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God is Good

From His overwhelming love came forth an awesome plan.

Did you know that God loves you . . . really loves you? In His love, He created an extraordinary path for your life here on earth. Banish the wondering thoughts about whether or not God will give you a good life. He already has! Enjoy His love-gifts for you by learning how to deliberately choose this blessed destiny day by day.

God Is Good and He Has Good For You

- ◆ **Jesus clearly defined what comes from God and what is from the enemy:**

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

-- John 10:10

- ◆ **God is not a thief, a killer, or a destroyer. That's the enemy's work.**
- ◆ **God sent Jesus to make the way for you to live the abundant life.**
- ◆ **Definition of abundant:**

excessive, overflowing, surplus, over and above, more than enough, profuse, extraordinary, above the ordinary, more than sufficient

- ◆ **The abundant life in Christ is a life that supersedes the life you would normally live or the life you could make for yourself based on your own strength, ability, or means. It's an over and above life that overflows with God's goodness. The life God has designed for you in Christ is a higher, richer, better, fuller life than what you could ever pull off yourself.**

God's Great Love For You

- ◆ **How you see God impacts everything in your life. His plan for you is always in line with His nature. His nature is love. The greatest expression of His identity is that He is love.**

*...for God is love
-- 1 John 4:8b*

- ◆ **God's motivation for all He has done or will do, is His love for you.**

*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
-- John 3:16*

- ◆ **Jesus taught that God the Father loves you as much as He loves Jesus.**

*I am praying not only for these disciples, but also for all who will ever believe in me because of their testimony... then the world will know that You sent Me and will understand that You love them as much as You love Me.
-- John 17:20, 23b (NLT)*

God Demonstrated His Love For Us in Jesus

- ◆ **Through Adam's transgression, sin entered the human race and spread to every person causing them to have a natural tendency to sin.**

-- Genesis 3

- ◆ **The judgment for sin is death. All of mankind was condemned to death, spiritual death (separation from God and eternity in hell).**

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.
-- Romans 5:12

For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one...
-- Romans 5:17a

Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation...
-- Romans 5:18a

- ◆ **Our sinful nature demanded our death. There was nothing we could do to make up for our sins or to make ourselves right with God. We were condemned to death.**

For the wages [payoff] of sin is death...
-- Romans 6:23a

- ◆ **Because He loves us, God sent Jesus to rescue us. He sent Him to save us from sin and death.**

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

Jesus Rescued Us by Offering Himself as Our Substitute

- ◆ **Jesus was born of a virgin, without the stain of Adam's sin. Because He was sinless, He wasn't condemned to death. He was the only person who was qualified to be offered as a substitute for us.**

- ◆ **As He suffered and died on the cross, Jesus bore the punishment that was due us. He took our place, bore our pain, and died our death.**

Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

-- Isaiah 53:4-6

Receive Salvation by Grace Through Faith

- ◆ **The only way out of sin and the condemnation of death is to accept the sacrifice that Jesus made for you. His sacrifice for you is a free gift. You are not worthy of it. You can never repay Him for it. You can never earn it. He offers you salvation by grace (unmerited favor).**

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

-- Ephesians 2:8-9

- ◆ **To accept what Jesus has done for you, only 2 things are required:**

- Believing that He has been raised from the dead
- Confessing (consenting that) Jesus is Lord

That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

-- Romans 10:9-10



God's Good News For You

The Good News is too good to be true - almost!

The power of God is in that simple Gospel story that has been told in stained glass cathedrals and in thatched roof huts. The news that God sent His only son to die for the sins of wicked men, to redeem them from the cruelest of taskmasters. It's the stuff of fairy tales to be sure, but it can hardly be told without one wondering how can it be? How could one so great willingly die for such wretched souls? But indeed He did. Thank God He did!

The Good News is All About Jesus

- ◆ **Before Jesus, there was little good news. The Gospels (which means "good news") start with Jesus and record His life and ministry.**
- ◆ **The Old Testament paved the way for Jesus. There were prophecies and foreshadowing, but anything good that happened under the Old Covenant pales in comparison to what happened in Christ.**
- ◆ **The *Good News* is the message of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus and what happened as a result.**

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you... For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures...

-- 1 Corinthians 15:1,3-4

The Substitute at Calvary

- ◆ **From the time that Adam sinned, mankind lived under the curse of sin. We had no escape. We were born into it.**

*Therefore, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus sin spread to all men, because all sinned...
-- Romans 5:12*

- ◆ **Sin separated man from God, creating a gulf between man and God. Sin brought death upon man, including all its symptoms and predecessors (sickness, weakness, abnormality, lack, poverty).**

*For the wages of sin is death...
-- Romans 6:23*

- ◆ **Someone had to be punished for our sins. Jesus was the only one who qualified to pay the price for all, so He took our place. He suffered our pain and bore our punishment. JESUS BECAME OUR SUBSTITUTE.**

*Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
-- Isaiah 53:4-6*

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

The Great Exchange

- ◆ **Jesus not only substituted Himself for us to take the punishment that was due us, but He also made us anew in Him. He did this so that we might share in all the goodness that is due Him.**

*For He [the Father God] made Him who knew no sin [Jesus] to be sin for us [includes you] that we [includes you] might become the righteousness of God in Him [Christ Jesus].
-- 2 Corinthians 5:21*

- ◆ **He took our sin so that we could be righteous, as He is. To be righteous means to be right with God. Righteousness speaks of our good relationship and favored position with God.**
- ◆ **Jesus exchanged what He had for what we had so that we could have what He had.**

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes, He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

-- 2 Corinthians 8:9

Your New Identity “In Christ”

- ◆ **“In Christ, in Him, in Whom, by Him, by Whom, with Christ, and with Him” are all words that speak of your new identity in Christ. There is no more you. The old you is dead, and the new you lives in Christ.**

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

--Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

- ◆ **Because we died with Him and have risen with Him, we have been set free from the dominion of sin and death. No longer do we have to sin. Also, because we are no longer counted guilty of sin, we aren't due any of the penalty of sin (death).**

Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. [And since we are in Him, it no longer has dominion over us, either!!!]

-- Romans 6:6-9

- ◆ **In Christ, you are privileged. You are seated with Him in heavenly places (at the right hand of God) so that you can enjoy the goodness of God firsthand.**

But God who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive

together with Christ [by grace you have been saved], and raised us up together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

-- Ephesians 2:4-7 AMP

- ◆ **You have the same position before God that Jesus has. Everything that Jesus did, you can do. When you pray in His name, based on His Word, Heaven responds as if Jesus Himself were making the request.**

- ◆ **Read through the New Testament, particularly through Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians and look for the “in Christ” scriptures so that you can see who you really are.**



A Life of Faith

For the just shall live by his faith in God... Romans 1:17

This whole life of faith began when one day you finally admitted to yourself (and perhaps to others) that Jesus really is Lord of all, that God really did raise Him from the dead. That admission launched this journey, this life of faith. Where it will take you, only He knows, but it is bound to be a wild adventure that demands your total reliance on Him.

