

A Message From Your Pastors

The decision that you have taken to accept Jesus into your life as your Lord and Saviour is life changing. At Redemption Church we are so excited about the choice that you have made, we would like to support you on your journey as you grow and develop in your relationship with God. We are trusting for great things for you and for the Kingdom of God.

This devotion booklet will provide you with salvation truths which are important in your walk with God. It will put into perspective the GRACE of God and the promises that God has stored up for His children.

John 1:12

¹² ***But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.***

As a result of asking Jesus to enter into your heart you are totally accepted by Him. Step out with God, develop a relationship with the living God and just see what He does in your life.

We look forward to walking this journey with you!!

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FROM SINNER TO SON

BELIEVE AND RECEIVE

Right believing will produce right living. And what you believe, you will receive. So you need to watch what you believe. The good news for you today is that you are no longer a sinner but a child of God. God is your Father. It is important to understand the good news – the gospel of Christ, as it brings long life, healing, health, wholeness, prosperity and wellness.

SCRIPTURES

1. Romans 1:16

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

2. John 1:12

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

ASK YOURSELF

1. Both of the Scripture references above emphasize the word “Believe”. This is what you did when you invited Jesus into your life. What happened (according to the two Scriptures above) when you placed your belief in Jesus?

2. What does it feel like to know that you are God’s child?

Today, there are two important things about your new identity as a child of God which you can meditate on; that I am totally forgiven and I have been made righteous. As a child of the most high God declare: I receive long life, healing, health, wholeness, prosperity and wellness.



FROM SINNER TO SON

FOREVER FORGIVEN

Through the death of Jesus, on the cross you were made righteous. Jesus, who was the beloved son of God bore the full wrath of God for our sins. God punished your sins and my sins on the body of His son Jesus. As a result of this action we are now sons of God and not sinners, He has totally forgiven our actions past, present and future. God has forgiven us according to the riches of His grace.

SCRIPTURES

1. Romans 5:8-11

⁸ *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

⁹ *Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.*

¹⁰ *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.* ¹¹ *And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.*

2. Colossians 2:13

¹³ *And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,*

3. 2 Corinthians 5:21

²¹ *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

4. Ephesians 1:7-8

⁷ *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace* ⁸ *which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence,*

ASK YOURSELF

1. Most people find it hard to forgive themselves when they fail. Are there times when you feel this way? How will that change now that you know that God has totally forgiven you?

2. How will your relationship with God change knowing that no matter what you do He has already forgiven you?

Today, God wants you to look to Jesus' finished work on the cross, not to your sins, and declare that you are righteous in Christ. As you go into the new day focus on declaring your righteousness in Christ. You have the mind of Christ - celebrate this as you go about your daily tasks.



FROM SINNER TO SON

ETERNALLY RIGHTEOUS

In your salvation you receive the most incredible gift of righteousness which means that you are pleasing to God and favoured by Him. He is your Father and only wants the very best for you. No matter your failures or what you have done, God will always love you as His child. To have your sins forgiven means that you will not be punished again for your sins. To be made righteous means that you are pleasing to God and favoured by Him.

SCRIPTURES

1. 2 Corinthians 5:21

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2. Romans 5:17

¹⁷ 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.

3. 1 Corinthians 15:34

³⁴ Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God.

ASK YOURSELF

1. When we see ourselves as God sees us we start to live like He wants us to live. What needs to change in your thinking to see yourself as God see you?

2. How has discovering that you are eternally righteous changed the way you pray?

Today, focus on your righteousness and not on right behaviour. Declare this: I truly believe that I have everlasting righteousness (especially when I have just sinned) I will fall in love with God more and more, and fall out of love with sin. This will happen today because I focus on righteousness and not on right behaviour.



THE FATHER'S BELOVED

THE SPIRIT OF SONSHIP (ALSO APPLICABLE TO DAUGHTERS)

You would now have realized the importance of knowing your identity – that you are not a sinner, but a child of God. God didn't save us from our sins to make us slaves, but His children. You are now a child of God because He has given you the Spirit of sonship.

SCRIPTURES

1. Romans 8:15, NIV

¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, "Abba, Father."

ASK YOURSELF

1. Does knowing that you do not have to work to earn the love and approval of God give you rest? How will you live out this reality in your life?

2. How does it make you feel to know that you are loved by your Father just because you are His child?

Today, I believe that I am a beloved child of God, and I choose to walk in my inheritance as a child. I know that I can count on the love of God in every moment of the day, weeks, months and years to come. He is Faithful and I am His child.



THE FATHER'S BELOVED

YOUR FATHER LOVES YOU

As a beloved child, you will walk in your inheritance as a child. You need never fear that God is angry with you, in fact He has perfect love for you which will cast out any fear. You need to be confident of the love that God has for you and call on Him in any situation be it good or bad, He is always with you. Knowing that you are your Father's beloved gives you dominion in life.

SCRIPTURES

1. Matthew 7:9-11

⁹ Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

2. Matthew 3:16-17

This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.

ASK YOURSELF

1. How will realizing that God is your loving Father change the way you relate to Him?

2. Knowing that God loves you changes the way you ask Him for help in your life. No longer are we trying to earn his favour, we realize as a child we can simply ask him for what we need. What would you like to simply ask God for today?

Today, I know that God's love will cast out any fear that I may be carrying. I am pleasing to God and I have victory in the death of Jesus on the cross. Call out to God with what is in your heart, speak to Him and meditate on His love for you.



