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Important Verses

ESSENCE OF GOD (See "Attributes of God" & Definitions)

Sovereignty, Righteousness, Justice, Love, Omniscience, Omnipotence, Omnipresence, Veracity, Immutability, Eternal Life

Lamentations 3:23: They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!

Philippians 1:6: Being confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

1John 4:4: Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world!!

1John 2:1 – My children, I am writing these things to you that you might not sin. But if any do sin, we have a Defence Attorney, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, who speaks on our behalf.

Hebrews 12:1-3: Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses before us (OT Saints, ref from Hebrews 11; & spectators of our spiritual life), let us also lay aside every encumbrance of sin which so easily entangles us. And let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eye on the author & perfecter of our faith. Who, for the joy set before Him, endured the Cross, despising the shame and has sat down at the right Hand of the Throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostilities, by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart.

Ephesians 6:19: Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me.....

Ephesians 6:20: for which I am an Ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly [and correctly], as I should.

Psalms 118:24: This is the day that the Lord hath made, let us be glad & rejoice in it!!

Ecclesiastes 7:14: When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other. (Nothing happens by accident!)

Psalms 118:23: The LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes..

Luke 3:5: Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.

Philippians 4:13: I can do all things – anything, through Christ who keeps on pouring the power into me.

****Exodus 33:15: If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.*

****Deuteronomy 1:33: (The Lord your God), who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, to search out places for you to camp and to show you the way you should go.*

Exodus 14:13-14: Moses said to the people, Do not fear! Stand by! And see the deliverance of The Lord which He will accomplish for you today!! For the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU WHILE YOU KEEP SILENT!!

Hebrews 11:8-9: By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

*Psalm 62:11-12a: One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are **powerful**, and that you, O Lord, are **loving**.*

Psalm 23:5: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

*Ephesians 6: (See “Armour of God”) **Physical courage will not sustain you; but the Belt of Truth; Breastplate of Righteousness; Feet shod with the Readiness that comes from the Gospel of Peace; Shield of Faith; Helmet of Salvation; Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. And Pray in the Spirit!***

Honouring God:

1Samuel.2:30 (c): Those who honour Me I will honour, but those who despise Me will be disdained.

John.12:26: Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

Apostolic Commissioning:

*John. 20:21: Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”; Jn. 20:22 And with that **He breathed on them** and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.*

Tom’s verse: *John 21:18: I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not wish to go.*

In honour of Tim Tebow, whose favourite is: *Philippians 4:8-9: The Apostle Paul writes, “whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **noble**, whatever things are **just**, whatever things are **pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are of **good report**, if there is any **virtue** and if there is anything **praiseworthy** – meditate on these things... and the God of peace will be with you.”*

Brooke & Blake’s favourite verses: *Jeremiah. 29:11 & 12: “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord; “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Verse 12 - Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”*

(This was taken from the John Darby’s notes sent to all my friends.)

*He who touches you, touches the apple of my eye (Zechariah 2:8). **Because you are precious and valuable in My eye "It is because of Me that this happened." I am the God of circumstances. It is no accident that you are in the place where you are. Rather, I have chosen this place for you. (See Deuteronomy 1:33)***

Seven things God hates: Proverbs.6:16-19

Proverbs 6:16: There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him:

Proverbs 6:17-19: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

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Wisdom

James 1:5: If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

Romans 11:33: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

Daniel 12:3: *And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.*

Colossians 3:16: *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

Galatians 4:9: *But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?*

Ephesians 5:15-17: *Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

Job 12:12-13: *Wisdom is with the aged, and understanding in length of days. "With God are wisdom and might; he has counsel and understanding.*

Luke 21:a5: *For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.*

Jeremiah 9:24: *But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."*

Ecclesiastes 8:1: *Who is like the wise? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face shine, and the hardness of his face is changed.*

2Timothy 2:7: *Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.*

Colossians 2:8: *See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.*

1Corinthians 1:17-26: *For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.*

1Corinthians 3:18-20: *Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile."*

Romans 12:2: *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Isaiah 5:21: *Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight!*

Proverbs 3:13-18: *Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding, for the gain from her is better than gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.*

Proverbs 10:23: *Doing wrong is like a joke to a fool, but wisdom is pleasure to a man of understanding.*

Proverbs 12:15: *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.*

Proverbs 18:15: *An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.*

Proverbs 24:3-7: *By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is full of strength, and a man of knowledge enhances his might, for by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory. Wisdom is too high for a fool; in the gate he does not open his mouth.*

Proverbs 17:10: *A rebuke goes deeper into a man of understanding than a hundred blows into a fool*

Proverbs 14:16: *One who is wise is cautious and turns away from evil, but a fool is reckless and careless.*

Proverbs 1:7: *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Proverbs 3:5: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding*

Proverbs 18:1: *Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.*

Proverbs 12:1: *Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.*

Proverbs 13:20: *Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.*

Proverbs 9:9-12: *Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years will be added to your life. If you are wise, you are wise for yourself; if you scoff, you alone will bear it.*

Proverbs 2:6: *For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;*

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Sin

Pre-Salvation Sin

1Peter 3:18: *For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,*

Romans 3:23-24: *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

Romans 5:12-21:

Romans 5:12 *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man (Adam), and death & condemnation through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned —*

Romans 5:15 *But the gift of God (Christ's work on the Cross) is not like the trespass. For if many died (spiritual death) by the trespass of the one man (Adam), how much more did God's grace and the Gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!*

Romans 5:17 *For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.*

Romans 5:19 - *For just as through the disobedience of the one man (Adam) the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man (Jesus Christ) the many will be made righteous.*

Romans 5:21 - *So that, just as sin reigned in death, so also Grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*

Post-Salvation Sin

Ecclesiastes 7:20: *There is not a righteous man (believer in Christ) on earth who does what is right and never sins.*

Examples of believers, "righteous men" who sinned; and some continued in their sin:

David, Moses, Solomon, all the Kings & Judges of Israel, and many others....

Abraham's nephew, Lot - **Gen.19:8** – Lot offers his daughters to the men of Sodom; then later, Lot gets drunk and his daughters sleep with him – **Gen.19:30-38**. Yet, he is still called a "righteous" man in **2Peter 2:7**

Christ called Peter a "stumbling block," when Peter actually rebuked Christ in Matthew 16:22-23

Peter denies Christ three times – Luke 22:54-62

The disciples argue in their arrogant competitiveness to be the greatest in heaven – Luke 9:46

Post-Salvation Sin – (John is speaking to Believers, Christians, calling them "Children of God" –

[EX: 1John 3:1: *How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!]*

1John 2:1: My dear children (believers), I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin (as we will all sin, even after salvation), we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence — Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Hebrews 4:15: For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are — yet was without sin.

Hebrews 4:16: Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Romans 6:6-8: For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, [Or be rendered powerless] that we should no longer be slaves to sin — because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

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, His Son, purifies us from all [Or every] sin.

1John 1:8: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1John 1:9: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 Corinthians 10:13: No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; And God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it.

(This is where one can use 1 John 1:9, as He has promised!)

1Peter 3:18: For Christ died for sins **once for all**, for the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit

Psalms 139:23-24: Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

1 John 1:9: If we name our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalms 103:12: As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Psalms 103:10: He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

Isaiah 53:6: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Romans 3:23 - For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

Hebrews 12:3-4: For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart. You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin.

Isaiah 53:6: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on Him (Jesus Christ) the iniquity of us all.

Colossians 2:13-14: When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, [Or your flesh] God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; **He took it away, nailing it to the cross.**

Exodus 34:5-7: **God's Grace does not overlook sin, it punishes sin**

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Discipline - Sin will not go unpunished; there will be consequences

Exodus 34:6-7: **God's Grace does not overlook sin, it punishes sin.**

Proverbs 3:11&12: *My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent His rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, as a father the son he delights in.*

Hebrews 10:30b-31: *The Lord will judge His people. It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the Living God*

1 Corinthians 3:13: *Man's work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.*

Ephesians 4:30-31: *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.*

1 Corinthians 11:31-32: *But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment (discipline). When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.*

Hebrews 12:5-6: *And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those He loves, and He punishes everyone He accepts as a son."*

Hebrews 12:7: *Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?*

Hebrews 12:8: *If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.*

Hebrews 12:9: *Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live!*

Hebrews 12:10: *Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good that we may share in His holiness.*

Hebrews 12:11: *No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*

Exodus 34:7: *Maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. **Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished**; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."*

Proverbs 6:29: *So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no-one who touches her will go unpunished.*

Colossians 3:25: *For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.*

Hebrews 12:5-6: *My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reprovved by Him. For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.*

Job 5: 17-18: *Behold, how happy is the man whom God reprovves, So do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. For He inflicts pain, and gives relief; He wounds, and His hands also heal.*

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Examples of Discipline

Exodus 34:7: *...Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished*

The Flood during Noah's time: *Genesis 5:32 – 10:1*

Sodom & Gomorrah: *Genesis 19:24: Then the LORD rained down burning sulphur on Sodom and Gomorrah — from the LORD out of the heavens.*

The Exodus Generation not being allowed to enter the Promised Land: *Numbers 14:23: Not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their forefathers. No-one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it (The Promised Land). (There were two exceptions – Caleb & Joshua, who never lost faith in their Lord).*

The Leprosy of Miriam: Numbers 12:1-16: Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses.... The anger of the Lord burned against them, and He left them. When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam — leprous

The Leprosy of Gehazi: 2 Kings Chapter 5..... vs.27: Then Gehazi went from Elisha's presence and he was leprous, as white as snow.

The taunting of Elisha: 2 Kings 2:23-24: He turned round, looked at them and called down a curse on them in the name of the LORD. Then two bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths.

Ananias & Saphira: Acts 5:3-10: Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God." When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.....(As occurred with his wife)

Proverbs 6:29: *So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no-one who touches her will go unpunished.*

1John 5:17: All wrongdoing is sin, but there are sins that do not lead to death (physical death or known as "Sin unto death" - wilful, ongoing, unrepentant sin).

1Corinthians 11:30: That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep (die).

1Corinthians 11:31: But if we judged ourselves (and acknowledge our sins to God – 1John 1:9), we would not come under judgment (discipline).

Self-Induced Misery: Proverbs 23:7: As a man thinks in his heart, so he is !!

Abraham: Genesis 16: Abraham, listening to his wife, slept with Hagar, creating the entire Arab Race

David: He created his own misery in all of his sins that continued for years to come. (2 Samuel chapters 11 thru 20 tell the full story of David and all his bad decisions. Psalm 51 describes David's repentance.)

Judas: Matthew 27:1-10: Judas sold Christ for 30 pieces of silver; then in misery, went out and hanged himself

The Corinthian incestuous believer: 1 Corinthians 5

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****Sin Nature**

Romans 5:12: Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man (Adam), and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all have sinned (Paul is referring to the sin nature we inherited from Adam)

Romans 7:5: For when we were controlled by the sinful nature, [Or the flesh] the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death.

