

# God's Original Purpose for the Nation of Israel [S8]

## -Looking at the Broad Picture-

*\*Please Remember to Pray for Wisdom Before You Begin*

- 1.) After Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sinned, what did God in his mercy promise them that would give them hope for salvation? **Genesis 3:15** *And I will put \_\_\_\_\_ between thee [Satan] and the woman, and between thy \_\_\_\_\_ and her \_\_\_\_\_; it shall \_\_\_\_\_ thy head, and thou shalt bruise his \_\_\_\_\_.* **NOTE: Since Satan used the medium of the snake, he (Satan) was the one that God was addressing at this point. The deadly virus of sin had taken root in our world and God devised a plan and solution to draw mankind's loyalty back to Himself and save him from sin. According to the book of Revelation the plan of salvation was a plan already in place before the world began in case this tragedy should happen. (see 1 Peter 1:19,20; Rev.13:8)**
- 2.) After many, many centuries of sin and rebellion spreading over all the earth what did God see as He beheld the condition of our world infected by sin? **Genesis 6:11-13** *The earth also was \_\_\_\_\_ before God, and the earth was \_\_\_\_\_ with violence. 12 And God looked upon the \_\_\_\_\_, and, behold, it was \_\_\_\_\_; for \_\_\_\_\_ flesh had \_\_\_\_\_ his way upon the earth. 13 And God said unto Noah, The \_\_\_\_\_ of all \_\_\_\_\_ is come before me; for the earth is filled with \_\_\_\_\_ through them; and, behold, I will \_\_\_\_\_ them with the \_\_\_\_\_.* **NOTE: Imagine the grief and heartbrokenness of God as He saw how damaged and marred our world had become. Sin and unrepentant, rebellious sinners would have to be destroyed. But He didn't give up because He had made a tender, loving promise to Adam and Eve. He would start over so to speak. Fortunately, He had Noah and his family who were loyal to Him and He used them as a means of escape from the coming world-wide flood and they would repopulate our world all over again. Keep in mind that a vicious devil and demons (fallen & rebellious angels) were at war with God and trying to secure the allegiance of the human race on their side. But God had a plan! [See the study on "The Universe is Watching Us!"]**
- 3.) God chose a special man who chose to be loyal to God and whom God could trust. Who was this man? **Genesis 12:1-3** *Now the LORD had said unto \_\_\_\_\_, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a \_\_\_\_\_ that I will shew thee: 2 And I will \_\_\_\_\_ of thee a great \_\_\_\_\_, and I will bless thee, and make thy \_\_\_\_\_ great; and thou shalt be a \_\_\_\_\_: 3 And I will \_\_\_\_\_ them that bless thee, and curse him that \_\_\_\_\_ thee: and in thee shall \_\_\_\_\_ families of the \_\_\_\_\_ be blessed.* **NOTE: God would form a special group of people just for Himself who would not only be obedient and loyal to Him but through them they would witness and communicate His love, salvation and truth to the rest of the world in the surrounding nations. But most importantly, He would have a special people with whom He would**

**send His Son in the flesh and pay for the penalty of the sins of the world.**

**4.) What special covenant agreement did God make with Abram? Genesis 17:7-8** *And I will establish my covenant \_\_\_\_\_ me and thee and thy \_\_\_\_\_ after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a \_\_\_\_\_ unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. 8 And I will \_\_\_\_\_ unto thee, and to thy \_\_\_\_\_ after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of \_\_\_\_\_, for an everlasting \_\_\_\_\_; and I will be their God. Genesis 22:17,18* *That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy \_\_\_\_\_ shall possess the gate of his \_\_\_\_\_; 18 And in thy \_\_\_\_\_ shall all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth be \_\_\_\_\_; because thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ my voice. NOTE: God's ultimate overall plan was to send His Son Jesus as the Messiah who would come and rescue the human race (those who would choose Him). Actually the whole human race including the lost and the wicked would benefit from Jesus coming because a life of probationary time would be given to many while receiving many temporal blessings during this time. That's why Jesus said of God, "He sends the sun (and rain) on the just as well as the unjust." Jesus would come through the Jewish line and live an exemplary life, die to pay for our sins and ultimately restore us to Paradise again.*

