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WELCOME

Welcome to Volume 4 of *The Blazing Trail*. In this volume we visit Jesus' tomb, then we behold His ascension into heaven, where once again Jesus is seated at the right hand of His Father's throne.

Arriving upon the reigning pinnacle of the Father's and Son's rescue mission, we view again their delivering grace. And then we explore the spiritual trail that leads each of us into a true relationship with God the Father and His beloved Son.

THE GARDEN TOMB

Now in the closing hours of Friday afternoon, we return to the crucifixion site and behold Jesus' lifeless body slumped upon the bloodied cross. The sacred seventh day Sabbath draws near and so, "...Joseph of Arimathea..." and "...Nicodemus..." gently release Jesus mutilated body from the cross.

*"After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby. John 19:38-42 – "...there came a **rich man** from Arimathea, named Joseph..." Matthew 27:57 – "And he made His grave with the wicked, and with the **rich in His death**; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth." Isaiah 53:9 (KJV)*

JESUS RESTS IN HIS CONQUERED TOMB OF EVER LASTING DEATH

Sealing the opening to the tomb, Joseph and Nicodemus roll a great circular stone over the tomb entrance. Having suffered the crucifixion cross, delivering us from the power of sin and death, Jesus' lifeless body rests in our conquered tomb of everlasting death.

"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself like-

wise shared the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their life-time subject to bondage.” Hebrews 2:14-15

JESUS RESTS ON THE SEVENTH DAY SABBATH

Remember how Jesus rested from His creation works on the seventh day? He rested so as to place His Sabbath seal of rest upon all creation, especially upon Adam’s and Eve’s first day of created life.

Well, resting in the tomb of death, Jesus rests from His spiritual work of three and a half years of ministry among the multitudes. And resting on this high Sabbath, like no other in the midst of the Father’s and Son’s rescue mission, Jesus places Their Sabbath seal of deliverance upon our newborn spiritual lives, a new creation in mind body and soul.

“For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.” Matthew 12:8- “And He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.” Mark 2:27- “There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.” Hebrews 4:9-11-

Truly resting in God’s deliverance upon His seventh day Sabbath, we receive true spiritual rest into the depths of our rejoicing soul. *“Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.” Psalm 116:7*

SATAN’S MURDEROUS WARFARE FULLY UNMASKED

Meanwhile emanating from the tomb of death is the unmasking of Satan’s murderous warfare of the ages, broadcast to the entire universe. Yes, all universal life now understands that Satan instigated and empowered the murder of the Son of God and that Satan’s evil quest from the beginning of his rebellion in heaven was to assassinate God’s holy character with lies, and to murder the divine Son of God.

“He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. John 8:44

GOD’S CHARACTER EXALTED BEFORE THE UNIVERSE

In open contrast to Satan’s character of assassinating lies, God’s character of truth and benevolent love is, exalted with righteous honour throughout the universe. *“For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth. He loves righteousness and*

justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.” Psalm 33:4-5 - “The works of His hands are verity and justice; All His precepts are sure. They stand fast forever and ever, And are done in truth and uprightness. He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome is His name.” Psalm 111:7-9

SETTING THE GUARD

Meanwhile the Priests and Pharisees have requested Pilate to set a guard before the entrance to the tomb, securing Jesus’ body from any human interference, “...saying, ‘Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, “After three days I will rise.” Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, “He has risen from the dead.” So the last deception will be worse than the first.’ Pilate said to them, ‘You have a guard; go your way, make it as secure as you know how.’ So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.” Matthew 27:63-66

SATAN’S DEATH CLAIM

Lurking in the spirit realm, encircling the tomb, Satan and his demonic dark force stake their death claim over Jesus’ body. The dark force desperately surmise, that during the spiritual battle upon the cross to deliver our souls, Jesus’ sinless humanity may have been overcome by a damning taint of human sin. And thus the Son of God is entombed in humanity’s everlasting death, separated from His Father God forever.

Yet within the conquered tomb of everlasting death, Jesus’ silent words of triumph resound of Satan’s demise, “...the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.” John 14:30 - “...because the ruler of this world is judged.” John 16:11 - “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.” Luke 10:18

THE DESCENDING ANGEL

As the Sabbath afternoon sun descends over the garden tomb, the sacred hours of spiritual rest come to a close. Sunday begins and Jesus is about to be awakened from His unconscious state of death by a series of miraculous events.

Descending from the Father’s immortal throne, a heavenly angel enters the garden premises. The angel’s glorious presence lightens the entrance to the tomb. Terrified, the Roman guards fall like dead men to the ground, and fearing their own demise Satan and his dark force flee into their deathly realm of damnation.

“You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe-and tremble!” James 2:19 - “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” James 4:7 - “And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.” Romans 16:20 - “...and you are complete in Him, (Jesus) who is the head of all principality and

power.” *Colossians 2:10* – “Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.” *Colossians 2:15*

GOD THE FATHER RAISES HIS SON

As if a mere pebble was in his hand, the mighty angel rolls away the great circular stone from the tomb entrance. Suddenly the earth begins to quake with resurrection power and the Father’s life-giving voice calls forth His Son to victorious eternal life, “...*God the Father who raised Him from the dead Galatians 1:1*

Death is powerless to hold Jesus in the tomb and He comes forth in resurrected life. “*Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb. But God raised Him from the dead.*” *Acts 13:29-30* – “...*whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.*” *Acts 2:24* – “*For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption (putrefaction)...*” *Psalm 16:10* - “*Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.*” *Acts 2:30-32*

WYATT’S DISCOVERIES AT THE GARDEN TOMB

From the crucifixion site of spiritual discovery, Ron Wyatt takes us to the nearby garden tomb, and peering in, we see where Christ’s body was laid to rest. “*Now when evening had come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who himself had also become a disciple of Jesus. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given to him. When Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and departed.*” *Matthew 27:57-60*

With awe we behold the massive circular stone door, 13 feet (nearly 4 metres) in diameter. Further investigation reveals that at ground level, a groove runs the width of the tomb entrance, with a stone stop block at one end. And so, when the circular stone was rolled over the tomb entrance it came to rest against the stop block. Then at either side of the stone door a thick metal pin was embedded in the rock face wedging the door tightly in position.

