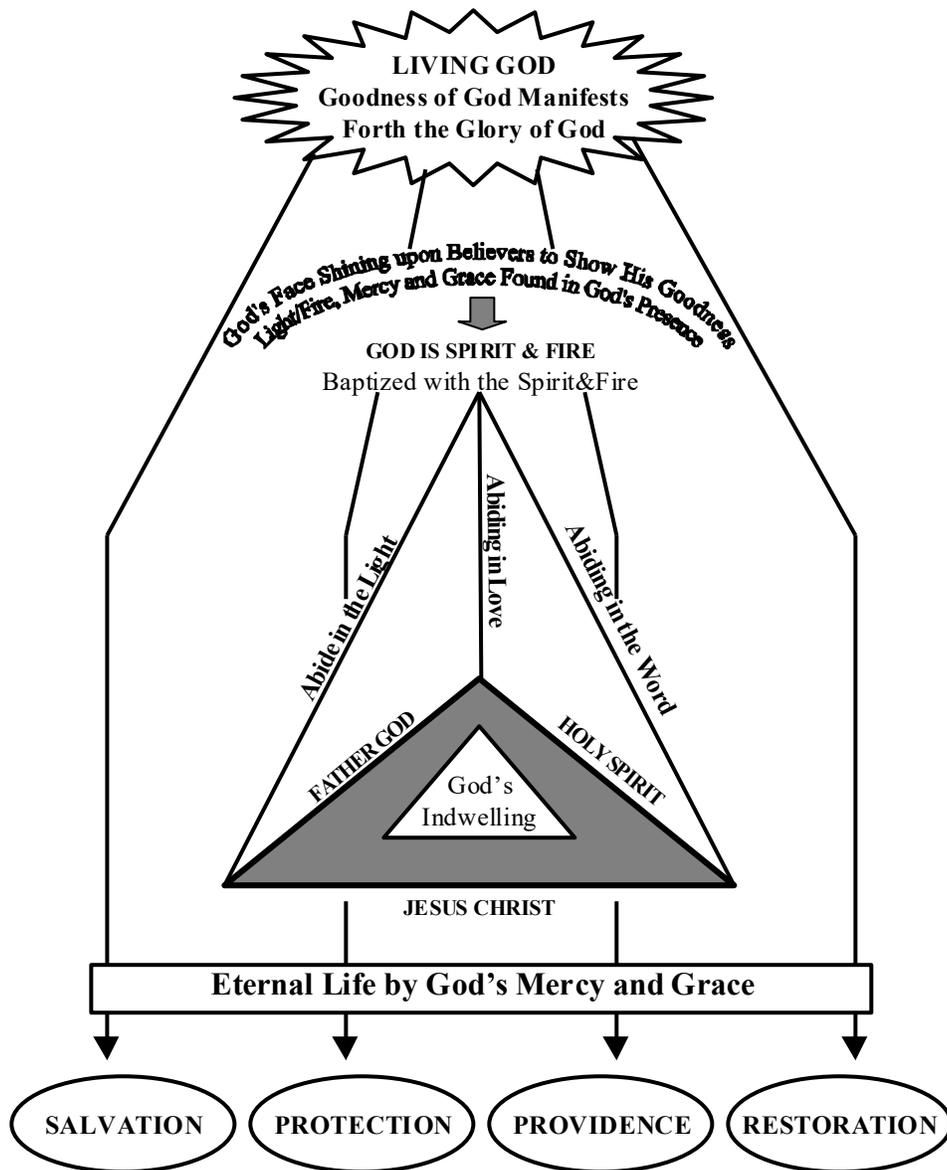


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# Preface

We always wonder why we are under pressure all the time. We invariably question in our heart "Am I cursed in some way? Who will help in my misery that I may have a more abundant life? If God is there to help, how does he manifest that I may know Him?" People say God is light and I can live in His presence and inherit an abundant life by faith in Jesus. If so, is my life in God similar to my life in sunlight now? How His goodness manifests that I may lay hold of it for an abundant life?

Analysis of these genuine concerns and the answers from the Bible are synthesized and presented in the first section of this book. The flesh and the evil enemy dominate the people who are alienated from the life of God. The ways they enslave them and what they add to them are exposed. The destructive things that result from this bondage that place people under constant pressure are identified. You will get proper guidance in this book to effectively invite God's presence into you that brings answers to all of these problems. God in you will become not only your deliverer but also the source of a more glorious life. Many practical, thought provoking analogies, visual summaries and illustrations are used to uncover the glory of God that has risen upon your life in Christ Jesus.

An exposition for the rising of God's glory upon the people of the earth is given in section one. It will make you rich in knowledge about the glory of God's character and appearance. God's glory will light the world once the sun and the moon are darkened. You will gain insight about your glorious life in the new city Jerusalem. You will recognize the shining of God in your heart and upon the body of Christ. It will help you see how God's goodness manifests and yields you an abundant life. Consequently, you will begin to comprehend and appreciate that God faithfully keeps all of His covenant promises with you.

In essence, you will gain insight from the information presented in section one to properly position yourself in God for an abundant life. It

will enhance your ability to see God and His kingdom in God's light and acknowledge the glory of His presence upon you. You will be properly guided to draw near to God and live in His presence. You will therefore know the truth and be free; discern the direction for your life; get purified; get rid of the dominion of your enemies; be refreshed; receive healing, prosperity and live in the power of resurrection.

Still you may question "How do I find favor with God, Who is invisible? Does God really protect me from ...*everything*? If God provides can I expect abundant supply from Him? Does God restore me even when I fail Him and others?" Analysis of these valid concerns and the answers from the Bible are synthesized and presented in the second section of this book. Many visual summaries, practical illustrations and thought provoking analogies such as described below are used to explore your potential to live in God's glory.

The salvation by faith and baptism lifts you to live in God's presence. If an ordinary girl becomes a faithful covenant partner in marriage with a prince, she gains access to all the goodness of the king. As a wife, she has access to all the resources of the family for her provision, protection and restoration in her husband's name. This word picture is used to vividly show why you should choose by faith to become a covenant partner with God in Christ. Then you will have an undeniable access to enter into God's presence and find favor for all your needs in Jesus name.

A loving earthly father present with his child protects the child from many harmful things. This analogy is used to show how your heavenly Father's presence upon your life, if you indeed are born of God, protects you from all harmful things. Many of these harmful things are identified with regard to your life in the spirit, soul, body, society and the world.

A profound principle that helps you receive from God is clearly laid out in the book. Usually, you receive things for your life only from those of whom you willingly choose to stand right with and let dominate over you. As far as you allow your parents, teachers, employer, government and social associations like churches and clubs to rule over your life, they are able to add things to fulfill your needs. These kinds of word pictures are used to explain why you should seek after God's kingdom and His righteousness to empower Him to add to your needs.

Many children in various occasions refuse to hear their parents and fall either into addiction or sickness or wrong associations or poverty etc. A loving earthly father always waits to restore a repenting child who

rebelled against him. Similarly, you will understand in section two how God your heavenly Father revives you and restores to Him, once you draw near to Him in repentance. The areas of revival are listed to help you diagnose your backsliding in your own life. It will enable you to get back on track with God wherever you are falling short of His glory.

Many people may acknowledge the potential to have an abundant life in Christ. Yet, some tend to doubt their ability to measure up in the sight of God. You may voice your concern, "What do I do, my heart refuses to submit to God for answers? Can I prosper in God in spite of my poor choices and wounding emotions of my past? How can I get rid of my evil conscience, which always convicts me of my sin and judgment? When I look at my inner person I doubt whether I have the ability to know God and receive from Him? Why I struggle so much to focus my mind on the things of God? Certainly, my body doesn't seem like an instrument of God at all. In this condition, I do not know what it really takes to access God's goodness to prosper in Him? My case indeed appears to be hopeless. Does God thoroughly change me or recreate a new me inside that I may know him and receive from Him?"

Analysis of these concerns and the answers from the Bible are synthesized and presented in section three of this book. If your soul is lost with regard to God, sin reigns through the dominions of the flesh and Satan. The condition of your spirit, soul, body, heart, mind and conscience under the slavery of sin is described. This will make you aware of the roots of your poor choices and wounding emotions.

Jesus, Who being the sacrificial lamb of God, justifies you by His flesh and blood. Now, you can make Jesus your atonement by faith and stand right with God without your own works. You will know how you are washed clean of all your filthiness in Jesus name, blood and the Holy Spirit. Faith in Jesus is the way for God's Spirit to enter and give you life. God, Who can recreate you and dwell in you in Christ Jesus, empowers you to overcome flesh and Satan. The individual aspects of Jesus name, blood and the Holy Spirit in the work of redemption with respect to your spirit, soul, body, heart, mind and conscience are distinctly addressed.

You will learn in section three the new you in Christ who can access God's goodness in Jesus name, blood and the Holy Spirit. You will discover your new spirit born of the Spirit, your new heart that is circumcised in the Spirit, cleansed conscience that bears witness in the Spirit and your Spirit filled body. Then, you will become aware of your new spiritual senses by which you discern God in the Spirit. You will

also acknowledge your new ability to be renewed by the Spirit of your mind and have the mind of Christ. So, you can stand right with God and have joyful victories by faith with the peace of God. All these things empower you to abide in God's light, Spirit, word and love and live in God's abundance. Therefore, you can worship and fellowship with God in the Spirit and prosper in Him.

In the final analysis, you will discover many aspects of God's goodness as well as your new ability in Christ to access it for your needs. Various attributes of God's goodness are revealed through the names of God. The information in section three will immensely help you dominate over sin and live by the Spirit in you and grace toward you. For knowing the truth will make you free. The Spirit and grace through the truth therefore destroy the yoke of bondage to sinful choices and emotions that stem from the flesh and Satan. This new favorable condition empowers you to prosper in God.

While you seek the kingdom of God, the mercy and grace of God abound towards you through different ways and issue in eternal life. The avenues through which you receive God's mercy and grace are identified and explained through various analogies and visual diagrams. The book will show how you can have a victorious life over the flesh and Satan and successfully reach your destiny in God. You will also get ample guidance to let God, through empowering you by His Spirit, destroy your yoke of bondage to inner darkness, sinful habits, death, sickness and evil spirits.

The contents of this book are a cross between a friendly discussion of a slide presentation and a unique reference resource. Findings from years of research, meditation and development are simplified and presented in a discernible form to guide people from various walks of life. This is also a tool for teaching and word study for leaders and followers. Sermons, seminars and study materials can be readily prepared with little effort using the Bible verses, index and visual summaries included in this book. Bible verses pertaining to the precepts and claims by the author are reproduced at the end of most sections. College professors, pastors and other leaders can be tremendously benefited from the exposition of the information presented. Also, the word pictures may enable students and people who attend church to enrich their life with things of God. It will empower them to do the work of the ministry without engaging in years of rigorous training or personal study.

# Section 1

## Uncovering of God's Glory upon Your Life



# 1

## Lacking in Life by Falling Short of the Glory of God

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### Why Am I Under Pressure All the Time? Am I Cursed?

The flesh and the evil enemy dominate a person who is alienated from the life of God. They add to you curses including death of people and relationships you treasure. The lack or poverty associated with sickness and diseases will also be rampant. Moreover, you will invariably stumble over those who care for you because of inner darkness due to the absence of God's light in you. You will learn in this chapter why these ungodly things place you under constant pressure.

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The life of our soul is primarily driven by our inner desires. We express these desires by our emotions. We exercise our free will to make provisions that fulfill those desires. God said all souls that sin shall surely die. When sin entered the world through the sinful choices of the first man Adam, it reigned in death. All of us who descended from him have also sinned and come short of the glory of God. Consequently, our souls are in a lost condition with regard to God.

We therefore, being slaves of sin, let sin dominate our will and emotions. We lift our hearts and souls to idols. It is revealed by our worship life, service and exercising of our faith that are outside true God and His Christ. In fact, we submit to other personalities and things, which are of the flesh or spirit of this world as the sources of fulfillment. Our sinful beliefs and values that drive this kind of lifestyle cause us to continuously suffer as they do not let God dominate in our lives. Owing to the evil nature of those sources we depend on, we invariably get afflicted in our soul and live in torment.

While our soul is lost with regard to God, our bodies are separated from God, who is a Spirit, light and love. Darkness dominates our life in the spirit. We cannot know God or see His kingdom. We do not abide in the love of God and therefore walk according to the flesh. It is displayed by our walk in the lust of the flesh, lust of the eye and pride of life which are not of God the Father. Inevitably, this condition compels us to live under the curse of the law. Consequently, sickness, diseases and sinful habits dominate our life in the flesh that lead us to death.

If we live without God, our life in the society is in bondage to ungodly traditions of people. We seek after plans rooted in these sinful traditions to have social prominence. Sometimes this leads us into lack or poverty. In addition, if we are not the citizens of God's kingdom, our life in the world is ruled by the powers of darkness. The devil who holds the power of death keeps us in bondage through fear of death. Consequently, we live under the oppression of the devil who sinfully controls our life.

Jesus blood, being the atonement for our soul, provides a way to the Father God by faith. The blood atoned for our sin enables us to enter into God's presence and find mercy and grace. Now, we can draw near to God in repentance through Jesus blood. In other words, we may come to the throne of grace by faith in Jesus. And, God saves us when we believe and are baptized.

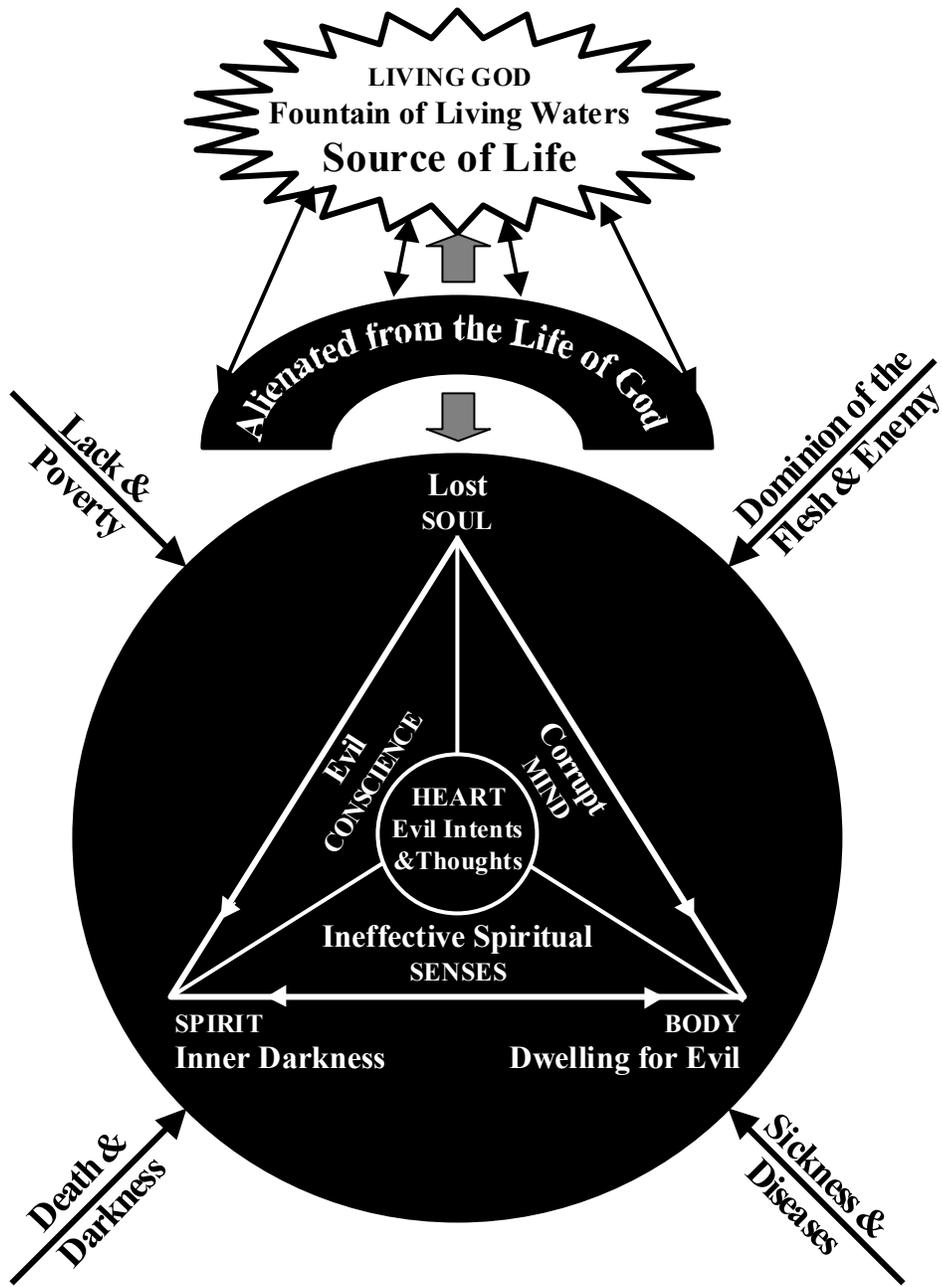
When the gospel is preached in Jesus name the word is near us. If we refuse to hear, believe and speak the truth in love, we fail to find God's

forgiveness. We proceed in our lost condition and do not receive favor from God for an abundant life. In other words, we neither love God and others, nor seek after God's plan and purposes by faith as our means to progress in life. Instead, we carry out plans both rooted in the flesh of men and the spirit of the world and wrongfully expect God to bless them. If we are separated from the Spirit and grace of God in this way, our souls continue to be in bondage to sin and death. The faith on God's Word that frees our soul for life does not prevail due to inadequate power and grace of God operating in our lives.

We who are not willing to be joined to the Lord in one spirit continue to live under the curse of the law. We do not come to light through love but continue to live in darkness. Thus, we cannot have the knowledge of the glory of God and His kingdom. As a result, we neither worship God, nor fellowship with Him, nor seek after His dominion in our life. This position outside God does not allow the things of God to be added to our life. Despite this cursed status, we try in vain to prosper in the world without God. We invariably yield to our own flesh and the spirit of the world and wind up serving and worshipping idols. For idols make room to accommodate the desires of our flesh and prosper in a worldly way. This ungodly lifestyle causes us to continue to live in the shadow of death.

We, who do not choose to be in Jesus, resist the Spirit of God entering into our body. We let the curse of the law manifest through oppression of the enemy accompanied by the sickness, poverty and fear of death. This condition never encourages us to sanctify our deeds unto God. In other words, we forsake God's will, plan and purposes as our means to feed the body with food, drink and sex. Alternatively, we carry out sinful plans rooted in idolatry, covetousness and faithlessness to feed the desires of our body. Our body, without the help of the Holy Spirit, continues to abide in bondage. It includes lawless deeds, lack of health, sickness, demonic possession and oppression. The sanctification of our body for eternal life, therefore, cannot be achieved without the Spirit of God dwelling in our body by our faith in Jesus name.

We who are without Christ do not have the love of God in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. We have an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. Consequently, we do not walk in love as a way to stand right with God and others. We lean on our own understanding, according to the temptations of this life. Having our hearts darkened, we submit to evil thoughts and intents that are rooted in pride, lust, fear and idols. We



**Condition of People Who Are Alienated from God**

also readily yield to Satan so that he fills our hearts and compels us to lie to the Holy Spirit. We indeed make sinful choices in an effort to prosper in this world without God. When we are separated from God the Father, sin and unrighteousness rule our hearts and lead us into death. We indeed desperately need the love of God in our hearts by the Holy Spirit to overcome pride, lust, fear and idols. For walking in God's love by faith is what makes the grace of God abound towards us for an abundant life.

We who do not let God dwell in us fall short of God's power to overcome the works of the enemy and prosper. The works of the devil invariably corrupt our mind and cause us to continuously dwell in fear of death. The spirit of fear that operates through our debased mind tries to destroy our faith in God for answers. As a result, we lose our joy by a tormenting thought life due to little or no faith in God, who can bring us the victory. The enemy tries to abort God's plan and purposes for our lives by destroying our faith through trials, tribulations, cares of this world and deceitfulness of riches. If we are separated from God the Father, the activities of the devil influence our thoughts and constantly disrupt our joy, owing to faithless thoughts and plans. We, as a result, desperately need the Spirit and grace of God to overcome the works of the enemy and be victorious.

We who do not believe in Christ who hanged on the cross for us fall short of the mercy of God to be redeemed from the curse of the law. This condition causes us to have poor self-esteem due to the low value imposed by the curses that prevail in our lives. They include sickness, poverty, demons and death. Also, our conscience becomes defiled as we live according to the spirit of the world that traps us into a value system rooted in pride, lust, idols and fear. Yielding to these values of the world in order to fulfill our inner desire to be highly esteemed by others causes us to serve the traditions of the world. If we are separated from God the Father, sinfulness and condemnation dominate our consciousness. They constantly disrupt our peace, owing to the accusation of an evil conscience. We, as a result, desperately need God's mercy to be redeemed from the curse of the law and live in peace.

A visual summary is presented on the page to the left for the condition of people alienated from the life of God. As shown within the top star, the living God, who is the fountain of living waters, is the source of our eternal life. Many people, as illustrated below the star, can be alienated from the life of God. A summary of the status of those people who do not have the life of God in them is shown on the left page in a

circle that surrounds the integrated triangles with a small center circle. The curses of the law, which come upon these people, are shown along the arrows pointed towards this circle on page 24. The conditions pertaining to the spirit, soul, body, senses, heart, mind and conscience of those people are distinctly listed on the integrated triangles with a center circle on page 24.

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## Bible References

### All Humankind Have Sinned and Fall Short of the Glory of God

**Yielding to Evil Desires Gives Birth to Sin That Brings Forth Death:** <sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and *lean not on your own understanding;* (Prov 3:5) <sup>5</sup>"**God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.** <sup>8</sup>Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Pet 5:5,8) <sup>8</sup>He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning.(1 Jn 3:8) <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. <sup>14</sup>But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. <sup>15</sup>Then, *when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.* <sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.(James 1:13-16)

**All of Us Have Sinned and Fall Short of the Glory of God:** <sup>10</sup>As it is written: "*There is none righteous, no, not one;*(Rom 3:10) <sup>17</sup>All unrighteousness is sin.(1 Jn 5:17) <sup>23</sup>*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*(Rom 3:23) <sup>13</sup>"When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but *because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die.* (Ezek 33:13) O' God <sup>5</sup>You are indeed angry, for we have sinned--in these ways we continue; and we need to be saved. <sup>6</sup>But we are all like an unclean thing, and *all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;* we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.(Isa 64:5-6)

**Death Spread to All Men Through Sin That Entered the World Through First Man Adam:** <sup>4</sup>"Yet the LORD has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day," (Deut 29:1-6) until Jesus came, because <sup>12</sup>through one man, *sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned--* <sup>13</sup>(For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.(Rom 5:12-14)

### Curse of the Law Operating in the Life of Sinners

**We Who Are Sinners Live Under the Curses of the Law:** <sup>15</sup>"But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His

commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that ***all these curses will come upon you and overtake you.***<sup>(Deut 28:15)</sup> Read Deut 28 from the verse 16 through 57 to know the details of the curses. <sup>59</sup>"then the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues-- great and prolonged plagues-- and serious and prolonged sicknesses. <sup>60</sup>"Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. <sup>61</sup>"Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, will the LORD bring upon you until you are destroyed.<sup>(Deut 28:59-61)</sup> <sup>66</sup>"Your life shall hang in doubt before you; ***you shall fear day and night***, and have no assurance of life. <sup>67</sup>"In the morning you shall say, 'Oh, that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Oh, that it were morning!' because of the fear which terrifies your heart, and because of the sight which your eyes see.<sup>(Deut 28:66-67)</sup>

## **God Does Not Dwell in Those Without Their Love for Him in Jesus**

**Godhead Does Not Dwell in Those of Us Who Do Not Love God in Jesus:** <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.<sup>(1 Jn 5:3)</sup> <sup>22</sup>Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that ***You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?***"<sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>"***He who does not love Me does not keep My words.***<sup>(John 14:22-24)</sup> <sup>9</sup>Now ***if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.***<sup>(Rom 8:9)</sup>

**We Who Refuse to Have Faith in Jesus Christ Do Not Receive the Holy Spirit to Have Life:** Jesus said <sup>26</sup>"But the Helper, the ***Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name.***<sup>(John 14:26)</sup> <sup>17</sup>"***the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him.***<sup>(John 14:17)</sup> <sup>63</sup>"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing.<sup>(John 6:63)</sup> Therefore <sup>14</sup>the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.<sup>(1 Cor 2:14)</sup> <sup>9</sup>Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.<sup>(Rom 8:9)</sup> ) <sup>5</sup>Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?--<sup>(Gal 3:5)</sup>

## **Sinners Who Do Not Believe the Gospel Are Not Redeemed**

**Salvation of Our Soul by Grace in Jesus by the Implanted Word of God (Gospel):** <sup>24</sup>to testify to ***the gospel of the grace of God.***<sup>(Acts 20:24)</sup> <sup>5</sup>you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, <sup>6</sup>which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;<sup>(Col 1:5-6)</sup> Then <sup>21</sup>receive with meekness ***the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.***<sup>(James 1:21)</sup> <sup>17</sup>So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.<sup>(Rom 10:17)</sup> and by <sup>9</sup>receiving ***the end of your faith-- the salvation of your souls.*** <sup>10</sup>Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you.<sup>(1 Pet 1:9-10)</sup> For <sup>11</sup>"we believe that ***through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved.***"<sup>(Acts 15:11)</sup> <sup>8</sup>***For by grace you have been saved through faith,*** and that not of ourselves; it is the gift of God.<sup>(Eph 2:8)</sup> <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup>"***And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.***"<sup>(John 8:31-32)</sup> <sup>24</sup>"Most

assuredly, I say to you, **he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life**, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.<sup>(John 5:24)</sup>

**Gospel Will Not Profit Those Who Do Not Believe:** <sup>13</sup>*Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law*, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), <sup>14</sup>that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.<sup>(Gal 3:13-14)</sup> <sup>2</sup>For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter My rest," although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.<sup>(Heb 4:2-3)</sup> <sup>18</sup>And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? <sup>19</sup>So we see that **they could not enter in because of unbelief**.<sup>(Heb 3:18-19)</sup>

**Those Who Refuse to Believe in Jesus Are Not of God:** Jesus said <sup>37</sup>" you seek to kill Me, because **My word has no place in you**. <sup>38</sup>"I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father." <sup>51</sup>"Most assuredly, I say to you, **if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death**."<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. <sup>43</sup>"Why do you not understand My speech? Because **you are not able to listen to My word**. <sup>44</sup>"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. 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. <sup>45</sup>"But **because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me**. <sup>46</sup>"Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? <sup>47</sup>"He who is of God hears God's words; therefore **you do not hear, because you are not of God**."<sup>55</sup>"Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word."<sup>(John 8:37,38,51,42-47,55)</sup>

**Love of God and Word of God Do Not Dwell in Those Who Refuse to Come to Jesus to Have Eternal Life:** <sup>38</sup>"But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. <sup>39</sup>"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. <sup>40</sup>"But **you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life**. <sup>42</sup>"But I know you, that **you do not have the love of God in you**.<sup>(John 5:38-40,42)</sup>

## Living in Darkness Without Jesus

**Those Who Practice Evil Do Not Come to Light That Is in Jesus:** <sup>12</sup>Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."<sup>(John 8:12)</sup> Therefore by Jesus coming <sup>16</sup>The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."<sup>(Matt 4:16)</sup> <sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>And the light shines in the darkness, and **the darkness did not comprehend it**.<sup>(John 1:4-5)</sup> For <sup>18</sup>**he who does not believe is condemned already**, because he has not believed

in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the condemnation, that *the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*<sup>20</sup> *For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light,* lest his deeds should be exposed.<sup>(John 3:18-20)</sup> <sup>35</sup>Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness.<sup>(Luke 11:35)</sup>

**Those Who Walk in Darkness Do Not Love But Stumble:** <sup>35</sup>Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.<sup>(John 12:35)</sup> <sup>11</sup>But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because *the darkness has blinded his eyes.*<sup>(I Jn 2:11)</sup> And <sup>14</sup>*He who does not love his brother abides in death.*<sup>(I Jn 3:14)</sup> <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup>*But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.*"<sup>(John 11:9-10)</sup>

**We Cannot See the Kingdom of God or Communicate with God Without a New Spirit and the Holy Spirit:** <sup>17</sup>And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.<sup>(Acts 2:17-18)</sup> <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, *unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, *unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.*" <sup>6</sup>"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.<sup>(John 3:3,5,6)</sup> <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to *speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*<sup>(Acts 2:4)</sup> <sup>2</sup>*For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God,* for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.<sup>(1 Cor 14:2)</sup> <sup>18</sup>For through Him(Jesus) we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.<sup>(Eph 2:18).</sup>

## Evil Heart of a Person Who Alienates Himself from God

**We Who Resist the Holy Spirit Do Not Have the Love of God in Our Hearts:** <sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and *everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.* <sup>8</sup>*He who does not love does not know God,* for God is love. <sup>12</sup>No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.<sup>(I Jn 4:7,8,12,13)</sup> and also <sup>5</sup>the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.<sup>(Rom 5:5)</sup> Therefore <sup>14</sup>*He who does not love his brother abides in death.*<sup>(I Jn 3:14)</sup>

**Having an Evil Heart of Unbelief by Departing from the Living God:** <sup>10</sup>Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.' <sup>11</sup>So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "<sup>12</sup>Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an *evil heart of unbelief* in departing from the living God; <sup>13</sup>but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you *be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*<sup>(Heb 3:10-13)</sup> <sup>14</sup>having eyes full of

adultery and that cannot cease from sin, beguiling unstable souls. ***They have a heart trained in covetous practices***, and are accursed children. <sup>15</sup>***They have forsaken the right way*** and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;(2 Pet 2:14-15)

**Hearts of Those Who Do Not Glorify God Are Darkened and End Up Worshipping and Serving Idols:**<sup>21</sup>Although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their ***foolish hearts were darkened***. <sup>22</sup>Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup>and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man-- and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. <sup>24</sup>Therefore ***God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts***, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup>who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and ***worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator***, who is blessed forever. Amen. (Rom 1:21-25)

**Satan Fills the Hearts of Those Who Yield to Him and Causes Them to Lie to the Holy Spirit:** <sup>3</sup>But Peter said, "Ananias, ***why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit*** and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? <sup>4</sup>"While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? ***Why have you conceived this thing in your heart?*** You have not lied to men but to God." <sup>5</sup>Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.(Acts 5:3-5)

