

REALITY OF OUR FAITH
Stops at the Narrow Gate
For New & Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ



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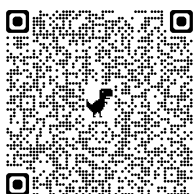
In heaven Will Jesus Say "LEAVE," I Never Knew You!

Our faith can become twisted with confusion.

Do you truly know what you're doing? For both new and long-time followers who sadly believe they are going to heaven, remember this: not everyone who says, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 7:13-14

13 "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. 14 For the gate is narrow and the way is constricted that leads to life, and there are few who find it.



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A TEST OF FAITH

What if Jesus knocked on your door and asked for your car keys? Would you give Him your car? Of course you would. Any true believer in Jesus Christ would hand over the keys without hesitation—compelled by love, reverence, and trust.

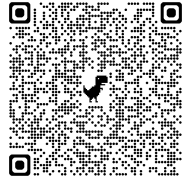
But what about our neighbors, fellow travelers in the faith, the lost, or someone who is sick and in need? In those moments, we are far more likely to find every worldly excuse not to lend our car. We hesitate. We calculate the risks. We withhold. Is that truly loving them as we love ourselves?

And yet, in doing so, we expose something deeper: that it might literally take Jesus Himself, standing physically before us, to reveal how far short our love often falls—how unwilling we are to love our brothers and sisters as we claim to love God and ourselves

To get past the narrow gate "LOVE" is the key.

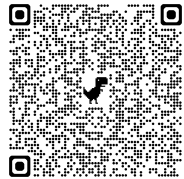
You Shall "LOVE"

The entire point of the Bible is love. How we love our neighbor is a true reflection of how we truly love God.



Matthew 22:36-40

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"
37 And He said to him, "'**You shall love** the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the great and [a] foremost commandment. 39 The second is like it, '**You shall love** your neighbor as yourself.' 40 Upon these two commandments [b] hang the whole Law and the Prophets."



Mathew 9:11-13

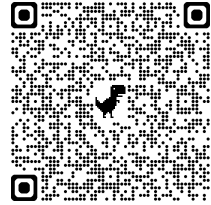
11 And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when Jesus heard this, He said, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Now go and learn [a] what this means: 'I desire [b] compassion, [c] rather than sacrifice,' for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

REFLECT and ask yourself. How can I love like Jesus?

What is "LOVE?"

"LOVE" That Never Fails "AGAPE"

Our steps in faith should bring us closer and closer to agape. Love is more powerful than any gift given by God. Do not take this lightly, love can overcome all.



1 Corinthians 13:4-8

4 Love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous; love does not brag, it is not arrogant. 5 It does not act disgracefully, it does not seek its own benefit; it is not provoked, does not keep an account of a wrong suffered, 6 it does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7 it [a] keeps every confidence, it believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never fails; but if there are gifts of [b] prophecy, they will be done away with; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away with.

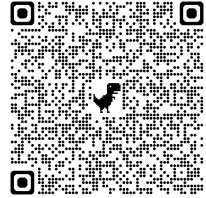
Reflect and ask yourself: How will I lay my worldly cares and desires down for Jesus to handle, so that I may focus on prayer and love?

The church exists across the four corners of the world. Every individual is born with an invitation to live in accordance with God's desires; therefore, all are welcomed.

Church Hate, A Pastorizing Tragedy

You are invited to be saved, regardless of who you are.

Who are we to judge one another when Jesus Himself did not come to judge?



John 3:17

17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him.

Reflect and ask yourself: How might I redirect my judgments of others inward to evaluate myself? By applying these same judgments to my own life, I create an opportunity for personal transformation.

There is no need for judgment. Let your love illuminate the path for others to follow. Allow others to correct themselves, or, preferably, to seek guidance.

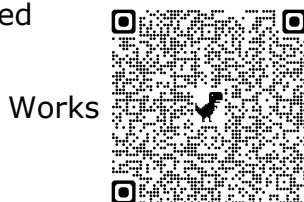
Walk alongside of Jesus, Faith Begins Here

The only way to reach God is through spirituality, not intellect. This explains why prayers are answered according to the measurement of one's true faith. Jesus healed a 100% because he knew his Father 100% exists.