Romans 7:25: Thanks be to God — through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Galatians 5:13a: You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature

Galatians 5:17: For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.

Paul: Romans 7:18: I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

David: Psalm 51:5: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Isaiah 48:8b: Well do I know how treacherous you are; you were called a rebel from birth.

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Repentance:

Repentance is mentioned 21 times in the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark & Luke). This is mostly due to the context in which the Gospels were written in the early church, before Israel was destroyed in 70 AD. Israel was being warned, just as in the OT (Ezekiel.18:30-32; Jeremiah.3:12-14 & 22; 8:6; 18:8; 26:3; Deuteronomy.30:2) to Repent or they were going to be destroyed! The message was: “Repent – change your thinking about the Messiah and the coming Kingdom or you are going to be destroyed.” Now the Gospel of John uses no references to Repentance, only *Belief* and *Faith*. This is due primarily to the fact that John was written in 90AD, after the destruction of Israel in 70 AD – the damage was already done – and repentance was no longer an issue.

Belief in Christ in the New Age of the Church was now the ONLY issue, as was stated several times by Christ Himself.

John 3:16....Christ spoke to Nicodemus
John 3:18....whoever believes is not condemned.....
John 11:25..Christ spoke to Martha
John 9:35....Christ to the blind man
John 6:29....Christ to 5,000...work is to Believe
John 17:8....Christ prays....they believed
John 17:20..Christ prays....for those who will believe in Me
John 17:21..Christ prays....so the world may believe
Luke 7:50....Christ to prostitute...your sins are forgiven...faith saved you
Mark 9:42....Christ said...these little ones who believe in Me.....
John 4:39.....Christ with Samaritan woman.....many believe
John 8:24.....Christ...you will die in your sins if you do not believe
John 20:31...by believing you may have life in His Name
Acts 16:31..Paul to Jailer

BELIEVING in Christ, is the ONLY true Gospel!!

The word “Belief” is used 150 times in the bible

John 11:25-26a: I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies (physically); and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die (eternal life equals eternal security).

Acts 15:11: We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved.”

Acts 16:31: They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and your household

John 9:35: (Blind man) - Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

John 6:29: (500 unbeliever Jews seeking miracles vs.26-29) - Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent (Jesus Christ).

Romans 14:7-8: For not one of us lives for himself, and not one of us dies for himself. For if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s!!

Throughout the Ages, Old Testament, New Testament and current Day, there is only ONE Condition for Salvation – **Belief in Christ!**

Genesis 15:6: Abraham believed the Lord, and He credited it to him as righteousness.

Hebrews 11:7: By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Romans 4:23-24: The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him (Abraham) alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness, for us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.

Romans 4:3: What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

Galatians 3:6-9: Consider Abraham: “He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture then foresaw that God would justify the **Gentiles** by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “**All nations** will be blessed through you.” So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

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Salvation / Grace

Genesis 3:15 – This is called the “*Proto-Evangel*” – the first reference in the Bible to Jesus Christ and the Cross.

Genesis 3:15: And I will put enmity between you (satan) and the woman, and between your offspring and hers (Jesus Christ); He will crush [Or strike] your head, and you will strike His heel.

(Satan could only strike at Christ's heel = the crucifixion; but Christ rose triumphantly and is alive today and one day, He will cast satan into everlasting condemnation in hell = the crushing of satan's head!)

John 3:16-18: For God so loved the world that He gave His only and uniquely born Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name

Romans 5:8: God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 2:4-9:

Ephesians 2:4: But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy,

Ephesians 2:5: made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — **it is by grace you have been saved.**

Ephesians 2:6: And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Ephesians 2:7: In order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:8-9: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the Gift of God, not by works, so that no-one can boast.

Hebrews.12:2: Fixing our eyes on Him, the author and perfecter of our faith; who for the joy set before Him (serving mankind), He endured the Cross, despising the shame and has sat down at the right hand of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9: For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

John 8:23: You are of this world; I am not of this world!

John.8:24: Therefore, I have said to you that you will die in your sins, unless you believe that I am He!!

Galatians 2:16: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law shall no flesh be justified.

Isaiah 53:5: He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with his stripes we are healed.

John 14:6: I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE: NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME.

1Peter 3:18: For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit,

Christ did ALL the work of salvation on the Cross: John 19:30: IT IS FINISHED!!

1John 3:1: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Romans 5:15: But the gift of God (Christ's work on the Cross) is not like the trespass. For if many died (spiritual death) by the trespass of the one man (Adam), how much more did God's grace and the Gift that came by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

1Corinthians 1:17-26: For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

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Heirs & Joint Heirs

Romans 8:17: Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

John 1:12-13: Yet to all who received him, to those who **believed** in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, children born not of natural descent nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

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Eternal Life = Eternal Security

John 10:28 : And I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall pluck them out of My hand.

John 10:29-30: My Father, who has given them to me is greater than all and NO ONE is able to snatch them out of My Father's Hand!! I and My Father are One!!

John 6:37b: The one who comes to me I will never cast out.

Titus 1:2: This is the faith and knowledge resting on the confidence of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time

Numbers 23:19: God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfil?

1 Corinthians 13:7c: Virtue love is absolute confidence; absolute expectation in your near future and in your eternal future.

John 17:20-21: (Jesus Christ praying to the Father) My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, (vs.21) that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent Me.

1Thessalonians 4:17: After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

Romans 8:38-39: For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things future, nor height nor depth, nor any creature (man or angel) can separate us from the Love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

(This clarifies that just as there is nothing man can do to bring about his salvation, there is absolutely nothing that he can do to LOSE his salvation. God does not lie! – Titus 1:2)

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{The Hand of the Saviour is securely held in the Hand of the Father – John 10:30}

John14:19: After a little while, the world will no longer see me. You will see me, because I live you will live also

2Corinthians 6:18: “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” [2 Samuel 7:14; 7:8]

Matthew 16:18b: All the gates of hell will not overcome it!!

(Christ speaking to Peter as the rock, and with reference to the Building of the Church. If hell cannot knock down the Church, we then, as part of the Church cannot be knocked down either!!)

1John 2:28: And now dear children, keep residing in it, so that when He appears we might have confidence and not shrink away from shame at His coming!!

Psalms 139:9-10: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Below, are three parables Christ Himself taught that gives reassurance of eternal security:

The Parable of the Lost Sheep – Matthew 18: 12-14: What do you think, if any man has a hundred sheep and one has gone astray, does he not leave the 99 on the mountains and go search for the one

If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over the one more than the 99, left in the fold

So it is not the Will of the Father that one of these little one to perish

Matthew 18:14: In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost.

The Parable of the Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-24

Luke 15:20: So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15:24: For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

And Jesus told another parable, about the woman who lost a coin: Luke 15:8-9

Luke 15:8: “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins [Greek: ten drachmas, each worth about a day’s wages] and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

Like 15:9: And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’

These Questions must also be asked: If an earthly father will never abandon his son, no matter how far he strays, then can or will your Heavenly Father do any less??? Is an earthly father greater than his Heavenly Father??? Is a lowly shepherd greater than God Almighty Himself?!

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Resurrection - Our Hope!

John 11:25: Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies (physically);

John 11:26: and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Hebrews 13:8: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

2Timothy 1:9: Who has saved us and called us to a holy life — not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

2Timothy 1:10: but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

OUR HOPE IN RESURRECTION

1 Thessalonians 4:13 – 18: But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep (believers who have died), that you may not grieve, as do the rest (unbelievers) who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout (the rapture & next prophetic event in history), with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. **Therefore comfort one another with these words.**

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Indwelling of the Believer

The verses that states that the Trinity LIVES in us:

John 14:23: Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

Galatians 2:20: I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, **but Christ lives in me.** The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

1John 4:4:because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

(Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world!)

Romans 8:11: And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life and power to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you.

2 Timothy 1:13-14: "Retain the standard of sound doctrine which you have heard from me in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. Guard through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us the treasures which have been entrusted to you [the deposit of Bible teaching]."

John 14:26: But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Each person of the Trinity indwells the body of every Church Age believer. Distinction is made between them.

- Indwelling of God the Father is found in John 14:23; Ephesians 4:6; 2 John 9.
- Indwelling of God the Son is found in John 14:20, 17:22-23; Romans 8:10; 2 Corinthians 13:5; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:27; 1 John 2:24.
- Indwelling of the Holy Spirit is found in Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:16.

Ephesians 3:16-19: *I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with **power** through His Spirit in your inner being, so that **Christ may dwell in your hearts** through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

Colossians 1:27: *To whom God wills to make known what is the riches of His Glory of the Mystery of the Gentiles – Christ in you; the confidence of glory!!*

John 14:19: *After a little while, the world will no longer see me. You will see me, because I live you will live also*

John 14:20: *On that Day, you will know that I am in my Father, and you in Me, and I in you!!*

2Corinthians. 13:5b – *Do you not recognise this about yourself, in relation to God, that Jesus Christ is in you?*

1Corinthians 3:16: *Do you not know, you are a Temple of God and the Spirit of God dwells in you!!*

1Corinthians 6:19: *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the HS who is in you, whom you have received from God the Father. You are not your own!*

2Corinthians 6:16b: *We are the Temple of the Living God. “I will dwell in them and they shall be my people*

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Will of God & Divine Guidance – There are Three Wills: Directive; Permissive; & Overruling He Directs, He Allows, and He Overrules

(Detailed explanations of each Will, is listed directly below this section)

Romans 12:2: *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is, His good, pleasing and perfect Will.*

Deuteronomy 1:32: *The Lord your God who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, to search out places for you to camp and to show you the way you should go!*

Matthew 18:14: *So it is not the Will of the Father that one of these little one to perish*

Luke 22:19: *And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”*

1Corinthians 11:24 – *This do in remembrance of Me (Communion)*

John 14:3: *If anyone loves Me he will keep my Word, implanted in your soul, and My Father will love him; and we will come to him and will make our abode in Him*

The Course of your life must be determined by understanding God’s Will, His Plan and His Guidance!!

R B Thieme III – taken from 1Cor. 10; lesson # 516

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His Directive Will: The Desire of God

God desires that we advance spiritually, the only way to glorify Him.