### **Body Is the Dwelling for Evil Without God the Holy Spirit**

**We Cannot Sanctify Our Deeds and Live Without the Holy Spirit:**<sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,<sup>21</sup>envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Gal 5:19-21) <sup>17</sup>The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.(Rom 14:17) <sup>5</sup>For ***when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death***. <sup>6</sup>But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in ***the newness of the Spirit*** and not in the oldness of the letter.(Rom 7:5-6) <sup>17</sup>For ***the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh***; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. <sup>16</sup>I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.(Gal 5:17,16)

### **Corrupt Mind of Unbelievers Resists the Truth About Gospel**

**Minds of Unbelievers Become Futile for They Are Blinded to the Knowledge of God:** <sup>15</sup>To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and ***unbelieving*** nothing is pure; but even ***their mind and conscience are defiled***.(Titus 1:15) <sup>4</sup>***whose mind the god of this age has blinded***, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.(2 Cor 4:4) <sup>18</sup>***having their***

*understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God*, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart;(Eph 4:18) <sup>17</sup>This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in *the futility of their mind*.(Eph 4:17) <sup>28</sup>And even as *they did not like to retain God in their knowledge*, God gave them over to a *debased mind*, to do those things which are not fitting;(Rom 1:28) <sup>3</sup>among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in *the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind*, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.(Eph 2:3)

**People Whose Minds Are Corrupted Through Deception of Satan Resist the Truth:**

<sup>3</sup>But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, *so your minds may be corrupted* from the simplicity that is in Christ.(2 Cor 11:3) <sup>8</sup>Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: *men of corrupt minds*, disapproved concerning the faith;(2 Tim 3:8) <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with His arm; *he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts*.(Luke 1:51) <sup>18</sup>Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, *vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind*.(Col 2:18) <sup>5</sup>useless wranglings of *men of corrupt minds* and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.(1 Tim 6:5) <sup>14</sup>But *their minds were blinded*. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ.(2 Cor 3:14)

**If We Do Not Like to Retain the Knowledge of God, Our Mind Is Defiled and Leads Us to Be Engaged in Sinful Things Those Deserve Death:**

<sup>6</sup>For to be *carnally minded is death*, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for *it is not subject to the law of God*, nor indeed can be.(Rom 8:6-7) <sup>15</sup>To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but *even their mind and conscience are defiled*. <sup>16</sup>They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work. (Titus 1:15-16)<sup>28</sup>And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a *debased mind*, to do those things which are not fitting; <sup>29</sup>being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, <sup>30</sup>backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup>undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; <sup>32</sup>who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are *worthy of death*, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. (Rom 1:28-32)

**We Cannot Subject Our Mind to the Law of God Without the Help of the Holy Spirit:**

<sup>15</sup>*If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him*. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.(1 Jn 2:15-17) Therefore <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>Because the *carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be*. (Rom 8:5-7)

## **Destruction by Setting the Mind on Things of the Flesh and the World**

**If We Set Our Mind on the Things of the Flesh and the Earth We Will Have Destruction and Death:** <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh *set their minds*<sup>(5426)</sup> *on the things of the flesh*, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.<sup>(Rom 8:5)</sup> <sup>7</sup>Because *the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.*<sup>(Rom 8:7)</sup> <sup>19</sup>whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame-- *who set their mind on earthly things.*<sup>(Phil 3:19)</sup> <sup>6</sup>For *to be carnally minded is death*, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.<sup>(Rom 8:6)</sup>

**We Who Do Not Have the Spirit Think and Make Fearful and Lustful Plans to Win:** <sup>7</sup>For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.<sup>(2 Tim 1:7)</sup> <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But *he who fears has not been made perfect in love.*<sup>(1 Jn 4:18)</sup> <sup>12</sup>And they said, "That is hopeless! So we will walk according to our own plans, and we will every one obey the dictates of his evil heart."<sup>(Jer 18:12)</sup> <sup>15</sup>This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.<sup>(James 3:15-16)</sup> <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, <sup>3</sup>among whom also we all once *conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind*, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.<sup>(Eph 2:2-3)</sup>

## **Evil Conscience of Sinners / Unbelievers**

**Conscience of Unbelievers Is Defiled and Convicts of Sin:** <sup>1</sup>Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, <sup>2</sup>speaking lies in hypocrisy, *having their own conscience seared with a hot iron.*<sup>(1 Tim 4:1-2)</sup> <sup>15</sup>To the pure all things are pure, but to *those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.* <sup>16</sup>They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.<sup>(Titus 1:15-16)</sup> <sup>7</sup>So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, "*He who is without sin among you*, let him throw a stone at her first." <sup>8</sup>And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. <sup>9</sup>Then those who heard it, *being convicted by their conscience*, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.<sup>(John 8:7-9)</sup>

**Accusation of an Evil Conscience of Those Who Do Not Have a Covenant with God:** <sup>14</sup>for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, <sup>15</sup>*who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them* <sup>16</sup>in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.<sup>(Rom 2:14-16)</sup> <sup>20</sup>Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for *by the law is the knowledge of sin.*<sup>(Rom 3:20)</sup>

# God in Us Is the Hope of Our Glory

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## Who Will Help in My Misery that I May Have a More Abundant Life

You stumble in life owing to your inner darkness. You also suffer from sickness, death, inadequate supply, lack of social influence and oppression of the devil. Miseries like these are the consequences of ungodly dominions primarily result from a condition alienated from God. You will discover in this chapter that God is able to save you from all these things that keep you in bondage. In addition, you will get proper guidance to effectively invite God's presence into you, Who is the source of all answers to all of your problems. He in you will become not only your deliverer but also the provider of a more abundant life.

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Jesus is the door of entry into the Kingdom of God and to see God's glory. The covenant in His blood is what made a way for us to enter into the throne of God. The covenant relationship with God through Jesus can be compared with a marriage covenant between a man and a woman. For it joins two separate individuals as one flesh, according to their faithfulness. It also places the two as husband and wife inside the same house as joint-heirs without works. Similarly, God's new covenant also makes us one spirit with the Lord according to our faith. God comes and dwells in us and makes us joint-heirs with Christ without our own works. As a result, we become the temple of God as described below.

Jesus is seated at the right hand of God. Sin cannot stop us from entering into God's throne, for the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. Now, we can be partakers of the new covenant through faith and baptism. We who choose to partake in the covenant are raised together with Christ and seated in the heavenly places. As we enter into God's presence, we will be born again of the Spirit of God from the incorruptible seed the Word of God. Consequently, we receive a new spirit that God Himself will be our Father. God also puts His Spirit within us that we become one spirit with the Lord. This union causes the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit to enter into us and make us a dwelling place for God. This aspect of God's indwelling is described in detail through analogies such as invisible transmission for television, space ships and cell phones etc., in the book entitled "*How to Let God Flow Through You*," by the author.

A family name, for example, gives access to a wife and children to receive from all the riches of the head of the family either by asking or through signature authority. Similarly, we who are in God's family have access to God's mercy and grace in the name of Jesus. The glory of God manifests in our life when the goodness of God abounds towards us in Jesus name for salvation, protection, provision and restoration.

Those of us who are sinners, therefore, are lifted into God's presence, if we repent of our sin and declare our faith in Jesus Christ. When we are saved in Jesus by faith and baptism, God becomes the source of our life. He fulfills our inner desires in righteous and holy ways. Sin shall not have dominion over us for we are not under the law but under grace. Whatever we desire, we receive from God by faith in Jesus name. The grace and mercy of God that abound towards us issue all that pertain to eternal life. This can be compared with the favor and forgiveness we receive from our earthly father while we are under his

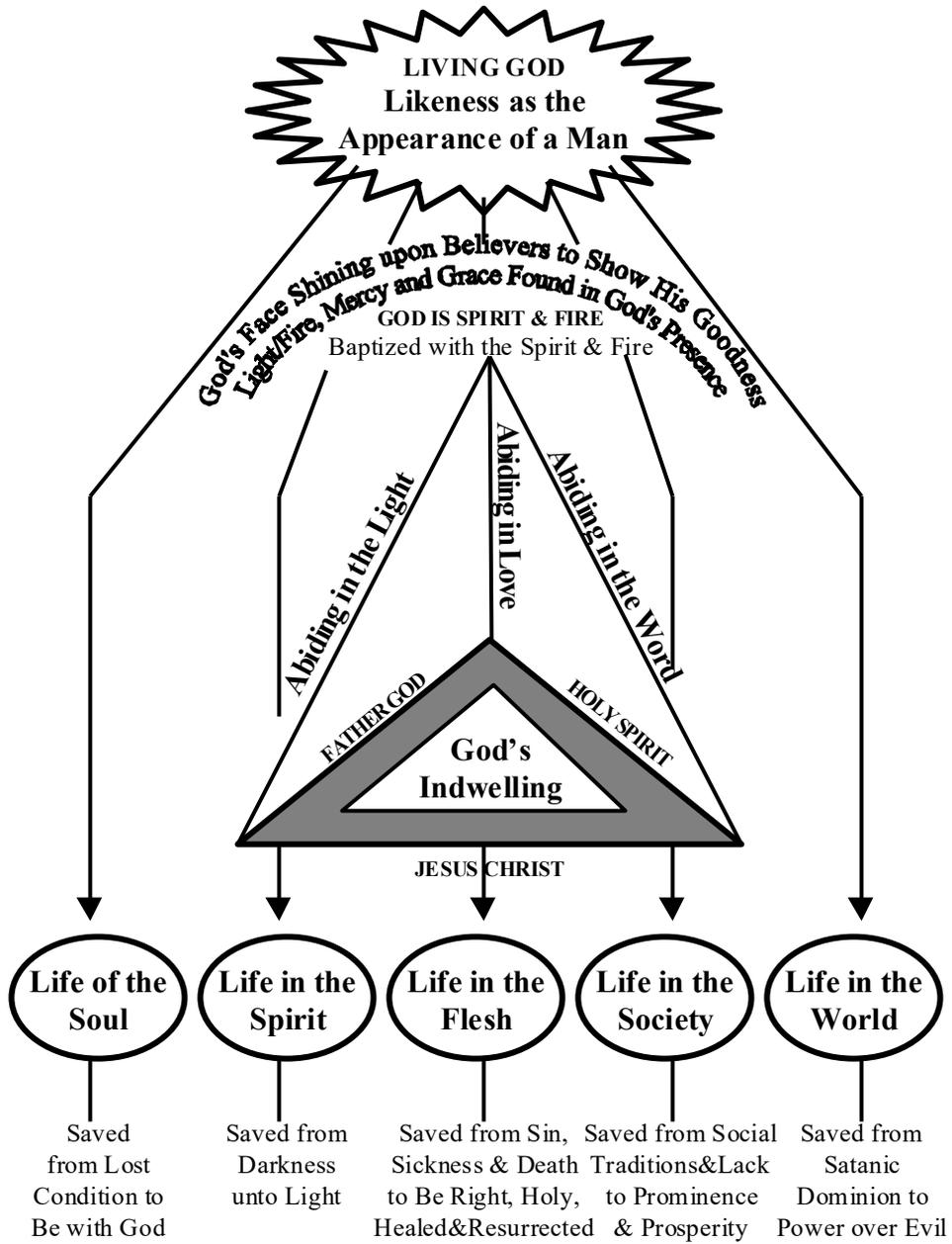
care. For he provides all that are necessary for our life without our works contrary to the way an employer takes care of our needs. Surely, grace and mercy empower us for free emotional expressions and choices free of sin. Now we consider how partaking in the new covenant influences our life of the soul, life in the spirit, life in the flesh, life in the society, and life in this world.

God is light and dwells in unapproachable light. God appears in His glory upon the church (Zion). If we are saved, we are born of the Spirit. and receive a new heart and a new spirit. God also puts His Spirit within us, for He dwells in the body of believers (church) through His Spirit. We who are covenant partakers therefore will be able to see God's glory. We behold God's goodness when He lifts up the light of His countenance upon us. In God's light, we will see the things of God's kingdom. Ability to live in the light destroys the dominion of darkness in our life that we no longer need to stumble and fall.

This life in the spirit therefore empowers us to fellowship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit through prayer. It also enables us to worship God in the spirit. The book by the author entitled "Gaining the Ability to Interact with God," explains in detail our new ability to interact with God. In addition, if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Goodness and mercy that follow us manifest the glory of God in our lives.

If we draw near to God in repentance, God indeed saves us with eternal glory. Our soul is no longer lost with regard to God due to our new spirit, new heart and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The repentance frees our souls from various sinful dominions in our lives. For we can freely ask and receive from God that our will and emotions may declare His glory. The goodness and mercy that follow us empower us to walk in love. For the love of God is poured out in our heart by the Holy Spirit. It revives our walk in the spirit that we may not fulfill the lust of the flesh. When we love, we dwell in the light. We behold God's glory and the fire consumes the impurities in us. For God is a consuming fire and His presence protects us from our own plans and purposes that are opposed to His. If we therefore live in the light by love, there is no stumbling in us.

When we are saved, our body becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit. God, Who dwells in us, destroys the bondage to sickness and sinful



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habits that lead to death. For He becomes the source of our provision and health to sustain our life in the flesh. In other words, He shall meet all our needs according to His riches in glory. He indeed heals our sickness and diseases, if we happen to fall into them. God's presence in our body also empowers us to overcome the lawless deeds. We, as a result, can put to death the deeds of the body by yielding our members to the Holy Spirit. While we walk in the Spirit, the grace of God may abound towards us and give us an abundant life. In essence, this life in the Spirit empowers us to be righteous, sanctified, healed and live a resurrected life.

God hides us in the secret place of His presence. He therefore protects us from those who intend to lower our value or status in the society. He also watches over all our affairs. Consequently, we may neither permanently lose our prominence nor fall into lack or poverty. In addition, if we are in God, He by His favor makes our name great. God empowering us to a place of influence in sinless ways manifests forth the glory of God. For we reach our potential in the society by God's grace without yielding to the sinful traditions of men.

The evil spirits tremble in the presence of God. All the glory of God upon us therefore shall be a defense. The weapons of the enemy formed against us shall not prosper. The enemies indeed scatter in the presence of God. If we believe in Jesus and are baptized, God gives us authority over all the powers of the enemy. Our falling intermittently into sinful activities may not steal that authority. For Jesus blood washes us from all sin. Cleansing gives us the ability to enter into God's presence through repentance. For this reason, we overcome the enemy by the blood of the lamb and word of our testimony. In Jesus name we shall cast out the devil. This empowerment destroys our bondage to oppression of the enemy. God in us is far greater than the one who is in the world. God's power that works in and through us to subdue ungodly forces manifests forth the glory of God in our lives.

A visual summary is presented on the page to the left for the hope of our glory due to God who dwells in us. As illustrated on top part of the left page, the face of the living God shines upon believers and shows His goodness. God's light, mercy and grace found in His presence manifest forth the glory of God in our lives. God starts to dwell in us due to our faith and baptism. God's indwelling is summarized on the pyramid at the middle of left page. A summary pertaining to our salvation for various spheres of our life is shown along the bottom of the left page. They are arranged separately, as shown within the ellipses, for our life of the soul,

life in the spirit, life in the flesh, life in the society, and life in the world respectively. Various aspects of the fruit of our salvation listed below the ellipses on page 36 shine forth the glory of God in our lives.

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**Believers Are Born of God (the Father, the Word and the Spirit):** <sup>12</sup>But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>13</sup>*who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*<sup>(John 1:12-13)</sup> <sup>9</sup>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?*<sup>(Heb 12:9)</sup> <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>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?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, *unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.*" <sup>6</sup>"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."<sup>(John 3:3-6)</sup> <sup>22</sup>Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>*having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever*<sup>(1 Pet 1:22-23)</sup>

**Hope of Glory by the Indwelling Presence of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in Us:** <sup>23</sup>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.*"<sup>(John 14:23)</sup> <sup>17</sup>"the *Spirit of truth*, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and *will be in you.*"<sup>(John 14:17)</sup> <sup>16</sup>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."<sup>(2 Cor 6:16)</sup> <sup>26</sup>the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is *Christ in you, the hope of glory.*<sup>(Col 1:26-27)</sup>

### Life by God's Indwelling Through His Love, Word, Light and Spirit

**God Is Love, Light, Word and Spirit:** <sup>8</sup>*God is love.*<sup>(1 Jn 4:8)</sup> <sup>5</sup>*God is light* and in Him is no darkness at all.<sup>(1 Jn 1:5)</sup> <sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and *the Word was God.* <sup>14</sup>And the *Word became flesh and dwelt among us.* <sup>(John 1:1,14)</sup> <sup>24</sup>*God is Spirit.*<sup>(John 4:24)</sup>

**Life by God Who Is Love, Light, Word and Spirit:** Says the LORD.<sup>13</sup>"For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns-- broken cisterns that can hold no water."<sup>(Jer 2:13)</sup> <sup>27</sup>"You shall

**love the Lord your God** with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" <sup>28</sup> **do this and you will live.**" (Luke 10:27-28) <sup>12</sup>Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but **have the light of life.**" (John 8:12) <sup>53</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>"**Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life,** and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>55</sup>"For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. (John 6:53-55) <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every word** that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" (Matt 4:4) <sup>6</sup>the **Spirit gives life.** (2 Cor 3:6) <sup>8</sup>**he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.** (Gal 6:8)

## Salvation by Faith and Baptism

**Man Is a Spirit, Soul and Body:** <sup>23</sup>may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1Thes 5:23) <sup>12</sup>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. (Heb 4:12)

**Salvation of Sinners in Jesus that Delivers Us from Ungodly Dominions:** <sup>16</sup>"**He who believes and is baptized will be saved;** but he who does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup>"And these signs will follow those who believe: **In My name they will cast out demons;** they will speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup>"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 16:16-18) <sup>14</sup>For **sin shall not have dominion over you,** for you are not under law but under grace. (Rom 6:14) <sup>16</sup>John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One (Jesus) mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**" (Luke 3:16) <sup>18</sup>But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. (2 Cor 3:18) <sup>29</sup>For our **God is a consuming fire.** (Heb 12:29)

**By One Spirit We Are Baptized into One Body to Be Members of God's Temple, a Dwelling Place of God in the Spirit:** <sup>12</sup>For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. <sup>13</sup>For **by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--** whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and **have all been made to drink into one Spirit.** <sup>14</sup>For in fact the body is not one member but many. (1 Cor 12:12-14) <sup>19</sup>Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, <sup>21</sup>**in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,** <sup>22</sup>**in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.** (Eph 2:19-22) <sup>19</sup>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? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Cor 6:19-20)



# Appearance of God and the Likeness of His Glory

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## Who Is God Like? How His Goodness Manifests in My Life

You will learn about the glory of God's character and His appearance in this chapter. You will discover how God's goodness manifests and yields you an abundant life. Hence, you will appreciate that God faithfully keeps all of His covenants. When you draw near to Him in faith and baptism and live in His presence you will know the truth, discern the direction for your life, live in the power of resurrection, be purified, get rid of your enemies, be refreshed, receive healing and prosper in life. By dwelling in this chapter, you will begin to discern God from the information presented and properly position yourself in His goodness.

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We enter into God's presence by faith and baptism. Believing in Jesus name for eternal life makes us the covenant partakers with God. Jesus baptizes those who believe in Him with the Holy Spirit and fire. God is light and dwells in unapproachable light. The life in Jesus therefore lifts us up to live in that light. We then see the true God and the things of God's Kingdom in our heart. Our life choices certainly are confined to the degree of our cognitive knowledge of the glory of God. We certainly recognize and appreciate our source of life by discerning the image of God's glory. God shall supply all that is necessary for an abundant life, according to His riches in glory. Beholding God's glory therefore enables us to effectively position ourselves to abide in eternal life. We worship God and fellowship with Him, according to our knowledge of His glory.

We should therefore be acquainted with the aspects of God's glory. It increases our awareness to the power and glory resident in us. It also empowers us, who are the partakers of the new covenant, to let the light shine forth from God, Who dwells in us. We, as a result, become witnesses. For we are vessels that show forth the knowledge of the glory of God to others. The shining of God's glory in and through our lives verily makes us the light of the world.

The glory of God's presence could be discerned in many ways. They include: the power and authority in the name of the Lord; the light of the knowledge of the glory of God's image; light by the entrance of God's words; and manifestation of God's goodness. We may consider certain earthly aspects of our life to enhance our understanding of the glory of God. Citing the way the glory of the personalities and things manifested in this world may serve that purpose. They include the greatness of the name (fame/power); the glory of the appearance (the light of the knowledge of the images); glorious character (light/understanding by the words); and the goodness (benefits). These are very evident in our daily operation in this world. Some media through which the glory manifests are news paper, films, radio, TV shows and advertisements. Moreover, activities in election campaigns, market places, work places, marriages and families etc. also shine forth the glory in similar manner.

The Bible reveals that God is a consuming fire and has a likeness as of the appearance of man. The appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD from the appearance of His waist and upward is the color of *amber* with the appearance of *fire* all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward, the appearance of *fire with*

**brightness all around, like the appearance of a rainbow** in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it.

The light of the glory of God may be made similar to the light of the brightness of sun. The sun has rays flashing from the fireball and its glory covers the earth. The corresponding brightness is like the light. Similarly, God is light and His glory covers the heavens. His brightness is **like the light**, and He has rays flashing from His hand. In the sunlight, we see the light of the knowledge of the images of the people and things of worldly kingdoms. Similarly, in God's light we see the light of the knowledge of the images of God's Kingdom. In essence, the glory or brightness of the sun exhibits, fills, lights and covers the earth. Similarly, God's glory also exhibits, fills, lights and covers the heaven, earth and people like us.

Revelation of God and His truth by the light provides us direction for life. This can be compared with sunlight on the earth by sun's glory (rays / brightness). For it helps us daily find our direction to our destination by discerning the things of the earth.

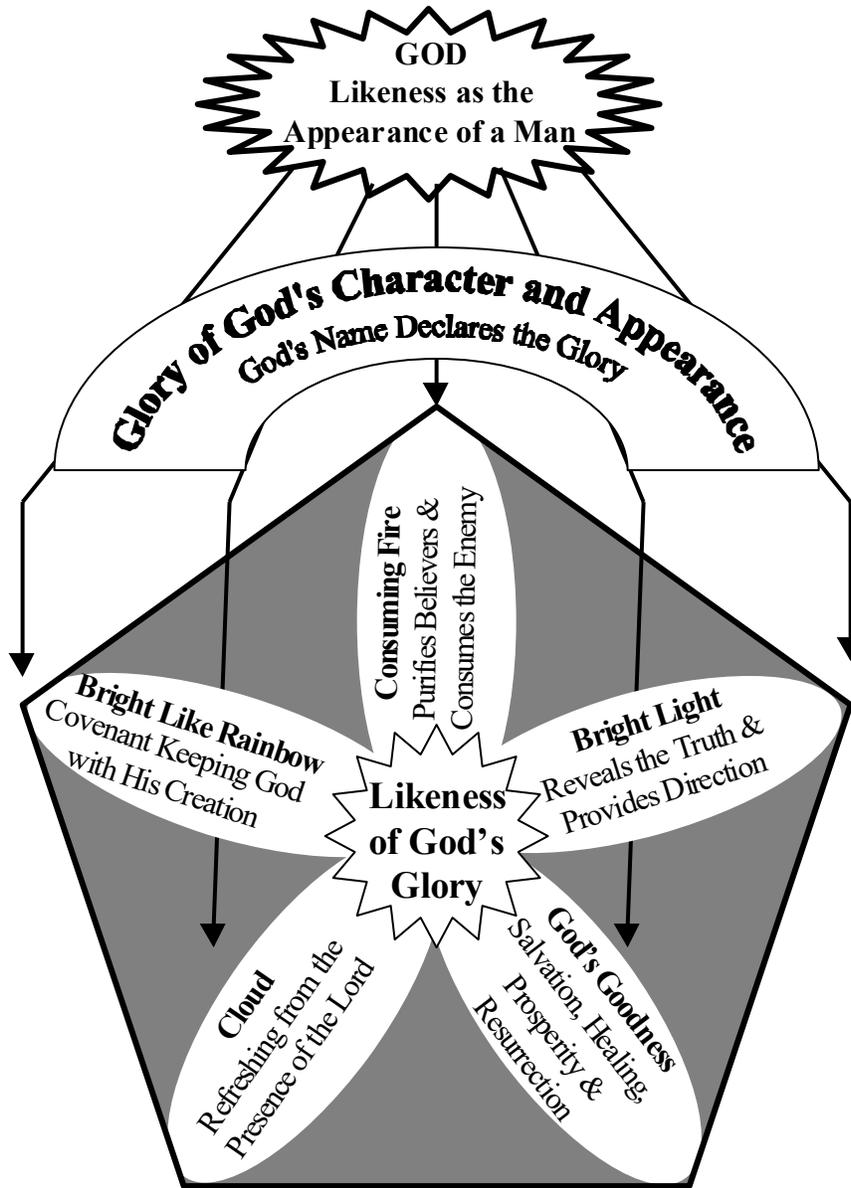
God makes covenant with His creatures and faithfully keeps them. God appears in His glory upon His covenant partners who form the church. The glory around God was **bright like rainbow**. God set the rainbow on a rainy day to remind Him of His covenant.

**God's goodness** seen in our life shows forth the glory of God. The mercy and grace of God reign in our life with eternal glory. Salvation, healing, prosperity, resurrection etc., by grace therefore manifest the glory of God in our lives.

The sight of the glory of the LORD was **like a consuming fire** in the eyes of the children of Israel. During this church age Jesus baptizes us with fire. The fire baptism burns off the impurities in us. This is similar to the gold, which gets purified when it is immersed in the fire. While we behold the glory of the Lord, we are transformed from glory to glory into the image of God. For God is a consuming fire. The same fire consumes our enemies and protects us while we walk in God's presence. Thus, as psalmist said God indeed keeps us in the secret of His presence.

On several occasions the appearance of God's glory was like a **cloud**. The cloud becomes a canopy in a hot day and refreshes people. Similarly, the refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord for us who are the partakers of the new covenant.

A visual summary is presented on next page for the appearance of the likeness of God's glory. As shown within the top star and the curved banner immediately below the star, God has a likeness as the appearance



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of a man. And His name, which is above all names, declares His glory. The likeness of God's glory that is shown within the center star inside the pentagon on the left page can be recognized in various ways. Some of them are described inside the ellipses within the pentagon on the left page. The bold texts within the ellipses show the appearance of the likeness of God's glory in five different ways. The corresponding details below the bold texts include how the glory of God personally brings us the goodness of God as it manifests in our lives.

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### Glory of God Manifests the Light to Discern God and His Truth

**Brightness of God's Glory Is Like the Light:** <sup>5</sup>*God is light* and in Him is no darkness at all. (1 Jn 1:5) <sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth, who set Your glory above the heavens! (Ps 8:1) <sup>4</sup>The LORD is high above all nations, his glory above the heavens. (Ps 113:4) <sup>3</sup>God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. Selah *his glory covered the heavens*, and the earth was full of His praise. <sup>4</sup>*His brightness was like the light*; he had rays flashing from His hand, and there His power was hidden. (Hab 3:3-4)

**God's Glory Light to God's People and Darkness to Ungodly People:** <sup>21</sup>And the **LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night.** <sup>22</sup>He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people. (Exod 13:21-22) When the Israelites crossed the red sea <sup>19</sup>the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. <sup>20</sup>So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. **Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other**, so that the one did not come near the other all that night. (Exod 14:19-20)

### Glory of God and His Covenant Attributes

**Appearance of the Fire with Brightness Like the Rainbow Is the Appearance of the Likeness of the Glory of God:** <sup>2</sup>Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. <sup>3</sup>And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and **there was a rainbow around the throne**, in appearance like an emerald. (Rev 4:2-3) <sup>26</sup>And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the **appearance of a man** high above it. <sup>27</sup>Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, **the appearance of fire with brightness all around.** <sup>28</sup>**Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day**, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking. (Ezek 1:26-28)

**Rainbow Is the Sign of the Covenant God Established Between Him and All Flesh that Is on the Earth:**<sup>11</sup>"Thus I establish My covenant with you: Never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood; never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."<sup>12</sup>And God said: "This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:<sup>13</sup>***I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.***<sup>14</sup>"It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud;<sup>15</sup>"and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.<sup>16</sup>***The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature*** of all flesh that is on the earth."<sup>17</sup>And God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth."<sup>(Gen 9:11-17)</sup>

## **Glory of God Manifests When God Passes His Goodness Before Men**

**God's Glory from His Moral Perfection, Name and Works:** <sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images.<sup>(Isa 42:8)</sup>  
<sup>11</sup>"Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like You, ***glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?***<sup>(Exod 15:11)</sup> <sup>1</sup>***The heavens declare the glory of God;*** and the firmament shows His handiwork.<sup>(Ps 19:1)</sup> <sup>19</sup>And blessed be His ***glorious name*** forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen.<sup>(Ps 72:19)</sup> <sup>9</sup>Help us, O God of our salvation, for ***the glory of Your name;*** and deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, for Your name's sake!<sup>(Ps 79:9)</sup> <sup>5</sup>And the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said: "Stand up and bless the LORD your God forever and ever! ***Blessed be Your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise!***"<sup>(Neh 9:5)</sup>

**God Showed His Glory to Moses by Passing All His Goodness Before Him:**<sup>17</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "***Please, show me Your glory.***"<sup>19</sup>***Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."*** <sup>20</sup>But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live."<sup>21</sup>And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. <sup>22</sup>"So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. <sup>23</sup>"Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."<sup>(Exod 33:17-23)</sup>

## **Glory of God That Destroys the Enemy and Transforms Believers**

**Appearance of the Glory of God to Assembly of Israelites Was Like a Consuming Fire, Cloud and Thick Darkness:** <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>***The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire*** on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.<sup>(Exod 24:16-17)</sup> <sup>22</sup>"These words the LORD

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spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from ***the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness***, with a loud voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me. <sup>23</sup>So it was, when you heard the ***voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire***, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders. <sup>24</sup>And you said: ***'Surely the LORD our God has shown us His glory and His greatness***, and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that God speaks with man; yet he still lives. <sup>25</sup>Now therefore, why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the LORD our God anymore, then we shall die. <sup>26</sup>For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living God speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? (Deut 5:22-26)

Bible verses can be found on pages 59 through 61 to understand how the fire of God's glory protects believers from the enemy and self.