Mark 16:16

16 The one who has believed and has been baptized will be saved; but the one who has not believed will be condemned.



James 2:14-26

14 What use is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith, but he has no works? Can [a] that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, [b] be warmed and be filled," yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 In the same way, faith also, if it has no works, is [c] dead, being by itself.

18 But someone [d] may well say, "You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works." 19 You believe that [e] God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.

20 But are you willing to acknowledge, you foolish person, that faith without works is useless? 21 Was our father Abraham not justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar?

22 You see that faith was working with his works, and [f] as a result of the works, faith was [g] perfected; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called a friend of God. 24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.

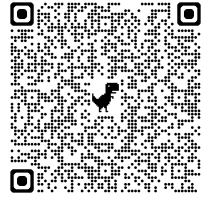
25 In the same way, was Rahab the prostitute not justified by works also when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26 For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

Reflect and ask yourself: Which works are created by my faith that I can utilize for brothers and sisters in Christ who are lost? Which works are effective for those who know Christ and will see my light shine?

Faith fuels the love that enables our Works of faith to illuminate God's Kingdom on earth. Allowing us to experience it here and now, as addressed in the Sermon on the Mount. When God is first in your life, your prayers will be answered, so long as they align with God's divine will.

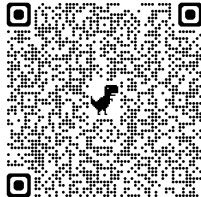
Fear the Lord, God Must Always Come First & Foremost

God must be more important than any other person or worldly desire in your life.



Deuteronomy 10:12-13

2 "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to [a] fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the Lord's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?



Exodus 20:3-5

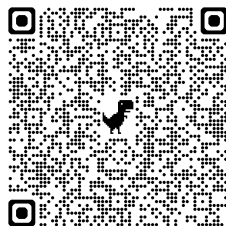
3 "You shall have no other gods [a]before Me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself [b]an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. 5 You shall not worship them nor serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, inflicting the [c]punishment of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me

How do I ensure God comes first in my life?

"God loves us immensely and has granted us free will. Can you imagine how His heart must feel as He witnesses us destroying humanity?" God cries too.

Why Do Good Christians Suffer?

How can we genuinely relate to others without experiencing their trials—such as losing a loved one or facing financial hardship? These challenges are divine opportunities to testify to God's comfort and provision. As children of God, we have a foundation to overcome these trials, aligning with His purpose and transcending adversity through His strength. God seeks those who, despite difficulties, trust in His presence and love Him unconditionally. True devotion is demonstrated when we love God regardless of life's trials, affirming our free will and genuine faith.



2 Corinthians 1:3-4

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in [a] any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

“How will you genuinely connect with others to help who are experiencing the trials you have overcome through God’s comfort?”

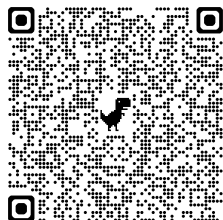
Beware of false teachers, preachers, and pastors. Only place your faith and salvation in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

False Pastors, Not All That Preach Teach “Love”

One is either following Jesus or following satan; there is no middle ground. God is not in need. If a church solicits money rather than seeking guidance through prayer to Jesus, something is amiss. Always pray for your needs. If God guides you, He will send the Holy Spirit to provide

2 Peter 2:18-19

18 For, while speaking out arrogant words of no value they entice by fleshly desires, by indecent behavior, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error, 19 promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what anyone is overcome, by this he is enslaved.



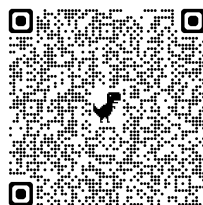
Matthew 7:15-23

15 “Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will [a] know them by their fruits. [b] Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 So then, you will [c] know them by their fruits.