1. Mandates of His Directive Will:

- a. **Know** the Will of God by accumulating bible doctrine - **2Timothy 3:16-17:** *For all scripture is God-breathed and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*
- b. **Grow** in the knowledge of God – **2Peter 3:18:** *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

- a. **Submit** to the Holy Spirit; staying within His Will – **Romans 8:13:** *For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if you live by the Holy Spirit you put to death (quench) the misdeeds of the flesh, and you will live.*
James 4:7-10: *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.... Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.*
2. Geographical – Where does He wish me **go**:
 - a. *Exodus 33:15: If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.*
 - b. *Psalm 119:105: Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.*
 - c. *Ecclesiastes 10:2: A wise man's heart directs him toward the **right**, but the foolish man's heart directs him toward the **left**.*
3. View point Will – What does He want me to **think**:
 - a. *Colossians 3:2: Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.*
 - b. *Romans 12:2: Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — His good, pleasing and perfect will.*
 - c. *2Timothy 3:16-17: For all scripture is God-breathed and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*
 - d. *Proverbs 3:13: How blessed is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding.*
4. Operational – What does He want me to **do**:
 - a. *2Timothy. 2:15: Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman who need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.*
 - b. *2Peter 3:18: But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*
 - c. *Ephesians 6:10-18: Put on the Armor of God*
 - d. *James 4:7&8: Submit yourselves then to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*
 - e. **Mark 16:15: And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." (The Great Commission)**

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His Permissive Will: What God allows to happen:

This is where His Directive Will meets His Permissive Will

The Permissive Will is what God **allows** to happen. At creation, God gave us free will to choose for or against Him. God will never *force us* to love Him or obey Him. Hence, God recognises the volition of every believer, even if it is away from His Plan. But if away from His Plan, God's Permissive Will, can and will incur pain in discipline to bring us back into His Plan. We face the consequences, based on our choices we make in life.

For... "the choices we make determine the life we will lead!" (R B Thieme, Jr)

Examples of His Permissive Will:

Satan: God permitted Satan and 1/3 of the angelic hosts to disobey Him; but they will be cast into eternal hell. *Matthew 25:41 & 46* (All who reject God will share in this hell; all who accept God will have eternal life).

Adam & Eve: God permitted Adam & Eve to fail and disobey Him; but they were forced out of perfect environment and instead, faced with pain and suffering for the rest of their lives. *Genesis 3:23-24*

Abraham: Abraham had the choice to either be willing to slay his son as God had ordered, or disobey God. Abraham was willing, but God stayed his hand and Isaac was spared, thus becoming the father of the Nation of Israel. *Genesis 22:1-18*

Joseph: *Genesis chapters 37 thru 50:* God permitted Joseph to undergo testing to learn and advance.

Israelites: *Exodus 14:10-31:* They had to make the decision to either walk thru the Sea or stay and face the Egyptians. They had to make a decision to either trust the Lord or trust their own human thinking.

Christ: God allowed man to persecute and crucify Christ instead of calling down angels to rescue Him. Christ chose to obey His Father to go to the Cross. Now the world could have eternal life thru belief in Christ.

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His Overruling Will: *Jesus Christ Controls History!*

Jesus Christ controls history – *Numbers 24.*

Example: Israel as a Nation will survive as a Nation, despite all their faults & failures, unlike so many other nations; ie. The Egyptian Empire; Roman Empire; Assyrian Empire; The Babylonians; The Chaldeans; etc.

Other Examples of His Overruling Will:

Moses: Pharaoh decreed all Israelite male infants to be destroyed, but Moses was saved by the daughter of Pharaoh and brought up as an Egyptian (*Exodus 1:15 – 2:1-10*)

Children of Israel: Numerous times – The Passover; From Pharaoh; At the Red Sea; In the wilderness

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego: God overruled Nebuchadnezzar's ruling to destroy them (*Daniel chapters 1 thru 3*)

Assyrians: When God wiped out 185,000 Assyrians who were intent to destroy Jerusalem (*2 Kings 19:34-35*)

Jonah: God had a large fish swallow Jonah and take him to his destination, against Jonah's wishes (Jonah 1)

Christ: The Jews tried to kill Christ on many occasions, but until it was God's Time, God overruled their attempts. (*John 7:1; John 10:31 & 39; John 11:53-57; Luke 4:28-30*)

Paul & Silas: When God caused a violent earthquake to open the doors of the prison and break off all the chains. (*Acts 16:22-26*)

Paul: Paul wanted to go to Bithynia, but God restrained him. (*Acts 16:7*)

19th Century examples: **David Livingstone**, a Scottish missionary, planned to go to China, but England & China were in the midst of Opium Wars. So he was compelled to go to Africa instead.

Adoniram Judson, an American missionary, started out for India but they would not let him off the ship because of improper papers; so he ended up in Buddhist Burma.

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The Mechanics of Divine Guidance

Exodus 33:15: If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.

Psalms 32:8: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

1. Guidance thru Prayer! Ask for guidance and be prepared for an answer, because you will get one. Doors open and shut all the time.
Jeremiah 33:3: Call upon Me and I will show you great and mighty things which you have not discovered.
Psalms 91:15: He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him.
Psalms 25:4-5: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.
2. Guidance thru God's Word.
Psalms 119:105: Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path. Psalms 119:133: Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.
3. Guidance thru Providential Circumstances.

Ecclesiastes 7:14: *When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other. (There are no accidents or coincidences in God's Plan!)*

Psalm 118:23: *The Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.*

4. Guidance thru the Filling of the Holy Spirit. He is our mentor and teaches us doctrine

Romans 8:11: *If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.*

Psalm 32:8: *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.*

5. Guidance thru comparison of events.

Problematic circumstances forced Abraham & Lot to make a decision **Genesis 13:5-18**

Genesis 13:6: *But the land could not support them while they stayed together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to stay together.*

Moses & Aaron had to make a decision, based on the reports from Joshua & Caleb in comparison to the reports from the other spies. **Numbers chapters 13 & 14**

Look back at all the traumatic events in your life, see where you were and where you are today and how those events changed your life

6. Guidance thru recalling Scripture.

Proverbs 3:1-2: *My son do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity.*

Acts 11:16a: *Then I remembered what the Lord had said*

Proverbs 1:8: *Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.*

“If the Word of God does not say it is, or the Holy Spirit does not verify it and the circumstances don't provide for it, it ain't God's Will!” Rick Hughes

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Satan – The Great Deceiver & “First Terrorist”

A portrait of Satan and his personality:

Ezekiel 28:15-17: *You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub (Lucifer), from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendour. So I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.*

Isaiah 14:12-15: *How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn (Lucifer)! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, “I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.” But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit (hell).*

Revelation 12:7: *And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon (Lucifer/Satan), and the dragon and his angels fought back.*

Revelation 12:8: *But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven.*

Revelation 12:9: *The great dragon was hurled down — that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.*

Matthew 25:41: *Then he will say to those on his left, `Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.*

John 12:31: *Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.*

John 14:30: *I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me*

John 16:11: and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

2 Corinthians 4:4: The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Ephesians 2:2: in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air (Satan), the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient (unbelievers).

Luke 8:12: Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

2 Corinthians 11:14-15: And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

1 Peter 5:8-9: Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

Hebrews 2:14-15: Since the children have flesh and blood, He (Christ) too shared in their humanity so that by His (Christ's) death He might destroy him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil — and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

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Counterfeits of Satan

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10: The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

- A counterfeit gospel. 2 Corinthians 11:3,4:
- Counterfeit ministers (unsaved, humanists, misled, etc.) 2 Corinthians 11:13-15:
- Counterfeit doctrine 2 Timothy 4:1:
- Counterfeit communion table 1 Corinthians 10:19-21:
- Counterfeit righteousness Matthew 19:16-18:
- Counterfeit manner of life ("living the beautiful life") Matthew 23
- Counterfeit power 2 Thessalonians 2:8-10:
- Counterfeit gods 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4:

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Hypostatic Union:

Perfect Humanity & Undiminished Deity in One Person

Philippians 2:6: Who, being in very nature [Or in the form of] God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

Philippians 2:7: but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature [Or the form] of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Philippians 2:8: And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!

Hebrews 2:14: Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil

Hebrews 1:3: *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After He had provided purification for sins (the Cross), He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty (God the Father) in heaven.*

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The Trinity

In the Persons of the Godhead, there is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

“Trinity” is not a Biblical word, but a technical, theological term to designate the three-fold manifestation of one God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is One in essence, who exists eternally in three distinct, coequal, coeternal persons.

The unified equality and yet distinction is seen in the references to three persons, as noted in:

Luke 10:22: *All things have been handed over to Me by the Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father and no one knows who the Father is except the Son, and to anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal the Son.*

Hebrews 1:2-3a: *In these last days, Who has spoken to us in through His Son, whom He, God the Father appointed Heir of all things. Thru whom He also made the world. He is the radiance of His glory! and upholds all things by the Power of His Word!!*

2 Corinthians 13:14 : *"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [God the Son], and the love for God [the Father], and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."*

Ephesians 4:4-6: *There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to one hope when you were called — one Lord, one faith, one baptism; One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

1 Peter 1:2: *Who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood (Work on the Cross)*

1 Corinthians 8:5-6: *For even if there are gods on heaven and earth, indeed there are, But these gods are no gods. Yet for us, there is but One God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we live for Him!! And one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things; and we live thru Him!*

Galatians 3:20b: *... but God is One.*

James 2:19: *You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that — and shudder.*

Colossians 2:9: *For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,*

John 1:1: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

John 1:2: *He was with God in the beginning.*

John 1:3: *Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.*

John 1:4: *In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.*

John 14:8-11: *Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.*

Three Persons with differentiating Purposes:

- *God the Father planed it all and sent His Son to do the work, Isaiah 14:27; John 4:34, 5:17, 12:44; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 3:11.*
- *God the Son executed salvation on the cross, John 4:34, 5:17; 1 Peter 2:24, 3:18; Romans 5:8; Hebrews 10:7; Psalm 40:8.*
- *God the Holy Spirit reveals the message of salvation. Under the doctrine of common grace, He makes the Gospel easily understood, John 16:8-11*

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Awesomeness God: All powerful; All knowing; Ever present; All loving!

Exodus 15:11: Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you — majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

1 Corinthians 8:5-6: For even if there are gods on heaven and earth, indeed there are, But these gods are no gods. Yet for us, there is but One God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we live for Him!! And one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things; and we exist or live thru Him!

Psalm 66:5: Come and see the works of God who is awesome in His deeds on our behalf.

{Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works on man's behalf!}

Joel 2:31: The sun will be turned into darkness, the moon into blood before the awesome day of the Lord

Titus 1:2: This is the faith and knowledge resting on the confidence of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time

Psalm 100:5: For the Lord is good. His loving kindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 31:3: For Thou art my rock and my fortress; For Thy name's sake Thou wilt LEAD me and GUIDE me.

Isaiah 30:18: The Lord longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who wait for Him.

Deuteronomy 32:4: The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He.

Psalms 18:30: As for God, His way is perfect: The word of the Lord is tried: He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

1 John 4:4: Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

Luke 18:27: The things impossible with men are possible with God.

Isaiah 37:36: Then the angel of the Lord went out, and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; And when the men arose early in the morning, behold, all of these were dead.

Isaiah 55:8: For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord.