THE FATHER'S BELOVED

DECLARE YOUR FATHER'S LOVE THROUGH BAPTISM

Now that you know how much God loves you, won't you want to declare it to the world? It is natural and right to physically express your relationship with Christ through baptism – through baptism you outwardly declare, that you have joined yourself to Christ and believe that His Spirit gives you everlasting life. When you get baptized, you are also declaring that you are now dead to your old self that was bound to the law of sin and death. Under that law, when a man sinned, death was his punishment. But now you are joined with Christ, His Spirit gives you life. Baptism is not what makes you one with Christ. It is a declaration that you have already been joined with Him.

SCRIPTURES

1. Romans 6:3–4

³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?⁴ 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.

2. Romans 7:1–4

¹ Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?² For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband.³ So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.⁴ Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

ASK YOURSELF

Does knowing how much the Father loves you make you want to publicly declare His love for you? How will this affect your desire to get baptized?

Today, I dwell on the inward experience of accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and saviour and how it has led to a transformation in my heart, I want to publically declare what has taken place within me and bear fruit to God.



FAITH WORKS BY LOVE

FAITH IS THE NATURAL RESPONSE OF SOMEONE WHO IS LOVED

When you believe and have faith that your Father loves you, it is easy to believe that He will answer your prayers too. Faith works when you know that God loves you. Faith is a spontaneous response of every Christian who believes that God loves them. Don't look to your faith. Look to the One in whom you have placed your faith. Since He can never fail, your prayers will always be answered. The apostle Paul said, "Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13:8). And John said, "God is love." (1 John 4:16). So just know that God will never fail you because He loves you.

SCRIPTURES

1. Galatians 5:6, KJV

⁶ For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which works by love.

2. Matthew 7:9-11

⁹ Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

ASK YOURSELF

1. Do you really believe that God wants to answer your prayers? Why?

2. Do you know that faith is not something that only mature or spiritual Christians have? You do not get it because you live a moral life, or because you know the Bible very well. But when you know Jesus' love for you, you will live a moral life and you will also want to read His Word. Would Jesus ever withhold anything good from you?

Today you have learned that faith is not something only spiritual or mature Christians can have. It is the natural response of any Christian who believes that God loves him. Declare today: I will not focus on whether I have faith, I focus on Jesus, the object of my faith, because He is reliable. Pray; I know that God wants to help me in every situation, (open your heart to hearing Him).



FAITH WORKS BY LOVE

PRAYER IS THE NATURAL RESPONSE OF SOMEONE WHO HAS FAITH

When you know that God loves you, you don't have to learn how to pray. Prayer is just talking to God. We don't have to learn to talk to our friends, do we? It is a natural thing to do. It is part of having a real relationship. Prayer is not a ritual where you have to learn what to say and how to say it. And you don't have to feel guilty if you have not been praying. When you don't talk to your loved ones, you will naturally miss them, and you will go and talk to them. The scriptures promise that when you ask God in prayer, and it lines up with His will for your life, you will receive it.

SCRIPTURES

1. Matthew 21:22

²² And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

2. Philippians 4:6

⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

ASK YOURSELF

1. Do you really believe that God wants to answer your prayers? Why?

2. Is building a relationship with the most high God important to you? What can you ask for in order to enhance your relationship with God through prayer?

Today, I want to build my relationship with God through an active prayer life, not because I have to but because I want to. I entrust my heart and mind to Jesus. I declare that God has the power to help me in every situation.



FAITH WORKS BY LOVE

YOU CAN HAVE A POWERFUL PRAYER LIFE

Jesus' work on the cross has made you so righteous that His Holy Spirit abides in you. Tongues is the prayer language of the Holy Spirit. God has given us this language to use when we do not know how to pray or what to say. The Holy Spirit through Tongues will pray outside of the limitation of your mind for the things which are right for you at this moment in time. When you pray in tongues you build yourself up on your most holy faith. You do not need to worry that you might receive an evil spirit which will control you, God only gives good gifts to His children. If you want this prayer language, you can ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and give it to you. But you must participate – you must open your mouth and begin to speak in tongues. Do not be weary if you cannot pray in tongues right away, just continue to focus on letting go and allow the Holy Spirit to move.

SCRIPTURES

1. Acts 2:4, NIV
⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
2. Romans 8:26–27
*²⁶ 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.
²⁷ 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.*

ASK YOURSELF

1. Are you prepared to give over to the Holy Spirit and allow God to lead you and intercede in your prayer life?

2. What are the benefits that you expect to experience when you begin to pray in tongues? What are the benefits that you have experienced since you began praying in tongues?

Today, ask God to indwell you with the Holy Spirit, His power and His love for you, so that He can touch your circumstances, your whole body, healing, marriage, children, finances... wait expectantly upon Him. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is a choice which I make freely and I will do my part by praying in the Spirit.



THE NEW COVENANT OF GRACE

WHAT IS A COVENANT?

Does God have solid grounds to love and bless you instead of cursing and punishing you when you blow it? The answer is a resounding “Yes!”, because God has made a covenant with you today. The reason God did this is to give you the assurance that He will bless you today. Because of God’s covenant with you, you have a right to be blessed today. In the Bible, there are two major covenants mentioned: The old covenant of the law and the new covenant of grace. Under the old covenant of law (or Ten Commandments), the operating system for God’s people was, “Do good get blessed, do bad get beat”. God wants us blessed. Hence, He replaced the old covenant of law with the new covenant of grace.

