Matthew. 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Heb. 2:10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. Luke. 12:50-straitened.

5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; 
5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

Phil. 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

1 John. 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.
3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 1Tim. 5:22. James 1:27.
3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

Rev. 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

Matt. 19:16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?
19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.
19:18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,
19:19 Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
19:20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?
19:21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

Luke 6:40 The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.
1John. 2:6; 3:3,7.

1Cor. 2:6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

2Cor.7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
13:9 For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your perfection.
13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

1John. 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Col. 1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Heb. 7:11,19; 10:14.

Eph. 4:12 Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.
Eph4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and
teachers;
4:12 For the **perfecting of the saints**, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

Titus. 2:12 **Teaching us that**, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, **we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world**;

Matthew. 5:20 For I say unto you, That **except your righteousness shall exceed** the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, **ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

Who was Righteous: Noah 2Peter. 2:5,8; Cain Heb. 11:4; 1John 3:12; Many Heb. 11:33; Zacharias and Elizebeth Luke 1:6; The Saints, Rev. 19:8; Noah Gen 6:8; Job 1:1,8; 2:3; Due 12: 25-28; 2Kings 12:2; 14:3; 15:3; 15:34; 16:2; 18:3; 22:2; 2Chron. 20:32;--"He did that which was right in the sight of the LORD."

1 Tim.6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and **follow after righteousness**, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.
6:12 **Fight the good fight** of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

2Tim. 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, **for instruction in righteousness:**
3:17 **That the man of God may be perfect,** thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2:22 **Flee also youthful lusts:** but **follow righteousness**, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Heb. 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ (Ceremonial laws-sacrifices), let us **go on unto perfection;** not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

11:40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits **of just men made perfect,**

13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the **blood** of the everlasting covenant,
13:21 **Make you perfect** in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

James. 1:4 But let patience have her perfect work, **that ye may be perfect** and entire, wanting nothing.
1:25 But whoso looketh into the **perfect law of liberty,** and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

1John. 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in
him.
2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, **in him verily is the love of God perfected:** hereby know we that we are in him.
2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

1Peter. 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so **be ye holy** in all manner of conversation;
1:16 Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy.**

2:24 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.

3:12 **For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous,** and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

4:18 And **if the righteous scarcely be saved,** where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

2 Peter. 2:21 For it had been better for them not to have **known the way of righteousness,** than, **after they have known it, to turn** from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

Rom. 2:26 Therefore if the uncircumcision **keep the righteousness of the law,** shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?
2:27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

6:13 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. John 8:34.**
6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or **of obedience unto righteousness?**
6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye **have obeyed from the heart** that form of doctrine which was delivered you.
6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the **servants of righteousness.**
6:19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; **even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.**
6:20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

8:4 That the **righteousness** of the law **might be fulfilled in us,** who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Heb. 11:33 Who through faith subdued kingdoms, **wrought righteousness,** obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Luke. 1:74 **That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,**
1:75 **In holiness and righteousness** before him, all the days of our life.

5:32 **I came not to call the righteous,** but sinners to repentance.

2 Peter. 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, **look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. 1Cor. 6:9;**
1John. 2:29 If ye know that he is righteous, *ye know that every one that doeth righteousness* is born of him.

3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: *he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.*

3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

3:9 Whosoever is born of God *doth not commit sin;* for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

2Cor. 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for *what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?* and what communion hath light with darkness?

9:9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: *his righteousness remaineth* for ever.

9:10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of *your righteousness;*)

Acts. 10:35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and *worketh righteousness,* is accepted with him.

24:25 And as he *reasoned* of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

Phil. 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and *having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

Rev. 22:11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and *he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.*

How?

Isa. 1:16 *Wash you,* make you clean; *put away* the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; *cease to do evil;*

1:17 *Learn to do well;* seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

55:7 *Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts:* and let him *return* unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. Return-Repent: Mark. 1:4,15; 2:17; Acts. 2:38; 3:19; 17:30; 26:20; Rom. 2:4; 2Cor. 12:21; 2Tim. 2:25; Heb. 6:1-6; 12:17; 1John. 3:9;

1Cor. 15:34 *Awake to righteousness, and sin not;* for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.

Heb. 12:4 Ye have not yet *resisted* unto blood, striving against *sin.*

12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless *afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.*

Eze.33:10 Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our
transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?
33:11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?
33:12 Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth. Heb. 10:26; 2Peter 2:21.
33:13 When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.
33:14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;
33:15 If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.
33:16 None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.
33:17 Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.
33:18 When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.
33:19 But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.
33:20 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

Zech. 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Ps. 119:172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.
1John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

1828 Noah Webster's Dictionary:--
REPENT, v.i. L. re and paeniteo, from paena, pain. Gr. See Paint.
1. To feel pain, sorrow or regret for something done or spoken; as, to repent that we have lost much time in idleness or sensual pleasure; to repent that we have injured or wounded the feelings of a friend. A person repents only of what he himself has done or said.
2. To express sorrow for something past.
Enobarbus did before thy face repent.
3. To change the mind in consequence of the inconvenience or injury done by past conduct.
Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return. Exodus 13:17.
5. In theology, to sorrow or be pained for sin, as a violation of God's holy law, a dishonor to his character and government, and the foulest ingratitude to a Being of infinite benevolence. Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:3; Acts 3:19.

REPENTANCE, n.
1. Sorrow for any thing done or said; the pain or grief which a person experiences in consequence of the injury or inconvenience produced by his own conduct.
2. In theology, the pain, regret or affliction which a person feels on account of his past conduct, because it exposes him to punishment. This sorrow proceeding merely from the fear of punishment, is called legal repentance, as being excited by the
terrors of legal penalties, and it may exist without an amendment of life.