Psalm 139:1-4: O LORD, Thou hast searched me and known me. Thou dost know when I sit down and when I rise up; Thou dost understand my thought from afar. Thou dost scrutinize my path and my lying down, and art intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, Behold, O LORD, Thou dost know it all.

Hebrews 13:8: *JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY, AND FOREVER. (He is the ONE ABSOLUTE in life!)*

John 15:13: *Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

Romans 11:33: *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!*

I Corinthians 2:9: *Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which no mind has conceived, all that God has prepared for those who love Him.*

Ephesians 3:19: *And to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.*

I John 4:19: *We love, because He first loved us.*

Romans 5:8: *God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Hebrews 1:8: *But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the sceptre of your kingdom.*

Psalm 89:14: *Righteousness & Justice are the foundation of your Throne; Love & Faithfulness go before you!*

Psalm 104:1-3: *You are clothed with splendour and majesty. He wraps Himself in light as with a garment; He stretches out the heavens as a tent, and lays the beams of His upper chambers on their waters; He makes the clouds His chariot and rides on the wings of the wind!*

Psalm 85:10-13: *Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other; faithfulness springs forth from the earth and righteousness looks down from heaven; the Lord will indeed give what is good; and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before Him and prepares the way of His steps!!*

I Corinthians 10:4: *And all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them, and that rock was Christ. (Ex.17:1)*

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Creation

Genesis 1:1: *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

Hebrews.1:2-3: *In these last days has spoken to us through His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things; through whom also, He created the world! He is the radiance of God's Glory; and holds all things by His Power*

John 1:3: *Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.*

Colossians 1:16: *For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.*

Revelation 4:11: *"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they were created and have their being."*

God the Father gave everything over to the Son, including the creation of the world and the salvation of man, recorded in Christ's prayer:

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Faith

That overcomes the world & Moves Mountains!

John 10:28: I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Philippians 4:13: I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME.

I John 5:4: For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world --- our faith.

I John 4:4: (Remember) Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world!!

Psalms 56:3: When I am afraid, I will put my trust in Thee!!

II Corinthians 5:7: For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Hebrews 11:1, 6: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Romans 4:20: Abraham staggered not at the promises of God; he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God.

I Corinthians 2:5: That your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

Matthew 21:22: And all things ye ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.

I John 5:14: And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

Psalms 108:13: Through God we shall do valiantly; and it is He who will tread down our enemies.

Jeremiah 17:5, 7: Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the Lord. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose trust is the Lord.

Psalms 56:11: In God I have put my trust, I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

Psalms 37: 4,5: Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass.

I Samuel 17:47, 49: And this assembly shall know that the Lord does not deliver by sword or spear; FOR THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S and He will give you into our hands. And David put his hand into his bag and took from it a stone and slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead. And the stone sank into his forehead, so that he fell on his face to the ground. Thus David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and he struck the Philistine and killed him; but there was no sword in David's hand.

Examples of Faith in the Old Testament

Hebrews 11:7: By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Hebrews 11:8-9: By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

Hebrews 12:2: Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of Faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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Comfort Promises

For what more can any man say that are more precious and profound than the words of our Lord, directly from His Word:

2Corinthians 1:3-4: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Ephesians 2:10: For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do

John 17:14: I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

John 17:15: My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

John 17:16: They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

Isaiah 41:10: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:11: All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish.

Isaiah 41:12: Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all.

Luke 3:5b: The crooked paths shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.

Proverbs 4:12: When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble.

Proverbs 4:13: Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

Psalms 25:4-5: Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalms 25:9: He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

Psalms 25:10: All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of His covenant.

Psalms 48:14: For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end.

II Peter 1:2: Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:28: We know that all things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His Purpose

Psalms 23:5a: You will prepare a Table before me

Philippians 4:8-9: The Apostle Paul writes, "whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things... and the God of peace will be with you."

1 Peter 5:7: Cast your cares (anxieties) on Him for He cares for you!

Philippians 4: 6-7: Stop worrying about anything, but in every circumstance, by prayer and entreaty for personal needs after thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all human understanding shall guard your souls and motivations by means of Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 2:14: Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place

Acts 20:24: However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me — the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

Psalms 119:76: May your Unfailing Love be my comfort according to your promise to your servant.

Ephesians 3:19: To Know His Infinite Love that surpasses knowledge....

Luke 18:27: The things impossible with men are possible with God!

1Corinthians 15:57: But thanks be to God who gives us the Victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ

Isaiah 26: 3: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee.

Proverbs 3: 5, 6: Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not to your own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Romans 8: 28, 31-32: For we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His predetermined plan. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Lamentations 3:21-25: This I recall to my mind; therefore I have confidence. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are renewed every morning. **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS.** The Lord is my portion, says my soul; therefore I have confidence in Him. The Lord is good to those who trust in Him, to those who wait for Him.

Isaiah 58: 10b: Then your light will rise in darkness, and your gloom will become like midday.

Isaiah 58:11: The Lord will continually guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

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Aging

John 21:18: I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not wish to go.

Psalms 73:26: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

Isaiah 40:29-31: He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might, He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired; they will walk and not become weary.

2Corinthians 4:16-18: Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

Psalms 37:25: I have been young, and now I am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, or his descendants begging bread.

Job 12:12-13: Wisdom is with the aged, and understanding in length of days. "With God are wisdom and might; he has counsel and understanding.

Psalms 133:3: It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life for evermore.

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Power Within Us

Ephesians 1:18: I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the Hope (& confidence!) to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints,

Ephesians 1:19: and His incomparably great Power for us who believe, **That power is like the working of His mighty strength,**

Ephesians 3:16-19: I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with **power** through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have **power**, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:20: Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more abundantly than all we could ever ask or imagine, according to **His power** that is at work within us,

Ephesians 3:21: to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout **all generations**, for ever and ever! **Amen.**

1Peter 5:11: **To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.**

Romans 8:11: And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life and power to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you.

Ephesians 1:18: I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints,

Ephesians 1:19-21: **and His (Holy Spirit) incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.**

Ephesians 1:22-23: And God placed all things under his feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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Logistical Grace: God's Protection & Provision

Angels Guard us

(See more verses on angels used to protect us, directly below this section)

Support & Protection for the Believer in Time

Job 37:5: **God's voice thunders in marvellous ways; He does great things beyond our understanding.**

Job 5:9: **He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted.**

Philippians 4: 19: **And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.**

1Corinthians 10:4: And all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them, and **that rock was Christ.** (Ex.17: Water & Manna & Quail in the desert).

Psalms.105: 41: **He opened the rock, and water gushed out; like a river it flowed in the desert.**

Romans 8:11: And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life and power to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you.

Deuteronomy 31: 6: **Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.**

Exodus 14:14: **The Lord will fight for you while you keep silent.**

Isaiah 41: 10: **Fear thou not; for I am with thee; Be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; Yea I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.**

Psalms 4:8: **In peace I will both lie down and sleep. For Thou alone, O Lord, dost make me to dwell in safety.**

Matthew 10:29-31: **Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall (in death) to the ground apart from the will of your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore (do not fear); you are of more value than many sparrows.**

Matthew 6:31-32 : Do not be anxious then, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?: or "With what shall we clothe ourselves?" For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

Psalm 94:19: When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Thy consolations delight my soul.

2Corinthians 12: 9: But He said to me, "MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU; for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the **power** of Christ may rest upon me.

2Corinthians 12: 10: **Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.**

Psalm 103:4: Who redeems your life from the pit; who crowns you with loving kindness and compassion?

Matthew 11: 28-30: Come unto Me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and **YOU SHALL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.**

Isaiah 40:29-31: He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might, He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly. Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired; they will walk and not become weary.

Psalm 37:25, 28: I have been young, and now I am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, or his descendants begging bread. For the Lord loves justice, and does not forsake His godly ones; they are preserved forever; but the descendants of the wicked will be cut off.

Zechariah 2:5: **For I, declares the Lord, will be a wall of fire around her/him, and I will be the glory in (their) midst.**

Psalm 56: 3, 4: What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise His word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what man can do unto me.

Psalm 46:1: God is our refuge and strength, A very present (and powerful!) help in time of trouble.

Psalm 119:28: My soul weeps because of grief; Strengthen me according to Thy word.

2Corinthians 1:3-4: **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Father of mercies and God of all comfort; Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.**

Lamentations 3:57: Thou didst draw near when I called on Thee; Thou didst say, "Do not fear!"

Psalm 55:22: Cast your burden upon the Lord, and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.

Joshua 1:9: Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

He who touches you, touches the apple of my eye. (Zechariah 2:8b)

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Angels Guard Us:

Psalm 34:7: **The Angel of the Lord encamped around those who respect Him and He rescues them.**

Psalm 91:11: **For He, God will give His angels charge concerning you; to guard you in all your ways!!**

Matthew 18:10: See then that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I say to you that their angels in heaven, continually see the face of My Father who is also in heaven.

Hebrews 1:14: Angels are sent forth to minister to them who are Heirs of salvation

Luke 16:22a: Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom

Acts 5:19 & Acts 12:7-15

1. Both of these passages relate to deliverance of Apostles from prison, for the specific purpose of preaching
2. This would seem to indicate an angel was assigned to them for just that guarding and rescuing purposes
3. By inference, others like you and I, may have these same guardian of deliverance

Acts 5:19: *But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.*

An Angel appeared to Peter, rescued Peter from Prison and led him out: Acts 12:7-15

Acts 12:7: *Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.*

Acts 12:8: *Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him.*

Acts 12:15: *They said to her, "You are out of your mind." She kept insisting it was so. But they kept insisting it was an angel.*

Matthew 4:11: *Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.*

Colossians 1:16: *For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.*

Thomas Aquinas, a Medieval Theologian, wrote in his "Suma Theologia" and made several logical assumptions about angels: He stated that every person received a guardian angel from birth

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Divine Protection

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Isaiah. 41:13 *For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.*

Exodus 14:13: *Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today.*

2Timothy 1:17: *For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline.*

2Peter 1:4(a): *He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of His divine nature (spiritually mature; reflecting His love and glory in our lives.)*

Psalm 18:2, 3: *The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.*

*Psalm 50:15: Then call on me when you are in trouble, and I will rescue you, and you will give me glory.
(You will be my witness)*

Deuteronomy 31:6: Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them [those you mentioned], for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.

2 Chronicles 16:9: The eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His

Proverbs 30:5: Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him

Exodus 14:13: Stand still and see the deliverance of the Lord !!

Exodus 14:14: The Lord will fight for you; you need only be still!!

2 Chronicles 20:17: You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the LORD will give you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow, and the LORD will be with you.

Psalm 23:5a: You will prepare a Table before me in the presence of my enemies

Romans 8:35, 37 : Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

Romans 8:38-39: For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the LOVE OF GOD which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 16:18b: All the gates of hell will not overcome it!!

