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Do You Know Jesus?

Pray this simple prayer now:

God. I admit I am not perfect.

Thank you for sending Jesus Christ, God the Son, to die in my place, for my sin.

Forgive me.

I thank you that Jesus was raised from the dead and that I rose to be a new creation in Him.

Here is my life now. Come into my spirit and make me entirely new.

I thank you that I am now destined for heaven.

Fill me with yourself, God the Holy Spirit.

Help me tell others about You, your dream and your gift of forever.

In Jesus Christ Name, Amen.

***“But as many as received Him,
to them He gave the right to become
children of God, even to those who
believe in His name” John 1:12***

What's Next?

- Get a Bible and let God teach you
- Talk and listen to God.
- Let God lead you to a church that believes the Bible
- Get baptized in water and in God the Holy Spirit.
- Tell others about a new life in Jesus Christ



We want to help you in your bold decision to follow Jesus Christ. It is our sincere hope that this book will help you understand the adventure which is beginning for you. As you read each chapter God will show you many wonderful ideas. More than ideas God will transform your life through His Word and the power of God the Holy Spirit.

Preface

“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails;.... But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-8,13

Love. Love without conditions. Love without limits. Love like God loves because the love of God flows through your life. It is my hope that you experience God's love holding everything together and keeping your life in balance. In fact, as you experience Jesus loving you and you loving Jesus, you have learned the most important truth from this book. Like wise as you love others with God's love and receive God's love from other believers in Christ, you are experiencing the forever life Jesus has for you to live.

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”

1John 4:15,16

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Chapter One

What Just Happened?

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What happens when you are saved:

I pass from death to life

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

John 5:24

I know I have eternal life

“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life”

1 John 5:13

I am reborn or born again
“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”
1 Peter 1:3

I will go to heaven
“In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.”
John 14:2

I am celebrated by angels in heaven
“In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”
Luke 15:1

Look up these promises in your Bible...

God the Holy Spirit now lives in me **2 Timothy 1:14**

I've been rescued from the domain of darkness to God the Son's kingdom
Colossians 1:13

I have been sealed by God the Holy Spirit **Ephesians 1:13**

I'm a citizen of heaven
Philippians 3:20

No one can take me from God's hands **John 10:27-30**

Jesus, God the Son confesses me before God the Father
Matthew 10:32

Caution: The enemy, the devil, will whisper doubts to your thoughts. Do not listen to him. Reject thoughts from anyone that contradict the reality of God in your life.

WHAT'S THE
WORD?



Chapter Two

Why the Bible?

The One and Only, Eternal, Supernatural Power Book

The Bible is God's extraordinary Word to you. It's unlike any other writing ever written. Imagine the all knowing, all powerful God of love, the Creator of everything seen and unseen, giving you access to His heart and thoughts. God's Word is transforming. God's Word is real. God's Word is eternal.

Brief Bible Background

The Bible was written by 40 different human authors as supernaturally inspired by God the Holy Spirit. They lived over a 1500 year span of time. Most of them had no opportunity for collaboration and yet their writings are harmonious, without contradictions. For more than 50 generations they agree on subjects like relationships, morality and God's plan for humanity. All through the OT are verses which foreshadow the plan's reality in Jesus Christ in the New Testament.

The Bible Speaks for Itself

“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit”

1 Peter 2:2,3

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16,17

“God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.”

Hebrews 1:1,2

God’s Word is much more than words on a page. The Bible has the power to actually transform your life. Look up Hebrews 4:12 and see.

What Did They Dig Up?

Dr. John Garstang excavated the ruins of Jericho from 1929-1936. He confirmed the existence of Jericho, the truth that the walls had actually fallen flat and that the city was consumed by fire. Other archaeological discoveries have confirmed the Biblical accounts of Megiddo, Sidon, Babylon, ancient Memphis, Nineveh and others,

Significant sites are uncovered on an ongoing basis, with new revelations every year. On multiple occasions scientists have depended on the accuracy of Bible history to make their finds.

The Bible stands on its own and does not require outside proof to make it true

Because the Bible is true it is confirmed by new outside discoveries

What Are the Odds?

The Old Testament accurately predicts the destruction of many cities with mathematical improbability and unlikely detail.

City of Samaria Odds: 1 in 40,000 to the 6th power
Hosea 13 and Micah 1

Gaza & Ashkelon Amos Odds: 1 in 12,000 to the 7th power
Jeremiah 47, Zephaniah 2

Edom & Petra Odds: 1 in 10,000 to the 8th power
Isaiah 34, Jeremiah 49, Ezekiel 25 & 35

Jesus Fulfills Prophecies

The most incredible fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies is found when God came to earth in human form and was named Jesus Christ.

Simply by fulfilling 20 very specific prophecies, Jesus attained the virtually impossible odds of 1 in 246 quintillion, (246 plus 15 zeros). Jesus did not only fulfill 20 prophecies, but 333. Here are a few He fulfilled:

Christ's ride into Jerusalem on a donkey

Zechariah 9:9 John 12:12-15

The soldiers cast lots for Christ's clothes

Psalm 22:17-18 John 19:23

Not one of His bones would be broken

Numbers:9:12 John 19:31-37

They would pierce His hands and feet

Psalm 22:14-16 Luke 24:39

**The Odds Are
1 in 246,000,
000.000,000,000**

Scientific Proof

“ For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together ”

Colossians 1:16,17

Science continuously makes new discoveries in space that cause astronomers to rethink theories about our universe. They now postulate that the universe started from nothing, instantaneously. They observe that universe expansion is accelerating, not decelerating, to an eventual collapse onto itself. This discovery leads them to believe that the universe is much younger than they thought. It is proposed that 90% of space consists of invisible, unidentified matter. They contend that something unidentified is keeping stars from spinning off spiral galaxies, accelerates these stars faster than can be accounted for, and this same something seems to be keeping it all together.

“Have you entered into the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?”

Job 38:16

For years scientists scoffed at the idea of “springs of the sea” until submarines discovered them in the “recesses of the deep.”

Read God's Word

Begin to experience the wonder of God's thoughts. Begin in the New Testament. Start with 5 minutes a day but do it every day. Don't worry about what you don't understand but instead enjoy the verses the Holy Spirit opens up to you. Make the following your prayer before you read:

“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your Law”

Psalms 119:18

Repeat Over To Yourself

It is also helpful to select one verse or portion of a verse and think about it over and over again. Think about the various facets of that verse as it applies to your life, and speak those verses to yourself as a Bible way of meditation. Slow down and let God speak to you.

Learn

Select specific Scriptures that you find apply to your current life's situation and memorize them. That way you can call them to mind as the need arises.

God will make a way for you when you take Him at His Word

Believe and Act

Have faith in God's Word the Bible. Believe that God will speak to you personally through His Word. Have faith to act on and experience what God has promised in His Word.

“For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.”

Hebrews 4:2

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It's in the Word, It is written
And that's just the way it is
It's in the Word, it is written
And I stand complete in Him
There's no enemy more powerful
No thought, no lie, no sin
It's in the Word, it is written
And that's just the way it is

Chapter Three

New Creation



What Does the Bible Say?

Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:3

“for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God”

1 Peter 1:23

There is a reason why it is required for us to be reborn. We all have inherited a problem that makes knowing God intimately an impossibility. There is nothing we can say or do, no good action or intention that can help us alter this condition. We are helpless and hopeless to save ourselves.

Nobody's Perfect

When the first man and woman walked away from God's dream, everyone born since then misses the mark of God's perfection.

*"as it is written,
"THERE IS NONE
RIGHTEOUS, NOT
EVEN ONE"*

Romans 3:10

*"for all have sinned
and fall short of the
glory of God"*

Romans 3:23

When Jesus died the imperfect me died in Him

He took my punishment on Himself so that I can have God's new dream.

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8

"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

2 Corinthians 5:21

When I receive God's gift of salvation by faith I am reborn: the new me is now able to be one with God who is perfect.

Jesus rose from the dead and I rose in Him

When I believe and receive eternal life the old is gone and I am brand new in my spirit person.

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

2 Corinthians 5:17

Here are some shockers: God hates religion. God is not interested in our own good works or our own goodness. It all comes down to Him: His love, His life and His very Person living in you, making you over again. We will learn the importance of grace versus religious works and how we have victory over sin as a new creation person.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"

1 Peter 1:3

Which would you rather have: an old car that has been repaired or a brand new car? God found a way to save us from sin and death and then transform us into a new person. God performed a miracle and created an entirely new race of people.

The New You

New Nature:

"For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature,"

2 Peter 1:4

New Resources:

"And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:19

New Citizenship:

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

Philippians 3:20

New Confidence:

"Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God, who also sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a pledge."

2 Corinthians 1:21,22

New Destiny:

"For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,"

1 Thessalonians 5:3

What Is Grace?

Grace is referred to as the unmerited favor of God. In other words, grace is God not giving me what I deserve, but rather what I desperately need. I'd like to go to heaven, but I don't deserve to go there. No one does. But through God's grace He made a way for me to go there because that's what I need. This miracle is the born again experience.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one will boast"

Ephesians 2:8,9

Imagine a place of perfect health, where there does not exist even one microbe of disease. In this place sickness is totally non-existent. If someone with even one tiny microbe of disease were allowed into this perfect place, it would no longer be disease free. That disease is sin: how we fall short of God's glory, of His perfect holiness. Sin is a nature we all are born with: an incurable disease. The place of perfect health is unreachable for everyone, whether you have a "little" deadly disease or are riddled with it. I can never save myself. Imagine a medical procedure that could transfer every microbe of killer disease to someone else, a volunteer who would lay down their life so you could enter that place of perfection. Not only you, but an entire world full of people.

