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INTRODUCTION

Have you ever wished that you could know more about the Bible without studying all of its books? This book, **“Come Out Of The Dark,”** will help you know God’s will for your life with only a short time of study. Then with this background, your study of all other Scriptures will have a deeper meaning.

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The thirteen charts appearing in this book are designed to give you a summation, and then each chart is followed by verses from the Bible that apply. Please take the time to read every word of this book. Be assured that doing this will be a blessing to your life.

The ten crossword puzzles in this book are designed to help you review the Scriptures that you have studied. Many have found that they can learn more about the Bible while enjoying solving the puzzles.

Thanks so very much for your interest in Bible study.

Here is a special invitation for you to visit with us in worship. We will do our very best to be friendly, present the Bible in its purity, and to worship God in *“spirit and in truth”* (John 4:24). Remember, you are always welcome.

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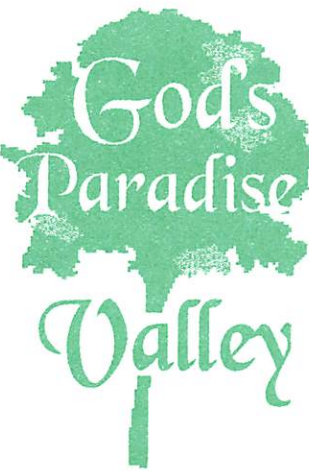
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The human race began pure with the first man and woman, Adam and Eve. God built their first house, a beautiful garden, and decorated it with trees for both beauty and food. The garden also contained two special trees, "The tree of Life" and "The tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil." The only restriction given this first couple was not to eat of "The tree of the Knowledge of Good and evil." To eat of it would bring death!

The Garden of Eden

Gen. 2:8 And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Gen. 2:9 And out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil .

Gen. 2:10 and a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from there it was parted, [divided] and became four heads.

Gen. 2:15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

One Tree Is Forbidden

Gen. 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

Gen. 2:17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat from it; for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Woman Is Made From Man

Gen. 2:18 And the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."

Gen. 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

Gen. 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, He made into a woman, and brought her to the man.

Gen. 2:23 And Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

Gen. 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Darkness

In

Paradise

God made Eve from one of Adam's ribs, and there seemed to be happiness. However, Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate from the forbidden tree. The serpent (as the devil) deceived Eve to believe that eating would make her wise like God. He lied and told her that she would not die if she ate from the tree. Thus, she ate, gave to her husband, and he ate.

This disobedience brought death to mankind.

The Serpent—the Devil

Gen. 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

Gen. 3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden;

Gen. 3:3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, or you will die.' "

Gen. 3:4 And the serpent said to the woman, "You shall not surely die.

Gen. 3:5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Adam and Eve Sin

Gen. 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit, and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

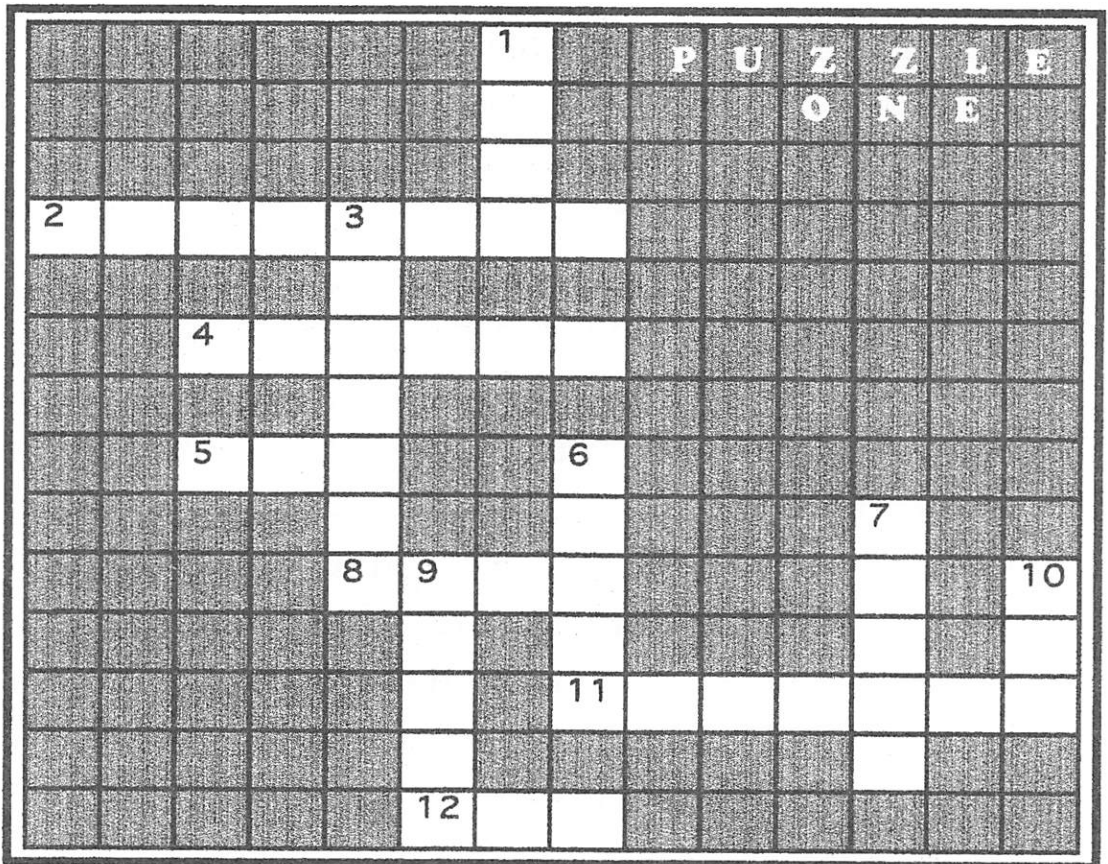
God Appears To Them

Gen. 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Gen. 3:11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

Gen. 3:12 And the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate."

Gen. 3:13 And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent beguiled me, and I ate."



ACROSS

- 2 Eve saw the forbidden fruit "-----
to the eyes" (Gen. 3:6)
- 4 God was the first to plant one of these
(Gen. 2:8)
- 5 The penalty for disobedience: "*You
shall surely ---*" (Gen. 2:17)
- 8 That which God planted in abundance
(Gen. 2:9)
- 11 The one who joined Eve in disobedi-
ence (Gen. 3:6)
- 12 The first woman was made from this
(Gen. 2:18,21,22)

DOWN

- 1 Something that Adam and Eve lost because
of sin (Gen. 3:23)
- 3 The devil appeared in this form (Gen.
3:1)
- 6 The first man and woman were to be-
come "*one -----*" (Gen. 2:24)
- 7 Adam blamed this one as he faced God
(Gen. 3:12)
- 9 The source of water for the first recorded
irrigation system (Gen. 2:10)
- 10 That which Adam and his wife did when
they heard the Lord (Gen. 3:8)

A Future

LIGHT

Promised

Sin made it very dark in Paradise, but God began a light of hope by promising the Seed of woman. Later, God chose Abraham to begin a nation to be the kin folks of God's Son. This nation would be called the Israelites and Jews. God's Son would have an earthly mother from this nation, but no earthly father. His mother would conceive by the Holy Spirit.

Punishment For Sin

Gen. 3:14 And the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

Gen. 3:22 And the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become as one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever" —

Gen. 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which he was taken.

The Seed of Woman Promised

Gen. 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

A Great Nation is Promised

Gen. 12:1 Now the LORD had said to Abram, "Get out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you.

Gen. 12:2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

Gen. 12:3 And I will bless those who bless you, and curse him who curses you; and in you shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

All Nations Will Be Blessed

Acts 3:25 You are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.'