Psalm 139:9-10: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

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National Protection & Discipline

Hosea 4:6: My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest (client-nation). Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

2Chronicles 7:14: If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and I will restore their land

Ephesians 6:12: For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Psalm 33:16-19: The king is not saved by a mighty army; a warrior is not delivered by great strength. A horse is a false hope for victory; nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength. BEHOLD THE EYE OF THE LORD IS ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM, ON THOSE WHO HOPE FOR HIS LOVINGKINDNESS, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Genesis 12:3a: And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. (warning against anti-Semitism)

Proverbs 29:2: When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked are in authority, the people mourn.

Psalm 92:7&8: When the wicked spring up like grass, and the evildoers flourish, they shall be destroyed forever. But you, Oh Lord, art on high forever.

Isaiah 33:6: He shall be the stability of your times, a wealth of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is his treasure.

Deuteronomy 31: 6: Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.

Exodus 14:14: The Lord will fight for you while you keep silent.

Luke 18:27: The things impossible with men are possible with God!

1Corinthians 15:57: But thanks be to God who gives us the Victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ

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Psalms 33:12: BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD.. . .

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Armour of God

Ephesians. 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

Ephesians. 6:11 Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Ephesians. 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians. 6:13 Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Ephesians. 6:14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

Ephesians. 6:15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Ephesians. 6:16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Ephesians. 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians. 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

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Death

2Timothy 1:10: But it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Psalms 119:28: My soul weeps because of grief; Strengthen me according to Thy word.

2Corinthians 4:16-18: Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Romans 14:8: For if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

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

Titus 1:2: This is the faith and knowledge resting on the confidence of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time

James 4:14: Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a **vapor** that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

Isaiah 57:1-2: The righteous man perishes (the godly die before their time), and no man takes it to heart (no one seems to care); And devout men are taken away, while no one understands. For the righteous man is taken away from evil (God is protecting them from evil to come). He enters into peace; they rest in their beds.

Job 1:2: Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD

I Corinthians 15:55: **O death, where is your victory? O death where is your sting?**

Peter 1:24,25: For all flesh is as the grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower has fallen away: But **THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOREVER.**

Revelation 21:4: And He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor tears, nor pain; **the old things have passed away.**

Psalms 116:15: **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones.**

John 11:25: **I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live (eternally) even if he dies (physically).**

Matthew 10:28: Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

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Death - Seven Types of

1. Spiritual Death: Separation from God

Ephesians 2:1: As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,

Romans 5:12: Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned

Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in [Or through] Christ Jesus our Lord.

I Corinthians 15:22: For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

I Corinthians 15:22: For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

2. The Second Death. This is the final judgment of the non-Christian or non-believer; the perpetuation of spiritual death into eternity.

One can choose to have 1 birthday (physical) and 2 deaths (physical & spiritual); or 2 birthdays (physical & spiritual) and 1 death (physical). Rick Hughes

Hebrews 9:27: Just as man is destined to die once (physical death), and after that to face judgment (spiritual death)

Revelation 20:12-15: And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done.

Revelation 20:14-15: Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. **The lake of fire is the second death.** If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

3. Physical Death. The separation of the soul from the body.

Matthew 8:22: But Jesus told him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

2 Corinthians 5:8: We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

2Corinthians 5:10: For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due to him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

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

4. Operational Death. The failure of the believer to produce divine good. Producing wood, hay, and stubble instead of gold, silver, and precious stones.

James 2:26: As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

1Corinthians 3:12-13-15: If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; **he himself will be saved**, but only as one escaping through the flames.

5. Positional Death. Part of Retroactive Positional Truth.

Romans 6:3: Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death?

Romans 6:4: We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:5: If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

Romans 6:6: For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, [Or be rendered powerless] that we should no longer be slaves to sin —

Romans 6:7: because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

Romans 6:8: Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Colossians 2:12: Having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

Colossians 3:3: For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

6. Temporal Death. This is the believer in a state of carnality, out of fellowship.

Romans 8:6: The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace;

Romans 8:13: For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live

Ephesians 5:14b: "Wake up, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

1 Timothy 5:6: But the widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.

James 1:15: Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

Luke 15:32: But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.

7. Sexual Death. The inability to procreate.

Romans 4:19: Without weakening in his (Abraham's) faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead — since he was about a hundred years old — and that Sarah's womb was also dead.

Hebrews 11:11-12: By faith Abraham, even though he was past age — and Sarah herself was barren — was enabled to become a father because he considered Him (God) faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he was as good as dead (sexually), came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

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Commands & Warnings

Hebrews 5:12: In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

Hebrews 5:13: *Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.*

Hebrews 5:14: *But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.*

2Peter 3:18: *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

Matthew 10:28: *Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

2Peter 3:17: *You therefore, beloved (believers), knowing this beforehand, be on your guard lest being carried away by the error of unprincipled men (false doctrine & human view point), you fall from your own steadfastness.*

1John 5:21: *Little children (immature believers), guard yourself from idols (worshiping or being occupied with anything other than God).*

Mark 16:15: *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." (The Great Commission)*

Psalms 118: 8: *It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.*

1 Peter 2:2: *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby.*

2Timothy. 2:15: *Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman who need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.*

Ephesians 6:13,14: *Therefore, take up the full Armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, AND HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.*

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

Isaiah 32:17: *And the work of righteousness will be peace, and the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever.*

Ephesians 5:15, 16: *Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil.*

1 Kings 2:3: At his death, David advises Solomon: *And keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn.*

2Timothy 2:22: *Flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.*

Psalms 90:12: *So teach us to number our days that we may present to Thee a heart of wisdom.*

Romans 12: 2-3: *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.*

Philippians 2:3-5: *Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; v.4 Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. v.5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus*

Romans 12:9: *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.*

Romans 12:16: *Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.*

Romans 12:17: *Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.*

Romans 12:19: *Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.*

Romans 12:21: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hebrews 13:5-6: Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU, so that we confidently say, THE LORD IS MY HELPER; I WILL NOT BE AFRAID, for WHAT SHALL MAN DO TO ME?

1Corinthians 15:33: Do not be deceived: Bad company corrupts good morals.

Jeremiah 9:23-24: Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, Let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts, boast of this, THAT HE UNDERSTANDS AND KNOWS ME, That I am the Lord who exercises LOVINGKINDNESS, JUSTICE, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS on earth; For I delight in these things, declares the Lord.

James 4: 10: Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

1Peter 5:5-6: God makes war against the arrogant, but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time.

1Peter 5:7: CASTING ALL YOUR ANXIETY ON HIM, BECAUSE HE CARES FOR YOU.

1Peter 5:8: Be of sober spirit; be on the alert, your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

James 4:6-7: God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. . . .

Hebrews 12:1-2: Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Vs.2 - fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Philippians 3:13-14: Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 2:8: See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

2Timothy 4:3-4: For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the Truth and will turn aside to myths.

Isaiah 31:1: Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, and rely on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the Lord!

Romans 14:11-12: For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Proverbs 1:5: Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance.

Proverbs 4:10: Listen, my son [& daughter], accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many.

Proverbs. 4:11: I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.

Proverbs 4:12: When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble.

Proverbs 4:13: Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

Proverbs 13:20: Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Psalms 25:4-5: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalms 25:9: He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way.

Psalms 25:10: All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of His covenant.

Psalm. 48:14: For this God is our God for ever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end.

Psalm 73:26: My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

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Tares - Parable Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

Mt. 13:25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.

Mt. 13:26 When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared.

Mt. 13:27 "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

Mt. 13:28 "An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

Mt. 13:29 "No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them.

Mt. 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'

The Explanation of the Parable: Matthew 13:37-43

Matthew 13:17: He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.

Mt. 13:38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,

Mt. 13:39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

Mt. 13:40 "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

Mt. 13:41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mt. 13:43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

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Thanksgiving

Psalm 118:24: THIS IS THE DAY THAT THE LORD HATH MADE, LET US BE GLAD & REJOICE IN IT!!

I Corinthians 9:15: THANKS BE TO GOD FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT!

I Thessalonians 5:18: In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I Thessalonians 5:16-18: Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I Corinthians 15:57: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 4:11-12: For I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.

I John. 3:1: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

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Unlimited Atonement

2Corinthians 5:19: God was in Christ (executing the salvation package), reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them.

1 John 2:2: And He Himself (Lord Jesus Christ) is the Propitiation for our sins and not for ours only, but also for those of the **WHOLE WORLD!!**

2Peter 2:1: But false prophets (Pharisees & Teachers) also arose among the people (Israel), these were unbelievers just as there will be false teachers among you (CH Age); and those false prophets will secretly intro destructive heresies, even denying the Master (rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ), **Who bought them!**

1Timothy 2:6: Who gave Himself as a ransom (redemption) for **ALL!!**

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The Word of God

****** This is the definition of the Word of God being ALIVE & POWERFUL....**

Hebrews 4:12: For the Word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and the spirit, and the joints and the marrow, and is a critic of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Isaiah 55:11: So shall My Word be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to me empty without accomplishing what I desire and without succeeding in the manner for which I sent it !!

John 1:14: The Word (Jesus Christ) became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

2Timothy 3:16-17: For all scripture is God-breathed and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Psalms 119:105: Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.

Proverbs 3:13: How blessed is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding.

Ecclesiastes 10:2: A wise man's heart directs him toward the **right**, but the foolish man's heart directs him toward the **left**.

1 Corinthians 1:25: For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.

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Suffering - for Blessing; For His Purpose

Mark 9:49: For Everyone will be salted with fire!

For believers, this refers to the Salt of Suffering - Persecution & Preservation through it...

1Peter 2:19: For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God.

1 Peter 1:6&7: In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ

James 1:2-8: Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith without any doubting, for

the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Psalm 119: 71-76: *It is good for me that I was afflicted, That I may learn Thy statutes.*

The law of Thy mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Thy hands made me and fashioned me; give me understanding that I may learn Thy commandments. May those who fear Thee see me and be glad, because I wait for Thy word.

I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are righteous, and that in faithfulness Thou hast afflicted me. O may Thy loving kindness comfort me.

Psalm 73:26: *My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.*

Matthew 5:11: *Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say evil against you for my sake.*

John 16:33: *These things (His Word) I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage and have confidence, for I have overcome the world.*

Isaiah 40:29-31: *He gives strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might, He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired; they will walk and not become weary.*

2Corinthians 4:16-18: *Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.*

Psalm 73:26: *My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.*

Psalm 37:25: *I have been young, and now I am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, or his descendants begging bread.*

2Corinthians. 4:8-9: *We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.*

2Corinthians. 4:11: *For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body.*

1Peter. 5:10: *And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

Psalm 118:23: *The LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes.*

Ecclesiastes 7:14: *When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other. (Nothing happens by accident!)*

“If you are constantly stressed out with problems, you are not recognizing the Grace of God!”

“The darker the outlook, the more difficult the adversity, the greater the problem, the more He is glorified when we keep trusting Him.” Faith Rest Life booklet.