### **Glory of the Lord Appears Like a Cloud and Refreshes His People**

**The House of God in the Heaven Is Filled with Smoke in the Presence of the Lord:** <sup>1</sup>I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; ***the whole earth is full of His glory!***" <sup>4</sup>And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and ***the house was filled with smoke.*** (Isa 6:1-4)

**The Cloud Covered the Tabernacle of Meeting and the Glory of the Lord Filled the Tabernacle:** <sup>33</sup>And he raised up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the screen of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. <sup>34</sup>Then ***the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.*** <sup>35</sup>And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. (Exod 40:33-35)

**The Cloud Filled the House of God for the Glory of the Lord Filled the Temple:** <sup>13</sup>indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, for His mercy endures forever," that ***the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,***<sup>14</sup>so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; ***for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.*** (2 Chr 5:13-14 NKJ)  
<sup>10</sup>And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, <sup>11</sup>so that the priests could not continue ministering because of ***the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.*** <sup>12</sup>Then Solomon spoke: ***"The LORD said He would dwell in the dark cloud.*** <sup>13</sup>I have surely built You an exalted house, and a place for You to dwell in forever." (1King 8:10-13)

Refer also pages 74 and 75 with titles "Restoration in the Presence of God through our Repentance" and "God Restores Us by His Grace to the Praise of His Glory."



# 4 Rising of God's Glory upon the People of the Earth

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## Is My Life in God's Light Similar to My Life in Sunlight Now?

The glory of God provides us discernment and shall be our defense. You will come to know in this chapter how the glory of God is progressively rising upon the people of the earth. God shines in the heart of believers in the face of Jesus Christ. The glory of God that has risen upon the church defends the body of Christ. The same glory will also light the world once the sun and the moon are darkened. When we live in the new city Jerusalem the glory of God not only will light the city but also will be a wall of fire around. In essence, this chapter will enhance your understanding to see God and His kingdom in God's Light and acknowledge His protection by the glory of His presence upon you.

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All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God. God's plan to restore His glory upon the fallen people of the earth is revealed in the Bible. God sent His only begotten Son and paved the way for the rising of His glory upon humankind. Do we really understand where we are now with regard to that plan? If we seek to know through the word of God we may accurately discern the times and seasons. The following paragraphs chronologically address the rising of God's glory as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. It begins with God's glory upon an individual believer like us. Then it proceeds with the glory that is risen upon the body of believers usually identified as church or temple or Zion. Thirdly, all the people of the earth will witness Jesus coming with the Father's glory at the end of this age. Finally God's glory shall be seen upon the new city which will descend from heaven for our dwelling.

God has shone in our hearts in the face of Jesus Christ to bring the light of the knowledge of His glory. For God sent Jesus as a Light to the world. Jesus therefore is the brightness of God's glory and express image of His person. If we are saved by faith and baptism, as described in detail in the next chapter, God will start to reside in us and shine through our lives. We become God's temple in the Spirit. God, Who dwells in us, empowers us to worship Him and fellowship with Him in the spirit. We will come to know the true God and His riches in the glory of His Kingdom in our heart. For the kingdom of God is within us. Consequently, the goodness of God is seen upon our lives. It makes us the light of the world, for God Who dwells in us shines through us.

This is similar to the glory that rests upon a girl who becomes a bride to a prince through a marriage covenant. The marriage covenant places the prince and the girl under the same roof of a house as husband and wife. The married life flows out of the interaction between them. The glory of the king shall be seen upon the family, since they are prepared for his glory. For the goodness of the king will manifest forth his glory in their life. The king, prince, and the girl may be compared with God the Father, Jesus and us, respectively. The church body composed of all believers in the whole world is named after God. God is building His church by daily adding new believers to it God dwells in that household that is being built in the Spirit. God therefore shines upon His church and His glory shall be a defense. Believers, being the household of God, are the light of the world. They may shine forth the light of God's glory through their lives in Jesus. Consequently, the lost people and the wealth

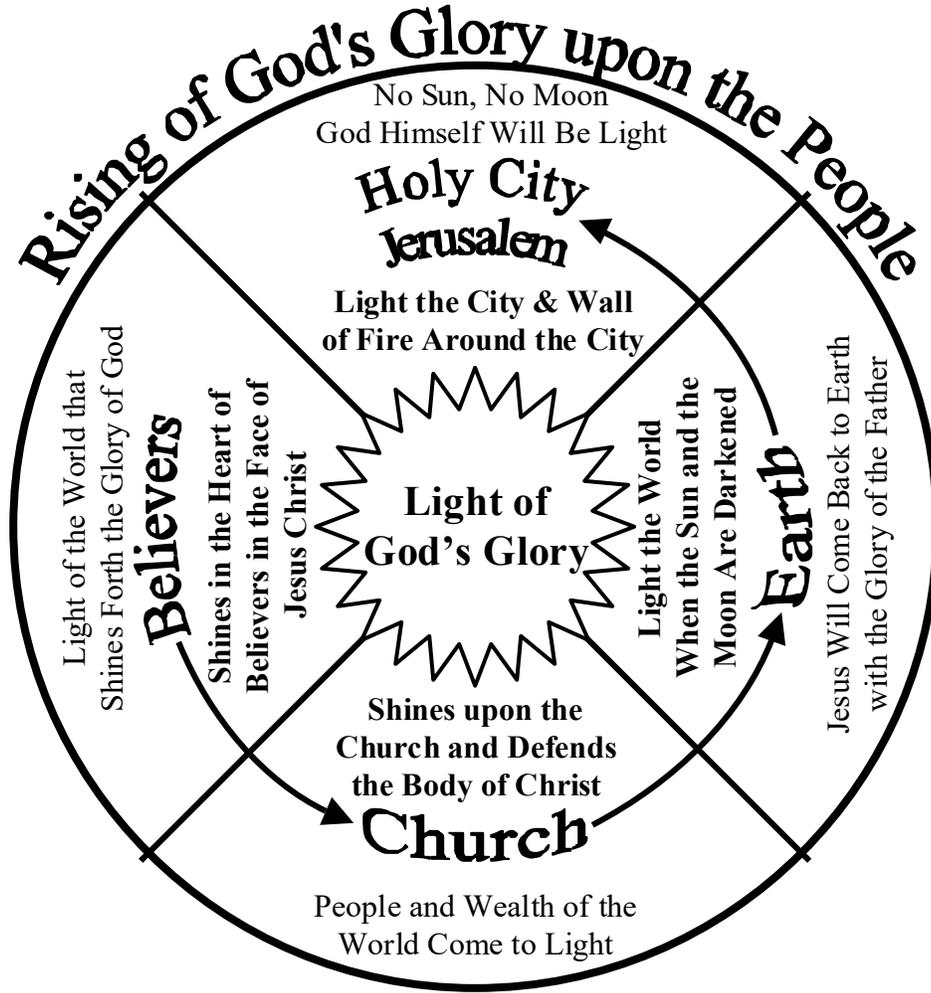
of the world will be drawn to the church, fulfilling the plan of God for humanity.

This can be compared to the glory of a lighthouse at the seashore. It helps lost ships find their correct destination. These ships usually carry the wealth of the world. For the wealth of the world, including the portion stolen by the enemy and is in the hand of the wicked, belongs to God. The lighthouse, ship and the wealth in this example may be compared to the church, lost sinners and wealth of the world respectively.

Once the church comes to age, Jesus will return to the earth. The sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light and the stars will fall from Heaven. The darkness will cover the earth. Every one on the earth will see and recognize Jesus return. For the glory of His coming will light the whole earth. He will come on the clouds of Heavens with the Father's glory as King of kings and Lord of lords. As a result, everyone who lives on the earth will be able to see and confess Him as the Lord. Broad visibility of Jesus coming may be compared with the sunrise. The sunrise is seen by all who live on the earth. For it dispels the nighttime darkness that covers the earth.

Once Jesus establishes His Kingdom on the earth He will rule in the great city, the holy Jerusalem. It will descend out of heaven from God. The city will have no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it. For the glory of God will illuminate it and be a fire around it. Jesus will be its light. There shall be no night there. And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light. For the Lord God gives them light.

A visual summary is presented on the next page for the rising of God's glory revealed in the Bible. The glory shall be seen upon the ones described by the word or the phrases in large bold letters within the four quadrants of the circle on next page. The arrows inside the circle that point from one quadrant to the next quadrant show the progressive sequence of the rising of God's glory. It begins with individual believers shown within the left quadrant in whom God dwells. God shines the light of the knowledge of His glory in the hearts of them in the face of Jesus. They are therefore the light of the world for they shine forth the glory of God. Secondly, as shown within the bottom quadrant on next page, glory is risen upon the church for it is the body of believers. God shines upon and defends the church. It draws lost people and the wealth of the world to the light of His glory. Thirdly, as shown within the right quadrant, the glory shall be seen upon the whole world. For Jesus will come back to a



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darkened earth with His Father's glory to establish His kingdom. Finally, as shown within the top quadrant on the left page, the glory will be upon the Holy City Jerusalem, in which God will dwell with His people. God will be a fire around and defend the City. He will be the light to its inhabitants.

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## **Bible References**

### **God's Glory Shining in and Through Believers**

**Jesus Is the Brightness of God's Glory the Light to Bring Revelation to Sinners and Glory to God's People:** <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.<sup>(John 1:14)</sup> God indeed <sup>2</sup>has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; <sup>3</sup>*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.<sup>(Heb 1:2-3)</sup> <sup>30</sup>For my eyes have seen Your salvation <sup>31</sup>Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>*A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel.*<sup>(Luke 2:30-32)</sup>

**The Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God, Shines in the Heart of Believers in the Face of Jesus Christ:** <sup>12</sup>Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."<sup>(John 8:12)</sup> <sup>9</sup>That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.<sup>(John 1:9)</sup> <sup>44</sup>Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. <sup>45</sup>"And *he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.* <sup>46</sup>"I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness.<sup>(John 12:44-46)</sup> <sup>14</sup>For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.<sup>(Hab 2:14)</sup> <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give *the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.* <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.<sup>(2 Cor 4:6-7)</sup>

**We Who Follow Jesus Are the Light of the World:** Jesus said <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>"Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup>"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.<sup>(Matt 5:14-16)</sup>

### **God's Glory Shining upon the Church**

**Glory of the Church (Body of Believers) Shall Be Greater Than the Former:** <sup>7</sup>and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and *I will fill this temple with glory,* says the LORD of hosts. <sup>8</sup>*The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,*

says the **LORD of hosts.** <sup>9</sup>*'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,'* says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts." (Hag 2:7-9) <sup>16</sup>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 Cor 6:16) <sup>23</sup>and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, <sup>24</sup>even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? (Rom 9:23-24) Indeed <sup>19</sup>And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:19)

**People and Wealth of the World Come to the Light:** <sup>1</sup>*Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.* <sup>2</sup>or behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup>The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup>"Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. (Isa 60:1-5)

**God's Glory Shines upon Zion (Church) and Shall Be a Defense:** <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, <sup>23</sup>to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, <sup>24</sup>to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. (Heb 12:22-24) <sup>16</sup>For the LORD shall build up Zion; ***he shall appear in His glory.*** (Ps 102:16) <sup>5</sup> and the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, ***a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.*** <sup>9</sup>And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain. (Isa 4:5-6 KJV)

## **God's Glory Shining upon the World During Jesus' Second Coming**

**Brightness of the Glory During Second Coming of Jesus / Earth Will Be Darkened but the Glory Will Illuminate It that All Will See Jesus:** <sup>21</sup>"but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD--(Num 14:21) <sup>13</sup>"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. <sup>14</sup> then to Him was given ***dominion and glory*** and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed. (Dan 7:13-14) <sup>29</sup>"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the ***sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;*** the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup>"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the ***Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*** (Matt 24:29-30)

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**Lord Will Be an Everlasting Light Instead of Sun or Moon for the World:** <sup>19</sup>"The sun shall no longer be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you; but the LORD will be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory. <sup>20</sup>Your sun shall no longer go down, nor shall your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD will be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended.<sup>(Isa 60:19-20)</sup>

**Brightness of the Glory of Jesus Now:** <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. <sup>14</sup>His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His *eyes like a flame of fire;*<sup>15</sup> *His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace,* and His voice as the sound of many waters; <sup>16</sup>He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and *His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.*<sup>(Rev 1:13-16)</sup>

**The Holy Jerusalem Will Descend from Heaven Having the Glory of the God:** <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>*having the glory of God.* Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:<sup>(Rev 21:10-12)</sup> <sup>23</sup>The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the *glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.*<sup>(Rev 21:23)</sup> <sup>5</sup>'For I,' says the LORD, 'will be a *wall of fire* all around her, and *I will be the glory in her midst.*'"<sup>(Zech 2:5)</sup>

**God and Jesus Will Be the Temple and the Source of Illumination for the New City Jerusalem:** <sup>22</sup>But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup>*The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it.* The Lamb is its light. <sup>24</sup>And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). <sup>26</sup>And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. <sup>27</sup>But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.<sup>(Rev 21:22-27)</sup> <sup>4</sup>They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>There shall be *no night* there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the *Lord God gives them light.* And they shall reign forever and ever.<sup>(Rev 22:4-5)</sup>



# Section 2

## Exploring Your Potential to Live in God's Glory



# 5 Glory of God by the Goodness Found in God's Presence

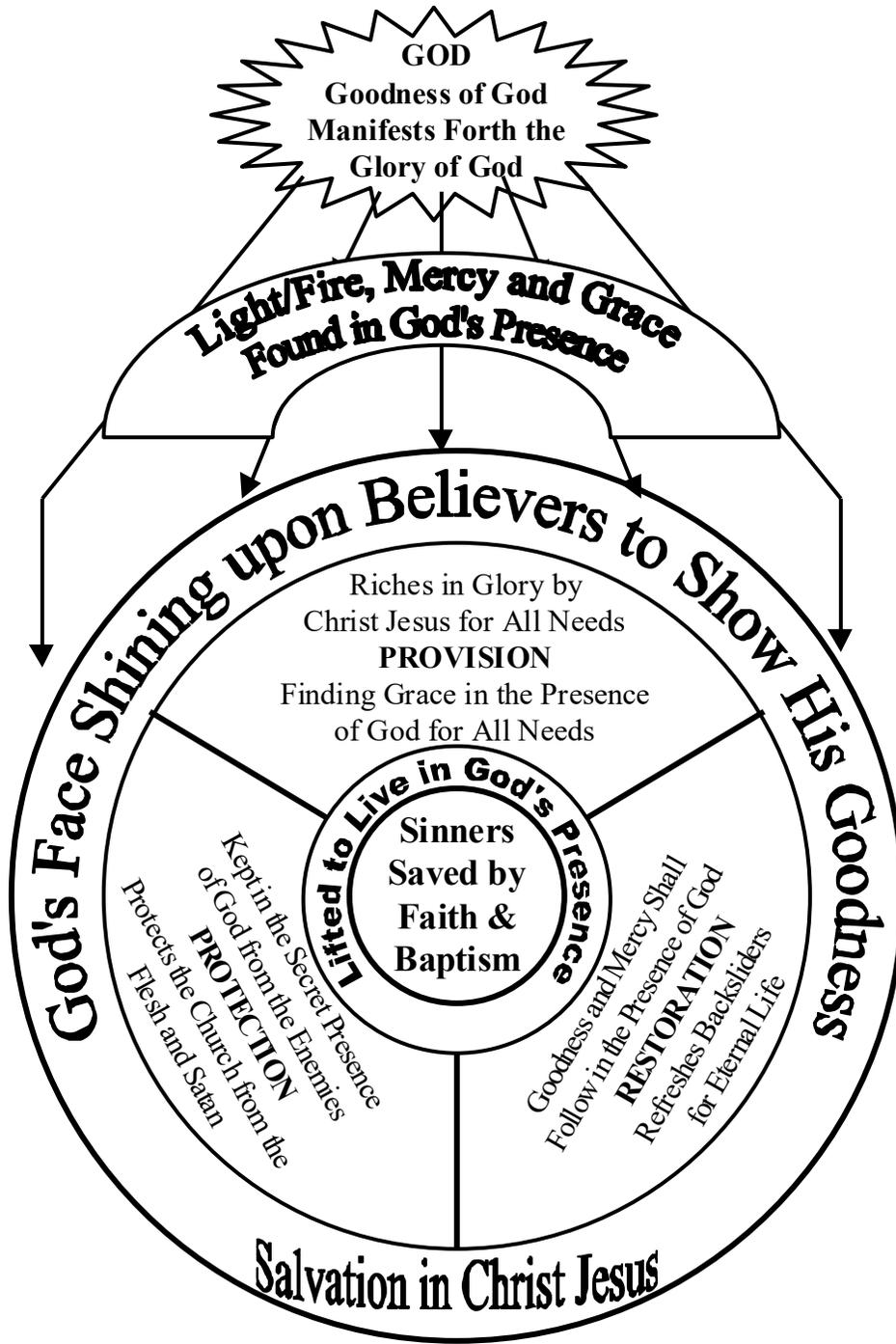
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## How Do I Find Favor with God Who Is Invisible?

If an ordinary girl becomes a covenant partner with a prince in marriage, she gains access to all the goodness of the king. Similarly, in the realm of the spirit, if you choose to become a covenant partner with God in Christ you will have access to God's goodness. In this chapter, you will discover how the salvation by faith and baptism lifts you up to live in God's presence as a covenant partner. In times of need, a wife has access to all the resources of her husband in her husband's name. Similarly, you will know how to access God's presence and find favor for all your needs in Jesus name. For God's face shines upon you to show His goodness.

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Jesus established the new covenant in His own blood. If we become partakers of that covenant, we are lifted into God's presence. We begin to live by God's goodness and mercy that may follow us all of our lives. God passing His goodness manifests the glory of God in our lives.

A visual presentation is given on the page to the left for the glory of God by the goodness found in God's presence. As illustrated by the star, banner and arrows at the top part of the left page, God's goodness in the form of light, mercy and grace can be found in God's presence. When we believe in Jesus and are baptized we, as stated inside the center circle and the inner circular annulus on the left page, are lifted to live in God's presence. Consequently God's face, as shown within the outer circular annulus, shines to show His goodness upon us who are saved. A summary of that goodness pertaining to our life on earth is presented within three sectors of the circle on the left page. They are shown separately for protection, provision and restoration, respectively.

The paragraphs below describe God's goodness and mercy following us for salvation, protection, provision and restoration, respectively.

**SALVATION:** God's Goodness in the name of Jesus leads us to repentance unto salvation. We are saved when God causes His face to shine upon us to show His goodness. God is Light. Jesus is the brightness of God's glory to humankind. God thus has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In other words, our salvation is found in Jesus Christ with eternal glory. This salvation redeems us from the curse of the law of sin and death. Consequently, the blessings of God rest upon us. We may therefore bear fruits to the glory of God. For we (sinners) are lifted to dwell in God's presence and live by God's mercy and grace.

**PROTECTION:** God builds the church (the body of believers) and appears in His glory. The glory of God's presence upon the church shall be a defense for those of us who believe. Jesus baptizes us with the Holy Spirit and fire. The spirit of judgment and the spirit of fire burn off the impurities in us and protect us from our own filth. It transforms us from glory to glory into the image of God. Lord is a consuming fire who goes before us and consumes our enemies. God hides us in the secret place of His presence from the plots of men and strife of their tongues. In essence, the glory of God's presence upon us protects us from our own shortcomings, plots of men and works of the devil.

**PROVISION:** God's presence upon our life guides us safely into all the provision necessary for our living. For we have access to grace in Jesus name for all our needs, according to God's riches in glory. When we seek the kingdom of God, we let the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit to dominate in our life. We thus submit to God's will, plan and purposes and carry them out in the ways of God. God as a result, is able to make all grace abound towards us. Since God's grace is sufficient for us, we may always have all sufficiency in all things, to do every good work. God by His grace may impart to us, all the necessary gifts and resources to carry out His work in this earth. God may be glorified when we bear fruits through His grace that brings God's plans and purposes to pass in our lives.

**RESTORATION:** Many of us who believe in Christ intermittently backslide into sin. Yet, we do not die like Adam and get separated from God. For God's provision in Jesus blood cleanses our sin and keeps us eternally alive in the Lord. Nothing can therefore separate us from the love of God that aids us to abide in eternal life. If we indeed backslide, we may restore our fellowship with God through repentance. For our sins may be blotted out that the refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. As a result, God will restore us to eternal glory by His goodness and mercy, by forgiving our sin and unrighteousness. Restoration plan of God also includes a glorified body for us through resurrection on the last day.

The glory of God shines upon us for our salvation, protection, provision and restoration for various areas of our life. These are addressed in the next section and the following chapters in some detail. The Bible verses that support the paragraphs above are listed immediately after the text in those chapters. The individual paragraph in this section is also mentioned at the top of those Bible verses for the sake of convenient reference.

### **Salvation of Sinners with Eternal Glory**

When our soul is lost with regard to God, sin dominates our will and emotions. We therefore live in bondage to a number of things. They include inner darkness, sickness, lawless deeds, lack, sinful dominion of both the people and the devil. We continue to suffer in them without letting God intervene due to our sinful beliefs and values. Goodness of God however leads sinners to repentance unto salvation. God passes His

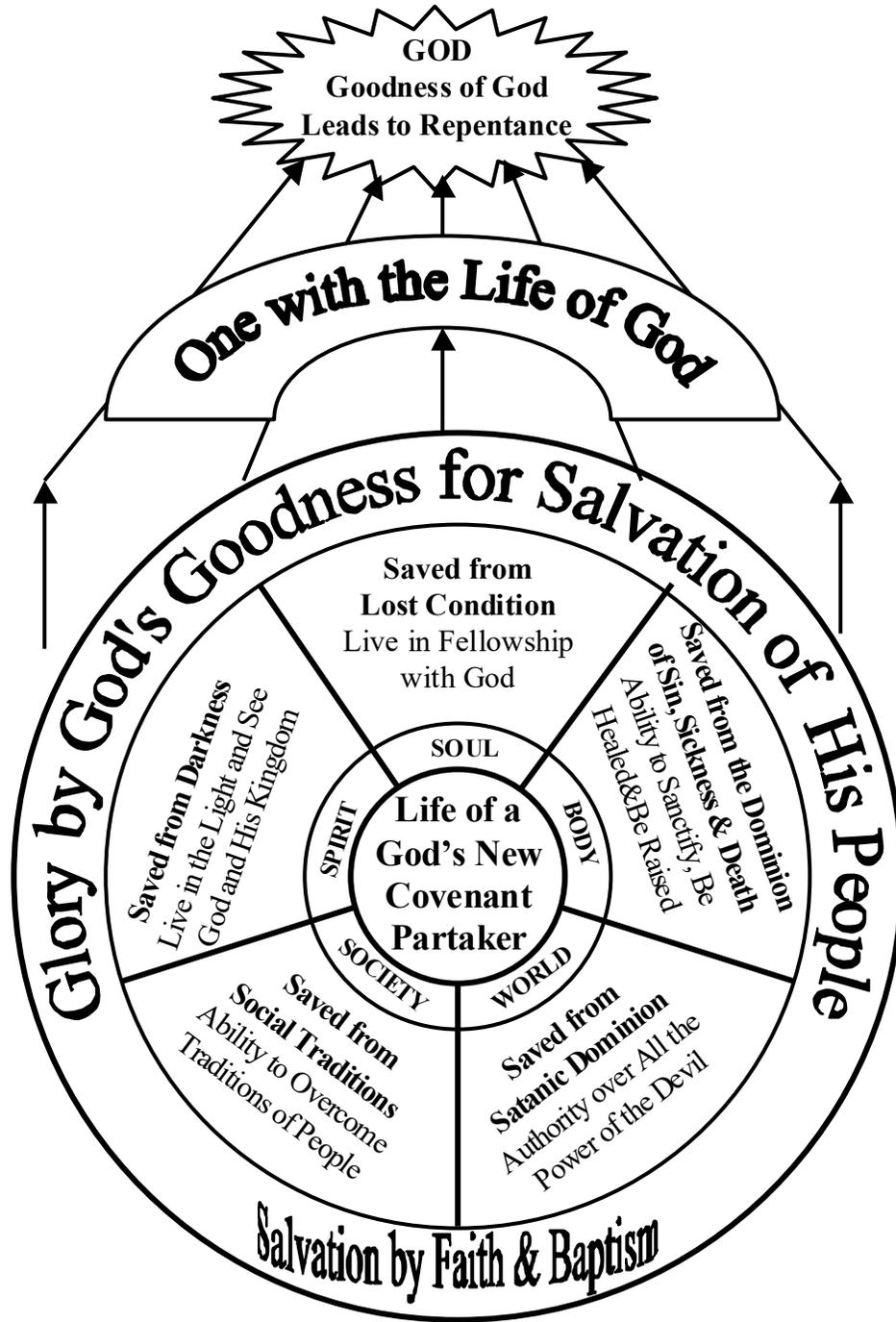
goodness for the liberation of sinners. When we get saved, God's grace that abounds towards us manifests the glory of God in our lives. When the gospel is preached, faith comes by hearing, hearing by the Word of God. If we choose to believe the gospel and confess Jesus as the Christ, we will be saved. For the entrance of God's Word brings light. It is able to save our souls. When we know the truth the truth will make us free. As a result, the grace of God abounds towards our life. It certainly destroys the dominion of sin over our life. The indwelling God, therefore, saves the **life of our soul** as described below.

When our soul is lost, we cannot know God or see His kingdom. Darkness dominates our **life in the spirit**. When we believe in Christ, however, we receive a new spirit and a new heart. God also puts His Spirit within us. Consequently, we will be able to behold God's glory. In God's light, we will see the things of God's kingdom. Ability to live in the light destroys the dominion of darkness in our inner life. A detail version of this account can be found in the book by the author entitled "Gaining Your Ability to Interact with God."

When our soul is lost with regard to God, our bodies are separated from God, Who is a Spirit. This condition causes us to live under the curse of the law. Sickness, lack and sinful habits that reign unto death, therefore, dominate our **life in the flesh**. When we believe in Christ, however, we are redeemed from the curse of the law. Our body becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit. We, as a result, can put to death the deeds of the body by yielding our members to the Holy Spirit. This life in the Spirit (God) empowers us to be sanctified, healed and live a resurrected abundant life. The bondage to death abiding condition, sickness, lack and sinful habits are destroyed due to the indwelling God.

If we are without God, our **life in the society** abides in bondage to social traditions rooted in the fear of other people. We may seek after social prominence primarily through plans rooted in these traditions. When we believe in Christ, however, the grace of God enables us to overcome the traditions of men. For the favor of God upon us to have social prominence destroys the bondage to sinful traditions.

When we are not the citizens of God's kingdom, our **life in the world** abides in bondage to the spirit of the world. We live under the dominion of the devil, who holds the power of death. He keeps us in bondage all of our lifetime through fear of death. We who believe in Christ, however, are given authority over all the powers of the devil. In



Jesus name therefore, we shall cast out the devil. This empowerment by God destroys our bondage to the oppression of the enemy.

A visual summary is presented on the page to the left for the salvation of repenting sinners with eternal glory. As illustrated by the star, banner and arrows at the top part of the left page, God's goodness that leads sinners to repentance makes room for them to become one with the life of God. For God starts to dwell in sinners when they repent owing to their faith and baptism. When we therefore believe in Jesus and are baptized, as shown within the outer circular annulus on the left page, glory of God begins to manifest in our life by His goodness for salvation. Consequently we, as shown within the center circle on the left page, become a new covenant partaker and experience the life of God in us. A summary for the outcome pertaining to our salvation for various aspects of our life is presented within five sectors of the circle on the left page. They, as indicated by the texts within the inner circular annulus, are shown separately for our life of the soul, life in the spirit, life in the flesh, life in the society, and life in the world respectively.

