

He that
OVERCOMETH

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

Revelation 21:7

Laying a
**SURE
FOUNDATION**



The **FOUNDATION** OF GOD
standeth **SURE**, having this
SEAL (CONFIRMATION), The
Lord knoweth them that are
his. 2 Timothy 2:19

Key Verse

Growing Up

HOW TO BE A DISCIPLE WHO MAKES DISCIPLES



- A sure foundation is needed in our walk with the Lord and in order to **GROW**.
- We learned in our last lesson about how the doctrine of Christ is the **sure foundation**.
- We learned that in order to **GROW** we must **move on** past the doctrine of Christ, **not neglect it**, but **GROW** unto perfection (**maturity**).

- We learned that the foundation of the doctrine of Christ is found in Hebrews 6:1-2
 - Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; 1) not laying again the foundation of **repentance** from dead works, and 2) of **faith** toward God,
 - 3) Of the doctrine of **baptisms**, and 4) of **laying on of hands**, and 5) of **resurrection** of the dead, and 6) of **eternal judgment**.

Basic Principles of the Doctrine of Christ

The Six Basic Doctrines of Christianity

Hebrews 6:1-2

1. Repentance
2. Faith
3. Baptisms
4. The Laying on of Hands
5. Resurrection of the Dead
6. Eternal Judgment

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a vibrant, multi-colored shawl, stands in a hilly, arid landscape. She is looking upwards with her hands clasped in prayer. The background shows rolling hills and sparse vegetation under a soft, hazy sky.

Repentance & Faith

- The writer of Hebrews gives us the **basic elements** of **conversion**.
 - **REPENTANCE**
 - **FAITH**
 - 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. Hebrews 6:1

- In this day when many are not led by the Holy Spirit, they will **easily believe almost anything**.
- **Repentance** is a “bad word”.
- Many say, “Just believe!”
- **Repentance** is an old-fashioned word that has gone out of style.
- But **John the Baptist** and **Jesus** both preached it.



- In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,
- And saying, **Repent** ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
- For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
- And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.
- Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,
- And were **baptized** of him in Jordan, **confessing** their sins.
- But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his **baptism**, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?
- Bring forth therefore **fruits** meet for **repentance**:
- And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
- And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
- I indeed **baptize** you with water unto **repentance**: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall **baptize** you with the **Holy Ghost**, and *with fire*:
- Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly **purge** his floor, and **gather** his wheat into the garner; but he will **burn** up the chaff with unquenchable **fire**.
- **Then cometh Jesus** from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be **baptized** of him.
- But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be **baptized** of thee, and comest thou to me?
- And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be* so now: for thus it becometh us to **fulfil all righteousness**. Then he suffered him.
- And Jesus, when he was **baptized**, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the **heavens were opened unto him**, and he saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:
- And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Matthew 3:1-12

**Repent ye,
and
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Gospel**

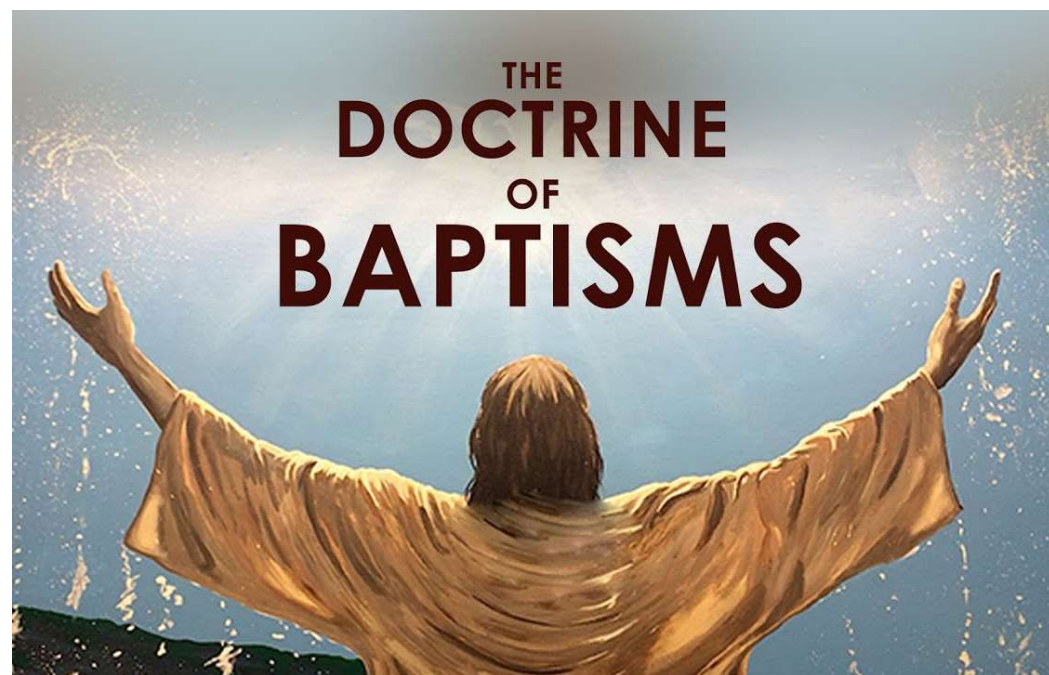
Mark 1. 15

- Jesus preached **Repentance**
 - “Now after that John was put in prison, **Jesus** came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,
 - And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: **repent ye**, and believe the gospel.” Mark 1:14-15
- On the day of Pentecost **Peter** preached **repentance**.
 - 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**. Acts 2:38

- 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**. Hebrews 6:1
- **Faith** “toward” God is literally **faith “upon” God**.
 - **Casting all your care upon Him, for he careth for you.** 1 Peter 5:7
- **Faith** is needed **to cast upon** God for our need for **conversion**, for divine **healing**, for the **infilling** of the Holy Ghost.
- This is Foundational, **BASIC** Faith.



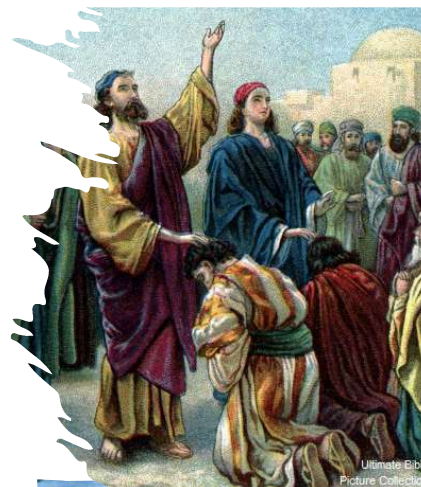
- The writer in Hebrews 6:2 then adds, “the **doctrine of baptisms**”. That too, is milk.
 - Of the **doctrine of baptisms**, and of **laying on of hands**, and of **resurrection** of the dead, and of **eternal judgment**. Hebrews 6:2
- Note he says **BaptismS**, plural, more than one.
- We all should know about the **doctrine of baptisms** because JESUS taught this.
- However, because of **tradition**, most have gotten away from the Word of God and what Jesus taught.
- There is **Water Baptism** in the Name of the Lord by immersion.
- The **Holy Ghost Baptism**.
 - He said unto them, Have ye received the **Holy Ghost** since ye believed? Acts 19:2
- The **Baptism of Fire**.
 - I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall **baptize** you with the Holy Ghost, and **with fire**. Matthew 3:11