Faith Is Not Complicated

- ◆ **Faith: TRUST, confidence, conviction, belief, reliance, persuasion.**
- ◆ **Faith is being convinced of something to the point you are willing to act on it as truth.**
- ◆ **To have faith *in God* is to be convinced of *His Word* to the point that you are willing to act on it or depend on it as truth. That is “putting your trust in God” or “believing God.”**
- ◆ **“Faith isn’t faith until it acts on what it believes.”**
– *Smith Wigglesworth*
- ◆ **To have faith in the Bible (God’s Word) is to read it as if its promises were written to you by the most trustworthy person you know.**
- ◆ **If you can trust people, then you are capable of having faith in God. How much more does He deserve our trust?**

- ◆ **Our faith in God is not based on what our physical senses perceive but on what He says to us in His Word. The biggest challenge of faith is getting past your dependence on your senses and learning to trust in someone you cannot see with your natural eyes**

*For we walk by faith, not by sight.
-- 2 Corinthians 5:7*

- ◆ **Now faith is... the betting of your life on unseen realities.**

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.
-- Hebrews 11:1-3 (KJV)*

In God We Trust

- ◆ **To receive salvation, the only thing required of us was faith. God did all the work for us, and we get all of the benefits. Our part is having faith.**

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

- ◆ **We were saved by grace. Grace is unmerited favor. We didn't do anything to deserve salvation, but He gave it to us anyway because He loved us. Even the faith which we use to connect to Him is a gift from Him.**
- ◆ **Salvation is the benefit package that contains everything that Jesus has so generously provided for us. The method through which we initially received salvation is the same method we use to receive everything that has been provided for us in salvation.**

◆ **How exactly are we saved?**

*...the word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
-- Romans 10:8-10*

◆ **Two things are required for you to be born again:**

- Confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus
- Believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead

The Heart and Mouth Connection

◆ **The heart and mouth are fundamentally connected in the salvation process. Both are involved in activating the benefit plan.**

*For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
-- Romans 10:10*

◆ **Faith has to be in both places: the heart and the mouth. If it is only in one or the other, the process is not complete. No results.**

◆ **How does faith get in the heart and mouth?**

*So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.
-- Romans 10:17*

- Faith is actually encapsulated in God's Word. When you hear His Word (or read it because then you "hear" it in your mind) and receive it, faith is deposited in your heart.
- To have faith in God for something, you have to have His Word on it. You have to know His will on the subject. Your faith can only begin where and when His will is known.

The Exercise of Faith

- ◆ **Trust is our response to what God has already done. Believing in the accomplished, finished, complete work of Christ on the cross. Through that work, He purchased our redemption, paid for our freedom, and provided for our victory in every situation.**
- ◆ **Agree with God's Word.**

The word that saves is right here, as near as the tongue in your mouth, as close as the heart in your chest. It's the word of faith that welcomes God to go to work and set things right for us. This is the core of our preaching. Say the welcoming word to God—"Jesus is my Master"—embracing, body and soul, God's work of doing in us what he did in raising Jesus from the dead. That's it. You're not "doing" anything; you're simply calling out to God, trusting him to do it for you. That's salvation. With your whole being you embrace God setting things right, and then you say it, right out loud: "God has set everything right between him and me!"
 -- Romans 10:8-10 (Message)

- ◆ **The same way you are saved is the same way you appropriate God's saving work in EVERY area of your life.**
- ◆ **You don't have to talk God into anything. You just have to agree with what He's already said.**
- ◆ **Move mountains (obstacles, hindrances) with your mouth.**

So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, be removed and be cast into the sea and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says."
 -- Mark 11:22-23

◆ **Speak things into existence in your life like God does.**

(God) ...calls those things which do not exist as though they did.
-- Romans 4:17

By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.
-- Hebrews 11:3

God said...and there was...
-- Genesis 1:3,6,9,11,14,20,24,26

◆ **Because words created this natural realm (the earth and everything in it including the materials that make-up your body), everything in this natural realm responds to spoken words. Things will respond to your words.**

So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, Be pulled up by the roots and be planted into the sea and it would obey you."
-- Luke 17:6



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Fellowship With the Father

One prayer breathed by a man upon the earth can move all of heaven to act.

What a privilege we have in prayer! To think that nobodies from nowhere (the people we once were) now have the right to go boldly to our Father God, Our Heavenly Daddy, and talk life's matters over with Him. To listen in on heaven's plans. To find the help we so desperately need.

What is Prayer?

- ◆ **Prayer is communing with God, inquiring of Him, fellowshiping (sharing) with Him.**
- ◆ **“Prayer is no dreary performance, dead and death-dealing, but it is God’s enabling act for man, living and life-giving, joy and joy-giving. Prayer is the contact of a living soul with God. In prayer, God stoops to kiss man, to bless man, and to aid man in everything that God can devise or man can need.”**

-- E. M. Bounds

The Basics of Prayer

- ◆ **Jesus made us right with God - righteous - and gave us His position of fellowship with the Father. We have the privilege of fellowship (God's original plan for man.)**

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

-- Hebrews 4:16

- The throne of grace allows us to come without reservation and be accepted like Jesus

- ◆ **You can offer prayers that are sure to be answered by God. The Bible, God's Word, is the guidebook on prayer.**
- ◆ **Pray to the Father.**
- ◆ **Pray in the name of Jesus - not like using a magic word, but like you have the right to use His name.**
- ◆ **He has given you power of attorney.**
- ◆ **Use His authority.**
- ◆ **You are in Christ, in Him.**
- ◆ **It's as if Jesus is making the request.**
- ◆ **So much of what has been practiced as prayer is based on tradition.**

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

-- 1 John 5:14-15

- Confidence is boldness, feeling free to speak openly to God

- ◆ **Launch your prayers from the platform of God's Word.**

- The key is to ask based on God's Word. If we ask based on His Word, He hears us. Then we know that we have that for which we asked.
- Example: Praying for wisdom

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

-- James 1:5

- If you don't know what to do, ask God. Remind yourself and Him of James 1:5 where He has promised to give you wisdom. Ask for wisdom. Then thank Him for granting it to you.

- ◆ **Everything you receive is on the basis of what Jesus has done for you - not your behavior or performance.**

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

-- John 14:13-14

- ◆ **Taking advantage of the privilege of prayer - believing prayer - will bring peace in your life.**

Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

-- Mark 11:24

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

-- Philippians 4:6

The Most Important Types of Prayers

- ◆ **Prayer of Consecration: a prayer to dedicate your life to God's use.**

Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not My will, but Yours be done.

-- Luke 22:42

- This is the only time when we would pray “if it be thy will” because we don’t fully know all the facets of God’s specific plan for us.

- ◆ **Prayer of Faith: a prayer of petition to receive what God has already promised and provided for us in His Word.**

◆ **Prayer of Agreement: to join with another believer of like faith in prayer and agree (say the same thing) together on what God's Word promises you.**

Again, I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in Heaven.

-- Matthew 18:19

- When you are faced with something bigger than you, find someone to agree.
- Look for someone strong in faith in whatever area you are being challenged.
- Ask together. Pray together. Thank God together.

◆ **Prayer of Supplication: a prayer for fellow believers, praying that their needs will be met or that they will fulfill God's plans and purposes for them.**

- Paul's prayers for the churches are prayers of supplication:

Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

-- Ephesians 1:15-19

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.

-- Colossians 1:9-12

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

-- Philipians 1:9-11

For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

-- Ephesians 3:14-21

◆ **Prayer of Intercession: a prayer for the lost that stands in the gap between them and God, praying what they cannot pray for themselves.**

◆ **Prayer of Commitment: a prayer to cast your cares upon the Lord.**

Casting the whole of your cares, all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

-- 1 Peter 5:7 (Amplified)

◆ **United Prayer: Christians praying together, unified in purpose.**

◆ **Praise and Worship: prayers that magnify God, boast of Him, celebrate and exalt Him, reverence and adore Him.**

◆ **Prayer in the Spirit: praying in tongues, inspired by the Holy Spirit.**

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The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

One of the most misunderstood experiences in the scripture is also one of the most vital... and precious. The intent of the Father is that every one of His kids be living dynamos, filled with His power, doing the same works Jesus did. That's why He wants to immerse us in Himself!