SCRIPTURES

1. Hebrews 8:8 - 13

⁸ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, ⁹ not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord. ¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

¹¹ And they shall not teach, each one his neighbour and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. ¹² For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.” ¹³ In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

ASK YOURSELF

1. Do you deserve the gift of the new covenant which God has made available to you? Does God remember your sins?

2. Do you qualify to be blessed today? Why is this?

Today I declare that I live under the new covenant of grace and I have a right to be blessed. I believe that Grace is undeserved, unearned and unmerited favour



THE NEW COVENANT OF GRACE

WHY GOD REPLACED THE OLD COVENANT

A common misconception among some Christians (and even non-Christians) is that it is only when you obey God that He is pleased with you and willing to bless you. Nothing could be further from the truth. And the truth is that no one can obey the law perfectly. Therefore, no one can ever please God and be blessed by obeying the law. That is why Jesus died on the cross for us. His death has put an end to the old covenant. His death has put an end to the law. If your righteousness and blessings come by you obeying the law, then Jesus' death was in vain. Contrary to popular opinion, the law does not justify man in God's sight. In fact, by the law is the knowledge of sin! By placing a high demand on man, the law shows up man's sins. The law shows up man's inability to keep the law. Today, when you see your need for Jesus and call upon Him to be your Saviour, you come under the new covenant of grace and are no longer under the old covenant of law.

SCRIPTURES

1. Galatians 2:21

²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.

2. Galatians 3:24-25

²⁴ Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

3. Romans 3:19-20

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

ASK YOURSELF

1. Do you believe in God's Covenant of Grace with "you" (not anyone else but "you")? How will this knowledge develop "you" as a child of God?

2. If God respects the covenant that he has made with me – how does that impact promises or covenants that I have made with those around me?

Today, meditate on the work that Jesus did by dying on the cross for you and for your brothers and sisters in Christ. Declare, I live under the covenant of GRACE, my faith in Christ is enough!



THE NEW COVENANT OF GRACE

UNDERSTANDING THE NEW COVENANT OF GRACE

Grace is defined as the undeserved, unearned, unmerited favour of God. And favour is defined as preferential treatment. So under the new covenant, God gives you preferential treatment, which you don't deserve. Today, we qualify for God's favour and blessings not because of our obedience, but because of Christ's obedience. He has made us righteous and qualified us to receive all the blessings of the righteous. Does that mean that I can sin and God will still bless me? The sin issue was settled 2,000 years ago – in the body of another. The truth is that all your sins – past, present and future – have been punished, but in the body of Jesus Christ. (Colossians 2:13)

SCRIPTURES

1. Romans 5:19
¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.
2. Hebrews 10:9-10
⁹ ...He takes away the first that He may establish the second. ¹⁰ By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
3. Hebrews 10:14
¹⁴ For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.
4. Acts 13:38-39
³⁸ Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; ³⁹ and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

ASK YOURSELF

1. You have learnt that God gives you His undeserved, unearned and unmerited favour. How does that make you want to respond to Him?

2. Does the covenant of Grace mean that you can do whatever you want and not be held accountable for your sins?

Today, I declare that I am a justified child of God, I live under the covenant of Grace. I am righteous because Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Because Christ lives within me I am holy and I give every action over to God today to lead me in everything that I put my hand to. Meditate on the fact that you live in the undeserved, unearned and unmerited favour of God!



THE NEW COVENANT OF GRACE

HOW TO WALK IN THE BLESSINGS OF THE NEW COVENANT

Most people will have heard of the story of David and Goliath. They will have heard of how David overcame unequal odds to slay Goliath with a sling and stone. But what many people don't know is that in David's time, Israel had a covenant with God. Yet, when Goliath, the representative of their enemies, the Philistines, came and challenged them, the Bible says "they were dismayed and greatly afraid". (1 Samuel 17:11) The children of Israel did not believe in their covenant with God. Instead, they chose to be fearful of Goliath. David was the only exception, when the whole of Israel feared Goliath, David did not. Instead, he believed in and depended on his covenant relationship with God.

SCRIPTURES

1. Samuel 17:45-47

⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands."

ASK YOURSELF

1. How can I apply my faith in my circumstances today be an overcomer like David when he defeated Goliath?

2. Have I done something wrong which causes me to fear my circumstances, or are there consequences of my actions which I need to live through? How will I respond as a child of Grace?

Today, you may be facing a challenge or obstacle that may seem to prevent you from enjoying the blessings of the new covenant. You need to remember Jesus' words: "Do not be afraid; only believe." (Mark 5:36). Because you believe in God's covenant of grace with you – in His undeserved, unearned and unmerited favour – put yourself in line to walk in all His blessings.



ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF THE NEW COVENANT

THE NEW COVENANT WAS CUT BETWEEN GOD AND JESUS OUR REPRESENTATIVE ...
THERE ARE THREE EFFECTS;

You are under the new covenant of grace because God found fault with the old covenant of law. God not only found fault with the old covenant, He made it obsolete and replaced it with the new covenant. Under the old covenant, the blessings were contingent on man's obedience. God's people had to keep the law perfectly before God could bless them. Now, the blessings are no longer contingent on man's obedience, but Christ's obedience. The new covenant on is filled with "I will's", in other words, under the new covenant of grace, God says, "I will..." God does everything. All you have to do is receive. 'I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts', 'I will be their God and they shall be My people', 'All shall know Me'

SCRIPTURES

1. Romans 5:19

¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

2. John 16:13-15

¹³ 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.

¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

3. Exodus 6:7

⁷¹ I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

ASK YOURSELF

1. Does knowing the cause and the effects of the new covenant make you want to sin, or love God more? Why?

Today, I will focus on these three effects of the new covenant on the believer. I am confident that God will lead and guide me from within through the Holy Spirit. Secondly, He has become my God in every area of my life. Thirdly, I will know God intuitively without effort and be led by the warm, friendly and assuring voice of the Holy Spirit from within.



ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF THE NEW COVENANT

THE ONLY CLAUSE THAT ACTIVATES THE EFFECTS OF THE NEW COVENANT;

These three effects of the New Covenant are made possible by the truth that God will be merciful to our unrighteousness and He will remember our sins no more. And God is able to do that because He remembered our sins once and for all in the body of His Son at the cross. If you want to enjoy the blessings of the new covenant, stop putting yourself under the old covenant by trying to be justified by the law. As long as you have a mind-set that says you have to try and earn, deserve and merit the blessings of God, you are under the law. As long as you believe that you can earn prosperity, healing and protection, you are under the old covenant. As long as you think that you deserve it, God cannot show you His undeserved favour. As long as you think you can earn or merit it, God cannot give you His unearned and unmerited favour. As long as you are proud, God cannot give you grace, for He resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5). Being self-justified by the law is when you depend on self-effort to please God. In other words, it is when you depend on your own willpower and self-discipline to overcome sin.

SCRIPTURES

1. Hebrews 8:12
¹² For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."
2. Galatians 5:4, KJV
⁴ Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

ASK YOURSELF

1. Did you use to think that you have to depend on your self-efforts and performance to enjoy God's blessings?

2. How does knowing that God wants you to enter His rest change your attitude in regard to enjoy His blessings?

Today I focus on what God is saying to me; He will never, by no means, remember my sins anymore! I believe that God has not just forgiven me of all of my sins, but that He has also forgotten them, and so I will enjoy the blessings of the new covenant. Confess today; I am already justified, forgiven and blessed, and it is all because of the blood and sacrifice of Jesus.



ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF THE NEW COVENANT

HOW TO REMAIN UNDER THE NEW COVENANT

Today, God does not want His children to labour and be heavy laden in order to get His blessings and live the good life. He does not want us to depend on ourselves – our own efforts, discipline, willpower and strength. That is because Jesus died on the cross to give us rest. So God wants us to enter His rest. When you rest, you are not depending on yourself, but on God. All you have to do is rest and allow the Holy Spirit to direct you from within. Therefore, rest is not doing nothing. Rest is flowing with the Holy Spirit as you go about doing what you have to do.

SCRIPTURES

1. Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ Come to Me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

2. Hebrews 4:9-10

⁹ There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. ¹⁰ For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

3. Romans 14:17

¹⁷ for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

4. Isaiah 28:11-12

¹¹ For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, ¹² to whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," and, "This is the refreshing"; yet they would not hear.

ASK YOURSELF

1. How can you walk in the blessings of the new covenant?

2. What will you do in order to allow the Holy Spirit to direct you with His peace from within and to change your circumstances on the outside?

Today; I acknowledge that praying in the Holy Spirit is the rest and refreshing for God's people. I will pray in the Holy Spirit and allow Him to guide me from within and change all of my circumstances for the good. I rest in His goodness, favour and ability.



DISCOVER THE NEW COVENANT OF GRACE

HOLINESS – THE NEW COVENANT WAY

Today, Jesus has given you true freedom, which will free you to live victorious lives. But unless you are free to fail, you will never be free to succeed! Yet, when you fail, God's grace is there as a safety net to protect and uphold you. Grace gives you assurance and hope because there is no condemnation when you fail. Today, Jesus has made you righteous and you have right standing with God the Father. You are forever loved and you can depend on Him. With grace as your safety net, you are able to perform better unconsciously. You are therefore free – from constantly focusing on your performance – to enjoy your walk as a Christian. God does not want you focusing on sin. He wants you to focus on your righteousness in Christ and enjoy the ride. This is how you overcome sin in your life today.

SCRIPTURES

1. Galatians 5:1

¹ Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free...

2. Hebrews 10:19–22

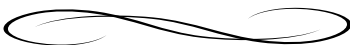
¹⁹ Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, ²¹ and having a High Priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

ASK YOURSELF

1. Does knowing that the new covenant has provided you with a new and living way cause you to want to come into God's presence more? Why or why not?

2. Are you prepared to come freely into God's presence and speak without guilt or condemnation? Why or why not?

Today I will boldly come into the Holy presence of God, I will speak freely with Him and I will not feel guilty or condemned. I know that I have a safety net of Grace even when I fail. I will depend on the performance of Jesus on the cross and not on myself. I acknowledge that the more I come to God the more I will live.



DISCOVER THE NEW COVENANT OF GRACE

GOD WANTS YOU TO HAVE NO MORE CONSCIOUSNESS OF SINS

You have learnt that the law stirs up the knowledge of sin. The law makes you sin-conscious. And sin-consciousness is a dangerous thing. You can liken sin-consciousness to having a small pebble in your shoe. When you walk around with that pebble in your shoe, you cannot walk properly because of the discomfort and pain, let alone run. That is what sin-consciousness will do to you. It will affect your Christian walk and prevent you from being victorious over sin and in every area of your life. Being sin-conscious means that your conscience condemns you. If you have sin on your conscience, will you dare to step into God's presence? If you feel condemned, will you dare to stand before God? God wants you to know that you have been purified by the blood of His own Son, and not the blood of bulls or goats. He wants you to have no more consciousness of sins, so that you can stand boldly in His presence.

SCRIPTURES

1. Hebrews 10:2

² *For the worshippers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins.*

2. Hebrews 4:16

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.*

ASK YOURSELF

1. Am I behaving in a sin-conscious way? If so, what am I going to do differently in order to live in the Grace of God?

2. Do you feel comfortable to come to the throne of Grace boldly? Why or why not?

Today, I come boldly to the throne of God, I can step into the presence of God and I do not feel condemned. I proudly confess that I have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus who has taken my sins upon himself. I am a New Covenant child of the most high God!



