This is why the son of God had to offer himself as the ultimate sacrifice in order to redeem us.

Let me continue by asking you a question:

*Did you know that as far as the plan of salvation is concerned, we are the holders of a great privilege which was neither offered to the ancient prophets nor to the angels and by extension nor to the demons (who are fallen angels) [1 Peter 1 verses 10-12]?*

The plan of salvation was jealously guarded for centuries and was called "*the hidden mystery*". But thanks be to God who revealed this mystery to us. This is what it was:

*"Of which \*I\* became minister, according to the dispensation of God which [is] given me towards you to complete the word of God, the mystery which [has been] hidden from ages and from generations, but has now been made manifest to his saints;*

**To whom God would make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the nations, which is Christ in you the hope of glory"** [*Colossians 1 verses 25-27, Darby Translation Bible (DARBY)*].

Let's read this to learn more about this: **"And that by [divine] revelation the mystery was made known to me, as I have already written in brief. By referring to this, when you read it you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not disclosed to mankind, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the [Holy] Spirit;**

**[It is this:] that the Gentiles are now joint heirs [with the Jews] and members of the same body, and joint partakers [sharing] in the [same divine] promise in Christ Jesus through [their faith in] the good news [of salvation]".** [*Ephesians 3 verses 3-6, Amplified Bible (AMP)*].

The Lord gives us the benefit of revealing the reality of the plan of salvation, which was based on the fact that the pagans (*the nations*) were also called to salvation through Jesus Christ, which was normally only reserved for the Jewish people.

As we have seen, in order to do this, so that humanity can be redeemed, the Holy Trinity made plans long before the first atom of our world was created.

These plans were jealously guarded over all of the centuries preceding the sacrifice of Jesus and they remained so until his death.

Do you understand why the plan of salvation through Christ's crucifixion was hidden for centuries and than no one heard of it before Jesus died on the infamous cross in Golgotha?

Well, it's because the main actor who had to implement it was the devil himself. Without Satan's help we would not be saved.

*You are certainly thinking that Kenny has gone completely mad... SOS, we need the assistance of the men in white coats from the asylum!*

But before I am pilloried, it is important to reposition yourself with regard to what God's Word has to say about the role that the devil played in the plan of salvation.

In [*John 14 verse 30*] Jesus prophesied that Satan's time was coming, as his hour of glory was to get men to nail the son of God to this infamous cross.

The first act of this tragedy took place when Judas, under the devil's influence, accepted the soaked piece of bread, thus choosing to betray Jesus, his master. Here is how this fact is presented in this text:

*"After Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "I assure you and most solemnly say to you, one of you will betray Me and hand Me over."*

**The disciples began looking at one another, puzzled and disturbed as to whom He could mean.**

*One of His disciples, whom Jesus loved (esteemed), was leaning against Jesus' chest. So Simon Peter motioned to him (John) and [quietly] asked [him to ask Jesus] of whom He was speaking.*

*Then leaning back against Jesus' chest, he (John) asked Him [privately], "Lord, who is it?" Jesus answered, "It is the one to whom I am going to give this piece [of bread] after I have dipped it."*

**So when He had dipped the piece of bread [into the dish], He gave it to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot. After [Judas had taken] the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly [without delay]." [...]**

**After taking the piece of bread, he went out immediately; and it was night".** [*John 13 verses 21-27 and 30, Amplified Bible (AMP)*].

The betrayal of Judas was only the first act of the bloody symphony that Satan composed to humiliate and kill the son of God.

Once Judas found himself possessed by the devil, following his acceptance of the soaked bread, he led the enemies of Jesus straight to him in order to seize him [*John 18 verses 3-5, 12-14*].

The devil is also the great murderer who stirs up hatred in the hearts of the wicked to persecute God's people: [*John 8, verses 39-59*], [*1 John 3, verses 4-17*], [*John 15, verses 18-25*].

He is also the dominator of nations [*1 John 5 verses 18-19*].

Therefore the world and those who are dominated by the devil and under his influence persecute those who belong to the Lord. Those who are doing so are presented as the children and servants of the devil [*1 John 3 verses 4-10*] and [*John 8 verses 12, 38-48*].

As we have seen, Satan is the perpetrator of evil, he is the one who drives men to do wrong, so he was at the helm during Jesus' passion and encouraged men to mistreat him.

We know that it is the devil who creates hatred in the hearts of men so we understand that he inspired the Jewish people of Jesus' time to claim the life of God's son by asking for his blood to be shed on them and their children [*Matthew 27 verses 20-26*].

If Satan and his minions were omniscient, they would never have made plans for Jesus to be crucified, since it was this act that gave him dominance over them. Here's what we can read about the subject:

*"When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh (worldliness, manner of life), God made you alive together with Christ, having [freely] forgiven us all our sins, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of legal demands [which were in force] against us and which were hostile to us.*

**And this certificate He has set aside and completely removed by nailing it to the cross.**

**When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities [those supernatural forces of evil operating against us], He made a public example of them [exhibiting them as captives in His triumphal procession], having triumphed over them through the cross".** [*Colossians 2 verses 13-15, Amplified Bible (AMP)*].

The biggest and only victory the devil ever won over Jesus was also his biggest and fatal defeat. By inciting the Jews to crucify him, through the Romans, the devil realised the secret plans (*the divine mystery hidden through the ages*), which were that God is made flesh among men, that he suffers, that his blood flows and that He dies and is then resurrected in order to redeem humanity.

When one analyses what has happened during the plan of salvation it is simply mind-boggling. Here God's son, who is equal to his father, therefore God, suffered and died like a humble servant in order *to save an inferior race consisting of the living-dead and slaves!*

And what is more they were his enemies. This is evidenced by the following text:

**"For while we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: For peradventure for the good man some one would even dare to die.**

**But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

*Much more then, being now justified by his blood, shall we be saved from the wrath of God through him. For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved by his life;*

**And not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation".** [*Romans 5 verses 6-11, American Standard Version Bible (ASV)*].

Let's finish with this text: **"Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.**

**Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality with God as a prize to be displayed, but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant.**

**When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.**

*Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father".* [*Philippians 2 verses 5-11, Evangelical Heritage Version Bible (EHV)*].

The son of God came and took on human form by becoming the son of a man and adopting the role of a humble servant and agreeing to die on the ignominious cross to redeem mankind.

Because of sin, man was separated from God, but thanks to the atoning blood of his son, which flowed on the cross, reconciliation could be achieved.



This is what mankind has gained through *Jesus Christ*, for whom the whole universe must now bend its knees. As you can see, God's plan of salvation for mankind, its hidden mystery throughout the ages, was carried out with the help of the devil.

Satan could never have imagined such a scenario! How could he have known that death was not the end for God's son and that by Jesus' death, he the devil, would be defeated together with all of the forces of evil. However, that's what happened.

The devil lost because of his pride. I imagine him jubilant each time that Christ had to undergo immense suffering in order to redeem us.

In my opinion, the worst of all of this suffering was not, only physical, but was also psychological. Let us read this to figure it out:

**"God made Christ [the one] who had no sin [or never sinned; did not know sin] to become sin for us, so that in Christ [him] we could become right with [the righteousness of] God". [2 Corinthians 5 verse 21, Expanded Bible (EXB)].**

This other text reinforces the first: *"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again;*

*When he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: By whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls". [1 Peter 2 verses 21-25, King James Bible].*

First of all, notice that we are not just told that Jesus took on our sins as a friend would take from his or her own funds to pay a debt for us. We learn that *"Jesus became sin, to redeem us"*, without ever having sinned. When reading these lines, we may not realise the true significance of Jesus' unprecedented gesture on the cross. Indeed, we all simply repeat that he gave his life in redemption of our sins and then we move on.

Have we even for a moment tried to imagine the atmosphere of that scene on the cross, the intensity of that moment, the immeasurable pain that Jesus experienced both physically and psychologically? To understand this, I give you an example:

*Imagine that you are a devoted wife and a devout Christian who, out of love and fear of the Lord, chose to wait until marriage to have your first sexual encounter on your wedding night. The honeymoon was even more beautiful, because you got married at forty after many years of abstinence.*

*For his part, your husband who was also a fervent servant of God, let go of the Lords' hand, after the death of your only son by choosing to live a worldly life, where gambling has become his one and only love. As any action leads to a reaction, one fateful evening, he telephones you to ask you to come to a "bad" place.*

*When you arrive, you are stunned to find him covered with wounds having been brutally beaten. The reason for all of this is the large sum he lost at gambling. It is so large that even if you sell all of your assets, you will not be able to pay it off.*

*To recoup his funds, your husband's bookie has left him two options: the first is to be tortured to death. The second, which is even worse, but especially for you, is that you agree to become a prostitute in order to repay your husband's debts, without any guarantee that this "extraordinary" sacrifice, will bring about an awareness on his part that will enable him to stop playing.*

*Out of love and mercy for him, with your heart in tatters, you accept the deal.*

This imagined scene, although terrible and particularly shocking, is nothing compared to what Jesus Christ has done for us. For he, the pure, he the just, he the integral, had to become sin in order to redeem us. The mystery of salvation is incomprehensible to those living without God as well as to the Jewish people who lived at the same time as Jesus. Here is what we can read about it:

**"But we preach Christ crucified, which is a scandal to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles".** [*1 Corinthians 1 verse 23, Common English Bible (CEB)*].

The plan of salvation seems incomprehensible without faith, because it is not for a just race that Christ died on this infamous cross, but *for a race of slaves and for the living dead.*

This text presents this fact: *"Therefore, since the children share flesh and blood, he also shared the same flesh and blood, so that through death he could destroy the one who had the power of death (that is, the Devil) and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death".* [*Hebrews 2 verses 14-15, Evangelical Heritage Version Bible (EHV)*].

You will certainly read these lines in a relaxed way, because you are used to going through them, but are you aware of what the plan of salvation that was manifested through Jesus was?

So that you may be fully aware of the grace which you have received from the Lord God, through the sacrifice of his son Jesus Christ, I am going to tell you an extraordinary story:

*Imagine a rich landowner who only has one son, who makes him proud, because he is obedient, hardworking, courteous and brilliant in his studies. The kind of son-in-law every mother dreams of having and the son every parent calls for.*

*In addition, this man has a nephew who, from a very young age, devotes himself to drugs, alcohol, cigarettes as well as all of the vices imaginable.*

*And while his uncle and his cousin, whom I have just presented to you, have never ceased to support him and to lavish love upon him, he in return does everything to harm them. Years go by, until the day when the said nephew's heart needs to be replaced, because it is unable to bear the hectic pace of life that was before him. In order to be saved, he needs to have a heart graft.*

*But as his rhesus blood type was very rare, a heart for a graft under these circumstances was almost impossible to find.*

*His life which he had burnt like a candle at both ends, seems to be drawing to an end and his death is imminent.*

*When everything seems lost for him, an unexpected miracle happens. Out of love for him, his uncle and his cousin, by mutual agreement, decide that his cousin, this exemplary young man, is going to give his own heart to save him to the detriment of his own life.*

*And all the while knowing that once this new heart is functional, the young rebel could, if he wishes, continue to live recklessly and without any regard for his own health until death ensues.*

For those of you who are parents, how do you view this story? If it was your child, would you do it? Certainly not! Because as a parent and especially for mothers, our children are the apple of our eye.

Yet that's what the Lord did for us through Christ. Here's what we can learn about it: *"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life".** [John 3 verses 14-16, King James Bible].

I ask you to re-read these verses while keeping in mind the previous story of the father, his son and his iniquitous nephew, so that you will be able to understand how the act of Jesus suffering and dying on the infamous cross is without precedent and so powerful that words cannot describe his divine sacrifice.

For me, I think that parents who love their children are the most capable of understanding what the Lord felt when he saw his only son, so perfect, pure and just, dying for fallen and sinful humanity.

This fact is even more remarkable when we consider the motivation of the Lord which led him to give his son, his only son, the one he loves, to redeem us humans, who, *as we have seen, are a lower race and the living dead, etc.* Here is how this fact is presented in the Holy Book:

*"Dear friends, we should love each other, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has become God's child.*

*And so everyone who loves knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love to us: He sent his only Son into the world to give us life through him. True love is God's love for us, not our love for God.*

**He sent his Son as the way to take away our sins. That is how much God loved us, dear friends! So we also must love each other".** [1 John 4 verses 7-11, *Easy-to-Read Version Bible (ERV)*].

*What is presented in this text is powerful!*

And I believe takes on a whole new dimension, if we juxtapose it with our story of the father, the son and the nephew:

*The nephew had done nothing to be loved and in fact he was not lovable and I would even say that he was a detestable human being. However, without deserving it, his uncle loved him unconditionally and chose with his son's agreement, that the latter would give his life for the unjust nephew.*

The Lord does not love us because we are righteous people or exceptional people, he loves us unconditionally, because his nature is Love. No matter what we have done the Lord wants to save us!

Do not look at your situation. Do not look at what you have already done to think that you do not deserve salvation.

Eternal life is not granted according to your good works or your high degree of spirituality, but it is by God's grace that we are saved and by means of our faith in Jesus Christ.

All we have to do is accept Jesus as the Christ, the son of God and as our saviour in whom salvation is found: **"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;**

**Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:**

**Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind;**

**And were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.**

**But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)**

*And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

*That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*

**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them".**  
*[Ephesians 2 verses 1-10, King James Bible].*

Before making a covenant with Christ, we are the living dead, but it is not what God looks at, as unlike men who only judge their fellow human beings by their appearance, God is only interested in what is in our hearts *[1 Samuel 16 verse 7]*.

In this text we have a beautiful example of God's Grace that is manifested through Jesus Christ, without our personal situation, physical aspects or our state of sin being taken into account:

**"And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?**

**This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.**

**And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last:**

**And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers?**

**Hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more".** [*John 8 verses 3-11, King James Bible*].

No reproach was made to this woman, just a recommendation :

*Go and sin no more!*

To those of you reading this, if your life is not yet sanctified through Jesus Christ and if your sins lead you to believe that you are not worthy of being loved, know that God loves you and that he gave his life for you.

