

He that **OVERCOMETH**

shall inherit all things; and I will be
his God, and he shall be my son.

Revelation 21:7

**Delivered From the
Power of DARKNESS**



- We have been learning that there are **MANY facets** to the **WONDERS** of the **Person of Jesus**.
- Most people only know Jesus in one dimension, as Priest – what can he do for me?
- **Will he meet my needs?** (With **physical** needs being the highest priority.)



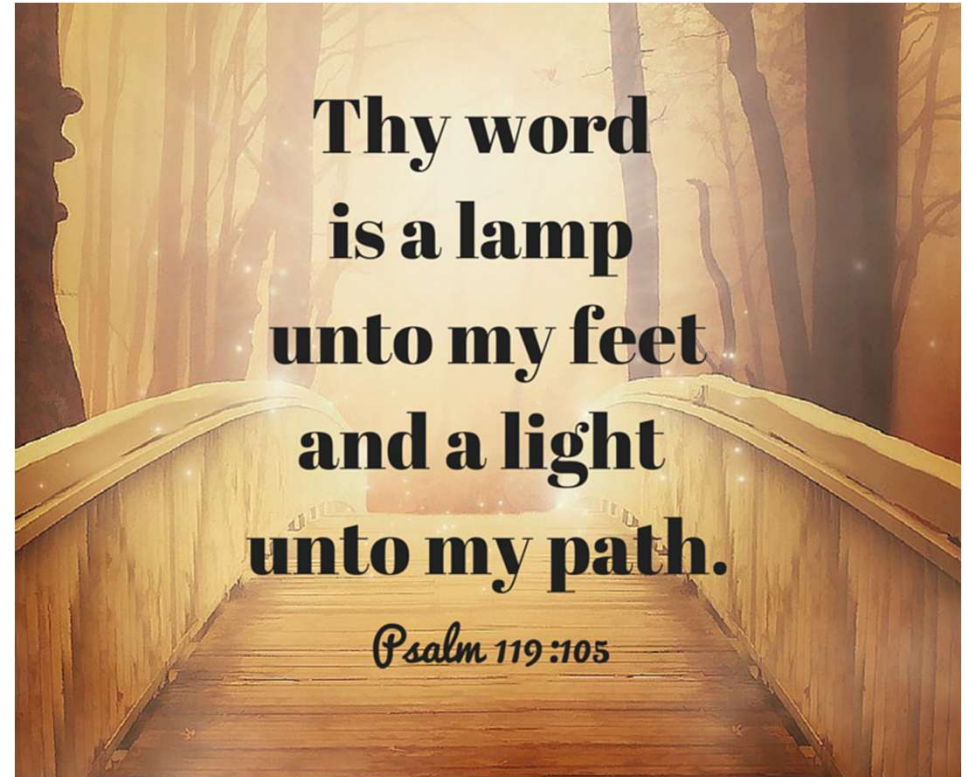
Our Pattern

Key Verse

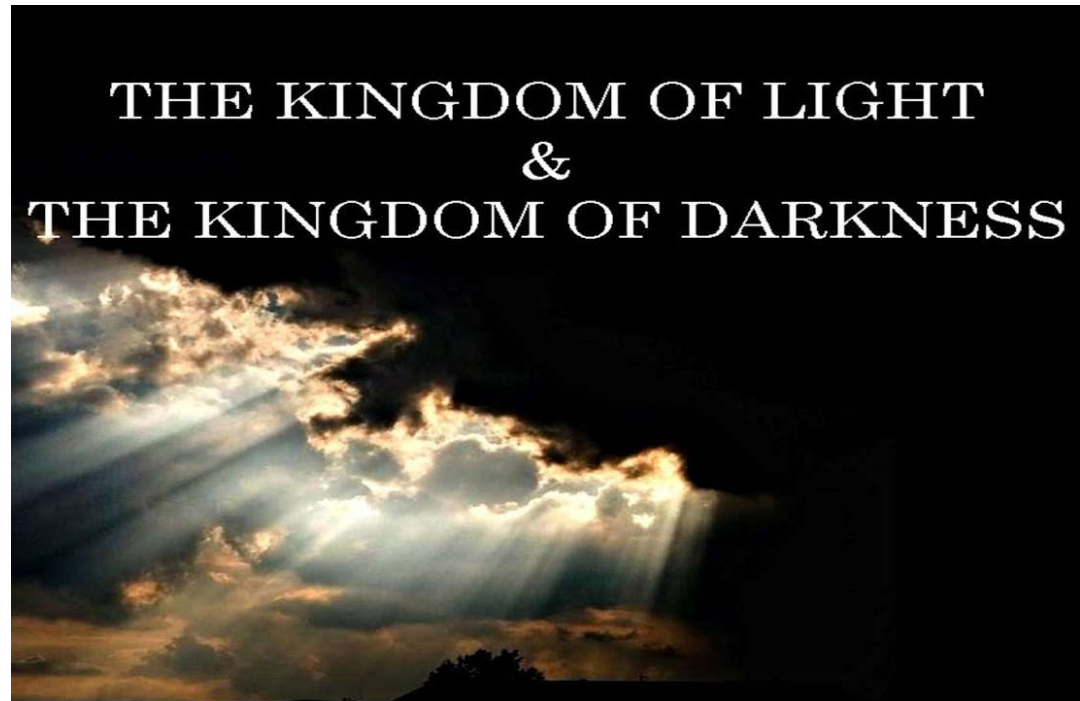
- Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be **partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:**
- **Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son:**
- In whom **we have redemption through his blood**, *even* the forgiveness of sins.
Colossions 1:12-14



- Verse 12 says, “Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be **partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.**”
- Where is your inheritance?
 - **IN THE LIGHT**
- **Thy word** is a **lamp** unto my feet, and **a light** unto my path. Psalms 119:105
- We have a **LIGHT** in a **DARK** world, we have **UNDERSTANDING** in a day of **CONFUSION**.
- The **WORD** brings **UNDERSTANDING** to our walk.