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## **Bible References**

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### **God's Face Shining upon Us to Show Forth His Goodness for Salvation**

**God Saves Us by Causing His Light of His Face to Shine upon Us that Brings His Goodness to Us:** <sup>4</sup>do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the *goodness of God leads you to repentance?*<sup>(Rom 2:4)</sup> God <sup>16</sup>Make Your face shine upon Your servant; save me for Your mercies' sake.<sup>(Ps 31:16)</sup> <sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God; *cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!*<sup>(Ps 80:3)</sup> <sup>6</sup>There are many who say, "*Who will show us any good?*" **LORD, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.** <sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than in the season that their grain and wine increased. <sup>8</sup>I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.<sup>(Ps 4:6-8)</sup>

### **Jesus, Brightness of God's Glory, Reveals Our Salvation**

**Brightness of the Glory of Jesus:** <sup>2</sup>He(Jesus) was transfigured before them. *His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.*<sup>(Matt 17:2)</sup> <sup>13</sup>and in the midst

of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. <sup>14</sup>His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His *eyes like a flame of fire*,<sup>15</sup> *His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace*, and His voice as the sound of many waters; <sup>16</sup>He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and *His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength*.(Rev 1:13-16)

**Jesus Is a Light, the Brightness of God's Glory Who Saves Us:** <sup>4</sup>He asked life from You, and You gave it to him-- length of days forever and ever. <sup>5</sup>His *glory is great in Your salvation*; honor and majesty You have placed upon him. <sup>6</sup>For You have made him most blessed forever; *you have made him exceedingly glad with Your presence*.(Ps 21:4-6) <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.(John 1:14)<sup>30</sup>For my eyes have seen Your salvation <sup>31</sup>Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, <sup>32</sup>*A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel*."(Luke 2:30-32) ) Jesus <sup>3</sup>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,(Heb 1:3)

**Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God in the Face of Jesus Christ Shines in Believers Heart and Veiled to Unbelievers Heart:**<sup>3</sup>But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup>whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who commanded *light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*. <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.(2 Cor 4:3-4,6-7)

**Jesus Brings Us to Glory via Salvation with Eternal Glory:** <sup>10</sup>For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, *in bringing many sons to glory*, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,(Heb 2:10-11) <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain *the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory*.(2 Tim 2:10)

## **Righteous People by Faith Are Lifted to Dwell in God's Presence**

**Upright Dwell in God's Presence by His Goodness (Favor):** <sup>13</sup>Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; the *upright shall dwell in Your presence*.(Ps 140:13) <sup>7</sup>For the LORD is righteous, he loves righteousness; *his countenance beholds the upright*.(Ps 11:7) <sup>13</sup>You have a mighty arm; strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand. <sup>14</sup>Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; mercy and truth go before Your face. <sup>15</sup>Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! *They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance*. <sup>16</sup>In Your name they rejoice all day long, and in Your righteousness they are exalted. <sup>17</sup>For *You are the glory of their strength, and in Your favor our horn is exalted*. <sup>18</sup>For our shield belongs to the LORD, and our king to the Holy One of Israel.(Ps 89:13-18)

# 6 Glory of God's Presence for the Protection of His People

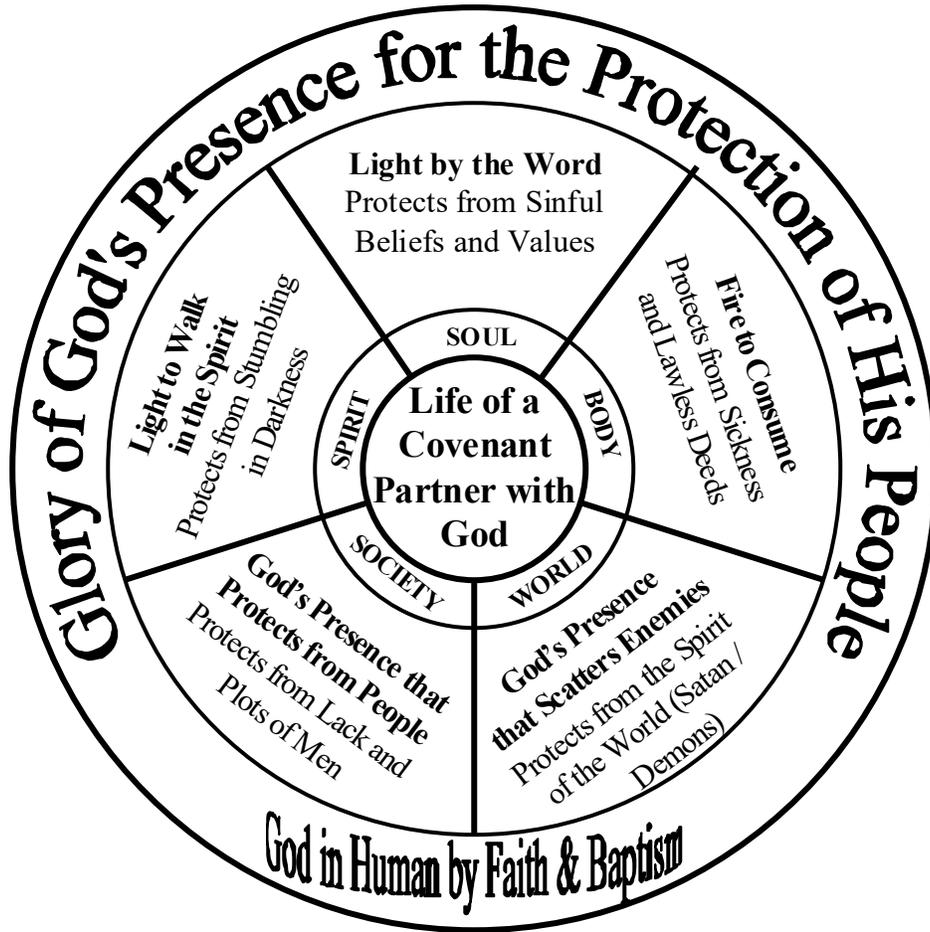
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## Does God Really Protect Me from Everything?

An earthly father present with his child protects the child from many things. They include stumbling, wrong beliefs and values, sickness, lawless deeds, lack, harmful people and negative worldly forces. By reading this chapter, you will become more aware of the presence of God upon you, if you indeed are born of God and filled with the Spirit of God. You will also discover that all harmful things scatter and dissipate in the presence of God. They include the dispelling of inner darkness, freedom from sinful beliefs and values, healing from sickness, deliverance from lawless deeds, abundance in place of lack, protection from plots of men and evil spirits.

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Afflictions of our soul are caused by a number of things. They include inner darkness, sickness, lawless deeds, lack, plots of men and works of the devil. By leaning on our own understanding, we continuously expose us and suffer in them. And, we do not let God protect us due to our sinful beliefs and values. Lord is a consuming fire. He consumed the enemies as well as the animal sacrifice under the old covenant. The glory of God's presence is upon the church now. We, under the new covenant, therefore receive power once Jesus baptizes us with the Holy Spirit and fire. God's presence indeed protects the body of believers from all ungodly things that are harmful. For example, the light by the entrance of the Word protects us from sinful beliefs and values. In addition, the indwelling God protects the *life of our soul* as described below in various aspects of our lives.

When we are born from above, God gives us a new heart and a new spirit. He also puts His Spirit within us. As a result, we may behold God's glory and see the things of God's kingdom. Walking in the light by our new *life in the spirit* protects us from stumbling in darkness.

Just as the glory of the Father raised Jesus from the dead, we can walk in the newness of life. We may present our body as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to the Lord. As a result, the fire consumes the impurities in us. It causes us to be changed into God's image by the Spirit of God. God's Spirit Who dwells in us is able to protect our body from sickness and lawless deeds in our *life in the flesh*.

Many forces try to lower our value or status in the society. God hides us in the secret place of His presence from the plots of men and strife of their tongues. He therefore protects our *life in the society* from harm caused by others. He also watches over our business that we may not fall into lack or poverty.

Enemies scatter in the presence of God. All the glory of God upon us therefore shall be a defense. It protects our *life in the world* from Satan and demons, for the evil spirits tremble in the presence of God.

A visual summary is presented on the page to the left for the glory of God's presence for our protection. God starts to dwell in those of us who believe in Christ due to our faith and baptism. The protection owing to God's presence manifests the glory of God upon our life. When we believe in Jesus and are baptized, as shown within the outer circular annulus on the page to the left, glory of God's presence that rests upon us shall protect us from all harmful beings and things. Consequently we, as shown within the center circle on the left page, the covenant partners with

God lead a life protected by God in Christ. A summary pertaining to our protection with regard to various aspects of our life is presented within five sectors of the circle on page 68. They, as indicated by the texts within the inner circular annulus on page 68, are shown separately for our life of the soul, life in the flesh (body), life in the world, life in the society and life in the spirit respectively.

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## **Bible References**

The Bible verses pertaining to the glory of God with regard to protection are presented here. It covers mostly the description in the paragraph on page 61 with paragraph title **PROTECTION**. The remaining text in this section is an introductory note for later chapters. The Bible verses for that text therefore can be found in those chapters.

### **Glory of God upon the Church Shall Be a Defense**

**God's Glory Shines Upon Zion (Church) and Shall Be a Defense:** <sup>16</sup>the LORD shall build up Zion; *he shall appear in His glory.* (Ps 102:16) <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, <sup>23</sup>*to the general assembly and church of the firstborn* who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, <sup>24</sup>to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. (Heb 12:22-24) <sup>4</sup>who said to him, "Run, speak to this young man, saying: 'Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls, because of the multitude of men and livestock in it. <sup>5</sup>*'For I,' says the LORD, 'will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'*" (Zech 2:4-5) <sup>4</sup>When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the *spirit of burning*, <sup>5</sup>then the LORD will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, *a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering.* <sup>6</sup>And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain. (Isa 4:4-6)

### **Glory of God upon Us Shall Be a Defense from Our Own Shortcomings**

**Lord Is a Consuming Fire Who Consumed the Animal Sacrifice:** <sup>1</sup>When Solomon had finished praying, *fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.* <sup>2</sup>And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house. <sup>3</sup>When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, for His mercy endures forever." <sup>4</sup>Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD. (2 Chr 7:1-4)

**We Receive Power When Jesus Baptizes Us with the Holy Spirit and Fire:** Jesus said <sup>8</sup>"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."<sup>(Acts 1:8)</sup> <sup>1</sup>Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.<sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.<sup>3</sup>***Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.***<sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.<sup>(Acts 2:1-4)</sup>

**Jesus Baptism of Fire Consumes the Chaff Among Us (Living Sacrifice):** <sup>11</sup>"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He (Jesus) who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and ***fire***. <sup>12</sup>"His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with ***unquenchable fire***."<sup>(Matt 3:11-12)</sup> <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world.<sup>(1 Jn 2:16)</sup> <sup>1</sup>I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.<sup>(Rom 12:1)</sup> <sup>29</sup>For our God is a consuming fire.<sup>(Heb 12:29)</sup>

**Lord Is a Consuming Fire Who Transforms Us into His Image as We Behold His Glory:** <sup>16</sup>Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.<sup>17</sup>***The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire*** on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.<sup>(Exod 24:16-17)</sup> <sup>23</sup>"Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of anything which the LORD your God has forbidden you.<sup>24</sup>"For ***the LORD your God is a consuming fire***, a jealous God.<sup>(Deut 4:23-24)</sup> <sup>4</sup>When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the ***spirit of burning***,<sup>(Isa 4:4)</sup> For <sup>6</sup>all the peoples see His glory.<sup>(Ps 97:6)</sup> <sup>18</sup>But we all, with unveiled face, ***beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory***, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.<sup>(2 Cor 3:18)</sup>

## **Glory of God upon Us Shall Be a Defense from Our Enemies**

**God Protects Us from Our Enemies for He Is a Consuming Fire:** <sup>29</sup>For ***our God is a consuming fire***.<sup>(Heb 12:29)</sup> <sup>3</sup>"Therefore understand today that the LORD your ***God is He who goes over before you as a consuming fire***. He will destroy them and bring them down before you; so you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the LORD has said to you.<sup>(Deut 9:3)</sup> <sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad! <sup>2</sup>Clouds and darkness surround Him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. <sup>3</sup>***A fire goes before Him, and burns up His enemies round about.*** <sup>4</sup>His lightnings light the world; the earth sees and trembles. <sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. <sup>6</sup>The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the peoples see His glory.<sup>(Ps 97:1-6)</sup>

**God Hides Us in the Secret Place of His Presence from the Plots of Men and the Strife of Tongues:** <sup>7</sup>Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, <sup>8</sup>Who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a fountain of waters. (Ps 114:7-8) <sup>19</sup>Oh, how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those who fear You, which You have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men! <sup>20</sup>***You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of man; you shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.*** (Ps 31:19-20) <sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. (Ps 68:2) <sup>3</sup>When my enemies turn back, they shall fall and perish at Your presence. (Ps 9:3)

**God Protects Our Businesses from the Enemy and Causes Us to Prosper:** <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>"And ***I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes***, so that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," says the LORD of hosts; <sup>12</sup>"And all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts. (Mal 3:10-12)

# 7 Glory of God's Abundant Provision for Our Life

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### If God Provides, Can I Expect Abundant Supply from Him?

You receive supply from those of whom you choose to stand right with and seek after their dominion over your life. For example, as far as you allow your parents, teachers, employer, government and social associations like churches and clubs to rule over your life, they are able to add things to fulfill your needs. Similarly, if you seek after God's kingdom and His righteousness, you empower Him to add to your needs. When you let Him be your king and the Lord, He will be able to supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. You will know beyond doubt in this chapter that God provides excessively for all your needs with regard to your life in the spirit, soul, body, society and the world. The purpose for excess supply beyond your needs is to help you establish His covenant in this world.

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Our life is primarily driven by our inner desires. They may include: desire to be guilt free; desire to worship and fellowship, desire to be victorious; desire to be valued; desire for clean air, healthy food and drinks, good clothes, health and sex. We express these desires by our emotions. And, we seek after various personalities and things in expectation to fulfill them. This we do by making responses by our freewill choices. When our soul is lost with regard to God, we choose other people, things and spirit of the world as the sources of fulfillment.

God however becomes the source of provision, if we get saved in Jesus name by faith and baptism. We are lifted into God's presence by partaking in the new covenant. Bible declares, all that God the Father possesses belong to Jesus His son. Moreover, we being joint heirs with Christ gain access to God's grace. The grace and mercy of God abound towards us and issue in eternal life. Hence, whatever we desire, we receive from God by asking in Jesus name.

Thus, we can seek after God's dominion and His right standing with us by our freewill responses and emotional reactions. As a result, His additions for our abundant life may declare the glory of God. For God manifests forth His glory by passing His goodness in our life by Christ Jesus. In other words, Jesus being the intercessor, God shall supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Various aspects of the *life of our soul*, pertaining to our provision in God, are described below.

Jesus cleanses us in His own blood from all sin. It frees us from all guilty consciousness to draw near to God. Our *life in the spirit* therefore empowers us to fellowship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit through prayer. It also enables us to worship God in the spirit. God appears in His glory upon the body of Christ. The Christ's believers who form up the body certainly gather together in fellowship and worship God. We behold God's goodness when He lifts up the light of His countenance upon us. Goodness and mercy that follow us manifest the glory of God in our lives. When we behold God's glory, we worship Him in adoration. God therefore, by His goodness, fulfills our inner desire to fellowship and worship. He by His mercy makes us free of guilt in Jesus.

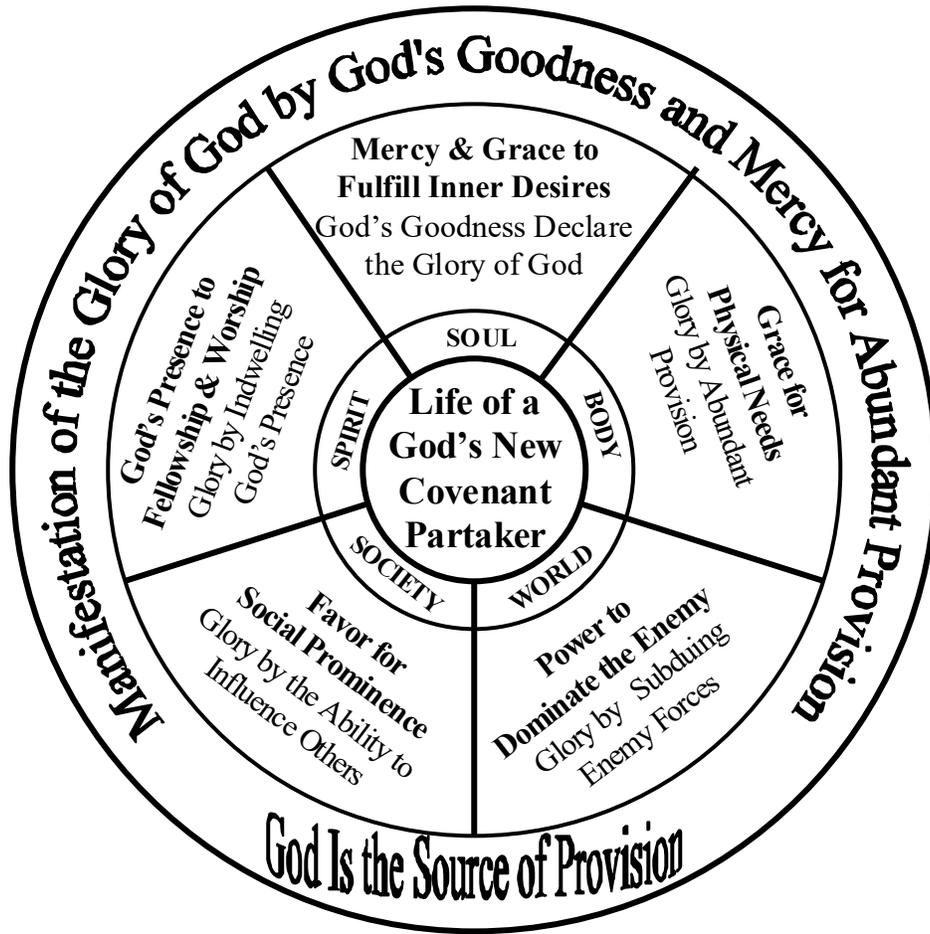
The *life in the flesh* is primarily driven by our habits we have been developing over the years. The habits define the ways we fulfill our inner desires for food, drinks, clothes, health and sex. When we believe in Jesus and are baptized, our body becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit. If we enslave our members to the Spirit Who dwells in us, He helps us

develop righteous and holy habits. God adds our daily food, drinks and clothes by His grace while we seek His dominion (kingdom) over our life. In addition, He becomes the source of our health and healing. He heals our sickness and diseases, if we happen to fall into them. Moreover, when we mature, He makes room for a good marriage to fulfill our desire for sex. In due season, He increases our family through children born of our flesh. In essence, while we walk in the Spirit, Who dwells in us, the grace of God may abound towards us and give us an abundant life in the flesh. The mercy and goodness of God may follow us and manifest forth the glory of God in our life.

Our ***life in the society*** is driven by our inner desire to have social prominence among the people. When we are separated from God, this life abides in bondage to ungodly traditions rooted in the doctrines of men. As a result, we carry out plans stem from the will of man to obtain a significant place in the society even when he is not submitted to God's will. When we believe in Christ, however, God by His grace makes room for us to gain prominence in the society without walking in the flesh. By God's favor, we will be the head not the tail. We will lend and not borrow. God empowering us in this way to influence others manifests forth the glory of God. The social status that we receive by God's grace to influence others therefore is not rooted in the sinful traditions of men.

Our ***life in the world*** is driven by our inner desire to exercise power over various dominions that sinfully control our life. While we do not submit to the Lordship of God in Jesus, our life abides in bondage to these ungodly dominions. They may include principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this age and spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. On the contrary, if we believe in Jesus and are baptized, God gives us authority over all the powers of the enemy. We overcome the works of the enemy by using God given authority in Jesus name. God's power that works in and through us to subdue ungodly forces manifests forth the glory of God.

A visual summary is presented on the next page for God's glory by the abundant provision for those of us who seek His kingdom and His righteousness. Once we become covenant partners with God in Christ, God begins to supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory. Consequently, the life of a new covenant partaker shown within the center circle on next page is going to experience God's glory by His abundant provision. God's goodness and mercy that follow us, as shown within the outer circular annulus on next page, manifest the glory of God



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in our life. A summary pertaining to our provision with regard to various aspects of our life is presented within five sectors of the circle on the page to the left. They, as indicated by the texts within the inner circular annulus, are shown separately for our life of the soul, life in the flesh(body), life in the world, life in the society and life in the spirit respectively. The glory of God shall be seen in those aspects of our life as stated by the descriptions within corresponding sectors in between two circular annuluses.

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## **Bible References**

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### **God's Presence Guides Us into Our Provision**

**God Presence Guides Us Safely into Our Provision:**<sup>14</sup>For this is God, our God forever and ever; he will be our guide even to death.(Ps 48:14) <sup>11</sup>***The LORD will guide you continually***, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.(Isa 58:10-11) <sup>10</sup>***They shall neither hunger nor thirst, neither heat nor sun shall strike them***; for He who has mercy on them will lead them, even by the springs of water He will guide them.(Isa 49:10) <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul; he leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. <sup>6</sup>***Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.***(Ps 23:1-6)

### **God Provides for Our Needs According to His Riches in Glory**

**We Who Have Been Saved by Jesus Have Access to God's Grace for All of Our Needs According to His Riches in Glory:** <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.(Rom 3:23-24) <sup>1</sup>Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom also ***we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.***(Rom 5:1-2) <sup>14</sup>For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.(Rom 6:14) God <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),<sup>6</sup>and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the

heavenly places in Christ Jesus,<sup>7</sup> that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,<sup>(Eph 2:5-8)</sup> ***16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace*** to help in time of need.<sup>(Heb 4:16)</sup> <sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.<sup>(2 Cor 8:9)</sup> <sup>19</sup>And my ***God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*** <sup>20</sup>Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.<sup>(Phil 4:19-20)</sup>

## **God's Provision by His Grace to Carry out His Work in This World**

**Grace of God Abounds Towards Us to Do Every Good Work for the Kingdom of God:** <sup>31</sup>"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>"For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and ***all these things shall be added to you.***<sup>(Matt 6:31-33)</sup> <sup>8</sup>And ***God is able to make all grace abound toward you,*** that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.<sup>(2 Cor 9:8)</sup> <sup>9</sup>And He said to me, "***My grace is sufficient for you,*** for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.<sup>(2 Cor 12:9)</sup> <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.<sup>(1 Cor 15:10)</sup>

**Gifts from God to Do Good Works by the Grace of God:**<sup>6</sup>Having then ***gifts differing according to the grace*** that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. <sup>9</sup>Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; <sup>11</sup>not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup>rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; <sup>13</sup>distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.<sup>(Rom 12:6-13)</sup> <sup>4</sup>I thank my God always concerning you for ***the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus,*** <sup>5</sup>that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, <sup>6</sup>even as ***the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you,*** <sup>7</sup>so that you ***come short in no gift,*** eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>(1 Cor 1:4-8)</sup>

# Restoration of Backsliders by God with Eternal Glory

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## Does God Restore Me Even When I Fail Him and Others

A loving earthly father always waits to restore a repenting child who rebelled against him and has fallen either into addiction or sickness or wrong associations or poverty etc. You will understand in this chapter how God your heavenly Father revives you, once you draw near to Him in repentance. He restores you to all that are lost and add even more when you turn back to Him. Your areas of revival may include: your choices and emotional expressions free of sin; empowering to resist the evil forces of the world; love by the Spirit to overcome the flesh; healing from sickness; righteousness and holiness from lawlessness; and a good social standing from a lower level of influence.

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We do not die like Adam and live without God, if we happen to backslide into sin. God has now provided a way back into His throne through Jesus. God passes His goodness and mercy in our life entirely based on our faith on Jesus name. Our faith appropriates Jesus flesh and blood to have life in His name. For we abide in eternal life by eating Jesus flesh and drinking Jesus blood and the Holy Spirit. Jesus flesh is food indeed and His blood is drink indeed. Jesus blood that cleanses us from all sin makes the way to find God's mercy and grace through repentance. The description below shows how God restores backsliders with eternal glory.

We sometimes turn away from God and wind up backsliding in the ***life of our soul***. For we submit to people or the things of this world as a source to fulfill our inner desires. In other words, we lift our hearts and souls to idols. As a result, we worship, serve and exercise faith on something or somebody instead of God. We, however, can draw near to God in repentance. For Jesus blood, being the atonement for our soul, provides a way for us to come back to God by faith. This is similar to the entrance of the priest every year with blood into the holy temple for the sins of the people of Israel. The blood indeed atoned for sin and gave access to God's presence and His mercy.

Similarly, if we draw near to God in repentance, God revives us with eternal glory. For the goodness and mercy of God follow and restore us. The repentance revives the freedom of our souls from sin as described below for various aspects of our lives. Revival empowers us once again for free emotional expressions and choices free of sin. For sin shall not have dominion over us for we are not under the law but under grace.

When we do not abide in the love of God, we invariably backslide in our ***life in the spirit***. It is displayed by our walk in the lust of the flesh, lust of the eye and pride of life which are not of the Father. The walk according to the flesh hinders our fellowship with God, Who is Light. The light in us therefore will be darkness if we either refuse to submit to God or hate our brothers. For God's commandments are to love God and others and believe in Jesus name. When we do not obey these commandments, we abide in darkness.

We can however draw near to God in repentance through Jesus blood. In other words, we may come boldly to the throne of grace in times of need. God is light and dwells in unapproachable light. If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all

unrighteousness. Also, the goodness and mercy that follow us empower us to walk in love. For the love of God is poured out in our heart by the Holy Spirit. It revives our walk in the spirit that we may not fulfill the lust of the flesh. When we love, we dwell in the light and there is no stumbling in us.

On the other hand, we backslide in our *life in the flesh*, if we seek after lawless deeds to fulfill our inner desires for food, drinks, clothes, health and sex. We also sometimes fall short of our health. If we indeed are sick let us call for the elders of the church. Let them pray over us, anointing us with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise us up. If we have committed sins, we will be forgiven. We also confess our trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that we may be healed.

In other words, when we fall into sin or sickness, we can draw near to God, for repentance through Jesus blood sanctifies us. We can find grace and mercy of God to meet all our needs including healing. If we therefore seek God in repentance, Who dwells in us, He revives us again. Revival in health or righteousness and holiness may restore us to eternal glory in our life in the flesh.

We backslide in our *life in the society*, if we seek after social prominence through sinful dealings. In the long run, we indeed suffer shame and lose our influence on others. Sometimes we even experience lack or poverty. We however can draw near to God in repentance by faith. The blood that cleanses us from all sin enables us to find mercy and grace to restore our influence in the society. It empowers us to put our past failures behind and progress in life. The goodness and mercy that follow us may surely reinstate our social prominence for the glory of God. For God revives our social status by making our name great again. Sometimes we tolerate the works of the enemy risking God's plan and purposes. If we continue to let the ruler of this world oppress us, he may succeed in frustrating the grace for God's plans for our lives. He may not flee from us until we submit to God and resist him in Jesus name. We therefore wind up backsliding in our *life in the world* due to sinful tolerance.

We may however draw near to God in repentance by faith. For Jesus blood cleanses us from all sin. It enables us to enter into the presence of God even in the midst of sinful circumstances. In other words, we can boldly come to God's throne and find mercy and grace in times of need. As a result, we are empowered to resist the enemy by the power of God's



**Restoration of Backsliders by God with Eternal Glory**

might. It certainly restores our dominion over the works of the devil. We therefore can overcome the enemy by blood of the lamb and word of our testimony. Surely, God's goodness that restores our dominion over the spirit of the world manifests the glory of God. The weapons of the enemy that formed against us will therefore not prosper.

In essence Jesus, through His flesh and blood, makes us the way back to God once we are trapped into sin. The revival by repentance with eternal glory is made possible due to God forgiving us and restoring us in Christ. A visual summary is presented on the page to the left for God restoring the backsliders with eternal glory. God dwells in those of us who believe in Christ due to our faith and baptism. When we repent the refreshing that comes from the presence of God manifests the glory of God upon us. If we happen to backslide and then repent, as shown within the outer circular annulus on the left page, God restores us to eternal glory by His mercy and goodness. Consequently, God in Christ restores us, the new covenant partakers shown within the center circle on the left page. A summary pertaining to our restoration with regard to various aspects of our life is presented within five sectors of the circle on the left page. They, as indicated by the texts within the inner circular annulus, are shown separately for our life of the soul, life in the flesh(body), life in the world, life in the society and life in the spirit respectively.

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## **Bible References**

The Bible verses pertaining to the glory of God with regard to restoration are presented here. It covers mostly the description in the paragraph on page 62 with paragraph title **RESTORATION**. The remaining text in this section is an introductory note for later chapters. The Bible verses for that text therefore can be found in those chapters.

## **Eternal Life in Jesus Blood in Spite of Our Sinful Failures**

**God Reconciled to Us (Sinners) Through Cleansing of Our Sin by Jesus Blood:**  
<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been *brought near by the blood of Christ*.<sup>(Eph 2:13)</sup> <sup>7</sup>In Him we have *redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins*, according to the riches of His grace <sup>8</sup>which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,<sup>(Eph 1:7-8)</sup> <sup>20</sup>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*.<sup>(Col 1:20)</sup>

**We Are God's Property Through Justification, Redemption, Sanctification by Jesus Blood:** <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were not *redeemed* with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, <sup>19</sup>but *with the precious blood of Christ*, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. (1 Pet 1:18-19) <sup>12</sup>Therefore Jesus also, that He might *sanctify the people with His own blood*, suffered outside the gate. (Heb 13:12) <sup>9</sup>Much more then, having now been *justified by His blood*, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. (Rom 5:9)

**God Keeps Us Eternally Alive Through the Blood of the Covenant for Remission of Our Sins:** <sup>28</sup>For *this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins*. (Matt 26:28) <sup>53</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>*Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life*, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>55</sup>For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. <sup>56</sup>He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. (John 6:53-57)

**Jesus Blood Washes Us from Our Sins and Makes Us White:** <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and *have redeemed us to God by Your blood* out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, (Rev 5:9) <sup>14</sup>And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and *made them white in the blood of the Lamb*. (Rev 7:14) <sup>5</sup>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*, (Rev 1:5)

**While We Walk (Live) in God's Presence Jesus Blood Cleanses Us from All Sins:** <sup>7</sup>For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. <sup>8</sup>And there are three that bear witness on earth: *the Spirit, the water, and the blood*; and these three agree as one. (1 Jn 5:7-8) <sup>7</sup>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*. (1 Jn 1:7) <sup>14</sup>how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Heb 9:14)

## Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love Owing to Jesus Blood

**We Are Able to Overcome the Enemy by the Blood of the Lamb and Word of Our Testimony:** <sup>10</sup>Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. <sup>11</sup>And *they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony*, and they did not love their lives to the death. (Rev 12:10-11) <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?  
<sup>36</sup>As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." <sup>37</sup>Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:33-39)

## Restoration in the Presence of God Through Our Repentance

**We Can Enter into God's Presence by the Blood of Jesus to Obtain Mercy and Find Grace:** <sup>19</sup>Therefore, brethren, having boldness to *enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus*,<sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, <sup>21</sup>and having a High Priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. (Heb 10:19-23) <sup>14</sup>Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore *come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.* (Heb 4:14-16)

**Lord Restoring/Refreshing Us Through Our Repentance by Causing His Face to Shine upon Us.:** <sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your countenance. (Ps 90:8) <sup>5</sup>Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the *help of His countenance.* (Ps 42:5) <sup>18</sup>Then we will not turn back from You; *revive us*, and we will call upon Your name. <sup>19</sup>*Restore us*, O LORD God of hosts; *cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!* (Ps 80:18-19) <sup>3</sup>For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, nor did their own arm save them; but it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, because You favored them. (Ps 44:3) <sup>19</sup>"*Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,*"<sup>20</sup> and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before. (Acts 3:19-20)

**We Find Joy in God's Presence That Is Our Strength in the Lord:**<sup>11</sup>*You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.* (Ps 16:11) <sup>1</sup>Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup>*Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;* let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. (Ps 95:1-2) <sup>1</sup>Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! <sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness; *come before His presence with singing.* <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; *we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.* <sup>4</sup>Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. <sup>5</sup>For *the LORD is good;* his mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations. (Ps 100:1-5) <sup>16</sup>that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might

through His Spirit in the inner man,(Eph 3:16) <sup>10</sup>Do not sorrow, ***for the joy of the LORD is your strength.***"(Neh 8:10)

## **God Restores Us by His Grace to the Praise of His Glory**

**Riches of God's Grace Through Forgiveness of Sins:** <sup>13</sup>Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;(1 Pet 1:13) <sup>11</sup>For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.(Titus 2:11)<sup>10</sup>Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you.(1 Pet 1:10) <sup>7</sup>that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.(Titus 3:7) <sup>1</sup>You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.(2 Tim 2:1) <sup>14</sup>And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.(1 Tim 1:14) <sup>6</sup>***to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In Him we have redemption through His blood,*** the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace(Eph 1:6-7)

## **Glorified Resurrected Body Owing to the Blood of the Covenant**

**Resurrection of Our Body with Eternal Glory:** <sup>20</sup>Now may the God of peace who ***brought up our Lord Jesus*** from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through ***the blood of the everlasting covenant,***(Heb 13:20) <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,(Rom 6:4-5) Jesus said <sup>54</sup>***Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.***(John 6:54) <sup>42</sup>So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. <sup>43</sup>***It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.*** <sup>44</sup>It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup>And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.(1 Cor 15:42-45)

# Section 3

## Discovering Your Ability to Prosper in God



# Living an Abundant Life by Prospering in God

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### Does God Recreate a New Me So That I Can Know Him and Receive from Him?