Now Wyatt draws our attention to the rock face, and to our amazement we see the remains of one pin, shorn off by incredible force. “*Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended*

from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.” Matthew 28:1-2

The stunning realisation dawns upon our minds that the pin could only have been shorn off by the angel’s supernatural might, proving yet again the Bible’s authenticity beyond a skeptic’s doubt.

You can read or watch Ron Wyatt’s discoveries at these internet sites:

Website: <https://wyattmuseum.com>

or <https://ronwyatttruth.com> (Same website with 2 names)

Website: <https://ronwyatt.com>

Youtube.com: [ronwyatt.com](https://www.youtube.com/ronwyatt.com)

Vimeo.com: dennis schelles (dennis schelles is the name of the Vimeo channel

- Dennis Schelles is Ron Wyatt’s son-in-law)

Runmble.com: search for Ron Wyatt Discoveries 2022 Documentary.

DEATH NO LONGER HAS DOMINION

And so issuing forth from Jesus’ empty tomb of death and resurrection, to eternal life, the great circular stone of everlasting death is rolled away from our repentant believing lives and death no longer has lasting dominion over us. Yes, even you and me.

“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” Hebrews 2:14-15 - “...who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.” Romans 4:25 - “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit...” 1 Peter 3:18 - “...knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.” Romans 6:9

“And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.” Colossians 1:18 - “For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.” Romans 14:9 - “I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction!” Hosea 13:14 - “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...” 1 Peter 1:31

Jesus says - *“Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.”* Revelation 1:17-18 - *“So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?’ ”* 1 Corinthians 15:54-55

THE FIRST FRUITS FROM DEATH

Upon the same resurrection moment, as Jesus was raised from death to life, another miraculous event took place. Released from their entombment of death, many of the righteous dead in Jerusalem rise with Jesus to everlasting life, they are living trophies of Jesus’ triumph over sin and death.

*“And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, **and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.**”* Matthew 27:50-53

“But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the first fruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.” 1 Corinthians 15:20-23

VISITING THE EMPTY TOMB

“Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.’ Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself.

“Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.

“But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and

the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.' Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?' She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, 'Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to Him, 'Rabboni!' (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, "I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God."'" John 20:1-17

What an amazing proclamation in Jesus' words, embracing our humble human lives, "...ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God." - For over thirty years Jesus has lived among humanity as, "... God with us..." in human life - "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, "God with us."'" Matthew 1:23 - And now with Jesus' rescue mission accomplished on Planet Earth, the time has arrived for Him to ascend to His Father God and once again be glorified with His Father's divine glory.

"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world." John 17:24

And so ascending into heaven the only begotten Son of God is glorified with His Father's glory and amazingly He is also glorified as the Son of Man: Forever the glorified God Man, His humanity embracing our humanity and our humanity embracing His divinity.

THE SAME DAY JESUS RETURNS TO EARTH

Now on Sunday, the same day of Jesus' resurrection and glorification in heaven, Jesus returns to Planet Earth and meets with His disciples, family, and close followers.

"Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her. Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

"So Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.' And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" John 20:18-22 - "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty..." 2 Corinthians 3:17 - "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'" Galatians 4:6 - "For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father." Ephesians 2:18

VISIBLE SIGN OF ETERNAL DELIVERANCE

Bearing His divine glorification, Jesus still retains the same features and the functions of His human body. *“Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, ‘Peace to you.’ But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. And He said to them, ‘Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? **Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see,** for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.’ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, ‘Have you any food here?’ So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. **And He took it and ate in their presence.**”* Luke 24:36-43

“Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ So he said to them, ‘Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.’ And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, ‘Peace to you!’ Then He said to Thomas, ‘Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.’ And Thomas answered and said to Him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book...” John 20:24-30

And so the awesome wonder remains, that Jesus retains His earthly humanity blended with His heavenly divinity throughout the ages of eternity. His pierced hands, pierced feet, His wounded side, forever declare that He paid the ultimate love price to rescue the sinful human race. - *“See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.”* Isaiah 49:16 - *“And one shall say unto him, “What are these wounds in thine hands?” Then he shall answer, “Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.””* Zechariah 13:6 KJV - *“His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand, And there His power was hidden.”* Habakkuk 3:4

FORTY DAYS WITH JESUS

And so what the disciples thought was a bitter end in Jesus’ unexpected death, instead becomes a powerful new beginning as Jesus stands before them in resurrected life.

For 40 days the disciples enjoy sweet fellowship with their Lord that leads to greater spiritual heights, receiving the Father’s and Son’s ministering spirit of promise.

“...He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from

Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, ‘...which,’ He said, ‘you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, ‘Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’ And He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.’” Acts 1:3-7

THE GOSPEL COMMISSION

“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.’” Mark 16:15-18 - “...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.” Matthew 28:20 - “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” Luke 24:49

FORTY DAYS COME TO AN END

Forty glorious days draw to an end and now the time arrives for Jesus to ascend into heaven. Although Jesus shall be physically parted from his followers, yet in His divine Spirit presence as the Spirit of truth and Comforter he shall be with them always. Even to the end of the world, “... lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:20 KJV

“And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever- even **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; **but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth Me no more, but ye see Me: Because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in My Father, and ye in Me, and I in you.**” John 14:16-20 KJV

Yes, can you see that Jesus is speaking of Himself being the Comforter? For over 30 **testing** years, Jesus lived among us as a human being, experiencing and enduring hardship, as all humans experience who are born into our fallen world. And this trying experience of human life qualifies Jesus to be our Comforter through our trials of life, His comforting spirit presence abiding in our lives. “**Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**” 2 Corinthians 3:17

“I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you.” John 14:18 KJV

*“...lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.’ Amen.” Matthew 28:20 KJV - “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him and make Our home with him.**” John 14:23 - “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:24*

JESUS CAUGHT UP IN A CLOUD INTO HEAVEN

“And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.” Luke 24:50-51

“...while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.’” Acts 1:3-1

“And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.” Luke 24: 52

“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” John 20:30-31

RESURRECTED SAINTS RECEIVED UP INTO HEAVEN WITH JESUS

You may remember upon Jesus’ death and resurrection, a company of dead saints were raised up with Him in resurrected life . *“Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, **and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many...**” Matthew 27:51*

Now living trophies of Jesus’ victory over the grave and everlasting death, the raised saints ascend with Jesus into heaven. *“Therefore He says: ‘When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.’” Ephesians 4:8*

Passing through inhabited galaxies, the saintly space travellers finally glimpse heaven’s portals, gleaming with God’s welcoming glory. As Jesus and His redeemed company draw near to the heavenly gates, a loud cry goes out from the formation of leading angels.

“Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the

King of glory shall come in.” Psalm 24:7 - A challenge resounds from the guardians of the gate: - “Who is this King of glory?” Psalm 24:8 - In waves of angelic power an answer returns with the battle cry of Jesus’ victory - “The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.” Psalm 24:8

Jesus the King of Glory passes through the open gate and the combined voices of the angelic host swell into a chorus of triumphed entry, welcoming their beloved commander into heaven’s paradise once again. *“Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah.” Psalm 24:9-10*

Entering into heaven with Jesus, the resurrected saints become forerunners to the great resurrection at Jesus’ second coming where all the dead saints of earth’s ages are raised up in everlasting life.

“But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.” 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

“Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter.” Psalm 118:19-20 - “A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there, And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” Isaiah 35:8-10

JESUS ENTERS HIS FATHER’S THRONE

Jesus arrives in the midst of heaven’s paradise, and God the Father welcomes His beloved Son back into the governing courts of their universal throne, *“...He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church...” Ephesians 1:20-22 - “Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Saviour, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.”*

Acts 5:31 – “...He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.”
Mark 16:19 – “...who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.” 1 Peter 3:22

Jesus said, - “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.” Matthew 28:18 - “To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.” Revelation 3:21 - “...after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God...” Hebrews 10:12 - “...who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...” Hebrews 1:3 - “...who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2

THE REIGNING PINNACLE OVER HEAVEN AND EARTH

And so entering into the inner sanctum of His Father’s universal government, once again the Son of God is seated, “...at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Although physically absent from our planet world in body, yet in His Spirit presence, Jesus reigns over His spiritual kingdom on earth. Enthroned as Lord and King over our delivered lives, Jesus proclaims to the ends of our fallen world, “...all authority has been given Me in heaven and on earth.” Matthew 29:18

Thus, on the blazing trail we have climbed the co-reigning pinnacle of God the Father and His beloved Son, enthroned over all universal regions of cosmic space. Now as we rest our souls upon the Father’s and Son’s reigning pinnacle, again we view their rescue mission, and immerse our lives deeper into Their saving grace.

PINNACLE VIEW OF THE FATHER AND SON’S RESCUE MISSION

We have learned on the blazing trail, that even before time began on Planet Earth, God the Father and Son beheld the future fall of human kind to sin. And so mind-to-mind, heart-to-heart, they pledged their love commitment to undertake the most daring rescue mission of all time: The rescue of our sinful souls imprisoned in earth’s lost dominion.

“For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary; From heaven the LORD viewed the earth, To hear the groaning of the prisoner, To release those appointed to death...”
Psalm 102:19–20

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”
John 3:16–17

“And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.” Philippians 2:8 - “though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.” Hebrews 5:8

“For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.” Colossians 1:19-20

“...giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.” Colossians 1:12-14 - “...knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you...” 1 Peter 1:18-20

“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’” John 1:29

“...the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” 1 Peter 1:19

“...and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood...” Revelation 1:5

“Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53:4-5

“He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave with the wicked - But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors.” Isaiah 53:8-12

“Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, ‘Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and deliver

Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.” *Matthew 20:17-19*

“Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.” *John 12:31-32*

“See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.” *Isaiah 49:16*

“In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” *1 John 4:9-10*

“For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” *Romans 5:7-8*

“For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.” *Romans 14:9*

“...and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.” *2 Corinthians 5:15*

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” *Romans 8:31-32*

Now enlarging upon this spiritual pinnacle of the Father’s and Son’s delivering love, we connect further biblical knowledge, leading in a richer experience with God.

HEAVENLY ANGELS MINISTERING IN GOD’S RESCUE MISSION.

Closely connected to our humanity even to our day in the 21st century, we behold another spiritual dimension to the Father’s and Son’s rescue mission. For ministering in the supernatural sphere of our fallen world, multitudes of heavenly angels traverse back and forth between heaven and earth. “*But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels...*” *Hebrews 12:22*

“Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.” *Genesis 28:12*

Ministering in our fallen world, angels of supernatural strength camp in our very midst protecting and delivering us from the warring forces of evil. “*The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.*” *Psalms 34:7* - “*Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*” *Hebrews 1:14*

“Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word. Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.” Psalm 103:20-21

And do you know there are connections which link sinful human life with pure, sinless angels? In earth’s first beginnings on the sixth day, God created human life, *“...a little lower than the angels.”* - *“But one testified in a certain place, saying: ‘What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him? You have made him a little lower than the angels...’” Hebrews 2:6-7.* - Of course, we need to realise how sin mutating over 6,000 years has degenerated our humanity to being almost unrecognizable to Adam’s and Eve’s original sinless beings when they were first created.

Yet amazingly, spanning those same 6,000 years, ever since Adam and Eve fell to Satan’s deceit, angels and humans have been spiritually connected in the raging conflict between good and evil. For in the beginnings of their heavenly life, angels were the first to be confronted by the emergence of sin and the volatile fallout of evil infiltrating God’s sinless universe.

Remember when Lucifer rebelled against God’s universal government in heaven? All heavenly angels serving in God’s government faced the emergence of evil morphing in Lucifer’s rebelling life. One third of the angelic host are deceived by Lucifer’s wily words and damning lies designed to assassinate God’s holy character. And this third of the angelic host join Lucifer in the greatest rebellion of all time. During the tragic ordeal, faithful angels remaining loyal to God suffered the loss of close friendships and spiritual camaraderie of those who defected to Satan’s evil agenda.

And so having experienced the dividing forces of evil, angels ministering to us in our fallen world can truly relate to our spiritual battles against the dark forces of evil. With bonding experiences, angels empathize with our sufferings and feel our sadness of loss when we are rejected by those who reject God’s merciful love. And yet angels rejoice over each repentant soul who receives God into their life.

“Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Luke 15:10 - *“And He said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’” John 1:51*

We can rest assured that ministering angels, imbued with God’s supernatural power, excel in strength far above Satan and his army of demonic spirits, who are cut off from God’s ever-excelling power. *“And He said to them, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.’” Luke 10:18* - *“You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe-and tremble!” James 2:19*

“Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.” Psalm 91:9–12

And Jesus tells each helpless child, that they too have a guardian angel to watch over them. *“Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven **their angels** always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 18:10*

And so the angelic ministry continues to unfold on the blazing trail. *“Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison.*

“Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, ‘Arise quickly!’ And his chains fell off his hands. Then the angel said to him, ‘Gird yourself and tie on your sandals’; and so he did. And he said to him, ‘Put on your garment and follow me.’ So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.