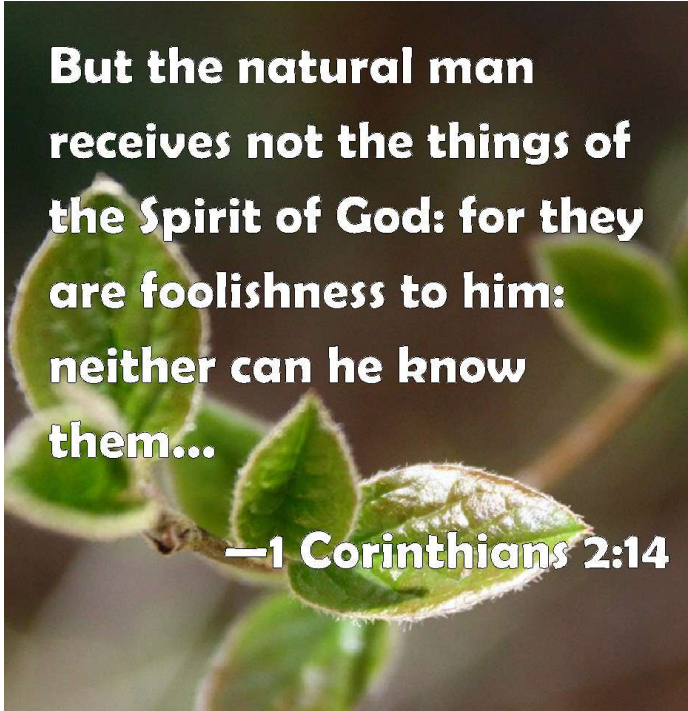
- Verse 13 states, “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:”
- This tells us there are **TWO KINGDOMS**: The Kingdom of God which is the **Kingdom of LIGHT** and the **Kingdom of DARKNESS**.
- When we do not have understanding, we are ignorant.
- Satan’s domain is marked by **IGNORANCE**.
- He rules the unsaved, the unregenerated, the unconverted.



HE Made Us ALIVE!

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- Those who have rejected Jesus as Savior will often boast of their “liberty”.
 - Ephesians 2:1-3 says, “And you *hath he quickened* (**made us alive**), who were dead in trespasses and sins;
 - Wherein **in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:**
 - Among whom also we all had our conversation **in times past (governed by)** in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling (**dictated by**) the **desires of the flesh** and of the mind; and **were by nature the children of wrath**, even as others. Ephesians 2:1-3
 - This describes an unsaved person under the **dominion** of the **devil**.

- This was true of YOU and ME, whether Jesus rescued us from the gutter or from a church system.
- **God saved many of us when we were church-going hypocrites.**
- Some have gone to church all their lives, and the lord of the **darkness** is still their captain.
- The unregenerated mind is blinded to the things of the Spirit of God.
- The **natural man** cannot know or understand the things of God.
- **They are FOOLISHNESS to him.**



**But the natural man
receives not the things of
the Spirit of God: for they
are foolishness to him:
neither can he know
them...**

—1 Corinthians 2:14

- But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard**, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
- But God hath **revealed them unto us by his Spirit**: for **the Spirit** searcheth all things, yea, **the deep things of God**.
- For what man knoweth the things of a man, save **the spirit of man** which is **in him**? even so the things of God knoweth no man, **but the Spirit of God**.
- Now we have received, not the **spirit of the world**, but the **spirit which is of God**; that **we might know the things** that are freely given to us of God.
- Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but **which the Holy Ghost teacheth**; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
- But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, **because they are spiritually discerned**.
- But **he that is spiritual judgeth all things**, yet he himself is judged of no man.
- For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ**. 1 Corinthians 2:9-14

OUT OF THE DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT

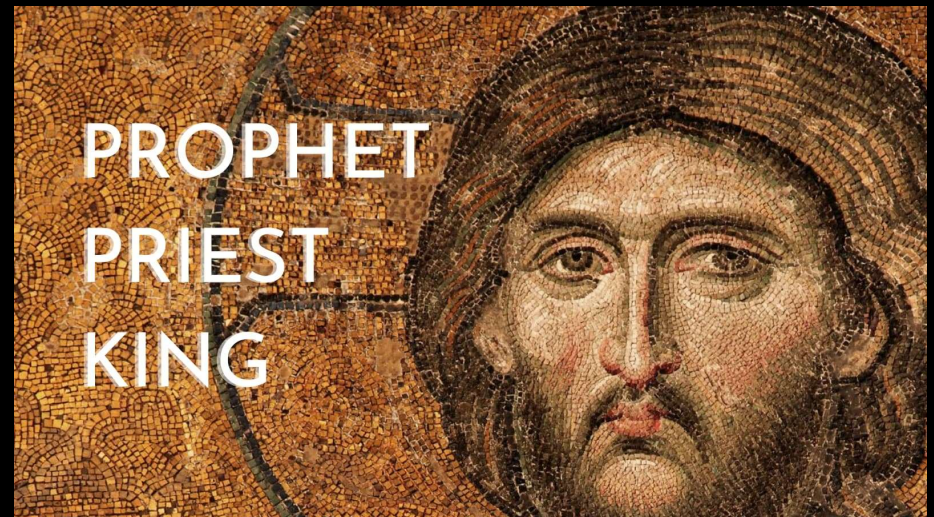
- Those who are lost have **NO DESIRE** for God, **NO DESIRE** for the WORD of God, **NO DESIRE** for the Scriptures, **NO DESIRE** for prayer and **NO DESIRE** for JESUS be the LORD of their life!
- Many have been baptized and are still lost!
- We thank God for his **AMAZING GRACE** and that we are called out of darkness!
 - But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him **who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.** 1 Peter 2:9
- Isn't it **MARVELOUS** to be a Christian?
- We have been **brought out of darkness** and ignorance that we might be **TRANSFERRED** into the Kingdom of God.