He did not come to call the righteous but he came to save sinners, so he came for all of humanity and above all for you and me.

This text lays its foundations: **"Later that day, Jesus and his followers ate at Levi's house. There were also many tax collectors and others with bad reputations eating with them.**

*(There were many of these people who followed Jesus.) When some teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw Jesus eating with such bad people, they asked his followers, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"*

**When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "It is the sick people who need a doctor, not those who are healthy. I did not come to invite good people. I came to invite sinners."** [*Mark 2 verses 15-17, Easy-to-Read Version Bible (ERV)*].

As you can see, Jesus did not snub people with an unsavoury lifestyle (*those with a poor reputation*), as he loves all mankind. The Lord hates sin, but loves man no matter what his situation!

The immeasurable and incomprehensible love of the Lord for us is manifested on the cross! This is why the word GRACE by which we are saved takes on its full meaning. This word GRACE represents what is undeserved, because what we receive through grace is offered. He who is pardoned owes his future to the one who gives him grace!

In the case of a death row inmate the pardon granted to him saves his life. Likewise the grace we acquire through Jesus saves our lives and enables us to inherit eternal life. This is what is now offered to all those who accept Jesus Christ as their personal saviour:

*"Jesus said unto her, **I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this ?"*** [John 11 verses 25-26, King James Bible].

What Jesus won on the cross was victory over death itself. By doing so, since his sacrificial death and resurrection, he holds the keys to death. Here is what happened: *"The Revelation of Jesus Christ [...] And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:*

**I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death"**. [Revelation 1 verses 1, 17-18, King James Bible].

By his divine sacrifice Jesus removed the obstacle which prevented humanity from reaching salvation and for which the wages of sin had to be paid, namely death. Henceforth, he frees from this yoke all those who make an alliance with him.

Thanks to this key, Christ now offers *eternal life to all*. Although Jesus Christ now holds the keys to death, only those who make a covenant with him can enjoy the eternal life he offers. This tells us:

**"He who hath believed, and hath been baptized, shall be saved; and he who hath not believed, shall be condemned"**. [Mark 16 verse 16, Young's Literal Translation Bible (YLT)].

Let's finish with this: **"And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins;**

**And ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him"**. [Acts 2 verses 38-39, American Standard Version Bible (ASV)].



It is he who accepts Jesus as his personal saviour, who confesses and forsakes his sins and who makes a covenant with him through the waters of baptism, who obtains mercy. Henceforth he receives the spirit of God which makes him a child of the Lord, one of his heirs and a co-heir with Christ [*Romans 8 verses 16-17*].

Now being subject to God's grace by making a covenant with Jesus Christ, we have direct access to God the Father.

Here is what God's Word says about the access his people have to him through Jesus Christ: **"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: No man cometh unto the Father, but by me"**. [*John 14 verse 6, King James Bible*].

Through Jesus Christ we can now go to God the Father. These are not just words that have been used just to brighten up the subject, because this access to God is real. In the following text we find that we now have free entry into God's heavenly sanctuary:

**"Therefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, "Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not have, but a body hast Thou prepared for Me.**

**In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin Thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the Book it is written of Me) to do Thy will, O God."**

*Above when He said, "Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings, and offering for sin Thou wouldest not have, neither hadst pleasure therein" (which are offered in accordance with the law), then said He, "Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God,"*

**He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second.**

**By this will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. [...] For by one offering He hath perfected for ever those who are sanctified. [...]**

**"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord:**

**I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."** Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

**Having therefore boldness, brethren, to enter into the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living Way, which He hath consecrated for us through the veil (that is to say, His flesh), and having a High Priest over the house of God, 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". [Hebrews 10 verses 5-10, 14, 16-22, 21st Century King James Version Bible (KJ21)].**

We have this access through the flesh of Jesus Christ who was sacrificed for us. This text is one of those that all Christians cherish or should cherish if they do not yet know it.

Unlike in biblical times, the grace granted to us through Jesus Christ enables us to go directly to God, without needing a priest to bring our complaint to the Lord.

*This is really good news presented to us here.*

However, not everyone has the capacity to borrow this access, because the text specifies that it is only those who participate in the second covenant, the first being lapsed at the sacrificial death of Jesus, who obtain forgiveness for their sins and can thus take this new road through Jesus Christ.

The sign of this new covenant, opening the door of heaven to God's people, is God's law which is written in the hearts and minds of those who are united to God through Christ. This is how sins that had hitherto been committed will be forgiven and forgotten.

In doing so, if God's law is not written in our hearts, we have neither the possibility of enjoying the new covenant which the Lord offers through the blood (*the divine sacrifice*) of his son, nor the means to obtain forgiveness of our sins.

*So no possibility of salvation!*

By extension, we cannot also enter into the heavenly sanctuary of God through his son. So the law has a most important role to play to enable God's people to participate in the Lord's new covenant.

Which brings us to our awareness of the place of God's law among his people saved by God's grace. In the next part we will develop this most thorny biblical fact!

### 2.3 **The role that the law plays in the great cosmic conflict between the devil and his servants against God and his people**

In this part, we will consider God's law from an angle that I believe to be innovative. It is important to understand that the law is the primary focus that will determine who is a child of God or the devil.

It is important to understand what sin is in order to comprehend how important the law is in the lives of God's children and how it is the foundation which, once broken, makes us the devil's slaves.

This biblical text enlightens us on this subject: **"Everyone who sins breaks God's law, because sin is the same as breaking God's law. You know that Christ came to take away sins. He isn't sinful, and people who stay one in their hearts with him won't keep on sinning. If they do keep on sinning, they don't know Christ, and they have never seen him. Children, don't be fooled.**

*Anyone who does right is good, just like Christ himself. Anyone who keeps on sinning belongs to the devil. He has sinned from the beginning, but the Son of God came to destroy all that he has done.*

*God's children cannot keep on being sinful. His life-giving power lives in them and makes them his children, so that they cannot keep on sinning. You can tell God's children from the devil's children, because those who belong to the devil refuse to do right or to love each other. From the beginning you were told that we must love each other.*

**Don't be like Cain, who belonged to the devil and murdered his own brother. Why did he murder him? He did it because his brother was good, and he was evil".** [1 John 3 verses 4-12, *Contemporary English Version Bible (CEV)*].

Before continuing, let us review the first sentence of this Bible text in this other version: **"Whoever commits sin, also transgresses the Law. For sin is the transgression of the Law".** [1 John 3 verses 4, *Revised Geneva Translation Bible (RGT)*].

In this text you will find a crucial factor for our study which is brought to us here:

*He who sins is of the devil. We have a strong image that describes this fact in the person of Cain.*

*Although he was born at a time when sin had not done as much damage as it does now, because of his murderous acts, he became a child of the devil. In addition, this text presents the difference between two very distinct groups:*

*The first describes those who faithfully serve the Lord and are called God's children. We also discover another group whose members are called the the devil's children. The act of this second group, which qualifies them as such, is the transgression of God's law with this behaviour being presented as sinful.*

*This text highlights the importance of God's law.*

Those who violate it commit sin and, like it or not, end up becoming the devil's children and his servants. To do this, no voluntary action is required, it is enough not to have made a covenant with Jesus or to have made it and not to be faithful to him.

This is what the text of [1 John 5 verses 18-19] teaches us.

By doing so, one can be a child of the devil while being a religious man who masters God's Word, but who is unfaithful to the Lord. We find this situation in the life of the Pharisees. These men were very religious and generally did not overtly sin. The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector sums up their lives well [Luke 18 verses 9-14].

The transgressions of God's Word practised by the scribes and the Pharisees were the result of their efforts to make their religion more practical [Mark 7 verses 5-13].

It is because of such deeds that without their knowledge, they became the servants and children of the devil [John 8 verses 38-48].

In this text of the apostle John, it is striking to note what a high opinion of themselves the Pharisees had.

They were scandalised when Jesus depicted them as children and servants of the devil, whose sole purpose was to serve him. Likewise he who is of God's people and who is unfaithful to him will, like it or not, be practising the works of the devil.

Now that these points are factored in, let us return to the situation which is manifested in [1 John 3 verses 4-12], [1 John 5 verses 18-19].

God's people who remain faithful to him do not practice sin which is the transgression of God's law, in so doing, the devil cannot touch them. On the other hand, the rest of humanity, as well as those who made a covenant with Jesus, but who are unfaithful, place themselves under *the devil's domination who will use the law to keep them captive*.

He will use the inability of the man living without God to observe the divine law in order to dominate him. Here is what we can read about the state of iniquitous man in the face of God's law:

*"For I do not understand my own actions [I am baffled and bewildered by them]. I do not practice what I want to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate [and yielding to my human nature, my worldliness — my sinful capacity].*

**Now if I habitually do what I do not want to do, [that means] I agree with the Law, confessing that it is good (morally excellent). So now [if that is the case, then] it is no longer I who do it [the disobedient thing which I despise], but the sin [nature] which lives in me. For I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my flesh [my human nature, my worldliness — my sinful capacity].**

**For the willingness [to do good] is present in me, but the doing of good is not. For the good that I want to do, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.**

**But if I am doing the very thing I do not want to do, I am no longer the one doing it [that is, it is not me that acts], but the sin [nature] which lives in me. So I find it to be the law [of my inner self], that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.**

*For I joyfully delight in the law of God in my inner self [with my new nature], but I see a different law and rule of action in the members of my body [in its appetites and desires], waging war against the law of my mind and subduing me and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is within my members". [Roman 7 verses 15-23, Amplified Bible (AMP)].*

What is presented here is important!

Among other things, we discover how our state of being sinful, which we inherited from Adam, makes us unable to keep God's law.

At every moment there is a war going on within us, between the two forces of good and sin and furthermore we cannot conquer sin on our own. This is how man finds two laws inside him, that of God which is spiritual and that of sin which is carnal. Because of man's sinful state, he is ruled from birth by the law of sin, which makes him unable to follow the terms of God's law by himself.

The law is presented as being spiritual, while the human being is carnally captive of sin. In doing so, following God's law and his holy commandments would have led to life, if mankind had not inherited sin in Adam, in which case it led to death. In order to allow you to really appreciate this, I am going to tell you a true story:

*It is most tragic and features the brother of one of my very good friends. After undergoing his full annual check-up, he learned that he had lung cancer. Although malignant, the tumour had not yet metastasised and could therefore be operated on.*

*However the concern was that it was located too close to an artery, which made the operation dangerous. Doctors therefore preferred to prescribe chemotherapy so that the tumour could be eradicated. They were confident, because for them it was just a formality. The patient therefore received a number of chemotherapy drugs until the day a new doctor arrived in the department and realised that his colleagues had prescribed the man the wrong chemotherapy treatment.*

*The result was that the cancer metastasised in both the sick and healthy lungs. The result was the patient's death.*

In this story can we say that chemotherapy is a bad thing? Surely the answer must be no, because if the right treatment had been given, this man could have been saved. Yet this powerful weapon to save a life ended up in death. It is the same with God's law.

Normally, if mankind refrains from sin, God's law is intended to lead to life, but as we have previously seen given that humanity is under the yoke of sin, God's law leads to death. Here is the fate reserved for those who sin and therefore who violate God's law:

**"For the wages of sin is death [...]"** [*Romans 6 verse 23, King James Bible*].

The transgression of the law is the sin which itself results in death.

So the problem does not come from God's law, but from those who live without being able to observe it. As we also discovered, God's Word presents us as being anxious to fulfil the recommendations of God's law, but we are incapable of doing so, because we have another law within us that makes us captive to sin.

The wages of sin being death and sin being the transgression of God's law, this fact is the weapon par excellence the devil uses in order to dominate mankind. He has been doing this since he defeated Adam and Eve. Understanding the role of God's law in the great cosmic conflict between Satan (*and his servants*) and God (*and his children*) is therefore essential for our future. This tells us:

**"The sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law"** [*1 Corinthians 15 verse 56, American Standard Version Bible (ASV)*].

This verse is short but comprehension of what is presented here is one of the keys to understanding how the devil uses the law to make men captive.

Before continuing, it is important to also consider this text: **"Therefore, since the children share flesh and blood, he also shared the same flesh and blood, so that through death he could destroy the one who had the power of death (that is, the Devil) and free those who were held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death"**. [*Hebrews 2 verses 14-15, Evangelical Heritage Version Bible (EHV)*].

When I summarise these two texts, here is what I get from them:

*The devil retains his captives (slaves) through the power of death. His subjects are bound to him by fear of death. Sin is what gives death its power, for death is the wages of those who sin. And we have seen that sin is the transgression of God's Law. For its part, the power of sin is the law.*

*It is this that highlights the transgression, which when committed leads to death.*

This text highlights this fact: **"What should we say then? Is the law sin? Absolutely not! But I would not have known sin if it were not for the law. For example, I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, Do not covet.**

**And sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind. For apart from the law sin is dead. Once I was alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life again and I died. The commandment that was meant for life resulted in death for me.**

*For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me, and through it killed me. So then, the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good.*

*Therefore, did what is good become death to me? Absolutely not! But sin, in order to be recognized as sin, was producing death in me through what is good, so that through the commandment, sin might become sinful beyond measure. For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold as a slave under sin". [Roman 7 verses 7-14, Christian Standard Bible (CSB)].*

Although God's law is holy and good, it is that which highlights sin, because it is that which establishes that the wages of sin are death. Thus, when we transgress God's law, we sin and we become Satan's slaves and therefore, we belong to him.