1 Cor. 15:21 For since by man came death, by Man came also the resurrection of the dead,

1 Cor. 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

The Nation Called Israelites

2 Cor. 11:22 Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham?

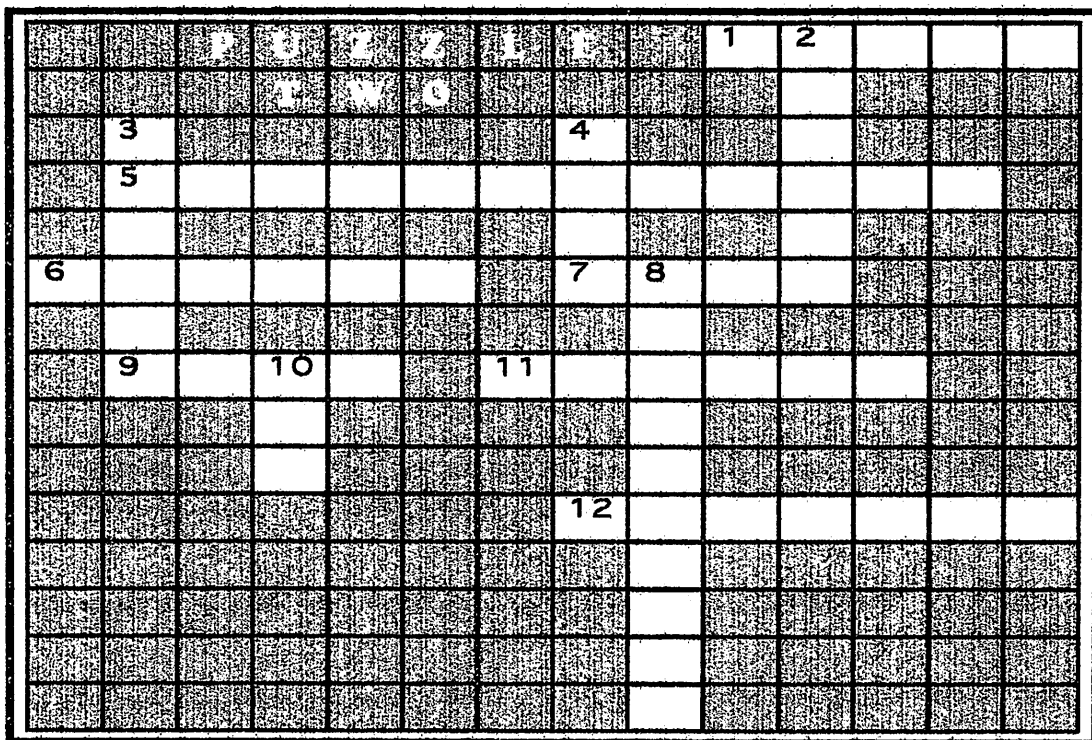
Rom. 11:1 I say then, has God cast away His people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

God's Son Born By This Nation

Gen. 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and to Him shall the gathering of the people be.

Gal. 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Gal. 4:5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.



ACROSS

- 1 The man God chose to begin a great nation (Gen. 12:1)
- 5 Man brought death, but what else did man bring? (1 Cor. 15:21)
- 6 That which happened to the serpent above all cattle (Gen. 3:14)
- 7 An important tree lost by Adam and Eve (Gen. 3:22)
- 9 That which the serpent would eat (Gen. 3:14)
- 11 Adam brought death, but who brought life? (1 Cor. 15:22)
- 12 That which would happen to all families of the earth through Abram (Gen. 12:3)

DOWN

- 2 Something that the seed of woman would do to the seed of the serpent (Gen. 3:15)
- 3 Something that Adam must till (Gen. 3:23)
- 4 That which belonged to the seed of the woman that would be bruised (Gen. 3:15)
- 8 The name given to the nation of Abram or Abraham (2 Cor. 11:22; Rom. 11:1)
- 10 The one from God sent through a prepared nation to redeem (Gal. 4:4,5)



Prophets

Many prophets within this nation foretold the coming of this Savior, but John the Baptist was the one who would prepare the way. John will baptize Him to fulfill all righteousness, and then present Him to the Jewish nation. Later, this Savior will be introduced to all other nations of the world. God made it possible for these prophets to know these truths.

Born of a Virgin

Isa. 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Sun of Righteousness Born in Bethlehem

Micah 5:2 But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Mal. 4:2 But to you who fear My name, the Sun of Righteousness will arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow up like calves of the stall.

Mal. 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

Mal. 4:6 And he will turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

Matt. 17:12 But I say to you, that Elijah has come already, and they knew him not, but have done to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of man will also suffer of them."

Matt. 17:13 Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.



Matt. 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

Matt. 3:2 And saying, Repent you: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Mark 1:6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey;

Mark 1:7 And preached, saying, "There comes One mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and loose.

Mark 1:8 I indeed have baptized you with water: but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The  Is


A woman named Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit and gave birth to God's Son who came to save those lost in sin. Miracles surrounded His birth. He grew up in Nazareth of Galilee, and at the age of twelve, He was doing work for His Father in heaven in the temple. His birth brought the greatest blessing to the world.

The Angel Gabriel Promised Jesus Would Be Born

Luke 1:26 And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee,

Luke 1:27 to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

Luke 1:28 And the angel came in unto her, and said, "Hail, you who are highly favored, the Lord is with you blessed are you among women."

Luke 1:29 And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

Luke 1:30 And the angel said to her, "Fear not, Mary for you have found favor with God.

He Will Be Called Jesus

Luke 1:31 And, behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.

Luke 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David.

Luke 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end."

Luke 1:34 Then said Mary to the angel, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?"

He Will Be the Son of God

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of you will be called the Son of God."

Luke 1:37 "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Mary Believes the Angel

Luke 1:38 And Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it to me according to Your word." And the angel departed from her.

Matt. 1:23 "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel," which being interpreted is, "God with us' "

Joseph and Mary Go to Bethlehem To Be Taxed

Luke 2:1 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

Luke 2:4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

Luke 2:5 to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

Luke 2:6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

Jesus Is Born

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

At Home In Nazareth

Luke 2:39 And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

Luke 2:40 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

Attended Feast in Jerusalem

Luke 2:41 Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

Luke 2:42 And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.

Luke 2:43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the Child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and His mother did not know it.

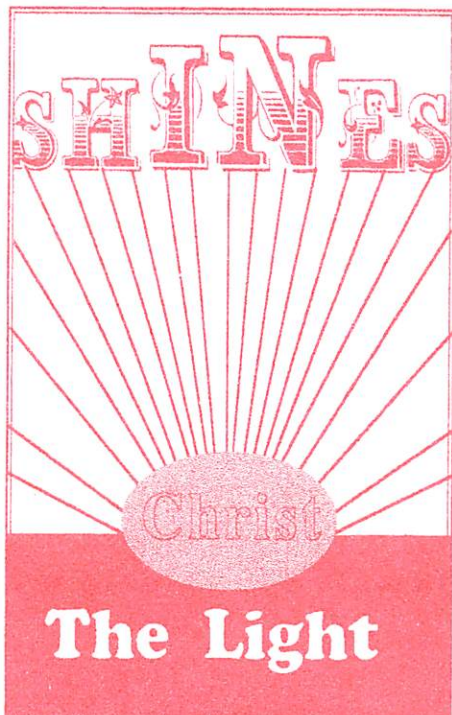
Luke 2:44 But they, supposing Him to have been in the company, went a day's journey, and they sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances.