That's exactly what Jesus Christ did when he died on the cross.

He actually took the "sickness of sin" of every single person, of all generations, into Himself all at once.

"He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

2 Corinthians 5:21

His blood completely washed away every trace of sin. His resurrection changed us into brand new creations, a race of people who have no sin at their core! But Christians sometimes sin. Yeah, what's up with that? For now, suffice it to say that it is our once dead, now alive human spirit that has total victory over sin at all times. That is the new creation person that we are now. Our soul, which is our will, intellect and emotions, and our body which is self-explanatory, begin the process of change from the moment we are born again. It is in that process of change that believers in Christ fall and sin. If you sin as a believer don't despair. Confess directly to God and His promise is to cleanse you as if it never happened. Repentance means going in the opposite direction.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"

1 John 1:9

Sin is contrary to the *real you*, the *new creation you*, the *victorious you* in your spirit.

When someone is truly born again they begin to want what their Father wants, they begin to act like their Father acts. If you sin, confess it to God, repent and walk in the opposite direction; walk after God the Holy Spirit. You now have a new nature and power to be victorious.

We should look at sin and say, "That is so unlike me! I am not being myself today!"

God the Son, Jesus the perfect sinless Lamb, became sin so I could be the righteousness of God in Christ! Sin is unacceptable, not because you need to act good enough to get into heaven. Sin is unacceptable because heaven has gotten into you, and heaven is wonderful! Why go back to the deadly sickness of sin when you have been given a brand new life from God!

Remember: your spirit is now joined to God the Holy Spirit. You are connected to the life of God 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!



Chapter Four Spirit Soul and Body

Know Who You Are

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"

1 Thessalonians 5:23

God made people with three parts: spirit, soul and body. The body interacts with the physical realm. The soul interacts with the emotional and intellectual realm. And the human spirit, the innermost part of a person, was made to contact and receive God Himself.

"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 4:24

We were made to contain God in our spirit.

"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,"

Ephesians 5:18

Sin damaged all three parts of people, alienating them from God

Because of sin we were unable to receive God. But God still had a plan: God became a man named Jesus Christ.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:1, 14

Jesus died on the cross to redeem us (Ephesians 1:7), take away our sin and bring us back to God (John 1:29; Ephesians 2:13). In His resurrection, Jesus Christ became the life-giving Spirit so that He could pour His life into man's spirit (1 Corinthians 15:45; John 20:22; 3:6). Since Jesus has become the life-giving Spirit, we can now receive God's life into our spirit. (1 Peter 1:3; John 3:3). To receive God's life, we need to repent to God and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

“solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Acts 20:21; 16:31

New Creation Lifestyle

"You were taught with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its evil desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness"

Ephesians 4:22-24

Change your mind

Before coming to Jesus Christ you were dominated by your soul, which includes your thoughts. The Word of God will help transform your old thought patterns into thoughts in line with God in your spirit.

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect"

Romans 12:2

Learning to leave the old soul and body dominated life behind, and walk in the abundance and power of the spiritual life is a journey and a process.

What do you think of that?

Here are some ideas to start experiencing life as a new creation in Christ. As such, you will discover that knowing God is both challenging as well as exciting. Part of your soul is your will or your "decider". Decide to change channels like using a remote control on a TV. Change thoughts from the old way of thinking to the Bible way of thinking:

Victim changed to Victor

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”

1 John 5:4

Can't changed to Can

“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:13

Survivor changed to More Than Conqueror

“But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.”

Romans 8:37

Pauper Changed to Prince

***“He raises the poor from the dust
And lifts the needy from the ash heap,
To make them sit with princes,
With the princes of His people.”***

Psalm 113:7,8

Getting By Changed to Giving Out

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;”

2 Corinthians 9:8

Sin Led Changed to Spirit Led

“Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

Romans 8:1-4

God In You

“Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

1 Corinthians 3:16

“But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.”

1 Corinthians 6:17

Remember: your spirit is now joined to God the Holy Spirit. You are a brand new person at your core. Daily, you will learn how to allow that life flow out to impact and change your soul as well as your body. You are now experiencing the life God dreamed for you to live.

Chapter Five

Water Baptism



What's the Context?

This chapter explains the one of the two principle ordinances Jesus Christ commanded his disciples to observe. As with other topics in this book, nothing we can do is a "work" added to the finished work of Jesus on the cross. His blood alone purchased complete salvation for us. We participate in water baptism not to earn salvation, but because we have received salvation, are born again, and desire to glorify God.

There is powerful symbolism associated with this ordinance which serve to build our faith. By acknowledging that Jesus is Lord of our lives it brings the results of actions and obedience to His commands.

I don't get water baptized because I have to, I get water baptized because I get to.

Why Water Baptism?

A symbol of what Christ has already done in your spirit person

"Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life"

Romans 6:3,4

Jesus has commanded it.

A wonderful first step of obedience.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age"

Matthew 28:19, 20

"Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized,"
Luke 3:21

New Testament church example

Everywhere people came to be born again, they were immediately water baptized. This precedent is found throughout the book of Acts and the writings of Paul. Water baptism was the normal progression of true faith in Jesus Christ. This act of obedience to Christ is not casual but extremely important.

"As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized?" And he ordered the chariot to stop. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him"

Acts 8:36-38

Apparently part of the witness Philip gave to the Ethiopian eunuch included the importance of water baptism. The man received Christ and desired to be water baptized. The Greek word which is translated baptize is *baptismos*, which literally means "to immerse". The New Testament practice was immersion of a person in water. In this way the symbolism of being buried with Christ, (immersed under water), and being raised up to new life, (coming up out of the water), makes for a tangible experience as an expression of faith.

Identifies you as a believer

"Whoever acknowledges Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven"

Matthew 10:32

Another function of public water baptism in the New Testament era was that it served as a courageous act of testimony to everyone that they were now a believer in Jesus Christ. Many of them were banished from their families, and others suffered persecution for their obedience to Jesus' command.

The moment someone enlists in the military they become a soldier. They may still be wearing civilian clothes but they are a soldier. When they put on their uniform they are no more a soldier than when they first enlisted. But when they wear the uniform it identifies this person as a part of the military. It is the same with becoming a believer in Jesus Christ. The moment you prayed to receive forgiveness for your sins and accepted God's free gift of life in Jesus Christ, you enlisted. When you are water baptized you put on the uniform and boldly say, "I follow Jesus!"

Water baptism is an outward declaration of an inward change

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Chapter

Six

God the Holy Spirit

He Shows Up and Everything Changes

He was present during creation

Genesis 1:1,2

He came upon OT prophets to inspire the Word of God

1 Samuel 10:6

He filled John the Baptist in his mother's womb

Luke 1:15

He conceived Jesus Messiah in Mary's womb

Matthew 1:20

He descended on Jesus at His water baptism and identified Him as the Messiah

John 1:33

The Upper Room

You'd think the disciples had all the preparation needed to begin Christ's church. They lived with Jesus, heard Him teach, prayed with Him, saw miracles, witnessed Him alive after the resurrection, Nevertheless Jesus told them to wait for something before they began the work.

“Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Acts 1:4,8

When God the Holy Spirit fell upon them, immersing or baptizing them in His presence, evidenced by tongues of fire, something profound, real and supernatural happened.

What Happened?

Because they were born again they became pure vessels that could then be filled with God the Holy Spirit. They had been changed into new creations in order to be a vessel that Holy God could fill.

“And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance”

Acts 2:2-4

Several Things Occurred When They Were Filled

1. It was a definite event, grounded in experience, not just a mental idea
2. Supernatural boldness & power was evidenced as they witnessed to others
3. They spoke in unknown tongues which was a sign to unbelievers as the people heard them speak in their own language.
4. The church was born. 3000+ people came to Christ. People were born again.

The same things happened throughout the early church...

They spoke in unknown tongues. (Acts 2:11, Acts 10:46, Acts 19:6).

“And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.”

Acts 19:6

Healings and miracles occurred regularly. (Acts 3:6, Acts 5:14-16, Acts 28:8).

“But Peter said, “I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!”

Acts 3:6

People came to faith in Christ all over the known world. (Acts 2:41, Acts 5:14)

“So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.”

Acts 2:41

Be Filled With God the Holy Spirit

You Can Trust God

“Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your [fn]heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”

Luke 11:11-13

Receive By Faith

“Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.”

Mark 11:24

The Spirit Fills You To Help You

“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 that I said to you.”

John 14:26

**Being Filled With
the Holy Spirit Is
Also Called
Receiving the Gift of
The Holy Spirit**

***Peter said to them,
“Repent, and each
of you be baptized
in the name of
Jesus Christ for the
forgiveness of your
sins; and you will
receive the gift of
the Holy Spirit”***
Acts 2:38

Praying In the Spirit

When you are filled with God the Holy Spirit He gives you the ability to pray in unknown tongues. As a born again believer He is already alive in you. You do not need to work hard, get emotional or wait to be able to receive.