- It is **MARVELOUS** to be saved.
- Our **INHERITANCE** is **IN THE LIGHT!**
 - Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be **partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Colossians 1:12**
- No longer does the evil one have **DOMINION** over our lives!
- **Jesus has stripped him of his power and authority.**
 - *And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Colossians 2:15*
 - Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil. Hebrews 2:14**
 - He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8**



- As **PROPHET**, his WORD is our guide and Lamp.
- As **PRIEST**, he is MERCIFUL and COMPASSIONATE.
- As **KING**, he demands our OBEDIENCE to His Sovereign Will, which is His Word.

**Jesus is the PROPHET,
PRIEST and KING.**



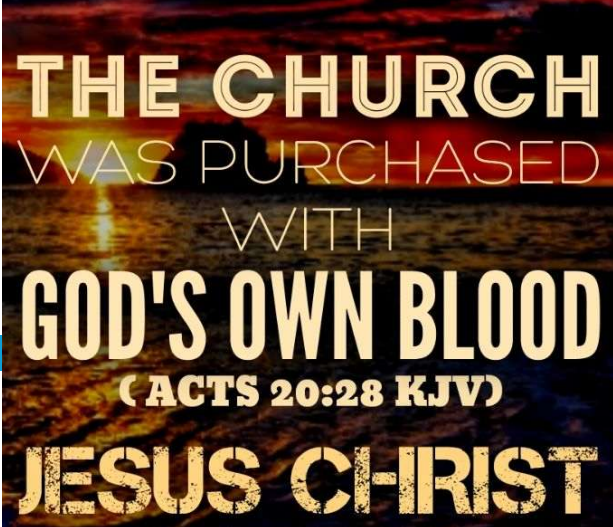
- Jesus as **PRIEST** is merciful and compassionate.
- He saved us and brought us into his domain.
- This is wonderful but is only the **BEGINNING**.
- Jesus as **PRIEST** comes to you and reveals the **LOVE** of God.
- He **IS** the **MERCY** of **God**, the **FORGIVENESS** of **God**, and the **GRACE** of **God**.
- **It is very sad that most Christians never progress beyond this realm.**
- Most do not understand **WHO** Jesus is and **WHY** He was sent from the Father.



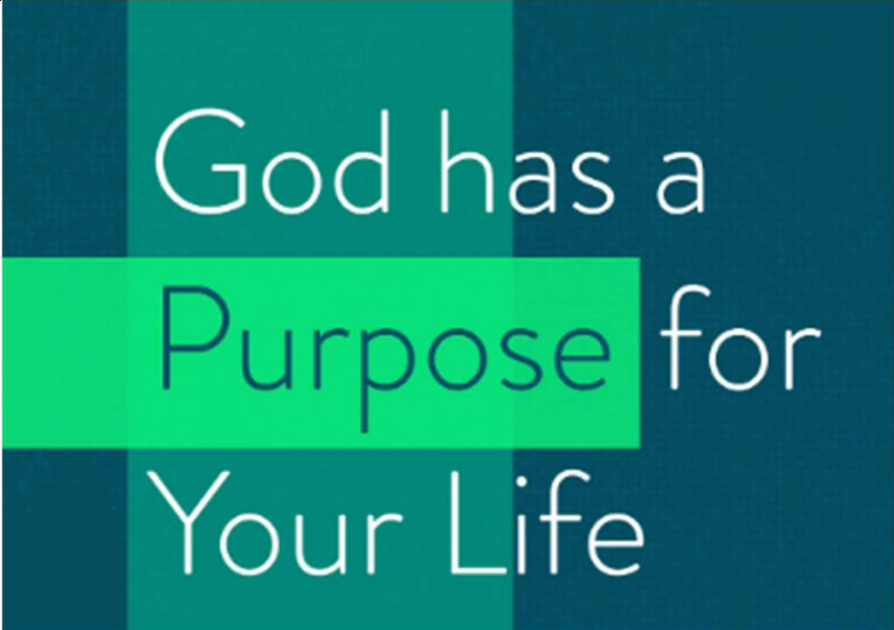
- Most people's primary ambition is to **"die and go to heaven"**.
- But the question remains, **WHY** were we saved?
- **WHY** were we brought **OUT** of the Kingdom of **DARKNESS INTO** the Kingdom of **LIGHT**?
- We were brought into the **Kingdom of LIGHT** to **partake** of our **INHERITANCE** and to walk in what Christ died for!
- **God has brought us OUT (of darkness) to bring us IN (to the light).**
 - And he brought us out from **thence, that he might bring us in.**
Deuteronomy 6:23



- We have been **PURCHASED** and we have a **PURPOSE**.
- There was a divine intention that brought about our redemption.
- If we miss the **PURPOSE** of our **PURCHASE**, then what good is the purchase.
- For example, when we **PURCHASE** a car, we have the **INTENTION** of driving the car. The purchase was for a purpose!
- Jesus as **PRIEST PURCHASED** us.
- Jesus as **KING** has a **PURPOSE** for us.
- Jesus as **PROPHET** has his **WORD** which outlines the **PURPOSE** for us.



