GALATIANS 5:

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

II CORINTHIANS 5:

7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

II PETER 2:

1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many shall follow their **pernicious ways**; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of..

*I am sure there are many more ways than what I will bring out today, but I want to speak of three ways we walk in faith and three ways people follow Pernicious ways. ( 684 apoleia {ap-o'-li-a} destroying, utter destruction)*

MATTHEW 7:

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to **destruction**, and many there be which go in **thereat**:

Thereat is English translation to the Greek word (846 autos {ow-tos'}

1. himself, herself, themselves, itself

*First in Faith is the Call.*

*Second is the. tests*

*Third is establishment.*

*I listen to John MacArthur preaching the three churches that will send you straight to hell I don’t disagree with him other than the limit on the number of churches.*

*Religious churches or created by men who also create doctrine which divides religion into what they call many “truths.” So, called.*

***Damnable*** *Heresies is the same word as Pernicious it condemns the minister and all who follow his heresy teachings.*

*The tree things I want to speak about that brings damnation is the doctrines which comes from these three things mostly.*

1. *Religion based upon emotions*
2. *Religion based upon intellect.*
3. *Religion based upon one man which could include signs and the other two which is emotions and intellect or a mixture of all.*

*I have spoken about the steps of Abraham so let’s start there.*

ROMANS 4:

12 And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.

*Faith that every Christian has is the same as what Abraham had.*

ROMANS 4

16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

*First step is an answer to a call.*

GENESIS 12:

1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, **Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred**, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

*This is the gospel call.*

LUKE 14:

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

*The reason Christ told that is explained in the scriptures beforehand*.

LUKE 14:

16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

LUKE 14:

31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

*Jesus spoke of the call and Paul explained it to be through the gospel*

MATTHEW 22:

3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

MATTHEW 22:

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

*Abraham left with a promise each Christian also has a promise when they start to follow Christ.*

*Jesus spoke of the call and Paul explained it to be through the gospel Abraham left with a promise to his seed and each Christian also has a promise when they start to follow Christ.*

II THESSALONIANS 2:

14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*The glory of the Lord Jesus Christ is quite a promise. It includes the glory he had with the Father before the world*

JOHN 17:

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

*We have a new body promised.*

II CORINTHIANS 5:

1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

We give us a description of that body.

PHILIPPIANS 3

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

*Most important is that we will be heirs with Christ…*

ROMANS 8:

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

*We walk by faith not by sight. Any ministry or religion that points to a promise in this life will be deceptive*.

*The children of Israel begin their journey by a promise*.

EXODUS 3:

7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

After Abraham left, he did not know the way.

HEBREWS 11:

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

*God ordered his steps until he came to the place God ordained him to be.*

PSALM 37:

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

PSALM 85:

13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

*The children of Israel had an angel to go before them*.

EXODUS 33

2 And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:

This scripture is for every believer.

PSALM 34

7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

HEBREWS 12:

22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

*Abraham first was called Abram and nearly lost Sarah twice once to Pharaoh and once to Abimelech.*

GENESIS 12:

14 And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair.

15 The princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

GENESIS 20

2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah.

*Abraham came to last final great test after failures seemly of his faith but God did not count what to us would be unbelief.*

*Let’s follow Abraham because every believer goes down the same trail only, they have different circumstances.*

*Abraham’s faith had to be on the promise but sometime his reasoning tried to make it come to past and that failed and always will.*

GENESIS 12:

7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

*Abraham had no children but he had a promise*. *He tried to bring that promise to past by following his wife’s instruction.*

GENESIS 16:

1 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar.

2 And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

*Abraham got an Ishmael but not what God had promised. Our own efforts will produce some kind of results but not a promise from God.*

God made His promise plain to Abraham

GENESIS 17:

16 And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her.

*To my carnal mind this would be unbelief.*

17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?

18 And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee!

*In my words Abraham said let what I produce be the promise*.

19 And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.

21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

*It would seem to my carnal mind that Abraham had a little doubt but that is not how God seen it.*

ROMANS 4:

17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

20 *He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief*; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

*Our faith must continue to believe that our Christian walk is ordained of God and He will perform every promise we can claim in His word.*

I PETER 1:

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

*Abraham had a final temptation that seem to establish him completely.*

GENESIS 22:

1 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

GENESIS 22

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

GENESIS 22:

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

I CORINTHIANS 10:

10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

JAMES 1:

13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

HEBREWS 3

7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice,

8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness:

9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.

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**The Voice of the Martyrs**

When earthquakes hit Myanmar (Burma) on March 28, 2025, killing at least 3,700 people and injuring thousands more, aid groups struggled to assist those in need in many parts of the country because of the ongoing civil war that began with a political coup in 2021.

The widespread civil war also directly affects Christians, who are targeted for attack by the warring factions. Additionally, Christians face persecution from villagers with animistic beliefs who claim that choosing to follow Jesus angers local spirits and endangers entire villages.

Despite these challenges, front-line workers in Myanmar boldly share the gospel even when they experience persecution. They have seen many from Buddhist backgrounds come to faith in Christ. Though believers who share their faith face difficulties, and new converts are subject to close government monitoring, the church is growing. Pray for Christians in Myanmar who are recovering from the earthquake and facing persecution from their communities and government.
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John Newton was one of England's greatest preachers. He is probably best known for his hymn, "Amazing Grace," and for many other songs he wrote. He preached his last sermon on **Dec. 21, 1807,** at the **age of 82.**

These were some of his last words: "I am a great sinner and Jesus Christ is a great Saviour." Newton was buried beneath his church of St. Mary Woolnoth, and a tablet was placed on the church wall with an inscription he had written himself: "John Newton, clerk, once an infidel and libertine (unrestrained), a servant of slaves in Africa, was by the rich mercy of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ preserved, restored, pardoned, and appointed to preach the faith he had labored to destroy." All of God's elect, like John Newton, never cease to be totally amazed by God's rich grace, abounding toward them through the redeeming blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, "*being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus*" (Rom. 3:24). God help us never to graduate above the station of a sinner saved by almighty grace (1 Cor. 15:10)!

"*Hold up my steps in thy path, that my footsteps slip not*" **(Psalm 17:5).**

WHO? "*O Lord, attend unto my cry, hear my prayer*." (Psalm 17:1).

WHAT? "*Hold up my steps*," my walk, and my talk; order my steps (Psalm 37:23).

WHERE? "*In Thy paths*," in the paths of righteous­ness, godliness, and truth (Psalm 23:1-3).

WHY? "*That my footsteps slip not*." (1 Peter 1:5).

If you do not hold me, keep me, and give me grace, I will fall.

*“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen”* (Jude 1:24-25). **Henry T. Mahan**