

## PREAMBLE

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From the First Book of Moses called

### GENESIS

Chapter 1. Verse 1.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

### **The Gettysburg Address**

The Gettysburg Address was delivered by President Abraham Lincoln, on November 19, 1863, at the dedication of the National Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the site of one of the bloodiest battles of the American Civil War (July, 1863). The text of the speech is as follows:

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us--that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion--that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

-- Abraham Lincoln

November 19, 1863

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From the Book of John in the New Testament

### JOHN

Chapter 3. Verse 16, 17.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

### 1 JOHN

Chapter 4. Verse 2, 3.

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

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

### HEBREWS

Chapter 13. Verse 20, 21.

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,

Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.