THE CHURCH
WAS PURCHASED
WITH
GOD'S OWN BLOOD
(ACTS 20:28 KJV)
JESUS CHRIST



God has a
Purpose for
Your Life

- We must not miss the **FULLNESS** of Christ by relating to Jesus in only one dimension.
- As we noted, some people only want Jesus for what they can **RECEIVE** from Him. What are you going to give me, Jesus??
 - Because of **the savour of thy good ointments thy name is as ointment poured forth, therefore do the virgins love thee.**
Song of Solomon 1:3
- Here is a picture of King Solomon. He had a big name and a lot of things to offer, and the virgins were lining up for his love.
- The word for virgin here refers to the “veiled one” or the “hidden one”.



- The veiled ones were young, innocent, naïve. They were simple and ignorant.
- Remember our message on **Open the Door and Dine with Jesus?** It talks about Jesus as the **Person of Wisdom** going through the streets crying out to those who loved simplicity.
 - Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets:
 - She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates: in the city she uttereth her words, *saying*,
 - **How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity?** and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Proverbs 1:20-23
- The word, **SIMPLE**, means “deceive, allure, **entice**, **flatter**, **silly one**, IMMATURE, one who is **open to all kinds of enticement**, not having developed a **discriminating judgment** as to what is right or wrong, NAÏVE.”
- An **IMMATURE** person believes anything.
- These virgins were flattered by King Solomon and could easily be enticed.



- Some can only relate to Jesus as **Priest**.
- They love Him because of his **anointing** and the power that is in His **Name**.
- These are those who are **immature** and often out of balance.
- **They love the promise more than the God of the promise.**
- They flounder in a carnal and man-centered mentality that overemphasizes that Jesus has come to meet the NEEDS of man.
 - But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:19

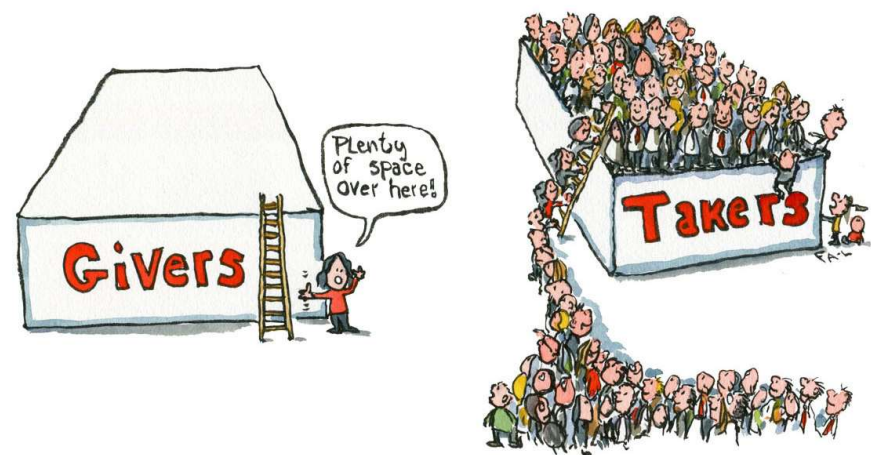


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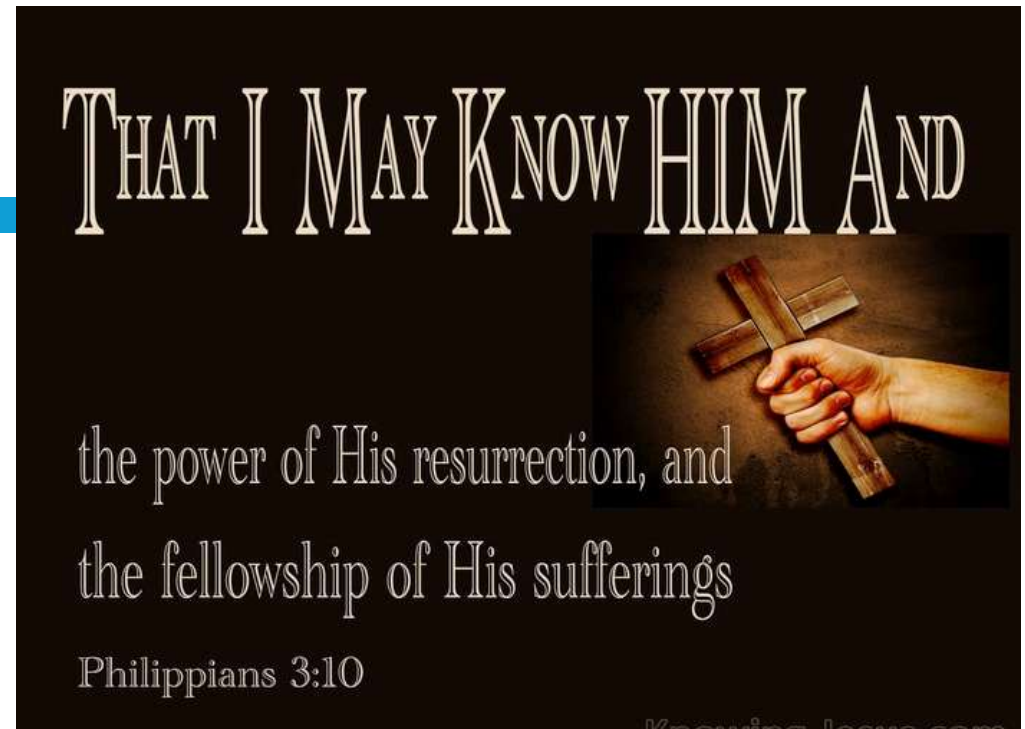
- Yes, it is very true that Jesus **WILL** meet our needs, but those who **OVERCOME** will need to know Jesus as both Priest and KING.
- We have to move **BEYOND** the awareness that he is a Giver, because he **ALSO** says in Acts 20:35, “It is more blessed **TO GIVE** than **TO RECEIVE.**”
- There is a prevailing attitude across the church world, a projection of the Gospel that appeals to the flesh.
- The message is often, “God loves you, and God wants to meet your needs.”
- **THIS IS TREMENDOUSLY TRUE!**



- **BUT!** If that is our **EMPHASIS**, if that is where we **STOP** in our walk with God, and that is the **ONLY THING** that we tell God's people, then we are in trouble!
- Pastors who constantly preach this as the prominent message, will produce **IMMATURE** and **SELFISH** people.
- Many are building churches full of **TAKERS** and not **GIVERS**.
- What happens is when God doesn't come running when they quote their favorite "faith" scriptures, they become upset with God.
- They develop a warped presentation of truth and motive.