You will learn in this chapter the new you in Christ who can access God's goodness in Jesus name, blood and the Holy Spirit. You will discover your new spirit born of the Spirit, your new heart circumcised in the Spirit, cleansed conscience that bears witness in the Spirit and your Spirit filled body. Then, you will become aware of your new spiritual senses by which you discern God in the Spirit. You will also acknowledge your new ability to be renewed by the Spirit of your mind and have the mind of Christ. So, you can stand right with God and have joyful victories by faith with the peace of God. All these things empower you to abide in God's light, Spirit, word and love and live in God's abundance. These conditions grant you to worship and fellowship with God in the Spirit and prosper in Him.

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This is an introductory chapter for the remaining chapters in this book. Jesus said, "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." We examine this principle that empowers us to prosper in God through the following examples.

Children are under the authority and care of their parents. As far as the children submit to their parents, the parents can add many things for their prosperity. They include character, food, clothing, shelter, education and training. In general, parents favor cannot impart anything meaningful to the children who resist parents' authority over their life. For example, a mother cannot add the food of her choice for nourishment even to a baby who resists her feeding. On the contrary, those developing children who seek the leadership of their parents and let them dominate over them get immensely blessed. In other words, the children who deny themselves and take upon the will, ways, plan and purposes of their parents for their life increase in life. Later in their adult life, they will be fully equipped to face the challenges a success demands and prosper in life without limits.

In another scenario, employees seek after the dominion of employers when they get their job. Every workday the employees serve in roles defined by the employer. As a result, they are pursuing the vision and executing the mission of the employer. In other words, for every work period the employees deny themselves and take upon the plan and purposes of their employers. It empowers the employers to add to their employees the wages and other fringe benefits that issue for life. When an employee changes his employer, he seeks another dominion. The old employer loses the effectiveness to add anything beneficial to him.

Now we consider two different spiritual kingdoms. They are known as kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness. When we seek after the kingdom of God and His righteousness, He adds good things to our life. The grace and mercy that abound towards our life issues all that are necessary for our life of the soul. They manifest through the life in the spirit, life in the flesh, life in the society and life in this world. Consequently, we prosper in God in all areas of our life. On the contrary, we may seek after the world through worship and service of idols. Consequently, we let the spirit of the world dominate our life. Although, all the sinful additions from the kingdom of darkness sometimes bring pleasure for a season, they eventually lead to destruction and death.

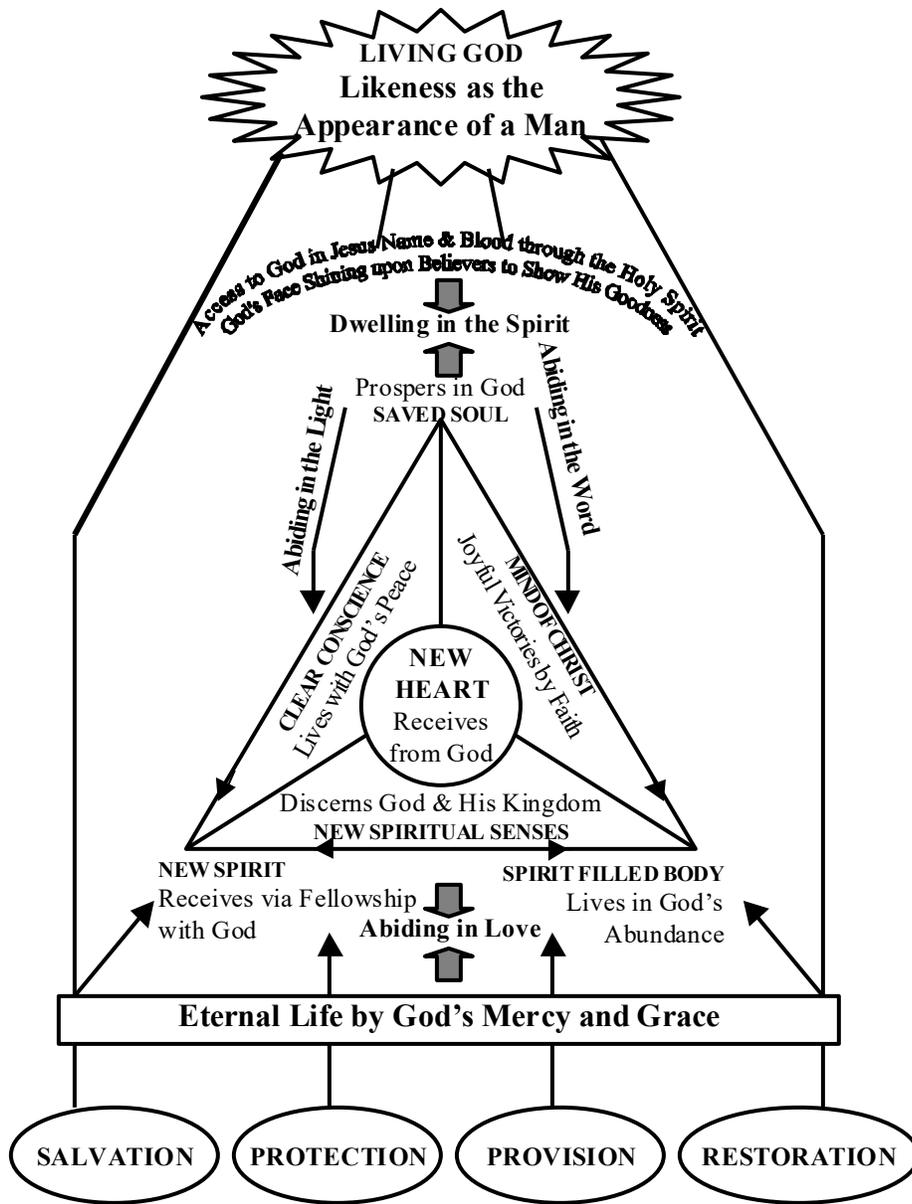
In desperation, many of us intend to draw near to God. Then without success, we try to get rid of our evil conscience through gifts and sacrifices to God. If we never have appropriated the atonement in Jesus

for our sin, we are in bondage to an evil conscience. It constantly convicts of God's judgment of our life and disrupts our peace. In chapter 10, the readers will discover that Jesus redeems them from the curse of the law and establishes their peace with God. Also, we are washed clean of all our filthiness in Jesus name, blood and the Holy Spirit. Law of the Spirit of life frees us from the law of sin and death. The blood of Christ that cleanses our conscience from dead works enables us to serve the living God. We will have a clear conscience due to God's forgiveness. God's mercy that reigns through peace issues us in eternal life.

In the midst of pressure, many of us wonder why our heart struggles to submit by faith to God for answers. On the other hand Jesus, Who being the sacrificial lamb of God, justifies us by His flesh and blood. Now, we can make Jesus our atonement by faith and stand right with God without our own works. In chapter 11, the readers will gain insight about their new God given heart that is circumcised in the Spirit, if they indeed believe in Christ. They will also come to know their new ability to submit to God, for the Holy Spirit pours out the love of God in our heart. The love empowers us to stand right with God and others. As a result, the grace of God that abounds towards us will provide all that pertain to eternal life. The Spirit and grace therefore will help us dominate over sin and live for God.

Personally knowing God and receiving favor from Him appear almost an impossible task for number of people. God is light and in His light we can know God and the things of His kingdom. However, we have to be born of the Spirit and get a new spirit to see the kingdom of God. In chapter 12, the readers will learn how they can receive eternal life in Jesus name. Once they have this life, the information in chapter 12 will help them discover their new ability to interact with God because of a new spirit and a new heart. They will begin to worship in the spirit and effectively fellowship with God. Consequently, owing to their empowerment to live in the light, they will receive from God. We increase in the knowledge of God by the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit and grace through the knowledge of true God therefore will destroy the yoke of bondage to death and darkness in our life.

We invariably wonder whether we can prosper in God in spite of our poor choices and wounding emotions of our past life. In reality, when our soul is lost with regard to God, the flesh and Satan enslave us. Bondage to these evil sources is the reason for our poor choices and wounding emotions. Faith in Jesus however is the way for us to be united with God.



## Living an Abundant Life by Prospering in God

In chapter 13, the readers will discover that they can hear, believe and speak the truth in love with boldness by the Holy Spirit. They will also learn that knowing the truth frees their souls. And, they will be liberated by the Holy Spirit to access God. For where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom. God's grace that abounds towards us through the truth and love issues in eternal life. The Spirit and grace therefore destroy the yoke of bondage to our sinful choices and emotions that stem from the flesh and Satan. This new favorable condition empowers us to prosper in God.

In many occasions, we struggle to focus our mind on the things of God. If we are alienated from the life of God, we set our mind on the things of the flesh or of this world. They successfully exercise dominion over our intents and thoughts due to absence of God in us. God is the only one Who can empower us to overcome them. The readers will discover in chapter 14 that God gives them the power to rule over the works of the devil and the flesh once they believe in Jesus. They will also know how to be renewed in the Spirit of their mind and have the mind of Christ. For God has given those of us who believe in Christ the Spirit of power, love and sound mind. Hence, we can be mindful of God's will, plan and purposes and pursue them by faith. God's grace that reigns through faith will make us victorious over the flesh and Satan and help us reach our destiny in God.

Before coming to Jesus, we are in bondage to sinful habits, death, sickness and demons. Our body does not seem to be worthy to become an instrument of God. Jesus is the way for God's Spirit to enter and give us life. The readers will discover in chapter 15, if they believe in Jesus, they can exercise power over all the works of the enemy, be sanctified and healed in Jesus name and the Holy Spirit. In other words, they will know how God fills them with His Spirit and empowers them to overcome all the undesirable things of the body. And, God's grace which reigns through holiness and resurrection issues in eternal life. The Spirit and grace therefore destroy their yoke of bondage to sinful habits, death, sickness and evil spirits.

When we believe in Jesus and are baptized, we are lifted to live in God's presence. We become the temple of God for God begins to dwell in us due to our faith and baptism. A visual summary is presented on the page to the left for the abundant life we have in God, Who lives in us. As shown within the top star, the living God has a likeness as the appearance of a man. Jesus is our atonement to gain access into God's presence. We

therefore, as stated just below the star on page 92, have access to God through the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus and His blood. And, the face of the living God shines upon us and shows His goodness. We, as shown within the ellipses at the very bottom on page 92, are not only saved of the Lord but also receive protection, provision and restoration. For, as shown within the long bar above the ellipses, mercy and grace found in God's presence issue us in eternal life.

The baptism with the Spirit enables our thoughts, speech and deeds to be guided by God. A visual summary of the new creature born again of God is presented within the integrated triangles with a center circle at the middle of the diagram on page 92. As shown, by the indwelling Spirit of God we will have: a new spirit born of the Spirit, a new heart circumcised in the Spirit, cleansed conscience that bears witness in the Spirit and a Spirit filled body. Hence, we have new spiritual senses to discern God in the Spirit. We have the mind of Christ by being able to be renewed in the Spirit of our mind. Our souls therefore are no longer lost but saved and know true God in the Spirit.

God is Spirit, God was Word, God is love and God is light. And He manifests in us through His Spirit, word, love and light. When we yield to God, as indicated on page 92 above and below the integrated triangles in between the two solid arrows facing each other, we dwell in the Spirit and abide in God's love. In addition, as stated along the arrows from top star to the integrated triangles, we abide in God's word and light.

When we live in the Spirit we may be able to interact with Godhead who dwells in us. The new spirit and new heart enable us to fellowship with God and receive from Him. For they provide us new spiritual senses to discern God and His kingdom. We may maintain the peace of God due to our clear conscience that bears witness in the Spirit for God's love. Since we have the mind of Christ, we will know God's will, ways, plan and purposes in our heart by the Spirit. This enables our soul to prosper in God. Also, we prosper in health as our soul prospers and live in God's abundance. A summary of our ability to prosper in God is also superimposed within the integrated triangle on page 92.

If we let God dominate over our life as our king and Lord, He adds to our life and causes us to prosper. The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. We are able to stand right with God by our new spirit and by the love poured out in our heart by the Holy Spirit. We who search the hearts know what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of

God. By carrying out God's will by faith in the ways of God, we will be able to seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Faith is our assurance for victory that gives us the joy in the Holy Spirit. Joy of the Lord is our strength to pursue God's plans for our life and prosper in God.

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### Moving from Evil Dominion of This World to the Kingdom of God

**Evil Ruler of This World Is Judged and Cast Out by the Work of Jesus:** Jesus said <sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. <sup>8</sup>And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: <sup>9</sup>of sin, because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup>of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; <sup>11</sup>of judgment, because ***the ruler of this world is judged.***<sup>(John 16:7-11)</sup> <sup>30</sup>I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me.<sup>(John 14:30)</sup> <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now ***the ruler of this world will be cast out.***<sup>(John 12:31)</sup> <sup>3</sup>But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup>whose minds ***the god of this age has blinded***, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.<sup>(2 Cor 4:3-4)</sup>

**Spirit of God and Spirit of the World Are Contrary to Each Other:** <sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. <sup>4</sup>You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. <sup>6</sup>We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.<sup>(1 Jn 4:1-6)</sup> <sup>25</sup>If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.<sup>(Gal 5:25)</sup> <sup>3</sup>endeavoring to ***keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.***<sup>(Eph 4:3)</sup>

**God Conveys Us from Power of Darkness to Kingdom of Jesus:** <sup>8</sup>He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.<sup>(1 Jn 3:8)</sup> <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.<sup>(Acts 10:38)</sup> <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>***He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,***<sup>(Col 1:12-13)</sup>

## **Prospering in God by Seeking God's Dominion over Our Life**

**Abundant Life in Christ:** Jesus said <sup>10</sup>"*I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*"<sub>(John 10:10)</sub> <sup>17</sup>For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.<sub>(Rom 5:17)</sub>

**Prospering in God by Seeking First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness:**<sup>25</sup>"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? <sup>30</sup>Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But *seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*"<sub>(Matt 6:25,30-33)</sub>

**Increasing in God by Pursuing the Kingdom of God:** <sup>11</sup>He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. <sup>12</sup>For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."<sub>(Matt 13:11-12)</sub> <sup>28</sup>Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away."<sub>(Matt 25:28-29)</sub> <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.<sub>(2 Cor 9:8)</sub>

# A Clear Conscience to Live with God's Peace

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### How Can I Get Rid of My Evil Conscience Which Convicts Me of My Sin & Judgment?

If you never appropriated the atonement in Jesus for your sin, you are in bondage to an evil conscience. For it constantly convicts you of God's judgment of your life and disrupts your peace. In this chapter, you will learn that Jesus redeems you from the curse of the law and establishes the peace with God. You are washed clean of all your filthiness in Jesus name, blood and the Holy Spirit. Law of the Spirit of life frees you from the law of sin and death. The blood of Christ that cleanses your conscience from dead works enables you to serve the living God. For you will have a clear conscience owing to God's forgiveness. God's mercy that reigns through peace therefore issues in eternal life.

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We are alienated from God until we become partakers of the new covenant in Jesus. We who without God therefore are in bondage to condemnation of our conscience for all wrong doing. For our conscience bears witness, between our thoughts accusing or else excusing us as guilty or not guilty, according to the law of sin and death. Our own works to establish the peace with God, however religious they appear, cannot redeem us from the curse of the law.

On the contrary, Jesus redeems sinners from the curse of the law by His own flesh and blood. Now therefore, we can have the peace with God by faith without our own religious dead works. Receiving Jesus as the Lord and Savior, therefore, washes us in Jesus name and blood. It also redeems us to God through Jesus blood that God enters and dwells in us. The indwelling God destroys the yoke of bondage to curse of the law by His Spirit and grace as described below.

The Spirit agrees on the earth with Jesus blood and the word of God. The blood cleanses our sin and the word sanctifies us by the truth. The spirit of wisdom and revelation helps us live in peace with God by faith through sincere love of the Spirit. The Spirit of God washes us by convicting us of sin and by enabling us to confess that Jesus is Lord. If we yield to the Spirit, we receive Christ by faith as our Redeemer. As a result, the law of the Spirit of life frees us from the law of sin and death. In other words, we shall come to know by the revelation of the Holy Spirit that Jesus is Christ and His blood is able to cleanse us from all sin. When we become believers in Christ, the Spirit washes us from the consciousness of sinfulness and condemnation. This is how the Spirit guides us to receive God's mercy and grace for forgiveness and redemption.

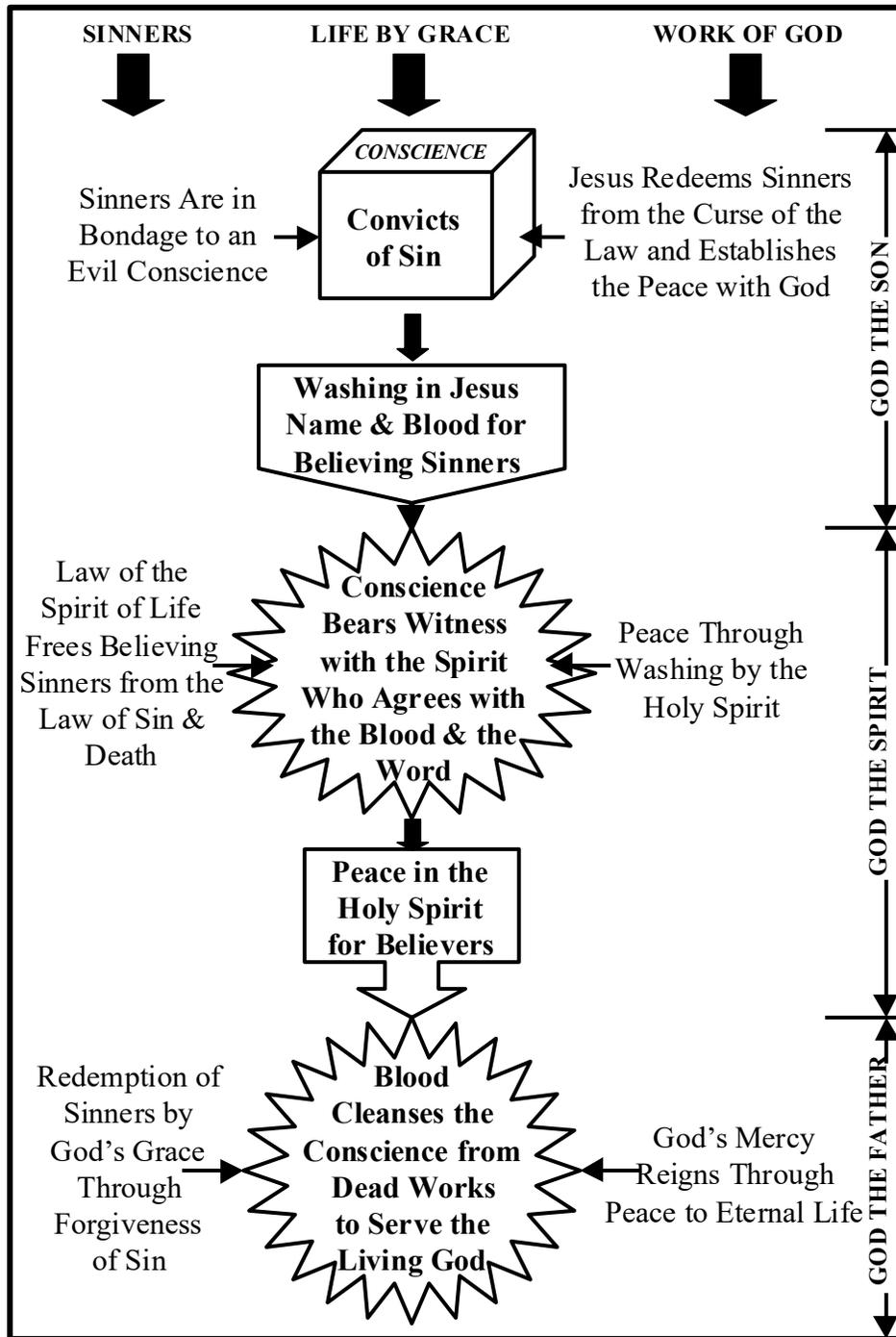
God is light, word, Spirit and love. The eternal life therefore is to abide in the light, word, and Spirit and let God live through us in love. Love by the Spirit enables us to live in the light and walk in obedience to God's word by faith. This lifestyle empowers us to have peace with God and others through faith without our own works. For they measure up to meet the requirements of the law. God's mercy in our failures reigns through peace to eternal life. The redemption by God's grace through forgiveness of our sins, therefore, destroys the yoke of bondage to condemnation through curse of the law. This deliverance empowers us to be valued in the sight of God. For it helps us get rid of the guilty status imposed by our sinful past.

We use a word picture to enhance the understanding of our redemption in Christ. A reunion of a son who rebelled against his father and alienated from him may serve as a good analogy. The son is in prison for he transgressed the law of the land. He is there because he couldn't afford the penalty he was asked to pay by the judge who convicted him. The son however confesses his sins to the father and repents. Then the favor of his loving father abounds towards him. The father who has the ability to pay the penalty forgives him and pays the penalty and brings him out of the prison. They make peace with each other and come together as a family. In other words, the grace and mercy of the father redeemed the son from the curse of the law.

We can compare the earthly father in this word picture to our heavenly Father. The son in the example is any of us who sinned against God. The Bible says all of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The judge who convicted the son for his transgression can be compared with the conviction of our conscience for our sin. The imprisonment may be made similar to our bondage to sin that operates through the condemnation to hell. If we are not redeemed in timely manner we are going to be in hell for eternity.

Confession and repentance of the son brought the favor of the father upon the son. Similarly, when we confess our sins and repent, the grace of God abounds towards us. The penalty for sin is death. Just as the father in the example paid the penalty, our Father in heaven paid the penalty for our sin by sending His Son Jesus to die in our place. Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the law by hanging on the cross for us. Now, we are able to have peace with God just as the father and son in the example had peace after the redemption by grace. We become the members in God's family and are called by His name. For we are redeemed by God's grace through forgiveness of sin.

The mercy of God that abounds through peace issues in eternal life. It destroys the yoke of bondage to seek after religious dead works, as a means to be redeemed from the curse of the law. The curse that manifests through poverty, sickness, death and dominion of evil spirits constantly lowers our value and makes us not worthy. Under the old covenant, the high priest in the temple of God had the access to the most holy place through a blood sacrifice. The mercy seat that was placed in the most holy place assured God's mercy upon the people of Israel for their sins. Similarly, now the washing in Jesus name, blood and the Holy Spirit empowers us to access God's presence and find mercy. Restoration



through God's mercy, however, brings fulfillment to our inner desire to be highly esteemed by God and others. It destroys the bondage to curse of the law and assures us of receiving God's blessings by faith.

A visual summary on the page to the left is shown for our redemption in Christ with regard to our conscience. The three vertical sections, from left to right in the summary, describe the portions pertaining to sinners, their life by grace and work of God in their life, respectively. The three horizontal sections, from top to bottom in the summary, describe the portions pertaining to God the Son, God the Spirit and God the Father, respectively.

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### **Living in Bondage to a Defiled Conscience**

**Conscience of Sinners (Unbelievers) Is Defiled:**<sup>14</sup>When Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, <sup>15</sup>*who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them* (Rom 2:14-15) Therefore, <sup>15</sup>to the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but *even their mind and conscience are defiled*. <sup>16</sup>They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work. (Titus 1:15-16)

**If We Depart from Faith We Seek After Dead Works to Find Value:** <sup>1</sup>Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, (Heb 6:1) <sup>14</sup>how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, *cleanse your conscience from dead works* to serve the living God? (Heb 9:14) <sup>1</sup>Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, <sup>2</sup>speaking lies in hypocrisy, *having their own conscience seared with a hot iron*, <sup>3</sup>forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. (1 Tim 4:1-3)

**Consciousness of Idols Causes Our Conscience to Be Weak and Defiled:** <sup>4</sup>Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. <sup>5</sup>For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), <sup>6</sup>yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live. <sup>7</sup>However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; *for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.* (1 Cor 8:4-7)

## Jesus Redeems Us from the Curse of the Law

**Jesus Redeemed Us (Sinners) from the Curse of the Law:**<sup>4</sup>God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.<sup>(Gal 4:4-5)</sup> <sup>13</sup>***Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law***, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree").<sup>(Gal 3:13)</sup> <sup>22</sup>***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.<sup>(Heb 10:15-22)</sup>

**Jesus Redeemed Us from the Curse of the Law by His Flesh and Blood:**<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.<sup>(Gal 4:4-5)</sup> <sup>13</sup>***Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law***, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), <sup>14</sup>that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.<sup>(Gal 3:13-14)</sup> Elders said to Jesus <sup>9</sup>***You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.*** <sup>(Rev 5:9)</sup> <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, <sup>19</sup>but ***with the precious blood of Christ***, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.<sup>(1 Pet 1:18-19)</sup> Jesus, <sup>14</sup>***who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself*** His own special people, zealous for good works. <sup>(Titus 2:14)</sup>

**God Has Reconciled to Us Having Made Peace Through the Flesh and Blood of Jesus Cross:** <sup>13</sup>God has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, <sup>14</sup>in whom ***we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*** <sup>20</sup>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.*** <sup>21</sup>And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now ***He has reconciled*** <sup>22</sup>***in the body of His flesh through death,*** to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight--<sup>(Col 1:13,14,20-22)</sup>

## Jesus Establishes Our Peace with God

**Jesus Is the Only Mediator Between God and Man to Establish the Peace Between God and Us:** <sup>5</sup>For there is one God and ***one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.***<sup>(1 Tim 2:5)</sup> <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."<sup>(John 14:6)</sup> <sup>7</sup>Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep."<sup>(John 10:7)</sup> <sup>1</sup>"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber."<sup>(John 10:1)</sup>

**If We Do Not Seek God's Peace Through Jesus the Mediator, We Will Not Be Redeemed from the Transgression of the Law of Sin and Death Under the First Covenant:**<sup>14</sup>Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these,

although not having the law, are a law to themselves, <sup>15</sup>who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)(Rom 2:14-15) <sup>15</sup>And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the ***redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant***, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.(Heb 9:15) <sup>6</sup>But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.(Heb 8:6) <sup>24</sup> to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel. <sup>25</sup>***See that you do not refuse Him who speaks***. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more ***shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven***.(Heb 12:24-25)

**We (Sinners) Who Became the New Covenant Believers Are Washed in Jesus Name:** <sup>11</sup>***But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*** (1 Cor 6:11) Those <sup>30</sup> of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God-- and righteousness and sanctification and ***redemption***-- <sup>31</sup> that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord." (1 Cor 1:30-31)

## **Peace Through Washing by the Holy Spirit**

**We Cannot Establish the Law Without the Help of the Holy Spirit:** <sup>8</sup>who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.(Col 1:8) Therefore <sup>30</sup>***through the love of the Spirit***.(Rom 15:30) <sup>14</sup> all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."(Gal 5:14) <sup>5</sup>Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?--(Gal 3:5) <sup>15</sup>To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and ***unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled***.<sup>16</sup>They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.(Titus 1:15-16) <sup>28</sup>Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. <sup>31</sup>Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.(Rom 3:28,31)

**Freedom from the Law of Sin and Death by the Holy Spirit:**<sup>14</sup>when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, <sup>15</sup>who ***show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness***, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them)(Rom 2:14-15)<sup>17</sup>Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.(2 Cor 3:17) <sup>2</sup>For ***the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death***.(Rom 8:2) Therefore <sup>18</sup>if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.(Gal 5:18) <sup>1</sup>I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, ***my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit***.(Rom 9:1) For <sup>22</sup>the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control. ***Against such there is no law***.(Gal 5:22-23)

**Our Washing and Peace by the Holy Spirit:** <sup>11</sup>*you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.* (1 Cor 6:11) Therefore <sup>14</sup>how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, *cleanse your conscience from dead works* to serve the living God? (Heb 9:14) <sup>17</sup>The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but *righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.* (Rom 14:17) Therefore <sup>15</sup>until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is counted as a forest. <sup>16</sup>Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. <sup>17</sup>*The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.* (Isa 32:15-17)

## God's Mercy and Grace Reign Through Peace to Eternal Life

**Redemption by God's Grace for Forgiveness of Sins Destroys the Bondage to Curse of the Law:** <sup>4</sup>God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. (Gal 4:4-5) Therefore <sup>13</sup>*Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law.* (Gal 3:13) <sup>7</sup>In Him we have redemption through His blood, *the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace* <sup>8</sup>which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence. (Eph 1:7-8) <sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. (Rom 8:1) <sup>15</sup>For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. <sup>16</sup>And *as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them.* (Gal 6:15-16)

**Mercy Might Reign Through Peace to Eternal Life:** <sup>3</sup>Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. (II Jn 1:3) <sup>10</sup>For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, *nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has mercy on you.* (Isa 54:10) <sup>17</sup>For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. (Rom 5:17) Therefore <sup>20</sup>you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup>*keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.* (Jude 1:20-21) For <sup>4</sup>God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in trespasses, *made us alive together with Christ* (by grace you have been saved). (Eph 2:4-5)

# A New God Given Heart That Receives from God

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## What Do I Do? My Heart Does Not Submit to God for Answers!

Jesus, Who being the sacrificial lamb of God, justifies you by His flesh and blood. Now, you therefore can make Jesus your atonement by faith and stand right with God without your own works. In this chapter, you will gain insight about your new God given heart that is circumcised in the Spirit, if you indeed believe in Christ. You will also come to know your new ability to submit to God. For the love of God that is poured out in your heart by the Holy Spirit empowers you to stand right with God and others. As a result, the grace of God that abounds towards you will provide all that pertain to eternal life. The information here will help you dominate over sin and live by the Spirit in you and grace toward you.