After you are filled and speak in tongues, you choose when to pray in tongues: when to start and stop. You are never out of control. The actual language is a special one God gives to you.

“Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues”
Paul the Apostle 1 Corinthians 14:5

***”I thank God, I speak in tongues more than
you all”***
Paul the Apostle 1 Corinthians 14:18

When Praying In Tongues It's In a Language You Do Not Understand

“For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands, but in his spirit he speaks mysteries For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.”

1 Corinthians 14:2,14

Praying In the Spirit Builds Yourself Up In Faith

“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit”

Jude 1:20

Speaking In Tongues Edifies You

“One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church”

1 Corinthians 14:4

Prayer to be filled with God the Holy Spirit:

Father, I come to you in Jesus Name. I ask You to fill me with your Holy Spirit. I now receive the filling of God the Holy Spirit and according to your Word I am empowered and can pray in other tongues

More Great Thoughts

If it seems like nothing happened when you prayed don't believe it. When you ask the Father by faith *you have what you asked for*. The experience will manifest in time. Keep believing.

Your prayer language may begin with one or two syllables God speaks within. Speak them out loud and pray in tongues every chance you get.

When you have no idea what to pray, pray in the spirit which is praying in tongues.

When you pray in tongues the enemy, the devil, has no idea what you are praying.

Your prayer language is private, between you and God. It's not meant to be a public expression unless it is a sign to unbelievers witnessing in their own language or is combined with interpretation of tongues which speaks to the church in an understandable way.

“When I pray in tongues I pray in a language that has never cursed God nor man”
Father Tom DiLorenzo

Interesting Jewish Tradition

According to a well respected Rabbi in Jerusalem, history holds that when the Old Testament High Priest entered the Holiest Place on the Day of Atonement, he would pray to God in an unknown tongue. Tradition refers to it as God's language. It was thought that its intent was to keep the devil from understanding what the High Priest was saying to God.

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

God in you produces supernatural Spirit fruit. This fruit is not worked up by your own efforts or goodness. You are transformed by grace and express the new nature of your Father in heaven. God the Holy Spirit lives in you to reveal God through your life.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

Galatians 5:22

Love that is unconditional. Joy that is not affected by circumstances. Peace that powerful in the face of adversity. Patience that perseveres independent of time. Kindness that proactively embraces other's needs. Goodness that expresses the nature of God's heart. Faithfulness that cannot be deterred by indifference. Gentleness that exhibits a smile that heals. Self-control that sets aside human tenacity to embrace the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Fruit that goes beyond you. Spirit fruit.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

“But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.”

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Because we have become new creations in Jesus, God empowers us to grow and encourage each other by supernatural means. God Himself gives His people gifts that benefit the whole body of Christ. These gifts are not to be confused with natural talents or personality traits. In each case the operation of each gift exceeds natural explanation. I have personally seen a word of knowledge in a service that was specific concerning a disease someone had and detailed in areas of their life. This was followed by gifts of healing by which the person was instantly healed. The gift of prophecy speaks a powerful, specific message which challenges the church. Tongues with interpretation which together do the same as the gift of prophecy. Faith which can literally stop a storm or raise the dead. Wisdom which directs action and applies supernatural knowledge. **Be open to God the Holy Spirit manifesting His gifts through you.**

Chapter Seven

Sharing Jesus With Others



The Great Commission of Jesus

“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus commands us to go tell everyone everywhere about Him. Go means go. Go has never meant stop. Go has never meant procrastinate or ignore. Go means Go means Go.

It's Exciting To Share Good News

Imagine that you just got word that you won a new car. You had taken a short survey and entered your name into a drawing and BAM you won! You would be happy and excited. You would tell family, friends and even acquaintances about your new vehicle. You would even share how they can enter future drawings.

Although telling others about life in Jesus is a command, it's in our new nature to do so. In fact it's God's will for everyone to be saved.

“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9.

God never commands us to do anything without first giving us the power and resources to fulfill the command

Ways To Be A Witness

Abundant Life to Lead

It's been said that my life might be the only Bible someone else ever reads. Our life, choices, love, giving, joy, peace, faith and strength all speak powerfully to people.

"It's time to live each day as if it could be someone else's last"

Ryan Miguel

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"

John 10:10

"Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near."

Philippians 4:5

"Never settle for what you can try when you can do. Never settle for what you can do when you can be."

Ryan Miguel

"Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;"

Philippians 1:27

Speak Openly About Jesus

“What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops”

Matthew 10:27

“Now no one after lighting a lamp covers it over with a container, or puts it under a bed; but he puts it on a lamp stand, so that those who come in may see the light”

Luke 8:16

There is power in the spoken word. God spoke and the universe was made. Jesus spoke “It is finished” and the Old Covenant was fulfilled at His crucifixion. We each spoke a prayer in which we confessed Jesus Christ as Lord and we were born again. This is one of God’s principles. There is eternal power released when we speak God’s Word.

Scientists Know the Power of Words

Salt crystals have been studied under a microscope to determine the effects of words on crystallization. The result: when beautiful, kind words were spoken, beautiful, ordered crystals were formed. Negative, hateful words spoken resulted in misshapen, ugly crystals.

People Are Waiting To Hear

Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”

Matthew 9:37,38

As you share Jesus realize that your words are life changing. God through you will change eternal destinies. When Jesus spoke to the storm, “Peace, be still” chaos became stillness. When you speak God’s Word, you release eternal power to set someone free.

“So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.”

Isaiah 55:11

Seeds Planted Will Grow

God's Word is seed you sow into other lives. We don't usually see the results immediately. But the more seed you sow the more opportunity exists for it to sprout and become a harvest of salvation.

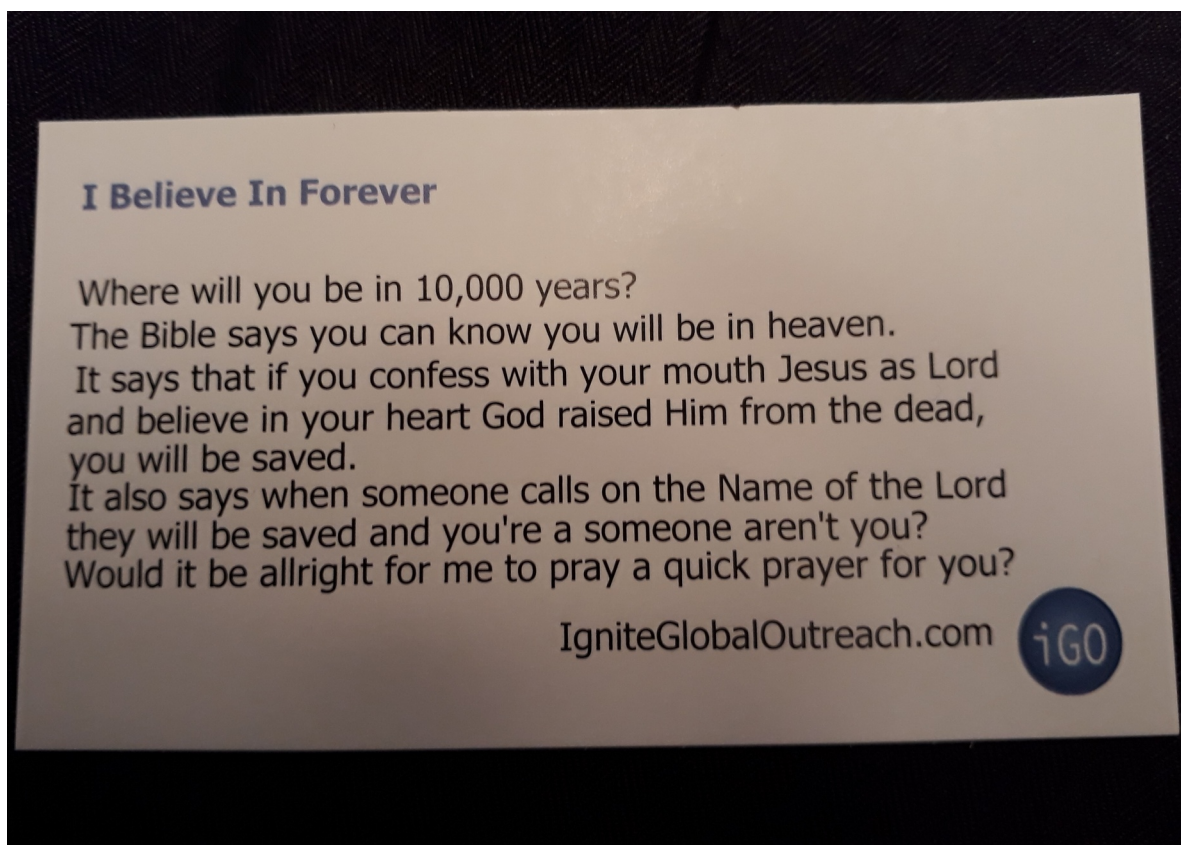
"The sower went out to sow his seed; Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved. Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance."

Luke 8:5, 11-16

Getting Started Sharing Christ

Below is a template I made into a fold-over business card. Sharing Christ is as simple as reading the card verbatim. When someone comes to Christ give them a card. They can begin reading the card right away to others and lead someone else to Christ.

