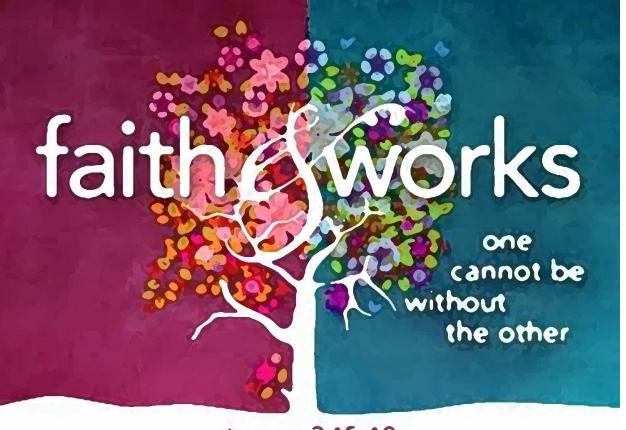
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Lesson 3

Discovering Your New Self

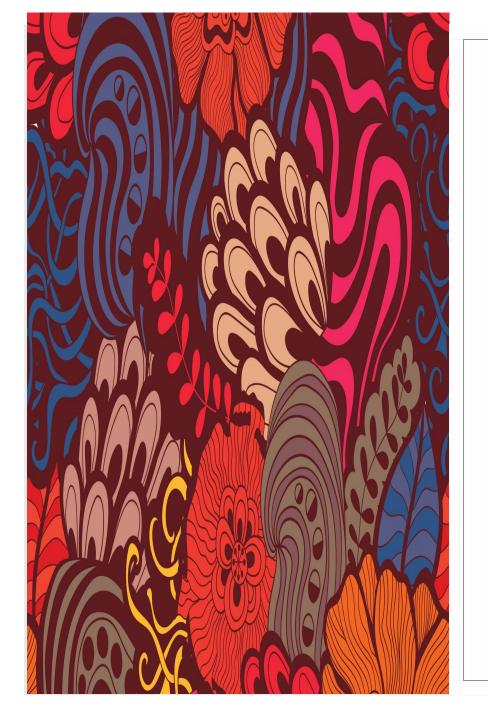
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James 2 15-18

S: Set Apart/Saved by Grace A: Alive in God L: Liberated V: Verified by God A: T: Translated to light from darkness I: Identified as God's Child O: Overcome Sin to build Oneness with God N: New Beginnings

F: Forsaking A: All even when I can see and I: I focus all my T: Trust in H: Him



Memory Verse 1 PETER 2:9 INTRODUCTION:

Before Saul had his first encounter with God on the way to Damascus, he was an avowed enemy of the Lord Jesus Christ. But after the experience on the way to Damascus, he became a different person. He was commissioned and he started preaching the same Gospel he had persecuted.

> Acts 9: 1-22. Saul (later Paul) was a servant or slave of the Law, culture and traditions but was turned to a servant of God in righteousness. Now that you have, by the Grace of God become a child of God, you must now learn to live and operate successfully in your new position. This is necessary because the kind of life you were living before is a sharp contrast to your new life.

I AM ACCEPTED

JOHN 1:12	I AM GOD'S CHILD.
John 15:15	As a disciple, I am a friend of Jesus Christ.
ROM 5:1	I HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED.
1 COR 6:17	I AM UNITED WITH THE LORD, AND ONE WITH HIM IN SPIRIT.
1 COR 6:19-20	I HAVE BEEN BOUGHT WITH A PRICE AND I BELONG TO GOD.
1 Cor 12:27	I AM A MEMBER OF CHRIST'S BODY.
EPH 1:3-8	I HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY GOD AND ADOPTED AS HIS CHILD.
COL 1:13-14	I HAVE BEEN REDEEMED AND FORGIVEN OF ALL MY SINS.
COL 2:9-10	I AM COMPLETE IN CHRIST.
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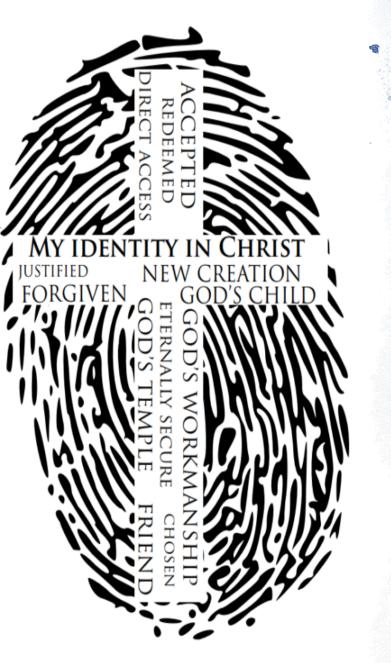
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I AM SECURE