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

- ◆ **Jesus told His disciples that the Father was going to send the Holy Spirit to live with them forever.**

*And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter, one called to Help) that He may abide with you forever.
-- John 14:16*

- Jesus was saying here that the Father will send “one besides Me and in addition to Me but one just like Me. He will do in My absence what I would do if I were physically present with you.”
-- Word Wealth, Spirit Filled Life Bible

- ◆ **In fact, Jesus said it is better for us to have the Holy Spirit than to have Jesus here with us personally in the flesh.**

*Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.
John 16:7*

- ◆ **Until this point, Jesus' followers had looked to Him to meet their needs, to dispense God's power, and to speak for God. Jesus was introducing a new way God wanted to work: not just through one person (as He did in Jesus), but through many persons (as He could if He empowered others in the same way that He had Jesus).**

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ... But YOU shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:4-8

- The reason for the Holy Spirit coming upon us is so that we can receive power... the same power those who were hearing Him had seen on Him. The foremost reason for the power of God coming upon you is so that you can be a witness (someone who can produce evidence.) God never intended that we reach people only through persuasive words, but He sent us His Spirit so we would have power in our lives to bear witness of Him.

What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

- ◆ **Baptize: to immerse.**

- When you are born again, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside you. When you are baptized in the Holy Spirit, He comes from within you, out "up-on" you.

- ◆ **The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the experience of being immersed in and overflowed by the Spirit of God until He affects your flesh.**

- Jesus said salvation was like a fountain springing up within you.

..But the water that I give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

-- John 4:14

- Jesus compared the baptism of the Holy Spirit to rivers of living water flowing out of your innermost being.

... out of His heart will flow rivers of living water.
-- John 7:38

◆ **The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a manifestation of God's Spirit that produces supernatural (beyond the natural) experiences in people.**

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
Acts 2:1-4

- When they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they spoke with other tongues.

◆ **This baptism is an experience that comes after salvation. When Peter and John went to Samaria, they found people who had already received the word of God and been baptized (referring to water baptism) in the name of Jesus, but when the apostles laid hands on them, they received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.**

Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.
-- Acts 8:14-17

Why Speak in Other Tongues?

◆ **Tongues are the initial sign of the baptism of the Holy Spirit.**

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.
-- Acts 10:44-46

- ◆ **When speaking in tongues, you are in direct contact with God, talking about things that no man understands, things that are considered to be “divine secrets.”**

*For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.
-- 1 Corinthians 14:2*

- ◆ **Speaking in tongues energizes the believer.**

*He who speaks in a tongue edifies [to charge like a battery] himself.
-- 1 Corinthians 14:4*

- ◆ **Praying in tongues allows us to pray aligned with God's will.**

*Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered (referring to tongues). Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
-- Romans 8:26-27*



The Holy Spirit's Work in Our Lives

We have inside information. Wherever we go, whomever we see, there is always more going on than meets the eye. But the all-knowing, all-seeing One lives on the inside of us, and He's feeding us the critical bits of information that we have to know to overcome in life. Wow!

The Holy Spirit: God's Guide In Us

- ◆ **A marvelous result of the New Birth is that God came to live in man. Under the Old Covenant (in the Old Testament), God only came on the priest, prophet, or king, and, even then, only for a moment. The common man had no hope of contact with God.**
- ◆ **Since He now lives in us, He now serves as an inner guide for us. Jesus said:**

However, when He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth... and He will tell you things to come.
-- John 16:13

Learning to Follow His Leading

- ◆ **Learning to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit is a process.**
- ◆ **The first step in learning His leading is to follow the written Word.**

Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
-- Psalm 119:103

- The Holy Spirit's leading in your life will always agree with the Scriptures. He will never lead you to do anything contrary to His Word.

- As you endeavor to obey the written Word, the Holy Spirit will begin to speak to you through the Word and reveal more specific direction for your life.

◆ **God communicates with us “spirit to spirit,” not through our minds or bodies. He lives in our spirits and that’s where He speaks to us.**

The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord...
-- Proverbs 20:27

◆ **The Holy Spirit is ever leading us into all the benefits that God provided for us in salvation, the benefits we can enjoy as children of God. If we fail to follow Him, we’ll miss out on what God has for us.**

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons [and daughters] of God.
-- Romans 8:14

- To follow Him, we must first hear Him.
- Hearing God is much simpler than it has been made out to be. If you have an assurance of salvation, then you have “heard” from the Spirit of God.

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.
-- Romans 8:16

- He “bears witness” with our spirit, He is verifying with us that we are doing the right thing or going the right way.

◆ **Luke, the writer of Acts, expressed the leading of the Holy Spirit in these words:**

...it seemed good...
-- Acts 15:34

- When the Holy Spirit is leading you, it just seems right on the inside; it’s not based on reason or logic, but based on how your insides, the real you [you are a spirit, after all] seems to be responding.

- ◆ **The best way to make sure you are following the leading of the Holy Spirit is to follow peace. Establish peace in your life. When you are making decisions, look for peace. Let peace rule on your choices.**

And let the peace... from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts (deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds...)

-- Colossians 3:15 (Amplified)

- Start out by taking non-committal “baby-steps.” If you have peace there, take another step. At each step, check your peace level.
 - Don’t override your peace. Don’t let people bully you. Don’t let time push you. Take the time you need to get peace before making a commitment.
- ◆ **Any leading you have from the Holy Spirit should be judged in light of the written Word. The Bible is the final authority. The Holy Spirit will always agree (say the same thing) with the Word.**

Test all things. Hold fast what is good.

-- 1 Thessalonians 5:21

How the Holy Spirit Does NOT Lead Us

- ◆ **God does not lead His people by circumstances (like “open doors/closed doors”). In the Old Testament, since God had no way to communicate “spirit-to-spirit” with people, the only way He could speak to them was through natural circumstances. However, now He lives in us and leads us from the inside.**
 - Sometimes He leads us to go through doors that are closed, and some open doors are just traps or distractions from the enemy.
- ◆ **Never in the New Testament are we taught to ask for a natural sign to indicate God’s will for us. Some people call this “putting out a fleece.” Instead, we are taught to live by the inward witness.**
 - In Acts 1:26, it is recorded that the eleven remaining disciples cast lots to decide who would replace Judas. Once the Holy Spirit came upon them in Acts 2, never again was this practice mentioned again. They no longer needed to cast lots because they had the Holy Spirit on the inside to guide them.

- ◆ **The Holy Spirit does not lead through prophecy [a God-inspired utterance] given by another person or even a minister. That is not the New Testament purpose for prophecy; prophecy is for edification [charging up like a battery] and exhortation and comfort.**

...he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

-- 1 Corinthians 14:3

- ◆ **It is uncommon for the Holy Spirit to work through your dreams to guide you. It might happen on occasion. If and when it ever does, you will not have to seek the interpretation. People have gotten off into strange doctrines in trying to interpret their dreams.**
- ◆ **Very rarely does the Holy Spirit lead people in a spectacular way like a divine appearance, an open vision or an angelic visitation. These things are not promised to us in the Scriptures and should not be sought. Remember, most cults began after their leaders had what they thought to be “angelic” appearances.**



Healing Belongs To You

Healing is salvation working in your body!

Will He or won't He? Isn't that the question? Few doubt that God can heal, but few are convinced He will. Truth is, He redeemed your body at the same time He saved you from sin. As much as He wants you saved, He wants you well.

Healing Is God's Will For You

◆ **How can we know God's will? God gave us His Word to reveal His will to us.**

- We cannot determine God's will from experience or tradition -- from Grandma, Pastor Bob, Christian television or *Charisma* magazine.
- The only sure way to find the will of God is to study the Word of God, the Bible, to see what He has said.

◆ **There are three places in the scripture we can look to see God's perfect will for man: the Garden of Eden (before the fall), Heaven, and the ministry of Jesus.**

- In the first chapters of Genesis, when the Garden is described, there is no mention of any sickness or disease. God created man according to His own will and purpose. If He had wanted man sick, He would have made Him sick from the beginning. It was Adam's sin that opened him (and thus all humanity) up to the curse of sickness.

For the wages of sin is death.
-- Romans 6:23

◆ **In the scriptures that refer to Heaven, no one there is depicted as sick or infirm. Jesus prayed:**

Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
-- Matthew 6:10

- We can see from His prayer that the will of God is not necessarily being done on earth, but that it is being done in Heaven.