21 “Not everyone who says to Me, “Lord, Lord,” will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but the one who does the will of my father who is in Heaven will enter. 22 Many will say to me on that day, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons,” I never knew you; leave Me, you who practice lawlessness.”

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.



1 Corinthians 9:18-27

18 What, then, is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel without charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. 19 For though I am free from all people, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may gain more. 20 To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might gain Jews; to those who are under the Law, I became as one under the Law, though not being under the Law myself, so that I might gain those who are under the Law; 21 to those who are without the Law, I became as one without the Law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might gain those who are without the Law. 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might gain the weak; I have become all things to all people, so that I may by all means save some. 23 I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it. 24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. 25 Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. So they do it to obtain a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

26 Therefore I run in such a way as not to run aimlessly; I box in such a way, as [a] to avoid hitting air; 27 but I strictly discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

Acts 8:18-22

18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, 19 saying, "Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." 20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could acquire the gift of God with money! 21 You have no part or share in this [a]matter, for your heart is not right before God. 22 Therefore, repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart will be forgiven you.



REFLECT and ask yourself, "Am I learning to love like Jesus?"

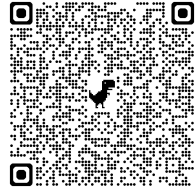
Did Jesus or the apostles ever charge for the Gospel? Absolutely not. Charging for the Gospel gives the impression that one is paying to learn about Jesus. When He was on the cross, do you think His thoughts were, "This will be a best seller"? Never. A den of thieves profits from the Gospel; true servants of Christ freely share the Good News as it was freely given.

The Holy Spirit Knows How To Tithe

Regrettably, many pastors acknowledge that Jesus fulfilled the Law, yet continue to teach tithing as though it were a mandate of the New Testament.

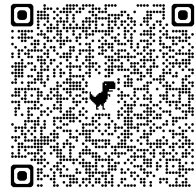
1 Corinthians 16:2

2 On the first day of every week, each of you is to [a] put aside and save as he may prosper, so that no collections need to be made when I come.



2 Corinthians 9:7

7 Each one must do just as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

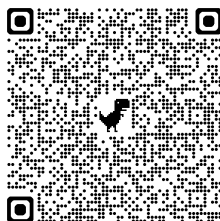


Reflect and decide through prayer to whom, and how much, you should give as a cheerful giver. Also consider that the church extends to the four corners of the world. Instead of asking how much can I afford to give to God this week? Ask, how much do I dare spend on myself?

Surely, the Creator of the universe is not in need. When God provides guidance, He also supplies provision. Churches ought not to demand money in an urgent or pressing manner, nor depict Jesus as a debt collector.

Prayer Fights Away Our Worries, per Our Measured Amount of Faith.

Along our journey, Satan targets God's most treasured servants, attacking us with worldly desires, planting unwelcome thoughts deep within our minds and hearts.



John 15:18-20

18 "If the world hates you, [a] you know that it has hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you as well; if they followed My word, they will follow yours also.

*We cannot rely on our hearts and/or minds to define who Jesus is or how we should be rewarded and/or tested. The Bible is clear, we will be tested and life will be demanding. **This is the prayer Jesus meditated through out his life to prepare for his walk towards the cross.***

9 "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father, who is in heaven, [a] Hallowed be Your name. 10 [b] Your kingdom come. Your will be done, [c] O n earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day [d] our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from [e] evil.

How can saying this prayer repeatably help me?

On our spiritual journey, we all fall short, but true strength comes when we repent and get back on track.

Repentance is a Change of Mind. That Results in a Change of Action

The first word in 400 years of God's silence, was "REPENT". You need to change your disposition and have a new way of thinking about God, sin, holiness, and doing God's will. We all ask can I or Can I Not Do This?