“When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.

“And when Peter had come to himself, he said, ‘Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people.’” Acts 12:5–11

Amazingly, at times angels may appear to us in their angelic form and at times in human form - *“Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.” Hebrews 13:2*

Then perhaps unaware, you too have entertained angels and they have befriended you?

JESUS KNOCKS ON OUR HEART’S DOOR

Now standing upon the spiritual pinnacle of the Father’s and Son’s rescue mission, we gather at the foot of Cavalry’s liberating cross. With tender urgency echoing from the cross, we hear the Father’s and Son’s merciful voice calling lost souls into Their fellowship of delivering life. Far into the dark night of sin, Jesus searches the highways and byways of fallen human life, rescuing destitute souls. Gently, Jesus knocks upon our heart’s door and longs to be invited into our lives that together we might dine upon His spiritual bread of sustaining life. *“For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” John 6:33*

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door,

I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.” Revelation 3:20–21

How will we respond to the greatest invitation ever bestowed upon human kind? The Father and Son have given their all for us. Whether we choose to give our all to them determines our eternal destiny for life or death. *“For He says: ‘In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” 2 Corinthians 6:2*

Without delay our urgent response is to believe, accept, and receive the Father’s and Son’s saving grace into our lives.

OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS LIKE FILTHY RAGS

Perhaps unpleasant and uncomfortable to behold, is the need to realise our true condition before God. This means coming to accept the reality that all our goodness, in one way or another, to some degree, large or small, is tainted with sin: To understand that our pretentious garments of daily life are stained with the unrighteousness of sin. *“All unrighteousness is sin...” 1 John 5:17 - “...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...” Romans 3:23 - “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all **our righteousnesses are as filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.” Isaiah 64:6 KJV*

And so we desperately need a change of garment, clean and fresh, every entwining thread woven with purity. A garment of pure righteousness clothing mind, body and soul with all that is holy and good in God.

FATHER’S AND SON’S MERCIFUL CALL

And so clothed in “...**filthy rags...**” of unrighteousness, hopelessly lost in the dark night of sin, alone in the swirling fog of fallen life, we hear the merciful call of God the Father and His beloved Son: Fear not, come to Us just as you are, clothed in your guilt of sin, come into the light of our saving grace, and unburden your weary soul.

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28 - “...and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.” John 6:37 - “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price.” Isaiah 55:1 - “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

JESUS - THE ONLY WAY

Today, crying in the spiritual thoroughfares of our fallen world, many false religions are proclaiming aloud that they are the spiritual way to the enlightening knowledge of true life.

Yes, they may offer an enticing mystical experience in spirituality, but this illusion is only a spiritual mirage, a subtle deception empowered by Satan's agenda to capture souls and imprison them in His pagan dungeon.

Please, do not be deceived by Satanic illusions manifested in false religions. For there is only one way to true spiritual enlightenment and that is through Jesus Christ, "...the way, the truth, and the life..." who leads us to the sovereign throne of God the Father, the one true God.

Jesus says "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6 - "...through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father." Ephesians 2:18 - "Now the Lord is the Spirit..." 2 Corinthians 3:17

"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God."” Isaiah 44:6

"Assemble yourselves and come; Draw near together, You who have escaped from the nations. They have no knowledge, Who carry the wood of their carved image, And pray to a god that cannot save. Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the LORD? And there is no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; There is none besides Me."” Isaiah 45:20-21

JESUS - OUR ONE AND ONLY MEDIATOR AND ADVOCATE

Being the **only way** into the presence of God the Father, Jesus becomes our advocate. Mediating on our behalf through His merits of righteousness, Jesus pleads our fallen condition before His Father, and reconciles our sinful lives to God.

"My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world." 1 John 2:1-2

"For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus..." 1 Timothy 2:5

"Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation..." 2 Corinthians 5:18

BELIEVING IN THE SON'S SAVING NAME

As we gain enlightening knowledge about God the Father and His beloved Son, there begins the process of believing in who They are in divine life, and what Their deliverance means for our lives.

“Jesus said to him, ‘If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.’” Mark 9:23 - Yet, through the process of our growing belief, at times we may well cry aloud - “...with tears, ‘Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!’” Mark 9:24 - And so as we believe in Jesus’ saving name, we receive Jesus’ deliverance into our lives.

“And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21 - “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12 - ““And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.”” Acts 2:21 - ““Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved...”” Acts 16:31 - “For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.’” Romans 10:11

REPENTANCE - SORRY FOR SIN

As the sinfulness of sin dawns upon our minds, and we behold how sin pierces God’s heart of love, there wells within our own hearts a sorrow that leads to repentance.

“For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.” 2 Corinthians 7:10 - “The Lord is...longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but all should come to repentance.” 2 Peter 3:9 - “For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.” Psalm 38:18 KJV - “I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.” Luke 15:7

ONLY GOD THE FATHER AND HIS SON CAN FORGIVE SIN

Then repentance for sin leads us to God’s throne of grace, to receive His gift of forgiveness, freeing our repentant lives from the shackles of sin. *“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16 - “So we may boldly say: ‘The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?’” Hebrews 13:6*

There are varying aspects to the gracious act of forgiveness. Quite rightly, humans may forgive fellow humans for wrong doing. But only God the Father and Son have the divine authority to forgive sin that transgresses their divine law.

“Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed

through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. When He saw their faith, He said to him, 'Man, your sins are forgiven you.' And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, 'Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?' But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, 'Why are you reasoning in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven you," or to say, "Rise up and walk"? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins'—He said to the man who was paralyzed, 'I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.' Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God." Luke 5:18-25

CONFESSING SIN – RECEIVING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Now our next connecting step is to confess our sins before God, and receive His gracious forgiveness into our lives. Our confession of sin is what God yearns to hear, that He might bestow His merciful forgiveness upon our unworthy lives and bring us into close fellowship with Him.