DISCOVER THE NEW COVENANT OF GRACE

GOD WANTS HEART TRANSFORMATION, NOT BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION;

Just because you are under the new covenant of grace doesn't mean that you are perfect in your behaviour. It does not mean that you will not sin or blow it any more. What it does mean is that despite your failures, you are still perfect in God's eyes because you are in Christ. (Colossians 1:28). God wants you to live a life that glorifies Him, because your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit dwells within you. Above all, God is looking for heart transformation and not behaviour modification. The law brought about behaviour modification through a set of do's and dont's under the old covenant, but it was unable to transform hearts. God wants your heart transformed because of His grace and goodness. He doesn't just go for what is outward, like your behaviour. He goes for the heart.

SCRIPTURES

1. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

¹⁹ 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?²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

2. 1 Samuel 16:7

⁷ ...For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

ASK YOURSELF

1. What does living under the covenant of grace mean to you?

2. What is the difference between heart transformation and behaviour modification; which is preferable to God?

Today I confess that I am the righteousness of Christ in God. I receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness to reign in life. I know that God does not judge me and I can come boldly to His throne. My heart is transformed in the knowledge that I have victory through the death of Jesus on the cross for ME!



DISCOVER THE NEW COVENANT OF GRACE

TRUE HOLINESS

Many people measure holiness based on behaviour or conduct. But that is not how God measures holiness. God doesn't measure your holiness based on your behaviour or conduct. He measures your holiness based on Jesus. Your holiness is not your conduct, but a person – the person of Jesus Christ. The law cannot make you holy. Only Christ can, because He is your holiness. When the people of the world are depressed, worried, stressed, broke and sick, God's children are separate from all this. We are relaxed, joyful, healthy and wealthy! People of the world live natural lives. But we as God's children live supernatural lives.

SCRIPTURES

1. 1 Corinthians 1:30

³⁰ *But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God – and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.*

ASK YOURSELF

1. What are the fruits of Holiness that have manifested in your life?

2. Do you truly believe that God measures your holiness based upon Jesus and not on your behaviour?

Today, I declare that my holiness is not based upon my conduct or my behaviour, it is based upon Jesus Christ. I declare that because I have Jesus in my life I am blessed with holiness, righteousness, wisdom and redemption!



DISCOVER THE NEW COVENANT OF GRACE

THE KEYS TO TRUE TRANSFORMATION

The first key to true transformation is not to try, but simply to behold. When we behold the goodness and grace of Jesus, we are beholding His glory. And when we see how beautiful He is, we are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory. One way that you can transform your heart is, if you are sick, look away from your sickness and pain, and look at Jesus on the cross carrying all your sicknesses and pains. Look at the goodness of the One who walked in divine health, yet carried all your sicknesses and diseases on His own body at the cross. If you are facing a financial challenge, look at Jesus carrying your poverty on the cross. Look at the goodness of the One who made the gold, silver, diamonds, rubies and other precious stones, yet became poor at the cross. If you are struggling with a sin or bad habit, look at Jesus carrying all your sins on His own body at the cross. Look at the One who knew no sin, yet became sin on the cross. When you look away from yourself and behold Christ, you won't even be conscious that you are being transformed from glory to glory. The second key to true transformation is to confess your righteousness in Christ.

SCRIPTURES

1. 2 Corinthians 3:18

¹⁸ 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. 2 Corinthians 8:9

⁹ 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.

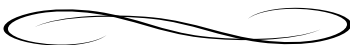
3. Romans 5:17

¹⁷ For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more in those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

ASK YOURSELF

1. How can you behold Jesus in all of His Glory, His goodness, and His Grace, in order to become more like Him? In doing this do you believe that your heart will be transformed. Why or why not?

Today I decide to actively lay hold of the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness, as a result I will reign in life and I will overcome sin. I confess I am righteous in Christ. I know that even today I am being transformed.



FAITH – THE HAND THAT TAKES

WALK IN YOUR INHERITANCE

You have learned that God has given you the Spirit of sonship. You are no longer a slave, but a son of God. You are now an heir of God through Christ, through His finished work on the cross. Now, there is no point being the heir of someone who is poor. When that person dies, all that you inherit is his poverty! But God is not poor. In fact, God is the richest being in the universe! The Bible makes it very clear that you are a joint heir with Christ Himself which means that whatever belongs to Christ belongs to you! Today, the ascended Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. Do you think He is sick? Do you think He is poor? Do you think He is stressed? No! He is perfectly healthy, young and strong! He is very rich! He is full of joy! And as He is, so are you in this world. As an heir of God, you have an inheritance, and because Christ shed His blood and died on the cross for you, God has qualified you to be a partaker of the inheritance. God says in Hosea, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..." God's inheritance is your rightful inheritance, you need to actively walk in it like a son of the most high God!

SCRIPTURES

1. Galatians 4:6-7

⁶And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

2. Romans 8:16-17

¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

3. Colossians 1:12-14

¹²giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

ASK YOURSELF

1. How does knowing that you are an heir of God and joint heir with Christ make you feel? Does it make you feel rich and royal? Or does it make you feel poor and lowly?

Today I decide to celebrate that I am qualified to enjoy the blessings of God! I am qualified to partake of the good life, which includes health, wholeness, protection, financial prosperity, soundness of mind, and peace and joy in my heart. I claim them in the precious name of Jesus!