2 Corinthians 7:10

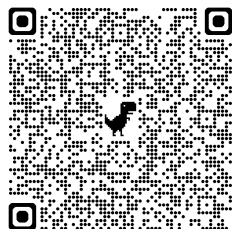
10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance [a] without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

Reflect, pray, and ask yourself: When is the right time to truly repent? When should you seek God's strength to overcome the temptations of sin? We will all sin—there is no way around it. Do not mock God with empty gestures; He knows when you are genuinely ready to repent. Repent when you are prepared for true change, demonstrated through action.

**How does one fight satan with God on their side?
Always remember that light dispels darkness.
We must put on the full armor of God's light.**

How to fight away evil, "SUIT UP"

Your only defense against evil is prayer. You're no match for Satan. You must wear your armor of light for protection, allowing God to hold Satan back.



Ephesians 6:10-20

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against [a] flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand firm therefore, having belted your waist with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having strapped on your feet the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 [b] in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 [c] With every prayer and request, [d] pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, [e] be alert with all perseverance and every request for all the [f] saints, 19 and pray in my behalf, that speech may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in [g] chains; that [h] in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

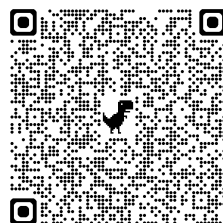
Together Unite & Fight as "One Body" in Christ

After you're wearing your "Armor of Light," pray to discover your gift or gifts from God. Sadly, few use them. Here is a Biblical list of the "Gifts of the Spirit," also known as spiritual gifts.

Romans 12:6–8

1 Corinthians 12:4–11

1 Corinthians 12:28



Prophecy – The Greek word translated “prophecy” in both passages properly means “a speaking forth.” According to Thayer’s Greek Lexicon, the word refers to “discourse emanating from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproving and admonishing the wicked, or comforting the afflicted, or revealing things hidden; especially by foretelling future events.” To prophesy is to declare the divine will, to interpret the purposes of God, or to make known in any way the truth of God that is designed to influence people. Serving – Also referred to as “ministering,” this gift involves providing service of any kind; it is the broad application of practical help to those in need. “Serving” is a translation of the Greek word diakonian, from which we get the English deacon.

Teaching – This gift involves the analysis and proclamation of the Word of God, explaining the meaning, context and application to the hearer’s life. The gifted teacher is one who has the unique ability to clearly instruct and communicate knowledge, specifically the doctrines of the faith.

Encouraging – Also called “exhortation,” this gift is evident in those who consistently call upon others to heed and follow God’s truth, which may involve correction or building others up by strengthening weak faith or comforting in trials.

Giving – Gifted givers are those who joyfully share what they have with others, whether it is financial, material, or the giving of personal time and attention. The giver is concerned for the needs of others and seeks opportunities to share goods, money, and time with them as needs arise.

Leadership – The gifted leader is one who rules, presides over, or has the management of other people in the church. The word literally means “guide” and carries with it the idea of one who steers a ship. One with the gift of leadership rules with wisdom and grace and exhibits the fruit of the Spirit in his life as he leads by example.

Mercy – Closely linked with the gift of encouragement, the gift of mercy is obvious in those who are compassionate toward others who are in distress, showing sympathy and sensitivity coupled with a desire and the resources to lessen their suffering in a kind and cheerful manner.

Word of wisdom – The fact that this gift is described as the “word” of wisdom indicates that it is one of the speaking gifts. This gift describes someone who can understand and speak forth biblical truth in such a way as to skillfully apply it to life situations with discernment.

Word of knowledge – This is another speaking gift that involves understanding truth with an insight that only comes by revelation from God. Those with the gift of knowledge understand the deep things of God and the mysteries of His Word.

Faith – All believers possess faith in some measure because it is one of the gifts of the Spirit bestowed on all who come to Christ in faith (Galatians 5:22-23). The spiritual gift of faith is exhibited by one with a strong and unshakable confidence in God, His Word, His promises, and the power of prayer to effect miracles.

Healing – Although God does still heal today, and while there is no biblical reason that God could not empower an individual with the spiritual gift of healing today, God miraculously healing people directly through the spiritual gifting of an individual seems to have primarily been limited to the ministry of the apostles and their close associates in the very early days of the church (2 Corinthians 2:12; Hebrews 2:4).