**5.) What special truth does the Apostle Paul bring out from these passages of scripture? Galatians 3:14,16** *That the blessing of Abraham might come on the \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through \_\_\_\_\_ . 16 Now to Abraham and his \_\_\_\_\_ were the promises made. He saith not, And to \_\_\_\_\_, as of many; but as of \_\_\_\_\_, And to thy seed, which is \_\_\_\_\_ . NOTE: According to the Apostle Paul, Jesus would be the SEED (singular) that would bring not only blessings but redemption to Israel and to the world in general.*

**6.) Are there sometimes conditions when God predicts or makes a prophecy either good or bad regarding a nation(s) or a people group? Jeremiah 18:6 -10** *O house of \_\_\_\_\_, cannot I do with you as this \_\_\_\_\_ ? saith the LORD. Behold, as the \_\_\_\_\_ is in the potter's hand, \_\_\_\_\_ are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. 7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a \_\_\_\_\_, and concerning a \_\_\_\_\_, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to \_\_\_\_\_ it; 8 \_\_\_\_\_ that nation, against whom I have \_\_\_\_\_, turn \_\_\_\_\_ their evil, I will repent of the evil that I \_\_\_\_\_ to do unto them. 9 And at what instant I shall \_\_\_\_\_ concerning a \_\_\_\_\_, and concerning a \_\_\_\_\_, to build and to plant it; 10 \_\_\_\_\_ it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, \_\_\_\_\_ I will repent of the good, wherewith I \_\_\_\_\_ I would \_\_\_\_\_ them. NOTE: This two-letter word "if" makes these types of prophecies conditional –very important! The story of Jonah prophesying about Nineveh being over-thrown is a good example. When they repented they were spared, not destroyed.*

**7.) Israel was to be a special nation ordained of God to be a special witness in the world of**

**God's love, redemption and truth. But were there conditions laid down for them being used and blessed by God? Deuteronomy 28:1-2** *And it shall come to pass, \_\_\_\_\_ thou shalt hearken \_\_\_\_\_ unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to \_\_\_\_\_ and to do all his \_\_\_\_\_ which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on \_\_\_\_\_ above \_\_\_\_\_ nations of the earth: 2 And all these \_\_\_\_\_ shall come on thee, and overtake thee, \_\_\_\_\_ thou shalt hearken unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD thy God. Deuteronomy 4:27-30* *And the LORD shall \_\_\_\_\_ you among the nations, and ye shall be left \_\_\_\_\_ in number among the \_\_\_\_\_, whither the LORD shall lead you. 28 And there ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ gods, the \_\_\_\_\_ of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. 29 But \_\_\_\_\_ from thence thou shalt \_\_\_\_\_ the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, \_\_\_\_\_ thou seek him with \_\_\_\_\_ thy \_\_\_\_\_ and with all thy soul. 30 When thou art in \_\_\_\_\_, and all these things are \_\_\_\_\_ upon thee, \_\_\_\_\_ in the latter days, \_\_\_\_\_ thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be \_\_\_\_\_ unto his voice;*

**NOTE: The big "if" word obviously makes this promise to Israel conditional. Many people overlook this fact. God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and infinite in every good aspect of His character. The only thing He is limited on is our own free choices. This, He will never violate! This is the reason there are so many conditional promises and even certain conditional prophecies in the Bible. If we don't understand this vital point, we could make serious blunders in our study of God's Word and have great misunderstanding in the way we interpret even Bible Prophecy! Much of the "Christian world" is making serious blunders in their assessment of Israel in end-time prophecy. No wonder the Bible says that most of the world will be deceived!**

**8.) What special purpose did God have for Israel and its influence and witness to others?**

**Isaiah 66:12, 18, 19** *For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend \_\_\_\_\_ to her like a river, and the glory of the \_\_\_\_\_ like a \_\_\_\_\_ stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. 18 For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all \_\_\_\_\_ and tongues; and they \_\_\_\_\_ come, and see my \_\_\_\_\_. 19 And I will set a \_\_\_\_\_ among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not \_\_\_\_\_ my fame, neither have \_\_\_\_\_ my glory; and they shall \_\_\_\_\_ my glory \_\_\_\_\_ the Gentiles. NOTE: Israel was designed to be a powerful influence on the heathen world to reflect God's glory [character]. Satan, the enemy of God was trying to extend his influence over the world and largely succeeding (for a while), but God was endeavoring to work through His chosen people and ultimately bring salvation to a lost world.*