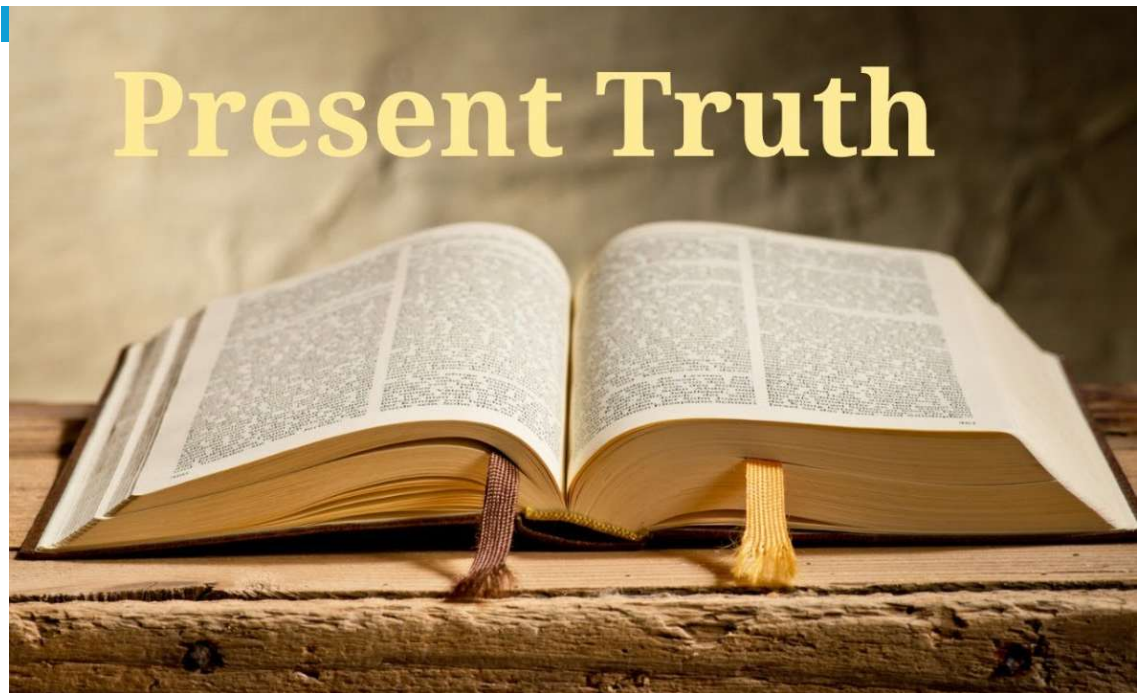


- No doubt about it, God WILL and DOES meet our needs.
- But as **OVERCOMERS**, we must be **BALANCED**.
- God has delivered us from the powers of darkness, but there must be a **death to self (what I want!)**
- **We must know him in the fellowship of his sufferings.**
 - That I may know him, and **the power of his resurrection**, and **the fellowship of his sufferings**, being made conformable unto his death. Philippians 3:10
- Those who tell God in carnality that he was failed to meet their needs, which is more than likely the lusts of their flesh, **will be moved in this day of shaking.**
 - Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, **Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.** Hebrews 12:26



- So how do we **GROW UP** and walk in **maturity in the light**?
- If the only message we preach is the new birth, we will not move into maturity.
- Yes, we must preach basic **salvation**, and yes, we must be **evangelistic**.
- However, we need a “**present truth**” to shake off the shackles of the **powers of darkness** that is here and that is coming in this hour.
 - Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and **be established in the present truth.** 2 Peter 1:12

Be ESTABLISHED



- Acts 2:38 is just the beginning.
 - Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
- **We must move BEYOND the foundational principles and into maturity.**
 - Therefore, **leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection**; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,
 - Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.
 - And this will we do, if God permit.
Hebrews 6:1-3