Miraculous powers – Also known as the working of miracles, this is another temporary sign gift that involved performing supernatural events that could only be attributed to the power of God (Acts 2:22). This gift was exhibited by Paul (Acts 19:11-12), Peter (Acts 3:6), Stephen (Acts 6:8) and Phillip (Acts 8:6-7) among others

Distinguishing (discerning) of spirits – Certain individuals possess the unique ability to determine the true message of God from that of the deceiver, Satan, whose methods include purveying deceptive and erroneous doctrine. Jesus said many would come in His name and would deceive many (Matthew 24:4-5), but the gift of discerning spirits is given to the church to protect it from such as these.

Speaking in tongues – The gift of tongues is one of the temporary sign gifts given to the early church to enable the gospel to be preached throughout the world to all nations and in all known languages. It involved the divine ability to speak in languages previously unknown to the speaker. This gift authenticated the message of the gospel and those who preached it as coming from God. The phrase “diversity of tongues” (KJV) or “different kinds of tongues” (NIV) effectively eliminates the idea of a “personal prayer language” as a spiritual gift.

Interpretation of tongues – A person with the gift of interpreting tongues could understand what a tongues-speaker was saying even though he did not know the language that was being spoken. The tongues interpreter would then communicate the message of the tongues-speaker to everyone else, so all could understand.

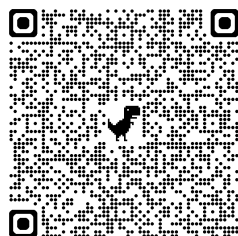
Helps – Closely related to the gift of mercy is the gift of helps. Those with the gift of helps are those who can aid or render assistance to others in the church with compassion and grace. This has a broad range of possibilities for application. Most importantly, this is the unique ability to identify those who are struggling with doubt, fears, and other spiritual battles; to move toward those in spiritual need with a kind word, an understanding and compassionate demeanor; and to speak scriptural truth that is both convicting and loving.

REFLECT and ask yourself: Once revealed by the Spirit, how will I use my gift or gifts?

Remember, God's gifts are awesome spiritual tools. Go outside and use them for those in need! Maybe give this list to someone that knows you and have them circle what gift or gifts you may have!

Gifted, Go Break Through Church Walls

Jesus says, "Go" outside to shine your light on the sick. Inside the church walls, you will mainly find healthy people who have already found Jesus Christ as their Savior.



Matthew 28:18-20

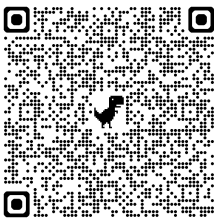
18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 19 [a] Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to [b] follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you [c] always, to the end of the age."

REFLECT and ask yourself: How will I witness or share my testimony? Some rely on the Spirit to guide them, while others recite Scriptures. A shy person once wrote her testimony on a holiday card and handed them out for others to read in their own time. Remember, there is no formula for sharing Jesus. Pray to discover your own unique way.

Do not bless those whose works are influenced by satan. Do not follow the lost into dark pits. We should only bless what aligns with God's desires.

How to "LOVE" Your Stranger Neighbor!

Who are our neighbor's ?



Mathew 7:12

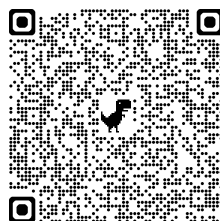
12 "In everything, therefore, [a] treat people the same way you want [b] them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

The Bible teaches that we should give first to orphans, widows, the lost, travelers, and the sick. The healthy do not need a doctor. Who will you share you "LOVE" with?

When you witness and provide to others, remember to give as you would wish to receive.

The Secret is to Simply Live as a Child

Look how innocent and vulnerable a child is—they only know and desire "LOVE." Sadly, they will love someone no matter how awful that person is.