What I have just presented, the devil knows and uses and abuses. This is why he will always come to claim from God those who have sinned. This text explains this point: **"Then he showed me the high priest Joshua standing before the angel of the Lord, with Satan standing at his right side to accuse him. The Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan!**

*May the Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Isn't this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?" Now Joshua was dressed with filthy clothes as he stood before the angel. So the angel of the Lord spoke to those standing before him, "Take off his filthy clothes!"*

*Then he said to him, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with festive robes". [Zechariah 3 verses 1-4, Christian Standard Bible (CSB)].*



In order to understand how the devil operates, we must never lose sight of the fact that he is a snitch, an accuser, who highlights the sins that men commit before God.

Here Joshua is wearing dirty clothes which represent his iniquity and therefore his sins [1 John 5 verse 17, Bible Louis Second], (*which by extension represents the transgression of God's law*).

Whenever a human being sins, the devil will claim him as his. The fact that death occurs is not reason enough for the devil to no longer claim his captives. This fact is described in the following:

**"But when [even] the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, judicially argued (disputed) about the body of Moses, he dared not [presume to] bring an abusive condemnation against him, but [simply] said, The Lord rebuke you!"** [Jude 1 verse 9, *Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)*].

To better understand what is happening here, it is necessary to understand what made the devil claim the remains of Moses.

This tells us: **"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes;**

*And it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels;*

*Must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice:*

**And the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.**

**And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.**

*This is the water of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified in them".* [Numbers 20 verses 7-13, *King James Bible*].

Before continuing, it is important to understand that striking a rock so that water comes out was familiar to Moses, because he had already experienced such an occurrence [*Exodus 17 verses 5-7*].

The difference between the two occasions when Moses struck the rock was that the first time it happened the Lord asked him to do it, whereas the second time he acted because he was exasperated by the recriminations of the people.

This simple gesture cost him dearly, because that day he lost the possibility of entering Canaan for which he had fought so hard by marching at the head of God's people.

And this, when he was the only prophet in all of biblical history to whom God spoke mouth to mouth [*Numbers 12 verses 6-8*].

It is for this reason that after his death, the brothers' accuser, the devil, came to claim the body of Moses for himself.

Whenever we prefer to act according to our own interests at the expense of divine directives, the devil will claim us for himself.

He is on the alert to see every sin that God's people commit. The goal is to keep God informed.

The devil is the one who encourages men to sin, then he accuses them before God night and day [*Revelation 12 verses 9-12*].

As God's people we are at war and our enemy is unleashed, knowing that he has little time left, roaming like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour [*1 Peter 5 verse 8*].

We must be aware of the significance of the law and the role it plays in the sealing of God's people and that of the servants of the devil.

We have seen in the text of [*1 John 3 verses 4-12*] that sin is what differentiates God's children from the devil's children.

The devil's children are characterised by the fact that they practise sin, which is the violation of God's law. For their part the Lord's children acquire the capacity not to sin through Jesus and it is by abiding in him, where there is no sin, that this is possible.

The first step to gaining victory over sin as well as over the devil is to make a covenant with the Lord through the bond of baptism.

Before continuing, it is vital to reiterate that there are 7 *steps* or rungs to be put in place during baptism. If you go through the baptismal waters without having them all in place, you will not receive the Holy Spirit because your baptism is incomplete.

In the text of [*Acts 19 verses 1-7*] we find a specific example of what I am saying.

So that you are clear about this baptismal situation, I invite you to read my book entitled "*The act of baptism and Christian growth (The reality of the latter rain that is to fall on God's people)*".

In these pages you will find all of the baptismal guidelines that God approves and which will allow you to receive the Holy Spirit at the end of your baptism. If you are to be baptised, I urge you to read this book before the big day.

Now that point is made, we can proceed. Once baptised, with a baptism in accordance with the seven biblical stages, one must remain faithful to the Lord so that one is not claimed by the devil.

In [*Galatians 5 verses 16-18, 22-25*] we read that those who have God's Spirit living in them cannot walk in the fruits of the flesh for they walk in the spirit.

The only possibility we have that the law of sin cannot dominate our lives is to have the Spirit of God within us.

It is important to specify that as the Holy Spirit cannot live in the ungodly and is not given to those who do not obey God [*2 Corinthians 6 verses 14-16*], [*Acts 5 verse 32*], all those who reject Jesus Christ or who have not made a covenant with him through baptism remain under the original death decree and therefore remain under the law.

All who have this position the devil will claim as his property.

God's law is therefore at the centre of the great cosmic conflict between Satan (*and his minions*) and the Lord (*and his people*).

It is God's law that determines which master rules over us, God or the devil! If the Spirit of God is not in us, we remain under the yoke of the law and not being able to fulfil its requirements by ourselves, we become liable to the wages that its transgression demands, namely death.

This study is important because, as we shall see, the salvation of many depends on it.

It is for this reason that it is the central thesis of this book. In order to broaden our understanding of what we have just seen, we will continue to develop this theme in the following parts of this book.

## 2.4 The difference between those living under God's grace and those living under the law

It is really important to understand the difference between those who are living under God's grace and those who are living under the law. To illustrate this biblical doctrine presenting those who are living under the law and those are not living under the law, I will give you two examples:

*First, let's take the case of a kleptomaniac. Because of his illness, he will live all of his life under the law. Because he cannot help stealing he will always be in the custody of justice.*

*Those living without Christ are like this, because no one has the power to act justly unless the spirit of Jesus lives in them.*

*Since human beings are all born under the yoke of sin and by themselves are incapable of resisting sin, his law being embedded in them, they remain under the yoke of the law for all their life.*

*This situation changes as soon as a person accepts Jesus Christ as his personal saviour.*

*Which brings us back to the second case. Now let's take the case of a person who does not suffer from kleptomania and who is also a fervent Christian. He will have no impulse to steal.*

*What makes this possible is that whoever makes a covenant with Christ and in whom the Holy Spirit lives cannot do the Holy Spirit's deeds and those of the flesh at the same time.*

*Thus, he will never be worried by the judicial authorities regarding theft and will therefore never be under the yoke of the law. However although he will not be brought to justice under the law, this does not imply that there is no law established in society which prohibits theft.*

*It is the same for those living under God's grace!*

Living under God's grace and not being under the law does not mean living without God's law.

But living under the justice of the law presupposes not being under God's grace. In my opinion, this fact could be summarised as follows:

*Those who have made a covenant with Jesus Christ are under God's grace and have the capacity to resist sin and it is through the action of the Holy Spirit that this is possible.*

*While the rest of humanity, not being under God's grace, remains under the law and has no strength to resist sin.*

*This situation comes about due to the fact that, through the action of the Holy Spirit, the seed of God, his holy law becomes active in the hearts of those who make a covenant with Jesus, so they do not practise sin.*

*We will develop this concept in the chapter entitled "What role should the law play in the lives of those who are saved by the grace that has been manifested in Jesus Christ?"*

*On the contrary, the rest of humanity not being connected to Christ, does not naturally have in it the capacity to overcome the law of sin, which dominates it and makes it unfit to observe God's law [Romans 7 verses 14- 25].*

*Man doesn't have the capacity to act otherwise. If he still tries to be governed by the law, he finds himself under the curse because he is incapable of abiding by the whole law.*

In order to present the state of the sinful man faced with the law, let's read this text: **"For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one who continueth not in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do them.**

*Now that no man is justified by the law before God, is evident: for, The righteous shall live by faith; and the law is not of faith;*

*But, He that doeth them shall live in them". [Galatians 3 verses 10-12, American Standard Version Bible (ASV)].*

It is in order to change man's situation in the face of the curse, which is attached to the law, that Jesus came and gave his life [Colossians 2 verses 10-15].

Thanks to Christ, we no longer live under the yoke of the law. Our baptism gives us freedom and life in Christ.

Before the baptism, we were like all of humanity, under the burden of the death penalty inherited from Adam, but once united to Jesus we were redeemed from this death sentence that the law imposed on us!

Sin being the transgression of God's law and its purpose being death, there had to be death before this edict could become obsolete.

Since neither an angel nor a human being has power over life and death, it had to be an eternal being who made the sacrifice.

By his death, Christ nailed to the cross this death sentence, which condemned humanity. He redeemed us from the curse which was attached to the law and which condemned all men, exposing them to pay the price of the edict which decrees that the price of sin is death.

To do this, the son of God redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us. To understand this, let's read the following text: **"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written:**

*Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole. He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit". [Galatians 3 verses 13-14, New International Version Bible – UK (NIVUK)].*

*What qualified Jesus as the ideal sacrifice was the fact that dying was not enough to redeem mankind, as it was also necessary that the sacrifice that was offered could be resurrected in order to be able to give life to all those who would make a covenant with him.*

That's what Christ did for us. This text reveals these facts: **"Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?**

**We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.**

**For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection;**

**Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin; for he that hath died is justified from sin.**

*But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him; knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more;*

*Death no more hath dominion over him. For the death that he died, he died unto sin once: but the life that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus". [Romans 6 verses 3-11, American Standard Version Bible (ASV)].*

Here we are presented with what is happening when we bond with Jesus. At baptism, being immersed, we die with Jesus and also to sin.

Then by emerging we resurrect with Christ and receive the Spirit of God [Acts 2 verses 38-39] and become God's children and his heirs. This text gives more details on the matter: **"So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh:**

**For if ye live after the flesh, ye must die; but if by the Spirit ye put to death the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For ye received not the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God:**

*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". [Romans 8 verses 12-17, American Standard Version Bible (ASV)].*

Once we accept Jesus Christ as our personal saviour and make a covenant with him, the Spirit of God brings about a drastic transformation in us. A radical change of direction takes place in the heart of the one who makes a covenant with Jesus and in whom the Spirit of God lives. Here is what happened to Paul: *"Even though I have grounds for confidence also in the flesh. If anyone else thinks that he has grounds for confidence in the flesh, I have more:*

*Circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;*

*In regard to zeal, persecuting the church; in regard to the righteousness that is in the law, blameless.*

**But, whatever things were a profit for me, these things I have come to consider a loss because of Christ. But even more than that, I consider everything to be a loss because of what is worth far more: knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord.**

**For his sake, I have lost all things and consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, which comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness that comes from God by faith.**

**I do this so that I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, in the hope that in some way I may arrive at the resurrection from the dead".** [*Philippians 3 verses 4-11, Evangelical Heritage Version Bible (EHV)*].

Once we have made a covenant with Jesus we change masters.

We move from the dominion of the devil where we were and become untouchables in Christ [*1 John 5 verses 18-19*].

Another strong image of this change of direction is given to us here: "*What then? shall we sin, because we are not under law, but under grace? God forbid.*

**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?**

**But thanks be to God, that, whereas ye were servants of sin, ye became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching whereunto ye were delivered; and being made free from sin, ye became servants of righteousness.**

*I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye presented your members as servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity, even so now present your members as servants to righteousness unto sanctification.*



*For when ye were servants of sin, ye were free in regard of righteousness. What fruit then had ye at that time in the things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end eternal life". [Romans 6 verses 15-22, American Standard Version Bible (ASV)].*

Whoever becomes a slave to justice is not detained against his will, but he chooses to no longer walk in the flesh, despite the fact that he is free through Jesus Christ. This freedom is given to us by the Holy Spirit. Let's read this text which highlights this point:

**"My brothers and sisters, God called you to be free [freedom], but do not use your freedom as an excuse to do what pleases [opportunity/occasion for] your sinful self [sinful nature; flesh].**

*[But; Rather] Serve each other with love. [For] The whole law is made complete [summed up; fulfilled] in this one command: "Love your neighbor as you love yourself [Lev. 19:18]." So I tell you: Live [Walk] by following [guided by; in the power of; L by] the Spirit.*

*Then you will not do what your sinful self [sinful nature; flesh] wants [desires; craves]. Our sinful self [sinful nature; flesh] wants [desires] what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit wants [desires] what is against our sinful self [sinful nature; flesh].*

*[For] The two are against [opposed to; or hostile toward] each other, so you cannot do just what you please [want]. But if the Spirit is leading you, you are not under the law.*

*[...] Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their own sinful selves [the sinful nature; The flesh].*

*They have given up their old selfish feelings and the evil things they wanted to do [its passions and desires]". [Galatians 5 verses 13-14, 16-18, 24, Expanded Bible (EXB)].*

By accepting Jesus as our personal saviour a transformation takes place in us from that moment onwards. Whereas before we did not have the capacity to resist sin and were therefore subject to the law, our situation changes and we are no longer under the law.

The law is a guide or a tutor who helps man to walk until such time as he becomes a man or a woman made in Jesus Christ's image.

Here is the biblical image describing this situation: *"Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could make alive, verily righteousness would have been of the law. But the scripture shut up all things under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.*

**But before faith came, we were kept in ward under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. So that the law is become our tutor to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.**

**But now that faith is come, we are no longer under a tutor. For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ. There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female; for ye all are one man in Christ Jesus. And if ye are Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, heirs according to promise.**

**[...] But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a bondservant though he is lord of all; but is under guardians and stewards until the day appointed of the father.**

**So we also, when we were children, were held in bondage under the rudiments of the world: but when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, that he might redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.**

**And because ye are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father. So that thou art no longer a bondservant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God".** *[Galatians 3 verse 21 to Galatians 4 verse 7, American Standard Version Bible (ASV)].*

Here we discover the state of humanity without Christ! All human beings are slaves to the worldly elements or to the law of sin.

The latter leads to not having the capacity of doing the good that we would like to do, but moreover, it encourages us to do the evil that we do not want to do *[Romans 7 verses 14-25]*.

*Which places us under the domination of the law and therefore under its yoke.*

Then by making an alliance with Jesus Christ, who paid the price on the cross for the redemption of mankind, which had been decreed by law, namely *death* [Romans 6 verse 23], we have become able to live without being under this constraint (*guardian*) of the law.

The result is that in Christ we are therefore no longer under the law. Now we live under God's grace.