- Next Hebrews 6:2, (the doctrine of Christ) mentions “**the laying on of hands**”.
- This is a Biblical method of conferring Divine blessing.
- The **anointed hands** become the **channel**, the vehicle, the bridge by which something is transferred or transmitted from one person to another.
- It is an **impartation** or a **confirmation**.
- It is used for **Healing** the sick.
 - And **Jesus put forth *his* hand, and touched him**, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Matthew 8:3



- For **blessing children**.
 - Then were there brought unto him (JESUS) little children, that he should put *his* hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. Matthew 19:13
- For **conferring** the Holy Spirit.
 - And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money. Acts 8:18
- For **blessing, ordination, and prophetic impartation**.
 - They set [the multitude] before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them. Acts 6:6
- NOTE: this last ministry of the **laying on of hands** was used in the Old Testament as well.





BEWARE...

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COLOSSIANS 2:8 KJV
Jesus sent Paul • Romans • Philemon

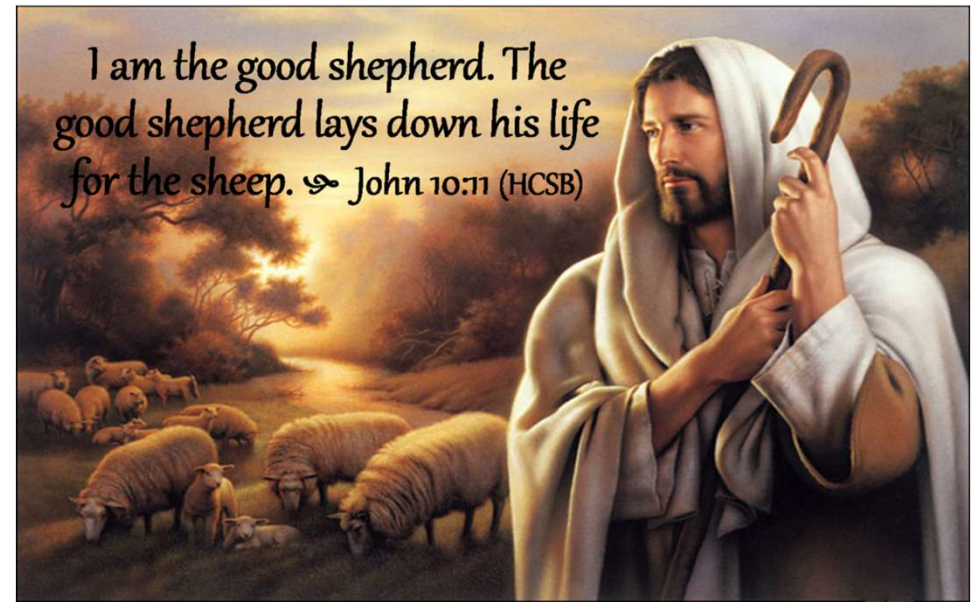
- There are those who scoff at the thought of **the healing power of the risen Lord imparted the through the laying on of hands**, but these are those of whom Paul warned us.
 - **Beware** lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the **tradition of men**, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. Colossians 2:8
- Through the **blood Covenant of Jesus Christ**, God has made a full provision for us.
- May God be merciful to those who are telling God's people they cannot partake of the **blessings of Abraham**.
 - And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and **heirs according to the promise**. Galatians 3:29

- The writer to Hebrews finishes his list of the basic teachings of Christ by mentioning the “**resurrection of the dead**” and “**eternal judgement**”.
- The point of moving beyond the doctrine of Christ is that we must teach **more than salvation**.
- It is not enough to be and to see others converted.
- **Believers must mature!**
- There are far too many **spiritual dwarfs** in the church.
- Oh God, give us pastors after your own heart which shall feed your people with knowledge and understanding.
 - And **I will give you pastors** according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15

SPIRITUAL DWARFS AND MIDGETS



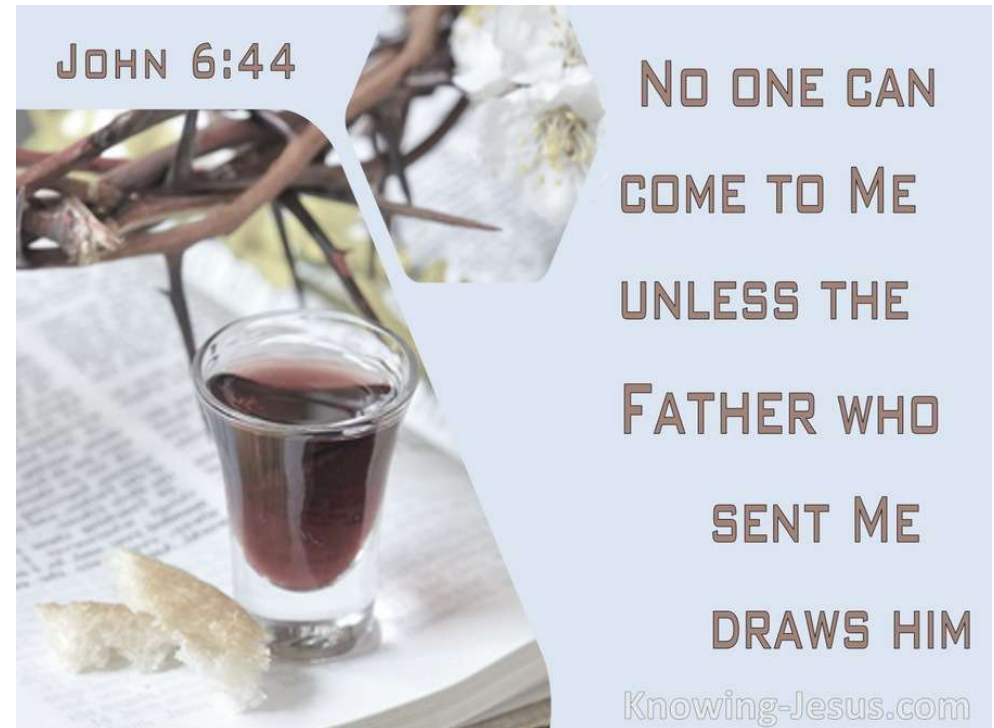
- The word, “**pastor**” means “a **Shepherd-Feeder**”.
- It is translated 17 times in the New Testament as “**shepherd**” and one time as “pastor”.
- The primary responsibility of a **pastor** is to **FEED**, and to **lay down his life for the sheep**.
 - I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd **giveth his life for the sheep**.
 - But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.
 - The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.
 - I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.
 - As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I **lay down my life for the sheep**. John 10:11-15