Front of Card:



Inside Top & Bottom of Fold-over Card:

Father God I thank You for _____. I pray for every need in their life to be met. I also pray You do a quick work in their heart. In Jesus Name I pray.

Please repeat this prayer with me and mean it from your heart:

God, I admit I am not perfect.
The Bible calls that sin, which is where I fall short of your perfection.
Thank you for sending Jesus Christ, God the Son,
to die in my place, for my sin. Forgive me.
I thank you that Jesus was raised from the dead and
I rose to be a new creation in Him.
Here is my life now. Come into my spirit and make me entirely new.
I thank you that I am now destined for heaven.
Fill me with yourself, God the Holy Spirit.
Help me tell others about You, your dream and your gift of forever.
In Jesus Christ Name... Amen.

Congratulations and welcome to God's family.

According to the Bible angels are celebrating your decision and Jesus has now confessed you before the Father in heaven.

"In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luk 15:10

"Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven." Matthew 10:32

What's next?

Get a Bible and let God teach you. Talk to God.
Let God lead you to a Church that believes the Bible.
Get baptized in water and in the Holy Spirit and fire.
Tell others about a new life in Jesus Christ.

Share Your Own Story

Here are steps to take to prepare your own testimony of *how you came to faith in Jesus Christ*:

- *Write a paragraph about your life and circumstances before you met Jesus*
- *Write a paragraph about the steps that occurred that led to your decision for Christ*
- *Write a paragraph including John 3:16 and a simple prayer that you prayed to receive Christ*
- *Ask the person you are sharing with if they would like to know Jesus*

After you are finished memorize the order of the story so you can share your testimony smoothly with others. It is hard for anyone to argue with what you yourself have experienced.

“And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death”

Revelation 12:11

Mr. Genor From Sydney

There is a video online about Mr. Frank Genor from Sydney Australia. Watch it. Here's the story in short:

A Pastor from England kept hearing the same testimony. In the UK, the USA, India and elsewhere people were impacted by a little white haired man on B Street in Sydney over several decades. The Pastor located Mr. Genor at his apartment. He told him about all the people who became Christians through his witness. Mr. Genor wept. This was the first time he'd heard of anyone being born again after years of faithfully witnessing to ten people a day on the street. It is estimated that this one man impacted 146,100 people for Christ. Many of them went into full time ministry and impacted others. One life. Your life. Planting seeds. Impacting lives. Forever.

“I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.”

1 Corinthians 3:6

Remember: My part is to tell the truth about Jesus. God's part is to bring about the results.”


God the Holy Spirit Will Direct

While power walking through Old Town Scottsdale, AZ I found a new smart phone on the ground. I rendezvoused with the owner and he was shocked that I returned his \$700 phone. I turned back to my car when God the Holy Spirit told me inside, "Go witness to him".

As I shared Jesus with that young man he began to cry and prayed to receive Christ. He told me he had been in prison several times. His father had told him about Christ but he had rejected it. That night God's Spirit fell and he was born again.

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

2 Corinthians 5:20



Hold your head up high. You are God's Ambassador. We are God's mouth, heart and hands on this earth. God is reaching another life through you.

God Gives You the Power

“but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

Power is mine to *live*. Power is mine to *love*. And I have specifically been given power to *be* a witness for Jesus Christ here, there and everywhere.

“Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.”

2 Corinthians 5:18, 19

Each one of us is a minister. It's not just Pastors and Evangelists who are to tell others about God's gift of salvation in Jesus Christ. You are a minister of reconciliation. You are His special instrument to bring estranged people into relationship with a forgiving God.

Be a Rescue Hero

A story is told of a man who was driving through a fog and barely stopped his car before going off an unfinished bridge. He left his car and began wildly flagging down other motorists to save their lives. They looked at him like he was crazy. Who did he think he was stopping them on the road. But he knew something they did not know. He knew about danger and death on the road ahead. Despite what they thought of him, he felt compelled to be the voice of salvation.

People may not understand that you must tell them about Jesus. Be a rescue hero, be wild, be peculiar and see lives saved.

When it comes to the Gospel of Jesus Christ it is better to be called intolerant for sharing than to actually be uncaring for withholding.

Speak up in love. Don't shut up in fear.

HEALING
BELONGS TO
ME



Chapter Eight Healing

Healing In the Bible

God has promised and demonstrated over and over again His desire to heal. Based on His Word, His heart and His example we can boldly believe and confidently say that *Healing Belongs To Me*

Old Testament Examples

God healed them from venomous snake bites.

“Then the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he will live” Numbers 21:8

God takes sickness away

“But you shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water; and I will remove sickness from your midst”

Exodus 23:25

God sends His Word and heals

“Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble; He saved them out of their distresses. He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions”

Psalms 107:19,20

God raises the dead

“When Elisha came into the house, behold the lad was dead and laid on his bed. So he entered and shut the door behind them both and prayed to the LORD”

2 Kings 4:32,33

The boy came back to life! God loves us and that love includes our physical bodies. He wants us well even if it takes a miracle. He wants us healed even if it takes raising us from the dead.

Jesus Went About Doing Good

There is never an instance where Jesus turned someone sick away. He never said that sickness was for the improvement of their character or disposition. He healed them all.

“Jesus of Nazareth...went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil...”

Acts 10:38

“But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and He healed them all.”

Matthew 12:15

“And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, ‘Lord, if you are willing, You can make me clean.’ Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him saying, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’ And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.”

Matthew 8:2,3

“...and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them.”

Matthew 4:24

By His Stripes

“He is despised, and left of men, A man of pains, and acquainted with sickness, And as one hiding the face from us, He is despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely our sicknesses he hath borne, And our pains -- he hath carried them, And we -- we have esteemed him plagued, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

And he is pierced for our transgressions, Bruised for our iniquities, The chastisement of our peace [is] on him, And by his bruise there is healing to us.”

Isaiah 53:3-5 Young’s Literal Translation

Every sickness, every disease, every destructive condition Jesus took upon Himself. His substitution in suffering for us physically means healing for us physically. His suffering emotionally as a man of sorrows meant healing for our souls. And His suffering spiritual separation from the Father when He became sin on our behalf means healing for our spirit.

When I think of Jesus Christ willingly offering his back to a professional torturer I sometimes weep. It was as if one blow was for my healing from cancer, the next blow healed me from arthritis, the next heart disease. Each strike of the whip ripped living flesh away. All for my healing right now.

And We Will Be Changed

“Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.” 1 Corinthians 15: 51-5

God has promised believers new bodies that will never know sin, sickness or death. That is the promise we embrace by faith today for today's healing. I remember seeing my own child sick with the flu and thinking, “I wish it was me instead of you my baby”. God more than wished it. He accomplished that substitution by the stripes on Jesus back, His death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead in a new, powerful, sinless, eternal, healthy body.

Mankind:

I've fallen and I can't get up...

Jesus Messiah:

I've risen and in Me you already have...

Ryan Miguel

Healing Promises to Speak & Believe

There are so many verses expressing God's heart to heal that we can't possibly cover them all in this short chapter. Here's a list for you to look up individually to be encouraged and build your faith.

- Psalms 103:1-3
- Proverbs 3:8
- Proverbs 4:22
- Jeremiah 33:6
- 1 Kings 17:17-24
- Jeremiah 17:14
- 2 Kings 5:1-14
- Psalms 30:2
- Psalms 107:20
- Psalms 118:17
- Exodus 23:25
- Malachi 4:2
- Matthew 8:14-17
- Matthew 9:35
- Matthew 10:1
- Matthew 10:8
- Matthew 14:14
- Matthew 14:35,36
- Mark 6:13
- Mark 6:56
- Luke 4:40
- Luke 6:19
- John 9:1-12
- Acts 3:1-10
- Acts 3:16
- Acts 4:10,22
- Acts 5:14-16
- Acts 19:11,12
- Romans 10:17
- James 5:14,15
- 3 John 1:2
- Revelation 22:2

“How can we call ourselves a church and not believe in healing and in miracles? I cannot read four pages anywhere in the Bible without encountering miracles. And the God of the Bible is the same today!” T.L. Osborn

REMEMBER



Chapter

Nine

The Lord's Supper

Jesus Asks Us To Remember

“ And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.’...”

Luke 22:19,20

Jesus gave us two wonderful ordinances: Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper. As in the case of Water Baptism, the Lord's Supper is not a requirement to obtain salvation. There is nothing we do that can pay the price for our sins: only the blood of Jesus has paid that price. There is nothing we can add that can transform our lives into new creations: only the resurrection of Christ has made this reality possible. There is beautiful revelation to discover and truth to experience as we celebrate the Lord's Supper and remember.

The Lord's Supper and Healing

In addition to the material covered in the Chapter on Healing, the Lord's Supper is another opportunity for me to receive my healing. When we remember the blood when taking the cup, we release faith for our total forgiveness and new creation life. When we remember His broken body when taking the broken bread we release faith for our physical healing as well. His body was broken on the cross and stripes were inflicted on His back for me to experience healing.