"Come now, and let us reason together,' Says the LORD, 'Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.'" Isaiah 1:18 - "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 - "He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy." Proverbs 28:13 - "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins." Isaiah 43:25 - "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:13-14 - "As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us." Psalm 103:12

PARDONED FROM SIN

With God's forgiveness written across our record of sin, comes God's justifying verdict, "FREELY PARDONED BY GRACE." - *"Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God For He will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7.*

"I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, and like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me for I have redeemed you." Isaiah 44:22. - ""I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me." Jeremiah 33:8

SAVED BY GOD'S GIFT OF GRACE

Our sinful and unworthy lives can never commend us to God, as though we are without sin. Not even one goodly noble act, dredged up from our sinful fallen nature, can ever begin to purchase the cost to release us from sin.

But praise God the Father and His beloved Son that through Their gift of saving grace, They have paid the purchase price to buy us back from our debt of sin *"...where sin abounded, grace abounded much more..." Romans 5:20*

"For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:20

*"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." Ephesians 2:4-9 - "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 - "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:11-11 - **"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"** 2 Corinthians 9:15*

CLOTHED IN JESUS' GARMENT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Now receiving God's *"...indescribable gift..."* of saving grace, our filthy rags of unrighteousness are cast from our lives and Jesus clothes our delivered souls in His spotless robe of righteousness. *"I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness..." Isaiah 61:10 - "...and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith..." Philippians 3:9 - "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." 2 Corinthians 5:21*

Yes, Praise God once more, for Jesus took our sin, died in place of our sin that we might be clothed in His robe of living righteousness, and thus stand before God our Father without stain and filth of sin

BELIEVER'S NAMES WRITTEN IN TWO PRECIOUS BOOKS

Many worldly books, numbering the sands of the seas, have been written over earth's millennium of time. Books bearing famous authors' names are eagerly read cover to cover, and then often gather dust on forgotten shelves.

But there are two distinct precious books that never gather dust nor forgotten by God. Firstly, in God's heavenly library, there gleams God's **BOOK OF LIFE** wherein believer's names are written upon the pages of heavenly citizenship. Recorded there are our acts and deeds of daily life.

"The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth; He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works." Psalm 33:13-15 - "... whose names are in the Book of Life." Philippians 4:3 - "But there shall by no means enter it (Heavenly Jerusalem) anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life." Revelation 21:27 - "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself." Philippians 3:20-21

And always open before God's tender gaze, glows His precious **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** where inscribed upon its golden pages are our thoughts and meditations upon God's holy goodness.

"Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name." Malachi 3:16 - "You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book?" Psalm 56:8 - "The LORD will record, When He registers the peoples: 'This one was born there.' Selah" Psalm 87:6

RECEIVING GOD'S GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE

With artificial intelligence (AI) and genetic engineering (GE) probing the ethical boundaries of human life, some scientists are working towards creating immortal life, that a person might not die but possibly live forever.

Well, believing in God and receiving His immortal life into our lives, makes immortal life a surety, a living reality that lasts forever and ever through the ages of eternity. *"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." John 17:3- "He who believes in the Son has everlasting life..." John 3:36 - "...the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23*

"And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have

life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:11-13 - "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life." John 6:47 - "...in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began..." Titus 1:2

NEWBORN SPIRITUAL LIFE

Born into the earthly family of mankind, we inherit a fleshly form of life, a unique human being of individual life. Then physically growing in stature we mature through the aging years of daily life. But quite possibly, we long for something more in life. Perhaps we long for a different way of living that transcends our mundane earthly mode of life.

Well, one such man sought to find an answer, and His searching thoughts are stirred by the greatest Teacher whom has ever graced our planet. Secretly under cover of evening darkness, the man named Nicodemus seeks the meaning of the kingdom of God that Jesus has been teaching to the gathered multitude. In his search he found a new dimension of life, a spiritual dimension transcending all worldly life, more than he could ever imagine or even comprehend.

"There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, 'Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.' Jesus answered and said to him, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'

"Nicodemus said to Him, 'How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?'

"Jesus answered, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again." The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.'

"Nicodemus answered and said to Him, 'How can these things be?'

Jesus answered and said to him, 'Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?'" John 3:1-12

Over time, as Jesus' ministry of teaching and healing eclipses Middle Eastern lands, Nicodemus is born again, transcending from a mode of earthly life to a heavenly mode of spiritual life, living a newborn experience in God.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17 - “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...” Philipians 2:5 - “...and be renewed in the spirit of your mind...” Ephesians 4:23 - “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.” Colossians 3:2

*“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these **you may be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.” 2 Peter 1:2-4*

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.” 2 Corinthians 4:16

BAPTISM THE WASHING AWAY OF SIN

You may remember in Volume Three, the ministry of baptism begins with a man called John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus’ gospel ministry among the lost multitude. *“In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand! For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.”’” Matthew 3:1-3 - “John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.” Mark 1:4-5*

And so the spiritual meaning of baptism is: Confessing and washing sin from our lives. Not a mere sprinkling of water, but total submersion beneath the cleansing water, washing the soul temple of mind, body and soul from sin.

Now from John baptizing in the river Jordan, the cleansing trail of baptism flows outward and onward. *“So the eunuch answered Philip and said ‘I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?’ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, ‘See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?’ Then Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.” Acts 8:34-38*

““And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”” Acts 22:16 - “This is He who came by water and blood - Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth.” 1 John 5:6

“...let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” Hebrews 10:22

“Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:3-11

HUMAN SPIRIT JOINED TO GOD’S SPIRIT

Our human spirit of earthly life encompasses our mind, body and soul - whereby our personality emits the spirit essence of our total being. *“But there is a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding.” Job 32:8 - “...for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, “For we are also His offspring.”” Acts 17:28 - “And Pharaoh said to his servants, ‘Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom is the Spirit of God?’” Genesis 41:38*

“...he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.” 1 Corinthians 6:17 - “And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’” Galatians 4:6--“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” Galatians 5:25 - “Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” 2 Corinthians 3:17

OUR HUMAN BEING THE INDWELLING TEMPLE OF GOD

Over earth’s surging centuries, many religious temples have been built. Some temples are built to exalt pagan creeds, others to honour and glory God.

But there is no other temple so *“... fearfully and wonderfully made...”* as the sacred temple of our mind, body and soul where indwells God’s spirit presence of divine life.