ROM 8:1-2	I AM FREE FROM CONDEMNATION
ROM 9:28	IAM ASSURED THAT GOD WORKS GOOD IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES
	I AM FREE FROM ANY CONDEMNATION AND CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE LOVE OF GOD
2 COR 1:21-22	I HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, ANOINTED AND SEALED BY GOD
COL 3:1-4	I AM HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD
PHIL 1:6	I AM CONFIDENT THAT GOD WILL COMPLETE THE GOOD WORK HE STARTED IN ME
2 TIM 1:7	I HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN A SPIRIT OF FEAR BUT OF POWER, LOVE AND A SOUND MIND
1 JOHN 5:18	I AM BORN OF GOD AND THE EVIL ONE CANNOT TOUCH ME

I AM SIGNIFICANT

JOHN 15:5	I AM A BRANCH OF JESUS CHRIST THE TRUE VINE
JOHN 15:6	I HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AND APPOINTED TO BEAR FRUIT
1 COR 3:16	I AM GOD'S TEMPLE
2 COR 5:17-21	I AM A MINISTER OF RECONCILIATION FOR GOD
EPH 2:6	I AM SEATED WITH JESUS CHRIST IN THE HEAVENLY REALM
EPH 3:10	I MAY APPROACH GOD WITH FREEDOM AND CONFIDENCE
PHIL 4:13	I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME
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Knowing Who You Are



You were a servant of sin, a child of the devil that now has been delivered from sin and its passions. **Rom 6:16-18**; Rom 7:5-6; **John 8: 24**, 44; **I John 3:8.**



Romans 6:16-18 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey-whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.



1 John 3:8 New International Version (NIV)

⁸ The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work



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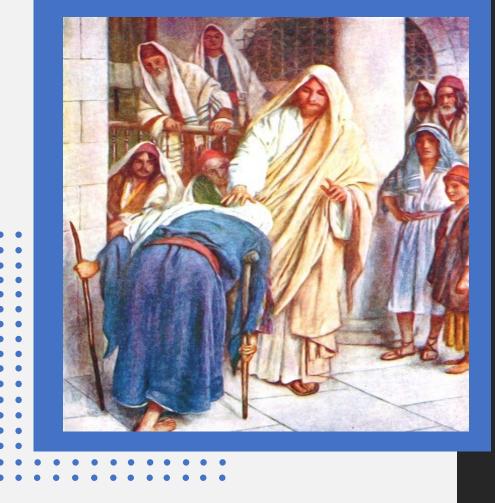
You were taken **captive**, **afflicted** and **dehumanize** at will by **the devil**, but now have been **delivered totally** from the **power of darkness** and **translated into the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ**. II Tim 2: 26; Luke 13: 11-16; Col 1: 12-13



2 Timothy 2:26 New International Version (NIV)

and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Does being a Christian make you immune to temptations of the world?



11 and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." 13 Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

14 Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath."

15 The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? 16 Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

Colossians 1:12-13 (NIV)

12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you[a] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,

Knowing Who You Are

You were once no people, alien to the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise. Now you have been made Son, in fact, joint heir with the Lord Jesus and thereby made entitled to all divine blessings.
Rom 9:25-26; Eph2: 11-19; Rom8:17; Eph 1: 3; II Peter 1: 3-4; I Peter 2: 9-10

Romans 9:25-26 (NIV)

²⁵ As he says in Hosea: "I will call them 'my people' who are not my people; and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one,"[a] ²⁶ and, "In the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they will be called 'children of the living God.""[b]

Ephesians 2:11-19 (NIV)

Jew and Gentile Reconciled Through Christ

11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)–

12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

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

14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,

Ephesians 2:15-19 (NIV)

15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace,

16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.

18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

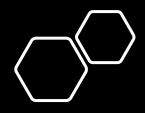
19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

Romans 8:17 (NIV)

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

Knowing Who You Are

Satan had rule and authority over you since you lost your first position due to sin. However, the new you are now restored back to that former position and you now bear rule, power, dominion and authority over Satan and his cohorts. II Tim 2: 25-26; Luke 4: 6; **Col 1: 20-22**; **Luke 10:19**; James 4:7; Luke 9:1; Luke 10: 1 and 17.