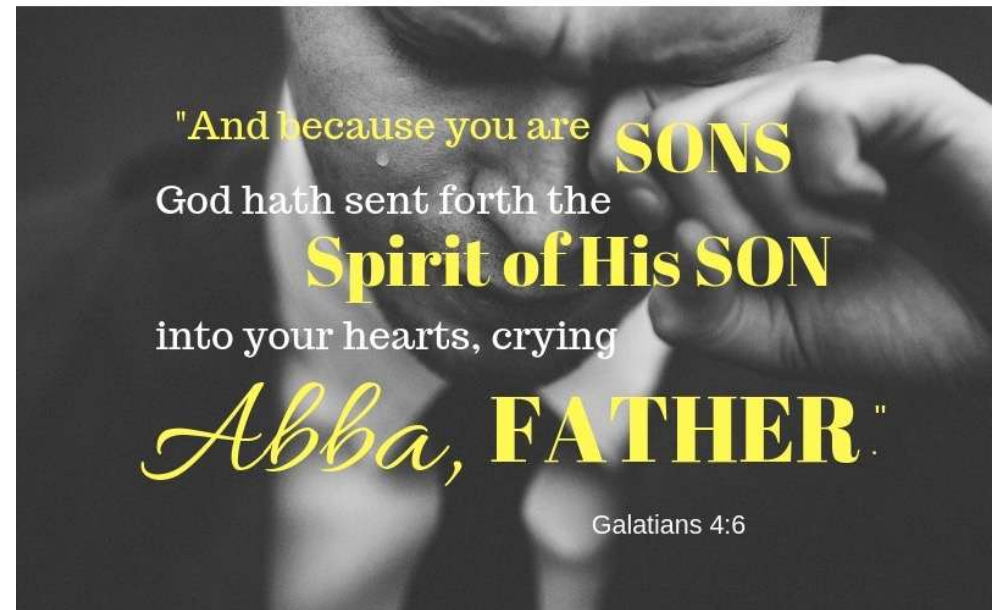
- The Pastor is to **EQUIP** the saints to do the work of the ministry.
- **Sheep beget sheep.**
- **Shepherds reproduce shepherds.**
- **God's people need to be trained**, and they need to know that **salvation is a progression** which is ever unfolding in their lives.
- God's people need to know **Jesus** as **Priest** and as **King**.
- Without the progression, there are frustrated sheep.
- God is love (John 3:16) and the principle of love is **GIVING**.
- Remember that knowing Jesus as **PRIEST** is what **He can do for you**.
- Knowing Jesus as **KING** is **GIVING** back to Him.

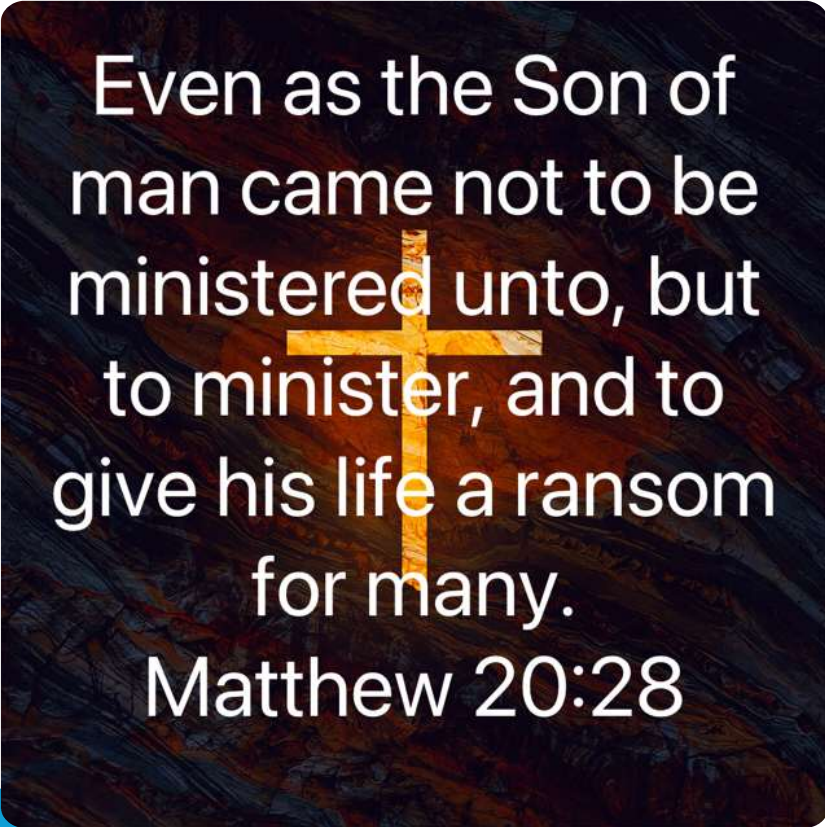


- Those who are genuinely converted have the Holy Spirit working in their lives.
- **The Holy Spirit is the One who drew you to the Father.**
 - No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:44
- The fruit of the Spirit is **love**. (Galatians 5:22)
 - The **love of God** is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. Romans 5:5
- The Holy Spirit might not have come forth yet in all His dimensions, but **He is working in the lives of every born-again believer.**



- When we were born again, we were birthed of **His nature** and that **nature** is working in us.
- Many of us have been filled with the Holy Ghost.
 - And because ye are sons, **God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.** Galatians 4:6
 - **CHRIST IN YOU**, the **HOPE** of Glory (Colossians 1:27)
- The manifestation of **His Spirit in you** will demonstrate Himself in **love, giving, pouring** forth, unselfishness, compassion, sacrifice...**a living sacrifice**.
 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye **present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.
 - And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove **what is that good**, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:1-2





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man came not to be
ministered unto, but
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Matthew 20:28

- God is bringing forth a people who do not gather to be blessed or to have a “good time.”
- Like their Master, they have come to **MINISTER** and to **GIVE** of the **Life** from within.
 - **For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45**
- The Holy Spirit has **laid a foundation IN US** and is now ready for us to move on to maturity.