“I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.” Psalm 139:14

*“Or do you not know that your **body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a***

price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

"Do you not know that **you are the temple of God** and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" 1 Corinthians 3:16 - "...For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.'" 2 Corinthians 6:16

"Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.'" John 14:23 - "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you." John 14:20

FOLLOWING IN GOD'S PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Today in the 21st century, satellite intelligence orbits in space and we can tap our travel destinations into an "app" such as Google Maps, and navigate our way to journey's end. Astounding! And yet even more astounding, when we are heaven-bound we can tap into God's supernatural heavenly intelligence displayed in the Bible, to navigate our spiritual journey through this sinful world, until we enter heaven's paradise and hear God's welcoming voice, ""...Enter into the joy of your lord..." Matthew 25:21

And so down the blazing trail of life we venture, along the righteous way, following in Jesus' footprints to our journey's end. "Righteousness will go before Him, And shall make His footsteps our pathway." Psalm 85:1 - "...not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit..." Titus 3:5 - "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps..." 1 Peter 2:21 - "Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.'" Matthew 16:24

ABIDING IN GOD'S WORD OF LIFE

God's overwhelming desire is to share His divine knowledge with each of us, delivering us from the knowledge of evil in the world. "...For the LORD is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed." 1 Samuel 2:3 - "Forever, Oh Lord, Your word is settled in heaven." Psalm 119:89

And so during Old Testament times and early New Testament times, God chose people from all walks of earthly life and inspired their minds with holy revelations. His word of delivering knowledge was recorded on parchments called manuscripts, rolled into scrolls. "The Lord gave the word; Great was the company of those who proclaimed it." Psalm 68:11 - But God had a greater vision in mind: A plan to proclaim His saving knowledge of truth, globally, to all peoples for all time.

And thus God's visionary plan continues to unfold.

In latter centuries the manuscripts were translated from their original languages of Aramaic and Hebrew. Ancient common Greek may have been used for some of the newer manuscripts.

Very early in the 1500's a translation into Old English was started. Over the next century or so, a time in history called The Protestant Reformation, many dedicated Bible translators were persecuted and hunted by the authorities. Many paid the ultimate price for their belief in God and His Word.

However, God's word was eventually translated into the books and letters of the Bible we know today. How grateful and thankful we can be for the sacrifices made throughout earthly times, that each of us may read the Bible today, if we choose.

Can you see how God's visionary plan comes to fruition in our times? His word is now translated into multiple languages and dialects throughout the world. And radiating with God's delivering knowledge, the Bible remains forever the most awe-inspiring book of all time for all people. - *"That your way may be known on the earth, Your salvation among all nations."* Psalm 67:2

Echoing throughout the books and letters of the Bible, we hear God's loving voice speaking spiritual truths to our hearts and minds. And so heeding God's voice of saving knowledge, we are set free from our sin-imprisoned lives, and thankfully set free from the world's corrupting knowledge of beguiling falsehoods.

Yes, true biblical knowledge delivers hope for all - the rich and poor, all races and cultures of human life, the young and old, the healthy and the suffering, changing lives that lead into God's knowledge of eternity. Yet sadly, multitudes remain imprisoned in the satanic knowledge of evil, dying without hope, empty of God's true saving knowledge. *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge"* Hosea 4:6 - Tenderly God says to all - *"Search from the book of the LORD, and read..."* Isaiah 34:16

"Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little." Isaiah 28:9-10

"Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path." Psalm 119:105 - *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness..."* 2 Timothy 3:16 - *"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* Hebrews 4:12 - *"Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."* James 1:21 - *"...But my heart stands in awe of Your word. I rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure."* Psalm 119:161 - *"This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has*

given me life.” Psalm 119:50 - “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:32 - “Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.” Psalm 119:11

COMMUNING IN PRAYER WITH GOD

Prayer is a two-way communication, the vital lifeline connecting us to God and God to us. There are times for personal prayer - a private talk between a person and God: “But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.” Matthew 6:6-13

At other times when believers gather in prayer, Jesus’ spirit presence is in their prayerful midst. “For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20

When physically possible, kneeling reverently upon bended knee, we surrender our lives to God asking Him to guide our lives and sustain us in daily life. And of course, in our prayer talk with God, other important themes are openly prayed about.

With loving gratitude in worship to God, we thank God for His benevolent blessings showered upon our lives. And so our heart-to-heart prayer with God always draws us into a closer, deeper spiritual relationship with the Father and Son. Our lifeline of prayer to our Father God, ascends through the merits of Jesus’ righteousness and our prayers end in Jesus’ interceding name.- “... Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.” John 16:23 - Jesus says, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” John 14:6

On other occasions silent prayer thoughts may ascend to God, when we are busy in our work place, walking the bustling city street, out in the isolated countryside, upon our bed at night, anywhere, any place, any time day or night. God’s ears are always listening, eager to hear and answer our prayers. “The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry.” Psalm 34:15

Answers to prayer may come in a moment, or answers may take longer. You see, God’s timing is always perfect, and far superior to our human thoughts and plans. God’s overseeing benevolent love knows when an answer to prayer will be better to be

delayed, so we may be truly blessed and receive His best answers for our lives. To wait upon God is not always naturally easy for the human mind, but be reassured, waiting upon God is faith in action. *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God...”* Philippians 4:6

Meditating in appreciative thought is another way of communing with God, and amazingly through His communing spirit we hear His voice speaking to our hearts and minds. *“Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it,’ Whenever you turn to the right hand Or whenever you turn to the left.”* Isaiah 30:21

And so God longs to hear our heartfelt prayers. In simple words, He longs for us to open our souls to Him. *““Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.””* Jeremiah 33:3

Amazingly, praying for another person, lifts the recipient’s needy soul before God’s throne of delivering grace, and truly receives Jesus’ interceding blessing upon their lives. This is known as “intercessory prayer”. And so intercessory prayer for fellow humans channeled through God’s inviting spirit, has a drawing power upon the human mind and heart that awakens the sleeping soul to God’s merciful grace. Intercessory prayer is vital, as God can change situations and hearts through His all powerful ways. *“Therefore I exhort first of all that **supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men...**”* 1 Timothy 2:1

And yes, not least, we pray for those who persecute us and do us harm, that through forgiving love they might see the error of their ways and repent of their sin. While in return, our unconditional love and intercessory prayers for our persecutors deadens any retaliating resentment that might canker our own lives with sin. *“Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”* Ephesians 4:31-32

*“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, **and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,**”* Matthew 5:44

“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.” James 5:13-16

“This poor man cried out, and the LORD heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles. Psalm 34:6 - “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” Matthew 7:7-8 - *“And whatever things you ask in prayer,*

believing, you will receive.” Matthew 21:22- “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