Colossians 1:20-22 (NIV)

²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of^[a] your evil behavior. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation

Luke 10:19 (NIV)

19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.



James 4:7 (NIV) ⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.



How does God see you now?

A new person entirely, whose sins have both been washed away and forgotten. II Cor. 5: 17; Gal. 6: 15; Heb 8: 12; Rev 1: 5; I John 1: 7; Is 43: 25; Is 44: 22. Sins mentioned here include every manner of sin committed in the past.

How does God see you now?

As being holy and peculiar to Him: He has consequently kept you as the apple of His eye. I Peter 2: 9; Titus 2: 14; Ex 19: 5-6; Deut 32: 10;

Zech 2: 8; Is 54: 15-17



1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.



Titus 2:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.



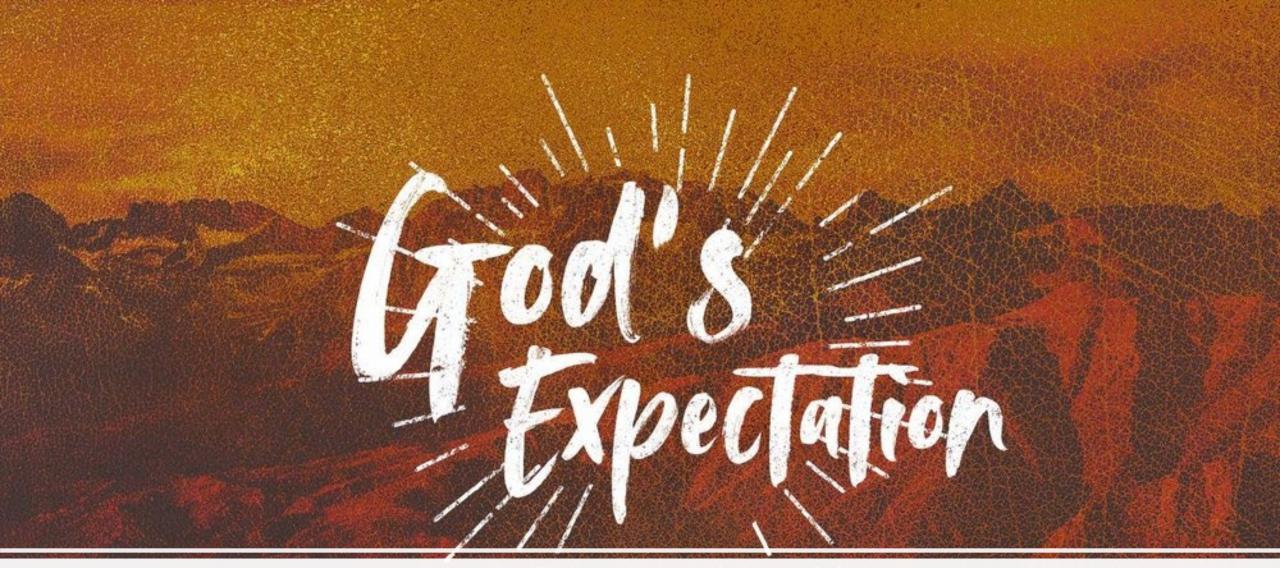
Exodus 19:5-6 (NIV)

⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you^[a] will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

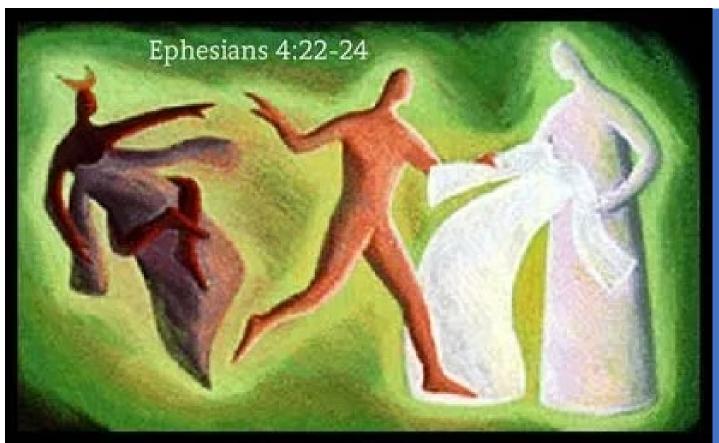


Zechariah 2:8 (NIV) 8 For this is what the Lord Almighty says: "After the Glorious One has sent me against the nations that have plundered you-for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye-





The Immediate Things God Expects From You



"Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life...