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Before we come to Jesus, all of us are in bondage to unrighteous and sinful intents of our hearts that obscure our understanding. For our hearts are hardened by the dominion of sin resulted from our alienation from God. Under this condition, our own works to stand right with God, however righteous it seems, cannot justify us. Contrarily, Jesus the sacrificial Lamb of God justifies sinners by His own flesh and blood. Now Jesus being our atonement, we may stand right with God by faith without our own works. When the gospel is preached, therefore, the Word comes near us in our mouth and in our heart. If we confess with our mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, we shall be saved. For with our heart we believe, resulting in righteousness and with our mouth we confess, resulting in salvation. Receiving Jesus as the Lord and Savior by faith, therefore, justifies us in Jesus name and let the presence of God enter and dwell in us. The indwelling God destroys the yoke of bondage to flesh and Satan by His Spirit and grace as described below.

The Bible declares that the Word was God and became flesh and dwelt among us as Jesus. When Jesus died, the Word became an incorruptible seed. It has the potential to multiply in us, the same life of God that was in Jesus. That is why Jesus said "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain." The seed of the Word is planted in our hearts through preaching of the gospel. The seed sown in our heart is able to reproduce the life of God in all of us. This is made possible by our right standing with God by faith through the new covenant in Jesus. We who are the partakers of the new covenant are born of the incorruptible seed of God (gospel). For faith comes by hearing, hearing by the Word of God. If we declare the faith in our heart by confessing with our mouth, we will be saved. This salvation by God's grace prospers us by giving us an abundant life in Jesus. While we walk with God, we will come to know the hope of our calling and the inheritance in the saints.

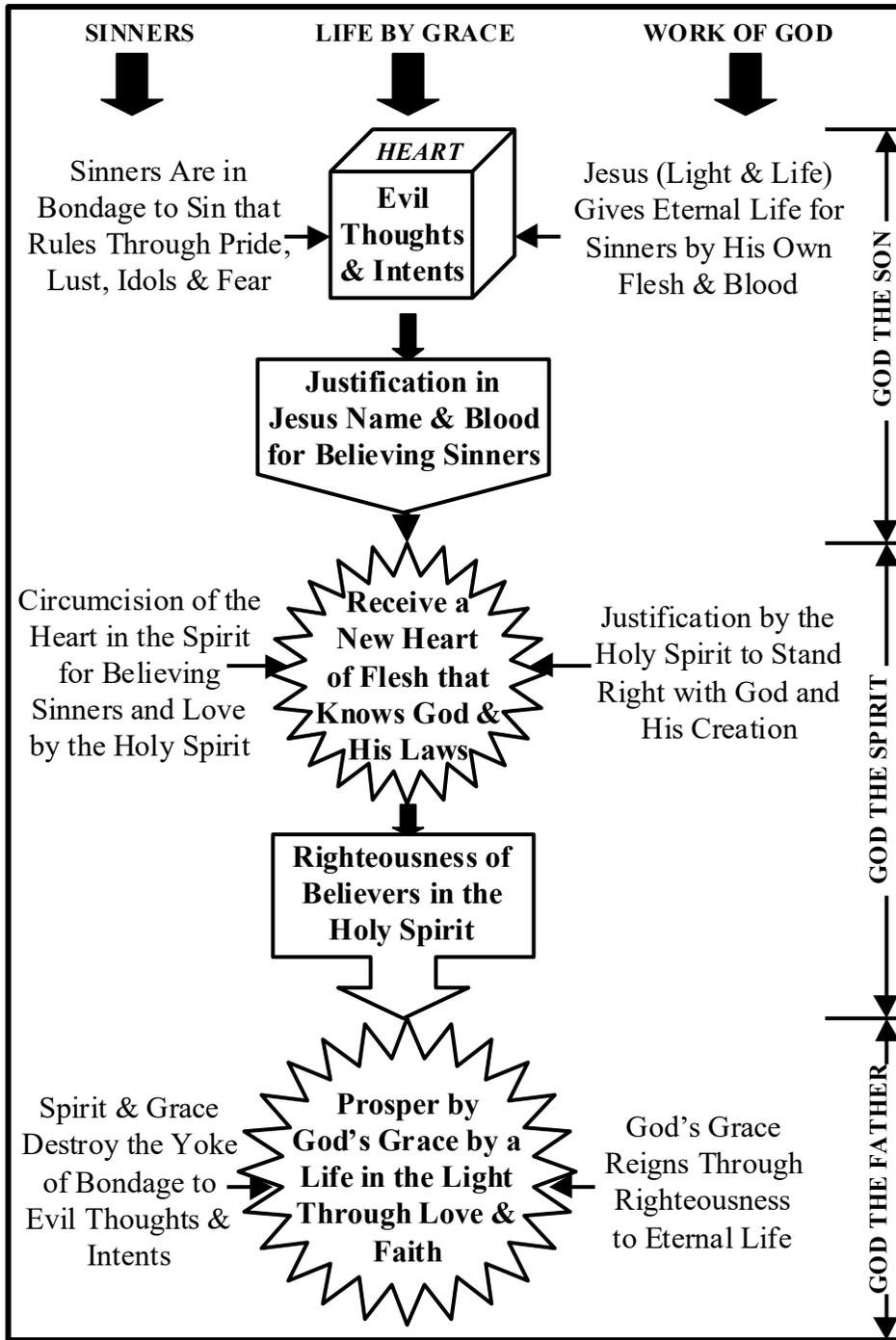
In essence, obtaining a new heart by God's grace enables us neither to yield to sinful intents nor to misunderstand the things of God. Now, we consider the roles of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in giving us this new heart that stands right with God. Since God is exalted far above the dominions of the flesh and the devil, sin will have no power over us. While we seek after God's dominion, the kingdom of God within us, He will add all things that pertain to an abundant life.

We shall come to know that Jesus is Christ from the Word of God by the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God justifies us by convicting us of sin and enabling us to confess that Jesus is Lord. If we yield to the Spirit and receive Christ by faith as Lord and Savior, our heart will be circumcised in the Spirit. God takes away our stony heart that is hardened by sin (pride and lust) and gives us a new fleshly heart. Since then the law of the Spirit of life frees us from the law of sin and death. For the Spirit pours God's love into our hearts and helps us stand right with God and His creation by faith in sincere love of God and others. The Spirit and Word of God make this possible through the new heart of flesh that knows God and His laws without others telling us. This is how, we who are sinners are liberated by the Holy Spirit to have life when we become believers in Christ. When the Spirit be poured upon us from on high the righteousness will remain. For by love of the Spirit in our heart, we will be able to stand right with God and receive inheritance by God's grace as described below.

God is Light, Word, Spirit and love. The eternal life therefore is to abide in the Light, Word, and Spirit and let God live through us in love. Loving God through worship and fellowship by the Spirit enables us to live in the Light, and walk in obedience to God's Word by faith. This lifestyle empowers us to stand right with God and receive grace and mercy in times of need. Consequently, God's grace reigns through righteousness to eternal life. The abundant grace that abounds toward us empowers us to prosper. As a result, the prosperity without our own works destroys the bondage to unrighteous and sinful intents of our heart that stem from pride, lust, idols and fearing people and death. The grace of God that abounds against the seed, i.e., the Word in our heart and in our mouth prospers us in various areas of our life.

A visual summary in the form of a flow diagram is shown on next page for our abundant life in God with regard to our heart. The three vertical sections, from left to right in the summary, describe the portions pertaining to sinners, their life by grace and work of God in their life, respectively. The three horizontal sections, from top to bottom in the summary, describe the portions pertaining to God the Son, God the Spirit and God the Father, respectively.

The grace of God that abounds through the right standing with God issues all those are necessary for eternal life. It destroys the yoke of bondage to sinful and unrighteous intents of the heart as a means to prosper. For an abundant life by God's grace fulfills our inner desire to



prosper and eliminates the need to make room for prosperity through works rooted in the flesh or the world.

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### **Righteousness in Jesus Without Own Works**

**Jesus Became Our Righteousness Through Justification in His Name:** Those <sup>30</sup>of Him you are in *Christ Jesus, who became for us* wisdom from God-- and *righteousness* and sanctification and redemption-- <sup>31</sup>that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord."<sup>(1 Cor 1:30-31)</sup> <sup>9</sup>Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, <sup>10</sup>nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, *but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*<sup>(1 Cor 6:9-11)</sup>

**Jesus Is the Sacrificial Lamb of God Who Takes Away the Sin of the World and Impart God's Righteousness to Man:** <sup>29</sup>"Behold! *The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*" (John 1:29) <sup>32</sup>"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opened not His mouth."<sup>33</sup>In His humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth."<sup>(Acts 8:32-33)</sup> Therefore <sup>2</sup>Jesus Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2) <sup>18</sup>*Through Jesus righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.*<sup>(Rom 5:18)</sup> <sup>22</sup>*even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.*<sup>(Rom 3:22)</sup>

**Jesus Justifies Us by His Flesh and Blood to Stand Right with God and Man (God's Righteousness) and Have Eternal Life:** <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more then, *having now been justified by His blood*, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. <sup>10</sup>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.<sup>(Rom 5:8-10)</sup> <sup>3</sup>For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did *by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh*, <sup>4</sup>that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.<sup>(Rom 8:3-4)</sup>

**We Who Do Not Believe in Jesus Christ Have Not Submitted to God's Righteousness by Faith:** <sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup>even *the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ*, to all and on all who believe.<sup>(Rom 3:21-22)</sup> <sup>3</sup>For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, *have not submitted to the righteousness of God.* <sup>4</sup>For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.<sup>(Rom 10:3-4)</sup>

**We Won't Be Justified by Self Righteous Works:**<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. <sup>20</sup>Therefore ***by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight***, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.<sup>(Rom 3:19-20)</sup>  
<sup>13</sup>"When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but ***because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die.*** <sup>(Ezek 33:13)</sup> O' God <sup>5</sup>You are indeed angry, for we have sinned-- in these ways we continue; and we need to be saved. <sup>6</sup>But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.<sup>(Isa 64:5-6)</sup>

## **A New Heart from God that Loves God and Discerns His Judgments**

**We Receive from the LORD a New Heart of Flesh in Place of Heart of Stone that Can Keep His Judgments:** <sup>25</sup>"Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. <sup>26</sup>"***I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*** <sup>27</sup>"I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. <sup>28</sup>"Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup>"I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses.<sup>(Ezek 36:25-29)</sup>

**We Can Love God and Live by Letting God Circumcise Our Hearts:** <sup>11</sup>In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ.<sup>(Col 2:11)</sup> <sup>29</sup>but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and ***circumcision is that of the heart***, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.<sup>(Rom 2:29)</sup> <sup>3</sup>For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.<sup>(Phil 3:3)</sup> <sup>16</sup>"Therefore ***circumcise the foreskin of your heart***, and be stiff-necked no longer.<sup>(Deut 10:16)</sup> <sup>6</sup>"And the ***LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants***, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ***that you may live.***<sup>(Deut 30:6)</sup> <sup>5</sup>because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.<sup>(Rom 5:5)</sup>

## **Knowing God and His Plans by the Holy Spirit**

**We Will Know God and His Will, Ways, Plan and Purposes (Judgment) for Our Life by the Indwelling Holy Spirit:**<sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight is in the fear of the LORD, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears;<sup>(Isa 11:2-3)</sup> <sup>17</sup>The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup>the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe.<sup>(Eph 1:17-19)</sup> Therefore <sup>27</sup>The anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the

same ***anointing teaches you concerning all things***, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.<sup>(1 Jn 2:27)</sup> <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup>Now ***He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.***<sup>(Rom 8:26-27)</sup>

**The Love by the Spirit of God Helps Us Walk in God's Statutes:** <sup>21</sup>There are many plans in a man's heart, nevertheless the LORD'S counsel-- that will stand.<sup>(Prov 19:21)</sup> <sup>9</sup>A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.<sup>(Prov 16:9)</sup> <sup>13</sup>"When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth.<sup>(John 16:13)</sup> <sup>23</sup>And this is God's commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. <sup>24</sup>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.<sup>(1 Jn 3:23-24)</sup> <sup>5</sup>Now hope does not disappoint, because ***the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit*** who was given to us.<sup>(Rom 5:5)</sup> For <sup>22</sup>the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>***If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.***<sup>(Gal 5:22-25)</sup>

## **Eternal Life by God's Grace Through Righteousness by the Spirit**

**Righteousness by Dominating over Sin by God's Spirit and Grace:** <sup>14</sup>For ***sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.*** <sup>17</sup>But God be thanked that ***though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.*** <sup>18</sup>And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.<sup>(Rom 6:14,17,18)</sup> Therefore <sup>15</sup>until ***the Spirit is poured upon us from on high***, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is counted as a forest. <sup>16</sup>Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and ***righteousness remain in the fruitful field.*** <sup>17</sup>The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.<sup>(Isa 32:15-17)</sup> <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth).<sup>(Eph 5:9)</sup> For <sup>17</sup>The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but ***righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.***<sup>(Rom 14:17)</sup>

**Grace Might Reign through Righteousness to Eternal Life:** <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more ***the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.*** <sup>17</sup>For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those ***who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.*** <sup>18</sup>Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so ***through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life.*** <sup>19</sup>For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. <sup>20</sup>Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, <sup>21</sup>so that as sin reigned in death, even so ***grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.***<sup>(Rom 5:15,17-21)</sup>

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## Can I Personally Know God and Receive Favor from Him?

God is light and in His light we can know God and the things of His kingdom. You have to be born of the Spirit and get a new spirit to see the kingdom of God. In this chapter, you will learn how you can receive eternal life in Jesus name. Once you have this life, the information here will help you discover your new ability to interact with God because of a new spirit and a new heart. You will begin to worship God in the spirit. You will effectively fellowship with Him due to your empowerment to live in God's light. So, you will increase in knowledge of God by the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit and grace through the knowledge of true God will destroy the yoke of bondage to death and darkness in your life.

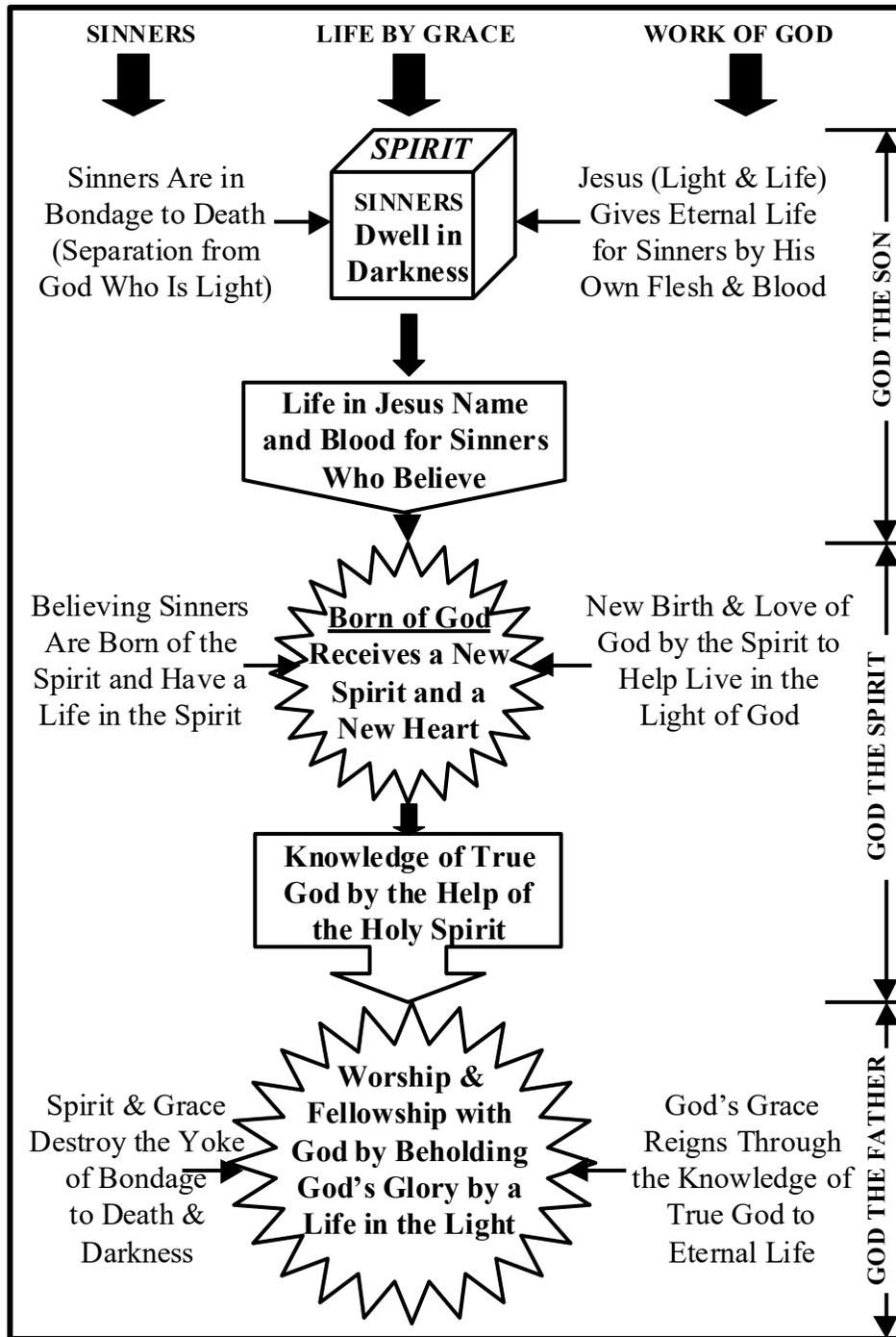
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Until we come to Jesus, all of us dwell in darkness due to our lost condition with regard to God, Who is Light. Darkness causes us neither to see nor to understand the things of God and His Kingdom, nor the awaiting condemnation to hell. We, however, can repent and inherit eternal life by believing in Jesus name. Since Jesus is our atonement, we find mercy and grace through His flesh and blood for eternal life. This eternal life is not of our good works, rather by our confession of faith in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Our repentance prayer in Jesus name lifts us up into God's presence for new birth and eternal life. Jesus being the brightness of God's glory brings God's light to dwell in us for eternal life. In other words, Savior Jesus shall be unto us the Light and Life. He is the only way and door for us to enter into God's presence. Receiving Jesus as the Lord, therefore, manifests the fullness of Godhead in us. God, Who indwells in us, destroys the yoke of bondage to death and darkness as described below.

When the gospel is preached, the Word of God, the seed for life, is sown in our hearts. If we believe and confess our faith in Jesus name, the Holy Spirit shall come upon us and the power of God shall overshadow us. Consequently, we will be born again from the incorruptible seed, the Word of God. We as a result receive a new spirit and a heart. God also places His Spirit within us. The Holy Spirit, Who pours God's love into our hearts, helps us live in the light by loving God and others. The law of Spirit of life indeed frees us from law of sin and death. We who sinned therefore are translated from kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God's dear Son.

God is light and He is love. The eternal life for humankind therefore is to abide in that light and let God live through us in love. For the light reveals the knowledge of true God and His Christ that is eternal life. Love, on the other hand, enables us to worship and fellowship with God and to live in the light and gain God's knowledge. As a result, God's grace reigns through the knowledge of true God and issues in eternal life. The power through the light of the knowledge of God's glory destroys the yoke of bondage to death and darkness in our lives.

We consider the natural birth and life of a prince into a king's family. This word picture may enhance our understanding of our spiritual birth and life into God's family. A baby born of human into this world sees the things of the world in the light of the world. Similarly, we who are born of God into the kingdom of God see the things of the kingdom in God's light. The life in the baby enables the baby to see the light of the



things of this world. Similarly, our life in Jesus is the light that enables us to see God's glory and His kingdom.

While the baby prince in the example matures, he develops knowledge about his parents' ability and character. It may include parents' authority, power, gifts, liking, disliking, will, plans and purposes for his life. As the prince transforms into parents' image, according to his knowledge, the grace of his parents abounds towards him for his life. On the contrary, whenever he adapts to anything that is contrary to the knowledge of his parents he may frustrate their grace for his life. Prince and the king can be compared with a born again believer and God the Father, respectively. The prince fellowships with his parents according to his knowledge of them and their kingdom. The grace through right standing abounds towards the prince for an abundant life. Similarly, God's grace reigns through the knowledge of true God to eternal life (an abundant life). In other words, we find grace for life while we behold the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

In essence we, who believe in Christ, have light of life that shines in and through us. For we are justified, washed and sanctified to have life in Jesus name through the Word, blood and the Holy Spirit. We are redeemed from the curse of the law of sin and death. We, therefore, stand right with God and have peace with Him. As a result, we become the recipients of God's mercy and grace for eternal life. Also, the light of life, by the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ, dispels the darkness in our inner person. Since then the eternal life flows out of our innermost being due to ongoing communion with Godhead. For we interact with God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Who indwells in us. It fulfills our inner desire to know and please God through worshipping and fellowshiping with Him. Consequently, God's grace might reign through the knowledge of true God to eternal life. We shine forth the light of the knowledge of the glory of God while we behold God's glory. This ability to live in the light and knowing true God destroys the bondage to death and darkness.

A visual summary on the page to the left is shown for our life in the light with regard to our newborn spirit. The three vertical sections, from left to right in the summary, describe the portions pertaining to sinners, their life by grace and work of God in their life, respectively. The three horizontal sections, from top to bottom in the summary, describe the portions pertaining to God the Son, God the Spirit and God the Father, respectively.

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### Life in Jesus Name for Believing Sinners

**Life in Jesus Name via Washing and Justification:** <sup>11</sup>And such were some of you. But *you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus* and by the Spirit of our God.<sup>(1 Cor 6:11)</sup> <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup>He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>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.<sup>(1 Jn 5:11-13)</sup> <sup>31</sup> 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.*<sup>(John 20:31)</sup>

**God Commanded Us to Believe on Jesus Name and Escape Eternal Condemnation:** <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>(1 Jn 3:23)</sup> <sup>18</sup> "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>(John 3:18)</sup>

**Jesus Is Our Life Giving Spirit via His Flesh and Blood:** Jesus said <sup>54</sup>"*Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life.*"<sup>(John 6:54)</sup> <sup>12</sup>thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.<sup>(Col 1:12)</sup> <sup>7</sup>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.*<sup>(1 Jn 1:7)</sup> <sup>45</sup>And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being. "*The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.*"<sup>(1 Cor 15:42)</sup> <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your *life is hidden with Christ in God.* <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.<sup>(Col 3:3-4)</sup>

### A New Man Born of God

**Our New Man Is Created in Jesus According to God in True Holiness and Righteousness:** <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>6</sup>"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is *born of the Spirit is spirit.*"<sup>(John 3:3,6)</sup> <sup>9</sup>Whoever has been *born of God* does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.<sup>(1 Jn 3:9)</sup> Therefore <sup>23</sup>be renewed in the spirit of your mind, <sup>24</sup>and that you put on *the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*<sup>(Eph 4:24)</sup> <sup>4</sup>For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith.<sup>(1 Jn 5:4)</sup> <sup>18</sup>We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. <sup>19</sup>We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.<sup>(1 Jn 5:18-19)</sup>

**We Are the Light of the World Who Shine Forth as Witnesses:** <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>"Nor do they light a lamp

and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup>"**Let your light so shine before men**, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.(Matt 5:14-16) <sup>8</sup>"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 1:8)

## **Life by the Knowledge of True God by the Help of the Holy Spirit**

**We Can Choose to Love God by Fellowshiping (Prayer) and Worshipping Him Through the Holy Spirit:** <sup>23</sup>"the true worshipers will **worship the Father in spirit and truth**; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him."(John 4:23) <sup>3</sup>For we are the circumcision, **who worship God in the Spirit**.(Phil 3:3) <sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, **but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered**. <sup>27</sup>Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.(Rom 8:26-27)

**Life by Abiding in the Light and Knowing True God and His Christ via the Holy Spirit:** <sup>8</sup>He who does not love does not know God, for **God is love**.(1 Jn 4:8) <sup>5</sup>Now hope does not disappoint, because **the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit** who was given to us.(Rom 5:5) <sup>5</sup>**God is light** and in Him is no darkness at all.(1 Jn 1:5) <sup>10</sup>**He who loves his brother abides in the light**.(1 Jn 2:10) Jesus said <sup>3</sup>"And **this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent**.(John 17:3) <sup>26</sup>"when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me**.(John 15:26) also <sup>9</sup>as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." <sup>10</sup>But **God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God**. <sup>11</sup>For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.(1 Cor 2:9-11)

## **Life in God's Light**

**We Can Have the Light of Life in Jesus Who Is the Brightness of God's Glory:** <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.(John 1:14) <sup>3</sup>who being the brightness of His glory(Heb 1:3) has become <sup>32</sup>A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of God's people Israel."(Luke 2:32) <sup>4</sup>**In Him was life, and the life was the light of men**.(John 1:4) <sup>9</sup>That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.(John 1:9) Then Jesus cried out and said, <sup>45</sup>"**he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me**. <sup>46</sup>"**I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness**.(John 12:44-46) <sup>36</sup>"While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."(John 12:36) For <sup>6</sup>it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,(2 Cor 4:6)

**God by His Mercy Has Delivered Us from Power of Darkness and Qualified Us to Be Partakers of the Inheritance of the Saints in the Light:** <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who *called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.* (1 Pet 2:9) <sup>12</sup>The Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>and *has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,* (Col 1:12-13) Jesus is <sup>4</sup>declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. <sup>5</sup>Through Him we have received grace and apostleship *for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,* <sup>6</sup>among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; (Rom 1:4-6)

**Life by God Who Is Light:** <sup>5</sup>*God is light* and in Him is no darkness at all. (1 Jn 1:5) <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Cor 4:6) <sup>4</sup>In Him was life, and the *life was the light of men.* (John 1:4) <sup>12</sup>Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but *have the light of life.*" (John 8:12) <sup>20</sup>And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that *we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.* (1 Jn 5:20) <sup>2</sup>the life was manifested -- <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. (1 Jn 1:2-3) Jesus prayed <sup>3</sup>"this is eternal life, that *they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ* whom You have sent. (John 17:3)

### **God's Grace by the Knowledge of True God Issuing in Eternal Life**

**Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God to Fellowship with God Destroys the Bondage to Death and Darkness:** <sup>6</sup>My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. (Hosea 4:6) <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts *to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.* (2 Cor 4:6) We are <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love. (Col 1:12-13) Therefore <sup>20</sup>we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that *we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.* (1 Jn 5:20) <sup>3</sup>truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. (1 Jn 1:3)

**Grace Might Reign Through the Knowledge of True God to Eternal Life:** <sup>3</sup>"And *this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ* whom You have sent. (John 17:3) Therefore <sup>2</sup>Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, <sup>3</sup>*as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him.* (2 Pet 1:2-3) Therefore <sup>18</sup>grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (2 Pet 3:18) <sup>18</sup>Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen. (Gal 6:18) <sup>14</sup>and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor 13:14)

# Prospering in God Through Salvation of Our Souls

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### Can I Prosper in Spite of My Poor Choices and Wounding Emotions of My Past?

When your soul is lost with regard to God, the flesh and Satan enslave you. Bondage to these evil sources is the reason for your poor choices and wounding emotions. Faith in Jesus however is the way to be united with God. In this chapter, you will discover that you can hear, believe and speak the truth in love with boldness by the Holy Spirit. You will also learn when you know the truth your soul is liberated by the Holy Spirit to access God. For where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom. God's grace that abounds towards you through the truth and love issues in eternal life. The Spirit and grace therefore destroy the yoke of bondage to sinful choices and emotions that stem from the flesh and Satan. This new favorable condition empowers you to prosper in God.

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Bible says all of us have sinned and alienated from the life of God. When our soul is lost with regard to God and His Kingdom, the dominion of the flesh and Satan enslave us. Under these ungodly oppressions, we make choices and react emotionally in ways that are sinful in the sight of God. Nevertheless, we who believe in Christ are justified, empowered and saved by Jesus name through the Word, blood and the Holy Spirit. For the implanted Word of God is able to free our souls from bondage. The power of God's Spirit in our life makes us joyful through the deliverance from the oppression of the enemy. For it empowers us to rule over the works of the devil and flesh. The grace of God that abounds towards us by the faith that comes by hearing the Word causes our soul to prosper. This ability to prosper by God's Spirit and grace helps us overcome ungodly dominions of the spiritual and natural world.

We inherit eternal life by loving God with our heart, mind, soul and strength and others as ourselves. Love submits by faith, to God's will, plan and purposes revealed by the Spirit through the Word. Loving God therefore causes our soul to abide in God and His Word and let Him live through our life. For we will be thinking, speaking and acting in accordance with the Word and the Spirit of God. With regard to the life of our soul, God's mercy and grace toward us are sufficient to bring God's will, plan and purposes to pass. Now, we consider the roles of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in giving us this free life of our soul.

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and it was the Christ full of grace and truth. Jesus is the truth and life. He, therefore, is the door for God's Word and love to enter into us and give us life. Jesus flesh (the Word) is able to save our souls from sin by our faith on the truth that comes by hearing the Word. Jesus blood, on the other hand, cleanses us from all sin.

When we, therefore, repent by putting our faith in Jesus name, our soul shall be saved. Repentance prayer in Jesus name liberates our soul from bondage to sin. Jesus Who is the blood atonement for our soul shall be unto us the truth (flesh) that frees us unto life. Receiving Jesus as the Lord and Savior, therefore, brings the presence of God to dwell in us, Who destroys the yoke of bondage to sin by His Spirit and grace as described below.