HAVING FAITH IN GOD

Having faith in God is resting in God, believing that His guiding hand is upon the helm of our lives. Then faith is patiently waiting on God as his hand guides our lives down the narrow trail of life. While walking the daily walk of faith, our impossibilities become God’s possibilities issuing forth with supernatural divine power far exceeding our earthly limitations. *“But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.’” Mark 10:27 – “For we walk by faith, not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7*

“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1 - “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Romans 10:17- “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6 - “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.” Romans 12:3 - “And the apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’ So the Lord said, ‘If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, “Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,” and it would obey you.” Luke 17:5-6

“...looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:2

TRUSTING IN GOD

When the storms of life gather with dark clouds of clashing thunder, then comes our test in trusting in God. To trust in God’s rainbow of overarching love is to believe that He will see us through the perils of life and deliver us beyond into cloudless skies of abundant peace. Jesus says to us: *“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27 – “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33- “Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?” Psalm 56:3-4 - “Cast your burden on the LORD, And He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.” Psalm 55:22*

“But You are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in You; They

trusted, and You delivered them. They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed. Psalm 22:3-5 - “Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.”” Isaiah 12:2 - “It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man. It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in princes.” Psalm 118:8-9 - “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:5-6

CHILDREN OF GOD

In our troubled world today, many suffering souls are bereft of father and mother. No surviving family, torn apart by war or violent crime, cast out in desertion, disowned by family and friends. Yet God longs to gather all people, the fortunate, and unfortunate, all races and cultures of human life, safely into His spiritual family of heaven and earth, “...from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named...” *Ephesians 3:15 - Embraced in the Father’s welcoming arms of love, we are now children of God.*

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.” 1 John 3:1-2

“And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, ‘Abba, Father!’” Galatians 4:6

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs-heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” Romans 8:14-17

IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD

Now as children of God we remain in the world but not of the world. Our life’s focus is on heavenly things travelling the narrow spiritual trail that leads in eternal life toward God’s kingdom: *“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” Matthew 7:13-14*

Yes, the narrow way means casting off all worldly baggage from our lives: Those self-centred ways of Godless living that ensnare multitudes travelling the broad way to destruction. *“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” Mark 8:36-37*

While travelling God's narrow way, at times we shall be confronted by persecution from those travelling the broad way of worldly life. Possibly, family and friends living the broad way may choose to distance themselves from our beliefs and our stand for God.

Meanwhile Satan and his dark force of evil make their supernatural attacks upon those traveling God's narrow way, sometimes in fierce displays of anger, other times with cunning deceit. *“Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.” 2 Timothy 3:12 - “Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.” Revelation 12:12 - “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” James 4:7*

Today Jesus says to us on our narrow pilgrimage: *“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.” John 15:18-19*

And Jesus prays to our God and Father - *“I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.” John 17:14-16*

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27

GIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The first biblical account of giving a portion of income called “tithe” to support God's gospel ministry, begins in the life of Abram, whose name God later changed to Abraham meaning “Father of many nations.”

“Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. He divided his forces against them by night, and he and his servants attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah, which is north of Damascus. So he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, as well as the women and the people.

And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him.

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of

God Most High. And he blessed him and said: 'Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand.' And he (Abram) gave him a tithe of all." Genesis 14:14-20

"Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham (Abram) gave a tenth of the spoils..." Hebrews 7:4- "...Abraham gave a tenth part of all..." Hebrews 7:2

The transaction of Abraham giving one tenth of his spoils to Melchizedek, unfolds to the world God's support system of tithing. God intended that giving one tenth of our income to His gospel ministry provides an income for those people who are fully employed in teaching God's health message and those engaged in gospel ministry.

"Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine. For the Scripture says, 'You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain,' and, 'The laborer is worthy of his wages.'" 1 Timothy 5:17-18

Therefore faithfulness in paying tithe and free will offerings to support the gospel ministry is vitally important, being our obligation and duty to God. Centuries after Abraham's death, God challenges the Israelite nation with these solemn words:

"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say "In what way have we robbed You?" In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,' Says the LORD of hosts, 'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.'" Malachi 3:8-10

Truly, when we faithfully return our tithe and offerings to God, He deposits an even richer blessing in our lives overflowing with divine promise.

Give, and it shall be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38"

ABIDING IN GOD

Abiding in God is shunning the voices of the world that beckon us to abide in the sinful pleasures of the world. And so we dare not wander from the abiding presence of God, but abiding in Him we shall bear goodly fruit, growing upon the spiritual branches of our lives, glorifying God's holy name, *"...being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."* Philippians 1:11

Jesus says, *"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered;*

and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.” John 15:4-9

“And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.” 1 John 2:28 – “Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.” 1 John 3:24 - “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.” 2 John 9

ABIDING IN GOD’S COMMANDMENTS

Abiding in God’s “...doctrine of Christ...” also means abiding in His commandments. The two are inseparable for both entwine in all-encompassing truth for our lives. “*You are near, O LORD, And all Your commandments are truth.*” Psalm 119:151 - “*Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?*” Romans 7:1

God’s law of Ten Commandments is the gate keeper and guardian for true Godly living, “*Bind up the testimony, Seal the law among my disciples.*” Isaiah 8:16

The overarching goodness of God’s law guides us in spiritual, ethical, and moral living, fulfilling love for God and love for our fellow humans. While in the same motion, love fulfils the law in righteous choices, deeds and actions. Many years after Jesus’ death upon the cross, the apostle Paul, a New Testament teacher and preacher, says this about God’s law for our lives:

“Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not murder,’ ‘you shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘You shall not covet,’ and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.” Romans 13:8-10

“By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.” Romans 5: 3

Now Paul rounds out his teachings on the law by saying - “*Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.*” Romans 7:12

James, a New Testament writer, says this about God’s law and how the Ten Commandments relate to our lives: “*If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you do well; but if you show partiality,*

you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. For He who said, 'Do not commit adultery,' also said, 'Do not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery, but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty." James 2:8-12

And where does this stretch of the blazing trail lead us? Well, the stark reality is that those who reject God and His law are judged and condemned by their own lawless deeds and actions.

While those who profess to practice God's law? Their conduct is judged by the righteous standard of God's law. *"For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law..."* Romans 2:12 - *"So speak and do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty."* James 2:8-12.