Luke 2:45 And when they found Him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

Jesus Attending His Father's Business

Luke 2:46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

Luke 2:49 And He said to them, "How is it that you sought Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"



Throughout His ministry, the leaders of the Jewish nation wanted to kill Jesus, the Christ. They wanted to put out this bright light from heaven. But they failed to do so until God was ready for His Son to be put to death in sacrifice for the world. Jesus began to predict early in His ministry that He would die, but that He would be raised back to life on the third day.

Jewish Leaders Try to Kill Jesus

Matt. 26:3 Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people, assembled together at the palace of the high priest, who was called Calaphas,

Matt. 26:4 and consulted how they might take Jesus by subtlety, and kill Him.

Matt. 26:5 But they said, "Not during the feast day, lest there be an uproar among the people."

John 5:16 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill Him, because He not only had broken the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God.

Continues Work in Galilee

John 7:1 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for He would not walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him.

John 7:30 Then they sought to take Him, but no man laid hands on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

Jesus Spoke at the Feast

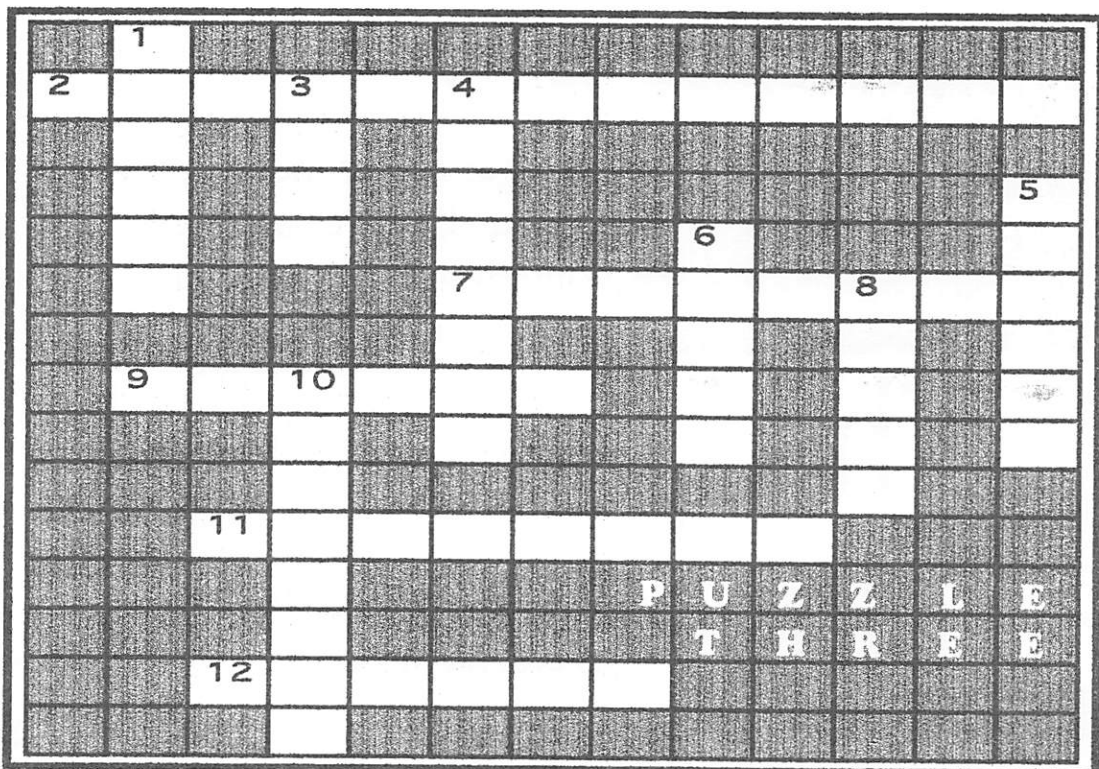
John 7:37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, "If any man thirsts, let him come to Me, and drink."

John 8:40 But now you seek to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did.

John 11:45 Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed in Him.

John 11:48 But some of them went away to the Pharisees, and told them the things Jesus had done.

John 11:53 Then from that day on they took counsel together how to put Him to death.



ACROSS

- 2 A special SUN with healing (Malachi 4:2)
 7 The name of the Caesar when Jesus was born (Lk. 2:1)
 9 Another name applied to John the Immerser (Mt. 17:12,13)
 11 A feast that Jesus attended at the age of twelve (Lk. 2:41,42)
 12 The place where Jesus taught at the age of twelve (Lk. 2:46,49)

DOWN

- 1 One who would conceive to give birth to Immanuel (Isa. 7:14)
 3 That which had to come before the enemies of Jesus could kill Him (John 7:30)
 4 A word associated with the place Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
 5 That with which Jesus was filled as He grew (Lk. 2:40)
 6 The wilderness where John the baptizer preached (Mt. 3:1)
 8 That which Jesus had told the Jews (John 8:40)
 10 "God with us" defines this word (Mt. 1:23)

Darkness ATTACKS

The Light

Finally it came time for Jesus to die. Since this Jewish nation was under the power of the Roman Empire, after the Jews condemned Jesus to die, they called upon the Roman authorities to Crucify Jesus. Pilate (a Roman Governor) made every effort to save Jesus from death, but the Jews insisted that He must die. Then the official order was given to crucify Jesus!

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

Matt. 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to show to His disciples, how that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

Matt. 16:22 Then Peter took Him, and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Be it far from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

Matt. 16:23 But He turned, and said to Peter, "Get you behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you think not the things that are of God, but those that are of men."

Mark 8:31 And He began to teach them, that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, and the chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

Matt. 26:36 Then came Jesus with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray."

Peter, James, and John

Matt. 26:37 And He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

Matt. 26:38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Tarry here, and watch with Me."

Matt. 26:39 And He went a little farther, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless not as I will, but as You will."

The Sleeping Disciples

Matt. 26:45 Then He came to His disciples, and said to them, "Sleep on now, and take your rest. Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Matt. 26:46 Rise, let us be going. Behold, he who betrays Me is at hand."

Judas Betrays Jesus

Matt. 26:47 And while He spoke, Behold, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

Matt. 26:49 And going at once he came to Jesus, and said, "Hail, Master," and kissed Him.

Jesus Before the Jewish Court

Matt. 26:57 And those who had laid hold on Jesus led Him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

Matt. 26:59 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put Him to death,

False Witnesses Testify

Matt. 26:60 but found none. Even though many false witnesses came, yet they found none. At last two false witnesses came forward,

Matt. 26:61 and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and rebuild it in three days.' "

Matt. 26:62 And the high priest arose, and said to Him, "Do you answer nothing? What is this which these witnesses are bringing against You?"

Jesus Finally Answers

Matt. 26:64 Jesus said to him, "You have said, nevertheless I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."

Matt. 26:65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard His blasphemy.

Their Verdict: "He Is Guilty Of Death"

Matt. 26:66 What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is guilty of death."

Matt. 27:1 When the morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death.

Matt. 27:2 And when they bound Him, they led Him away, and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

Jesus Before Governor Pilate

Matt. 27:11 And Jesus stood before the governor and the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" And Jesus said to him, "It is so."

Matt. 27:12 And when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing.

Matt. 27:13 Then said Pilate to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they witness against You?"

Pilate Was Amazed

Matt. 27:14 And He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly.