Matthew 18:3-5

3 and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you [a] change and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 So whoever will humble himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoever receives one such child in My name, receives Me;



2 Corinthians 9:9-15

9 as it is written: "He scattered abroad, he gave to the poor, His righteousness [a] endures forever." 10 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; 11 you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. 12 For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the [b] saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God. 13 Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your [c] contribution to them and to all, 14 while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you. 15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

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Teach Spiritual Heritage to Your Family.

As for my house. We're going to serve the Lord.



Deuteronomy 6:6-7

6 These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. 7 And you shall repeat them diligently to your sons and speak of them when you sit in your house, when you walk on the road, when you lie down, and when you get up.



Hebrews 12:11

11 For the moment, all discipline seems not to be pleasant, but painful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterward it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.



1 Samuel 3:13

13 For I have told him that I am going to judge his house forever for the wrongdoing that he knew, because his sons were bringing a curse on themselves and he did not rebuke them.



Proverbs 23:24

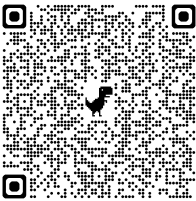
The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice,
And he who fathers a wise son will be glad in him.

Reflect and ask yourself: How am I teaching my family to climb spiritually toward God's desires?

Try to participate in Bible studies and connect groups.

Don't Share Your "LOVE" With Everyone

Do not waste your time. Pray earnestly for wisdom and guidance to identify God’s chosen ones to love. Do not be deceived by the foolish.



Matthew 7:6

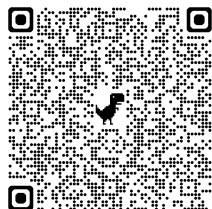
6 “Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, or they will trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

Reflect and ask yourself: What truly belongs to me? With what blessings have I been entrusted to give to others? As Christians, we may be taken advantage of; this is acceptable, for Jesus will restore what is lost. Consider your actions carefully, and pray for guidance to align with God’s desires. This will safeguard you and empower you to bear good fruit for God’s Kingdom.

Will attending church protect me from those who act like dogs and pigs? No, they attend church as well. Even satan believes in Jesus; therefore, belief alone is insufficient.

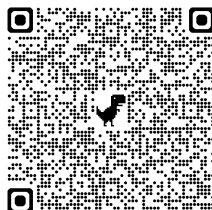
Even GOD Says, GAME OVER!

There reaches a point at which one can no longer bear witness. Some choose not to believe in Jesus—not due to inability, but by deliberate refusal. This constitutes the only unforgivable sin.



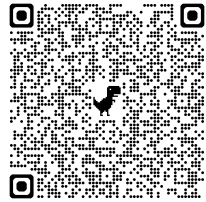
Genesis 6:5-7

5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of mankind was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of [a] their hearts was only evil continually. 6 So the Lord was sorry that He had made mankind on the earth, and He was grieved [b] in His heart. 7 Then the Lord said, "I will wipe out mankind whom I have created from the face of the land; mankind, and animals as well, and crawling things, and the birds of the sky. For I am sorry that I have made them."



Mark 3:28-30

28 "Truly I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons and daughters of men, and whatever blasphemies they commit; 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin," 30 because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."



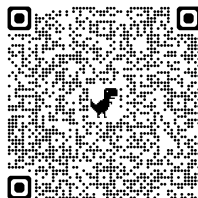
Romans 1:18-25

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth [a] in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident [b] within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not [c] honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their reasonings, and their senseless hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and they exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible mankind, of birds, four-footed animals, and [d] crawling creatures.

24 Therefore God gave them up to vile impurity in the lusts of their hearts, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for [e] falsehood, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed [f] forever. Amen.

John13:34-35

34 I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another."



(Personal Note: Romans 1:26-32,

I firmly believe this does not pertain to same-sex couples. Love is the most powerful gift we can offer one another, irrespective of gender. When two individuals love each other in Christ, their relationship stands apart from the circumstances described herein. To be deemed "ungodly and unrighteous," one's heart and intentions must first be corrupted. The central message is not about the presence of a same-sex partner, but rather whether we place the Creator above all else—whether God truly occupies the foremost place in our lives. The preceding scripture likely addresses minds that have departed from moral grounding, rather than those who are genuinely loving, committed, and rooted in God.