◆ **There is no record that He ever told anyone who came to Him for healing, “NO!”**

For I have come down from Heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
-- John 6:38

...went about doing good and healing all...
-- Acts 10:38

- Jesus forever settled the question of whether it is God’s will to heal when He told the leper who came and questioned His willingness, “I will.”

When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, if you are willing, You can make me clean.” Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
-- Matthew 8:1-3

Sickness Comes From Satan

◆ **The Bible states that sickness is satanic oppression.**

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him.
-- Acts 10:38

- ◆ **When Jesus saw a woman bent over who couldn't raise herself up, it made Him angry.**

So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound – think of it – for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?”

-- Luke 13:16

- ◆ **Sickness is a tool that the devil uses to steal, kill and destroy and is a contradiction to the abundant life that Jesus came to give us.**

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly.

-- John 10:10

God Has Always Provided Healing For His People

- ◆ **He said to the children of Israel:**

For I am the Lord who heals you.

-- Exodus 15:26b

- ◆ **In the ministry of Jesus, the healing power of God was dispensed freely.**

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

-- Matthew 9:35

- ◆ **Jesus commissioned His followers in His Name to go preach the Good News and lay hands on the sick who would then recover.**

Go into all the world and preach the gospel... lay hands on the sick and they will recover.

-- Mark 16:15b,18b

- ◆ **Healing can be ministered to others who are not able to help themselves.**

Is anyone among you sick [literally beyond helping themselves]? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.

-- James 5:14-15a

Jesus Paid For Our Healing and Gave It To Us

- ◆ **Because sin came on mankind as a result of Adam's sin, someone had to pay the penalty and bear the punishment to redeem us out from under sin and all that came on us as a result of sin, including sickness. That's what Jesus did when He suffered, bled, and died at Calvary.**

Surely He has borne our griefs [sicknesses] and carried our sorrows [pains]; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace [literally wholeness, nothing missing – nothing broken] was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed [and made whole.]

-- Isaiah 53:4-5

He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.

-- Matthew 8:17b

By His stripes, you were healed [Greek: physically healed].

-- 1 Peter 2:24

- ◆ **You are not a sick person trying to get your healing. Your healing is an accomplished fact; it was settled at the cross. When you were born again, you received in your salvation package a benefit called "healing," and now it belongs to you. You are entitled to it.**
- ◆ **Healing cannot be earned any more than any other part of salvation can. Healing comes by grace, through faith, just as every benefit of your salvation. It is God's gift to you, given because He loves you.**



Living a Generous Life

In our society, we have this idea that only those with extreme wealth can truly live generous lives. In the Old Testament language of Hebrew, the word “generous” literally means to saturate with water, a symbol of life – to overflow in a way that brings life to people. In the New Testament language of Greek, it means “ready to distribute” – available to give time, talent and treasure to bless others. When you put these connotations together, you get a beautiful picture of what it means to live generously.

It All Begins with Trust

- ◆ **Definition of trust: to rely upon or place confidence in someone or something**
- ◆ **Paul, in his writings to his protégé, Timothy, gives explicit instructions for Christians regarding generosity.**
- ◆ **The Diagnosis: a Heart Condition**

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

-- 1 Timothy 6:17-19

- Those who trust in uncertain riches have a heart condition in which their confidence is placed in possessions and things.

◆ **The Cure: Trust in God**

- Why trust in riches when you can trust in the One who richly provides?

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

-- Proverbs 3:5-6

Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you.

-- Matthew 6:33

◆ **Because the Father wanted us set free from poverty and lack, He sent Jesus as a substitute for us so that we could live better lives.**

Jesus became poor so that we, through His poverty, might be rich.

-- 2 Corinthians 8:9

Money is a Mirror

◆ **How we spend our money is the best reflection of our hearts**

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

-- Matthew 6:19-21

◆ **Are we building God's kingdom or our own?**

Then (Jesus) said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

-- Luke 12:15

Whose Is It?

◆ God owns it all

The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.

-- Psalm 24:1

Every beast in the forest is Mine and the cattle on a thousand hills.

-- Psalm 50:10

◆ Man is a manager of God's assets and resources

- Stewardship is not a reluctant obligation, but a thrilling opportunity to manage His funds with His heart and His purpose.
- God has entrusted to us everything we have for two reasons:
 1. so we can partner with Him to accomplish His purposes
 2. so we can demonstrate where our true priorities lie.
- Jesus talked about money so often. This was not because God is in need of our money, and Jesus wanted to make sure we gave it to Him. It was because the ways in which we handle money are the most accurate reflections of our relationships with Him.

The Proper Perspective

◆ Priority Giving

- Give God your first and best and trust Him to bless the rest.

Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine.

-- Proverbs 3:9-10

◆ Proportional Giving

- Give proportionally to the way God has blessed you.
- Giving regularly and systematically is one of the best spiritual habits you can cultivate.

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

-- 1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)

◆ Prompted Giving

- Being led by the Holy Spirit with your giving.

Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do. So we have urged Titus, who encouraged your giving in the first place, to return to you and encourage you to finish this ministry of giving. Since you excel in so many ways—in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us—I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving.

-- 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 (NLT)

The Cycle of Generosity

◆ Reap What You Sow

- Generous giving is a cycle that builds upon itself over and over.

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. As it is written: “He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, while you are

enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

-- 2 Corinthians 9:8-11 (NKJV)

◆ **Blessed to be a Blessing**

- God told Abraham that He would bless Him for a purpose.

I will make you a great nation;

I will bless you

And make your name great;

And you shall be a blessing.

- Genesis 12:2

- Those who are blessed by God become "blessers" for God.
- "God prospers me not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving."
-- Randy Alcorn from *The Treasure Principle*

◆ **Why we give**

- We don't give to God in order to get something from God. We give because God's already given so much to us.

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

-- Philippians 4:19



How to Study the Bible

God's Word is your text - His Spirit your tutor.

The Bible is our guidebook or manual on how to live successfully for God and enforce victory over the devil. The Bible reveals the truth about God, records His plan to rescue man, shows the only way to salvation, explains how to deal with the problem of sin, and explores new life in Christ Jesus.

II Timothy 3:16,17

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Bible, in proper use, is to be read daily, consulted constantly, and studied carefully. The inspired Word of God will confirm our beliefs, set spiritual and moral guidelines, give us wisdom for living, and instruct us in the ways of the kingdom of God (God's ways of doing things). Our physical bodies need food to live and so do our spirits. The Word of God feeds us spiritually.

Matthew 4:4

It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

Helpful Hints in Your Bible Study

- Remember that the Holy Spirit is your teacher. He lives within every person who is born again, and chief among His jobs is training you in the Word. Expect Him to teach you as you study.

John 14:26

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

- Approach your study with an open heart and mind. Be teachable. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring alive the Word to you so that it has meaning for you for that day.
- Sometimes studying can be hard work. Understanding may or may not come quickly on the verses or passages you are studying. Keep at it until understanding comes.
- Write down what the Holy Spirit is teaching you in a notebook or journal. This will help you with future references and keep you in focus on what you are studying. Write in your Bible to help you remember where passages are and make notes that may be helpful in future study.
- Personal study time does not replace worship and teaching services but rather adds to them. Be sure you keep connected in corporate gatherings.
- Find a consistent time and place to study. You may start out studying for just five minutes a day. The key is consistency.
- Look for truth you can act on. The more of God’s Word you can act on, the more success you will have in life.
- If you have difficulty locating the books of the Bible, find the table of contents in the front of your Bible that tells you on what page each book begins. Make a photocopy of it and keep it in your Bible so that you can refer to it while you study or as the pastor ministers.