> ...and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God"

The Immediate Things God Expects From You

 Put off the old man and put on the new man: Ephesians 4: 20-32; Col 3: 5-10, Mathew

Break All Diplomatic Relations With The Devil And His Kingdom. (Psm1 II Cor 6: 14-18)

What kinds of relationships are we to break?

Liking your Christian life as a home!

When you give your life to God, he is a guest!



You need to make God feel at home, that means opening and revealing all the negative and positive of yourself and life! It is an ongoing walk; it stops when we die!

II Cor 6:14-18 (NLT)

The Temple of the Living God

¹⁴ Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? ¹⁵ What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil^[a]? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said:

"I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people.^[b] ¹⁷ Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the LORD. Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you.^[c] ¹⁸ And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.^[d]"

Psalm 1

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.
³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,

which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not witherwhatever they do prospers.

⁴Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.
⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
⁶For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Galatians 4:4-9 (NIV)

⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.^[a] ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba,^[b] Father." ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Paul's Concern for the Galatians

⁸ Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. ⁹ But now that you know God-or rather are known by God-how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable forces^[c]? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again?

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV) Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

Purify yourself, your thoughts and all you have daily, in order to retain God there.

What is Purity?

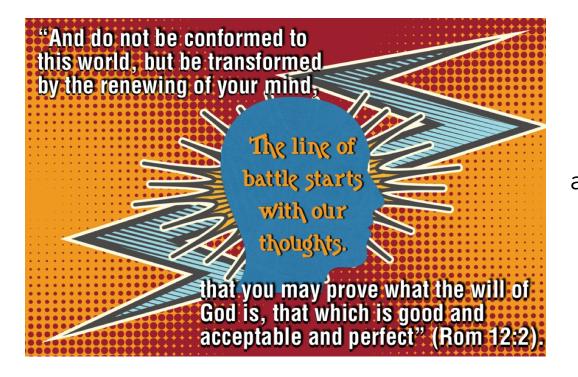
Is everyone when to be pure or is it just before marriage?

How can we live a purified life in this world at every stage of our life?

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (NIV)

¹⁶ Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.





Romans 12:1-2 (NIV) A Living Sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God-this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will 1 Peter 2:11 (NIV)
 Living Godly Lives in a Pagan Society
 ¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

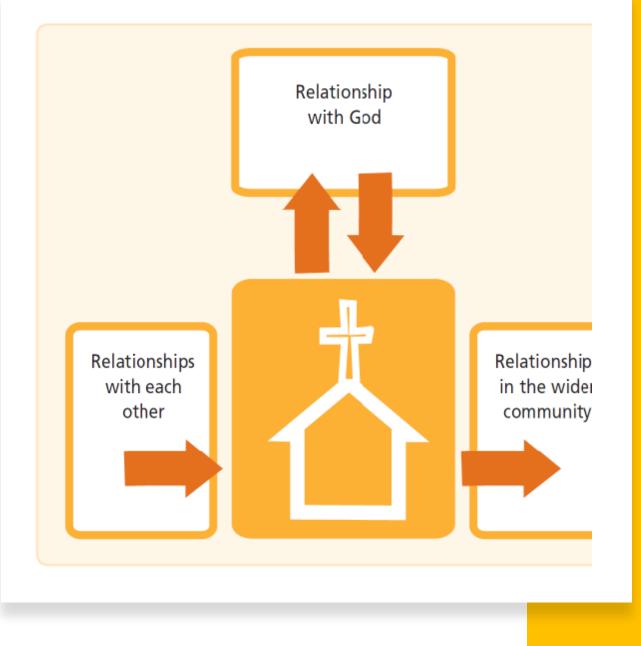
> NB: There is a constant Battle with our Thoughts, Flesh and the Spirit of God in us.



Psalms119: 11 Thy word has I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee

Have regular fellowship and unbroken personal relationship with God.

Why is it important to have a personal relationship with God?



I John 1: 1 -3 (NIV)

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touchedthis we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³ We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ

James 4:8 (NLT) ⁸ Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

Luke 6:12 (NLT) ¹² One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night.

Fellowship with other brethren at all times!

Why is this type of fellowship very important?



Hebrews 10:25 (NLT) 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.