**9.) During King Solomon's prayer of dedication for God's newly built temple, what did Solomon petition God for in behalf of the non-Israelites or strangers that happened to come or stay awhile amongst God's people the Israelites? 1Kings 8:41-43** *Moreover concerning a \_\_\_\_\_, that is not of thy \_\_\_\_\_ Israel, but cometh out of a*

\_\_\_\_\_ country for thy \_\_\_\_\_ sake; **42** (For they shall \_\_\_\_\_ of thy great \_\_\_\_\_, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched-out arm;) when he shall come and \_\_\_\_\_ toward this house; **43** \_\_\_\_\_ thou in \_\_\_\_\_ thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger \_\_\_\_\_ to thee for: that \_\_\_\_\_ people of the \_\_\_\_\_ may \_\_\_\_\_ thy name, to fear thee, \_\_\_\_\_ do thy people Israel; and that they may know that this \_\_\_\_\_, which I have builded, is \_\_\_\_\_ by thy name. **NOTE: It is very clear from this inspired prayer of Solomon, that God had lofty desires and plans to save as many souls from around the world as possible and use Israel as His instrument of Divine mercy in the salvation of these souls.**

**10.) Again, what was God's desire for Israel? Isaiah 49:6** And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my \_\_\_\_\_ to raise up the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jacob, and to \_\_\_\_\_ the preserved of \_\_\_\_\_: I will also give thee for a \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_, that thou mayest be my \_\_\_\_\_ unto the end of the \_\_\_\_\_. **Malachi 1:11** For from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sun even unto the \_\_\_\_\_ down of the \_\_\_\_\_ my name shall be \_\_\_\_\_ among the Gentiles; and in \_\_\_\_\_ place incense shall be offered unto my \_\_\_\_\_, and a pure offering: for my name shall be \_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_, saith the LORD of hosts. **NOTE: Gentiles were non-Israelites usually ignorant of God's ways and will. Since God is no respecter of persons as the Bible says and He is not willing that any should perish, the scriptures are very clear that God desires to save any and every person that He can. Since Satan the enemy of God uses evil and hateful men to accomplish his evil designs in the earth, so does God often use human instrumentality to accomplish His just and righteous purposes. But God is also dependent on His people to be faithful and obedient to Him. But because of people's free-will, sometimes they rebel and turn from God which is what Israel and Judah did over and over again. God's people were continually falling back into apostasy. Old Testament history is full of this account that has been recorded down for us.**

**11.) Is there a limit to God's mercy and grace even to his rebellious, backsliding people? Genesis 6:3** And the LORD said, My \_\_\_\_\_ shall not \_\_\_\_\_ strive with \_\_\_\_\_, for that he also is flesh: **2Thessalonians 2:10-12** And with all deceivableness of \_\_\_\_\_ in them that \_\_\_\_\_; because they received not the love of the \_\_\_\_\_, that they might be \_\_\_\_\_. **11** And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: **12** That they all might be \_\_\_\_\_ who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. **NOTE: There is a limit to God's forbearance no matter who it is. But God bore long with Israel of old for many centuries because there were many generations involved and there were scattered numbers who were faithful to the LORD. But as for the whole nation with its leadership it was rare.**

**12.) Was there a time-prophecy warning of the limit of Jewish probation? Daniel 9:24** \_\_\_\_\_ weeks are \_\_\_\_\_ upon thy \_\_\_\_\_ and upon thy \_\_\_\_\_ city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make

reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. **NOTE: 70 X 7 days in a week is 490. A day in Bible prophecy is symbolic of a year. (see study "The Seventy Week Prophecy & the Messiah" for fuller study on Messianic prophecy) The word "determined" in Hebrew means "to cut off." If God's people proved unfaithful after Jesus came, they would receive 3 ½ more years after Jesus resurrected and ascended to heaven. With 457 B.C. being the starting point, they were given 490 years. Does the number 490 (seventy times seven) sound familiar elsewhere in the Bible? Check it out in question # 13 below.**