Suggested Study Tools

Modern Bible Translations

These are Bibles translated into the contemporary English we speak. The King James Version was translated into Old English more than 300 years ago and it is often difficult too understand today. We recommend The Spirit-Filled Life Bible by Nelson Publishing in the “New King James” version. Other Bibles we refer to include the Amplified Bible, the New Living Translation, and The Message Bible. Study Bibles can be very helpful in providing more history and background information for the books of the Bible, Bible characters, and word meanings.

A Bible Concordance such as Strong's

You can use this to do individual word studies or to study particular subjects, such as love, peace, joy, etc. If you want to find a verse where you remember part of the Scripture but you do not remember the reference, a concordance will assist you in locating that verse.

A Bible dictionary such as Eerdman's

Use this to look up word meanings or to find more information about Bible characters.

An expository dictionary such as Vine's

Here you can look up words in original Hebrew (Old Testament) or Greek (New Testament) to get an expanded meaning of a word and to compare the usage of the words. Also, Webster's Dictionary can be very helpful when looking up words to find meanings.

Methods of Study

1. Daily Devotions

Study your Bible until the pages wear out! Make it a workbook that you mark in as you work with it and glean great wisdom for living. As you study, ask the Holy Spirit what the Father has for you and what truth you are to learn today. Mark those passages that are meaningful. This will allow you to remember how you have grown spiritually when you read that passage in the future. **Remember this is God talking to you personally through letters.** Look at it that way and you will find it much more meaningful.

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

2. Word Studies

You may routinely read a passage and think you understand it, but there may be truths often overlooked that you can find in the words of that verse. Look up the words (even the ones you already know) in a dictionary, Bible dictionary or concordance.

- **Does the word have more meaning than what you thought?**
- **Does it add more to the Scripture passage?**
- **Is there any truth that I can apply in my life right now?**

There are times we read words in the Bible and think we understand when we really do not have a clear understanding of what these words mean.

3. Topical Studies

When you want to learn more about what the Bible says about a given subject (healing, peace, forgiveness, etc.), you can do a topical study. Find verses containing references to those words and write them down on a piece of paper. Then go through them one by one. Always read the verses before or after a verse to find out the context in which the verse is written.

4. Character Studies

There is much to be learned by studying the life of a Bible character. You can find qualities that will make you successful or cause you to fail.

- **How did this person overcome?**
- **Why did God choose them?**
- **How can I be like them now?**

There are two kinds of people: those you want to be like, and those you do not. You can learn just as much from both.

5. Book Studies

Study one book at a time. Every book in the Bible is important. Look at a book that interests you. If you are reading the Bible for the first time, we recommend beginning in the book of John and then Acts. Spend most of your time in the New Testament until you feel comfortable reading it. Then branch out into Old Testament books. Do not start your studying by reading the book of Revelation because it may bring more confusion than it does help.

Questions you should seek to answer as you study a book are:

- **Who wrote this book?**
- **Why was it written?**
- **When was it written?**
- **To whom was it written?**
- **What are the key verses?**
- **What are the key thoughts?**
- **What is the theme of the book?**
- **What problems are addressed?**
- **What are the solutions?**
- **How does this apply to my life today?**

6. The Book of Psalms

This is a good book to read from daily. Read a Psalm or two every day. King David is the author of many of the Psalms. He was described as a man after God's own heart. There is much to be learned from his writings. Many of the Psalms concern prayer, praise and worship. Find the theme of the Psalm and its application for your life. Note phrases that are repeated over and over for emphasis.

Great Psalms to read right away are Psalm 1, 15, 23, 27, 34, 37, 91, 103, 119, 145 and 150.

7. The Book of Proverbs

This is the best book in the Bible for practical wisdom in day-to-day living. Proverbs was predominantly written by one of the wisest and wealthiest men in history: King Solomon. Throughout this book the wise man and the foolish man are contrasted. Act on principles of wise living and avoid foolish living. Proverbs has much to say about hard work, handling money, business dealings, relationships, and the power of your words.

8. Meditation is Vital

To meditate means “to chew on, to roll around in your mind, to think upon over and over, to speak to yourself.” There are benefits for meditating the Bible verses. Meditation helps you to get God’s Word into your heart and to renew your mind to what the Word says.

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

This is where many fail to reap the most benefit from their Bible study. The more you think on a verse, the more understanding will come. The more you apply the knowledge you have from the Bible, the more you will be successful in the things of God.

Psalm 119:9,11

How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You!

9. Affirmation or Confession of God’s Word

When you find verses that are meaningful to you, write them down on index cards and go over them on a regular basis. Read them aloud until you commit them to memory. This will be helpful when temptation comes or if the devil attacks you in some way. Resist him with God’s Word and you will have victory every time. Also, if you are feeling badly or are weak, confessing God’s Word by agreeing with or saying the same thing that the Word says about you will encourage and strengthen you.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Who You Are In Him

Scriptures reveal who we are in Christ.

In order to live the abundant life Jesus has provided, you must know who you are and what you have. You must know your rights and privileges and what you inherited in, through, by, and with Jesus. The following list of scriptures is a good foundation of these truths. Read them. Study them. Commit them to memory. Confess them. Agree with them. Act on them. Thank God for them. These are realities for the born-again believer.

◆ **Matthew 19:26**

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

◆ **Mark 16:15-18**

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

◆ **John 3:15-18**

... that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

◆ **John 10:9-10**

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

◆ **John 14:13-14**

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

◆ **John 14:20-21**

At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.

◆ **John 15:7**

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

◆ **John 16:33**

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

◆ **Acts 13:38-39**

Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

◆ **Acts 17:28**

... for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, "For we are also His offspring."

◆ **Acts 26:18**

...to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.

◆ **Romans 1:16**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

◆ **Romans 3:24**

... being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

◆ **Romans 3:26**

... to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

◆ **Romans 5:1-2**

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

◆ **Romans 5:9**

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

◆ **Romans 5:11**

And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

◆ **Romans 5:17**

For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

◆ **Romans 6:4**

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

◆ **Romans 6:8**

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him...

◆ **Romans 6:11**

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

◆ **Romans 8:1-2**

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

◆ **Romans 8:17**

... and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

◆ **Romans 8:32**

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

◆ **Romans 8:37**

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

◆ **Romans 8:39**

... 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.

◆ **Romans 12:4-5**

For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

◆ **I Corinthians 1:4-5**

I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge.

◆ **I Corinthians 1:30**

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God; and righteousness and sanctification and redemption...

◆ **I Corinthians 2:16**

For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

◆ **I Corinthians 8:6**

... yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.

◆ **I Corinthians 15:22**

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

◆ **2 Corinthians 1:9-10**

Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us.

◆ **2 Corinthians 1:20-22**

For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us. Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

◆ **2 Corinthians 2:14-15**

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

◆ **2 Corinthians 3:3**

... clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

◆ **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

◆ **2 Corinthians 10:4-5**

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

◆ **2 Corinthians 13:4**

For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.

◆ **Galatians 2:20**

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

◆ **Galatians 3:13-14**

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

◆ **Galatians 3:26-29**

For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

◆ **Galatians 4:7**

Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

◆ **Ephesians 1:3**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

◆ **Ephesians 1:5-14**

...having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth; in Him. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

◆ **Ephesians 2:4-7**

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

◆ **Ephesians 2:10**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

◆ **Ephesians 2:13**

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

◆ **Ephesians 2:18-22**

For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

◆ **Ephesians 3:6**

... that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel.

◆ **Ephesians 3:12**

... in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

◆ **Ephesians 3:19**

... to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

◆ **Ephesians 4:7**

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

◆ **Ephesians 4:20-24**

But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

◆ **Ephesians 5:8**

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

◆ **Ephesians 6:10**

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

◆ **Philippians 1:11**

... being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

◆ **Philippians 2:5**

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

◆ **Philippians 3:9**

... and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith...