The Spirit of God is the Spirit of truth. He guides us into all truth. We shall come to know the truth from the Word of God by the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit pours God's love into our hearts and helps us

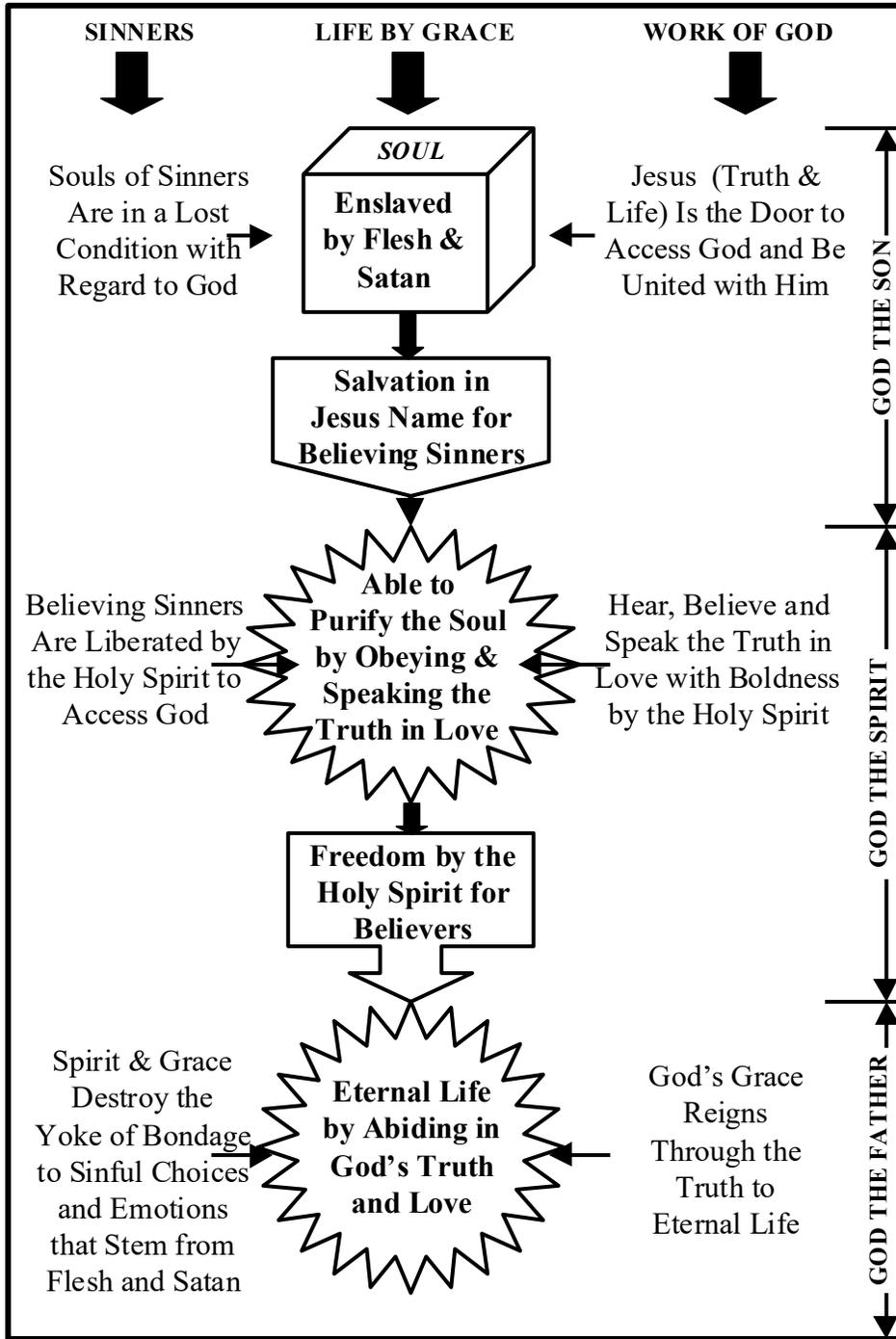
purify our souls by obeying the truth in sincere love of others. Even under oppression, it is not that we speak but we hear, believe and speak the truth in love with boldness by the Holy Spirit. The truth we know by the Word through the Holy Spirit will make us free. We, therefore, may be able to uproot any thing that is contrary to the Word of God in our life, by the help of the Holy Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life freed us from the law of sin and death. This is how we who are sinners get liberated by the Holy Spirit to have life when we become believers in Christ. This freedom by the Holy Spirit enables us to know and submit to God's will, plan, and purposes. It helps us receive God's inheritance that outweighs all things we can hope to have in this life.

God is Word. God is love. The eternal life for our soul therefore is to abide in that Word and let God live through us in love. Love enables us to submit to God's Word. Hearing the Word imparts faith on God's truth that frees our soul from sin to live eternally. Also, abiding in the truth causes the grace of God to abound toward us that reigns to eternal life. The abundant grace destroys the yoke of bondage to sin that stems from flesh and Satan. And, it empowers our soul to continue to abide in the truth through faith and love.

We once again consider the natural birth and life of a prince into a king's family. This example may help us enhance our understanding how the grace of God can abound through our faith on the truth and provide us an abundant life. While the baby prince in the example matures, he comes to know the truth about his father (king). He also develops faith on his father's ability to make all grace abound towards him for his life. When he hears, believes and speaks the truth with boldness, father's favor for him gives an abundant life. Consequently, the grace through the truth towards him frees him from any bondage to fear.

Prince and the king can be compared with a born again believer and God the Father, respectively. Hearing, believing and speaking the truth by the prince about his father and his kingdom cause the grace to abound for an abundant life. Similarly, we who hear, believe and speak the truth about God our Father and His kingdom also will inherit an abundant life. For God's grace that abounds through the truth reigns in eternal life.

We receive the grace of God by the faith in our heart and the corresponding words in our mouth according to God's truth. The grace issues all that is necessary for eternal life. The grace is able to make us rule over the works of the devil and flesh and prosper. This destroys the yoke of bondage to sinful choices, speech and emotions rooted in beliefs



those are contrary to God's truth to progress in life. The freedom from sin empowers us to love God with our soul through the pursuit of God given vision and progress in life. This is how we can gather fruit for eternal life by loving God and others with our soul by choosing, believing, speaking and emotionally reacting according to God's truth.

A visual summary on the page to the left in the form of a flow diagram is shown for the prosperous life of our freed soul in God. The three vertical sections in the summary describe the portions pertaining to sinners, their life by grace and work of God in their life, respectively. The three horizontal sections in the summary describe the portions pertaining to God the Son, God the Spirit and God the Father, respectively.

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### **Salvation of Our Souls in Jesus Name**

**Salvation in Jesus Name unto Eternal Life Through Our Love and Faith:** <sup>12</sup>Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is *no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.* <sup>(Acts 4:12)</sup> <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>(I Jn 3:23-24)</sup> For <sup>36</sup>"He *who believes in the Son has everlasting life*; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." <sup>(John 3:36)</sup> <sup>31</sup>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.* <sup>(John 20:31)</sup> <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup>He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup>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.* <sup>(I Jn 5:11-13)</sup>

**Salvation by Faith and Confession:** <sup>17</sup>So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. <sup>(Rom 10:17)</sup> <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): <sup>9</sup>that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For *with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.* <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. <sup>13</sup>For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." <sup>(Rom 10:8-13)</sup>

**Jesus Is Our Truth and the Life Through His Flesh and Blood:** <sup>4</sup>But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" <sup>(Matt 4:4)</sup> <sup>14</sup>And the *Word became flesh* and dwelt

among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.<sup>(John 1:14)</sup> <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "***I am the way, the truth, and the life***"<sup>(John 14:6)</sup> Indeed <sup>54</sup>"***Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life***."<sup>(John 6:54)</sup> <sup>11</sup>For the ***life of the flesh is in the blood***, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for ***it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul***."<sup>(Lev 17:11)</sup>

**Jesus Is the Door for Our Souls to Be United with God and Be Saved unto Life:**

<sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "***I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me***."<sup>7</sup> If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."<sup>(John 14:6-7)</sup> For <sup>9</sup>"***I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved***, and will go in and out and find pasture."<sup>(John 10:9)</sup> <sup>34</sup>"Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin."<sup>35</sup> And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. <sup>36</sup>"Therefore ***if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed***."<sup>(John 8:34-36)</sup> <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup>"And ***you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free***."<sup>(John 8:31-32)</sup> Therefore <sup>28</sup>"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and ***you will find rest for your souls***. <sup>30</sup>"For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."<sup>(Matt 11:28-30)</sup>

**Work of the Spirit in Salvation of Sinners**

**We Cannot Confess Jesus Is Lord and Be Saved Without the Help of the Holy Spirit:**

<sup>13</sup>God from the beginning chose you for ***salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth***, <sup>14</sup>to which He called you by our gospel.<sup>(II Th 2:13-14)</sup> <sup>5</sup>For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance.<sup>(I Thes 1:5)</sup> <sup>12</sup>through those ***who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit*** sent from heaven.<sup>(I Pet 1:12)</sup> <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): <sup>9</sup>that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.<sup>(Rom 10:8-9)</sup> For <sup>21</sup>Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.<sup>(Prov 18:21)</sup> <sup>3</sup>Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and ***no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit***.<sup>(I Cor 12:3)</sup>

**We Can Be Free by Knowing the Truth and Receiving the Love of God by the Holy Spirit:**

<sup>17</sup>where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.<sup>(2 Cor 3:17)</sup> For <sup>22</sup>the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.<sup>(Gal 5:22-23)</sup> Jesus said <sup>13</sup>"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth. <sup>(John 16:13)</sup> <sup>32</sup>"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."<sup>(John 8:32)</sup> For you <sup>21</sup>receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.<sup>(James 1:21)</sup> But <sup>17</sup>"the ***Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him***."<sup>(John 14:17)</sup> For <sup>14</sup>the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God.<sup>(I Cor 2:14)</sup>

**We Can Choose to Hear, Believe and Speak the Truth with Boldness by the Holy Spirit:**

<sup>13</sup>"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all

truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. <sup>14</sup>"He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>"**All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.** (John 16:13-15) <sup>22</sup>"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." (Rev 3:22) <sup>17</sup>So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Rom 10:17) <sup>31</sup>**they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.** (Acts 4:31) <sup>20</sup>"for it is not you who speak, but the **Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.** (Matt 10:20) <sup>13</sup>And since we have the same **spirit of faith**, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak. (2 Cor 4:13)

**Life for Us by Abiding in the Word Through the Holy Spirit:** <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered and said, "It is written, '**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.**'" (Matt 4:4) <sup>27</sup>"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you." (John 6:27) <sup>22</sup>Since you have **purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit** in sincere love of the brethren. (1 Pet 1:22) <sup>17</sup>"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. (Rev 2:17) <sup>7</sup>" I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God." (Rev 2:7) <sup>11</sup>"He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death." (Rev 2:11)

### Salvation by God's Grace unto Eternal Life

**Salvation by God's Grace Through Faith Destroys the Bondage to Sin:** <sup>24</sup>"to testify to **the gospel of the grace of God.** (Acts 20:24) <sup>5</sup>you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, <sup>6</sup>which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you **since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth;** (Col 1:5-6) Then <sup>21</sup>receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. (James 1:21) <sup>17</sup>So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Rom 10:17) and by <sup>9</sup>receiving the end of your faith-- the salvation of your souls. <sup>10</sup>Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, **who prophesied of the grace that would come to you.** (1 Pet 1:9-10) For <sup>11</sup>"we believe that **through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved.**" (Acts 15:11) <sup>8</sup>**For by grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of ourselves; it is the gift of God. (Eph 2:8) <sup>31</sup>Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. <sup>32</sup>"**And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**" (John 8:31-32)

**Grace Might Reign Through the Truth to Eternal Life:** Lord <sup>17</sup>"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. (John 17:17) <sup>1</sup>all those who have known the truth, <sup>2</sup>**because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:** <sup>3</sup>**Grace, mercy, and peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father**, in truth and love. (II Jn 1:1-3) Remember what <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6) <sup>24</sup>"Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life**, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. (John 5:24) Indeed <sup>50</sup>Your **word has given me life.** (Ps 119:50)

# Mind of Christ for Joyful Victories by Faith

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## Why I struggle to Focus My Mind on the Things of God?

When you are lost with regard to God, you set your mind either on the things of the flesh or of this world. For you let them exercise dominion over your intents and thoughts due to absence of God in you. God is the only one Who can empower you to overcome them. You will discover in this chapter that God gives you the power to rule over the works of the devil and the flesh once you believe in Jesus. You will also know how to be renewed in the Spirit of your mind and have the mind of Christ. For God will give you the Spirit of power, love and sound mind. Then you will be mindful of God's will, plan and purposes and pursue them in God's ways by faith. God's grace that reigns through faith will make you victorious over the flesh and Satan and reach your destiny in God.

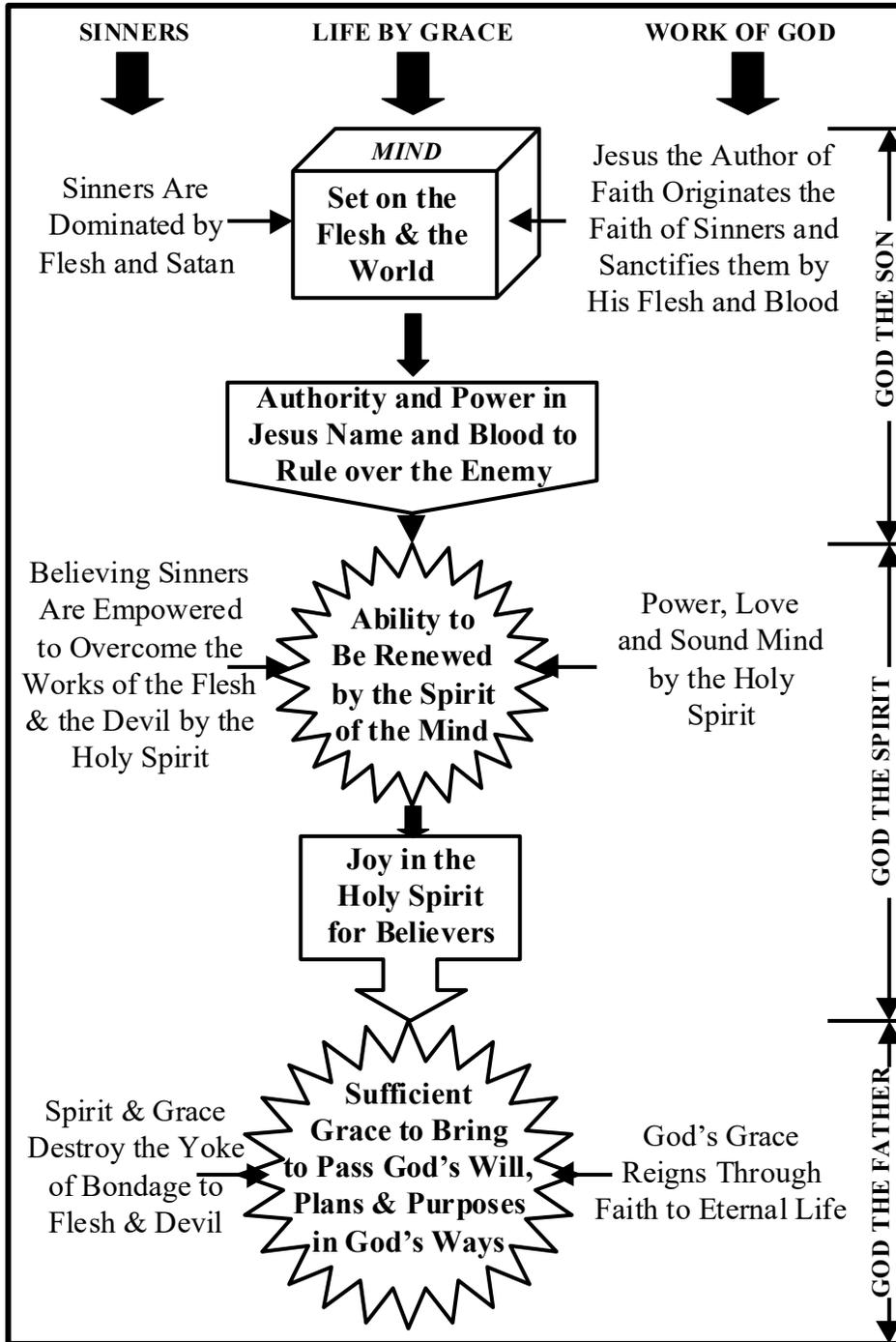
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Sinners who do not like to retain the knowledge of God have a debased mind. They set their mind on the things of the flesh and spirit of the world. Consequently, the light of the knowledge of the images, words, music and noises that fill their heart are not of God. The reasoning that goes in the heart is limited to their flesh and blood and does not acknowledge God and His laws. The plans that form to fulfill the appetites of the flesh under these conditions are sinful. For the choices associated with living out these plans resist God and cause those people to abide in eternal death.

They naturally become people of corrupt minds who deny the truth and are disapproved concerning the faith. Having their understanding darkened, they indeed are alienated from the life of God. This condition causes them to be vainly puffed up by their fleshly minds. Consequently, they walk in the futility of their mind and conduct themselves in the lusts of their flesh by fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind. When they choose not to believe in Christ, nothing is pure even their mind is defiled. The veil is taken away only in Christ to see God and His kingdom. If they do not believe, surely the god of this age has blinded their minds. As serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness so their mind gets corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Jesus is the very embodiment of the Word of God. Faith comes by hearing, hearing by the word of God. Jesus therefore is the Author of Faith, Who originates our faith for salvation in all of us who hear and believe the gospel. He also sanctifies us to God in His name through His flesh (word of truth) and blood that God can come and dwell in us. We, as a result, may be able to exercise power over all the works of the enemy in Jesus name, Jesus blood and by the Holy Spirit. God puts his laws of life into our mind and empowers us to have the mind of Christ. This is how we who have faith in Jesus get authority in Jesus name to rule over all the works of the enemy by the Spirit and the grace of God.

The indwelling God destroys the yoke of bondage to the devil and the flesh that steal our freedom and oppress us. God indeed empowers us to overcome the works of the flesh and the devil by His Spirit and grace as described in the following pages. We resist the devil and the flesh by our faith on God and His power, wisdom and love for His covenant partners. Also, we submit to God by faith as our leader and carry out His will, plan, and purposes as means to rise to our maximum potential in life.



God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power, love and sound mind. The spirit of power gives us boldness to exercise the authority over all the works of the enemy that come against God's will, plan and purposes for our lives. The spirit of love casts out fear by empowering us to trust on God's perfect love. For God's love manifests through God's grace and mercy with regard to our provision, protection and restoration. The spirit of sound mind enables us to operate in the mind of Christ by hearing and exercising the faith on God's Word. In addition, we can put to death the ungodly deeds of the body by the Spirit of God. We therefore can say by the spirit of faith about the overall victory over all the power of the enemy and effectively plan our mission according to God's purposes. For the Spirit guides us to seek after God's will, plan and purposes for our life. When we let God dominate through submission, the grace abounds towards us for every good work. The joy in the Holy Spirit becomes the common place in our life despite our circumstances for it is the kingdom of God.

God is light, word, Spirit and love. The eternal life therefore is to abide in the light, word, and Spirit and let God live through us in love. Love by the Spirit enables us to hear and walk in obedience to God's Word by faith. Consequently, God's grace may reign through faith to eternal life. The grace that abounds through our faith is sufficient to bring God's will, plans and purposes for our lives to pass in the ways of God. This lifestyle empowers us to have the joy of the Lord full of glory. The faith for victory by God's grace, therefore, destroys the yoke of bondage to flesh and devil. We may bear fruits by planning our life by faith, in accordance with God's plans and purposes.

A visual summary on the page to the left in the form of a flow diagram is shown for a renewable mind that has the ability to set on the Spirit of God. The three vertical sections in the summary describe the portions pertaining to sinners, their life by grace and work of God in their lives, respectively. The three horizontal sections in the summary describe the portions pertaining to God the Son, God the Spirit and God the Father, respectively.

If we are partakers of the new covenant in Christ, the Spirit of God dwells in us. We can set our mind on the things of the Spirit and be filled with images, words and music pertaining to God and His kingdom. We may therefore gain the knowledge of God's will, plan and purposes by the Spirit of God. The kingdom of God is within us and is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. If we seek the kingdom of God and His

righteousness, all that are necessary to sustain our life will be added unto us. Consequently, the reasoning that goes in the heart is primarily rooted in love and hope due to our faith on God's grace in Jesus name. The choices we make to follow these plans let God establish His dominion upon our life and cause us to be blessed citizens in His kingdom. In other words, the grace of God might reign through faith to eternal life. Truly, the Spirit and grace destroy the yoke of bondage to flesh and Satan that we may effectively serve God.

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## Bible References

### Dominion of the Flesh and Satan in the Mind of Sinners

**Our Mind Is Defiled and Leads Us to Be Engaged in Sinful Things Those Deserve Death, If We Do Not Like to Retain the Knowledge of God:** <sup>6</sup>For to be *carnally minded is death*, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for *it is not subject to the law of God*, nor indeed can be. (Rom 8:6-7) <sup>15</sup>To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but *even their mind and conscience are defiled*. <sup>16</sup>They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work. (Titus 1:15-16) <sup>28</sup>And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a *debased mind*, to do those things which are not fitting; <sup>29</sup>being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, <sup>30</sup>backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup>undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; <sup>32</sup>who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are *worthy of death*, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. (Rom 1:28-32)

**Devil Through Fear Aborts Our Faith on Jesus for Victory:** <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit of the Antichrist*, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. (1 Jn 4:3) <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to *the prince of the power of the air*, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience. (Eph 2:2) <sup>14</sup>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*, <sup>15</sup>and release those who *through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage*. (Heb 2:14-15) <sup>23</sup> *for whatever is not from faith is sin*. (Rom 14:23) <sup>10</sup>for *the accuser of our brethren*, who accused them before our God day and night. (Rev 12:10) <sup>8</sup>your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Pet 5:8) <sup>10</sup><sup>n</sup>The *thief* does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. (John 10:10)

**Sinners' Mind Cannot Submit to the Law of God:** <sup>15</sup>*If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him*. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the

lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. (I Jn 2:15-17) Therefore <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>Because the *carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.* <sup>8</sup>So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. (Rom 8:5-8)

**Sinners Think and Make Sinful Plans to Win:** <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But *he who fears has not been made perfect in love.* (I Jn 4:18) <sup>12</sup>And they said, "That is hopeless! So we will walk according to our own plans, and we will every one obey the dictates of his evil heart." (Jer 18:12) <sup>15</sup>This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. (James 3:15-16) <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, <sup>3</sup>among whom also we all once *conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind,* and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. (Eph 2:2-3)

## Jesus Is the Author of Faith Who Sanctifies Sinners

**Jesus Sanctifies Us by His Word and Blood of the Covenant That We Can Overcome the Enemy by the Blood of the Lamb and Word of Our Testimony:** Jesus prayed <sup>17</sup>"*Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*" <sup>19</sup>"And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. (John 17:17,19) Jesus said <sup>3</sup>"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. (John 15:3) <sup>12</sup>Therefore Jesus also, that *He might sanctify the people with His own blood,* suffered outside the gate. (Heb 13:12) <sup>5</sup>To Him *who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,* (Rev 1:5) <sup>20</sup>through the *blood of the everlasting covenant* (Heb 13:20) <sup>13</sup>In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. (Heb 8:13) For indeed, <sup>10</sup>"You may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"--(Mark 2:10) Therefore <sup>11</sup>"they *overcame him (the enemy) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony,* and they did not love their lives to the death. (Rev 12:11)

**Jesus Is the Author of Our Faith Who Originates Our Faith to Overcome:** <sup>1</sup>let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking unto *Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.* (Heb 12:1-2) <sup>13</sup>Therefore *gird up the loins of your mind,* be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet 1:13) <sup>14</sup>For *sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.* (Rom 6:14) <sup>17</sup>So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Rom 10:17) <sup>4</sup>For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And *this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith.* <sup>5</sup>Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? (I Jn 5:4-5)

## **Authority in Jesus Name to Rule over the Enemy**

**The Name of Jesus Is Exalted Above Every Other Name:** <sup>13</sup>For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."<sup>(Rom 10:13)</sup> For <sup>12</sup>"Nor is there salvation in any other, for *there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*"<sup>(Acts 4:10-12)</sup> <sup>9</sup>Therefore **God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,** <sup>10</sup>that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.<sup>(Phil 2:9-11)</sup>

**If We Ask in Jesus Name We Will be Able to Do Greater Works to Destroy the Works of the Devil Than What Jesus Did During His Earthly Ministry:** <sup>8</sup>He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that ***He might destroy the works of the devil.***<sup>(1 Jn 3:8-11)</sup> For <sup>38</sup>God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and ***healing all who were oppressed by the devil,*** for God was with Him.<sup>(Acts 10:38)</sup> Remember what Jesus said <sup>12</sup>"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. <sup>13</sup>"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> ***If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.***<sup>(John 14:12-14)</sup> <sup>29</sup>"Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, <sup>30</sup>"by ***stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.***"<sup>(Acts 4:29-30)</sup>

**God (Jesus) Gives us Authority in the Name of Jesus to Rule Over All the Power of the Enemy:** <sup>17</sup>Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." <sup>18</sup> And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> ***Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*** <sup>(Luke 10:17-19)</sup> <sup>17</sup>"And these signs will follow those who believe: ***In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;*** <sup>18</sup>"***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.***" <sup>(Mark 16:17-18)</sup>

**God Gives Us Joy Through His Provision, Protection and Restoration in Jesus Name:** <sup>23</sup>" Most assuredly, I say to you, ***whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.*** <sup>24</sup>"Until now you have asked nothing in My name. ***Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.***<sup>(John 16:23-24)</sup> <sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; <sup>13</sup>but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that ***when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.***<sup>14</sup>***If you are reproached for the name of Christ,*** blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.<sup>(1 Pet 4:12-14)</sup>

## Ability to Be Renewed by the Spirit of the Mind

**Power, Love and Soundmind for Us by the Holy Spirit:** Jesus said<sup>26</sup>"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and **bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.**(John 14:26) <sup>18</sup>"You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.<sup>19</sup>"But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak;<sup>20</sup>for it is not you who speak, but the **Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.** (Matt 10:18-20) For <sup>7</sup>**God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.**(2 Tim 1:7)

**Holy Spirit Enables Us to Have the Mind of Christ and Properly Discern Spiritual Things:** <sup>12</sup>Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. <sup>13</sup>These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the **Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.** <sup>14</sup>But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because **they are spiritually discerned.** <sup>15</sup>But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. <sup>16</sup>For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But **we have the mind of Christ.**(1 Cor 2:9-16)

**God Made a New Covenant of Mercy with Us to Give Us Life and Peace by Putting His Laws in Our Mind:** <sup>21</sup>And you, who **once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works,** yet now He has reconciled.(Col 1:21) <sup>10</sup>For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: **I will put My laws in their mind** and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>11</sup>"None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. <sup>12</sup>"For **I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.**"(Heb 8:10-12) <sup>14</sup>For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.(Rom 6:14) For <sup>16</sup>we have the mind of Christ.(1 Cor 2:16) <sup>6</sup>to be spiritually minded is life and peace.(Rom 8:6)

**We Can Be Transformed by the Spirit of Our Mind and Prove the Will of God:** <sup>27</sup>Now **He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is,** because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.(Rom 8:27)<sup>23</sup>and **be renewed in the spirit of your mind,** <sup>24</sup>and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.(Eph 4:23-24) <sup>2</sup>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.(Rom 12:2)

**Joy by Our Victories over the Enemy with the Help of the Holy Spirit:**<sup>13</sup>**you may also be glad with exceeding joy.** <sup>14</sup>If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, **for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.**(1 Pet 4:13-14) <sup>8</sup>"You shall **receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.**"(Acts 1:8) <sup>13</sup>Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, **that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**(Rom 15:13) For <sup>27</sup>It shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall

be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.<sup>(Isa 10:27 KJV)</sup> For <sup>19</sup>when the enemy comes in like a flood, ***the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.*** <sup>(Isa 59:19)</sup> <sup>4</sup>because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.<sup>(1 Jn 4:4)</sup> Jesus said <sup>28</sup>***if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God,*** surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.<sup>(Matt 12:28)</sup> For <sup>17</sup>The kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but ***righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.***<sup>(Rom 14:17)</sup>

**Manifestation of the Spirit Through Us:** <sup>7</sup>***The manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:*** <sup>8</sup>for to one is given the ***word of wisdom*** through the Spirit, to another the ***word of knowledge*** through the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another ***faith*** by the same Spirit, to another gifts of ***healings*** by the same Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of ***miracles***, to another ***prophecy***, to another ***discerning of spirits***, to another ***different kinds of tongues***, to another the ***interpretation of tongues.*** <sup>11</sup>But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.<sup>(1 Cor 12:7-11)</sup>

**Walking in the Spirit and Overcoming Flesh and Satan:** <sup>16</sup>I say then: ***Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*** <sup>17</sup>For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>24</sup>And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.<sup>(Gal 5:16-18,24-25)</sup> Jesus said <sup>28</sup>***But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God,*** surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.<sup>(Matt 12:28)</sup>

## God's Grace Through Faith to Fulfill God's Plan

**Sufficient God's Grace for Us to Bring to Pass God's Will, Plan and Purposes:** <sup>6</sup>But ***He gives more grace.*** Therefore He says: ***God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.*** <sup>7</sup>Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.<sup>(James 4:5-8)</sup> <sup>12</sup>For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield.<sup>(Ps 5:12)</sup> <sup>17</sup>For You are the glory of their strength, and ***in Your favor our horn is exalted.*** <sup>18</sup>For our shield belongs to the LORD, and our king to the Holy One of Israel.<sup>(Ps 89:17-18)</sup> <sup>9</sup>And He said to me, ***My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.***<sup>(2 Cor 12:9)</sup> <sup>20</sup>And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.<sup>(Rom 16:20)</sup>

**Grace Might Reign Through Our Faith in Jesus to Eternal Life:** Jesus said <sup>47</sup>"Most assuredly, I say to you, ***he who believes in Me has everlasting life.***<sup>(John 6:47)</sup> <sup>10</sup>Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, ***who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,*** <sup>11</sup>searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. <sup>13</sup>***Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;***<sup>(1 Pet 1:10,11,13)</sup> <sup>16</sup>***Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace,*** so that the promise might be sure to all the seed.<sup>(Rom 4:16)</sup>

# Spirit Filled Body to Live in God's Abundance

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## My Body Doesn't Seem Like an Instrument of God!

Before coming to Jesus, you are in bondage to sinful habits, death, sickness and demons. Jesus is the way for God's Spirit to enter and give you life. You will discover in this chapter, if you believe in Jesus, you exercise power over all the works of the enemy, be sanctified and healed in Jesus name and the Holy Spirit. In other words, you will know how God fills you with His Spirit and empowers you to overcome all the undesirable things of the body. God's grace which reigns through holiness and resurrection issues in eternal life. The Spirit and grace therefore destroy your yoke of bondage to sinful habits, death, sickness and evil spirits.

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We who believe in Christ are redeemed from the curse of the law of sin and death. We are also washed, empowered and sanctified in Jesus name through the Word, blood and the Holy Spirit. This redemption establishes the peace with God. It also makes us joyful due to the freedom from the bondage to sickness, poverty, evil spirits and death. For we become a dwelling place for the Spirit of God to live and flow through our members of the body. The mercy and grace of God that abound towards us are able to provide all our physical needs, according to God's riches in glory.