- 13.) Where else do we see the number 70 x 7? Notice how this incident leads Jesus right into an interesting parable –the parable of the debtor. **Matthew 18:21-23** Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother \_\_\_\_\_ against me, and I \_\_\_\_\_ him? till \_\_\_\_\_ times? **22** Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until \_\_\_\_\_. **23** Therefore is the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_ likened unto a certain king, which would take \_\_\_\_\_ of his servants. **NOTE: Now keep in mind that one of the basic points Jesus was trying to make is that no matter how many times our brother offends us we should always have a forgiving spirit toward that individual. But there are likely deeper truths to be gleaned here. We have already seen from scripture that there is a limit to God's longsuffering. Eventually sin must justly be punished. When every other means has been exhausted to win the sinner back –judgment must eventually commence. Let's continue with the study.**
- 14.) What would happen to Israel and how prominent would the Gentiles become? **Romans 11:25** For I would not, brethren, that ye should be \_\_\_\_\_ of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that \_\_\_\_\_ in part is happened to \_\_\_\_\_, until the fullness of the \_\_\_\_\_ be come in. **NOTE: In the verse after this it mentions "all Israel will be saved," but when we understand what the word "Israel" means in the spiritual New Testament way, it makes perfect sense. (When finished with this lesson, make sure you study the Lesson "True Israel"). What God is really interested in, is saving the human race, not trying to exclusively play favorites with a certain genetic line of people. Remember, He set aside the Jewish people as a special people who were to be obedient and loyal to Him and use them as His appointed agents to be ambassadors of His love, salvation and grace. Unfortunately, they failed to live up to their holy calling.**
- 15.) What very interesting parable did Jesus give about God's people Israel? **Matthew 21:33-41,43** Hear another \_\_\_\_\_: There was a certain \_\_\_\_\_, which planted a \_\_\_\_\_, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a \_\_\_\_\_, and let it out to \_\_\_\_\_, and went into a \_\_\_\_\_ country: **34** And when the time of the \_\_\_\_\_ drew near, he sent his \_\_\_\_\_ to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. **35** And the \_\_\_\_\_ took his servants, and \_\_\_\_\_ one, and \_\_\_\_\_ another, and \_\_\_\_\_ another. **36** Again, he sent other

\_\_\_\_\_ more than the first: and they did unto them \_\_\_\_\_. **37** But last of all he sent unto them his \_\_\_\_\_, saying, they will reverence my \_\_\_\_\_. **38** But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, this is the heir; come, let us \_\_\_\_\_ him, and let us seize on his inheritance. **39** And they caught him, and cast him out of the \_\_\_\_\_, and slew him. **40** When the \_\_\_\_\_ therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen? **41** They say unto him, He will miserably \_\_\_\_\_ those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto \_\_\_\_\_ husbandmen, which \_\_\_\_\_ render him the fruits in their seasons . . . . **43** Therefore say I unto you, The \_\_\_\_\_ of God shall be \_\_\_\_\_ from you, and given to a \_\_\_\_\_ bringing forth the \_\_\_\_\_ thereof. **NOTE: The Householder is God who planted a vineyard, a place to grow His chosen people. Rev. 14 talks about a harvest of people good and bad at the end of the world, likening it to a grape vineyard. His people are "hedged about" with His moral law the 10 commandments. The tower would represent His earthly sanctuary that all would look to – to learn the way of salvation. Revelation. 11:18 says this– "and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets." Many of these servants (prophets) were persecuted and even killed during all the great apostasy of Israel. Finally, the Householder sent His Son which they ended up killing. What happens at the end of this parable? The husbandmen (rulers and religious leaders) would be destroyed (this happened in A.D. 70 in the destruction of Jerusalem). Then God's kingdom was given to another group of people (the Christian Church). Now notice verse 43 – "taken from you and given to a 'nation' bringing forth the fruit thereof." Let's look at more scripture coming up.**

**16.) What further shocking statement did Jesus make regarding the Jewish people? Matthew 8:11-12** And I say unto you, That \_\_\_\_\_ shall come from the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and shall sit down \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of \_\_\_\_\_. **12** But the children of the \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_ out into outer \_\_\_\_\_: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. **NOTE: It's becoming quite clear that God desires to save a people who are loyal and obedient to Him. Remember at the very beginning of this study how the entrance of sin came about by a seemingly little disobedient act [Adam & Eve] to a command of God. It let in a floodgate of evil ever after that. Sin is like a virus that God must ultimately obliterate from this world before He makes it over new.**

**17.) According to Jesus how does justice finally catch up when mercy's invitation keeps being resisted and pushed away? Matthew 23:34-38** Wherefore, behold, I \_\_\_\_\_ unto you \_\_\_\_\_, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall \_\_\_\_\_ and crucify; and some of them shall ye \_\_\_\_\_ in your synagogues, and \_\_\_\_\_ them from city to city: **35** That \_\_\_\_\_ you may come \_\_\_\_\_ the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom \_\_\_\_\_ slew between the temple and the altar. **36** \_\_\_\_\_ I say unto you, All these things shall

come upon \_\_\_\_\_ generation. **37** O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye \_\_\_\_\_ not! **38** Behold, \_\_\_\_\_ house is left unto you \_\_\_\_\_. **NOTE: This last verse -38 was a serious declaration made by Jesus that their temple was made "desolate." Sounds like similar language used by the prophet Daniel –Dan. 9:27 "and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."**