M A T U R I T Y

Go on to Perfection

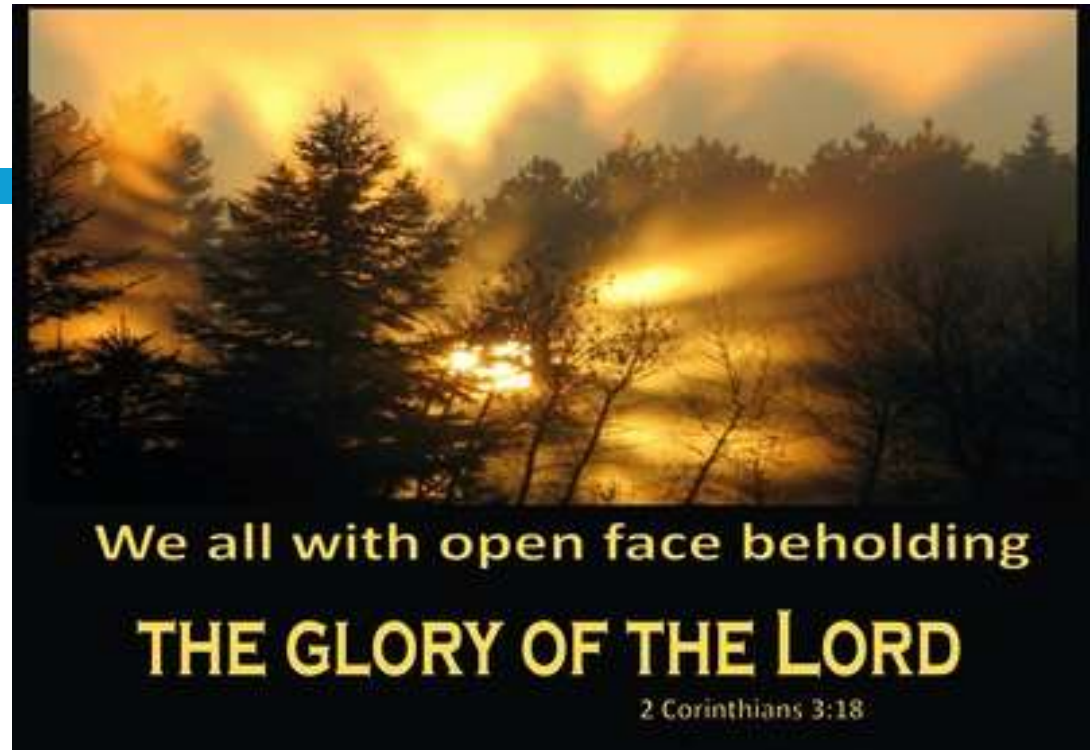
Hebrews 6:1, 3

- The Lord expects every Christian to mature, *Acts 2:41-42 (47)*
- Desire the pure milk of the word in order to grow, *1 Peter 2:2*
- The Lord has fully equipped us to:
 - Mature, be steadfast, work and be strong, *Eph. 4:11-16*

- Throughout history there have been specific waves of God's restoration bringing people to the edge of His fullness.
- But in order to be an overcomer in this day and hour, we **must follow Jesus**, who is the **PATTERN** son.
 - To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, **even as I also overcame**, and am set down with my Father in his throne. Revelation 3:21
- If we are not **moving into maturity**, we will be swallowed up and be overcome by the birth pangs of the darkness of this hour that is upon us.
- The new birth is just that: a birth.
- A baby has his whole life before him as he learns to explore the world around him.



- For us to say that the baby believer has tasted the whole of the Christian experience is unrealistic.
- From conception to perfection (maturity) we are growing from faith to faith, from glory to glory and from strength to strength.
 - But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are **changed into the same image from glory to glory**, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18
- The new birth is the **BEGINNING** of your salvation.
- Your conversion is but the **BEGINNING** of that which God is doing in your life.



- Salvation is a **COMPLETE DELIVERANCE** that God has in mind for your Spirit, Soul, and Body.
- So many are crying, “**Hurry up, Lord, Come, Lord Jesus, rescue me out of this mess!**”
- Many have a frame of mind that thinks, “Just as long as I am born again...just as long as God is meeting my needs...I’m all right.”
- This displays an attitude of **immaturity** and **selfishness**.
- This is why there are **FEW** overcomers today.
- They only know Jesus as **PRIEST** and not as **KING**.



- Why did the virgins in the Song of Solomon 1:3 love him?
- **Because they were the VEILED ones.** Their minds were blinded to His Lordship.
 - **But their minds were blinded:** for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which *vail* is done away in Christ.
 - But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.
 - Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.
 - Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.
 - **But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are *changed into the same image* from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.** 2 Corinthians 3:14-18
- **They love Jesus because of His anointing and because of His name instead of WHO HE IS.**



WHO is HE?

- He is Honey out of the Rock
- He is the Strong Root
- He is the Bright and Morning Star
- He is the Vine
- He is the Rock
- He is the Water of Life
- He is the Bread of Life
- He is the Everlasting Father
- He is my Beloved
- He is the Word
- He is the Good Shepherd
- He is the Rose of Sharon whose beauty never fades.
- He is the Lilly of the Valley
- He is the Kinsman Redeemer
- He is the Prince of Peace
- He is the Divine Counselor
- He is Emmanuel
- He is the Horn of Salvation.
- He is the Sun of Righteousness
- He is the Hope of Glory
- He is the Ransom
- He is the Lamb of God
- He is the Keeper of the Covenant
- He is the Victorious One,
- He is the Elder Brother
- He is my Life
- He is my Intercessor
- He is Wisdom
- He is the Man of Sorrows
- He is the Mediator
- He is the Chief Cornerstone
- He is the Faithful One
- He is the Light
- He is Mercy
- He is LORD!

What are you Seeking?

- God is not interested in formulas, but whether we have identified with His **NATURE** and His **AUTHORITY** in a **covenant relationship of wedded love**.
- Immature love is soulish and self-centered. It is based on the outer or surface principles of the Lord's Name.
- These “virgins” are primarily occupied with what Jesus **DOES** for them and not **WHO He IS**.
- There are vital and foundational **BASIC** principles upon which we build.