- We have liberty in Christ.
- We have met Him Who is the **TRUTH**, and He is making us **FREE**.
 - **And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**
John 8:32
- There is a continual operation of His liberating influence upon us.
- We are being made.
 - **And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father;** to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
Revelation 1:6

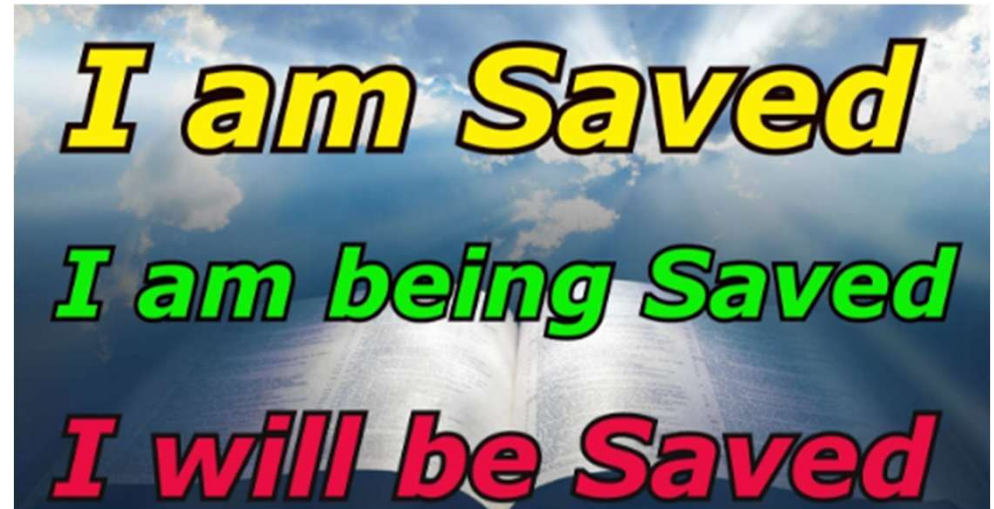


- The basic principles for the **OVERCOMER** are:
- We are learning to relate to Jesus as **Priest** and **King**.
- We understand that Jesus is **LORD** and he demands our life.
- We must love His **PRESENCE** more than we love His **Presents**.
- We must love the **GIVER** more than we love the **Gifts**.
- We must love the **God of the Promise** more than we love the **Promise**.
- We must love the **God of Heaven** more than we love **Heaven**.
- We must love the **God of the Bible** more than we love the **Bible**.



*Presence
not
Presents*

- We understand that **Salvation is progressive.**
- We **have been** saved, we **are being** saved, and we **shall be** saved!
- Our **SPIRIT** has been saved.
- Our **SOUL** (emotions, mind, will) is being saved.
- Our **BODY** will be saved.
- Man is a three-part being.
 - And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your **whole SPIRIT** and **SOUL** and **BODY** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 5:23

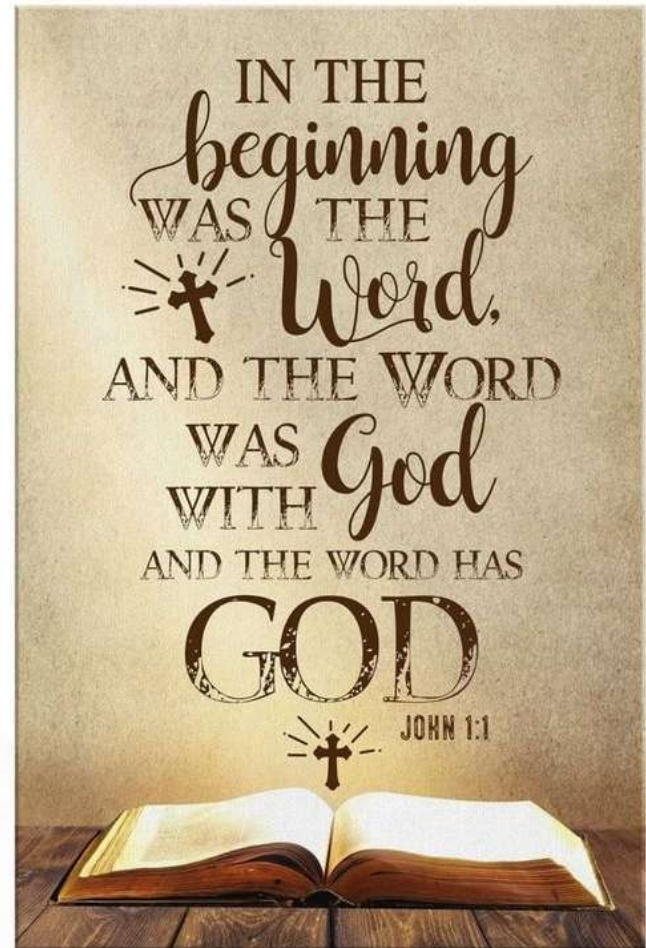


- Man like God, is in three dimensions.
 - **Father, Son, Holy Spirit**
 - **Spirit, Soul, Body**
- For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of **SOUL** and **SPIRIT**, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the **THOUGHTS** and **INTENTS** of the heart. Hebrews 4:12
- The Word of God is **quick**.
- That doesn't mean **fast**, but rather the Word is **LIVING**.

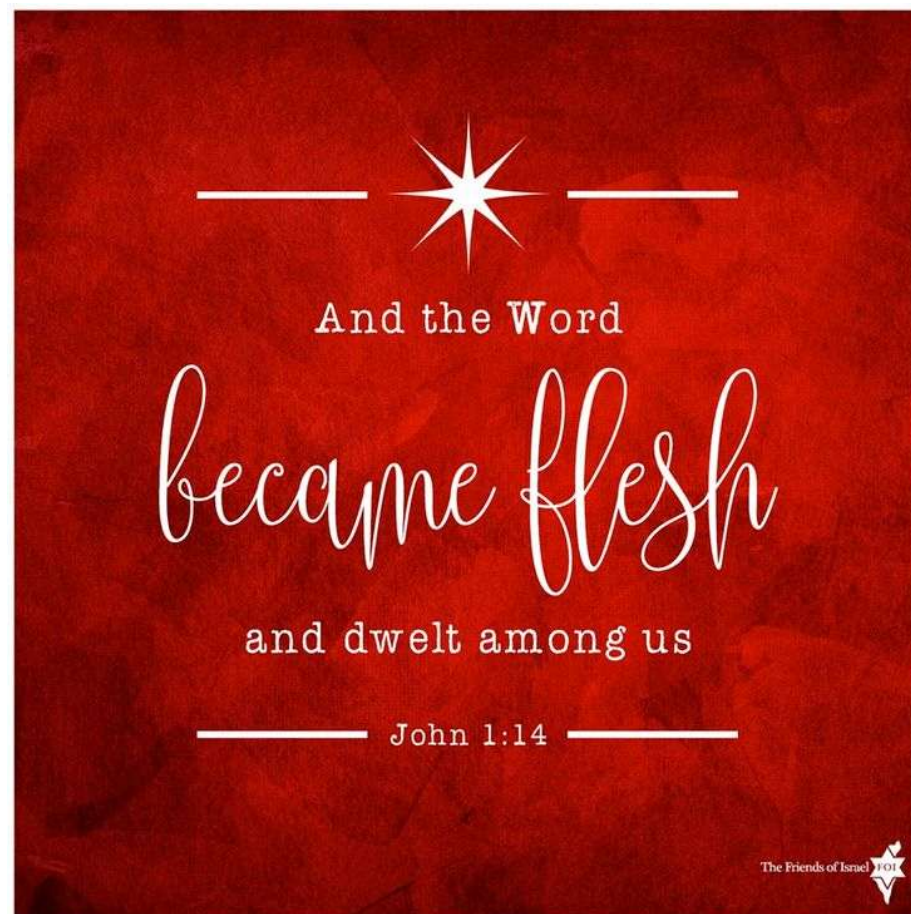
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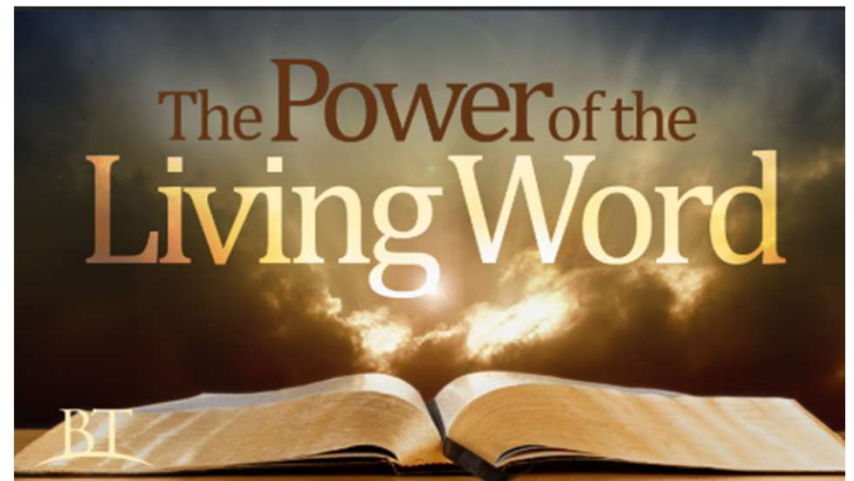
- The Word of God is a **PERSON**.
 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**.
 - The same was in the beginning with God.
 - All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
 - In him was **life**; and the **life** was the **light** of men. John 1:1-4
- A “word” is an **EXPRESSION** of a **THOUGHT**.
- In order to have a **THOUGHT**, one must be a **THINKER**.
- The Father is a **THINKER**.