◆ **Philippians 3:13-14**

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

◆ **Philippians 3:20**

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

◆ **Philippians 4:6-7**

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

◆ **Philippians 4:13**

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

◆ **Philippians 4:19**

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

◆ **Colossians 1:13-14**

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

◆ **Colossians 1:19-22**

For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.

◆ **Colossians 1:27-28**

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

◆ **Colossians 2:3**

... in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

◆ **Colossians 2:6-7**

As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

◆ **Colossians 2:10-12**

... and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power. In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

◆ **Colossians 3:3-4**

For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

◆ **I Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

◆ **I Timothy 1:14**

And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

◆ **2 Timothy 1:9**

who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

◆ **2 Timothy 2:1**

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

◆ **2 Timothy 2:10-12**

Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

◆ **Philemon 1:6**

... that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

◆ **Hebrews 4:14-16**

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

◆ **Hebrews 7:25**

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

◆ **Hebrews 9:14**

... how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

◆ **Hebrews 10:19**

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus.

◆ **Hebrews 13:20-21**

Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

◆ **I Peter 2:4-5**

Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

◆ **I Peter 2:24**

... who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed.

◆ **2 Peter 1:8**

For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

◆ **I John 1:5**

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

◆ **I John 2:5-6**

But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

◆ **I John 2:27-28**

But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

◆ **I John 3:5-6**

And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

◆ **I John 3:24**

Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

◆ **I John 4:4**

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

◆ **I John 4:9**

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

◆ **I John 4:15-17**

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

◆ **I John 5:14-15**

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

◆ **I John 5:20**

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

Paul's Prayers

Scripture contains prayers to pray for yourself and others.

If you've ever wanted to pray the will of God for yourself or someone you care about and weren't sure where to start or what to say, here is a good place to start: you can personalize the following prayers found in the Scriptures recorded by the Apostle Paul. Of course, prayer won't be effective as a memorized recitation void of faith. Put your heart into the words and activate your faith – trusting that the One who inspired them will also cause them to come to pass.

◆ **Romans 1:7-8**

First, I thank You, Father, through Jesus Christ for _____, for whom I pray. He/she is God's beloved one, called to be a saint and designated for a consecrated life. I pray that grace and spiritual blessing and peace would be his/hers from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

◆ **1 Corinthians 1:3-8**

I speak grace to _____ (favor and spiritual blessing) and heart peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank You at all times for _____ because of the grace bestowed on him/her in Christ Jesus, so that in Him in every respect _____ is enriched in full power and readiness of speech to speak his faith and complete knowledge and illumination to give _____ full insight into its meaning.

In this way the witness concerning Christ, the Messiah, will be confirmed and established and made sure in _____, that he/she will not consciously be falling behind or lacking in any special spiritual endowment or Christian grace, receiving the divine power of grace working in his/her soul by the Holy Spirit, while he/she waits and watches constantly living in hope for the coming of our Lord Jesus.

And You will establish _____ to the end – keep him/her steadfast, give him/her strength, and guarantee his/her vindication, that is, be his/her warrant against all accusation or indictment – so that _____ will be guiltless and irreproachable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

◆ **Galatians 4:19**

I pray for _____ as my little child, for whom I travail in birth again until Christ is completely and permanently formed and molded within him/her.

◆ **Ephesians 1:15-23**

For this reason, because I have heard of _____'s faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for _____, making mention of him/her in my prayers.

For I always pray that You would grant unto _____ a spirit of wisdom and revelation – of insight into mysteries and secrets – in the deep and intimate knowledge of Christ, by having the eyes of his/her heart flooded with light, so that _____ can know and understand the hope to which You have called him/her, and how rich is Your glorious inheritance in Your set-apart ones, and so that _____ will know and understand what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of Your power in and for those who believe,

As demonstrated in the working of Your mighty strength which You exerted in Christ when You raised Him from the dead and seated Him at Your own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named – not only in this age and in this world but also in the age and the world which are to come.

And You have put all things under His feet and have appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all – for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself.

◆ **Ephesians 3:12,14-21**

In Christ, because of my faith in Him, I dare to have the boldness, courage and confidence of free access – an unreserved approach to You, Father, with freedom and without fear.

For this reason (seeing the greatness of Your plan by which we are built together in Christ) I bow on my knees before You, Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, for Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

May You grant _____ out of the rich treasury of Your glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the Holy Spirit Himself indwelling his/her innermost being and personality.

May Christ through his/her faith actually dwell, settle down, abide and make His permanent home in _____'s heart. May _____ be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love, that he/she may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints of God the experience of that love, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of it;

That _____ may really come to know practically, through experience for himself/herself the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge without experience; that _____ may be filled through all his/her being unto all the fullness of God - having the richest measure of the divine Presence - and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself.

By the action of Your power that is at work within _____, You are able to carry out Your purpose and do superabundantly, far over and above all that we dare ask or think – infinitely beyond _____’s highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams – to You be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. Amen, so be it.

◆ **Ephesians 6:19-20**

I pray also for _____, that freedom of utterance may be given - that _____ may open his/her mouth to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news (the Gospel), declaring it boldly and courageously, as he/she ought to do.

◆ **Philippians 1:2-6**

I speak grace, favor, blessing and heart peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ to _____, one of the precious ones I am praying for. I thank God in every remembrance of him/her.

In every prayer of mine I always make my entreaty and petition for _____ with joy and delight.

I thank You God for _____’s fellowship, sympathetic cooperation, contributions and partnership in advance the good news (the Gospel).

I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that You Who began a good work in _____ will continue until the day of Jesus Christ, right up to the time of His return, developing that good work and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in _____.

◆ **Philippians 1:8-11**

I long for and pursue _____ with all love in the tender mercy of Christ Jesus Himself.

And this I pray: that his/her love may abound yet more and more and extend to the fullest development in knowledge and all keen insight, that _____’s love may display itself in greater depth of acquaintance and more comprehensive discernment so that he/she may surely learn to sense what is vital, and approve and prize what is excellent and of real value – recognizing the highest and the best, and distinguishing the moral differences – and that _____ may be untainted and pure and unerring and blameless so that with a heart sincere and certain and unsullied, that _____ may approach the day of Christ not stumbling or causing others to stumble.

May _____ abound in and be filled with the fruits of righteousness – of right standing with God and right doing – which come through Jesus Christ, the Anointed One, to the honor and praise of God, that His glory may be both manifested and recognized.

◆ **Philippians 4:6-7**

I do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make my wants known to You, God.

I pray for Your peace, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, which transcends all understanding to garrison and mount guard over _____'s heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

◆ **Colossians 1:3,9-11**

I continually give thanks to You, God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ the Messiah, as I am praying for _____.

I will not cease to pray and make special request for _____, asking that he/she may be filled with the full, deep and clear knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom, comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God, and in understanding and discernment of spiritual things;

That _____ may walk and live and conduct himself/herself in a manner worth of You, Lord, fully pleasing to You and desiring to please You in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing and increasing in and by the knowledge of God with fuller, deeper and clearer insight, acquaintance and recognition.

I pray that _____ may be invigorated and strengthened with all power, according to the might of Your glory, to exercise every kind of endurance, patience, perseverance, and forbearance with joy.

◆ **Colossians 1:12-14**

I give thanks to You, Father, for You have qualified and made _____ fit to share the portion which is the inheritance of the saints, Your holy people, in the Light.

You have delivered _____ and drawn him/her out of the control and the dominion of darkness, transferring him/her into the kingdom of the Son of Your love, in Whom we have redemption through His blood, which means the forgiveness of our sins.

◆ **Colossians 4:12**

I am a servant of Christ Jesus and always strive earnestly for _____ in my prayers, pleading that he/she may stand firm and mature in spiritual growth as persons ripe in character and clear conviction, convinced and fully assured in everything willed by God.

◆ **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

For what adequate thanksgiving can I render to You, Lord, for all the gladness and delight which I enjoy for _____'s sake before you?