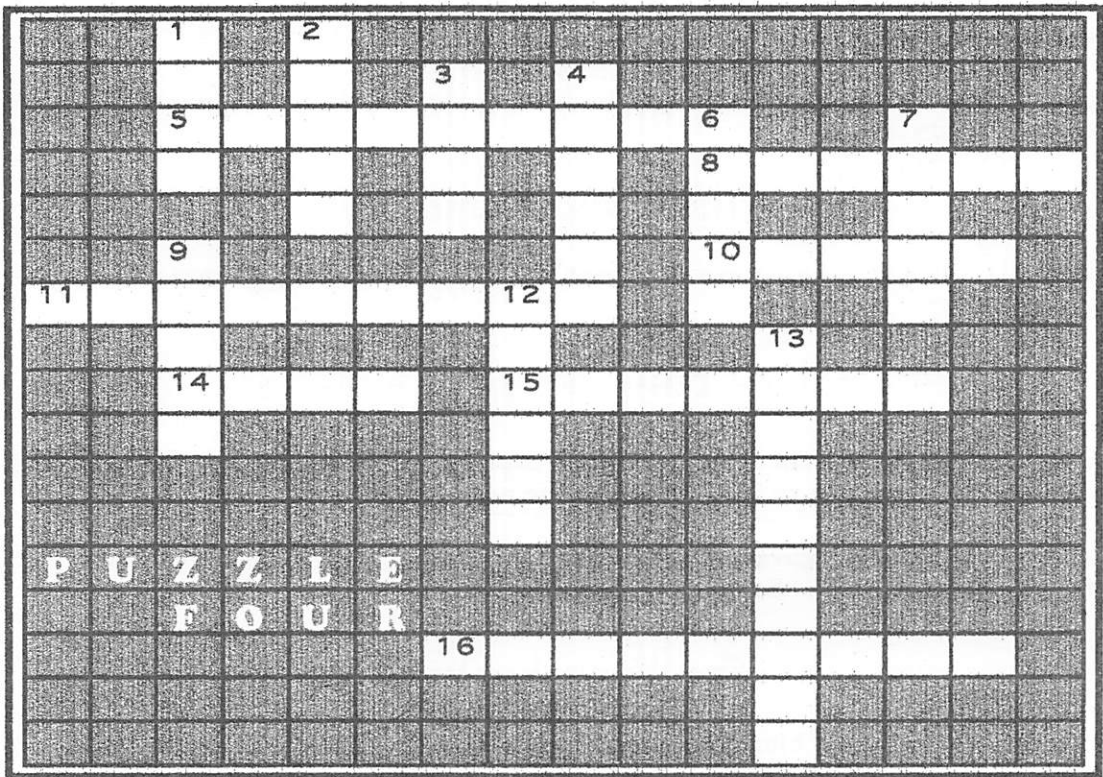
Pilate Reports to the Jews

Matt. 27:22 Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all say to him, "Let Him be crucified."

Matt. 27:23 And the governor said, "Why, what evil has He done?" But they cried out the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

The Worthy Name

Jas. 2:7 Do they not blaspheme that worthy name by which you are called?



ACROSS

- 5 That which the enemies of Jesus wanted to happen to Jesus (Mt. 27:22,23)
- 8 One of three mentioned by Jesus who would reject Him (Mk. 8:31)
- 10 The number of days that Jesus said He would be dead (Mk. 8:31)
- 11 That which would be done against that noble or worthy name (Jas. 2:7)
- 14 Something of Jesus that was exceedingly sorrowful (Mt. 26:38)
- 15 Jesus was betrayed into the hands of these (Mt. 26:45)
- 16 The place where Jesus said He would die (Mt. 16:21)

DOWN

- 1 A part of the body of Jesus mentioned as He prayed (Mt. 26:39)
- 2 Something done to Jesus (Mt. 27:2)
- 3 A high position applied to Jesus (Mt. 27:11)
- 4 Jesus stood before this governor (Mt. 27:2)
- 6 "*He is guilty of ----*" (Mt. 26:66)
- 7 A man who rebuked Jesus (Mt. 16:22)
- 9 A kind of witness sought against Jesus (Mt. 26:60)
- 12 The name applied to Jesus by Judas (Mt. 26:49)
- 13 A place of prayer (Mt. 26:36)

The Light



Temporarily Out!

Jesus was taken to a place called Calvary. They nailed Him to the cross, and mocked Him, but Jesus courageously gave His life. Then He was buried in the new tomb of Joseph of Arimathea, but on the third day He arose. He appeared before some women, His apostles, and others, and then ascended to His Father in heaven to reign over His kingdom.

Pilate Washes His Hands

Matt. 27:24 When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person. You see to it."

Matt. 27:25 Then answered all the people, and said, "His blood be on us, and on our children."

Jesus is Turned Over to the Jews

Mark 15:15 So Pilate, willing to satisfy the people, released Barabbas to them, and delivered Jesus, after he had scourged Him, to be crucified.

Luke 23:24 And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required.

Luke 23:25 And he released to them the one whom they had desired, who for

insurrection and murder had been cast into prison, but he delivered Jesus to their will.

Mocked As a King

Matt. 27:27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered to Him the whole band of soldiers.

Matt. 27:28 And they stripped Him, and put on Him a scarlet robe,

Matt. 27:29 and when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand, and they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Matt. 27:30 And they spit on Him, and took the reed, and struck Him on the head.

Matt. 27:31 And after they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, and put His own raiment on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

Led To Calvary For Crucifixion

John 19:17 And He bearing His cross went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha,

John 19:18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the middle.

Jesus Was Thirsty

John 19:28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, says, "I thirst."

John 19:29 Now there was set there a vessel full of vinegar; and they filled a sponge with vinegar, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth.

Jesus Bowed His Head in Death

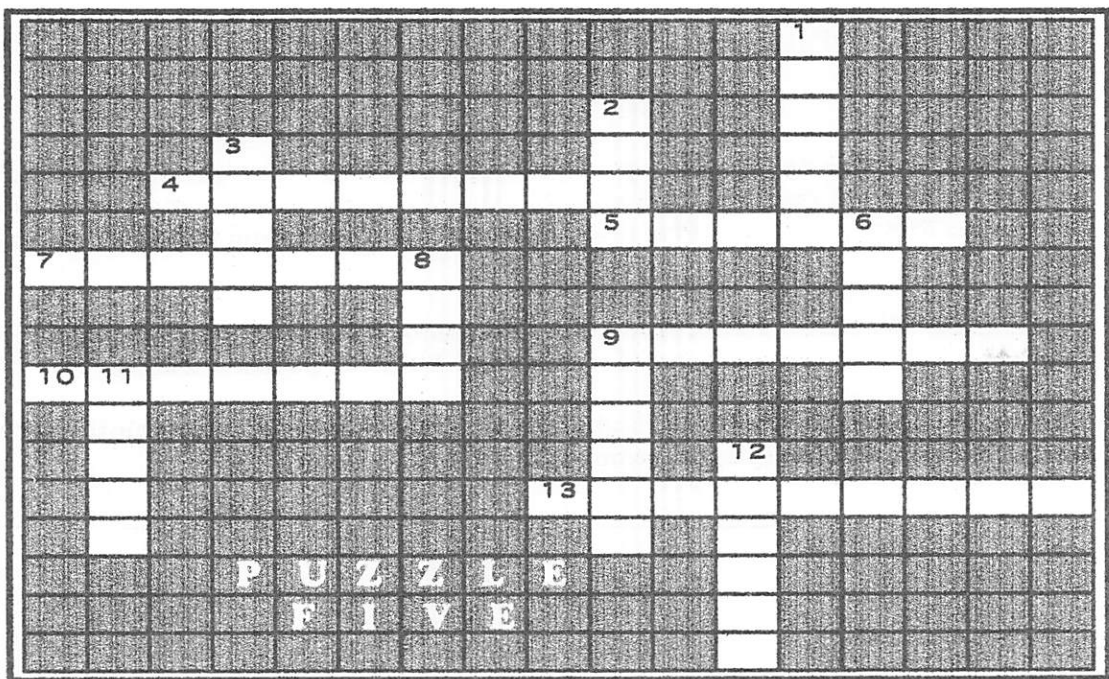
John 19:30 Therefore when Jesus had received the vinegar, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Burial By Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

John 19:38 And after this Joseph of Arimathea being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.