- Of whom we have many things to say, and **hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.**
- For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the **first principles of the oracles of God**; and are become **such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.**
- For **every one that useth milk is unskilful** in the word of righteousness: **for he is a babe.**
- But **strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age**, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Hebrews 5:11-14

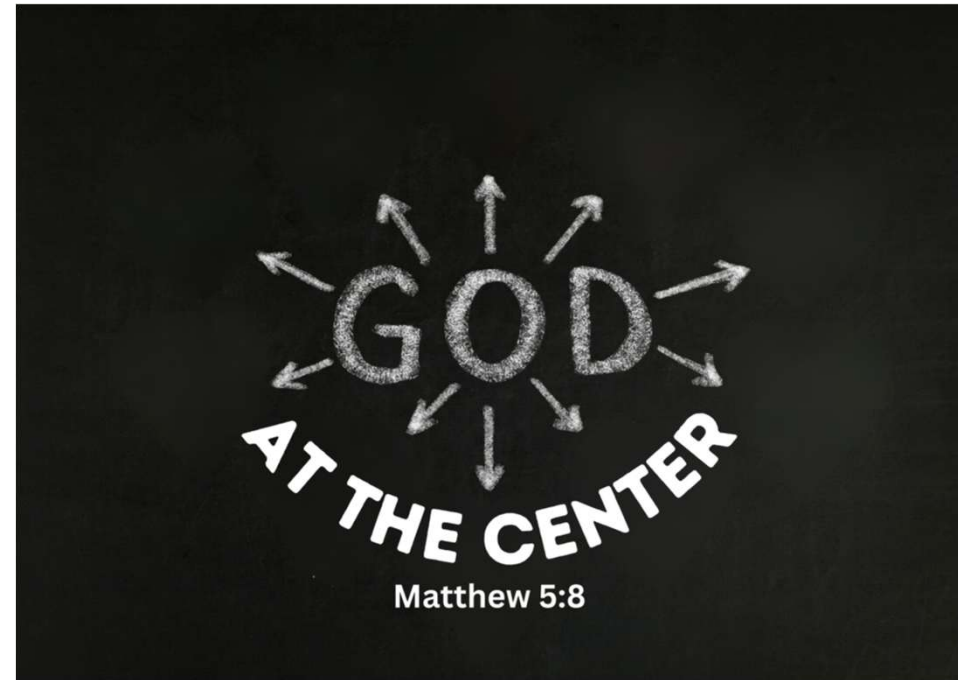


- These verses outline the **BASIC** and foundational principles of the Doctrine of Christ.
 - 1. **Repentance** and **baptism** in His Name.
 - And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Luke 24:47
 - 2. **Signs** and **wonders** in His Name.
 - And these **signs** shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues. Mark 16:17
 - 3. **Casting out devils** in His Name. (Mark 16:17)
 - 4. **Healing the sick** in His Name.
 - Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. Acts 3:6
 - 5. **Speak with new tongues** in His Name. (Mark 16:17)
 - 6. **Preaching** and **teaching** in His Name.
 - Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? Acts 5:28
 - 7. **Salvation** in His Name.
 - Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Acts 2:21
 - 8. **Praise** in His Name.
 - By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name. Hebrews 13:15
 - 9. **Gathering together** in His Name.
 - For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20
 - 10. **Prayer** in His Name.
 - And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14:13

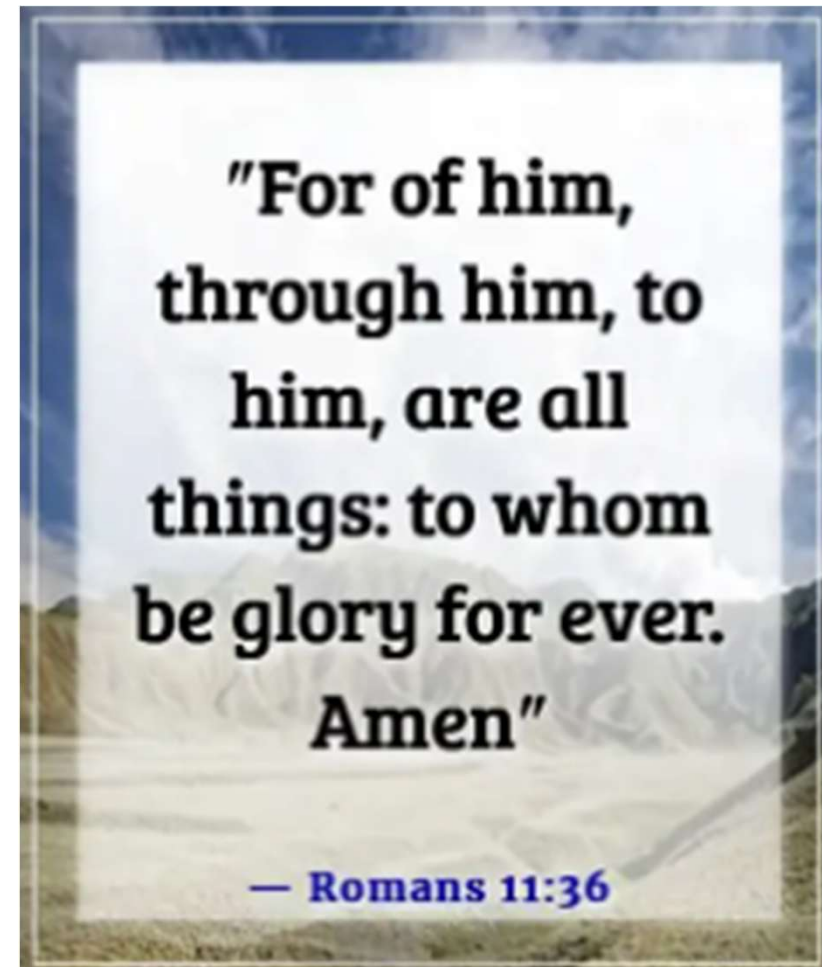
- We love the **POWER** of His Name!
- It is wonderful to be able to say, “In Jesus’ Name!” “Praise His Name!”
- But if that is the **ONLY** reason we love Him...if we long for the **POWER** of His Name but have **NO TIME for HIM**...if we serve Him for what **He DOES** but never see Him **as HE IS**, we will not be overcomers.
- **Oh Lord, search our motives!**
- We must see a power of God in the Church, but we have only come to the edges of His ways.
- We have only touched the surface of the supernatural power of **IN** the **NAME** of **JESUS!**



