Clips from Psalms
Psalms 116:14-16
Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death

"17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord. 18 I will pay my vows unto Jehovah, yea, in the presence of all his people, 19 in the courts of God's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise God."

Religious Clothing and Jewelry

We live in a very religious world that has not spent time reading the Bible. As we drive around town we see cars with the fish symbol.

As we go to work and school we see people wearing religious shirts and jewelry.

As we turn on the television we see people wearing religious garments.
We may say, as the Apostle Paul, that we perceive that the world we live in is very religious (see Acts 17:22). The problem with many people is not a zeal for God but rather it's their lack of knowledge (see Romans 10:2).

Faith in God is not made manifest by a religious shirt with a Bible verse on it. Faith in God is not displayed in wearing crosses. Neither is my faith in God made mad evident to God and the world by putting a fish symbol on my car.

I can confidently say that according to the Bible one's faith is not made evident by the things he wears. Jesus said, "27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like unto whitened sepulchers, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. 28 Even so you also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity" (Matthew 23:27-28 see also Matthew 23:5). Jesus said that the Pharisees have nothing but calamity to look forward to because they have spent valuable time making their outward appearance look Godly. The problem was that these men were actually living in sin.

Very evil people can put on Jesus shirts, attend Christian rock concerts, wear crosses and tattoo their bodies with crucifixes. The truly righteous or faithful to God will not make their faith known to the world by a shirt, necklace or tattoo. Godly people manifest their faith in God by their obedience to the gospel (see John 3:36 and Hebrews 11 all).

"1 A wise son hears his father's instruction; But a scoffer hears not rebuke. 2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth; But the soul of the treacherous shall eat violence. 3 He that guards his mouth keeps his life; But he that opens wide his lips shall have destruction. 4 The soul of the sluggard desires, and hates nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat. 5 A righteous man hates lying; But a wicked man is loathsome, and cometh to shame. 6 Righteousness guards him that is upright in the way; But wickedness overthrows the sinner. 7 There is that makes himself rich, yet has nothing: There is that makes himself poor, yet has great wealth. 8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches; But the poor hears no threatening. 9 The light of the righteous rejoices; But the lamp of the wicked shall be put out. 10 By pride cometh only contention; But with the well-advised is wisdom. 11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished; But he that gathers by labor shall have increase. 12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick; But when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life. 13 Whoso despises the word brings destruction on himself; But he that fears the commandment shall be rewarded. 14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, That one may depart from the snares of death. 15 Good understanding gives favor; But the way of the transgressor is hard. 16 Every prudent man works with knowledge; But a fool flaunts his folly. 17 A wicked messenger falls into evil; But a faithful ambassador is health. 18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuses correction; But he that regards reproof shall be honored. 19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul; But it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil. 20 Walk with wise men, and you shall be wise; But the companion of fools shall smart for it. 21 Evil pursues sinners; But the righteous shall be recompensed with good. 22 A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children; And the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the righteous. 23 Much food is in the tillage of the poor; But there is that is destroyed by reason of injustice. 24 He that spares his rod hates his son; But he that loves him chastens him betimes. 25 The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul; But the belly of the wicked shall want."