- The Father **THOUGHT**, and then the Father **SPOKE**.
- And from the bosom of the Father, the **WORD** came forth and was made **FLESH** and **TABERNACLED** among us.
 - And the **Word was made flesh**, and **dwelt among us**, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
 - John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: **for he was before me**.
 - And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.
 - For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
 - No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*. John 1:14-18
- God was made manifest in the **FLESH**.
 - And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh, justified** in the Spirit, **seen** of angels, **preached** unto the Gentiles, **believed** on in the world, **received** up into glory. 1 Timothy 3:16



- The **LIVING** Word is a “discerner” (critical, discriminating, passing judgment, decisive) of the **THOUGHTS** and **INTENTS**.
- The **THOUGHTS** belong to the realm of the **SOUL** of the **MIND** and the **INTENTS** belong to the realm of the **SPIRIT**.
- Only the **WORD** of the **LIVING** God can divide (to part, disunite, separate) **SOUL** and **SPIRIT**.
- Man is a three-part being.



- So many people have no joy.
- They are not **OVERCOMERS** because they are not **GROWING**.
- They are not **MATURING** or developing in Christ Jesus because of a way of **THINKING**.
- Their frame of mind is bent out of shape.
- They have a traditional mentality with confessions of “I am saved!”; “I am saved and sanctified!” or “I am saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost!”
- Can you hear what they are saying?



- They are saying....
 - I am saved... **period.**
 - I am sanctified....**period.**
 - I am saved and sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost....**period.**
- Whenever or wherever you put a “**period**” in your **THINKING**, you automatically cut off any further revelation to your **SPIRIT**.
- You will stop **GROWING**.
- Most of those in the Body of Christ say they want to become more like **JESUS**.

SAVED
PERIOD.

- Our **theology**, our **beliefs**, our **traditions** result in our preventing ourselves from becoming what we say we want to be!
- Hence the conflict, the frustration, the unhappiness.
- The devil stands to the side and laughs. He only fears the **OVERCOMER**.
- Learn that **JESUS** is **PRIEST** and **KING**.
- Learn that Salvation **HAS happened** to you, **IS happening** to you, and **SHALL happen** to you.
- Don't cut off the move of God from your life because of some traditional teaching.
 - These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that **they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily**, whether those things were so. Acts 17:11



SALVATION

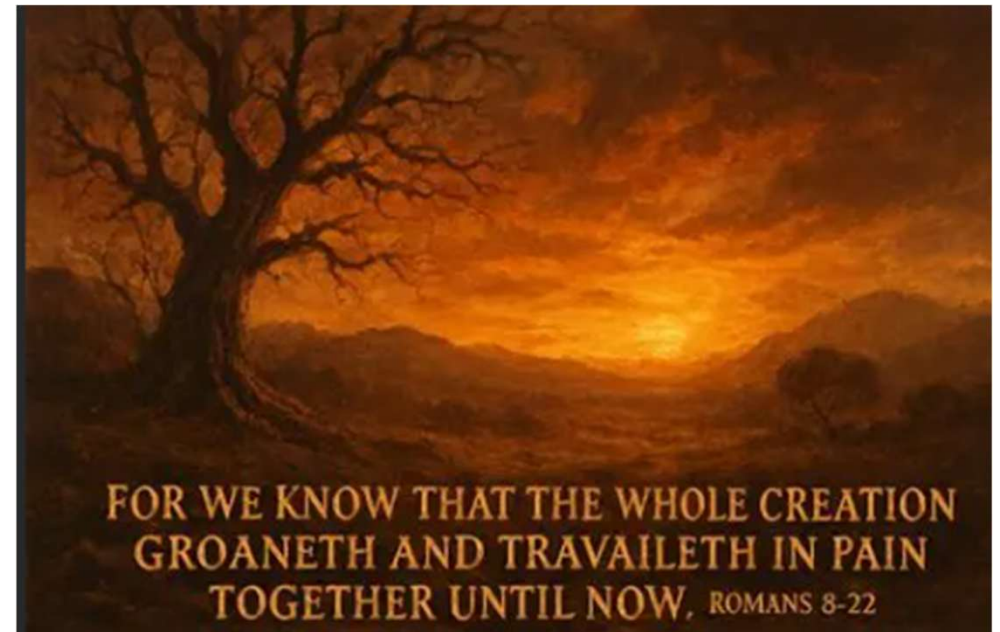
- If you examine **TRUTH** by the **WORD**, it will become **STRONGER**.
- If you examine **TRADITION** by the **WORD**, it will **FALL APART!**
- Salvation is a **COMPLETE DELIVERANCE**.
- Man is **SPIRIT, SOUL**, and **BODY**.
- The **BLOOD-BOUGHT** redemption of the Lord Jesus Christ is all-inclusive, making provision for a complete deliverance of man's SPIRIT, SOUL, and BODY.
- The word, **SALVATION** (#G4991) is used 45 times in the New Testament.
- The verb form of the word, "**SOZO**" (#G4982) is used 111 times. **It is IN ACTION.**
- It is a misunderstood word.