- Have you ever sensed your inadequacy?
- Are you content with your weakness or have prayed for a release of His Power?
- **We must see a ministry with signs following the Church to be effective in this hour.**
- This must be if we are true believers.
- If we are just telling others, “God loves you. He will meet your needs”, then they are receiving a man-centered God.
- **WHOA! The plan of God CENTERS IN GOD!**



- The world has heard a carnal projection of the Scriptures that God has done all this for man.
- What many do not realize is that **God created man for himself!**
- The man-centered ministry is ever preaching what Jesus can do FOR you.
- A Christ-centered ministry tells God's people that **Jesus is LORD!**
 - According as **he hath chosen us IN HIM** before the **foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:
 - **Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ TO HIMSELF**, according to the good pleasure of **HIS WILL**, Ephesians 1:4-5
 - Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: **for thou hast created all things, and for THY PLEASURE** they are and were created. Revelation 4:11
 - **For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things:** to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen. Romans 11:36
- **All things CENTER IN HIM.**



- **JESUS is the CENTER!**
- MAN is NOT the Center!
- JESUS is the **LIGHT** of the world.
 - Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: **he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.** John 8:12
- JESUS is the **SUN of RIGHTEOUSNESS.**
 - But unto you that fear my name shall the **Sun of righteousness** arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and **GROW UP** as calves of the stall. Malachi 4:2
- JESUS is the **DAY STAR.**
 - We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, **as unto a light that shineth in a dark place**, until the day dawn, and the **day star arise in your hearts**: 2 Peter 1:19

The Light of the World



The Daystar

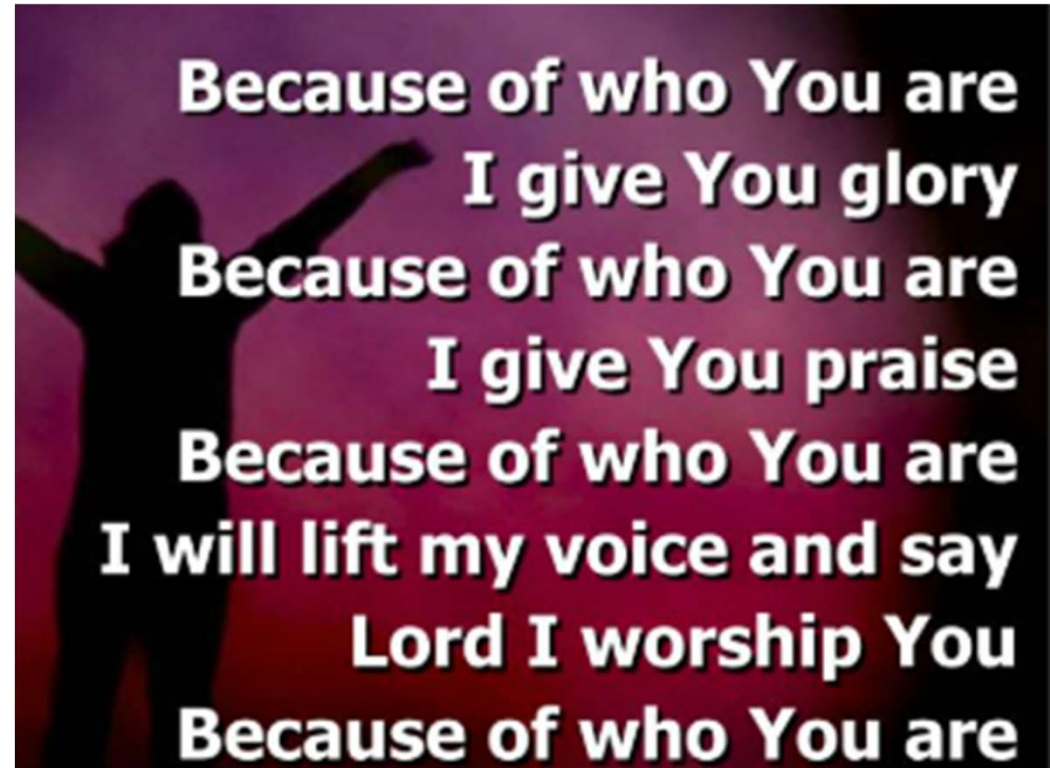
- Too many Christians want to be the **CENTER!**
- Everything, including God, must adjust to their little world.
- Have you ever noticed children who are like that? Selfish, immature?
- Christians are often selfish. Everything must revolve around them.
- Their little world is their only concern.
- What God is doing in this hour will not fit into a self-centered frame of mind.
- Oh, that the church would **GROW UP** and understand that **they are not the center of things!**
- Oh, that the church would understand that **JESUS IS THE CENTER.**
- **JESUS is the KING of KINGS and the LORD of LORDS!**



- Psalms 103:7 says, “He made known **HIS WAYS** unto Moses, **HIS ACTS** unto the **children** of Israel.”
- Israel knew **HIS ACTS**. They saw what God could **DO**.
- Moses knew **HIS WAYS**. He understood the way that God **THOUGHT**.
- We who are a part of the New Covenant can **KNOW** His **PERSON**.
- **We can KNOW WHO JESUS IS.**
- It is not enough to know the **WORKS** of God; we must know the **WAYS** of God.
- We must **RUN AFTER HIM**, the **WONDERS** of JESUS who is the **CENTER**, the **LIGHT**!



It's ALL ABOUT HIM!



- **BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE**
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