To imagine what this text presents, here is an example:

*Imagine having a puny little sapling, which essentially is intended to become a powerful oak. Being too weak to grow straight, you tie it to a stake, which you insert next to it. But as soon as it starts to look more like a tree and stands straight you will remove its support, as leaving it would only hinder it. It is the same in the spiritual world. Those who have not made a covenant with Jesus and who are not able to walk alone in all of the ways of the Lord need a guide so they don't go astray. It is there that the law becomes the tutor intended to guide humanity, until such time as Jesus returns and gives to those who are united in him (by baptism), the capacity to live by Spirit at the expense of the flesh.*

It should be noted that, being without sin, Adam and Eve did not need to have a safeguard like the Ten Commandments in order to remain faithful to God, because they did not yet have uncontrolled desires that could have caused them to give in to their urges.

As soon as they disobeyed and transmitted the virus of sin to mankind, it was therefore essential for the Lord to put in place a universal law intended to govern all aspects of life. In the following text we discover that the law was given because of transgressions:

*"For if the inheritance [of what was promised] is based on [observing] the Law [as these false teachers claim], it is no longer based on a promise; however, God granted it to Abraham [as a gift] by virtue of His promise. **Why, then, the Law [what was its purpose]?***

It was added [after the promise to Abraham, to reveal to people their guilt] because of transgressions [that is, to make people conscious of the sinfulness of sin], and [the Law] *was ordained through angels and delivered to Israel by the hand of a mediator [Moses, the mediator between God and Israel, to be in effect] until the Seed would come to whom the promise had been made"*. [Galatians 3 verses 18-19, Amplified Bible (AMP)].

Humanity having lost the capacity that Adam and Eve had, before they sinned, to live without the compulsion to sin causing us to violate God's Word, the Lord provided a safeguard in the form of his Holy Law! The primary purpose of God's law is to be guided thereby imposing limits.

The Lord, through Moses, presents the law as a safeguard (*witness*) established to guide the people and to keep them from wandering spiritually [Deuteronomy 31 verses 24-29].

The law is therefore intended to preserve God's people from making mistakes and to present to them the paths to follow in order to be faithful to the Lord.

By doing so, they will receive a pledge that the various misfortunes and plagues described in [Deuteronomy 28 verses 15-68] will not strike them down as will be the case with the law breakers. Here is what the law says as a guide to stop you from going astray:

*"Where there is no word from God [vision; prophecy], people are uncontrolled [the people perish], but those who obey what they have been taught [guard the law] are happy [blessed]". [Proverbs 29 verse 18, Expanded Bible (EXB)].*

Those who made a covenant with Jesus and in whom the Spirit of God lives are no longer under the law, but are free.

They no longer need this guardian to support them, because they walk with the Spirit of God and not in the flesh.

The law acting as a guardian dominates man until he is baptised into Jesus Christ. Those who are thus united with him are no longer under the law, for they are enabled by the Holy Spirit to walk in all truth.

The grace manifested in Christ enables us to choose not to practise sin. Here is how this situation is presented:

**"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? [...] Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin:*

*But yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace". [Romans 6 verses 1-2, 11-14, King James Bible].*

It is important to understand that being saved by God's grace does not destroy the law. Here is what God's Word has to say on the matter: **"Do we then nullify the Law by this faith [making the Law of no effect, overthrowing it]? Certainly not! On the contrary, we confirm *and* establish *and* uphold the Law [...]". [Romans 3 verse 31, Amplified Bible (AMP)].**

I would just like to comment on this verse by telling you, that God's grace does not nullify the law, but rather magnifies it.

We cannot live a renewed life in Jesus Christ through God's Spirit, if God's law is not our guide. We will not develop this last text any further at this stage, because I have made a detailed analysis on this subject in the following section.

Finally, I will tell you that although God's law is not indelibly engraved in the hearts of those living without Christ, they too are guided by it, because the spirit of the law directs their conscience. Here is a comment on the subject:

*"All who have sinned without knowledge of the Law will die without reference to the Law; and all who have sinned knowing the Law shall be judged according to the Law. It is not familiarity with the Law that justifies a man in the sight of God, but obedience to it.*

**When the Gentiles, who have no knowledge of the Law, act in accordance with it by the light of nature, they show that they have a law in themselves, for they demonstrate the effect of a law operating in their own hearts.**

**Their own consciences endorse the existence of such a law, for there is something which condemns or commends their actions.**

*We may be sure that all this will be taken into account in the day of true judgment, when God will judge men's secret lives by Jesus Christ, as my Gospel plainly states". [Romans 2 verses 12-16, J.B. Phillips New Testament Bible (PHILLIPS)].*

Human beings know from childhood when they have made mistakes, because the Holy Spirit speaks to their hearts. The difference between God's people and the pagans can be formulated as follows:

*The pagan lives under the yoke of the law and the Holy Spirit speaks to his conscience in order to divert him from evil acts by means of the law.*

*The one who made a covenant with Jesus Christ, on the other hand, is not under the yoke of the law, insofar as it is now written in his heart by the Holy Spirit, which strengthens him and speaks to his conscience to guide him.*

In both cases, the law is not abolished, because it is the guide that leads the steps of men in a just way.

It is thanks to the law written in his heart that the Christian can walk with the spirit to the detriment of the flesh. This is how he can protect himself, so that the evil one does not touch him [1 John 5 verse 18].

Those who are justified in Jesus Christ are those who practise what God's law says! Nevertheless, if it is not embedded by God's Spirit in our hearts, we are not justified by the divine sacrifice of Jesus Christ, because what seals the covenant between him and us is the law which is written in our hearts.

I sincerely believe that those who reject God's law on the pretext that they are under God's grace, have already understood that without the law no grace would exist, because it is God's law that makes the grace of Jesus Christ possible.

## 2.5 What role should the law play in the lives of those who are saved by the grace that has been manifested in Jesus Christ?

I will begin this part by telling you that when we live in righteousness, we are not always aware of the significance of keeping the law in our lives. To allow you to be more clear about this, let's take a concrete example:

*When you, as a child of God claiming to belong to the Lord, the great Emmanuel, are at the cash desk of a supermarket and the cashier inadvertently gives you back the 100 € note that you gave him to pay for your purchases and also inadvertently gives you change of 100 € as well.*

*What do you do? Do you take the money and scamper off like a cat which has just had a bucket of cold water thrown over it.*

*Your catchphrase being: "I did not rob this cashier!"*

*I only took what he gave me. You reassure yourself by saying to yourself "Anyway everything contributes to the good of those who love God", so it was the Lord who allowed this mistake.*

*So you take advantage of your "blessing" without thinking of this poor cashier who, at worst may lose his job and at best may have to take it from his salary to compensate for the fruits of your mischief, hum... SORRY... your "blessing".*

*I tell you this story, knowing that this scenario cannot in any case, I repeat... in any case, be the attitude of those people who are faithful to God, of whom you are certainly one.*

*Wouldn't your first reaction be, like mine, to discreetly point out this error to the cashier? Yes of course!*

*In this case, which is a most striking one, without even realising it, you have put into practice what the eighth commandment of the decalogue requires in relation to prohibiting theft.*

*Keeping God's law becomes second nature to those who are saved by God's grace and who remain connected to the Lord.*

In the text of [1 John 3 verses 4-12] we read that it is by binding ourselves to Jesus that the seed of God comes into us and allows us not to practise sin. It is important to understand what this divine seed is, which remains in God's children and which allows them to walk as sanctified beings!

Especially since we have already studied that human beings do not have the capacity by themselves to keep God's law because of the law of sin which is in them.

Here is what God's Word has to say concerning this force which is in those who have made a covenant with Jesus Christ and which allows them not to sin and therefore not to violate God's law:

**"Behold, the days come," saith the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah — not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, because they continued not in My covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.**

**For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds and write them in their hearts, and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people.**

*And they shall not teach every man his neighbor and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest.*

*For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more". [Hebrews 8 verses 8-12, 21st Century King James Version Bible (KJ21)].*

To make what we have just seen a little clearer, I will give you a practical example:

*There are chewing gums available whose packaging provides an image that can be affixed to your body.*

*To do this you have to wet the skin, then take the image (which is on a small piece of paper resembling tracing paper) and then stick the drawing on your skin.*



*It is necessary to pass your fingers delicately over the back of the image and then remove the small sheet and the drawing remains on your skin. As for the small sheet, it becomes empty because the image it contained is now on your skin.*

It is important to note that this change of status, allowing God's Law to be written, therefore engraved in the hearts and minds of those who make a covenant with the Lord, through Jesus Christ, does not happen as if by magic. Here is what we can read about it:

*"Then I will sprinkle pure water on you and make you pure. I will wash away all your filth, the filth from those nasty idols, and I will make you pure.*

**I will also put a new spirit in you to change your way of thinking. I will take out the heart of stone from your body and give you a tender, human heart.**

**I will put my Spirit inside you and change you so that you will obey my laws. You will carefully obey my commands.**

*Then you will live in the land that I gave to your ancestors. You will be my people, and I will be your God". [Ezekiel 36 verses 25-28, Easy-to-Read Version Bible (ERV)].*

We do not inherently have the ability to keep God's law. It's the Holy Spirit who gives God's people a new heart and a new spirit in which the law is written.

It is important to understand that it is because God's Spirit has engraved the law of the Lord in our hearts that we are more able to walk with the Spirit and not in the flesh.

The difference between those who are guided by God's Spirit and those who are not is very well represented in this text:

**"This I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh;**

**And these are contrary the one to the other, so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye are led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, and they are these:**

*Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, quarreling, rivalry, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like.*

*About these things I tell you again, as I have also told you in times past, that those who do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance:***

*Against such there is no law. **And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit'**. [Galatians 5 verses 16-25, 21st Century King James Version Bible (KJ21)].*

This fact is the key giving God's people victory over the devil, for we have seen that he keeps men captive, using death as retribution for sin and that the law is the stimulus that allows him to act.

Since God's law is sealed in the hearts of his children, they do not violate it by practising sin.

Thus, the devil cannot touch them or claim them as his own as he did for Moses after his death.

Man cannot observe the law by himself, but in Jesus we acquire a portion of God's Spirit, which allows us to obey God's law out of love [2 Corinthians 1 verses 20-22], [Ephesians 4 verse 30].

Being guided by the Holy Spirit, God's people have only two possibilities, either to walk in accordance with the fruits of the Spirit or those of the flesh.

*It is impossible to do both simultaneously!*

When they no longer walk according to the works of the flesh, they are no longer subject to the dictates of the law, but as we have seen, the law becomes their basis of conduct.

We have just seen that the Lord's promise is that in his new covenant manifested in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit engraves the divine law in the hearts of the chosen people.

The following text describes its transfer from the tablets of stone to be engraved on the hearts of God's children:

**"You show that you are a letter from Christ, delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. [...]**

**He has qualified us [making us sufficient] as ministers of a new covenant [of salvation through Christ], not of the letter [of a written code] but of the Spirit; *For the letter [of the Law] kills [by revealing sin and demanding obedience], but the Spirit gives life.***

**Now if the ministry of death, engraved in letters on stones [the covenant of the Law which led to death because of sin], came with such glory and splendor that the Israelites were not able to look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, [a brilliance] that was fading, how will the ministry of the Spirit [the new covenant which allows us to be Spirit-filled] fail to be even more glorious and splendid? [...]**

**Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty [emancipation from bondage, true freedom].**

**And we all, with unveiled face, continually seeing as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are progressively being transformed into His image from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory, which comes from the Lord, [who is] the Spirit". [2 Corinthians 3 verses 3, 6-8, 17-18, Amplified Bible (AMP)].**

What is shown here is important! As long as the law remained on the stone tablets its result was the death of sinners, because the letter kills and it is through it that the wages of sin, therefore death, was ratified.

On the other hand, from now on, it is God's Spirit that keeps the law engraved in the hearts of God's children.

Thus it becomes a law of life, because it is no longer the law that has control over the heart and therefore over the minds of those who are bound to Christ, but it is the Holy Spirit and here's what He does to them: **"It is the Spirit that quickeneth ; the flesh profiteth nothing.**

*The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life". [John 6 verse 63, 21st Century King James Version Bible (KJ21)].*

It is because the Spirit of God enlivens the heart that this is possible.

It allows those who have the law engraved in their hearts (*spirits*) to be transformed by God's grace into the image of Jesus whom they contemplate.

In this way they can no longer act as they please, but instead enjoy the fruits of God's Spirit to the detriment of those of the flesh.

The result will be that as long as they remain connected to Christ like this, the devil will not be able to touch them. This fact is presented in the following:

**"We know that no child of God keeps on sinning. The Son of God watches over him and the devil cannot get near him".**  
*[1 John 5 verse 18, New Life Version Bible (NLV)].*

By understanding where God's law goes once we have made a covenant with Jesus Christ, we can understand its sustainability.

Thanks to the action of the Holy Spirit, by being in us, the law found the most beautiful of jewel cases.

*The price that was paid for this divine jewel to be inside us was no minor one, because it was the bloody sacrifice of God's son!*

These biblical texts that we have just seen highlight the fact that the covenant that God makes with men through Christ, means that thanks to the Holy Spirit, He engraves his laws in the hearts of those who so unite with Him.

This fact therefore establishes that without God's law, we cannot adhere to this new covenant that God has prepared for us, because this commitment requires that He writes the law in our hearts (*minds*).

Thus, those who reject God's law cannot access the throne of God's grace, through the flesh (*therefore of the divine sacrifice*) of Christ because to do this, one must be eligible for the new covenant that the Lord makes with those who accept Jesus as their personal saviour.

Here is how this situation is presented:

**"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;**

**And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."** Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

**Having therefore boldness, brethren, to enter into the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living Way, which He hath consecrated for us through the veil (that is to say, His flesh), and having a High Priest over the house of God, 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".** [Hebrews 10 verses 16-22, 21st Century King James Version Bible (KJ21)].

For there to be the forgiveness of sins God's law must be etched in our hearts and minds. As we have already seen, if it (*the law*) is not in us, or if we reject it, we cannot enter into the presence of the Lord in the Most Holy Heavenly place.