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Suffering - for Discipline/Punishment

Exodus 34:7: *...Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished*

The Flood during Noah's time: Genesis 5:32 – 10:1

Sodom & Gomorrah: Genesis 19:24: *Then the LORD rained down burning sulphur on Sodom and Gomorrah — from the LORD out of the heavens.*

The Exodus Generation not being allowed to enter the Promised Land: Numbers 14:23: *Not one of them will ever see the land I promised on oath to their forefathers. No-one who has treated me with contempt will ever see it (The Promised Land).* (There were two exceptions – Caleb & Joshua, who never lost faith in their Lord).

The Leprosy of Miriam: Numbers 12:1-16: *Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses.... The anger of the Lord burned against them, and He left them. When the cloud lifted from above the Tent, there stood Miriam — leprous*

The Leprosy of Gehazi: 2 Kings Chapter 5..... vs.27: *Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and he was leprous, as white as snow.*

The taunting of Elisha: 2 Kings 2:23-24: *He turned round, looked at them and called down a curse on them in the name of the LORD. Then two bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths.*

Ananias & Saphira: Acts 5:3-10: *Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.” When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.....(As occurred with his wife)*

Proverbs 6:29: *So is he who sleeps with another man’s wife; no-one who touches her will go unpunished.*

Hebrews 10:30b-31: *The Lord will judge His people. It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the Living God*

1John 5:17: *All wrongdoing is sin, but there are sins that do not lead to death (physical death or known as “Sin unto death” - wilful, ongoing, unrepentant sin).*

1Corinthians 11:30: *That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep (physical death).*

1Corinthians 11:31: *But if we judged ourselves (and acknowledge our sins to God – 1John 1:9), we would not come under judgment (discipline/punishment).*

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Suffering - Self-Induced

Proverbs 23:7: *As a man thinks in his heart, so he is !!*

Abraham: *Genesis 16:* Abraham, listening to his wife, slept with Hagar, creating the entire Arab Race

David: *He created his own misery in all of his sins that continued for years to come. (2 Samuel chapters 11 thru 20 tell the full story of David and all his bad decisions. Psalm 51 describes David’s repentance.)*

Judas: *Matthew 27:1-10:* Judas sold Christ for 30 pieces of silver; then in misery, went out and hanged himself

The Corinthian incestuous believer: *1 Corinthians 5*

“The decisions you make determine the life you lead”! (R B Thieme, Jr.)

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Testing

James 1:2-8: *Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*

1Cor.10:13: No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Psalms 118:23: The LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes..

Ecclesiastes 7:14: When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other. (Nothing happens by accident!)

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Love - Virtue Love, A Greater Love

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8: Virtue love is patient; virtue love is kind and is not jealous;

Virtue love does not brag and is not arrogant.

Virtue love does not behave dishonorably, is not preoccupied with herself,

Is not provoked to anger, does not take into account a wrong suffered.

Virtue love does not delight in unrighteousness [evil], but rejoices with the TRUTH.

Virtue love bears all things patiently,

Believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

VIRTUE LOVE NEVER FAILS.

1John. 3:1: How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

John 3:16: For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:17: For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

John 3:18: Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name

Psalms 103:17-18: But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children, with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts.

Psalms 119:76: May your Unfailing Love be my comfort according to your promise to your servant.

Ephesians 3:19: To Know His Infinite Love that surpasses knowledge....

1Corinthians. 13:6: Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

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Arrogance

1Corinthians 10:12: Therefore let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall.

Romans 12: 2-3: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

Philippians 2:3-5: Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; v.4 Do not merely look out for your own personal

interests, but also for the interests of others. v.5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus

Romans 12:9: *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.*

Romans 12:16: *Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.*

1Peter 5:5-6: *God makes war against the arrogant, but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time.*

James 4: 10: *Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.*

1Peter 5:8: *Be of sober spirit; be on the alert, your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

James 4:6-7: *God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. . . .*

Proverbs 3:34: *He mocks proud mockers but gives grace to the humble.*

Proverbs 3:35: *The wise inherit honour, but fools he holds up to shame.*

Psalms 25:9: *He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way*

Jeremiah 9:23: *Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches*

Isaiah 5:21: *Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight!*

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Judging

Romans 14:10: *But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you again, why do you regard your brother with contempt? For we shall all stand before the Judgment Seat of God.*

Romans 14:4: *Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand! For the Lord is able to make him stand.*

Matthew 7:1-2: *Do not judge lest you be judged. For in the way you judge, you will be judged and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. And why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?*

Luke 6:36: *Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

Luke 6:37: *Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*

Hebrews 10:30b-31: *The Lord will judge His people. It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the Living God*

Seven things God hates: Proverbs.6:16-19

Proverbs 6:16: *There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him:*

Proverbs 6:17-19: *Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.*

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Giving

2Corinthians 9:7: *Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a well motivated giver.*

2Corinthians 9:8: *And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

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Rewards

Matthew 10:40: *He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me.*

Matthew 10:41: *Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward.*

Matthew 10:42: *And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.*

1Corinthians 3:12-15: *If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his (man's) work will be shown for what it is, because the [Judgement] Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.*

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Fear

1 John 4:18a: *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear.*

1 Jn.4:4 – Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world!! (Believe it!!)

Psalms 56:3: *When I am afraid, I will put my trust in Thee!!*

2Timothy 1: 7: *For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

Numbers 14:2-4: *And all the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses & Aaron, who was their leader. And the whole congregation said, Would that we had died in the land of Egypt or would that we had died in the wilderness. Why is the Lord bringing us into this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and little ones will become plunder; Would it not be better to go back to Egypt.*

(Substitute the name of America for Israel)

They wished to go back to slavery because of fear!

Fear does not make one a coward; rather, it is the inability to act within fear, that makes one a coward.

The more you surrender to fear, the more you perpetuate fear.

The more you perpetuate fear, the greater your capacity for fear.

The greater your capacity for fear, the more you increase the power of fear in your life.

The more you increase the power of fear in your life,

The more you live by fear and the greater becomes your failure to learn and utilize Bible doctrine.

The more you live by fear, the more you are intimidated by life.

R. B. Thieme, Jr.

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Forgiveness

Matthew 18: 22: *Jesus answered him saying, I do not say to you 7 times, but up to 70 times 7*

Matthew 18:35: *So our heavenly Father will do to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother*

Matthew 6:12: (How to pray) *Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors*

Matthew 6:14-15: *For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive you your sins.*

1 John 1:9: *If we name or acknowledge our sins (to Him), He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from ALL sins (unrighteousness)*

Ephesians 4:31-32: *Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.*

2Corinthians 2:7: *Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.*

2Corinthians 2:10-11: *If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven — if there was anything to forgive — I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.*

Matthew 5:23-24: *Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.*

Luke 6:37: *Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.*

Luke 17:3-4: *So watch yourselves. “If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”*

Romans 12:20: *On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” [Prov. 25:21,22]*

Proverbs 25:21-22: *If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.*

Remarkable Examples of Forgiveness:

Christ: Luke 23:33-34: *When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals — one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”*

Stephen: Acts 7:59-60: *While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.*

Moses: Numbers chapter 14 – (The people grumbled against Moses & Aaron and wanted to stone them. Then Moses prayed to God in **vs.19:** *In accordance with your great love, forgive the sin of these people, just as you have pardoned them from the time they left Egypt until now.”*

Numbers 14:20: *The Lord replied, “I have forgiven them, as you asked.”*

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant: Mt.18:23-34

(Prayer by our Pastor, R B Thieme III, following the lessons on “Forgiveness”)

May we see you in all of your Grace so that we might reciprocate your grace to the world around us.....

We pray that we might face the world with the same Grace Orientation and pray that we may be a representative of the Lord Jesus Christ in all that we do.

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Psalm 23 -

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

*YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL; FOR THOU ART WITH ME.*

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil;

MY CUP RUNNETH OVER (from the Grace of God).

Surely goodness and mercy (unfailing love) shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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Teamwork

Psalm 133:1: How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

Epesians.4:16: From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ecclesiastes 4:9: Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work:

Ecclesiastes 4:10: If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no-one to help him up!

Ecclesiastes 4:11: Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?

Ecclesiastes 4:12: Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

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Kenosis – Restricting Himself in the use of His Deity

Philippians 2:6-8: Who, being in the very nature of God (possessing Deity), did not consider Himself equal with God, something to be grasped (held onto), but made Himself nothing, emptying Himself (Kenosis – restricted Himself in His EXPRESSION or the USE of His Deity), taking on the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness (taking on humanity). And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on the Cross!

Examples:

Christ's temptations by Satan - Matthew 4:1-11: Christ did not use His divine powers to follow satan's instructions and rescue Himself from those temptations. Rather, He used to Word of God against satan.

The Cross: Christ did not use His divine powers to save Himself from the torture & death on the Cross

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Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21: Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us. To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Jude 24-25: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen

Romans 11:36: *For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen*

Philippians 1:9-11: *And this is my prayer: That your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.*

Hebrews 13:20-21:

Hebrews 13:20: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,

Hebrews 13:21: equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Prayer

Christ's most powerful prayer to the Father:

Luke 10:22: *All things have been handed over to Me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father and no one knows who the Father is except the Son, and to anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him (the Father).*

Purpose & Power of Prayer

The primary purpose of prayer is to display God's greatness & glory to His children (believers in Christ).

Jeremiah 33:3: *Call upon Me and I will show you great and mighty things which you have not discovered.*

John 14:13-14: *Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in My name, I will do*

Prayer is the most potent weapon we as believers possess.

James 5:16b: *The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

2Corinthians 10:4: *The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.*

Psalms 55:17: *Cast your problems on the Lord and He will sustain (support) you. He will never allow the righteous to be moved. (Also, 1Peter 5:7)*

Psalms 107:28: *Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress.*

2Timothy 1:7: *God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power!*

John 15:7: *If you remain in Me and My words (bible doctrine) remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.*

“Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan.” ~ John Bunyan

Why Prayer is not answered:

- 1. Sin (iniquity) – Psalm 66:18:** *If I had sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened*
- 2. Not Filled with the Holy Spirit - Ephesians 6:18a:** *And pray in the Holy Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.*
- 3. Lack of Faith – Matthew 21:22:** *If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer*

Mark 11:24 - *Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

4. **Domestic Problems** – **1Peter 3:7**: *Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.*
5. **Arrogance** – **Job 35:12-13**: *He does not answer when men cry out because of the arrogance of the wicked. Indeed, God does not listen to their empty plea; the Almighty pays no attention to it.*
6. **Lack of compassion** – **Proverbs 21:13**: *He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor, will also cry himself and not be answered.*
7. **Lack of Obedience** - **1John. 3:22**: *... and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases Him.*
8. **Wrong Motivation** – **James 4:3**: *When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, (This is the most critical, since it is the most subtle).*
9. **To accomplish God's purpose** - **2 Corinthians 12:8-9**: *Three times I (Paul) pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My Power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.*

We are commanded...