Forgiveness and Healing

“But, so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,”—He said to the paralytic—“I say to you, get up, and pick up your stretcher and go home.” Luke 9:24

***“Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits;
Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases;”*** Psalms 103:2.3

**“The impossible is what Jesus does best”
Ryan Miguel**

Throughout the Bible we see forgiveness of sins and healing tied together. After all, God loves us through and through, spirit, soul and body. His solution to our problem is complete and absolute, powerful and tender. Unless they are evil, human parents do not want their children to be sick. God is perfect. God is love. More than our desire to see our little one's lives to be healthy and thrive, God proactively sacrificed Jesus, God the Son, for us to know salvation in all areas of our lives including physical healing. Through the Lord's Supper we embrace all that Jesus has done for us.

“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?”

Romans 8:32

**“Jesus, as God the Son, created everything. He had an assignment to leave His glory in heaven, enter earth and save mankind from the ravages of sin. How successful was Jesus?
Nailed it!”**

Ryan Miguel

TALK WITH GOD



Chapter Ten Prayer

Hello God

" for in Him we live and move and exist, "
Acts 17:28

Victory is experienced by a life centered on the Word of God, as we enjoy an intimate relationship with Him. From God's revealed thoughts and will, we learn the fundamental principles of prayer.

"In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked for nothing in My name; ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be made full."

John 16:23,24

Pray To the Father

Based on this Scripture, one principle of prayer is to pray directly to God the Father. Because of our new standing in Christ we now have access to God without the separation of sin. You may have confidence to communicate with your Father in heaven who hears you and speaks to you. He will answer you out of His compassion and grace. It is not required for you to go through another human being to talk to God. Jesus told us to ask the Father. That is principle number one.

Pray In Jesus Name

In the same verses Jesus lets us know that we are to pray in His name. Throughout the New Testament we see that this was the practice of Christians with powerful results. The Name of Jesus Messiah, God the Son, is the most powerful Name in the universe.

“For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:9-11

Finding Time

At times we feel that it's hard to find time to pray. Here is a secret I have discovered: If I will utilize my 'typical daily allotment of worry time' **to pray**, I find that I have plenty of time after all.

“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 comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6,7

“Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving;”

Colossians 4:2

Pray For Others

“First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,”

1 Timothy 2:1

Pray In Faith, Believing

“Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.”

Mark 11:24

Pray According To God’s Will Which Is Revealed In His Word, the Bible

“This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.”

1 John 5:14,15

Pray In the Spirit and With the Understanding

“I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the mind also; I will sing with the spirit and I will sing with the mind also.”

1 Corinthians 14:15

We previously learned that praying in the spirit is praying in unknown tongues. Praying with the understanding is in your known language.

Pray In Agreement With Others

“Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 18:19

Pray For the Lost

“And He was saying to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Luke 10:2

Pray For Government Leaders & For That the Gospel Can Be Shared

“First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

1 Corinthians 14:15

Prayer Is Talking and Listening To God

A new adventure is waiting for us when we learn not only to tell God our needs and requests, fears and worries, and daily obstacles, but also to pause and allow the Lord to speak to us as well. Conversation is necessary for intimate communication. God usually speaks in a still small voice within and in His Word. Many times it is a sense of a direction and a knowing that is filled with peace. Be confident as you pray and allow God the Holy Spirit to teach you to pray. This has been God's dream all along: to walk in the garden and have fellowship with you. Be bold as you pray and experience Him.

“Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 4:16

God Answers Prayer:

During WWII a faith leader, Rees Howells, cancelled classes at the Bible School he had started. The entire student body prayed because Hitler was attacking Britain. Miraculously, Hitler stopped the air attack and decided to attack Russia instead. This answer to prayer saved Britain from what looked like defeat and turned the tide of the war.

Chapter Eleven

Praise & Worship

DANCE & SMILE



How Big Is God?

Thus says the LORD, “Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest?”

Matthew 28:18-20

“O magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.”

Psalms 34:3

Jesus created everything seen and unseen. God is so unlimited that the universe does not hold Him but He holds the universe. When I magnify anything else I make it appear larger than it actually is. When I magnify the Lord I cannot see Him as big as He actually is. He is infinitely bigger. He is all powerful, all knowing and worthy of all my praise and worship.

During this chapter we will explore several facets of praise and worship. As we learn what the scriptures reveal it is important to remember that intimate interaction with the Lord Jesus Christ and glorifying Him is our ultimate goal.

Praise

***“Open to me the gates of righteousness;
I will go through them,
And I will praise the LORD.”***

Psalm 118:19 NKJV

***“Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And all that is within me, bless His holy name.”***

Psalm 103:1

Praise is a choice we make independent of feelings or circumstances. As we learned in an earlier chapter we are comprised of three parts: spirit, soul and body. Our soul consists of our will, (chooser), our intellect, (thinker) and our emotions, (feeler). Because God is worthy of our praise we can engage the “chooser” part of our soul and praise the Lord..

Notice in the first verse that ***“I will*** praise the Lord”. I choose to praise God. In the second verse I am deciding and commanding my soul, (where my will resides), to bless the Lord. Throughout the day, even when you do not feel like it, you can choose to praise the Lord.

Sacrifice of Praise

“Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.”

Hebrews 13:15

When you don't feel like praising God...

Make the sacrifice!

When the church musicians and leaders aren't playing your kind of song...

Make the sacrifice!

When you woke up late, missed breakfast, couldn't find your shoes, ran out of gas, and forgot your wallet...

Make the sacrifice!

Express Your Praise

In 2 Samuel 6 we see a picture of praise: King David unashamedly praising God. He danced so hard before God that some of his clothes fell off. When it comes to praising the Lord don't hold back! Dance, clap, sing, shout, stand, kneel. Express physically what you decide internally

Praise is an act of my will in which I acknowledge God's greatness in my intellect, feel it in my emotions and express it through my body.

Worship In the Spirit

Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:21-24

True worship transcends the body and soul, yet still involves the body and soul when worship happens in our spirit. True worship occurs in our new creation spirit as we are one with God the Holy Spirit. Note that the verse states that God is spirit.

***So also it is written, “The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL.”
The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.***

1 Corinthians 15:45

Jesus, God the Son, is also referred to as a life-giving spirit. That’s why we must worship in the spirit in order to worship and experience God.

Ways To Worship

Worship with your entire life

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.”

Romans 12:1

Worship by loving each other

***“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like
the precious oil upon the head,
Coming down upon the beard,
Even Aaron’s beard, Coming down upon
the edge of his robes.”*** Psalm 133:1,2

Worship with singing

***“Sing to the LORD a new song;
Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
Proclaim good tidings of His salvation
from day to day.”*** Psalm 96:1,2

Many Ways To Worship

Clapping, playing instruments, dancing, kneeling, standing, shouting, laughing, crying, sitting, speaking and silence: these are all outward expressions of worship. The highest expression of our range of emotions is in true spiritual worship.

Worship is not limited to slow songs in a group meeting. Worship is a reality that is experienced as our spirit and God the Holy Spirit interact. As that happens we can't help but worship Him. This can be expressed in many ways in various settings. Fast song or slow: in silence or in shouts.

**“And when You’re speaking to me
And I fall on my knees
And I worship with all of my being
You quietly whisper my name
I hear the sound of eternal Love
You whisper my name
And I hear the voice of the Lamb of God
Jesus You’re worthy, You’re God”**

Taken from ‘Jesus You’re Worthy’
Lyrics by Ryan Miguel

“For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand outside. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.” Psalm 84:10

“And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, “To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.” Revelation 5:13

We need infinity of time to worship our infinite God. The more we know and love Jesus Messiah the more of Jesus Messiah there is to know and love...There is always more.

**The true focus of praise and worship is God. Knowing Him, loving Him, interacting with Him, lifting Him up as the only Living God.
There is no one like Him.
He alone is worthy of our praise, our worship and every part of our being.**

Chapter Twelve

Why We Get Together



Church?

One of the most common areas of resistance for some new Christians is in meeting with other believers in a local fellowship. Unless an idea lines up with the Word of God it is not to be accepted. If your mind says, "I don't need to get together with other Christians. Why, I can worship God just as well out in nature by myself," know that it misses promised blessings in the Bible.. Reject it. Confess God's Word. take action on God's Word and go to a local church. Let God's Word have the final say.

When you humble yourself and make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life, you will discover that what you thought was uncomfortable or even impossible, God will make a blessing and even a miracle in your life.

New Creation Choices

Remember from the module on the New Creation: although you are brand new in your spirit person, your soul and body are being changed to experience God's will. Let go of old ways and ideas. Believe what you read in God's Word. You used to be a soul directed being: will, intellect and emotions telling you what to do. By the end of this module you will have sound Bible reasons for obeying God in this area and allowing God's Spirit to empower your life.

Key Concept: We don't go to church to be saved. Salvation is 100% by Christ's ultimate sacrifice on our behalf.

Don't do it out of obligation: do it because it is something you now *get* to do because Jesus made it possible.

Better Together In Church

Historical Example

The apostles did it. The deacons and elders did it. The pastors did it. New Testament Christians went to great lengths to meet together as a local body. Eventually they were forced quite literally, underground, meeting in catacombs. What does the Bible say?

"not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:25

For some people this verse would read differently:

"and forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of most, not encouraging each other (since we never meet); and less and less since we don't anticipate Christ's return"

That's obviously not what God's Word says.. We need each other. We are stronger together. The Word of God is true. When the apostles wrote letters to the churches it was with the knowledge that they were people which were interconnected. They would all hear the letter because they met together.