**18.) What was Jesus' reaction and what did He say when He beheld Jerusalem as He was riding on the colt of a donkey? Luke 19:41-44** And when he was come near, he beheld the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ over it, **42** Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy \_\_\_\_\_ ! But now they are \_\_\_\_\_ from thine eyes. **43** For the days \_\_\_\_\_ come upon thee, that thine \_\_\_\_\_ shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, **44** And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest \_\_\_\_\_ the time of thy visitation. **NOTE: Jesus knew that the end of Jewish probation was near because He knew the prophecy of Daniel ch. 9. Jesus was referring to the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. Daniel 9 prophesied of this.**

**19.) What did the prophet Daniel say about this? Daniel 9:26,27** And after threescore and two weeks shall \_\_\_\_\_ be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall \_\_\_\_\_ the city and the \_\_\_\_\_; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war \_\_\_\_\_ are determined. **27** And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one \_\_\_\_\_: and in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. **NOTE: 1 week prophetically is 7 years and that is the time from Jesus' anointing by the Holy Spirit at His baptism to the stoning of Stephen in A.D. 34 when that marked the event of the Gospel going to the Gentiles. Jerusalem and the temple was massively destroyed in A.D. 70. The Hebrew nation's cup of iniquity had become full. This means they were no longer God's called out people and a "show-case" of His representatives to the world.**

**20.) Notice the powerful statement that the Apostle Paul and Barnabas made about Israel. Acts 13:46, 47** Then Paul and Barnabas waxed \_\_\_\_\_, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should \_\_\_\_\_ have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it \_\_\_\_\_ you, and judge yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the \_\_\_\_\_. **47** For so hath the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ us, saying, I have set thee to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, that thou shouldest be for \_\_\_\_\_ unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth. **What did Paul say about the Gentiles? Ephesians 3:6** That the

Gentiles should be \_\_\_\_\_, and of the same \_\_\_\_\_, and partakers of his \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ by the gospel: **NOTE: Israel as a nation had finally forfeited their role as God's representatives by their own persistent rebellion and idolatry. God is no respecter of people. He was now raising the early Christian church to be His ambassadors to the world. Many modern Christians believe that Israel plays a prominent role in end-time events but they are mistakenly wrong. The Bible is very clear that literal Israel has no significance any more. Spiritual Israel will play a very significant role in the end of time. God still has a special people, but it is not literal Israel but Spiritual Israel. Please study the next lesson "True Israel" and this point will be made very clear! In fact, the next lesson is like dynamite!! You will not look at this topic ever the same again. Be prepared for shocking Bible truth!! It is recommended that you enter the next Lesson study with an open heart and prayerful attitude. You will be astounded!**

## Brief Quiz

### Circle One

- 1.) True/False – Abraham fathered a people who would be a whole nation that were to be representatives of God to the rest of the world.
- 2.) True/False – Some prophecies and predictions in the Bible are conditional and we should be careful how we interpret them.
- 3.) True/False – Much of the history of Israel deals with their strong loyalty and obedience to God and being powerful, efficient missionaries to the heathen.
- 4.) True/False – Part of God's plan for having a nation of people who serve Him was to have an environment for His beloved Son to be born into.
- 5.) True/False – The destruction and desolation of Jerusalem was prophesied in Daniel 9.
- 6.) True/False – In the time prophecy of Daniel ch. 9, -490 days (years) probationary time was given for God's people to repent and wholly turn to Him.
- 7.) True/False – The teachings and parables of Jesus taught that the Jews would always and forever be God's chosen people no matter what.
- 8.) True/False – True (spiritual) Israel consists of Christians who have accepted Jesus as the Messiah and Savior and are obedient to all of God's commandments.

## *My Response*

*Since God's people of old failed to live up to their high calling to be a special people to share God's love and will with others, I desire to be faithful to the LORD, to accept His salvation and be part of a Bible-believing, commandment-keeping fellowship that will follow Jesus wherever He leads.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