FAITH – THE HAND THAT TAKES

HOW TO WALK IN YOUR INHERITANCE

Faith is the natural response of someone who believes that God loves him. Galatians 5:6 says that faith works by love. So your faith works when you know that God loves you. There is no need to focus on whether you have great faith or little faith. All you need to do is focus on how much God loves you, and your faith will work – you will receive your miracle. When you walk around conscious that God loves you and you are the Father’s beloved, faith will be a natural response, and you will walk in your inheritance and enjoy the blessings that Christ died to give you. You might ask, “But why am I still suffering the pain?” or “Why am I still not experiencing a financial breakthrough?” Now, God wants us to walk in Christ and be rooted and established in “the faith”. The Bible says in more than one place that the just (or the righteous) shall live by faith. (Galatians 3:11, Hebrews 10:38). You have already learned that you have been made righteous in Christ. So what this means is that for the righteous – that refers to you and me – faith is the hand that takes and receives all the blessings of God. Faith ensures that you will walk in your inheritance.

SCRIPTURES

1. Colossians 2:6-7

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

2. Romans 4:13-14

¹³ For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect

3. Romans 4:20-22

²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. ²² And therefore “it was accounted to him for righteousness.”

ASK YOURSELF

1. God has made it very simple for you to walk in your inheritance. He has made it very easy for you to have the faith to receive His blessings. How does that help you to see Him in His grace?

I live in the fact that blessings crown the head of the righteous. (Proverbs 10:6, NIV). Today, every promise and blessing of God comes to me because I walk in faith – I know that I am righteous by faith and I believe God at His word.



FAITH – THE HAND THAT TAKES

DO THE ONE THING NEEDED

So how do you ensure that you keep walking in the steps of faith? The Bible tells you that faith comes when you keep on hearing the word of Christ. Faith comes when you listen to anointed preaching about the person of Christ and His love, goodness and grace toward you, and not about what you need to do to please God. The world will tell you that you have to work hard, strive and sweat before you can enjoy the good life. But to Jesus, only one thing is needful. And when you keep on doing this one thing – to sit at Jesus’ feet and listen to His word – faith comes and you will walk in your inheritance. God is not against us working hard, nor does He want us to be lazy. What He is against is us being anxious, worried and all stressed out just to enjoy the good life. He wants us to enter into His rest and depend on Him. Now, faith does not work independently. Faith has a “power twin” – grace. And when the “power twins” are present in your life, you will walk in the blessings of God.

SCRIPTURES

1. Romans 10:17, NASB

¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

2. Luke 10:38–42

³⁸ Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus’ feet and heard His word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, “ Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.” ⁴¹ And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.

⁴² But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

3. Ephesians 2:4–10

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

ASK YOURSELF

1. Do you really believe that faith is what enables you to take the blessings that God has for you?

God has made it very simple for us to walk in our inheritance. Jesus suffered and died on the cross to qualify us to partake of the inheritance, all because of His grace! Today I know that all I have to do is see His grace through hearing His word, and faith – the hand that takes all the blessings God has for me – will come unconsciously!



DISCOVER YOUR INHERITANCE IN CHRIST

DIVINE HEALTH AND HEALING

You have learned that you are an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ, and that God has qualified you to partake of the inheritance because of Jesus' finished work at the cross. You have also learned that to walk in your inheritance, you need to walk in faith, because faith is the hand that takes all the blessings that God has for you. When you see God's grace, He sees your faith. Another aspect of the inheritance that God has qualified you to partake of is divine health. God wants you to prosper in all things and be in health! The truth is that God wants you healthy. If you are sick, He wants to heal you. If you are in pain, He wants to remove the pain. He wants you to walk in divine health. You will find that when Jesus walked on earth, most of His miracles were in the area of healing. He did not walk on water all the time. He did not calm the storms all the time. But He healed all the time. The truth is that He healed every sick person who came to Him! And the Bible says that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever". (Hebrews 13:8). This means that God still heals today! Also, do you know that when God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt to bring them into the Promised Land, He made sure that none of them were sick?

SCRIPTURES

1. 3 John 1:2

² *Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.*

2. Psalm 105:37

³⁷ *He also brought them out with silver and gold, and there was none feeble among His tribes.*

ASK YOURSELF

1. Divine healing and health does not seem reasonable in the way of the world – many people believe that God actually gives them sickness and disease or sends death in order to teach them lessons. This is not true, what do you know to be the truth in this area?

Today, I claim the divine health that God desires for me. I will prosper in all things and I will be in health, just as my soul prospers.



DISCOVER YOUR INHERITANCE IN CHRIST

BE STRESS FREE AND HEALTHY

Medical science is now telling us that many diseases today can be traced back to stress. Heart conditions, hypertension, and in some cases, even cancer. In fact, stress can make you look older than you really are! Some people think that the food they eat affects their health. They take vitamins and supplements to maintain their bodies. To a certain extent, it is important to watch what you eat, but Jesus did say that it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of his mouth that defiles him. (Matthew 15:11) So it is not so much what you eat, but what's eating you and how you respond (with your words) that affect your health. God not only wants you to be stress-free, but He also wants you to be care-free. Now, this does not mean that He wants you to have a care-less attitude and be irresponsible. He wants you to depend totally on Him, knowing how much He loves and cares for you. The birds of the air have a life free from cares and yet they are well fed. Do you know that Jesus did not come to die for the birds? He came to die for you! We can all complain about our situations or the people in our lives. But it is your choice to be stressed, or to enjoy what you are doing. It all depends on your perspective. God wants you to enjoy life. He wants you to enjoy what you are doing. Because God gives us richly all things to enjoy! God asks us to seek Him and His Kingdom and all of His blessings will abound to us.