God being three times holy, no one charged with sin can approach him. There has to be a radical change of course before we can do so. Only those who are perfect and sanctified can approach the Lord.

This is why Jesus sanctified himself, so that whoever made a covenant with him should also be sanctified. By his divine sacrifice, He also makes perfect those who become one with him.

The following text highlights this: **"So when Christ came into the world he said, "You don't want sacrifices and offerings, but you have prepared a body for me. You are not pleased with the sacrifices of animals killed and burned or with offerings to take away sins. Then I said, 'Here I am, God.**

*It is written about me in the book of the law. I have come to do what you want."* Christ first said, *"You don't want sacrifices and offerings. You are not pleased with animals killed and burned or with sacrifices to take away sin."*

*(These are all sacrifices that the law commands.) Then he said, "Here I am, God. I have come to do what you want."*

**So God ends that first system of sacrifices and starts his new way. Jesus Christ did the things God wanted him to do.**

**And because of that, we are made holy through the sacrifice of Christ's body. Christ made that sacrifice one time — enough for all time. [...] With one sacrifice Christ made his people perfect forever. They are the ones who are being made holy".** [Hebrews 10 verses 5-10, 14, Easy-to-Read Version Bible (ERV)].

To reinforce this fact, let's read the following: "*And such were some of you. But ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God*". [1 Corinthians 6 verse 11, 21st Century King James Version Bible (KJ21)].

Let us finish with this other very relevant text: "**That I should be a minister of Christ Jesus unto the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be made acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit**". [Romans 15 verse 16, 21st Century King James Version Bible (KJ21)].

It is the law that once written in our hearts (*our minds*), by God's Spirit, changes our status and makes us holy.

As we have seen, this fact is linked to the ministry of the Holy Spirit in us, which enables us to no longer walk in the flesh.

This is how the forgiveness granted by God through Jesus remains as we no longer enjoy sinning because our life has been renewed.

*If God's law is not in us, or if we sin by violating these commandments, we become ineligible for the new covenant that the Lord made through the flesh and blood of his son on the cross.*

*The primary repercussion is that we cannot wrap ourselves in Christ (be covered by his justice) which means, that like Joshua, we remain wrapped in our dirty clothes (we remain covered in our sins). The final result will be that the devil will come and claim us as his own presenting as his evidence the law declaring that the wages of sin is death.*

*We have seen that the law which led to death has become a law which, through the Holy Spirit, leads to life. This fact is the key highlighting the predicted change in the law.*

This predicted occurrence in the change of God's law, which went from the tablets of stone to the hearts of God's people had been presented by Jesus as being the fulfilment of the law.

Here is what Jesus teaches us about it:

**"Do not think that I have come to do away with or undo the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to do away with or undo but to complete and fulfill them.**

**For truly I tell you, until the sky and earth pass away and perish, not one smallest letter nor one little hook [identifying certain Hebrew letters] will pass from the Law until all things [it foreshadows] are accomplished.**

*Whoever then breaks or does away with or relaxes one of the least [important] of these commandments and teaches men so shall be called least [important] in the kingdom of heaven, but he who practices them and teaches others to do so shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

*For I tell you, unless your righteousness (your uprightness and your right standing with God) is more than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven". [Matthew 5 verses 17-19, 21st Century King James Version Bible (KJ21)].*

To understand the term "fulfil" that the Lord uses here relating to the law, one must return to the state of man before sin.

*Adam and Eve were created without sin, which is why they walked with the Spirit of God and since God's law was written in their hearts they did not commit sin.*

*Nevertheless the Lord, not having created them as robots, left them free will. This is why Eve ate the fruit after being seduced by the serpent and Adam, meanwhile, in all conscience followed his wife's example [Genesis 3].*

Having lifted mankind from where Adam fell, Jesus Christ came to instil the law in man and to place it in the hearts of those who made a covenant with him. This ensured that God's law was not abolished, but went from the stone tablets to the hearts of God's people.

The presence of the law in man is revealed by this little voice that guides our conscience and this is the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us. It serves as our guide reminding us that we are God's children.

Here is how the Holy Spirit works in the minds of God's children:

**"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God"** [*Romans 8 verse 16, 21st Century King James Version Bible (KJ21)*].

This is how we know in our conscience what is good and what is not. It is this basis that determines our choices between good and bad.

Furthermore, as we have seen, it is the Holy Spirit that makes a renewed life through Jesus Christ possible!

It enables us to naturally observe God's law. It is also the Holy Spirit who allows us to master God's ordinances!

Something which is impossible for the rest of humanity living without Christ. Here is how this fact is presented:

*"But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*

**For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.** *Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

**Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth;**

**Comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**

*But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ".* [1 Corinthians 2 verses 10-16, King James Bible].

As you can see, the action of the Holy Spirit in the minds of those who receive it is beyond measure. It is he that enables mankind to understand Godly things.

He is also responsible for managing all of the facets of the life of God's people [John 16 verses 8-15].



Furthermore, I want to tell you that through baptism, we become new creatures in Christ and no longer live for ourselves but for our Saviour, who has reconciled us with God and made us his ambassadors [2 Corinthians 5 verses 14-21].

As ambassadors for God, we are called to rescue souls for him. The quest for a soul must lead us to become like a chameleon that adapts to its environment. The goal is to win souls for the Lord without denying our convictions. This is how Paul presents it:

**"For though I was free from all men, I brought myself under bondage to all, that I might gain the more.**

*And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, not being myself under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law;*

**To them that are without law, as without law, not being without law to God, but under law to Christ, that I might gain them that are without law.**

*To the weak I became weak, that I might gain the weak: I am become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some.*

*And I do all things for the gospel's sake, that I may be a joint partaker thereof". [1 Corinthians 9 verses 19-23, American Standard Version Bible (ASV)].*

This text is important and is a *snub* for those who think that being under God's grace means not observing God's law.

*Here Paul says he is keeping God's law!*

*He specifies being under Christ's law. We will see later what Christ's law consists of.*

Those who love the Lord cannot deny his Holy Law, for it is by keeping his commandments that one retains his love.

Here is how this situation is presented: **"Those who keep his commandments dwell in God and God dwells in them. This is how we know that he dwells in us, because of the Spirit he has given us". [1 John 3 verse 24, Common English Bible (CEB)].**

Let's also read the following:

**"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. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.**

*This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you". [John 15 verses 10-12, King James Bible].*

In the first of the two texts that we have just read, there is a parallel between the fact of keeping the Lord's commandments and that of having his Spirit living within us.

In the second text we discover that if we do not keep God's commandments we will not retain his love.

Which implies by extension that his Holy Spirit cannot reside within you. Whoever says he loves God must keep his commandments.

Doing otherwise qualifies you as a liar in whom the truth does not exist. Here is what God's Word says:

**"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him". [1 John 2 verses 3-4, King James Bible].**

Acquiring the ability to become children and servants of God in Christ does not give us the assurance that we will inherit eternal life if we do not remain faithful to our master.

This is what we can see in the text of [Matthew 7 verses 21-23].

God's law has kept all of its power and all of its justification, for it will be the basis of the final judgment. Here's how it was established:

**"Speak and act as those who are to be judged by the law of freedom. For judgment is without mercy to the one who has not shown mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment". [James 2 verses 12-13, Christian Standard Bible (CSB)].**

As we see, it is by God's law that we will be judged.

*Being under God's grace does not preserve us from God's law!*

God's grace allows us to live enacting deeds of love and mercy, which are the foundations enabling us to triumph over judgment.

Living under God's grace does not protect us from judgment, if we err and perform iniquitous acts, such as discriminating against or speaking ill of our brother. Here is a review:

**"Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: But if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.**

**There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: Who art thou that judgest another?"** [*James 4 verses 11-12, King James Bible*].

In these two texts the apostle James appeals to us to keep the law and not to be its judge.

Finally, I will tell you that living under God's grace does not exempt you from obeying the law, but makes you capable of doing so.

**Example:** *as a faithful member of God's people in whom his Spirit lives, it is only natural that you will not steal, will not commit incest, and it is also normal that you will not kill.*

*You will not have sex with a person of the same sex as you and just as you would abhor and reject the worship of statues or idols, you would not countenance having sex with an animal, etc.*

No longer being under the yoke of the law, but under God's grace, does not mean that we no longer observe God's law.

It merely allows us to apply it, through the action of the Holy Spirit, without it being a burden.

It is true that what is disturbing about God's law, for those who reject it because they are living under God's grâce, is the Sabbath. In order to be clear on this subject, I invite you to read the next chapter.

I realise that it is because you have not yet fully grasped this fact that many of you are shying away from it.

The next part will serve to enlighten you so that the glory of God can now shine on his holy Sabbath day.

## 2.6 The unloved commandment and its sustainability in God's work

To begin, I would like to ask a question to those who reject God's law or who claim that it is abolished:

*What do you want to remove from the law? Would you like to become an adulterer, murderer or thief? Is it your intention to dishonour the Lord by using his name in vain or by prostrating yourself before an idol? On this day, did you choose to abandon the voices of the Lord in order to worship "pagan gods"?*

*Finally, is it your goal to covet your neighbour's possessions or are you making plans to dishonour your parents? Are you aware that as Christians you already do almost everything that God's law requires of us as a matter of course?*

*If the law is in our hearts, it would simply not be possible for us to steal, kill, covet, be adulterous or idolatrous, etc. If Christ lives in us we cannot do such things!*

For many Protestants the reality of the Ten Commandments *minus 1* is evident in their lives. Generally, I've found that as far as God's law is concerned, what bothers a lot of people (*and leads them to want it repealed*) is *the Sabbath*. In these lines, we will discover that the Sabbath has holy foundations, which can determine whether or not one enters paradise.

Before getting to the heart of the matter, I'm going to tell you an anecdote. This chapter was already written and my basic text showing that the Sabbath will last forever was that of [*Isaiah 66 verses 22-24*].

These lines speak of the Sabbath keepers, who will come and bow down to the Lord during the Sabbath on the new earth. This text is very meaningful, but can be confusing, because it also speaks of new moons or that everyone will also come to bow down before the Lord.

By doing so it is an image that the Lord conveys in order to present something else. In the chapter "*The nonsense of the observance by modern-day Christians of the ancient Jewish holidays*", I demonstrate how dangerous it is to try to interpret a prophetic text literally.

If I had kept this text from Isaiah, to support my thesis, my opponents could have used this portion of my writings to cut me into slices with their spiritual swords. And they would have been right, because I myself do not hesitate to confuse those who, whilst claiming the name of the Lord, are not efficient in the doctrines they proclaim.

Having lost my major asset in establishing the sustainability of the Sabbath, I prayed and the Lord gave me another text which shows that there will be a Sabbath day until such time as the Lord Jesus returns.

This text therefore became the focus of my study. Having changed my tune, the important thing for me now is to demonstrate, Bible in hand, in this part that until our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ returns, there will be a Sabbath day for His people. To present to you the said alternative text that the Lord inspired me to choose and which I have just spoken about, let me say right away that:

*There are spiritual and above all biblical realities that even those who claim to live under God's grace cannot deny and I am talking here about the children of God who gave their lives to the Lord and who think they no longer need to keep the Sabbath. One of them is that the end of the world is coming at the appointed time.*

In [Matthew 24] our saviour and master himself, the great Emmanuel, gives us the various signs which must precede his second coming and the end of the world.

He tells us that amongst others there will be:

*Famines, earthquakes and wars and the persecution and murder of God's children will also take place. He also warns us of the emergence of false christs and false prophets etc.*

*As Christians we cannot help but wait for all of these signs, because they are the warnings that our master and saviour Jesus Christ has left us. He warned us that as soon as we see them, it will be a sign that he is at the door and that he is coming to look for us. For a decade, these signs are being realised one after the other.*

*The most impactful among them is the Coronavirus which is one of the signs intended to warn us that very, very, very soon, the Lord will return to take us with him.*

All of these signs anticipating the second coming of Jesus and the end of the world are true and as God's people, we believe in it, because it was our saviour himself who prophesied them.

In doing so, you will not be able to dispute another sign which must precede his coming and which he also gives us.

To find out more, I would like to share this text with you:

*"And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? **And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? [...]***

**But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day"** [Matthew 24 verses 3, 20, King James Bible].

In this biblical text presenting the end of the world and its second coming, Jesus prophesies that the Sabbath will still exist when he returns, because he says: *"But pray ye that your flight be not [...] on the sabbath day"*. Since Christ is not a liar, because he is without sin, the Sabbath, which is the fourth of the ten commandments, [Exodus 20 verses 3-17 (especially verses 8-11)], could not be abolished by him.

To continue I will tell you that often, in order not to trouble their conscience when they don't keep the Sabbath, many people hide behind the fact that, for them, the New Testament does not speak of the keeping of the Sabbath.

They argue that, as it is only in the Old Testament where one is asked to observe the Sabbath, for them it is therefore obsolete!

On the strength of what I have just presented to you, we can clearly see that this is not the case. Furthermore, in order to demonstrate the nonsense of this anti-Sabbath argument advocated by these people and to strengthen my study, I present the following text:

**"Let us fear therefore, lest haply, a promise being left of entering into his rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it.**

**For indeed we have had good tidings preached unto us, even as also they: But the word of hearing did not profit them, because it was not united by faith with them that heard.**

**For we who have believed do enter into that rest; *even as he hath said, As I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest:***

**Although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he hath said somewhere of the seventh day on this wise, And God rested on the seventh day from all his works;**

*And in this place again, They shall not enter into my rest.*

**Seeing therefore it remaineth that some should enter thereinto, and they to whom the good tidings were before preached failed to enter in because of disobedience, he again defineth a certain day, To-day, saying in David so long a time afterward (even as hath been said before), To-day if ye shall hear his voice, Harden not your hearts.**

*For if Joshua had given them rest, he would not have spoken afterward of another day.* **There remaineth therefore a sabbath rest for the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest hath himself also rested from his works, as God did from his.**

**Let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest, that no man fall after the same example of disobedience".** [*Hebrews 4 verses 1-11, American Standard Version Bible (ASV)*].