“Salvation means deliverance”

- Let's look at the word, **SALVATION** for better understanding what it is.
- In Vine's Dictionary of New Testament Words
 - “**Deliverance**, preservation, salvation”
- In the Strong's Concordance
 - “**Deliverance**, protection, made whole, health”
- In Thayer's Lexicon
 - “**Deliverance**, preservation, safety, salvation”
- Thus, **SALVATION** means to be **DELIVERED**.

- The **new birth** is the beginning of that **deliverance**.
- We will not be completely **SAVED** or **DELIVERED** until this **BODY** experiences a redemption.
 - For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
 - And not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even **we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.**
 - For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?
 - But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*.
Romans 8:22-25



- Every Christian has a beautiful potential for Jesus but will never realize it or walk in it **unless** he gets his eyes open to this truth.
- The most miserable people is often the older people who know they missed it in their youth.
- God gave them an opportunity and a privilege to walk with Him, but they blew it!
- **The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life meant more to them than Jesus.**
- Some have a far away look in their eyes.
- They will never experience the best of “what they might have had” in Him.



Sound Mind Ministries 1 day ago

How old were you when you received Jesus as your Savior?

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1 John 2:16

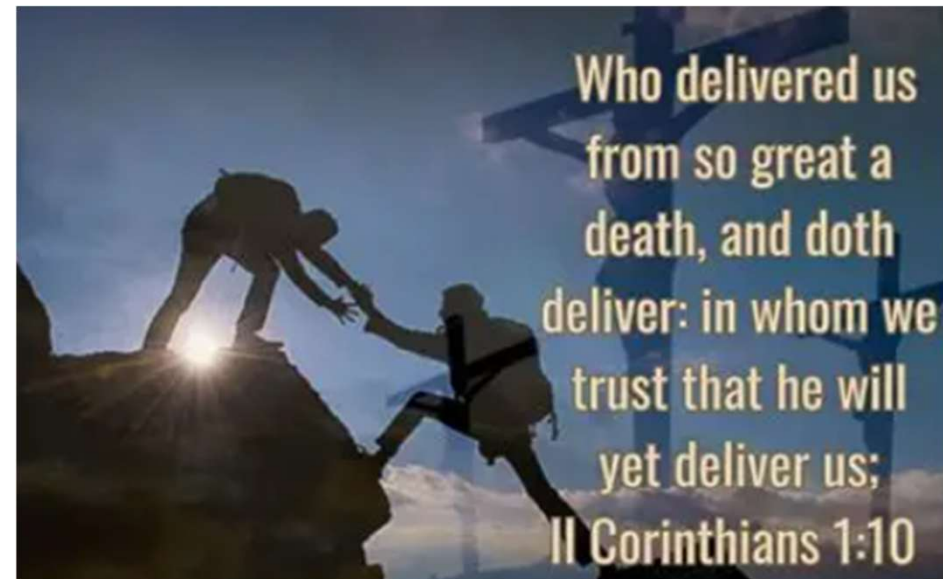
- Many of us have married outside the will of God because of lust, fear, emotions, or other reasons, and often we make our bed in hell.
 - **If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.** Psalms 139:8
- Many of us married the wrong person and may be miserable because of it.
- God stirred the hearts of many of men and women to be a part of his **more excellent ministry**, but a love of money or a life of comfort or putting our hope in our own will, proved to be our god.
 - But now hath he obtained **a more excellent ministry**, by how much also he is the mediator of a **better covenant**, which was established upon **better promises**. Hebrews 8:6
- Many are miserable because of these circumstances in choosing our way instead of His way.



- God wants you to reach your maximum potential in **Jesus Christ!**
- Don't settle for second or third best!
- Don't be content to "die and go to heaven".
- An **OVERCOMER** is one who **COMES OVER** something.
- **COME OVER** what the religious systems have fed you.
- **COME OVER** your own pride.
- **COME OVER** your longing to build a reputation for your name.
- **COME OVER** into the Kingdom of God and a realm of complete **DELIVERANCE** (SALVATION).
- We **have been** delivered, we **are being** delivered, and **we shall be** delivered!



- You may say, “ I don’t believe there are three dimensions to salvation.”
- Well, do you believe the Bible?
 - Who **DELIVERED** us from so great a death, and **DOETH DELIVER**: in whom we trust that he **WILL YET DELIVER** us. 2 Corinthians 1:10
- “Who delivered us” is **PAST** tense.
- When did God deliver you from so great a death, and what was so great a death?
 - And you *hath he quickened*, **who were DEAD** in trespasses and sins; ...And hath **raised us up** together, and **made us sit** together in **heavenly places** in Christ Jesus: Ephesians 2:1,6



- When you were initially saved, **God delivered your SPIRIT.**
- A person who is a sinner without God, unconverted, unregenerated, is a person who lives in a state of **SPIRITUAL** death.
- That describes those who have yet to taste of the blood atonement of Jesus Christ to cover their sin.
- There is **DEATH** in the realm of SPIRIT... **SPIRITUAL DEATH!**
- When God first made Adam, there was **LIFE** in Adam's SPIRIT.

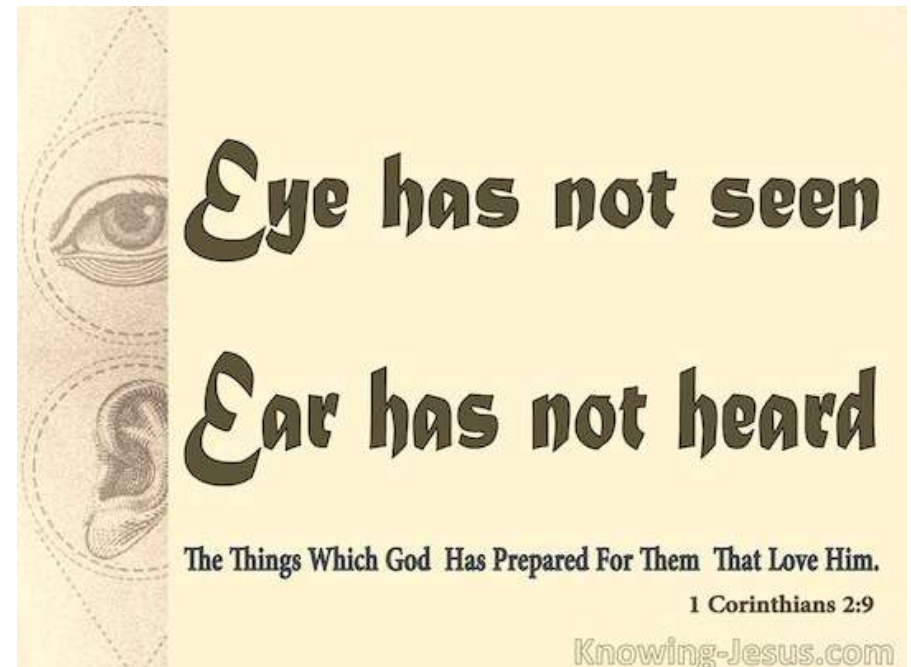
Spiritual Death



- Adam **COMMUNED** with God. (Genesis 1:26-31; 2:15-16; 3:8-9)
- God is a **SPIRIT** and we must worship Him in the realm of **SPIRIT** and **truth**. (John 4:24)
- You cannot worship God in the realm of **SOUL**.
- God **BYPASSES** your **intellect**, **emotions**, and **will**.
- We cannot understand with our human reasonings the **Mind** of **God**.
- We cannot understand the Book that He wrote, for that also, must be **SPIRITUALLY** discerned.