I will continue to pray especially and with most intense earnestness night and day that I may have an opportunity to mend and make good whatever may be imperfect and lacking in his/her faith. May You guide my steps toward _____.

Make _____ to increase and excel and overflow in love for those around him/her and for all people, just as I do for him/her. Strengthen and confirm and establish _____'s heart faultlessly pure and unblamable in holiness in Your sight and at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints, the holy and glorified people of God. Amen, so be it.

◆ **1 Thessalonians 5:17-18,23-24**

I am unceasing in prayer - praying perseveringly - thanking God in everything for the will of God for _____. May the God of peace Himself sanctify _____ through and through, separate _____ from profane things, making him/her pure and wholly consecrated to You;

And may _____'s spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete, found blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Faithful are You in calling _____ to Yourself. You are utterly trustworthy, and will do it, fulfilling Your call by hallowing and keeping _____.

◆ **2 Thessalonians 1:10-12**

When You come to be glorified in Your saints, You will be made more glorious in Your consecrated people and You will be marveled at and admired in all who have believed – those who have adhered to, trusted in and relied on You.

With this in view, I constantly pray for _____, that You may deem and count him/her worth of this calling and every gracious purpose of goodness, that he/she may complete every particular work of faith with power (faith which is that leaning of the whole human personality on You in absolute trust and confidence in Your power, wisdom, and goodness).

Thus may the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified and become more glorious through and in _____, and may he/she also be glorified in Him according to the grace, favor and blessing of You, Father God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One.

◆ **2 Thessalonians 3:1**

Furthermore, I pray for _____, that the word of the Lord may have free course (speed on, spread rapidly and run its course) and be glorified, extolled and triumph even as it has done with me.

◆ **Conclusion**

Thank You for bringing blessing in the life of _____, who I have named this day before Your throne. In the name of Jesus – Amen, so be it.

Topical Scripture List

Scriptures reveal God's abundance in every area of your life.

Your introduction to this manual mentioned using a concordance to study your Bible. If you do not have a concordance in which to look up Scriptures on particular subject, or if you just want a quick overview on a fundamental subject, the following list provides a place for you to start digging into the Word. You'll discover the abundant life God has prepared for you in many areas.

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- ◆ 1 Peter 5:8-9

Blood Covenant

- ◆ Genesis 12:1-3
- ◆ Genesis 17:1-7
- ◆ Leviticus 17:11
- ◆ 1 Kings 8:23
- ◆ Psalm 103:17-18
- ◆ Isaiah 59:21
- ◆ Jeremiah 32:40
- ◆ Romans 3:25
- ◆ Romans 5:9
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- ◆ Hebrews 8:6,10
- ◆ Hebrews 9:7,12-14
- ◆ Hebrews 12:24

Children

- ◆ Genesis 18:19
- ◆ Deuteronomy 11:18-21
- ◆ Psalm 112:2
- ◆ Psalm 115:13-14
- ◆ Psalm 127:3-5
- ◆ Proverbs 13:24
- ◆ Proverbs 22:6
- ◆ Isaiah 54:13
- ◆ Malachi 4:6
- ◆ Luke 2:40
- ◆ Ephesians 6:1-3
- ◆ Colossians 3:20
- ◆ Hebrews 12:9-11

Diligence

- ◆ 1 Samuel 2:35
- ◆ Psalm 31:23
- ◆ Psalm 101:6
- ◆ Proverbs 4:23
- ◆ Proverbs 28:20
- ◆ Daniel 6:4
- ◆ Matthew 25:21,23
- ◆ Luke 16:10
- ◆ Romans 12:8
- ◆ Hebrews 6:11
- ◆ 2 Peter 1:5-10

Eternal Life

- ◆ Matthew 25:46
- ◆ John 3:15
- ◆ John 6:54
- ◆ John 10:28
- ◆ John 17:2-3
- ◆ Romans 6:23
- ◆ 1 Timothy 6:12
- ◆ Titus 3:7
- ◆ 1 John 2:25
- ◆ 1 John 5:11
- ◆ 1 John 5:20

Faith

- ◆ Matthew 9:29
- ◆ Mark 9:23
- ◆ Mark 11:22-24
- ◆ Romans 1:17
- ◆ Romans 4:19-21
- ◆ Romans 10:17
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 5:7
- ◆ 1 Timothy 6:12
- ◆ Hebrews 11:1,6
- ◆ James 2:17

Favor

- ◆ Genesis 39:21-23
- ◆ Exodus 3:21, 11:3, 12:36
- ◆ Job 10:12
- ◆ Psalm 5:12
- ◆ Proverbs 3:3-4
- ◆ Proverbs 16:15
- ◆ Daniel 1:9
- ◆ Luke 1:30
- ◆ Luke 2:52
- ◆ Acts 2:46-47

Finances

- ◆ Deuteronomy 8:18
- ◆ Deuteronomy 14:22
- ◆ Psalm 35:27
- ◆ Psalm 105:37
- ◆ Psalm 112:2-3
- ◆ Proverbs 3:9-10
- ◆ Proverbs 10:22
- ◆ Proverbs 13:22
- ◆ Isaiah 1:19
- ◆ Malachi 3:8-12
- ◆ Philippians 4:19
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 8:9
- ◆ Hebrews 7:2,5,8

Forgiveness

- ◆ Psalm 103:3
- ◆ Matthew 6:12,14-15
- ◆ Matthew 18:21-22
- ◆ Mark 11:25-26
- ◆ Ephesians 1:7
- ◆ Ephesians 4:32
- ◆ Colossians 2:13
- ◆ Colossians 3:13
- ◆ 1 John 1:9

God's Word

- ◆ Psalm 119:9,11
- ◆ Proverbs 4:20-22
- ◆ Isaiah 55:11
- ◆ Jeremiah 1:12
- ◆ Matthew 4:4
- ◆ Matthew 7:24-27
- ◆ John 1:1,14
- ◆ John 6:63
- ◆ John 8:31,32
- ◆ Romans 1:16-17
- ◆ 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- ◆ Hebrews 4:14
- ◆ James 1:22

Grace

- ◆ Psalm 84:11
- ◆ John 1:17
- ◆ Acts 4:33
- ◆ Romans 5:17
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 9:8
- ◆ Galatians 1:3
- ◆ Ephesians 2:8
- ◆ Ephesians 4:7
- ◆ James 4:6
- ◆ 2 Peter 3:18

Health and Healing

- ◆ Exodus 23:25
- ◆ Psalm 91:10
- ◆ Psalm 103:3
- ◆ Psalm 107:20
- ◆ Proverbs 4:20-23
- ◆ Proverbs 12:18
- ◆ Isaiah 53:4-5
- ◆ Matthew 8:2,3
- ◆ Matthew 8:17
- ◆ Romans 8:11
- ◆ Hebrews 13:8
- ◆ James 5:14-15
- ◆ 1 Peter 2:24

Holiness

- ◆ Romans 6:12-14
- ◆ Romans 8:11-13
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 6:14
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 7:1
- ◆ Ephesians 4:1
- ◆ Ephesians 5:1
- ◆ 1 Thessalonians 3:13
- ◆ 1 Thessalonians 4:4,7
- ◆ 1 Thessalonians 5:22-23

Holy Spirit

- ◆ John 7:38
- ◆ John 14:16
- ◆ John 15:26
- ◆ John 16:13
- ◆ Acts 2:4
- ◆ Acts 2:16-18
- ◆ Acts 4:31
- ◆ Romans 8:14
- ◆ Romans 8:26-28
- ◆ Romans 12:1
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 2:9-11
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 1:22
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 3:17
- ◆ Ephesians 3:16
- ◆ Ephesians 5:18