SCRIPTURES

1. Matthew 6:25
²⁵ 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?
2. Matthew 6:26–27
²⁶ Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?²⁷ Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?
3. 1 Peter 5:7
⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.
4. 1 Timothy 6:17
¹⁷ ...nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.
5. Matthew 6:33–34
*³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

ASK YOURSELF

1. What are some of the things that cause you to be stressed? How does knowing that God wants you to be stress-free and carefree change your attitude and perspective toward your challenges and problems?
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Today, I live in the fact that God is pleased when I am stress-free. His blessings flow into my life because I refuse to worry. I will walk in divine health because I refuse to worry. His righteousness, peace and joy are my priority today, they will keep me away from worry!



DISCOVER YOUR INHERITANCE IN CHRIST

As this devotional area is so important in the life of the Christian believer we have spent some additional time to ensure that you have a proper understanding of taking Holy Communion. We recommend that you set aside time to partake after having gone through this devotion.

PARTAKING OF THE LORD'S BODY BRINGS HEALTH AND HEALING

Some Christians are afraid to take the Holy Communion because of what they read in 1 Corinthians 11. They fail to understand what the apostle Paul meant in verses 27–32. They are afraid of partaking in an unworthy manner and hence eating and drinking judgment to themselves, and having God send them to hell. They do not understand what it means to discern the Lord's body. They are afraid of examining themselves because they are worried that all they will find is sin. That is why Paul wrote, "For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep." (Verse 30). Sleep here means death, not bodily rest. He was pointing us to the one reason why Christians become weak and sick, and die before their time. It is all because of their misconception of the Holy Communion. So what is the significance of the bread and wine in the Holy Communion? The wine represents the blood of Jesus, and Paul's epistles make it very clear that the blood of Jesus brings forgiveness of sins. When you take the wine, know that you are forgiven and that you have been made righteous. The blood of Jesus has given you right standing before God, so that you can come boldly into His presence. And when you pray, you can be sure that He hears you. The bread represents the body of Jesus, and it is for your health and healing.

Today, God wants to restore the true meaning and power of the Holy Communion to the church, so that His people will rightly discern His body when they take the Holy Communion. This will cause them to become strong and healthy, and to live a long, good life. When Jesus instituted the Holy Communion (or the Lord's Supper), He said, "Take, eat; this is My body." (Matthew 26:26). What did He mean by this? What does it have to do with discerning His body? It means that when we take the bread, we are conscious that we are ingesting His health into our mortal bodies! When Jesus walked on earth, He was vibrant, and His body was full of life and health. He was never sick. But before He went to the cross, He was scourged by the Roman soldiers. He was badly beaten up. His body was virtually broken as He hung on the cross. And on the cross, God put all our sicknesses and diseases on His originally perfect and healthy body, so that we can walk in divine health. That is why the Bible says that by His stripes, we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5).



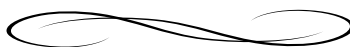
So what does it mean to partake unworthily? In this case, “unworthily” describes the action of eating and drinking. It is not describing the person who is eating or drinking. So Paul was not saying that if you are an unworthy person, do not partake. Instead, Paul was saying that if you fail to discern or understand the significance of the Lord’s body – that it is for your healing – you are eating and drinking in an unworthy manner. So don’t take the Holy Communion as a ritual and miss out on the blessings. The manner in which you partake will determine whether you experience the benefits of the Lord’s body. If your attitude is, “Well, it’s only a piece of bread,” then that is what it will be. And you will have robbed yourself of the life-giving effects of the bread. God wants you to be Son-conscious instead of sin-conscious when you take the Holy Communion. He wants you to examine yourself to see if you are putting your faith in Christ’s work at the cross for you. He wants you to see yourself forgiven and cleansed of every sin, set free and loved and favoured by Him.

When you drink judgment to yourself, it does not mean that God judges you guilty and sends you to hell. The Greek word for “judgment” is *krima*, which means divine sentence. When Adam sinned against God, a divine sentence fell on the human race. Weakness, sickness and death are some effects of that divine sentence. As long as we are here on earth, our bodies are subject to the ageing process, which is part of the divine sentence. All our bodies are decaying every day. Our brain cells are dying daily. The Holy Communion is God’s solution for us to stop the decay. When you eat of the bread seeing Jesus’ body broken for your healing and health, and drink of the cup seeing Jesus’ blood redeeming you of every curse [Galatians 3:13], you offset the process of ageing and walk in divine health. So every time you partake, you are reversing the effects of the curse or divine judgment in your body.

SCRIPTURES

1. 1 Corinthians 11:23–34

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵ In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes. ²⁷ Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord’s body. ³⁰ For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. ³¹ For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. ³³ Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.



2. Ephesians 1:7

⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

3. 1 Corinthians 11:20–22

²⁰Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. ²¹For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk. ²²What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the Church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.

4. 1 Peter 5:7

⁷casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

5. Isaiah 53:5

⁵...and by His stripes we are healed.

TAKING HOLY COMMUNION

When you take the Holy Communion, remember that it is not a ritual. Don't be in a rush. See the Lord Jesus carrying all your sins and diseases on His own body. See Him carrying all your sins on the cross.

First, hold the bread in your hand and say this:

Thank You Jesus for your broken body. It is for my healing and my family's healing. Thank You that by the beatings that You bore, by the lashes that fell on Your back, we are completely healed. I believe and I receive. (Eat the bread.)

Next, take the cup in your hand and say this:

Thank You Jesus for the new covenant cut in Your blood. Your blood has brought me forgiveness and washed me from every sin. I thank You that Your blood has made me righteous. And as I drink, I celebrate and partake of the inheritance of the righteous, which is preservation, healing, wholeness and prosperity. Thank You Jesus, for loving me. (Drink the wine.)