The grace of God that makes provision for our needs, empowers us to defy the ways of the world. It helps us prioritize our activities of life according to God's values. This destroys the yoke of bondage to seek after the idols as our source of existence and worship them. Instead, we may freely worship God by exalting Him above all things in heaven and earth. Meeting the physical needs by God's grace fulfills our inner desires for food, drink, health and sex through a prosperous married life. This destroys the yoke of bondage to seek after those needs of the body at the expense of trespassing God given boundaries. For the mercy and grace of God that abound toward us are more than sufficient. It empowers us to live in the ways of God and experience God's goodness in our life.

We once again consider the natural birth and life of a prince into a king's family. This example may help us understand the grace of God for an abundant physical life. We may also perceive the way the grace abounds for our life in the body. The parents in the example expect the baby prince, as he develops, to separate (sanctify) his deeds within the boundaries they defined. If the child is obedient, he matures in holiness and becomes a well-behaved child. He will start doing things that benefit the king and His kingdom. In addition, when he falls into any sickness, parents' grace may abound towards him and restore his health condition. Prince and the king can be compared with a born again believer and God the Father respectively. The grace of his parents, in this example, might reign through sanctification and give the prince an abundant physical life.

In the same manner, while we sanctify our deeds and live a life by the Spirit, God's grace might reign through holiness to eternal life. This grace is sufficient for all our physical needs. They include food, drinks, clothing, health and sex through a good marriage, and freedom from evil spirits. We who are believers in Christ have been freed from sin and enslaved to God. For we let the Spirit of God to flow through our members. Hence, we derive our benefit, resulting in holiness, the

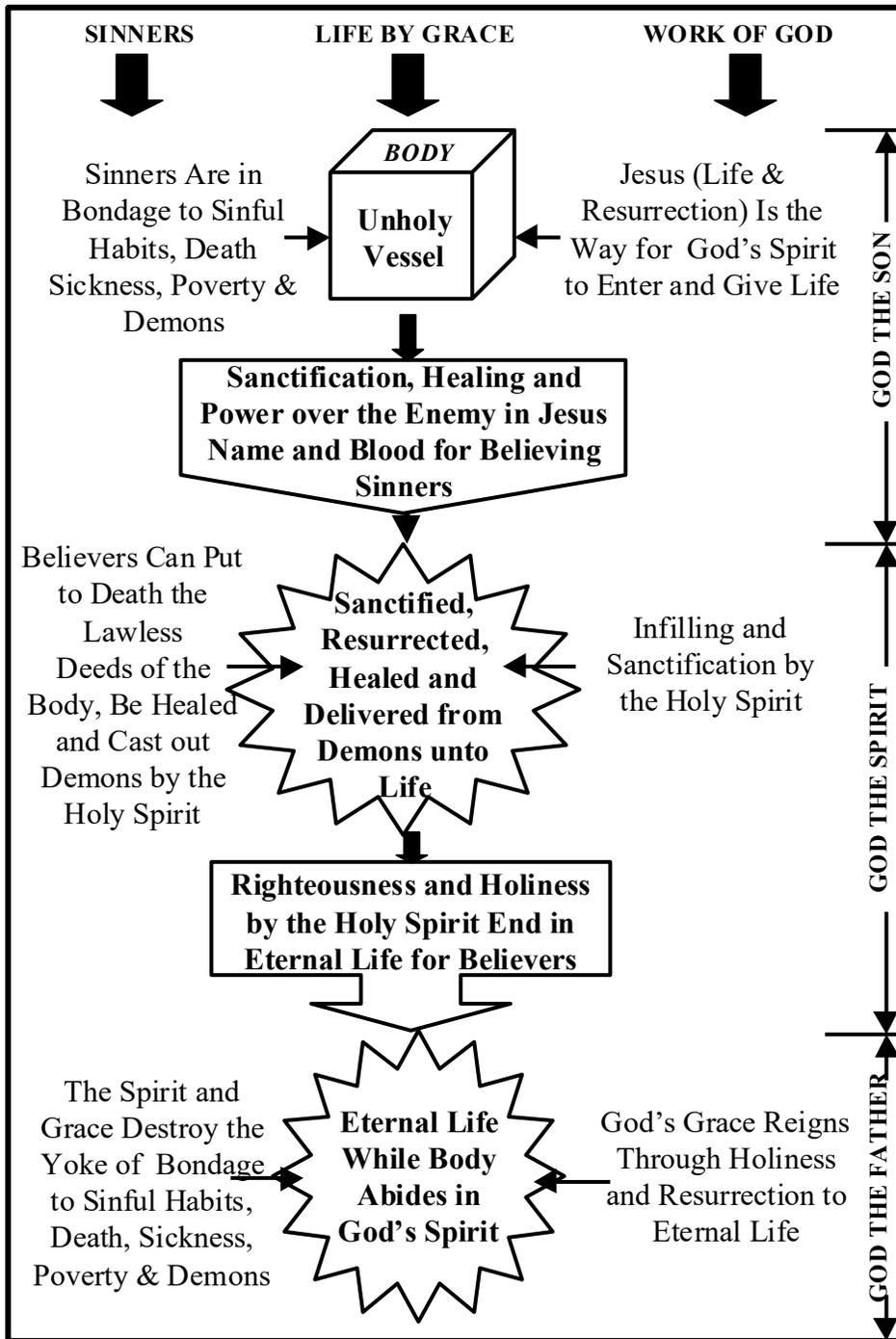
outcome is eternal life. Consequently, the mercy and grace of God that abound towards us in Jesus name, through the Word, blood and the Holy Spirit reign to eternal life.

In essence, God's grace for food, drink, health and sex enables us neither to yield to lawless deeds nor to remain in sickness or lack or poverty or death or demonic possession or oppression. Now, we consider the roles of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Who give us this free abundant life in the body.

Jesus is the resurrection and life. He resurrects our body after death on the last day. He also gives life to our body that is dead in sin. For He is the way for God's Spirit to enter us and give life to our mortal body. Receiving Jesus as the Lord and Savior brings the fullness of Godhead to dwell in us. Indwelling God destroys the yoke of bondage to sinful habits, death, sickness and demonic oppression. For we who believe in Jesus name have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer we who live but Christ lives in us. The life, which we live in the flesh, is by faith in the Son of God. And if Christ is in us, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

The Spirit of God is also a Spirit of holiness. God who raised Christ from the dead indeed will give life to our mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in us. For the Spirit fills our body and empowers us to sanctify our deeds and be holy. We who are liberated from unholy deeds will be able to walk in the newness of life. In other words, by the Spirit, we will be able to put to death the deeds of the body, healed of sickness, cast out demons and live. This is how, once we become believers in Jesus, our bodies are sanctified, resurrected, healed, and delivered from demons by the Holy Spirit. In short, we who are sanctified in Jesus name get empowered by the Spirit of God to lead a righteous and holy life. And the righteousness and holiness for us by the Spirit end in eternal life.

God the Father is a Spirit and light. The eternal life for our body therefore is to be resurrected on the last day by His Spirit and glory. We also abide in that Spirit and let God live through our bodies now. The Spirit enables the members of the body to become righteous and holy instruments of God. Love by the Spirit enables us to lay down our body as a living sacrifice to God and be sanctified. As a result, the grace of God abounds towards us and reigns through holiness and resurrection to eternal life. The abundant grace and Spirit destroys the yoke of bondage to sinful habits, death, sickness, poverty and demons. And, it empowers our body to continue to abide in the Spirit through faith and love and live.



A visual summary on the page to the left is shown for our life in the body. The three vertical sections in the summary describe the portions pertaining to believing sinners, their life by grace and work of God in their life, respectively. The three horizontal sections in the summary describe the portions pertaining to God the Son, God the Spirit and God the Father, respectively as indicated by the arrows along the right edge of the frame.

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### Jesus Is the Resurrection and Life

**Jesus Is Our Resurrection and Life Through His Flesh and Blood:**<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "*I am the resurrection and the life.* He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.<sup>26</sup>And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."(John 11:25-26)  
<sup>54</sup>"*Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.* <sup>56</sup>"He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>"As the living Father sent Me, and *I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.*"(John 6:54,56,57) <sup>7</sup>For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.<sup>8</sup>And *there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood;* and these three agree as one.(1 Jn 5:7-8)

**Jesus (Resurrection and Life) Is the Way for God to Enter and Resurrect Our Bodies unto Life:**<sup>37</sup>Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup>"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart (belly) will flow rivers of living water." <sup>39</sup>But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive.(John 7:37-39) <sup>26</sup>"But the Helper, *the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name.*(John 14:26) He said <sup>63</sup>"*It is the Spirit who gives life;* the flesh profits nothing.(John 6:63) <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.(Rom 8:2) <sup>10</sup>And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, *He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.* (Rom 8:10-11)

### Sanctification, Healing and Power over the Enemy in Jesus Name

**We Are Washed, Sanctified and Given Authority Over All the Works of the Enemy in Jesus Name:** <sup>11</sup>And such were some of you. But *you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*(1 Cor 6:11) Jesus said<sup>23</sup>"Most assuredly, I say to you, *whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.*"(John 16:23) <sup>17</sup>"And these signs will follow those who believe: *In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;*

<sup>18</sup>"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 16:17-18)

**Deliverance from Bondage to Lawless Deeds, Sickness, Demons and Death by the Entrance of the Spirit in Jesus Name:**<sup>2</sup>elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, *in sanctification of the Spirit.* (1 Pet 1:2) <sup>38</sup>"Repent, and let every one of you ***be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*** (Acts 2:38) Jesus said <sup>26</sup>"But the Helper, the ***Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name,*** He will teach you all things. (John 14:26) <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if ***by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,*** you will live. (Rom 8:13) <sup>10</sup>if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>But if ***the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*** (Rom 8:10-11) Jesus said <sup>28</sup>"But if I ***cast out demons by the Spirit of God,*** surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. (Matt 12:28) God (Spirit) at His will distribute to us <sup>9</sup>gifts of healings by the same Spirit. (1 Cor 12:9)

### **Sanctification and Life by the Filling of the Holy Spirit**

**We Can Choose to Be Filled and Sanctified by the Holy Spirit:** <sup>13</sup>"how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" (Luke 11:13) Therefore <sup>18</sup>be filled with the Spirit. (Heb 13:18) <sup>25</sup>If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. <sup>16</sup>I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. (Gal 5:25,16) <sup>19</sup>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? (1 Cor 6:19) <sup>17</sup>If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are. (1 Cor 3:17) <sup>9</sup>You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. (Rom 8:9 NIV) <sup>16</sup>that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit. (Rom 15:16) Therefore <sup>13</sup>***if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*** (Rom 8:13) For <sup>8</sup>***he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*** (Gal 6:8)

**Life to the Mortal Body by Abiding in the Holy Spirit:** <sup>10</sup>If Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the ***Spirit is life*** because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also ***give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit*** who dwells in you. (Rom 8:10-11) Jesus said <sup>38</sup>He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall ***flow rivers of living water.*** <sup>39</sup>(***But this spake he of the Spirit,*** which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) (John 7:38-39 KJV) <sup>22</sup>But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, ***you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.*** (Rom 6:22)

**The Spirit Baptizes Us into the Body of Christ and Causes us to Be Members of God's Temple in Which God Lives by His Spirit:**<sup>12</sup>For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. <sup>13</sup>For ***by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--*** whether Jews or

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Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and ***have all been made to drink into one Spirit.*** <sup>14</sup>For in fact the body is not one member but many. <sup>(1 Cor 12:12-14)</sup> <sup>19</sup>Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, <sup>21</sup>***in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,*** <sup>22</sup>***in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.*** <sup>(Eph 2:19-22)</sup> <sup>19</sup>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? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. <sup>(1 Cor 6:19-20)</sup>

**The Spirit Distributes the Gifts Among Us to Carry out God's Ministry in this World:** <sup>4</sup>***There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.*** <sup>5</sup>There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. <sup>7</sup>But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: <sup>8</sup>for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>But ***one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.*** <sup>(1 Cor 12:4-11)</sup>

### **Grace Reigns Through Holiness and Righteousness to Eternal Life**

**God's Grace for All Needs Destroys the Yoke of Bondage to Sin (Lawless Deeds), Sickness, Demons and Death:** <sup>8</sup>God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. <sup>10</sup>Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness. <sup>(2 Cor 9:8,10)</sup> <sup>31</sup>"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup>"For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. <sup>(Matt 6:31-33)</sup> Because <sup>19</sup>my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. <sup>(Phil 4:19)</sup>

**Grace Might Reign Through Holiness and Resurrection to Eternal Life:** <sup>14</sup>***Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:*** <sup>15</sup>***looking diligently lest anyone fall short of the grace of God.*** <sup>(Heb 12:14-15)</sup> <sup>14</sup>For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. <sup>22</sup>But ***now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.*** <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>(Rom 6:14,22-23)</sup> and also <sup>14</sup>knowing that ***He who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with Jesus,*** and will present us with you. <sup>15</sup>For all things are for your sakes, ***that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God.*** <sup>(2 Cor 4:14-15)</sup>

# 16

## An Abundant Life in Christ Jesus by the Goodness of God

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### What It Takes to Access God's Goodness to Prosper in Him?

This chapter summarizes many aspects of God's goodness and our new ability in Christ to access it for our needs. Various attributes of God's goodness are revealed through the names of God. A detail description of these names can be found in the book by the author entitled "How to Let God Flow Through You." When we are alienated from God, we are cursed under the dominions of flesh and Satan. Redemption from the curse in Jesus name and the blood are also summarized in this chapter. In addition, another summary for the empowering by the Spirit of God to gain access to God's goodness is provided. A detail description of our new make up that enables us to prosper in God can be found in the book by the author entitled "Gaining Your Ability to Interact with God."

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## **Redemption from the Curse in Jesus Name and Blood**

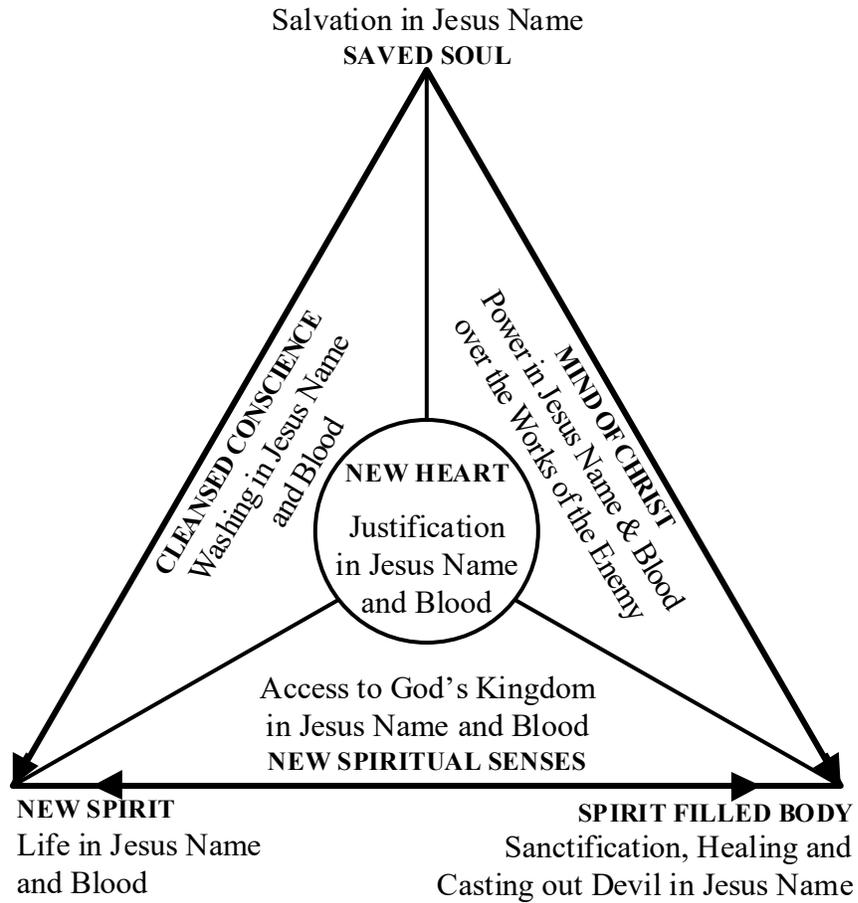
When our soul is lost with regard to God, the flesh and Satan enslave us. We will have an uncircumcised heart that neither perceives true God nor submits to His commandments. As a result, we set our mind either on the things of the flesh or of this world. For we let them exercise dominion over our intents and thoughts, being void of God's empowering for resistance. We walk in inner darkness due to the dominions of these evil leaders and make poor choices and react with wounding emotions. As a result, we will be in bondage to sinful habits, death, sickness and demons. Moreover, we will have an evil conscience that constantly disrupts our peace by invariably convicting us of the judgment of God for our sins.

Jesus redeemed us from the curse of the law and established the peace with God. For He, being the sacrificial lamb of God, justified us by His flesh and blood. Now, we can make Jesus our atonement by faith and stand right with God without our own works. For we are justified, sanctified and washed clean of all our filthiness in Jesus name, blood and the Holy Spirit. Hence, Jesus is the way for God's Spirit to enter and give us life. We can receive eternal life by getting united with God by faith in Jesus name. We can be healed and exercise power over all the works of the enemy in Jesus name, blood and the Holy Spirit.

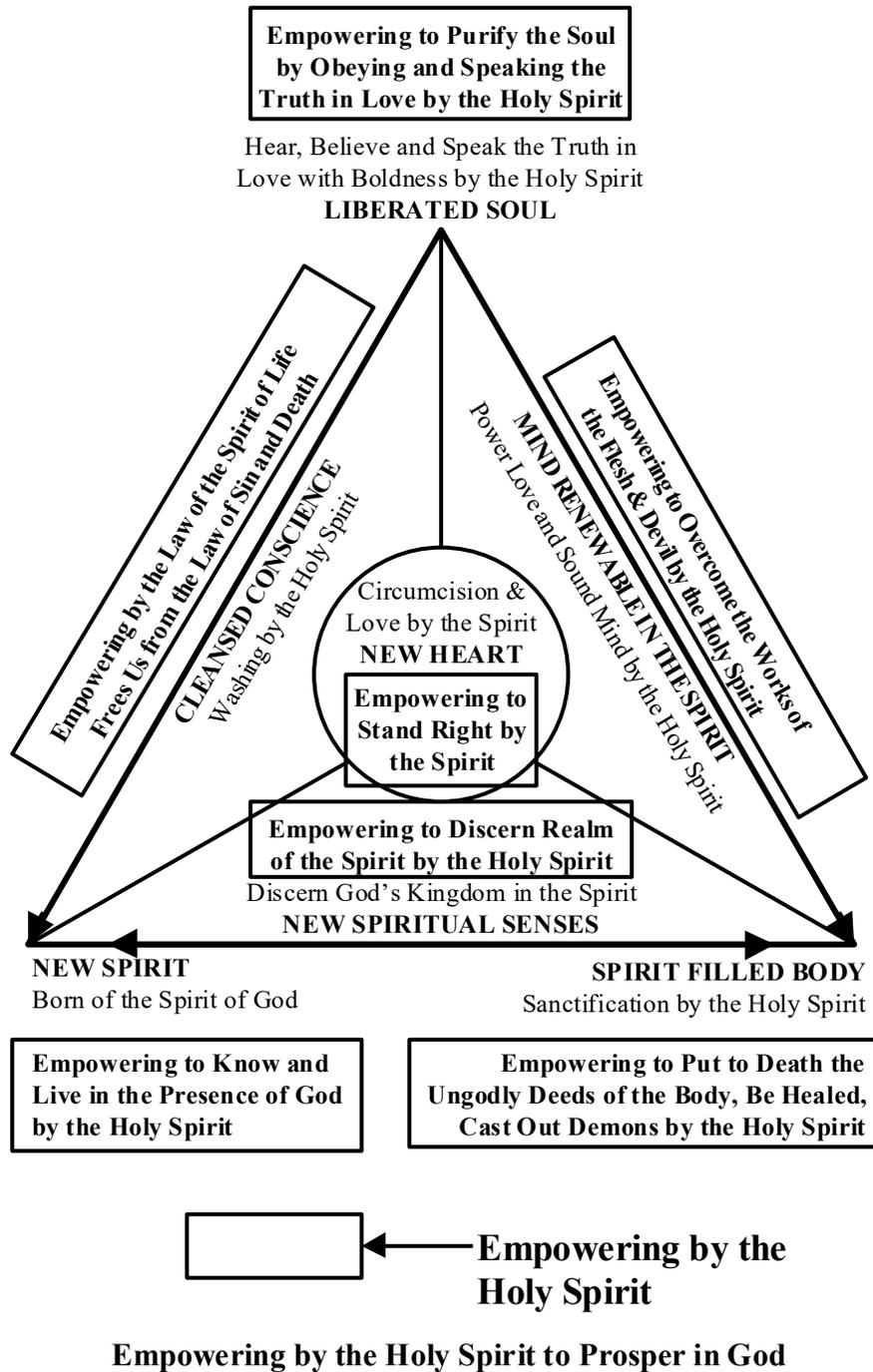
The family of God is made up of the body of believers born again of God. Jesus is the head of that body known as the church. Here on earth, we call on our family members by the name of the head known as the family name. We use that name not only as our identity but also to display the power and authority. For we use that name for most of our business activities including appropriation of grace or any other privileges for our life. Similarly, we who belong to Jesus are called by His name. And, we either appropriate mercy and grace of God or execute other eternal life activities in the kingdom of God in the name of Jesus. A visual summary of these activities in Jesus name is presented on next page. The summary also includes Jesus blood as it pertains to our redemption.

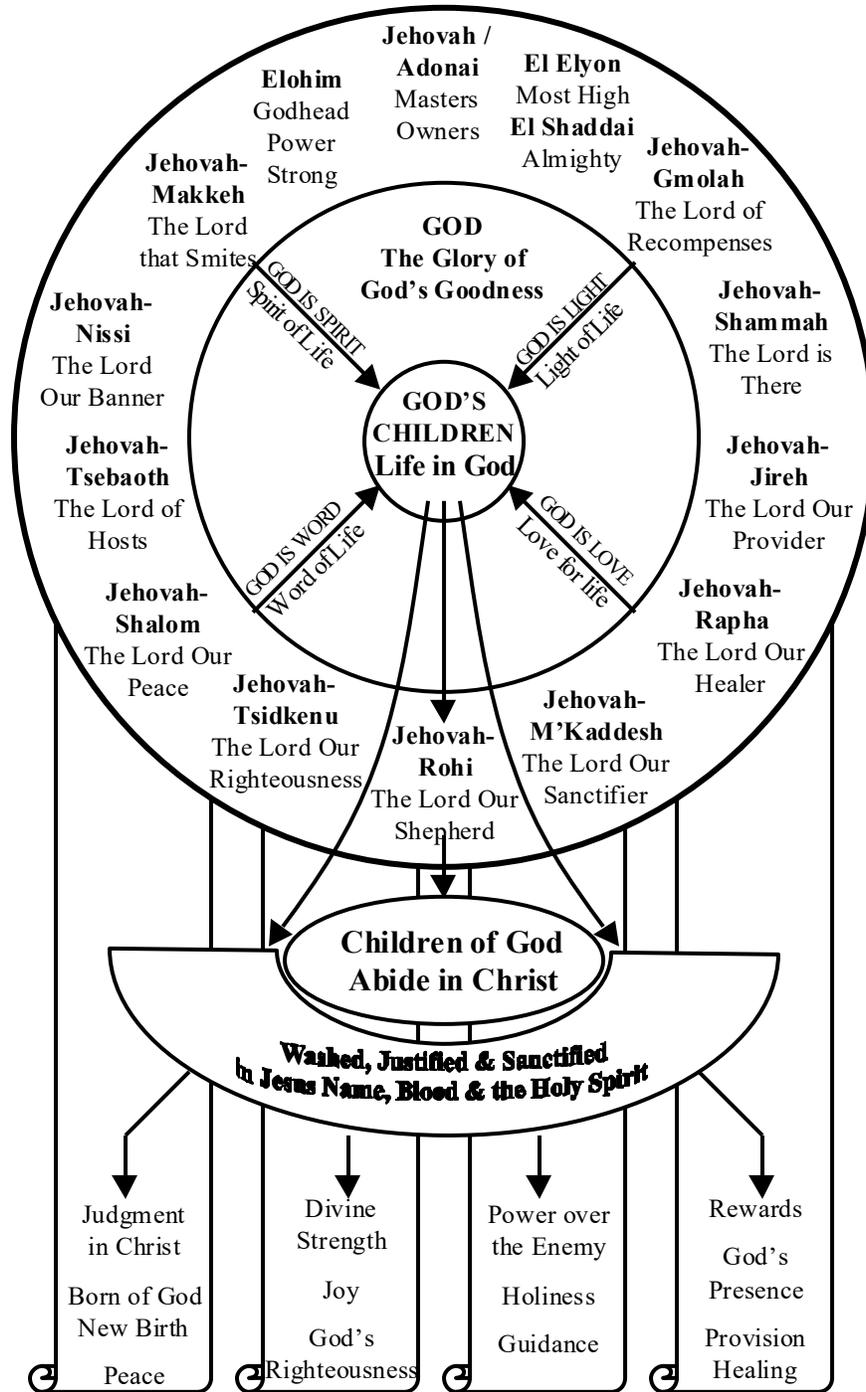
## **Empowering by the Holy Spirit to Prosper in God**

God is light and in His light we see the image of the glory of God and the things of God's kingdom. We have to be born of the Spirit and get a new spirit to see the kingdom of God. Once we are born again, we will have a



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new ability to interact with God because of a new spirit and a new heart. We will begin to worship God in the spirit and effectively fellowship with Him due to our empowerment to live in God's light. So, we will increase in knowledge of true God by the help of the Holy Spirit.

If we believe in Christ, we will have a heart that is circumcised in the Spirit. We will be able to submit to God by the love of God that is poured out in our heart by the Holy Spirit. It empowers us to stand right with God and others. We also will have a clear conscience owing to God's forgiveness. For the blood of Christ that cleanses our conscience from dead works enables us to serve the living God. Law of the Spirit of life frees us from the law of sin and death. We also can be renewed in the Spirit of our mind and have the mind of Christ. For God has given us the Spirit of power, love and sound mind. God Who fills our body with His Spirit empowers us to overcome all the undesirable things of the body.

Once we believe in Jesus, God empowers us by His Spirit to rule over the works of the devil and the flesh and serve Him. The Spirit of God indeed fills us and causes us to become the temple of God. We can therefore freely hear, believe and boldly speak the truth in love by the Holy Spirit. When we know the truth our soul is liberated by the Holy Spirit to access God. A visual summary for our empowering by the Spirit to prosper in God is presented on page 145.

### **Accessing God's Goodness for All Our Needs**

God's names in the Bible declare the glory of His goodness. Jehovah is the owner and master Who assures His divine presence and the promises to His covenant partners. Jehovah-Shamma is there in and among us who are covenanted with Him. Jehovah-Rohi is the Shepherd Who feeds His sheep for the almighty, El Shaddai, the all powerful one indeed nourishes us. Jehovah-Jireh is our provider. Jehovah-Nissi is our banner that we gather around Him and get united as His family. God indeed is the source of our life, in Whom we live, move and have our being.

Jehovah-Makkeh smites those who rebel against Him as an act of judgment. He displayed His righteousness by passing His judgment upon us by smiting His Son Jesus to bleed and die for the remission of our sin. Jehovah-Shalom is indeed our peace Who reconciled to us in Christ our atonement. Now, Jehovah-Tsidkenu is our righteousness for we can stand right with Him by faith without our own works. God's grace and mercy that reign through righteousness and peace issue in eternal life.

Jehovah-Tsebaoth is the Lord of hosts of heaven and the earth who is the Father of our newborn spirits. Once we receive a new spirit and a new heart, we can worship and fellowship with God in the Spirit and know Him. The Spirit and grace through the knowledge of true God will destroy the yoke of bondage to death and darkness in our life.

Adonai emphasizes God's sovereignty. The most high, El Elyon is exalted far above all hosts, principalities and powers. We who seek God's dominion will therefore be mindful of God's will, plan and purposes and pursue them in God's ways by faith. For God's grace that reigns through faith will make us victorious over the flesh and Satan and reach our destiny in God. Jehovah-Gmolah rewards us who overcome for He recompenses according to what we think, say and do in our lives.

Elohim Who is powerful and strong becomes the source of our strength. Jehovah-Rapha is our healer Who heals us from all sickness and diseases. Jehovah-K'Kaddesh sanctifies us in Jesus name, blood and the Holy Spirit that we are a holy people unto Him. God's grace which reigns through holiness and resurrection issues in eternal life. The Spirit and grace destroy our yoke of bondage to sinful habits, death and sickness.

God's grace that abounds towards us through the truth and love issues in eternal life. The Spirit and grace therefore destroy the yoke of bondage to sinful choices and emotions stem from the flesh and Satan. As a result, the grace of God that abounds towards us will provide all that pertain to eternal life. We will dominate over sin and Satan and live by the Spirit in us and grace towards us. This new favorable condition empowers us to prosper in God.

A visual summary is presented on page 146 for God's goodness that abounds towards His children who are washed, justified and sanctified in Jesus name, blood and the Holy Spirit. As shown within the center circle and along four arrows, if we have eternal life in Jesus, we abide in the light of life, word of life, spirit of life and love for life. Consequently, we will be able to interact with the indwelling God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit through images, words, spirit and love. For we may see Him in His light, hear His words and yield to His Spirit and love. Multiple attributes of God's goodness revealed by His names will help us know more of Him. Selected names with brief meanings therefore are arrayed on page 146 within the outer circular annulus. The corresponding goodness and mercy that abound towards us are listed within the four hanging banners from the circular annulus.

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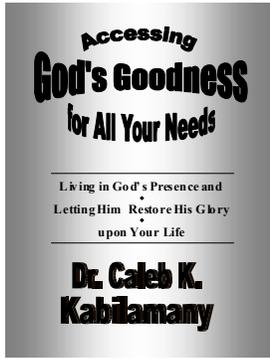
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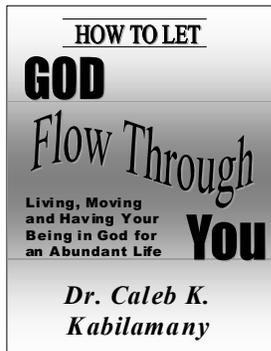
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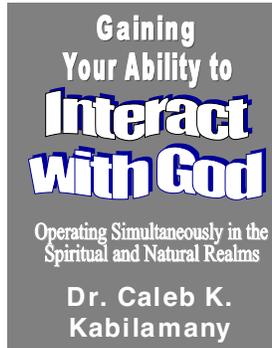
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