Humility

- ◆ 2 Chronicles 7:14
- ◆ Psalm 10:17
- ◆ Proverbs 15:33
- ◆ Proverbs 22:4
- ◆ Proverbs 29:23
- ◆ Isaiah 57:15
- ◆ Micah 6:8
- ◆ Matthew 18:3-4
- ◆ Matthew 23:11-12
- ◆ Colossians 3:12-17
- ◆ James 4:6-7,10
- ◆ 1 Peter 5:5-7

Identification

- ◆ Romans 6:5-7
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 5:17
- ◆ Galatians 2:20
- ◆ Ephesians 1:3-6
- ◆ Ephesians 4:22-24
- ◆ Colossians 2:10
- ◆ Philemon 6
- ◆ 2 Peter 4:3-4

Joy

- ◆ Nehemiah 8:10
- ◆ Psalm 89:15,16
- ◆ Psalm 126:1-3
- ◆ Proverbs 17:22
- ◆ John 16:24
- ◆ Romans 14:17
- ◆ Acts 13:52
- ◆ Philippians 4:4
- ◆ Hebrews 1:9
- ◆ James 1:2

Love

- ◆ John 13:34-35
- ◆ John 17:23
- ◆ Romans 5:5
- ◆ Romans 13:10
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
- ◆ Galatians 5:6
- ◆ Colossians 3:14
- ◆ 1 Thessalonians 3:12
- ◆ 1 John 4:9-11
- ◆ Jude 21

Marriage

- ◆ Proverbs 31
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 7:3-5
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 7:14
- ◆ Ephesians 5:25-26,28-29,33
- ◆ Hebrews 13:4
- ◆ 1 Peter 3:7

Mercy

- ◆ 1 Chronicles 16:34
- ◆ Lamentations 3:23
- ◆ Psalm 100:5
- ◆ Psalm 103:8
- ◆ Psalm 103:11-13
- ◆ Psalm 136:23-26
- ◆ Luke 1:50
- ◆ Ephesians 2:4-6
- ◆ Titus 3:4-5
- ◆ Hebrews 4:16

Patience

- ◆ Psalm 37:9
- ◆ Psalm 40:1-2
- ◆ Isaiah 40:31
- ◆ Luke 8:15
- ◆ Galatians 6:9
- ◆ Hebrews 6:9-12
- ◆ Hebrews 10:35-39
- ◆ Hebrews 12:1
- ◆ James 1:2-4
- ◆ James 5:7-8

Peace

- ◆ Psalm 4:8
- ◆ Psalm 23
- ◆ Psalm 119:165
- ◆ Isaiah 26:3
- ◆ John 14:27
- ◆ John 16:33
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 14:33
- ◆ Ephesians 2:14
- ◆ Philippians 4:7
- ◆ Colossians 3:15
- ◆ 1 Thessalonians 3:16
- ◆ 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Power of God

- ◆ Isaiah 10:27
- ◆ Mark 3:14-15
- ◆ Mark 5:30
- ◆ Luke 4:18-19
- ◆ Luke 5:17
- ◆ Luke 6:19
- ◆ Acts 1:8
- ◆ Acts 10:38
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 2:4-5
- ◆ 1 John 2:20,27
- ◆ 1 John 3:8

Praise, Worship, and Thanksgiving

- ◆ Psalm 95:1-2
- ◆ Psalm 100:4
- ◆ Psalm 150:1-6
- ◆ John 4:21-24
- ◆ Acts 16:25-26
- ◆ Ephesians 5:19-20
- ◆ Philippians 4:4,6-7
- ◆ Colossians 3:16
- ◆ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- ◆ Hebrews 13:15

Prayer

- ◆ 2 Chronicles 7:14
- ◆ Jeremiah 33:3
- ◆ Matthew 7:7-8
- ◆ Matthew 18:19
- ◆ John 14:12-14
- ◆ John 15:7
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 14:2,4,14-15
- ◆ Ephesians 3:20
- ◆ Ephesians 6:18
- ◆ Philippians 4:6
- ◆ Colossians 4:2-4
- ◆ 1 Timothy 2:1,8
- ◆ James 5:16 (Amplified Bible)
- ◆ 1 John 5:14-15

Protection

- ◆ Psalm 32:6-7
- ◆ Psalm 34:7
- ◆ Psalm 46:1-2
- ◆ Psalm 91
- ◆ Psalm 112:7
- ◆ Proverbs 3:5-6
- ◆ Proverbs 3:21-26
- ◆ Isaiah 54:17
- ◆ Zechariah 2:5
- ◆ Luke 21:18
- ◆ John 14:27
- ◆ Jude 24
- ◆ 1 John 4:4

Redemption

- ◆ Psalm 103:2-5
- ◆ Isaiah 53:3-5,10-12
- ◆ Romans 3:23-24
- ◆ Romans 5:8-9
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 8:9
- ◆ Galatians 3:13-14
- ◆ Ephesians 1:7
- ◆ Ephesians 2:4-6
- ◆ Colossians 1:12-14
- ◆ Titus 2:14
- ◆ Hebrews 2:14-15
- ◆ 1 John 3:8
- ◆ Revelation 1:5

Righteousness

- ◆ Isaiah 54:17
- ◆ Romans 5:1-2
- ◆ Romans 5:19
- ◆ Romans 6:17-18
- ◆ Romans 8:1-2
- ◆ Romans 8:38-39
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 15:34
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 5:21
- ◆ Ephesians 1:6
- ◆ Philippians 3:9
- ◆ Colossians 2:13-14
- ◆ Hebrews 10:19
- ◆ James 5:16
- ◆ 1 Peter 3:12

Salvation

- ◆ John 1:12
- ◆ John 3:15-16
- ◆ John 5:24
- ◆ John 6:37
- ◆ John 10:10
- ◆ John 14:6
- ◆ John 17:3
- ◆ Romans 5:8
- ◆ Romans 6:23
- ◆ Romans 10:8-10,13
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 5:17-19
- ◆ Ephesians 2:8-9
- ◆ 1 Timothy 2:5
- ◆ 1 John 5:12-13

Strength

- ◆ Exodus 15:2
- ◆ Psalm 29:11
- ◆ Isaiah 40:28-31
- ◆ Isaiah 41:10
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 12:9
- ◆ Ephesians 3:16
- ◆ Ephesians 6:10
- ◆ Philippians 4:13

Success

- ◆ Genesis 29:2
- ◆ Joshua 1:8
- ◆ Psalm 1
- ◆ Jeremiah 29:11
- ◆ Habakkuk 2:2-3
- ◆ Matthew 6:33
- ◆ Romans 5:17
- ◆ 3 John 2

Thought Life

- ◆ Psalm 103:4
- ◆ Romans 12:2
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 2:16
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 13:5
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 10:4-5
- ◆ Philippians 3:12-16
- ◆ Philippians 4:8
- ◆ Colossians 3:2
- ◆ 2 Timothy 1:7

Victory

- ◆ Exodus 15:1
- ◆ 2 Samuel 23:10
- ◆ 1 Chronicles 29:11
- ◆ Psalm 47:1
- ◆ Romans 8:37
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 15:57
- ◆ 2 Corinthians 2:14
- ◆ Philippians 3:13-14
- ◆ 1 John 4:4
- ◆ 1 John 5:4-5

Wisdom

- ◆ Psalm 51:6
- ◆ Proverbs 3:13-14
- ◆ Proverbs 4:7-8
- ◆ Proverbs 9:10-11
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 1:30

- ◆ Ephesians 1:7
- ◆ Colossians 1:9
- ◆ Colossians 2:3
- ◆ James 1:5

Witness

- ◆ Matthew 28:19-20
- ◆ Mark 16:15,20
- ◆ Luke 12:8-9
- ◆ Romans 10:14-15
- ◆ 1 Corinthians 1:23

- ◆ 2 Corinthians 5:19-20
- ◆ Philippians 1:15-18
- ◆ 1 Timothy 6:12
- ◆ 2 Timothy 4:2