Acts 2:42-47 (NLT) The Believers Form a Community

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper^[a]), and to prayer.

⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity^[b] – ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Psalm 133 1-3

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! ² It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. ³ It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

PSALM 133:1 HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT IT IS WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY!





Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 New International Version (NIV)

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

10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.



Matthew 18:18-20 (NIV)

¹⁸ "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be^[a] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[b] loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."



Deuteronomy 32:30 (NIV)

30 How could one man chase a thousand, or two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, unless the LORD had given them up?



The Immediate Things You Should Expect From the World

The world will hate you. Discuss why?

John 15:18-19 (NIV) The World Hates the Disciples

¹⁸ "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.



John 17:14 (NIV)

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

Matthew 5:44-48 (NIV)

⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. The world will persecute you, distinguish between Persecution and Accusation.

persecution noun

Save Word

per·se·cu·tion | \ pər-si-ˈkyü-shən 🕥 \

Definition of *persecution*

- 1 : the act or practice of <u>persecuting</u> especially those who differ in origin, religion, or social outlook
- 2 : the condition of being persecuted, harassed, or annoyed

accusation noun

Save Word

ac·cu·sa·tion | \ a-kyə-'zā-shən (), -(), kyü- \

Definition of accusation

- 1 : a charge of wrongdoing
 // The evidence confirms the *accusations* made against him.
 // She denied the *accusation*.
- 2 : the act of accusing someone : the state or fact of being accused

John 15:20-21 (NIV)

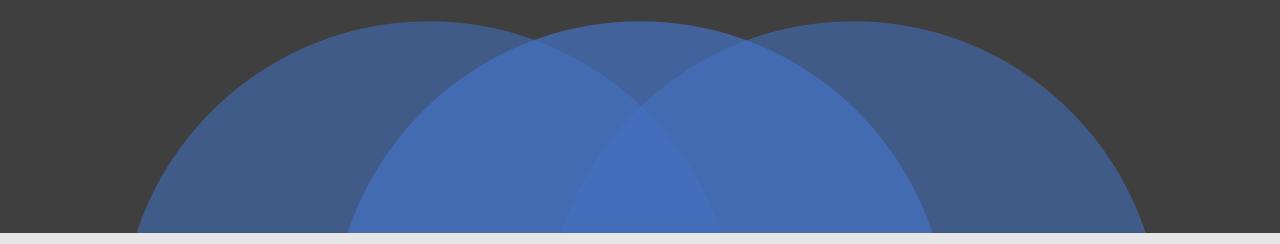
²⁰ Remember what I told you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.'^[a] If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. ²¹ They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me

John 16:33 (NIV)

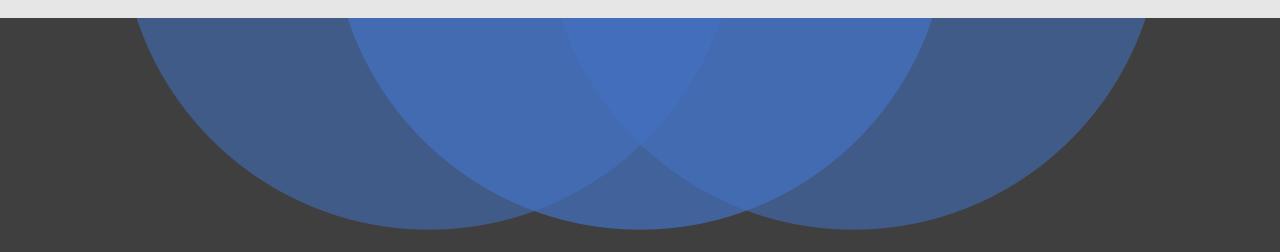
³³ "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

2 Timothy 3:12 (NIV)

¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.



The world will want to lure you into doing things of old.





James 4:7 (NIV)

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⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Proverbs 1:10-15 (NIV)

¹⁰ My son, if sinful men entice you, do not give in to them. ¹¹ If they say, "Come along with us; let's lie in wait for innocent blood, let's ambush some harmless soul; ¹² let's swallow them alive, like the grave, and whole, like those who go down to the pit; ¹³ we will get all sorts of valuable things and fill our houses with plunder; ¹⁴ cast lots with us; we will all share the loot"-¹⁵ my son, do not go along with them, do not set foot on their paths;

Remember Romans 12:2



Ephesians 6:10-19 (NIV) The Armor of God

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-19 (NIV) The Armor of God

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

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