1Thessalonians 5:17: *Pray continually!*

1Thessolians 5:18: *Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

Colossians 4:2: *Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert with an attitude of thanksgiving.*

Philippians 4:6: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

Matthew 21:22: *If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer*

Ephesians 1:17-19: *I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be en-lightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for us who believe.*

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Examples of What & How to Pray:

Prayer should be directed to God the Father.

Ephesians 5:20: *Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Matthew 6:9: *"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,*

1 Peter 1:17: *Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear*

Ephesians 3:14: *For this reason I kneel before the Father (Paul in prayer)*

Prayer should be made in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 14:13: *And I will do whatever you ask in My name (Jesus speaking), so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.*

John 15:16b: *Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name (Jesus Christ).*

The Power for prayer is through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 6:18a: And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Romans 8:26: In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express

Prayer is never made to the Holy Spirit.

Four Parts to Private Prayer

Firstly, ensure you have no sin in your life so as to be in fellowship with God, in order for Him to hear and answer. *Psalm 66:18: If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.*

This is accomplished by simply acknowledging any sin in your life. *1 John 1:6: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.*

1 John 1:9: If we confess (name or acknowledge) our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all [Or every] unrighteousness.

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, His Son, purifies us from all [Or every] sin.

1 John 1:8: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:10: If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives.

Secondly, give thanks and show appreciation to God the Father for His blessing and provision.

Ephesians 5:20: Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:18: Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Thirdly, pray for others (intercession); especially communicators: Pastors, evangelists, missionaries; and also include the sick & ailing, nations & governments, personal & national crises, enemies, military, etc.

Ephesians 6:18b: With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Colossians 4:2-3: Devote yourselves to prayer; in it, keeping alert with an attitude of thanksgiving, praying at the same time for us [teachers of the Word] as well, that God may open up to us a door for the teaching of the Word, so that we may teach the mystery from Christ

2 Thessalonians 3:1: Finally, brothers, pray for us (communicators of His Word) that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.

1 Timothy 2:1-2: I urge you then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

Jeremiah 29:7: Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

2 James 5:15: The prayer offered in faith will deliver the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up

Matthew 5:44: But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you. (also Luke 6:28)

Ephesians 6:18: And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:19: Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth (communicate), words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,

Ephesians 6:20: for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Finally, one can then pray for one's own needs.

Hebrews 4:16: Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

(Prayer by our Pastor, after the lessons on “Forgiveness”)

**May we see you in all of your Grace so that we might reciprocate your grace to the world around us.....
We pray that we might face the world with the same Grace Orientation and pray that we may be a representative of the Lord Jesus Christ in all that we do.**

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Examples of Prayer by the Apostle Paul:

Ephesians 1:15-18: Prayer for the Saints (Believers)

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints,

Ephesians 3:16-21:

Ep. 3:16: I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being,

Ep. 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

Ep. 3:18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

Ep. 3:19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ep. 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

Ep. 3:21 to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Philippians 1:9-11:

Ph. 1:9 And this is my prayer: That your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,

Ph. 1:10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,

Ph. 1:11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.

Colossians 1:9-14:

Col. 1:9 For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

Col. 1:10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,

Col. 1:11 being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully

Col. 1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Col. 1:13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

Col. 1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1Thessalonians 3:12-13:

1Th. 3:12 May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

1Th. 3:13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

1Thessalonians 5:18:

2Thessalonians 1:11-12:

2Th. 1:11 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfil every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.

2Th. 1:12 We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2Thessalonians 2:16-17:

2Th. 2:16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,

2Th. 2:17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2Thessalonians 3:5:

2Th. 3:1 Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honoured, just as it was with you.

2Th. 3:2 And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith.

2Th. 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

2Th. 3:4 We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command.

2Th. 3:5 May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

1Timothy 2:1-5:

1Ti. 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone —

1Ti. 2:2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

1Ti. 2:3 This is good, and pleases God our Saviour,

1Ti. 2:4 who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

1Ti. 2:5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

Hebrews 13:20-21: *May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.*

Amen.

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My Prayer

Ephesians 1:18: *I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the Hope (& confidence!) to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints,*

Ephesians 3:16: *I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being,*

Ephesians 3:17-19: *So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge — that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

Ephesians 3:20-21: Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout **all generations**, forever and ever! Amen.

Philippians 1:9-11: And this is my prayer: That your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.

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Governing Authorities

Romans 13:1-5:

Ro. 13:1 *Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.*

Ro. 13:2 *Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.*

Ro. 13:3 *For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you.*

Ro. 13:4 *For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.*

Ro. 13:5 *Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.*

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Hell

Mark 9:48: *Where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched!*

Isaiah 66:24: *And they will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.*

Daniel 12:2: *Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.*

Matthew 5:22: *But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' [An Aramaic term of contempt] is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.*

Matthew 5:29-30: *If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.*

Matthew 10:28: *Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

Matthew 13:42: *They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

Matthew 23:15: *Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.*

Matthew 23:32-33: *Fill up then, the measure of the sin of your forefathers! You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?*

Mark 9:47-48: *And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.*

Luke 12:4-5: *I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.*

Luke 16:23a: *In hell, [Greek: Hades] where he was in torment*

James 3:6: *The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.*

2 Peter 2:4: *For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment*

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Canon of Scripture

66 book; 40 authors; 1500 yrs; 3 languages; 3 continents;

This collection of books, shares a common story-line – The Creation, The Fall and the Redemption of Mankind

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Doctrine (The Term “Doctrine,” as used in the Scriptures)

1Timothy 1:10: *for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers — and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine*

1Timothy 4:16: *Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.*

2Timothy 4:3a: *For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine.*

Titus 1:9: *He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.*

Titus 2:1: *You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine.*

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“My Child”

(A letter from your Father)

My Child:

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1

I know when you sit down and when you rise up. Psalm 139:2

I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:3

Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31

For you were made in my image. Genesis 1:27

In me you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28

For you are my offspring. Acts 17:28

I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4-5

I chose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1:11-12

You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. Psalm 139:15-16

I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. Acts 17:26

You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14

I knit you together in your mother's womb. Psalm 139:13

And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalm 71:6

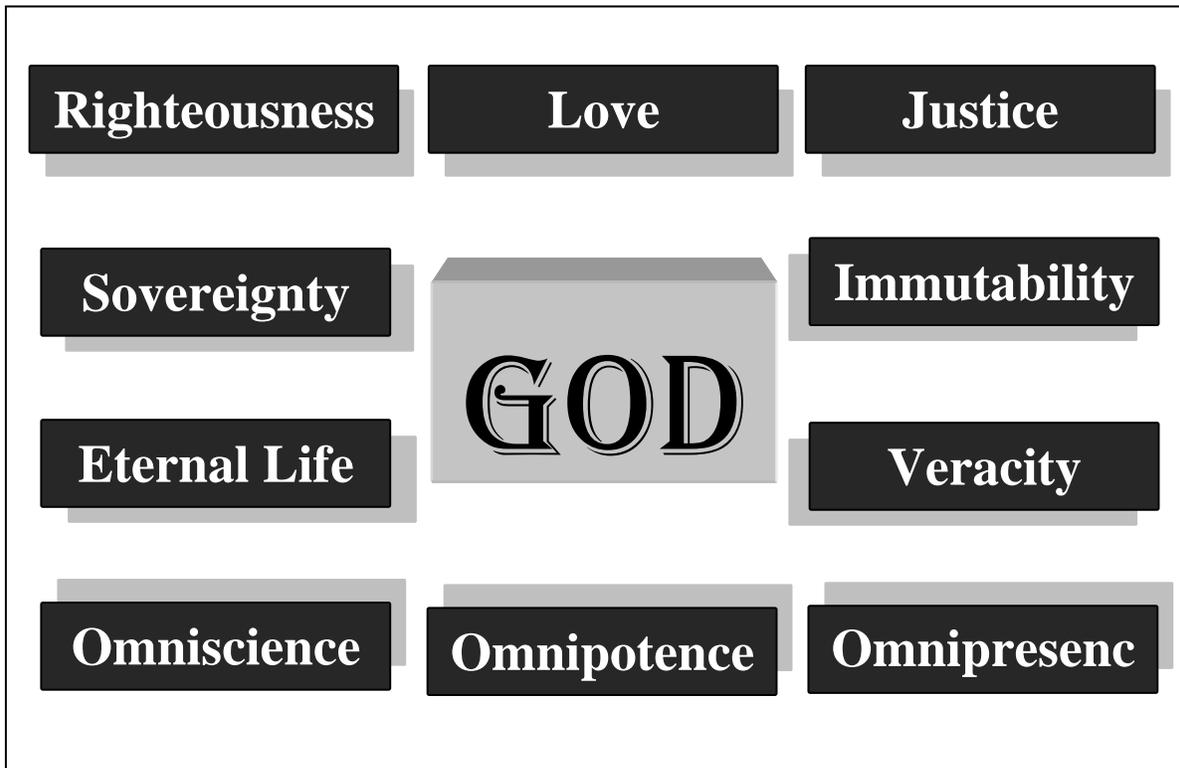
I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44

I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. 1 John 4:16
And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. 1 John 3:1
Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. 1 John 3:1
I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. Matthew 7:11
For I am the perfect father. Matthew 5:48
Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. James 1:17
For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. Matthew 6:31-33
My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11
Because I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3
My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. Psalm 139:17-18
And I rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17
I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32:40
For you are my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5
I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah 32:41
And I want to show you great and marvelous things. Jeremiah 33:3
If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Deuteronomy 4:29
Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4
For it is I who gave you those desires. Philippians 2:13
I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20
For I am your greatest encourager. 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
When you are broken hearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34:18
As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. Isaiah 40:11
One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. Revelation 21:3-4
And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. Revelation 21:3-4
I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. John 17:23
For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. John 17:26
He is the exact representation of my being. Hebrews 1:3
He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. Romans 8:31
And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19
His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. 1 John 4:10
I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. Romans 8:31-32
If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. 1 John 2:23
And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Romans 8:38-39
Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. Luke 15:7
I have always been Father, and will always be Father. Ephesians 3:14-15
My question is.....Will you be my child? John 1:12-13
I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32

With Love, Your Father
Almighty God

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Attributes of God's Essence



The Attributes of God's Essence

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Understanding the Attributes of God:

(Definitions below)

How His Essence affects our lives in every minute manner, every moment that we live. All that He has given us in Grace is critical to our understanding if we are to fulfil our reason for being here on earth: To glorify and honour God, reflecting His essence in our lives.

Psalm 115:1; 1Corinthians 6:20; Philippians 3:7-11

We come to understand how and why He loves us, directs, disciplines, supports, and encourages us. Above all, God the Father has given His Son as our Saviour, so that all who should believe in Him will never perish but have Eternal Life –

John 3:16 (*additionally, see above Category on "Eternal Life."*) Jesus Christ is our example for how we, as His children should live, think and act.