John 19:39 Nicodemus also, who at the first came to Jesus by night, came and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound's weight.

John 19:40 Then they took the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burying custom of the Jews.



ACROSS

- 4 A criminal who was released by Pilate instead of Jesus (Mk. 15:15)
- 5 A word used by Jesus to express a physical need (John 19:28)
- 7 Something in a sponge offered to Jesus (John 19:29 KJV)
- 9 The color of a robe worn by Jesus (Mt. 27:28)
- 10 A word describing the construction of a crown of thorns (Mt. 27:29 KJV)
- 13 This man brought about one pound of spices for the body of Jesus (John 19:39)

DOWN

- 1 One of two crimes mentioned about an evil man when Jesus died (Lk. 23:24,25)
- 2 The kind of person that Pilate called Jesus (Mt. 27:24)
- 3 Something that Pilate used to prove he was innocent of the blood of Jesus (Mt. 27:24)
- 6 A place associated with the word Golgotha (John 19:17)
- 8 Something used to strike Jesus on His head (Mt. 27:30)
- 9 That which Jesus gave up at His death (John 19:30)
- 11 The kind of cloth used to bind the body of Jesus (John 19:40)
- 12 A disciple of Jesus from Arimathea (John 19:38)

A Great Earthquake

Matt. 28:1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the sepulchre.

Matt. 28:2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

He Is Risen

Matt. 28:5 And the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus, who was crucified.

Matt. 28:6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

Appeared to Mary Magdalene

Mark 16:9 Now when Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven devils.

Before the Apostles

Mark 16:14 Afterward He appeared to the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen.

1 Cor. 15:5 And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve.

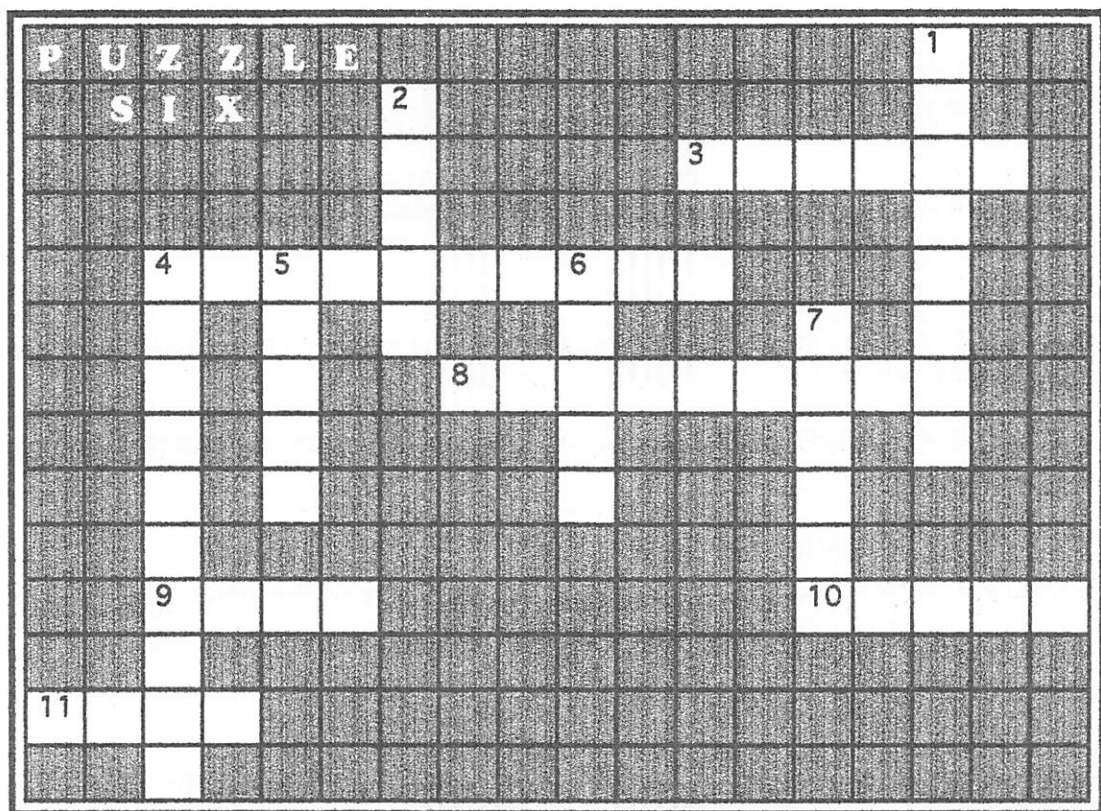
More Than Five Hundred Brethren

1 Cor. 15:6 After that, He was seen by more than five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

He Ascends to the Father

Mark 16:19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down on the right hand of God.

Mark 16:20 And they went out, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

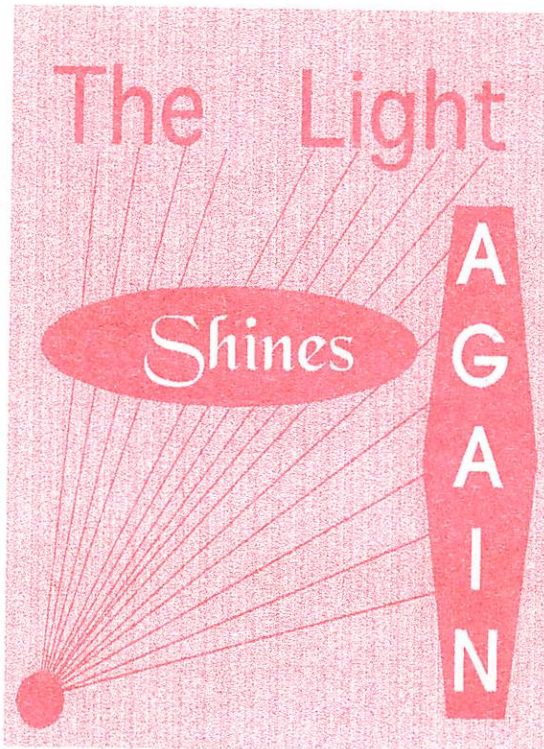


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- 3 The place where Jesus was received (Mk. 16:19)
- 4 A force of nature that two women named Mary experienced (Mt. 28:1,2)
- 8 The Mary to whom Jesus first appeared (Mk. 16:9)
- 9 The kind of hearts Jesus found among the eleven after His resurrection (Mk. 16:14)
- 10 Something used by the Lord to confirm the word (Mk. 16:20)
- 11 That which the Lord confirmed while working with the disciples (Mk. 16:20)

DOWN

- 1 Jesus was seen by more than five hundred of these after His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:6)
- 2 "*and sat down at the ----- hand of God*" (Mark 16:19).
- 4 A description of where the disciples of Jesus preached (Mk. 16:20)
- 5 The reason some women could not find Jesus (Mt. 28:5,6)
- 6 One who rolled back a gravestone and sat on it (Mt. 28:2)
- 7 The apostle named by Paul who saw Jesus after His resurrection (1 Cor. 15:5)



The death, burial, and resurrection provides the gospel or good news so that those who want to be saved from spiritual death, may do so. The one lost in sin must die to sin, be buried and raised in baptism as a form of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. When this obedience takes place, the saving blood of Jesus is reached, and all sins are forgiven!