In this century, the Lord is calling his people, those from the new covenant in Christ, not to despise his holy Sabbath day. He states that those who will not enter in the seventh day Sabbath rest give an example of disobedience analogous to what once occurred. Those who do so will fall as was the case with the former Sabbath transgressors.

It is specified that those who once rejected the Sabbath did so because of the fact that they did not let the teaching, stating that it should be observed, penetrate their faith.

They did not have the same faith in God, which is based on obedience, as those who had listened and kept the Sabbath.

They are therefore unbelievers! Furthermore, it is said that for those of us who still keep the Sabbath, it is through faith in God's word that we are requested to do so.

The goal being that we may rest from our labours, as the Lord himself rested from his on the seventh day, the crowning achievement of his creation. It is imperative to understand that the primary purpose of keeping the Sabbath is to glorify God as the creator of all things.

To discover this fact see the chapter entitled "*The purpose of the message of the first angel of the apocalyps*".

As you can see, in order to reaffirm the validity of the Sabbath, God reiterated his instruction in the New Testament asking that it be kept, therefore some time after the divine sacrifice of Jesus Christ. He also called for our hearts not to be hardened against keeping the Sabbath.

In order to continue to demonstrate the sustainability of the Sabbath, we are now going to study other texts, which present the place that it will occupy within God's chosen people in the final days of humanity before Christ's return.

Certainly you must know these texts, but you may not have made the connection between what is written and the reality of what must occur in these final days before Christ's return.

In order to present them to you, I will tell you that the worship that his people, stemming from all of nations of the world, should provide to the Lord (*in the final days before Christ's return*) during the Sabbath is very well defined in [*Isaiah 58 verses 12-14*] and [*Isaiah 56 verses 1-8*].

We will discover the content of these texts in the rest of this chapter. It is important to note that the substance of this second text of the prophet Isaiah describes God's justice and his salvation to come. These two things happened through Jesus [*Romans 5 verses 12-21*].

Part of the realisation of this fact can be found in Jesus' ministry in favour of the pagans who, through him, are called upon to be God's people. Here is how the Bible presents these facts:

*"There was the true light, even the light which lighteth every man, coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and they that were his own received him not.*

**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:**



**Who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

**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".** [John 1 verses 9-14, *American Standard Version Bible (ASV)*].

Let us investigate further with this most instructive text: *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

**Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;**

**That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:**

**But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.** *For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us [...]*

*Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;*

*And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone" [Ephesians 2 verses 8-14, 19-20, King James Bible].*

Finally, let's end with this text: *"So then, Israel failed to achieve what it had strived for, but the divinely chosen remnant receives it by grace, while the rest were hardened and unable to receive the truth.*

*Just as it is written: God granted them a spirit of deep slumber. He closed their eyes to the truth and prevented their ears from hearing up to this very day. [...] So, am I saying that Israel stumbled so badly that they will never get back up? Certainly not!*

**Rather, it was because of their stumble that salvation now extends to all the non-Jewish people, in order to make Israel jealous and desire the very things that God has freely given them.**

*So if all the world is being greatly enriched through their failure, and through their fall great spiritual wealth is given to the non-Jewish people, imagine how much more will Israel's awakening bring to us all!*

**[...] My beloved brothers and sisters, I want to share with you a mystery concerning Israel's future. For understanding this mystery will keep you from thinking you already know everything. A partial and temporary hardening to the gospel has come over Israel, which will last until the full number of non-Jews has come into God's family.**

*And then God will bring all of Israel to salvation! The prophecy will be fulfilled that says: "Coming from Zion will be the Savior, and he will turn Jacob away from evil. For this is my covenant promise with them when I forgive their sins". [Romans 11 verses 7-8, 11-12, 25-27, King James Bible].*

In all of these texts we see that the final objective of God's promise to the pagans, who are to unite with Israel and Jacob, is to offer salvation to everyone through Jesus. Nonetheless, the two texts of the prophet Isaiah describe a situation that was really put in place as a result of the sacrificial death of Christ.

This work was done through Jesus, but was fully accomplished with the apostle Paul. Let's see what this text shows us on the subject:

*"But Paul and Barnabas spoke very boldly. They said, "We had to tell God's message to you Jews first, but you refuse to listen. You have made it clear that you are not worthy of having eternal life.*

**So we will now go to those who are not Jews. This is what the Lord told us to do: 'I have made you a light for the other nations, to show people all over the world the way to be saved.'** [Acts 13 verses 46-47, Easy-to-Read Version Bible (ERV)].

This work of bringing the Gospel to the heathens that the apostle Paul and his companions conducted had been prophesied by Isaiah centuries before that.

Here is the original appeal that the Lord made through him: *"He says, "It is too trivial a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will also make You a light to the nations That My salvation may reach to the end of the earth."* [Isaiah 49 verse 6, *Amplified Bible (AMP)*].

This appeal is also presented in this text: *"I am the Lord, I have called You (the Messiah) in righteousness [for a righteous purpose], I will also take You by the hand and keep watch over You, And I will appoint You as a covenant to the people [Israel], As a light to the nations (Gentiles), To open the eyes of the blind, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon And those who sit in darkness from the prison".* [Isaiah 42 verses 6-7, *Amplified Bible (AMP)*].

In order to fully understand what this light is that must be brought to the nations, we need to read this: *"And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel:*

*And the Holy Ghost was upon him. [...] And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:*

**For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel".** [Luke 2 verses 25, 27-32, *King James Bible*].

This light to be brought to the nations is none other than Jesus Christ himself, who is the divine light, God's Word made flesh.

This light is therefore the Gospel. Let's return to Isaiah's new texts, which present the same ideas as the first two that we have already seen, namely the salvation offered to the pagans. Jesus himself was the first to carry this mandate, which was to bring the message of salvation to all of creation. Thereafter Paul, opened the door to the heathens who, through Christ, could now become God's children.

Then, this message was entrusted to all of God's servants over countless centuries [*Matthew 28 verses 18-20*].

It is by opening the door of God's grace that Jesus began the work of salvation. It will remain open until all of God's elect, who were previously pagans, have entered. All these texts that we have just seen portray the union of the Jewish people with other nations.

This is the same situation that we find in the first two texts of the prophet Isaiah, which I quoted to you above and where the Sabbath was also mentioned. Here is the first:

*"Some of you will rebuild the ancient ruins; you will restore the foundations laid long ago;*

*You will be called the repairer of broken walls, the restorer of streets where people live. Some of you will rebuild the ancient ruins;*

**You will restore the foundations laid long ago; you will be called the repairer of broken walls, the restorer of streets where people live. "If you keep from desecrating the Sabbath, from doing whatever you want on my holy day;**

**If you call the Sabbath a delight, and the holy day of the Lord honorable; If you honor it, not going your own ways, seeking your own pleasure, or talking business;**

**Then you will delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride over the heights of the land, and let you enjoy the heritage of your father Jacob."** *For the mouth of the Lord has spoken". [Isaiah 58 verses 12-14, Christian Standard Bible (CSB)].*

Here is the second text: *"This is what the Lord says. Protect justice, and carry out righteousness, because my salvation is coming very soon. My righteousness is ready to be revealed.*

**How blessed is everyone who does this, who grabs hold of it, who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, who holds back his hand from doing any evil.**

*Therefore, the foreigner who joins himself to the Lord should not say, "The Lord will certainly exclude me from his people."*

*The eunuch should not say, "I am just a dried-up tree."*

*Because this is what the Lord says:*

**“If the eunuchs keep my Sabbaths, choose things that delight me, and take hold of my covenant, then I will set up in my house and on my walls a monument and a name for them that is better than that of sons and daughters. I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off.”**

Then the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him and to love the name of the Lord and to become his servants, every one of them who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, those who take hold of my covenant — I will bring them to my holy mountain, and I will make them glad in my house of prayer. *Their whole burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar.*

**For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples of the world. This is the declaration of God the Lord, who gathers Israel’s dispersed people: “I will gather still more people to my house besides the ones already gathered.”** [*Isaiah 56 verses 1-8, Evangelical Heritage Version Bible (EHV)*].

These two texts of the prophet Isaiah are still relevant today, because they represent the time when the pagans would inherit the heritage of the patriarchs from God’s people.

Note that in these texts, those who are called to worship the Lord in his house are Sabbath keepers. These two texts are therefore decisive in demonstrating the sustainability of the Sabbath, because they present those who observe it as having to receive the inheritance that God promised to Jacob and to Israel.

In these texts, we see the intrinsic link that exists between the Sabbath and the entry of the pagans (*the other peoples who lived without Jesus Christ*) in the inheritance, which God had promised to the patriarch (*here represented by Jacob*).

Only those who will be faithful to God and who will especially observe the Sabbath in order not to defile it will be able to inherit the promises that God had made to the patriarchs.

These texts also describe the place that the Sabbath should have within God’s reconstituted people, made up of converted Jews and pagans. So, until all men are saved through Jesus Christ, the Sabbath will remain.

It is important to note that these two texts of the prophet Isaiah portray the Sabbath as the sign which will rally foreigners from all nations to God's people in his new covenant.

This implies that those who defile the Sabbath will not inherit the promises of God presented by Isaiah. It is important to understand that salvation comes from the Jews and is based on the promises that God had made to the patriarchs and that they were fulfilled through Jesus who took flesh in Mary, who was Jewish.

Therefore what we have just seen presents the salvation manifested through Christ! If you do not keep the Sabbath, you will not be able to adhere to the salvation that God has in store for us through him and which was promised to the Patriarch.

Here is how this promise of salvation to the patriarch is described: *"Ye worship ye know not what: We know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews"*. [John 4 verse 22, King James Bible].

Let's add this to our study: **"Abraham serves as an example.**

**He believed God, and that faith was regarded as the basis of Abraham's approval by God. You must understand that people who have faith are Abraham's descendants.**

Scripture saw ahead of time that God would give his approval to non-Jewish people who have faith. So Scripture announced the Good News to Abraham ahead of time when it said, "Through you all the people of the world will be blessed."

So people who believe are blessed together with Abraham, the man of faith. [...] Christ paid the price so that the blessing promised to Abraham would come to all the people of the world through Jesus Christ and we would receive the promised Spirit through faith. [...]

*You are all God's children by believing in Christ Jesus. Clearly, all of you who were baptized in Christ's name have clothed yourselves with Christ. There are neither Jews nor Greeks, slaves nor free people, males nor females. You are all the same in Christ Jesus.*

**If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants and heirs, as God promised"**. [Galatians 3 verses 6-9, 14, 26-29, GOD'S WORD Translation Bible (GW)].

We are not saved because we keep the Sabbath, but by God's grace. But in saving us the Lord prepared good deeds in advance so that we can practise them [*Ephesians 2 verses 1-10*].

We cannot be justified by keeping the Sabbath, because Jesus Christ is the only one who can justify us. But we do good works out of love for the Lord. Among them is the Sabbath, whose purpose is to give the Lord all the glory due to him as the creator.

To continue, I would say that often we ardently hope for something, but do everything in order to be disqualified from getting it. For me this fact is obvious when considering certain Christians who await the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

They aspire to be among those elected officials, who have remained faithful, but reject God's law, namely his commandments, which however are one of the selection criteria that should make them eligible.

In order to understand the close relationship that exists between God's chosen people and their law, one must never lose sight of who will be amongst those whom God will seek out and what will be their distinguishing feature. Here is how they are presented:

*"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ". [Revelation 12 verses 17, King James Bible].*

One of the hallmarks of the members of the remnant Church is that they keep God's commandments and have the testimony of Jesus.

Therefore you who reject the Sabbath, therefore disqualify yourself from being part of the Lord's chosen people, because he who sins against a single commandment is guilty of sinning against them all [*James 2 verse 10*].

It is therefore imperative that you keep all of God's commandments and all of his Word so that you can enter into glory with Jesus Christ when he returns. For those who have the Spirit of God within them God's other commandments do not require effort in order to be kept, whilst the Sabbath is a visible sign.

Therefore we must choose to honour God in the eyes of men during the Sabbath in order to be accepted by him.

Finally, I will tell you that I have the firm conviction that just as the Sabbath existed before sin, it remains and will continue to exist when the new earth is established (*paradise*).

So that sin was only an interlude. This situation is also that which is presented in the return to normal that the animals will undergo [*Genesis 1 verses 25-30*], [*Isaiah 11 verses 6-10*].

We see that the animals will return to their basic diet that existed before sin. *Thus, there will be no more carnivores.*

For me, just as the original state of the animals will be restored, so will the Sabbath. It is important to know that the Sabbath does not belong to the Jews or the Seventh-day Adventists, but it belongs to the Lord. It was the crowning achievement of his creative work.

Here is what God's Word says about it: *"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; And he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.*

**And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: Because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made".** [*Genesis 2 verses 1-3, King James Bible*].

The Sabbath was instituted by God before sin entered the world and was like everything else in creation a very good thing upon which the blessing of God was placed.

The Sabbath having been blessed by God Himself from the moment of its creation is of a lasting nature. Once given the blessing that God pronounces is eternal [*1 Chronicles 17 verse 27*].

Thus, the Sabbath having been blessed by God Himself, has eternal foundations. By choosing to keep the Sabbath as the day which the Lord has made holy and set apart as a memorial to creation, He will bless you in return [*Exodus 20 verses 8-11*].

*To you who do not observe the Sabbath, know that the devil is manipulating you, because by encouraging you to despise the worship that is due to the Lord as creator, he knows that the end result of the rejection of the Sabbath will be to receive the mark of the beast like an infidel.*



### 3 A light for the future

To begin with, I would like to tell you that there are titanic battles being fought that, at first sight, seem to be lost by the weakest party.