Pray and ask God, how can I accept Love in different forms

Does Jesus specify whom to love in the Sermon on the Mount? No. He declared that love is the greatest commandment. It should be clear that love supersedes all. Murder is also addressed in the commandments, yet God commanded His chosen people at times to destroy entire nations, including women and children. Comparing our lives today to those times is impossible. Therefore, pray and listen only to Jesus, for no human knows exactly what our Creator is thinking.

**We All fall short,
Accept, or Re-Commit To JESUS
By Saying This Prayer**

Father, I come to you, confessing my sin and asking for your forgiveness. I thank You Lord, for You have promised that if I will confess my sins, You will be faithful to forgive me and cleanse me from all unrighteousness. I want to turn from my sins, and live in a way that will please you. So I ask for your help, Lord. I ask that You give me the power, through Your Holy Spirit, to live the right way.

I thank you that Jesus Christ died on the cross, paying the price for my sins, and then rose from the dead. I accept him now as my Savior, my Lord, and my friend.

I also thank You, because You've said that whoever comes to You, You will by no means cast out. Thank You for giving me a new life in Christ. I surrender myself to You. Make me what You want me to be in Jesus' name,

Amen.

A Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the wisdom and truth found within these pages. If Jesus stood before us we would give him everything; our time, love, and our service. Remind us daily that our brothers and sisters are made in his image, and what we do for them is because of you. Let us feed the hungry, comfort the broken, forgive the lost, and love the most, just as we would for Jesus. Empower us to live out what we've learned with humility, grace, and boldness. Lord, let our lives be a light that leads others from darkness back home to you.

Humble us daily as we strive to be Your hands and feet. We pray for peace, understanding and a blessing upon the lives of each person who reads these pages. In Jesus name, Amen!

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Special Thank You,

To My Heavenly Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit:
Through prayer, You are with me, guiding my life every step of the way. And it feels absolutely awesome.

To My Son: You led me to Jesus. Realizing I wanted eternal life with you opened my heart to Jesus. I was older when you were born, and I know I may not be here for many of your biggest milestones. That made it urgent to understand how to get to heaven, and even more importantly, how to lead you and our family there too.

Along the way, I discovered something greater: the call to show the lost & the misled saved brothers and sisters how to find heaven for themselves. I believe when we shine our light for Christ, our families are drawn toward Him too.

When you truly see that nothing else matters more than love, God's love, you can finally lay everything else down at Jesus' feet. Love alone is hard enough to live out. Everything else centered around worldly desires can end up in hell.

To My Martha & Mary: You both are true gifts from Jesus. Your love, support, and friendship have not only helped sustain me, it's inspired me to live the gospel out loud. Together, we've built unity that reflects our Heavenly Father's desires.

With all my love.

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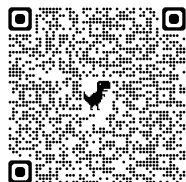
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Kay Smith was the wife of Pastor Chuck Smith, the founder of Calvary Chapel. She was a prominent figure in the church's ministry, particularly in the Jesus Movement of the late 1960s and early 1970s. Known for her heart for reaching the lost, especially hippies, she was a prayer warrior and an encourager to many.

Chuck Smith founded the Calvary Chapel association of churches and served as lead pastor of Calvary Chapel Costa Mesa in Southern California from 1965 until his death on October 3, 2013. Smith left a legacy of more than 60 years in Christian ministry, a national radio Bible-teaching program (The Word for Today), and the establishment of some 1,700 churches worldwide under the Calvary Chapel umbrella.

NOTE: **Chuck and Kay Smith were devoted ministers of the Word of Jesus Christ. While their views on same-sex relationships may be seen as flawed, we encourage you to focus on the uplifting and God-centered message that defines the majority of their ministry.**

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