The Powerful Gospel

Rom. 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Rom. 1:17 For in it is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

The Gospel Must Be Obeyed

Mark 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

Must Die To Sin

Rom. 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Rom. 6:2 God forbid! How shall we, who are dead to sin live any longer in it?

Baptized Into His Death

Rom. 6:3 Know you not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?

Buried and Raised Like Jesus In Baptism

Rom. 6:4 Therefore we are buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Rom. 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.

Crucified With Jesus

Rom. 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that we should no longer serve sin.

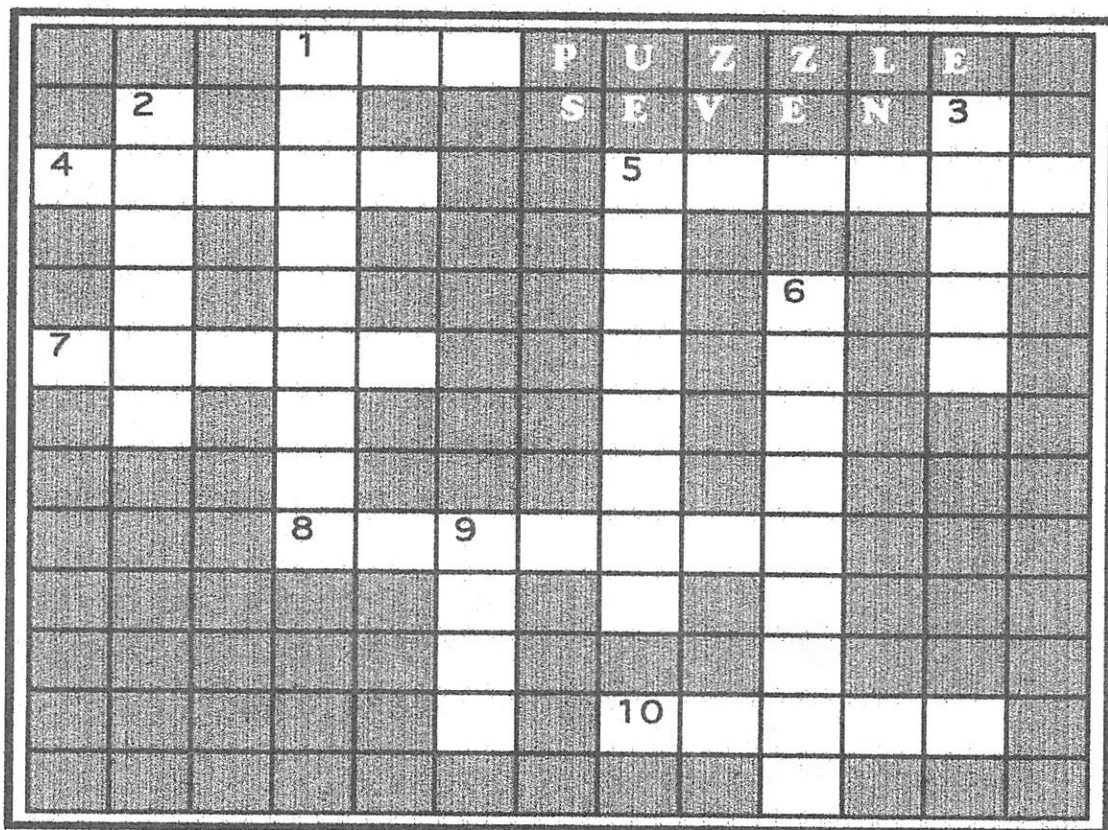
Obedied From the Heart

Rom. 6:17 But God be thanked, that though you were the servants of sin, yet you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

His Blood Shed For Remission of Sins

Matt. 26:27 And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

Matt. 26:28 For this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."



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- 1 The kind of body that is destroyed when crucified with Jesus (Rom. 6:6)
- 4 The place where Jesus wanted His disciples to preach (Mk. 16:15)
- 5 Something that the sinner does with Jesus when baptized (Rom. 6:4)
- 7 Something of Jesus in which Paul and others had been baptized (Rom. 6:3)
- 8 The kind of life that Paul and others had after baptism (Rom. 6:4)
- 10 That to which Jesus compared the cup of the Lord's Supper (Mt. 26:27,28)

DOWN

- 1 The fruit that the gospel is capable of producing (Rom. 1:16)
- 2 Something preached of which Paul was not ashamed (Rom. 1:16)
- 3 The place where Paul said the Roman Christians had obeyed (Rom. 6:17)
- 5 One of two things that Jesus commanded to be saved (Mk. 16:16)
- 6 The purpose given by Jesus for shedding His blood relating to sin (Mt. 26:27,28)
- 9 Christians are to "---- in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4)

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A ccepting and obeying the Light is called by Jesus a new birth of water and the Spirit. Also it is called by the apostle Peter, a birth of incorruptible seed, the word of God. After this new birth, one is a spiritual child of God, saved from sin, a new creation in Christ Jesus, one who has been added to the Lord's church, and a brother or sister in Christ!

Born of Water and the Spirit

John 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

John 3:2 The same came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no man can do these miracles that You do, except God is with him."

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to Him, "Verily, verily, I say to you, except a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 3:4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "Verily, verily, I say to you, except a man is born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

Born By The Word of God

1 Pet. 1:23 Having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides forever.

Children of God

Gal. 3:26 For you are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Gal. 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

A New Creation

2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Added To The Lord's Church

Acts 2:47 praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

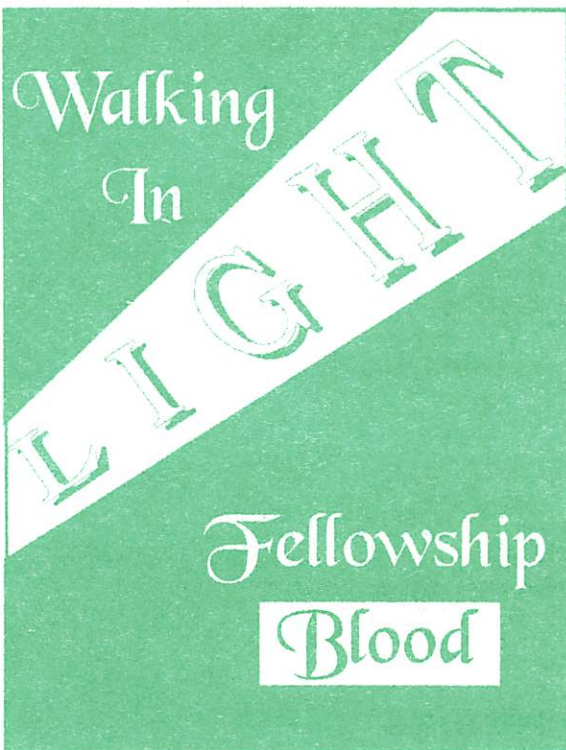
Heirs of God

Rom. 8:16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God,

Rom. 8:17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Baptized Into One Body

1 Cor. 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Gentiles, whether bond or free, and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.



After being born into God's family, one is in fellowship with Jesus, His Father, and other Christians who are walking on this pathway of light. There is continual forgiveness of sins to all who are walking on this pathway. Why? Because the pathway of light contains the forgiving blood of Jesus. Only those who choose to leave this pathway will be lost.