*Yet!* In the Bible, a similar case is presented in the struggle between the frail young shepherd David and the giant warrior Goliath.

*The end result was not the victory of the powerful, but of faith.*

To understand this image that I have just taken it is important to take into account certain realities:

*In my books in the “Inquisitiô” series I shed light on the antibiblical doctrines practiced by the Seventh-day Adventist and Catholic churches, etc.*

*In my book entitled “Infamy of the State (Reality of unconstitutional acts practiced by the French State in violation of its constitution)” it is against powerful nations of the earth that I raise me.*

*The objective being that justice and truth can prevail, so that those who have not been vaccinated against covid 19 as well as Sabbath and Shabbat observants, who have been and still are discriminated against in France, because of vaccinal laws and Sundays, can win their case.*

Thus, in view of the financial and intellectual power of those against whom I am speaking out, I certainly cannot, from a human point of view, face such entities alone.

It is for this reason that it is in the mighty name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth that, throughout these long fourteen years, I have continued to work so that the truth may come to light.

I have the assurance that my Saviour is alive and will soon make the nobility of my struggles appear not to be quibbles emanating from a “*deranged*” mind, but realities worthy of consideration.

My conviction is that the Lord is asking us in this generation to set the captives free according to His call manifested in the text that follows: **“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, Because the Lord has anointed and commissioned me To bring good news to the humble and afflicted;**

**He has sent me to bind up [the wounds of] the brokenhearted, To proclaim release [from confinement and condemnation] to the [physical and spiritual] captives And freedom to prisoners, To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance and retribution of our God, To comfort all who mourn,”** [Isaiah 61 verses 1-3, *Amplified Bible (AMP)*].

That is why, in spite of the fact that until now I have been alone in turning the millstone for the Lord, I have faith that through these lines, the “*spiritual*” captives will hear His voice and will take a stand, which will allow them to have a future!

However, I have faith that this work will be accomplished through the power of the Lord, not by any power that comes from my being, but by God’s Spirit, according to what we can read in the following text: *“Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah unto Zerubbabel, saying, not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts.*

**Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain [...]** [Zechariah 4 verse 6-7, *American Standard Version Bible (ASV)*].

Moreover, I have the deep conviction that the Lord will use my books for His glory. They are the fruits of a long study of historical, legal and biblical research and will lay the foundations that will enable things to change on all incriminated points.

On the strength of all of this, it is time for God's people to make their voice heard unanimously like a lion.

The objective is that the realities found in this book, in the other volumes of this “*Inquisitiô*” series, can cover the surface of the Earth, as the waters cover the bottom of the seas.

These books are available, free of charge in digital format, in English and French, on my website which you will find at the end of this chapter. It should be noted that the “*Inquisitiô*” series has *5 books*, in my opinion voluminous because, in digital format, they are each *572 pages*.

For better reading comfort, the Holy Spirit inspired me to transform each of these books into several booklets, including the one you have in your hands.

To continue, I would say to you that it is important to understand that the acts of reform presented in these books will not be able to happen without you.

God’s Word teaches us in [*Ecclesiastes 9 verses 15-16*] that the wisdom (*knowledge*) that the destitute could bring to the powerful will be despised.

If I fight this battle alone without you who are the lovers of righteousness and truth, the message contained in this book will remain a dead letter.

Therefore, the voices of God's people in all their diversity of faith must be able to unite as one in order to be heard.

One of the most beautiful images I have of the unity that leads to victory is presented in the text of [*Ecclesiastes 4 verses 9-12*], which in essence for me portrays union as strength.

*This kind of titanic work cannot be done alone, especially since we are not the master but a servant. I am the bearer of this message but its owner is the Eternal God!*

This artwork, which I have presented to you in this book, as well as in its other volumes of the “*Inquisitiô*” series, center on the *message of the 3 apocalyptic angels*.

*The Lord has chosen this generation so that we, His faithful people, have the great honour of proclaiming this salutary message to the world.*

*This good news, in Jesus Christ, will determine the future of humanity. It is intended to begin the screening of the people of God, the end being that two very distinct peoples can come out of the ranks.*

*On one side will be the saints, who keep God's commandments and have the faith of Jesus (they have the Spirit of prophecy). Their choice will lead them to bear the divine seals, formed from God's name and that of Jesus Christ.*

*Their future will be to inherit God's kingdom. On the other hand, there will be those who either reject these two things or those who have deliberately chosen to reject the Lord.*

*Their fate will be to receive the mark of the beast and they will end up burning in the lake of fire and brimstone also known as the fire of Gehenna.*

So that no one is lost for not having heard the message of grace, in Jesus, which God addresses to mankind, He sent these sentries to proclaim his offer of salvation, which is manifest in the messages of the three angels [Revelation 14 verses 6-13].

As a watchman and bearer of the message of salvation, the Lord will hold us accountable for what we have done with the warnings He intends for our neighbours. This gives us information:

**“[you know] how I did not shrink back in fear from telling you anything that was for your benefit, or from teaching you in public meetings, and from house to house, solemnly [and wholeheartedly] testifying to both Jews and Greeks, urging them to turn in repentance to God and [to have] faith in our Lord Jesus Christ [for salvation]. [...]**

*“And now, listen carefully: I know that none of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will see me again.*

**For that reason I testify to you on this [our parting] day that I am innocent of the blood of all people.**

**For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose and plan of God".** [*Acts 20 verses 20-21, 25-27, Amplified Bible (AMP)*].

In order to understand what it is all about with regard to the blood of his neighbor of which Paul declares to be innocent, we must read the following: **"The word of the Lord came to me. Son of man, speak to your countrymen and say this to them.**

**When I bring a sword against a land, and the people of the land appoint one man from their midst as their watchman, and that man sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the ram's horn to warn the people, then if anyone who hears the sound of the ram's horn does not heed the warning, and as a result the sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his own head.**

**He heard the sound of the ram's horn, but he did not take warning, so his own blood is on him. If he had heeded the warning, he would have saved his life.**

**But if the watchman sees the sword coming but does not blow the ram's horn, and as a result the people are not warned, then if the sword comes and takes one of them away, that man has been taken away because of his own guilt, but I will also hold the watchman responsible for his blood.**

**But I have appointed you, son of man, to be a watchman for the house of Israel. So whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them from me.**

*When I say to a wicked man, "Wicked man, you shall surely die," if you do not speak to warn the wicked man against his way, that wicked man will die because of his guilt, but I will also hold you responsible for his blood.*

*But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die because of his guilt, but you will have saved your life".* [*Ezekiel 33 verses 1-9, Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)*].

As was the case in biblical times, in this century and until the return of Jesus Christ, as it was with the apostle Paul, we the children of God as his sentinels (*watchman.s*) and as such accounts to us will be required by the Lord.

If we do not warn them and they die in their sins, the Lord will make them bear the burden of their iniquities, but he will ask us for their blood again.

So the faithful servant of God must also be wise and must make sure that he does not have the blood on his hands of his neighbour, who he did not warn.

You who have read this book so far, with Bible in hand, in a spirit of prayer and have probed its contents must act.

Initially, so that you are well aware of the totality of the message that the Spirit of God gives me to carry, I invite you to read the booklets which form volumes *II*, *III*, *IV* and *V* of the series entitled “*Inquisitiô*”.

It should be noted that the first volume of this series is being rewritten and is therefore not yet available. Once you have read the contents of these books or their booklets, you can take action.

To do this, having established this base, like autumn leaves blown away by the wind, they must all – books and booklets – be distributed to as many people as possible.

To do this, share them by all means:

**Email, Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, etc.**

We must now consider other realities linked to such a substantial work, both in terms of the study work it required and the volume of works. Indeed, it is not without difficulty that this type of quest is carried out. *The losses I had to suffer attest to this!*

I have presented my financial situation to you in this book entitled “*Inquisitiô (The three angels' message), tome II. The reality of the attack of the little horn of Daniel 7 against the Law of God and the times of prophecy. Historical part*” in the chapter “*Brief career synopsis, philosophy of life and discriminatory oppression*”.

In this titanic struggle that I lead, for truth and justice, my finances have also been impacted.

In this book that I have just presented to you, I tell you how as an observer of the Sabbath and because of my profession as a hairdresser, my funds are at a low ebb because I am hindered by the French laws forbidding me to work on Sundays.

Moreover, because I denounce in one of my books the anti-biblical doctrines that the Seventh Day Adventist Church – which was once my religion – practices, I have suffered the desertion of my hairdressing salon, by the “*bulk*” of my customers who are members of this religion, which has dealt a big blow to my finances.

To learn more about this, I invite you to read my book entitled *“Inquisitiô (The message of the three angels) tome IV. The situation regarding the attack of the false prophet and the apocalyptic bestial lamb against God’s law and prophecy. Historical part”*.

Moreover, the technical unemployment due to this pandemic of *Corona virus*, as well as the iniquitous actions of *Mr. Vincent GUILGAULT* against me – he has, in an arbitrary way and in opposition to the laws, blocked me so that I cannot perceive for my two companies the subsidy allocated to the companies in difficulty because of the pandemic –, has worsened the situation even more, I thus find myself to survive.

You will be able to discover these realities in my book entitled *“Infamy of the State (Reality of unconstitutional acts practiced by the French State in violation of its constitution)”* in the chapter *“Presentation of the facts inherent in the inappropriate treatment of my file by this tax official, Mr. Vincent GUILGAULT”*.

As you can see, hard knocks have followed one another in order to harm this work that the Lord has entrusted to me, the repercussions being that I can no longer invest financially for its advancement because I am in great precariousness.

On this day, I cannot continue to invest for books.

Yes, things are extremely difficult but I have faith in the work that the Lord gives me to carry out. This is why I wanted to continue despite these difficulties and why you will find a good part of the book which could not be corrected, for lack of means.

*To continue I would tell you that I find in the work of all these people who have attacked me in one way or another the imprint of the devil, because I know that these people are not my enemies, but they it was the devil who used them to harm me.*

This reality stems from the fact that we do not have to fight against flesh and blood, but against the forces of darkness, so that our persecutors are not our enemies, but they are puppets that the devil uses to persecute us.

Here is what we can read about it: **“Put on the armor of God so that you will be able to stand firm against the deceit of the devil.**

**For we are not struggling against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, the powers, and the cosmic rulers of this present darkness, and against the spirits of evil in the heavens”.** [*Ephesians 6 verses 11-12, New Catholic Bible (NCB)*].

Let's complete with this other text: *“We are sure that God's children do not keep on sinning. God's own Son protects them, and the devil cannot harm them. We are certain that we come from God and that the rest of the world is under the power of the devil”.* [*1 John 5 verses 18-19, Contemporary English Version Bible (CEV)*].

Let's end with this: **“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.**

*Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.*

**But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me”.** [*John 15 verses 18-21, King James Bible*].

When the devil seeks to destroy and/or persecute us, he will often use those who have rejected the Lord and who by their actions have become children of the devil [*John 8 verse 44*].



The devil, knowing that he has little time left, is unleashed and is in a great rage; his imperious objective is to lose as many people as possible. So he will wage war against anyone who brings to men the light of the pure Gospel in Jesus Christ.

Considering the content of this book as well as that of the other volumes of this collection "*Inquisitiô*", I am not surprised of what I live.

With hindsight I would tell you that one of the most drastic attacks that the devil made against me was through *Mr. GUILGAULT*, because thanks to the money from this subsidy, which I was able to collect, I undertook to correct the spiritual books that the Holy Spirit inspired me and that as well in English as in French.

I first started by correcting one of the volumes of the book that you have in hand and that I thought would have appeared as is.

Nevertheless, once this first book was finished and after re-reading, I realized that it contained three very distinct themes that could be developed to each constitute a book.

This is what I did and this first book of *572 pages* which was corrected by the English proofreader *Mr. Howard J. Eeles* became the structure of four books of *572 pages* each. These four books therefore have very specific objectives.

This work was titanic and still is, because by finishing this book that you have in your hands, it will make *8 books* of *572 pages*, *4* in English and their double in French, that I will have finished, by the grace of God.

It remains to finish my book entitled "*Inquisitiô (The three angels' message) tome I, What has advenu of the holiness of the Word of God ?*", always in two versions, in English and in French, which I will start, God willing, as soon as the first volumes are finished.

Of these *8 first books* of *572 pages* each, I have already been able to correct in French about *30%* and *40%* of those in English.

I have already invested a little more than *13500 euros*, so all my savings, until the last cens so that these books can see the day and all this, **while they are offered for free in digital version in French and in English.**

It was a great joy for me to see my ideas materialize in books, especially those that are in English, because although I do not master this language, the Spirit of God gives me the ability to translate my books and I do them corrected by a proportional corrector.

Unfortunately, the devil to use *Mr. GUILGAULT* and inspired him to foment against me iniquitous works, the direct repercussion was that I could not continue the correction of these books.

*In order to make parts of this book available to you, I had to borrow money from my friend Nicole.*

*I know that God will act in his time so that I am no longer his debtor. I am very grateful to the Lord for having put her on my way and also for this trust she placed in me and in this work.*

I am very grateful to the Lord for having put them on my path and also for the trust they have placed in me and in this work.

Yes, things are extremely difficult, but I have faith in the work that the Lord has given me to do. That is why I wanted to continue despite these difficulties and you will find a good part of the book that could not be corrected because of lack of means. I apologize for the spelling and conjugation errors that you will surely find.

And I would like in all humility to thank my friend *Nicole*, who, with the little time she had, gave certain parts of the texts in French a certain coherence.

*To continue, I would like to tell you that sometimes the stumbling-blocks appear before me like the Red Sea and the problems and difficulties follow me like the raging Egyptians.*

*I am certainly destitute, but I continue to move forward despite life's storms thanks to my faith and the fact that I know I serve a great God. So I know he will act, one way or another!*

*The devil is already defeated, the Lord alone is the Almighty and no one can prevent his work from progressing.*

Strong in this conviction that is why, despite the difficult situation, I continue to walk by faith, and I put in place the plans that I received from the Spirit of God in dreams.