- 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**. 1 Corinthians 2:9-14





Believe That He Is

- He that comes to God must believe that **HE IS**. (Hebrews 11:6)
- That is not logical.
- **Faith** is contrary to reason, and **faith** is a **SPIRITUAL** force!
- The Bible makes no attempt to prove the existence of God... it assumes it!
- Before the transgression and the fall of man, Adam **COMMUNED** with God in the realm of the **SPIRIT**.
- The **SPIRIT** of man is that part of man that is **GOD-conscious**.
- You cannot know **God** in your **MIND**.
- You must know **Him** in your **SPIRIT**.

- When Adam sinned, the result of that fall was **SPIRITUAL DEATH**.
(Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 5:12-21)
 - Wherefore, **as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men**, for that all have sinned.
Romans 5:12
- A shroud of **death** and **darkness** came upon Adam's **SPIRIT**.
- He still had a **SPIRIT**, but it was **DEAD UNTO GOD!**
- Then **DEATH** began to work in his **MIND** and **BODY**.
- This is the condition that you and I were in when the Lord found us.
 - And you *hath he quickened*, who were **dead in trespasses and sins**;
Ephesians 2:1

Wherefore, as
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because all sinned

Romans 5:12 (KJV)

The spirit of man
is the candle of the
Lord, searching all
the inward parts
of the belly.
Proverbs 20:27



- We lived in a realm **VOID** of His fellowship.
- **NO COMMUNION.**
- **NO WORSHIP.**
- Our **SPIRITS** were **DEAD** unto God.
 - The **SPiRiT** of man *is* the **CANDLE** of the **LORD**, *That* was the true **Light**, which **lighteth every man** that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not...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**. Proverbs 20:27; John 1:9-10; 8:12

I AM

The Light of the World

John 8:12; 9:5

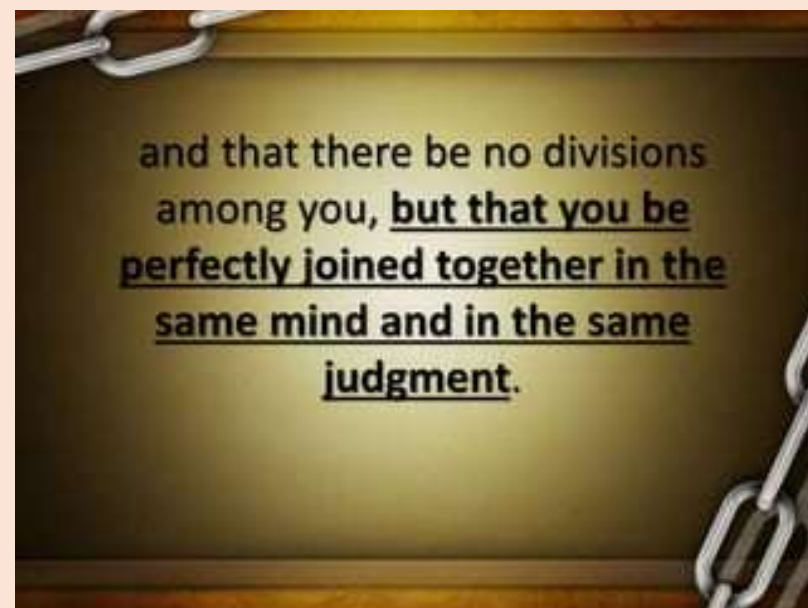
- When we were born from above (John 3:1-8), **Jesus the LIGHT** lit our **CANDLE!**
- Our **SPIRIT** was raised from the dead and was passed from death unto life.
 - And hath **raised us up** together, and **made us sit together** in **heavenly places** in Christ Jesus: Ephesians 2:6
- **Did you know that you have been resurrected?** Praise His name!
 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; **but is passed from death unto life.** John 5:24



- Every born-again believer has access to God in the realm of the **SPIRIT**.
 - For through him we both have access by one **SPIRIT** unto the Father.
Ephesians 2:18
- We can **PRAISE** Him, and **LOVE** Him, and have **FELLOWSHIP** with Him!
- Our **SPIRIT** has been **DELIVERED**.
- We have **BEEN** saved.
- We often hear, “God saved my **SOUL**.”
- No, he saved your **SPIRIT**.
- Your **SOUL** is **BEING** saved.



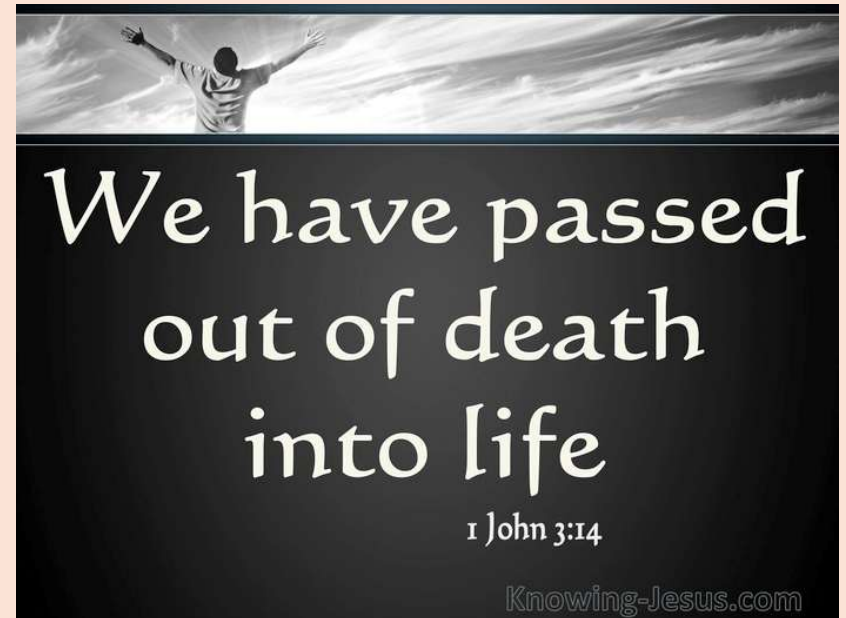
- Some may say, “It doesn’t make any difference.”
- It will if this truth is **birthed** in you.
- The **LIVING** Word makes that **DIFFERENCE** and **DISTINCTION**. (Hebrews 4:12)
- Let us learn to speak the same language as the Bible.
 - Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that **ye all speak the same thing**, and ***that* there be no divisions among you**; but ***that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment**. 1 Corinthians 1:10
- Most Christians are not aware of the difference between the **SOUL** and the **SPIRIT**.