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Attributes of God: Definitions

SOVEREIGNTY

This attribute defines the nature of God's volition. Since God possesses volition, He makes supreme decisions, plans & policies for the universe, the angels and all mankind (Gen.1:3, 26).

Due to His nature, He has no rivals as He exercises supreme power and rule over everyone and everything. There is nothing outside His jurisdiction (Deut.4:39; Ps.93:1,2; Isa.44:6-8; 45:5-8,18).

As the absolute authority in the universe, He alone possesses authority as a part of His essence, which He may or may not exercise, as He sees fit (Job.34:13-15).

All other authorities, human and angelic, are delegated by God (Dan.4:32, 35; Rom.13:1-7).

God's Sovereignty allows human and angelic volition to accept or not accept to His decisions.

God's sovereign will is for all men to be saved and grow to spiritual maturity (1Tim.2:3, 4).

Three applications of Divine Sovereignty include:

1. The Directive Will of God: what God desires.
2. The Permissive Will of God: what God allows or tolerates.
3. The Overruling Will of God: God's intervention in judgment when His Directive Will has been rejected by man. He will discipline His children.

ETERNAL LIFE

God has no beginning and no end to His existence (Ps.90:2; Isa.43:13; Lam.5:19; Rev.1:8).

He is absolute existence (Ex.3:14).

God is the creator of time, and organizes the Ages of Time for His purpose (Heb.1:2; 11:3).

He pre-exists all creation and will continue to exist after the ending of this creation (Gen.1:1; 2Pet.3:10-13).

God devised a plan whereby He could impart His Eternal Life to all mankind (Jn.3:16; 4:14).

OMNIPOTENCE

This word is derived from the Latin term meaning "all powerful".

God is all-powerful; able to do all things He desires to do.

Therefore, His power and authority are often closely linked (Ps.93:1,2; Isa.40:26-31; Jer.27:5).

His power and authority are limitless (1Chron.29:11,12).

Although it is true that God can do all things He wants to do, He does not *will* to do all the things He can do.

God limits the exercise of His power to remain consistent with His essence and plan.

God cannot do some things due to His nature.

1. He cannot deny Himself (2Tim.2:13).
2. He cannot tempt anyone to sin (Jam.1:13).
3. He cannot be tempted with evil (Jam.1:13).

OMNIPRESENCE

This word is derived from the Latin term meaning "all present".

God is personally present everywhere, both within and outside the material creation (Ps.139:7-12).

This is not pantheism, which believes that God is *Creation* and denies His person.

God's essence penetrates & fills the universe, without diffusion, division or multiplication. (Jer.23:23, 24).

God is both immanent and transcendent (Act.17:24-28; Job.1:6,7; 2:1,2).

He is both in Heaven and on the earth simultaneously (Isa.66:1).

This is a source of great comfort to those who believe in Jesus Christ, and very disconcerting to the unbeliever (Mt.28:20).

OMNISCIENCE

This word is derived from the Latin meaning “all knowing”.

While this attribute is closely associated with Omnipresence, God’s knowledge is not restricted to “being there”.

God’s knowledge eternally pre-existed all things (1Pet.1:20).

Omniscience knows all that ever was, is, or can ever be.

God knows that which is actual, or probable, or possible (Mt.11:21-24).

Every detail of history is before God at all times. He knows the end as well as the beginning (Isa.46:10).

He does not learn, forget, remember, or acquire knowledge; He knows all things perfectly at all times; including all what man may think, say, or do, even before they do it (Ps.33:13-15, 139:1-6).

RIGHTEOUSNESS (+R)

God’s Righteousness (+R) is absolute (1Sam.2:2; Isa.6:3; Rev.3:7; 4:8; 6:10).

He is absolutely free from sin in every way (1Jn.1:5; 3:5).

He is perfect in person and character (Deut.32:4; Ps.11:7; 111:3).

He is righteous in His attitudes and actions (2Sam.22:31; Rev.19:2,11).

God has no interest in activity or people who are less than righteous (Ps.5:4-6).

That which is opposed to His Righteousness is called wickedness, evil, or iniquity.

This attribute occupies the foremost position of all of God’s attributes, and is the guardian of God’s essence.

All other attributes must check their function against +R.

Applications to the unbeliever:

1. No one can attain to the standard of absolute Righteousness (Rom.3:23).
2. Man’s works are not sufficient for salvation (Isa.64:6).
3. The only way to obtain absolute Righteousness, acceptable to God, is to believe in Christ (2Cor.5:21).

Applications to the believer:

1. Since Christ dwells in us, we possess His +R (Jn.14:20; 1Jn.4:13,15)
2. Once you acquire +R you cannot lose it. We are often called “Holy” (1Cor.1:2).
3. We are Positionally Righteous in Christ; we “*positionally*” possess His +R, therefore, we are a chosen people, a Royal Priesthood. (1Pet.2:9)
4. Experiential Righteousness, is when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, and experience fellowship with God. Because of our Sin Nature, this will not be continual - **1Jn.1:8&10** But we are exhorted to live in a manner consistent with the character of God (Eph.4:22-24).

JUSTICE

This attribute is that aspect of God’s character that demands that He deal with all creatures based on His Righteousness.

Justice is not arbitrary, but is based strictly on the perfect standard of Righteousness that God possesses.

God’s Justice cannot be unfair or discriminating (Gen.18:25; 2Chron.19:7; Ps.19:9; 89:14).

Due to perfect Justice, God is no respecter of persons and does not show partiality (Deut.10:17; Job.34:19; Eph.6:9).

Justice demands that all sins and all sinful conditions be judged at some point in the Angelic Conflict (A/C).

All sins were judged in the person of Christ, and God's Justice was satisfied.

This is known as Propitiation, or the satisfaction of His Justice. God the Father was satisfied with the work of His Son on the Cross. (Rom.3:25; 1Jn.2:2; 4:10).

Justice acts in two ways.

1. Remuneration – Rewards (Deut.7:9,12,13; Mt.25:21; 1Pet.1:7-9).
2. Retribution - Vengeance (Gen.2:17; Ex.34:7; Ezek.18:4; 2Thess.1:6-9).

LOVE

This attribute is equally present amongst all three members of the Godhead (1Jn.4:8).

This attribute is eternal and unchanging (Micah.7:18-20).

Even though man has not always loved God, God has always loved mankind (Jn.3:16; 1Jn.4:10).

This attribute does not spring from emotions, but only acts in accordance with Righteousness.

God's Love is not emotional, careless, or maudlin, but is the expression of His care and concern for the best interests of any with whom He deals.

God's Love is not only directed toward those who believe in Christ as their Saviour, but is equally directed toward His enemies (Rom.5:8,10).

God's Love motivated Him to offer His own Son in the place of His enemies (Jn.3:16; 2Cor.5:21).

Once one is a child of God, he cannot be separated from the Love of God (Rom.8:35-39).

Both overt blessing and divine discipline (DD) are expressions of the Love of God (Mt.6:4,6; Heb.12:5-13).

Variations in blessing amongst believers are not due to a lack of Love on God's part, but to man's negative volition and disobedience to God's Perfect Will.

IMMUTABILITY

This attribute deals with the fact that God cannot change in His essence (Num.23:19; Ps.102:26, 27; Mal.3:6).

God cannot become better or worse than what He already is.

Does he promise and not fulfil?

God could not improve upon His own perfection.

This attribute is absolute and is the glue that binds all of the other attributes together.

God's faithfulness stems from His Immutability (Num.23:19, 20; Lam.3:22,23; Mal.3:6).

God is faithful to:

1. Save and keep saved (Jn.3:16; 2Tim.2:13).
2. Forgive (1Jn.1:9).
3. Protect us in temptation (1Cor.10:13).
4. Complete His plan for the believer (1Cor.1:8,9; 1Thess.5:23,24).

God's word is immutable and faithful; every promise given to us is irrevocable (Num.23:19; Ps.119:86, 89; Isa.40:8; Rom.11:29; Jam.1:17).

VERACITY - TRUTH

This attribute deals with the fact that God is the only source of truth (Ps.31:5; 117:2).

This attribute means that it is impossible for God to lie or ever do anything in contradiction to the truth (Tit.1:2; Heb.6:18; Num.23:19).

He does not acquire truth; He is truth, and manifests this in His:

1. ways (Ps.25:10; 86:15; Rev.15:3).
2. works (Ps.111:7,8; Dan.4:37).

Therefore, He expects His creation to deal in Truth, just as He does (Ps.51:6; Jer.5:1-3).

1. Since His word proceeds from His essence, it is absolutely trustworthy and reliable (2Sam.7:28; Ps.119:151).
2. He cannot lie (Heb.6:18).
3. The word of Truth is the basis for our salvation.
 - a. Phase1 - Salvation (Col.1:5; Jam.1:18).
 - b. Phase 2 - Living the Christian life (sanctification, Jn.17:17; 2Thess.2:13)
 - c. Phase 3 - Eternity with God in heaven (SG3, Col.1:5; 2Thess.2:14).

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Quotes:

The decisions (choices) you make determine the life you lead! R B Thieme, Jr.

On these fields of friendly strife, are sown the seeds of victory that on other fields and on other days will bear the fruit of Victory! Douglas McArthur (#509 1Cor.9)

If the Word of God does not say it is, or the Holy Spirit does not verify it and the circumstances don't provide for it, it ain't God's Will!! Rick Hughes

Big Rick's study on "Going it alone":

1. *James1:5-6: If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.*
2. **Proverbs 2:10 & 11: When wisdom enters your heart, then discretion will be given to you; but let him ask in faith, w/o doubting. For the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven by the wind!!**
3. People who are not standing firm, will be like the surf of the sea. **I Corinthians 16:13** - *Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong*
4. *Epesians.4:11-14: And God gave some to be Apostles, prophets, evangelists, for the equipping of the saints of the Body of Christ.....that we no longer be children, tossed to and fro*

(An action which is beyond the course of what is expected and is therefore, commendable – God is pleased with his attitude.)

Prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge for Satan. ~ John Bunyan

Memory is a line to the past and a guide to the future!! (Unsure of who quoted this.)

The darker the outlook, the more difficult the adversity, the greater the problem, the more He is glorified when we keep trusting Him. Faith Rest Life booklet.

1. A result of Spiritual Autonomy is being able to make great decisions from a position of strength
 - a. Divine view point inherent to spiritual autonomy results in **Right Motivation**
 - b. **Right Motivation** is absolute confidence in God's ability to take care of a Believer

- c. Then, **Right Motivation results in Right Decisions**
 - d. **Right Decisions result in Right Actions**
 - e. **Spiritual Autonomy is characterised by Divine view point necessary to make good decisions from a position of strength**
- (1 Corinthians Lesson 525)

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