I want to be a person who hears from God, trusts what He says and takes action. Going to church is one way I can do this.

Are You Smart As A Zebra?

When we watch a nature program on television, zebras avoid being devoured by lions and cheetahs by running in a pack. It is the weak zebra, who is separated from the rest of the pack who falls prey and dies. It does not matter how powerful a single zebra thinks it is, it is no match against a lion alone.

“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

1 Peter 5:8

5 Things You Don't Experience Alone

- **Christian Family:** We are reborn into a new family of believers in Jesus Christ. Brothers and sisters you have yet to get to know. Imagine someone discovering that they have a sibling who loves them and wants to meet them, yet prefers to be alone. All the more, we need each other and can experience God's love given and received.
- **Gifts of the Spirit:** The function and operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is primarily within the context of the local church. Prophecy, Tongues and Interpretation and other gifts properly flowing in a corporate setting will not be known alone in the woods.

- Supernatural Fellowship: The Greek word used in the Bible is ***koinonia***, which is so rich and deep in meaning it is hard to find an English equivalent. Some shades of meaning are: sharing, community, fellowship and closeness. This joy in each other can't be found alone.
- Ministry Gifts: Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher. It's expecting a lot to think that you will somehow encounter someone called to these authoritative positions on the golf course or out fishing on the lake. The local church is where you can be challenged and encouraged by these ministry gifts.
- Accountability: Just like a Weight Loss membership for losing pounds, meeting with other Christians will help you develop the habits that will change and bless your life. There are, of course, many other reasons to meet together in a local body. Group prayer, group worship, group hugs. Church is an awesome place to be!

“Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

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

Colossians 3:14-16

Chapter Thirteen

Money Time and Heart



Another area people wrestle with is their wallets. What we do with our money reflects on our understanding of the giving nature of God. In order to be transformed by the renewing of your mind, choose the Word. When you feel like saying, "All they want is my money. I refuse to be pushed into putting money in the offering," know it is a deception; the Bible reveals truth that liberates. God's Word has the final say. When you humble yourself and make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life, you see your thoughts line up with the Bible, your faith increase and experience God's provision.

“so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,”

Ephesians 5:26

God Our Provider

Act In Faith

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the LORD of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.”

Malachi 3:10

Notice what God has promised you. He will open the windows of heaven. The only other time this phrase is used in the Bible is when God opened up the windows of heaven and flooded the earth in the time of Noah! Imagine the blessings that are yours as you return 10% to the Lord and His Kingdom work.

To tithe means to give 10%. Each time you tithe to your local church, you are exercising faith to see a miracle. You become a walking testimony to God's faithfulness.

God knows that we need to depend on Him, place our faith in Him and His promises, in order to expand as people with God's kind of life. He gave us His best. Can we do no less?

We do not tithe to keep the law. We want to give **EVEN MORE** now that we are free in Christ and heaven bound. God exceeds our greatest expectations when He gives to us. Let's just try to do the same for Him!

“Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

When I attended Oral Roberts University I often heard Oral preach on the miracle of seed faith. In a nutshell he taught that when you plant your seed of finances, believe God for a specific answer in your life. God answers specific prayers that are expressed in faith. As I stated before, when we give money we position ourselves to believe God and depend on His provision. Returning tithes and giving offerings help us break through ourselves and into His glorious presence. If you have no money to give, give a button off your shirt. Give time helping others, or volunteering in a local church.

Money is basically compressed time.
You put in time and are paid money.

A preacher stated that in the Arctic the indigenous natives placed whale bone in the offering. A missionary friend, planting churches in Vera Cruz, Mexico knew a man who faithfully gave his time and money in tithing. He was not wealthy in the natural. He was a street cleaner. The church building needed a roof, and this street cleaner found a big lump of gold on the street! He gave the whole thing towards the roof! Now that's a cheerful giver. He later became the Pastor of that local church. God is the ultimate giver. As His children, we were reborn to be like Him.

“Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; as it is written,

“HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER.”

Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.” 2 Corinthians 9:6-12

There are many revelations about giving in these verses.

- When we give abundantly we reap abundantly.
- We are to give cheerfully and God loves that.
- The seed we sow was given to us by God to begin with.
- Giving financially helps God’s grace abound in our life.
- We are blessed including financially to be an abundant blessing to others.

Giving Means Living

Transform an aversion to tithing and giving offerings to making it a celebration. The more you know God, and the more you realize that He is blessing your life, you will become an excited, unstoppable, powerful, new creation miracle man or woman of God.

In some church services when giving in the offering is announced people get uncomfortable. In other services people clap and cheer. Why the difference? When you have stepped out in faith and witnessed his faithful supply you will be cheering too.

“Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”

Luke 6:38

A heart and life of love and unselfish giving leads directly to a life of abundant receiving. This lifestyle of giving is a powerful flow from Jesus to others: words of kindness, acts of love and compressed time represented by money which funds the expansion of God’s kingdom.

Tithing isn’t living on less:
tithing is giving on more.

Chapter Fourteen

Jesus Is Coming Back

READY OR NOT



Jesus Christ Said So

“And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.” Matthew 24:30

Paul the Apostle Said So

“For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.” 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

Here He Comes

Angels Said So

And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them.

They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

Acts 1:10-11

John the Apostle Said So

He who testifies to these things says, “Yes, I am coming quickly.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Rev 22:20

End Time Prophecy Is Exciting

When I became reborn in Christ it was through the ministry of Hal Lindsey where I stood up to pray at a prophetic conference. Afterwards I told everyone I could about what I was seeing in the Bible. Jesus is coming back any day. Israel became a nation again. I am going to be transformed instantly and have a new body and meet Jesus in the air. There's a Great Tribulation coming with war, disease and a meteor strike. There's a one world government with an autocratic despotic ruler coming. Hey everyone please receive God's gift of salvation in Jesus now because we do not know when this will all happen. There are signs everywhere.

Israel Established As A State

***“Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
And gather you from the west.
“I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’
And to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’
Bring My sons from afar
And My daughters from the ends of the earth”***
Isaiah 43:5,6

***“And He will lift up a standard for the nations
And assemble the banished ones of Israel,
And will gather the dispersed of Judah
From the four corners of the earth.”***
Isaiah 11:12

***“Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such
things?
Can a land be born in one day?
Can a nation be brought forth all at once?
As soon as Zion travailed, she also brought forth her
sons”***
Isaiah 66:8

When Israel was recognized by the world as a viable governmental state in 1948 this ancient prophecy was fulfilled. This is one of the signs pointing to the end times. In 2019 by Presidential order the USA recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital city. This recognition further highlights the fact that we are living on the edge of the last days.

The Big Change

“For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.” 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17

“Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.”
1 Corinthians 15:51-53

Jesus is coming soon to catch us up into the air and bring the big change: brand new eternal bodies which will know no sickness, no death, no sin and no sorrow. This change is the completion of the salvation God gives us. He envisioned us to be spirit, soul and body and with an imperishable body we are saved forever.

Multitudes Coming To Christ

Before the big change and the beginning of the seven year tribulation period we will witness an extraordinary move of God. We already see people coming to Jesus around the world in unprecedented numbers. Eighty million plus in Africa through Christ for all Nations. Millions being saved in the underground church in China. There will be an end time harvest of souls which will surpass anything we have seen.

“This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.” Matthew 24:14

More and more believers will wake up and be someone’s answer to prayer: a laborer in the field, boldly telling others about life in Jesus Christ.

“And He was saying to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” Luke 10:2

When it comes to the Gospel of Jesus Christ it is better to be called intolerant for sharing than to actually be uncaring for withholding. Speak up in love.
Don’t shut up in fear.

The (Not So) Great Tribulation

Seven years of *catastrophe*. We won't get into all the details but it will be terrible. People who have rejected Christ and not known the big change will be left behind for the world's kingdoms to eventually be replaced by the Kingdom of God on earth. During the seven year period until Jesus physically returns to earth, here are just a few of the judgments that will happen.

“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.” Matthew 24:21

War

“And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.” Revelation 6:4

The world has seen many wars. During the tribulation we find many verses that indicate that war will take many more lives. The numbers will far eclipse any war we have seen before. The arena of the nations is Israel and the Middle East. Some of the players are the “Kings of the North” (old Soviet bloc), “Kings of the East” (China) and an alignment of European and other nations of the one world government. In fact during the battle of Armageddon there will be so many killed that blood will run like a river four feet high. (Revelation 14:20)

Death

"I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth." Revelation 6:8

One quarter of humanity will die. We have seen by the 2020 pandemic how disruptive a deadly disease can be. Supply chains are shattered and hunger leading to death follows. Anarchy raises it's head as people kill for food and survival. Even wild animals go hungry and become more aggressive.

One World Order

Globalism. We see and hear it all around us. Humanism insists that humans are their own savior. We are encouraged to surrender authority and to a global community which promises to bring us peace and salvation from catastrophe. It is easy to see the foundation for an eventual worldwide dominion.

"And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority."

Revelation 13:2

Antichrist

Abomination Of Desolation

“Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand)

Matthew 24:15

An evil man possessed by the devil. A man of power, persuasion, charisma and world influence. He will pull the nations together to sign a peace treaty with Israel. His dominance will grow beyond the natural realm, exhibiting supernatural wonders. He will require everyone to worship him, the abomination of desolation standing in the temple in Jerusalem. At first it will seem like he achieves peace. In the end it's war.