3. Real penitence; sorrow or deep contrition for sin, as an offense and dishonor to God, a violation of his holy law, and the basest ingratitude towards a Being of infinite benevolence. This is called evangelical repentance, and is accompanied and followed by amendment of life.

Re repentance is a change of mind, or a conversion from sin to God.

Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation. 2 Corinthians 7:10; Matthew 3:8.

Re repentance is the relinquishment of any practice, from conviction that it has offended God.

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

***1 Peter. 1Peter. 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.

1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;

4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

2Peter. 3:1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2Tim.1:3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

Col. 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Rom. 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Rom. 6:4.

Eph. 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

4:28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. 1 John Eze. 33:

4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Col.3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Gen. 1:26.
1Cor. 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.
9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.
9:26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:
9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Phil.3:12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. See 2Tim. 2:5; 4:8; 1Peter 5:4; Rev. 2:10.
3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
3:15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

Note: Pilippians was written in A.D. 60., 2Timothy in A.D. 66.

James. 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
1:16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

3:2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.
3:3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.
3:4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.
3:5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!
3:6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.
3:7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:
3:8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
3:9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.
3:10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.
3:11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?
3:12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.
3:13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
3:14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.
4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse [your] hands, [ye] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [ye] double minded.
4:9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and [your] joy to heaviness.
4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.
4:11 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.

Phil. 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

The Gospel

Our lesson for the present time is, How may we most clearly comprehend and present the gospel that Jesus came in person to present to John on the Isle of Patmos——the gospel that is termed "the revelation of Jesus Christ"? We are to present to our people a clear explanation of Revelation. We are to give them the word of God just as it is, with as few of our own explanations as possible. No one mind can do this work alone. Although we have in trust the grandest and most important truth ever presented to the world, we are only babes, as far as understanding truth in all its bearings is concerned. Christ is the great teacher, and that which He revealed to John, we are to tax our minds to understand and clearly to define. We are facing the most important issues that men have been called upon to meet. CW ??

In these first disciples was presented marked diversity. They were to be the worlds teachers, and they represented widely varied types of character. In order successfully to carry forward the work to which they had been called, these men, differing in natural characteristics and habits of life, needed to come into unity of feeling, thought, and action. This unity it was Christ's object to secure. To this end He sought to bring them into unity with Himself. The burden of His labor for them is expressed in His prayer to His Father, "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us; that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved Me" John 17 21,23. His constant prayer for them was that they might be sanctified through the truth; and He prayed with assurance, knowing that an Almighty decree had been given before the world was made. Read chapter 2, Training the Twelve. {AA 20.2}

The law and the gospel go hand in hand. The one is the complement of the other. The law without faith in the gospel of Christ cannot save the transgressor of law. The gospel without the law is inefficient and powerless. The law and the gospel are a perfect whole. The Lord Jesus laid the foundation of the building, and He lays "the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it." Zech. 4:7. He is the Author and Finisher of our faith, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. The two blended—the gospel of Christ and the law of God—produce the love and faith unfeigned. {1888 Materials. EGW. Chap. 100 - Diary Entries. 783.2}

Mark. 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; Rom. 1:9,16
1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Luke. 20:1 And it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders,
Acts. 20:24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

1Cor. 15:17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. *(raised in new of life)*

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

2 Cor. 9:13 While by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;

11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

Eph. 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the *mystery of the gospel.*

Col. 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this *mystery* among the Gentiles; *which is Christ in you, the hope of glory;* Heb. 6:1:

1:28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

John. 4:2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ *is come in the flesh* is of God:

4:3 And every spirit that *confesseth not* that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

Rev. 10:7:

Phil. 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast *in one spirit, with one mind* striving together for the faith of the gospel;

1Thess. 2:2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God *with much contention.*

2:3 For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

2:4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; *not as pleasing men, but God,* which trieth our hearts.

2 Thess. 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and *that obey not the gospel* of our Lord Jesus Christ: Heb. 10:26. Jude 1:4.

1Peter 1:12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the *gospel* unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

1:13 *Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober,* and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1:14 *As obedient* children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:
1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;
1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.
1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:
1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;
1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:
1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,
1:21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.
1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:
1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.
1:24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:
1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

Rev. 14:6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.
14:8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.
14:9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,
14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:
14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.
14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

It is at the time that the third angels is seen flying in the midst of heaven, proclaiming: "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation." "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." In marked contrast to the world stands the little company who will not swerve from their allegiance to God. These are they of whom Isaiah speaks as repairing the breach which has been made in the law of God, they who are building the old waste places, raising up the foundations of many generations. {ST, November 1, 1899.6}

The most solemn warning and the most awful threatening ever addressed to mortals is that contained in the third angel's message. The sin that calls down the wrath of God unmixed with mercy must be of the most heinous character. Is the world left in darkness as to the nature of this sin?--Most assuredly not. God does not deal thus with His creatures. His wrath is never visited upon sins of ignorance. Before His judgments are to brought upon the earth, the light in regard to this sin must be presented to the world, that man may know why these judgments are to be inflicted, and may have an opportunity to escape them. {ST, November 1, 1899 par. 6,7}
Mark. 4:11 And he said unto them, Unto you is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

1Cor. 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Rom. 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like 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. 6:23
6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:
6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Eph. 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Ps. 119:172 "all thy commandments are righteousness."

Col.3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Gen. 1:26.

1 Peter. 4:1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;
4:2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

But What Is Sin?

1John 3:4 Whosoever committeeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Rom. 7:7 What shall we say then? is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. Ex. 20:3-17!

Do we know?

Rom. 4:15 where no law is, there is no transgression.

If we are not under the Ten Commandments there is no need for a Saviour.

1 John. 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. (not the law).
3:6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.
3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is
righteous.
3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.
3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.
Rom. 11:27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.