One With the Father and Son

John 17:20 Neither do I pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

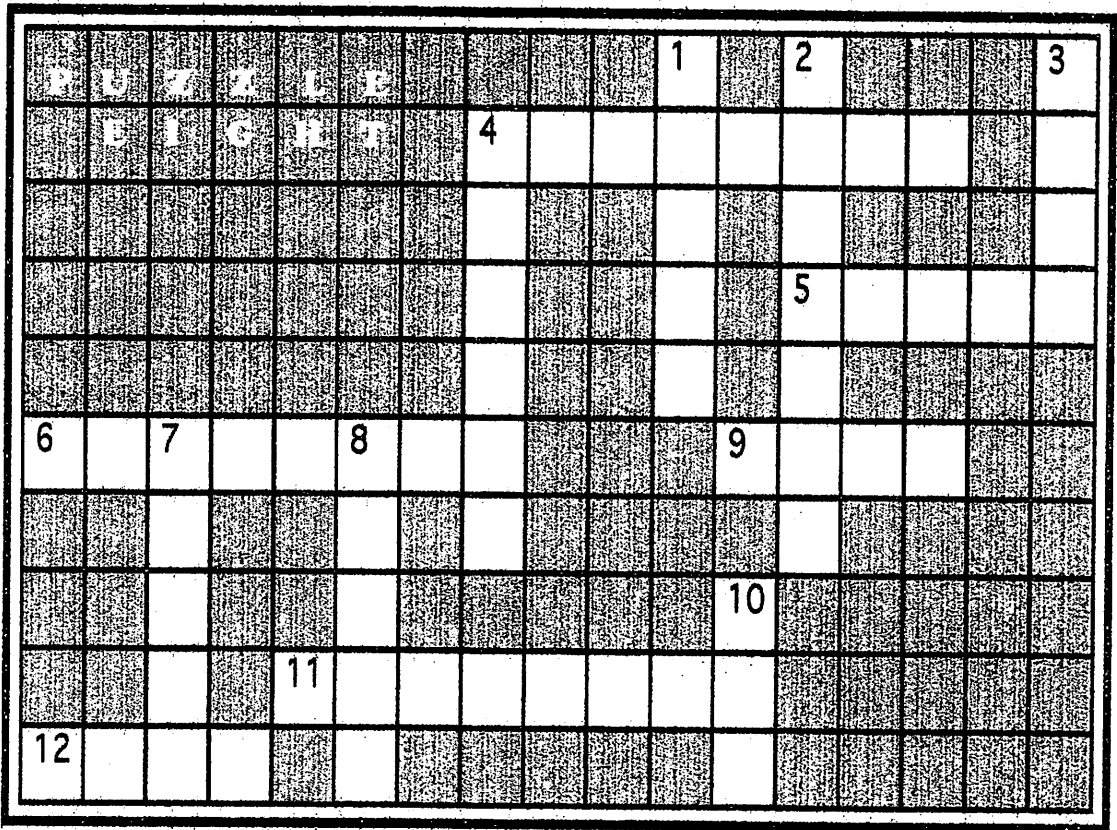
John 17:21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

John 17:22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one, even as We are one:

John 17:23 I in them, and You in Me, that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them, as You have loved Me.

Walking In the Light

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

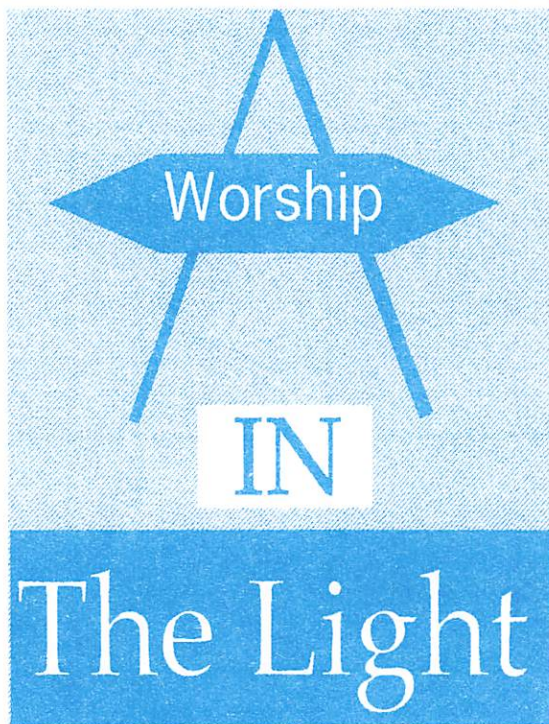


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- 4 Something new that one becomes in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17)
- 5 Something that the Father gave Jesus that Jesus wanted to give (John 17:22)
- 6 That which Jesus had done to prove that God was with Him (John 3:2)
- 9 Something that Jesus said must be done again (John 3:3)
- 11 A word that describes one who belongs to God (Rom. 8:16)
- 12 Something of God that is important to each Christian (Rom. 8:17)

DOWN

- 1 "---- and the Spirit" (John 3:5).
- 2 Something of God that all should seek to enter (John 3:5)
- 3 "we were all baptized into one ----" (1 Cor. 12:13).
- 4 The One in whom each one must be baptized (Gal. 3:27)
- 7 Nicodemus called Jesus by this title (John 3:2)
- 8 The way Christians are to walk (1 John 1:7)
- 10 The way Jesus wanted believers to be (John 17:20,21)



Steadfastness and faithfulness are required of all the children of God. They are faithful to worship God from the heart according to His truth (God's Word), faithful to daily live for Jesus, and faithful to share the good news of salvation through Jesus with others. It is a joy to honor God in worship. God accepts only worship done in spirit and truth!

Made Right Through His Blood

Rom. 3:25 whom God has set forth to be a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.

Col. 1:20 And, having eade peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things to Himself; by Him, I say, whether things on earth, or things in heaven.

Heb. 9:12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered the holy place, once for all, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Redemption and Forgiveness

Eph. 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

Christians Must Be Faithful

1 Cor. 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Gal. 6:9 And let us not become weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not faint.

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Faithfully Attending Worship

Heb. 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as you see the Day approaching.

John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."

Christians Belong to the Lord

Rom. 14:8 For whether we live, we live to the Lord; and whether we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Phil. 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

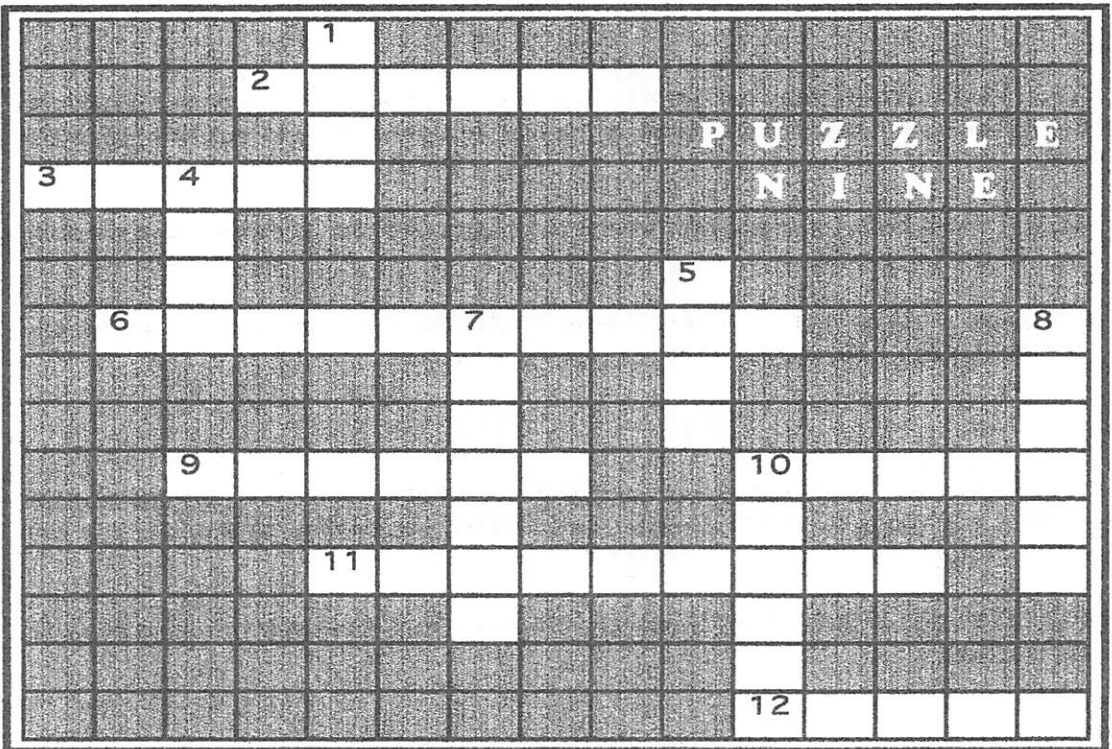
Sharing the Gospel With Others

Mark 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Honoring God

Rom. 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and his ways past finding out!