My ambition in this life is neither wealth nor fame.

My abiding goal is to bring my knowledge to this generation and to leave a literary legacy to future generations.

To come back to this literary work that the Lord has entrusted to me, I would say to you that since I can neither continue to edit these books, nor offer them for digital sale because they are only partially corrected, I have chosen to offer them free on my site, I will present it to you at the end of this chapter.

So that you can understand my philosophy and my faith, I am going to present you with an allegory:

*Imagine that you have an orange tree that gives you abundant oranges that are as sweet as honey, which you intend to sell.*

*However, situated where you are, no one knows that you have any for sale. As a result, your oranges rot on the tree while you are in need. To change this situation, you make plans to sell them and to do so you present them at a fair so that as many people as possible can taste them.*

*Knowing that they are as sweet as you want them to be, you know that those who come and taste them will be conquered and that you will be able to live off your harvest.*

This persona that I adopt to present my books may seem presumptuous to you. Nethertheless, for me, my works are like these oranges, since they are the fruit of extensive research and a lot of hard work. Given their content, I am confident that they *will provide you with knowledge that will strengthen you.*

I still have much to tell you through my books, which are in the process of being published. I invite you, through their lines, to make *new journeys*. Before continuing, I would like to make it clear that I did not study literature, I am above all a passionate author not a writer.

I address various themes in my books, which are dear to my heart and which highlight my deep convictions.

*This love of writing came to me one day when I had to reflect on the fleeting duration of our life on Earth.*

*Many people have worked, enjoy the fruits of their labour during their lifetime, but often after their death there is nothing left of what they were, of their thoughts, or of their convictions. They go down into the grave and “wither away like the ether”. I have no knowledge of what my forefathers were like. What their convictions were or what they did during their lives. All of this remains a mystery to me. Especially since I hail from the Caribbean, I come from a people who have experienced the chains and alienation of slavery. My need to write and my passion for words have stemmed from these reflections! My deepest wish is to convey my knowledge and convictions in writing in order to share my books with those who will enjoy them and who, I hope, will be inspired by them.*

I address various themes in my books, which are dear to my heart and which highlight my deep convictions, the most important of all being the love I have for the Lord and the need, at all times, to give glory to his name.

Although I have already had the great pleasure of publishing several of my books, due to a lack of funds, I have not been able to find the necessary funds to publish five other books, other than the four I have already presented to you, which are just as rich as the one you have in hand, and which are already in progress. There is still a lot to be done for the truth to come to light with as many people as possible.

If this book you have in your hands has strengthened you, I invite you to read and distribute my other works to as many people as possible, because they will certainly bring you knowledge that will certainly also be beneficial to you.

Many of these books are, or will soon be, by the grace of God available for free download on my website.

*Unfortunately for me, “money being the sinews of war”, since I have already invested all of my funds in the publishing of these first books that I presented to you before, in doing so, I no longer have the means to continue this work.*

What I find most damaging is that apart from the *4 books*, which are already finished in French (*as well as their doubles in English, or 8 books*), and which I offer for free on my site, but which are awaiting be corrected, I still have *5 other works* that I have already put in place the framework but which are awaiting completion.

To continue I would tell you that this book that you have in your hands as well as all those of the series "*Inquisitiô (The three angels' message)*" have presented to you my mode of writing, based on the word of God, and which is reinforced with historical and legislative text, intend to bring to light realities, which until then were hidden.

My other spiritual books, are of the same ilk, I bring to light biblical realities forgotten for centuries, but which are vital for the preparation of the faithful children of the Lord so that they are ready to go to meet our savior when he returns.

The purpose is also that while awaiting the return of the King of kings and the Lord of lords, that his people may be steadfast in Christ Jesus and not wavering, and not follow the dark lights of the fallacious doctrines that distill, like venom mortal, people who work, under cover of faith, for the devil.

To come back to my *4 books* of the series "*Inquisitiô (The three angels' message)*" that I offer on my site, in English and French version, so that you have a better comfort of reading, I need your help, because the correction of each of these books costs approximately *7000 euros* in English and approximately *3500 euros* in French.

These *4 books* once corrected, will always be offered free of charge, in English and in French, in digital version, on my site.

Apart from that, regarding the work of writing that the Lord gives me to carry out for him, it is important to note that it takes me a little over a year to finish a book in its English and French version.

Apart from all this, it is fitting, in my opinion that you understand, that I cannot both write for the Lord and work as a consulting hairdresser, so, being totally devoted to the work of the Lord, I must also be able to live from this work, as the Holy Scriptures declare in the following text:

*“Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord?”*

*If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord. Mine answer to them that do examine me is this, Have we not power to eat and to drink?*

**Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?**

*Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working?*

**Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?**

**Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith he it altogether for our sakes?**

**For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?**

*If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.*

**Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel”. [1 Corinthians 9 verses 1-14, King James Bible].**

With all that I have presented to you, you understand that I need your help in order to continue this work.

I have made many arrangements to obtain further financing, but since neither banks nor credit companies provide funding for book publishing it is proving to be a challenge.

*With each new request rejected, I was like a man who, lost in the middle of the desert, runs after a mirage presenting him with a “saving” lake, but in vain. The repercussions are that, for lack of funds, the work is fallow.*

Nevertheless, I am confident that, by the grace of God, to whom belong the silver and the gold, as well as this work he has entrusted me with, this book will find its audience, and that you, who will be led to read it, will not remain insensitive to my appeal for help.

It is true that many have come to live thinking that their temporal goods belong to them and do not care about the needs of the Lord's work. These I invite them to read the parables that we find in the following texts. Here is the first: **“Then he told them, “Be careful to guard yourselves against every kind of greed, because a person's life doesn't consist of the amount of possessions he has.”**

*Then he told them a parable. He said, “The land of a certain rich man produced good crops. So he began to think to himself, ‘What should I do, since I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘This is what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and I'll store all my grain and goods in them. Then I'll say to myself, “You've stored up plenty of good things for many years.*

*Take it easy, eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.” But God told him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded back from you. Now who will get the things you've accumulated?’ That's how it is with the person who stores up treasures for himself rather than with God.” [Luke 12 verses 15-21, International Standard Version Bible (ISV)].*

Let's complete it with this: **“There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table:**

**Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.**

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.» [*Luke 16 verses 19-25, King James Bible*].

The time is no longer to procrastinate, if this book has touched you, make a gesture, help me to be able to nourish souls, for and by the Lord. I have faith that the Lord has a faithful people, who are presented as the 7,000 who in the days of Elijah did not bend their knees before Baal and remained faithful to him.

I know that you will not turn your backs on this call for help, because you walk out of love as our Saviour asks of us.

Here is what is recommended: **“Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away”.** [*Matthew 5 verse 42, King James Bible*].

Let's complete it with this: **“But whoever has the world's goods (adequate resources), and sees his brother in need, but has no compassion for him, how does the love of God live in him?**

Little children (believers, dear ones), let us not love [merely in theory] with word or with tongue [giving lip service to compassion], but in action and in truth [in practice and in sincerity, because practical acts of love are more than words].

*By this we will know [without any doubt] that we are of the truth, and will assure our heart and quiet our conscience before Him”* [*1 John 3 verses 17-19, Amplified Bible (AMP)*].



Let's finish with this: **“If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:**

**But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth.**

**Beware that there be not a thought in thy wicked heart, saying, *The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought;***

**And he cry unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin unto thee. Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him:**

*Because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.*

**For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land”.**  
*[Deuteronomy 15 verses 7-11, King James Bible].*

If you have been touched by this book or any of the others that I offer for free on my website, please help me to continue to fortify and help the greatest number of people. I therefore appeal to your generosity. To do this, if your heart tells you, you can help me by sending me your donations by post to:

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4 Presentation of the book entitled *“Inquisitiô (The message of the three angels) volume IV. The situation regarding the attack of the false prophet and the apocalyptic bestial lamb against God’s law and prophecy”*

**B**y way of introduction, I would say that this book that you have in your hands presents the iniquitous works that the Seventh-day Adventist religion practices, as well as the plans that have been inspired to me by the Spirit of God in order to reform this religion.

*This book is the last call to repentance that the Lord, in his great mercy, has given me to present to this religion, because of the acts practiced that do not revere him.*

*Now that these points have been made, and in order to get to the heart of the matter, I would say that in these lines I am exposing to you the works of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, which presents itself as the defender of the faith and the word of God, but which works like the very ones it condemns.*

My words concerning the iniquity of the works of this religion might seem foolish, so much so does it give the world the image of a place where the word of God is honored and where no works of darkness remain, like *“skeletons in closets”*. We will see that it is quite different.

I will show you, through the doctrinal precepts of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, highlighted by the Bible, how these foundations are iniquitous and do not serve God, on the contrary.

*In order to present you with the main lines of the errors of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we must begin with the foundations on which this Church was built, then developed to come to what is, in this decade, the basis of the dogma that this religion professes.*

As a preamble, I would like to tell you that several decades ago the Lord raised up a “*frail little plant*”, which he established in his lifetime as a prophethess, her name was *Ellen G. White*.

The Spirit of God gave her the task of carrying the message of the three angels of Revelation, among others.

The main purpose of this three-pronged message is to lead us to give glory to the Lord! It also presents his judgment whose time has come, calls mankind to repentance and invites us all to reject all doctrine that is not of the Lord.

This message also presents the final fate that will be reserved for those who reject the Lord to serve the doctrines of men and finally, it aims to bring the Papacy and its henchmen to ruin.

The humble servant of the Lord, *Ellen G. White*, received from the Spirit of God new prophetic revelations, which present the hidden and iniquitous works of the Papacy, and which are brought to light by the message of the three angels of Revelation.

In doing so, she left precise instructions with her pen so that Seventh-day Adventists could never unite with that iniquitous being, the Papacy.

She also presents the influence that the popes have and will have on the nations, and the legislative bodies that manage the world, so *Mrs. White* during her lifetime urged the Seventh-day Adventist people to never enter into such unions.

In addition to these instructions and recommendations, she left a sword, flaming and powerful, to enable the world to know the true face of the papacy and the iniquitous doctrines professed by the Catholic Church, which is the book “*The Great Controversy*”.

Unfortunately, in this generation, with a wave of his hand, Adventist leader *Ted N. C. Wilson* has perverted all those foundations instituted by *Mrs. White*, upon which the Adventist faith is based.

This man has denied the foundations of the faith of his religion by disavowing the book “*The Great Controversy*” written by the pen of *Ellen G. White*.

He went so far as to ask Pope Francis for forgiveness because 700,000 of these books were distributed during one of the pontiff's visits to America. *Ted N.C. Wilson* also called for a union between Adventists and Catholics.

He also established agreements with the United Nations, something previously unimaginable.

All this may seem harmless, and even for some people it may indicate a great openness of mind, but when we lift the veil of appearances and look at the reality of life, we understand the nonsense of the new positioning of this religion.

To do this, I am going to ask you a question:

*Can we profess at the same time a thing and its opposite. For example: can one declare oneself against abortion and be pro-abortion at the same time?*

*Or, can we at the same time fight against the laws that allow everyone in America to own a gun while we ourselves have a that we keep warm in a drawer?*

Thus, the Seventh-day Adventist religion cannot on the one hand declare that its dogma is based on the writings of *Ellen G. White* and on the other hand, deny these teachings by practicing what it has proscribed.

Thus, either the Seventh-day Adventist Church emancipates itself from the rules of *Ellen G. White*, and practices new doctrines, or this religion remains in its old ways and practices what its late charismatic prophetess established.

For the moment, we are far from these two extremes, because this religion has come to practice mixed doctrines, which are a mixture of the teachings that *Mrs. Ellen G. White* left and those coming from the Catholic dogma.

A concrete example is the reality of the “*remnant church*”, this religion lived it in the time of *Mrs. White* who as a prophetess of the Lord had the gift of prophecy, which consists in the Lord speaking to one of his prophets or prophetesses in dreams or visions.

*Mrs. White* received many visions and some dreams through which she guided the Seventh-day Adventist people. She also recognized that the Spirit of Prophecy consists of God speaking to His prophets in dreams and visions.

In contrast to all this, decades after *Mrs. White's* death, having no more prophets in its ranks the Seventh-day Adventist Church perverted these foundations.

In their place were instituted the iniquitous precepts of the Catholic Church which have been revised and watered down to the Seventh-day Adventist “*sauce*”.

Among these precepts we find the baptism of children or the desecration of dreams and visions. We will also see how through these baptisteries, the Seventh-day Adventist Church does not worship God.

On the contrary, it hands over, bound hand and foot, those who are going to be baptized. Unbelievable! You will see to whom and how.

We will also see, while this religion claims to be the guardian of the Sabbath, how in the middle of the Sabbath, it transgresses the commandment of the Lord that “*the left hand cannot know what the right hand is doing*”.

I am also going to present to you the sectarian and outlaw works that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has put in place and which allows it, through psychological coercion, to rob its members of several million dollars a year and this for decades, through the tithes and offerings that it forces them to pay to it.

All that I have just stated, I will demonstrate to you through biblical, legal, legislative texts and doctrines established by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

I will go on to say that I had to cross the spiritual sword with this religion, but because of its financial power and its fame, I left more than “*feathers*” there.

My young wife, at the time, put me in a dilemma, stop writing against this religion, which was once ours, or divorce me. I chose to remain faithful to the Lord. The repercussions were my divorce and the estrangement of my son, whom his mother took to live eight thousand miles away from me.

Nevertheless, having come of age, he has come back to me for about two years and we are getting to know each other again, but I have not yet seen him physically for more than **14, very long, years...**

To finish, in order to be fair, I also present you with a summary of my life and you will see how the Lord has the ability to take a man out of total decay to make him one of his servants, the objective being that all glory should go to him alone, the Almighty!