- You are not condemned if you did not know these things.
 - Who can have **compassion on the ignorant**, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. Hebrews 5:2
- But we pray that the eyes of those who do not know will be enlightened to this basic truth for the **OVERCOMER**.
 - The eyes **of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know** what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. Ephesians 1:18
- We will never be the **OVERCOMING Church** He desires if we do not conform to His image.
- We cannot be like Jesus if we do not see our need of **being changed**.
- We will not be changed until we learn that salvation is **PROGRESSIVE!**



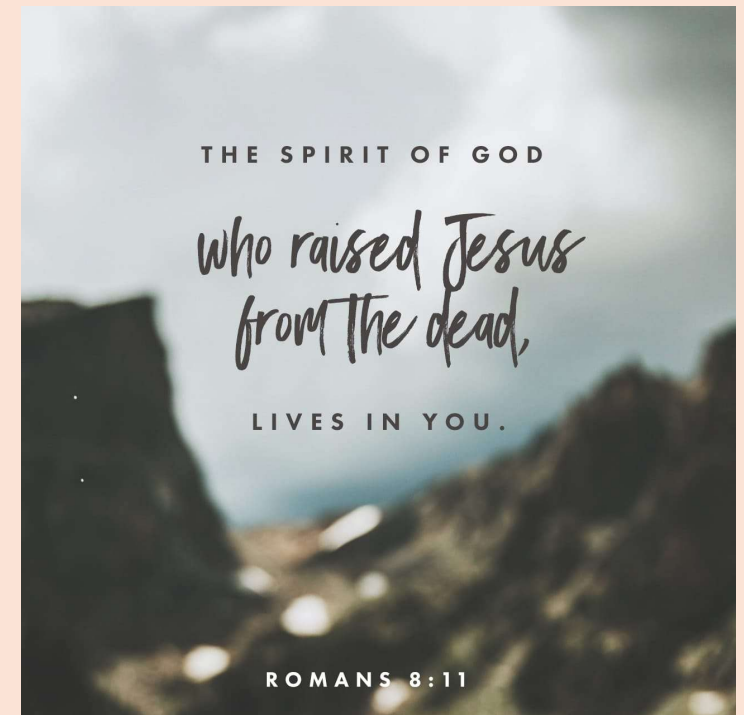
- Your **SPIRIT** has been saved.
- Your **CANDLE** has been **LIT** and your **LIGHT** can shine.
 - **Ye are the light of the world.** A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Matthew 5:14
- We have passed from **DEATH** unto **LIFE**.
 - We know that **we have passed from death unto life**, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. 1 John 3:14
- The new birth is an **experience of the power of His resurrection**.
- Let's not get hung up on the term "new birth."
- For in truth we **HAVE BEEN** born, we are **BEING** born and we **SHALL BE** birthed.
 - **Being born again**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. 1 Peter 1:23
 - My little children, of whom I travail in birth again **until Christ be formed in you**. Galatians 4:19
 - And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman (CHURCH) clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:
 - And she being with child cried, **travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered**. Revelation 12:1-2



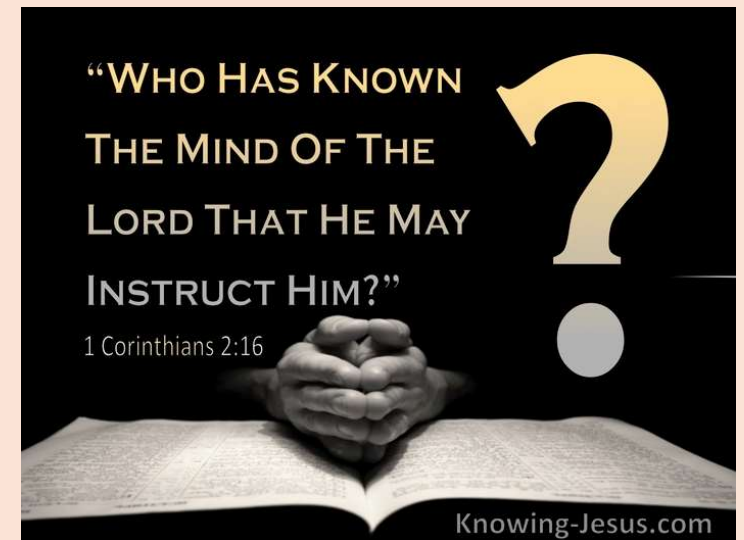
- We have noted three dimensions to **the power of His resurrection**.
- We have already experienced a **resurrection**.
- We have been raised from the state of **SPIRITUAL DEATH** and passed into a state of **SPIRITUAL LIFE**.
- We **have been birthed** into the heavenlies!
 - But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
 - Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
 - And **hath raised us up together**, and made **us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus**. Ephesians 2:4-6



- There is a **resurrection** that is presently **progressive**.
- He is **saving** and **delivering** us.
- Salvation is **PROGRESSIVE**.
 - But if the **SPIRIT of HIM that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you**, he that raised up Christ from the dead **shall also quicken** your mortal bodies **by his Spirit that dwelleth in you**. Romans 8:11
 - That I may know him, and **the power of his resurrection**, and the **fellowship** of his **sufferings**, **being made conformable** unto his death;
 - If by any means I might attain unto the **resurrection of the dead**.
 - Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.
 - Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, **forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before**,
 - **I press toward the mark** for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phillipians 3:10-14
- **Jesus is calling us UPWARD!**



- One thing is clear in Paul's mind; **salvation was progressive** as well as **once-for-all**.
- Paul had the **MIND** of Christ.
 - **For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.** 1 Corinthians 2:16
- He taught the principle of **resurrection** in three dimensions: past, present, and future.
- Have you discovered yet that God thinks in **THREES**?
- **Israel** knew His **acts**, but **Moses** knew the way that God **thought**.
 - He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. Psalms 103:7
- There are a lot of people today who know **WHAT** God can **DO**, but do we know the way He **THINKS**?
- Are we conforming to **HIS** image, His Mind?
- This is progressive salvation.



The plan of Salvation (DELIVERANCE) came
from the **MIND** of **Christ** which is a
SURE FOUNDATION.

Salvation is past, presently progressive, and future.

The **FOUNDATION OF GOD** standeth **SURE**, having this **SEAL** (CONFIRMATION), **The Lord**
knoweth them that are his. 2 Timothy 2:19

Worship with me – On Christ the Solid Rock

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.



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