Now we meet John, another New Testament apostle, who says if we truly know the Son of God we will keep His commandments of life:

"Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 John 2:3-4

"And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us." 1 John 3:22-24

"This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it." 2 John 6

And John reveals an amazing sighting of God's love commandments. Caught up in vision, John beholds in the heavenly temple the Ark of the Covenant, containing God's law of Ten Commandments. *"Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail."* Revelation 11:19

Yes, God's commandments of law stream with love from His heavenly temple into the world today for our keeping. Yes, for you and me today in the 21st century.

And so realising that the formulation of God's law flows from His righteous character, let us also realise the importance of living in harmony with His holy example of righteous living.

"My tongue shall speak of Your word, For all Your commandments are righteousness." Psalm 119:172- *"Listen to Me, My people; And give ear to Me, O My nation: For law will*

proceed from Me, And I will make My justice rest As a light of the peoples.” Isaiah 51:4

Jesus says to us today, “...if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” *Matthew 19:17* - “If you love Me, keep My commandments.” *John 14:15* - “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” *John 14:21*

Amazingly, while keeping God’s law of Ten Commandments, we will become holders of our righteous passport to enter into God’s heavenly city at the time of Jesus’ second coming. Then we also receive the right to partake of the tree of life planted in the midst of the New Jerusalem. “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.” *Revelation 22:14* - “Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus .” *Revelation 14:12*

BE WARE OF SATANIC LAWLESSNESS

Do not be deceived by Satan’s lies and his demons’ trickery. For they know their evil rebellion against God’s law caused their own downfall in heaven.

And so to bring humanity down into the death pit of lawlessness, the dark force schemes to make God’s law appear null and void of any required observance, even in our day. “...Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time.” *Revelation 12:12* - “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” *1 Peter 5:8*

While in another deceptive ploy, Satan and his human cohorts attempt to twist and distort God’s law into what appears to be lawful observance. “Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law, Have fellowship with You?” *Psalms 94:20* - Those who love and keep God’s law, “...know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully...” *1 Timothy 1:8*

“To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” *Isaiah 8:20* - “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.” *2 Corinthians 11:13-15*

“It is time for You to act, O LORD, For they have regarded Your law as void.” *Psalms 119:126*

Remember when sin emerged through Lucifer’s (Satan’s) lawless rebellion, and the dreadful confusion caused by Lucifer’s deceit and lies? Well, Lucifer, the fallen angels, and sin itself were cast out of heaven. Do you think God will allow sin to re-enter

heaven by humans who practice lawlessness? No. God will never allow sin to re-enter heaven. *“For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You.” Psalm 5:4*

*“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: **for this is the whole duty of man.** For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*

JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD

And so abiding in God’s law of commandments we press on in our spiritual walk with God the Father and His only begotten Son. Having received into our heart, mind and soul God’s word of deliverance, confessed and repented of our sin, we stand before God justified.

Justified simply means having received God’s gift of saving grace we are acquitted of our sins and made right before God as though we had not sinned, *“...being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus...” Romans 3:24*

“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.” Romans 5:6-11

“For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.” Titus 3:3-7

And so being justified and reconciled to God, our past life of sin has passed away. Yet at times we may feel unworthy of God’s merciful love. Remembrance of sin may linger, casting woeful doubts of not being forgiven or loved, or accepted by God. But amazingly, our human weakness only multiplies God’s saving grace toward us.

In spite of our human weakness, we continue to believe and cling to God’s word of promise because He is a God of truth. He does not and cannot lie, *“...in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began...” Titus 1:2 - “...Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.” Isaiah 46:11*

And so in one amazing moment we stand justified before God as though we had not sinned, then we enter a new phase of life of not only being JUSTIFIED before God but also being SANCTIFIED in God.

SANCTIFIED IN GOD

Sanctified in God means as we walk our daily spiritual walk with God, we are kept in His holy ways of righteous living. This walk of sanctifying faith continues throughout our remaining life time. *“Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 5:23*

So being sanctified in God encompasses our entire being of mind, body and soul - blending in a holy lifestyle of daily thoughts, choices and actions.

Thus our human minds are the well spring of sanctified thought.

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...” Philippians 2:5 - “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:2 - “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he...” Proverbs 23:7 - “Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalm 139:23-24

Amazingly, our human bodies are the sanctified temples for God’s indwelling spirit. *“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31 - “And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.” 1 Corinthians 9:25*

And our human souls are linked to God’s divine soul in sanctified spiritual harmony. *“But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.” 1 Corinthians 6:17 - “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him...” Colossians 2:6*

And so in our daily sanctified walk with God, more and more our human character is transformed into the likeness of God’s divine character. Our thoughts and deeds reflect God’s holy thoughts and righteous deeds.

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

“For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 1:2-8

UNINTENTIONALLY ENTICED BY SIN

Yet contending with our human weaknesses, at times we may unintentionally stray from the sanctified path, be caught off guard and become enticed by sin. But all is not lost, nor are we forsaken by God. Acknowledging our sin, confessing to God, and repenting of sin we receive God’s forgiveness and we step back on the sanctified path and continue our spiritual walk with God.

“My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.” 1 John 2:1-2

“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.” 1 John 1:7-10

We can receive encouragement from King David’s heart rending prayer when in his walk with God, King David slips off the sanctified path in an act of adulterous sin. *“Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight...” Psalm 51:1-4*

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.” Psalm 51:10-12

Yet rising above King David’s shortcomings we hear God’s accolades proclaimed upon David’s life, *“...I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.” Acts 13:22* - What greater honour from God could a person ever wish to hear and hope for.

FIERY TRIALS TURNED FOR GOOD IN OUR LIVES

Daily walking the sanctified path, we may at times encounter fiery trials that buffet our souls, sometimes bringing perplexity and distress to our lives, testing our faith and trust in God. Being perplexed and distressed are natural reactions to trials and difficulties.

Yet the trials of life can be the loving hand of God correcting us and teaching us Godly ways of righteous living. *“Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you...” 1 Peter 4:12*

“...For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.’ If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?” Hebrews 12:6-7 - “Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.” Hebrews 12:9-11

“My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.” Proverbs 3:11-12

“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

“That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ...” 1 Peter 1:7 KJV

Learning from our faults and failings, strengthened with enduring faith in God’s leading providence, we press forward on the sanctifying path that leads to the grand prize of everlasting life.

“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:12-14

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And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26





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