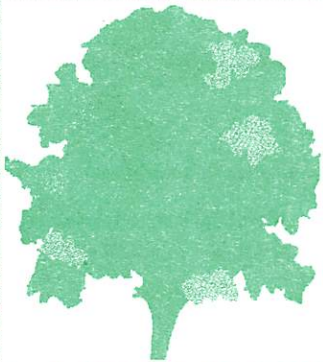
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- 2 This must be preached to every creature (Mk. 16:15)
- 3 That which Jesus used to make peace (Col. 1:20)
- 6 Paul wrote that we have this in Jesus through His blood (Eph. 1:7)
- 9 A word describing how long one should abound in the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58)
- 10 Jesus promised this to the believers who would be baptized (Mk. 16:16)
- 11 "*not ----- the assembling of ourselves together*" (Heb. 10:25).
- 12 The only acceptable kind of worship done in spirit (John 4:24)

DOWN

- 1 The place where one's labor is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58)
- 4 The number of times that Jesus entered the holy place (Heb. 9:12)
- 5 That in which one should not grow weary (Gal. 6:9)
- 7 The last of four things mentioned in which Christians continued steadfastly (Acts 2:42)
- 8 "*O the depth of the riches both of the ----- and knowledge of God!*" (Rom. 11:33)
- 10 A word describing God (John 4:24)

Light Restored To



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The faithful Christian lays up treasures in heaven, while preparing to die someday to be with the Lord. Faith, hope, and love motivate all actions while anticipating heaven. The goal of every faithful Christian is to stay in the pathway of light and in fellowship with the Lord until physical death. Because to die in Jesus means to live in heaven with Him forever!

Laying Up Treasures In Heaven

Matt. 6:19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust does corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal;

Matt. 6:20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal.

Matt. 6:21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Living For Eternal Life

Rom. 14:8 For whether we live, we live to the Lord; and whether we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Phil. 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Heb. 13:6 So that we may boldly say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

Living By Love and Faith

1 Cor. 13:13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Heb. 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Heaven Is A Prepared Place

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.

John 14:2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

Walking With Jesus in the Light

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

John 8:12 Then spoke Jesus again to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 1:4 In Him was life; and the life was the light of me.

When Jesus Returns

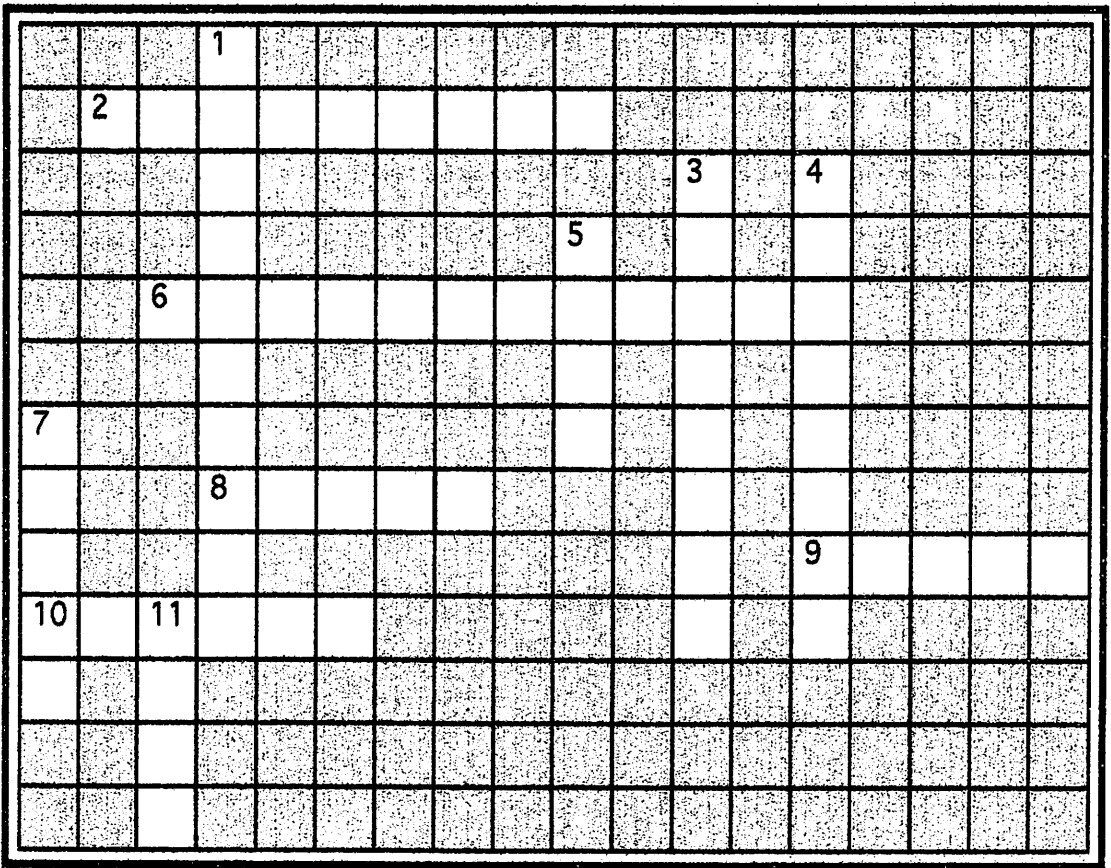
John 5:28 Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice,

John 5:29 and will come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life; and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

The Victory Crown of Life

Rev. 2:10 Do not be afraid of those things which you shall suffer. Behold, the devil will throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested; and you will suffer tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Rev. 22:5 And there shall be no night there. They need no candle, nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.



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- 2 That which should be laid up in heaven (Mt. 6:20)
- 6 The kind of resurrection that the evil ones will receive (John 5:28,29)
- 8 That which will be with one's treasure (Mt. 6:21)
- 9 This will not be found in heaven (Rev. 22:5)
- 10 "The LORD is my -----; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:6).

DOWN

- 1 Those who walk in the light have ----- and the blood of Christ (1 John 1:7)
- 3 "*Be ----- until death*" (Rev. 2:10).
- 4 These are associated with the Father's house (John 14:2)
- 5 That which Paul said he would receive by dying (Phil. 1:21)
- 7 That which Jesus is to the world (John 8:12)
- 11 This is described as being the greatest (1 Cor. 13:13)

Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to study God's eternal truth, **"Come Out Of The Dark."** The message of this book is that all who want to go to heaven can do so, because God sent His Son to the world to bring the light of salvation.

If you have not been born again—born into the light, this is now your greatest need in life. If you feel that you need more study on this important subject, please let it be known.

Remember, there is nothing in life more important than being in God's light and walking faithfully in it.

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