The world today is primed for global solutions. We long for peace and preservation; we surrender freedom in exchange for survival. Enter a man, who seeks to replace the Gospel of Jesus Christ with himself.

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.”

1 John 4

The Antichrist Demands Worship

“Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.”

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

The Mark of the Beast and Control of the Masses

“And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.” Revelation 13: 16,17

We have already experienced how reasonable it seems when government regulations control our lives in the name of global emergencies. The 2020 pandemic has given us a taste. After believers disappear with the big change and we are caught up into the air and transform into new bodies, the world will panic. Follow this event with the catastrophes we have explored earlier and the people remaining on earth will gravitate to the ultimate dictator. The new world order controls the population and he controls the new world order.

Great Balls Of Fire

“The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters. The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.” Revelation 8:10-12

If a large meteor should strike the earth the ecological damage will be catastrophic. Waters become poisoned. Rising ash blankets the atmosphere and blots out the sun, moon and stars. Scientist speculate that a major meteor strike could wipe out humanity. Even if only part of the human race dies, it will be horrible.

There are many other terrors which occur during the seven year tribulation period. Giant locust which sting like scorpions and make you wish you were dead because of the pain. Severe famine. Iron fisted government control. Hail mixed with fire that burns up one third of the vegetation. When the fire reaches the sea one third of sea life dies. Plagues which kill one third of the population. With all this going on, it is understandable why the world will turn to the antichrist for answers. Instead of turning to God they turn to deception and anger.

The Return of Jesus Christ

“For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.” Matthew 24:27

When He comes back everyone will know it. It will be a physical return of God the Son here to reign over all the earth.

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.” Revelation 19:11-16

We will come back with Him as the armies of heaven in our new imperishable bodies. What a future!

The 1000 Year Reign of Christ

“For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11

When Jesus returns everything will bow down to Him.

“Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”

Revelation 20:4

Jesus will rule on the earth for one thousand years and we will help Him rule. After the thousand years God will create a new heaven and a new earth.

There is much more to learn about the end times. Imagery consisting of beasts from the sea with many horns; angels with trumpets, vials and seals; Jesus' feet touching and splitting the Mount of Olives; multitudes of believers and angels worshiping Him who sits on the throne and the Lamb. **Jesus is coming back and it may be today!**

WHAT'S THE
WORD?



Chapter Fifteen

Foundations Bible Study

Please look up supporting Bible verses:

The Bible

Only the sixty-six books of the Bible are the inspired and, therefore, inerrant Word of God. The Bible is the final authority for all we believe and how we are to live.

(Matthew. 5:18; John.10:35, 17:17; 2 Timothy. 3:16–17; 2 Peter 1:20–21)

Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is God incarnate, fully God and fully man; that He was conceived and born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and offered Himself to pay the penalty as a substitute sacrifice for sinners. By His blood shed at the cross, He obtained for us eternal redemption, the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. He was raised bodily on the third day and ascended to the right hand of the Father, there to make intercession for the saints forever.

(Matthew 1:18–25; John 1:1–18; Romans 8:34; 1 Corinthians 15:1–28; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:10–14; Ephesians 1:7; Philippians 2:6–11; Colossians 1:15–23; Hebrews 7:25, 9:13–15, 10:19; 1 Peter 2:21–25; 1 John 2:1–2)

Salvation

Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. No ordinance, ritual, work or any other activity on the part of man is required or accepted in order to be saved. This saving grace of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, also sanctifies us by enabling us to do what is pleasing in God's sight in order that we might be progressively conformed to the image of Christ.

(John 1:12–13, 6:37–44, 10:25–30; Acts 16:30–31; Romans 3:1–4:23, 8:1–17, 31–39, 10:8–10; Ephesians 2:8–10; Philippians 2:12–13; Titus 3:3–7; 1 Jn. 1:7, 9)

The Holy Spirit

The Lord Jesus Christ baptizes believers in the Holy Spirit, in whom we are also sealed for the day of redemption. The Holy Spirit regenerates, forever indwells, and graciously equips the Christian for godly living and service. Subsequent to conversion, the Spirit desires to fill, empower, and anoint believers for ministry and witness. We also believe that signs and wonders, as well as all the gifts of the Spirit described in the New Testament, are operative today and are designed to testify to the presence of the kingdom and to empower and edify the Church to fulfill its calling and mission.

(Matthew 3:11; Jn. 1:12–13, 3:1–15; Acts 4:29–30; Romans 8:9, 12:3–8; 1 Corinthians 12:12–13; 2 Corinthians 1:21–22; Galatians 3:1–5; Ephesians 1:13–14, 5:18)

The Trinity

The one true God exists eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and that these, being one God, are equal in deity, power, and glory. We believe that God not only created the world but also now upholds, sustains, governs, and providentially directs all that exists and that He will bring all things to their proper consummation in Christ Jesus to the glory of His name.

(Psalm 104:1–35, 139:1–24; Matthew 10:29–31, 28:19; Acts 17:24–28; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 1:9–12, 4:4–6; Colossians 1:16–17; Hebrews 1:1–3; Revelation 1:4–6)

After Physical Death

When Christians die, they pass immediately into the wonderful presence of Christ, there to enjoy conscious fellowship with the Savior until the day of the resurrection and the glorious transformation of their bodies. The saved will then forever dwell in joyful fellowship with their great triune God. We also believe that when unbelievers die, they are consigned to hell, there to await the Day of Judgment when they shall be punished in the lake of fire with eternal, conscious, and tormented separation from the presence of God.

(Matthew 25:46; Luke 16:19–31; John 5:25–29; 1 Corinthians 15:35–58; 2 Corinthians 5:1–10; Philippians 1:19–26, 3:20–21; 2 Thessalonians 1:5–10; Revelation 20:11–15, 21:1–22:15)

Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Water baptism and the Lord's Supper are the two ordinances of the Church to be observed until the time of Christ's return. They are not a means of salvation, but are channels of God's sanctifying grace and blessing to the faithful in Christ Jesus.

(Matthew 26:26–29, 28:19; Romans 6:3–11; 1 Corinthians 11:23–34; 1 Peter 3:21)

Christ's Return and the Last Days

There will be a literal second coming of Christ at the end of the age when He will return to earth personally and visibly to establish His physical kingdom. We believe in and are praying for a great end–time harvest of souls and the emergence of a victorious Church that will experience an unprecedented unity, purity, and power in the Holy Spirit.

(Psalm 2:7–9, 22:27–28; John 14:12, 17:20–26; Romans 11:25–32; 1 Corinthians 15:20–28, 50–58; Ephesians 4:11–16; Philippians 3:20–21; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11; 2 Thessalonians 1:3–12; Revelation 7:9–14)

Adam's Fall and the Consequences

Adam was originally created in the image of God, righteous and without sin. As a consequence of his disobedience, Adam's posterity is born subject to both imputed and inherent sin, and all humans are therefore by nature and choice the children of wrath, justly condemned in the sight of God, wholly unable to save themselves or to contribute in any way to their acceptance with God.

(Genesis 1:1–3:22; Psalm 51:5; Isaiah 53:5; Romans 3:9–18, 5:12–21; Ephesians 2:1–3)

The Role of Christ's Church

The Church is God's primary instrument, through which He is fulfilling His redemptive purposes in the earth. To equip the saints for the work of ministry, God has given the Church apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. We also affirm the priesthood of all believers and the importance of every Christian being joined with and actively involved in a local community of the saints. We believe that women, no less than men, are called and gifted to proclaim the gospel and do all the works of the kingdom.

(Matthew 16:17–19; Acts 2:17–18, 42; Ephesians 3:14–21, 4:11–16; 1 Timothy 2:11–15; Hebrews 10:23–25; 1 Peter 2:4–5, 9–10)

The Calling of the Church

God has called the Church to preach the gospel to all nations, to especially remember the poor and to minister to their needs through sacrificial giving and practical service. This ministry is an expression of the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ and is an essential part of the kingdom of God.

(Isaiah 58:6–12, 61:1; Matthew 5:1–7:28; 28:18–20; Luke 4:18, 21:1–4; Galatians 2:10; 1 Timothy 6:8)

Satan

Satan, originally the great and good angel Lucifer, rebelled against God, taking a multitude of angels with him. He was cast out of God's presence and is at work with his demonic hosts to establish his counter-kingdom of darkness, evil, and unrest on earth. Satan was judged and defeated at the cross of Christ and will be cast forever into the lake of fire which has been prepared for him and his angels.

(Isaiah 14:10–17; Ezekiel 28:11–19; Matthew 12:25–29, 25:41; Jn. 12:31, 16:11; Ephesians 6:10–20; Colossians 2:15; 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 12:7–9, 20:10)

There Is Always More To Experience

Knowing God is the greatest adventure there is. Every day you will learn from God the Holy Spirit, deeper revelations from the Bible. There are outstanding truths that He will make alive for you. And the best part is He wants to spend time with you so that you can know Him in a real, personal way.

“The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.” Isaiah 40:8

Chapter Sixteen

Daily Bible Reading



Why Read the Bible Every Day?

I have discovered that when I take the time to read God's Word several things happen:

- The Holy Spirit makes the verses come alive in meaning and in understanding far beyond my own natural ability.
- Sometimes I read and it seems like I don't get much out of it. I believe that a reservoir of revelation builds me in me to draw from during future challenges.
- Specific verses come to my mind that I have read before that build my faith and help me believe in prayer.

“like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation”

1 Peter 2:2

Like so many other blessings from God, we don't read the Word because we have to: we read the Word because we get to. Hopefully this Bible Reading Plan will bless you every day.

Daily Bible Plan: Read the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs In One Year

January	20	Psalms 8-9	8	Psalm 18	
1	Psalms 1-2	21	Luke 15	9	Acts 6
2	Luke 1	22	Luke 16	10	Acts 7
3	Luke 2	23	Luke 17	11	Acts 8
4	Luke 3	24	Luke 18	12	Psalms 19-20
5	Luke 4	25	Psalms 10-12	13	Acts 9
6	Proverbs 1	26	Luke 19	14	Acts 10
7	Psalms 3-5	27	Luke 20	15	Acts 11
8	Luke 5	28	Luke 21	16	Proverbs 4
9	Luke 6	29	Luke 22	17	Acts 12
10	Luke 7	30	Luke 23	18	Acts 13
11	Luke 8	31	Luke 24	19	Acts 14
12	Luke 9	February	20	Psalms 21-22	
13	Psalms 6-7	1	Psalms 16-17	21	Acts 15
14	Luke 10	2	Proverbs 3	22	Acts 16
15	Luke 11	3	Acts 1	23	Proverbs 5
16	Luke 12	4	Acts 2	24	Acts 17
17	Proverbs 2	5	Acts 3	25	Acts 18
18	Luke 13	6	Acts 4	26	Acts 19
19	Luke 14	7	Acts 5	27	Acts 20

28	Psalms 23-24	19	2 Timothy 1	7	Proverbs 9
March		20	2 Timothy 2	8	Mark 7
1	Acts 21	21	2 Timothy 3	9	Mark 8
2	Acts 22	22	2 Timothy 4	10	Mark 9
3	Acts 23	23	Psalms 30-31	11	Mark 10
4	Psalms 13-15	24	Proverbs 7	12	Psalms 36
5	Acts 24	25	Titus 1	13	Mark 11
6	Acts 25	26	Titus 2	14	Mark 12
7	Acts 26	27	Titus 3	15	Mark 13
8	Acts 27	28	Psalms 32-33	16	Mark 14
9	Luke 7	29	Proverbs 8	17	Mark 15
10	Proverbs 6	30	Philemon 1	18	Mark 16
11	Psalms 25-26	31	Psalms 34-36	19	Psalms 37
12	1 Timothy 1	April		20	1 Peter 1
13	1 Timothy 2	1	Mark 1	21	1 Peter 2
14	1 Timothy 3	2	Mark 2	22	1 Peter 3
15	1 Timothy 4	3	Mark 3	23	1 Peter 4
16	1 Timothy 5	4	Mark 4	24	1 Peter 5
17	1 Timothy 6	5	Mark 5	25	Psalms 38
18	Psalms 27-29	6	Mark 6	26	2 Peter 1

27	2 Peter 2	16	2 Thess. 1	4	Ephesians 4
28	2 Peter 3	17	2 Thess. 2	5	Ephesians 5
29	Psalms 39-41	18	2 Thess. 3	6	Ephesians 6
30	Proverbs 10	19	Psalms 46-47	7	Psalms 54-55
May		20	Philippians 1	8	Proverbs 13
1	Psalms 41	21	Philippians 2	9	Hebrews 1
2	Galatians 1	22	Philippians 3	10	Hebrews 2
3	Galatians 2	23	Philippians 4	11	Hebrews 3
4	Galatians 3	24	Psalms 48-49	12	Hebrews 4
5	Galatians 4	25	Colossians 1	13	Psalms 56-57
6	Galatians 5	26	Colossians 1	14	Hebrews 5
7	Galatians 6	27	Colossians 1	15	Hebrews 6
8	Psalms 42-43	28	Colossians 1	16	Hebrews 7
9	1 Thess. 1	29	Psalms 50	17	Hebrews 8
10	1 Thess. 2	30	Psalms 51-53	18	Hebrews 9
11	1 Thess. 3	31	Proverbs 12	19	Psalms 58-59
12	1 Thess. 4	June		20	Proverbs 14
13	1 Thess. 5	1	Ephesians 1	21	Hebrews 10
14	Psalms 44-45	2	Ephesians 2	22	Hebrews 11
15	Proverbs 11	3	Ephesians 3	23	Hebrews 12

24	Hebrews 13	13	Psalms 69-70	1	Matthew 22
25	Psalms 60-61	14	Proverbs 17	2	Psalms 74-75
26	James 1	15	Matthew 8	3	Psalms 76-77
27	James 2	16	Matthew 9	4	Proverbs 19
28	James 3	17	Matthew 10	5	Matthew 23
29	James 4	18	Matthew 11	6	Matthew 24
30	James 5	19	Matthew 12	7	Matthew 25
July		20	Matthew 13	8	Psalms 78
1	Psalms 62-64	21	Psalms 71-72	9	Matthew 26
2	Proverbs 15	22	Proverbs 18	10	Matthew 27
3	Psalms 65-67	23	Matthew 14	11	Matthew 28
4	Matthew 1	24	Matthew 15	12	Psalms 79-80
5	Matthew 2	25	Matthew 16	13	Psalms 81-83
6	Matthew 3	26	Matthew 17	14	Romans 1
7	Matthew 4	27	Matthew 18	15	Romans 2
8	Psalms 68	28	Psalms 73	16	Romans 3
9	Proverbs 16	29	Matthew 19	17	Psalms 84-85
10	Matthew 5	30	Matthew 20	18	Psalms 86-88
11	Matthew 6	31	Matthew 21	19	Romans 4
12	Matthew 7	August		20	Romans 5

August	8	Proverbs 21	28	1 Cor 16	
21	Romans 6	9	Psalms 99-102	29	Proverbs 22
22	Romans 7	10	1 Cor 1	30	Psalms 106-108
23	Romans 8	11	1 Cor 2	October	
24	Psalms 89	12	1 Cor 3	1	2 Cor 1
25	Proverbs 20	13	Psalms 103	2	2 Cor 2
26	Psalms 90-91	14	1 Cor 4	3	2 Cor 3
27	Romans 9	15	1 Cor 5	4	Psalms 108-109
28	Romans 10	16	Psalms 104	5	2 Cor 4
29	Romans 11	17	1 Cor 6	6	2 Cor 5
30	Psalms 92-93	18	1 Cor 7	7	Psalms 110-111
31	Psalms 94	19	1 Cor 8	8	2 Cor 6
September		20	1 Cor 9	9	2 Cor 7
1	Psalms 95-96	21	Psalms 105	10	Psalms 112-114
2	Romans 12	22	1 Cor 10	11	Proverbs 23
3	Romans 13	23	1 Cor 11	12	2 Cor 8
4	Romans 14	24	1 Cor 12	13	2 Cor 9
5	Romans 15	25	1 Cor. 13	14	Psalms 115-116
6	Romans 16	26	1 Cor. 14	15	2 Cor 10
7	Psalms 97-98	27	1 Cor. 15	16	2 Cor 11

October	4 John 3	24 Psalms 133-134
17 2 Cor 12	5 John 4	25 Psalms 135-136
18 2 Cor 13	6 John 5	26 John 18
19 Psalms 117-118	7 Psalms 126-128	27 John 19
20 Proverbs 24	8 Proverbs 26	28 John 20
21 Jude 1	9 John 6	29 John 21
22 Psalm 119	10 John 7	30 Proverbs 28
23 1 John 1	11 John 8	December
24 1 John 2	12 John 9	1 Psalms 137-138
25 1 John 3	13 Psalms 129-131	2 Revelation 1
26 1 John 4	14 John 10	3 Revelation 2
27 1 John 5	15 John 11	4 Revelation 3
28 Psalms 120-122	16 John 12	5 Psalms 139-140
29 Proverbs 25	17 Psalm 132	6 Psalms 141-142
30 2 John 1	18 Proverbs 27	7 Revelation 4
31 3 John 1	19 John 13	8 Revelation 5
November	20 John 14	9 Revelation 6
1 Psalms 123-125	21 John 15	10 Revelation 7
2 John 1	22 John 16	11 Psalms 143-145
3 John 2	23 John 17	12 Proverbs 29

December	19 Revelation 12	26 Revelation 18
13 Revelation 8	20 Revelation 13	27 Revelation 19
14 Revelation 9	21 Revelation 14	28 Revelation 20
15 Revelation 10	22 Revelation 15	29 Revelation 21
16 Revelation 11	23 Revelation 16	30 Revelation 22
17 Psalms 146-147	24 Revelation 17	31 Psalms 148-150
18 Proverbs 30	25 Proverbs 31	Happy New Year

Congratulations! You have laid a solid foundation in God's Word. There are only three things that last forever: God, God's Word the Bible and people. When we make the eternal our priority in life, we experience the eternal in life everyday.

New Start: Quick Reference Guide is for new believers who would like a foundation starting out in God's Word or for any believer who would like a refresher on the basics. It can be used as material for people you lead to the Lord, for small Bible Study Groups or for individual study.



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