ASK YOURSELF

1. Now that you know the benefits of the Holy Communion, do you have the desire to take it on a regular basis? If so, how often will you take it? If not, what are the hindrances?



DISCOVER YOUR INHERITANCE IN CHRIST

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT PROSPERITY

God desires for you to prosper in all things and experience good success in your life. If you are poor, God wants you to be rich. If you are in lack, God wants you to have more than enough. If you are consistently failing, God wants you to enjoy good success. Previously you discovered that when Jesus walked on earth, most of His miracles were in the area of healing. But did you know that wherever He went, He also brought prosperity? When Jesus was born, wise men from the East came and worshipped Him. Not only that, they presented to Him gifts such as gold, frankincense and myrrh. (Matthew 2:11). So Jesus' birth brought prosperity to His earthly parents Joseph and Mary.

When Jesus walked past a group of uncouth fishermen who had caught nothing all night, He borrowed one of their boats in order to teach the multitudes, and then He blessed them with a net-breaking, boat-sinking load of fish! (Luke 5:1-11). When Jesus attended a wedding at Cana of Galilee, He turned water into wine because the wine ran out. Not only that, the quality of the wine He turned from water was far superior to that of the original wine. (John 2:1-10). Since Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8), this means that God still prospers us today.

SCRIPTURES

- 3 John 1:2
² Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.
- 1 Timothy 6:17
¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.
- Psalms 84:11
¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.
- Psalms 23:1, NIV
¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.
- Psalms 37:4
⁴ Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

ASK YOURSELF

1. Now that you are aware of the fact that God wants to prosper you in all things and for you to have good success, what are you going to do differently in order to live in this blessing?

Today, I acknowledge that God does not operate by the law of supply and demand. He operates on the principle of His inexhaustible supply and our limited demand. The Bible says in James 4:2 that "you do not have because you do not ask". Put before God the desires of your heart and ask for them.



DISCOVER YOUR INHERITANCE IN CHRIST

HOW TO PROSPER IN ALL THINGS

It is clear that God does not just want us to prosper, but that He also wants us to have good success. He wants us to enjoy a life of good success, because there is such a thing as bad success. A person who has bad success is someone who is a public success, but a private failure. People like that are high achievers who make a lot of money and make great advancements in their careers. But they are so busy that they don't have time for their wives and children. They don't have the time to enjoy life. They don't have time to smell the flowers and spend time with their loved ones. But when God gives you good success, you will be successful in your career and also in your family and private life. You will enjoy quality life. Remember that we are no longer under the law, but under grace. In the new covenant, the grace of God has replaced the law. So from now on, whenever you read Joshua 1:8, remember to interpret it in the light of the new covenant. Read it like this: **The Word of Christ** shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may **believe** all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Biblical meditation refers to the spoken word. It refers to you confessing the Word of Christ on a regular basis. Now, you don't need to confess the Word out loud. You may be in the office surrounded by colleagues, or you may be in school surrounded by your schoolmates and teachers. If you speak the Word out loud in front of them, they will think that you are crazy! You can simply mutter or whisper the Word of Christ discreetly under your breath. When you do so, you remind yourself of who you are in Christ. You remind yourself that God has qualified you to partake of the inheritance because of Jesus' blood. You remind yourself of God's love and grace. And your faith is built up to the point that you are ready to receive His blessings into your life.

SCRIPTURES

1. Joshua 1:8

⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

ASK YOURSELF

1. What are some of the areas in your life in which you need to confess the Word?

Today, I undertake to confess the Word of God over my life on an ongoing basis and consider its implications for everything that I do and undertake. Because I am a child of God I will prosper in all things and have great success!



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THE PRINCIPLE OF TITHING

The Hebrew word for "tithe" is masar, which means a tenth. So when you tithe to God, you are giving Him a tenth, or 10 per cent, of your income. The truth is that God does not need your 10 per cent! You have learnt that He has cut a covenant with you, and you have a covenant relationship with Him. In this covenant relationship, or partnership, who is the senior partner? Who is the greater and richer party? God is! Now, in a normal business partnership, how much does the senior partner get? Definitely not 10 per cent! The senior partner gets at least 51 per cent of the profits. Yet, God, as the senior partner of the covenant relationship, only asks for 10 per cent. That's how gracious He is. So when you tithe, you are saying to God, "Father, I am putting my faith in You to be in control of my finances. Father, I am putting my faith in You to be the One who causes me to prosper in all that I do." So God wants us to tithe for our own sakes. He wants us to tithe for our own benefit. In fact, when we tithe, it sanctifies the rest of our income. When you tithe your one-tenth, it represents the first fruit of your income. When that one tenth is holy, the rest of the 90 per cent that you keep will also be holy or sanctified. You need to know that this earth is under a curse. The system of the world is under a curse. You need to strive hard in order to make it to the top. That is why, after Adam sinned, God said this to him: "In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread..." (Genesis 3:19). The system of the world is natural, but God's system is supernatural. Do you know that He has hidden the secret to prosperity and good success in the Hebrew language? Now, you have learnt that the Hebrew word for "tithe" is masar. Do you know what the Hebrew word for "rich" or "wealthy" is? It is the word asar! What does that tell you? It tells you that your prosperity is in your tithe! God's system of prosperity is wrapped up in the tithe! You tithe not to get blessed, but because you are already blessed. When Christ is alive in your life, He will come into your negative circumstance and turn it around for your benefit.

SCRIPTURES

1. Romans 11:16

¹⁶ *For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy...*

2. Hebrews 7:8

⁸ *Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.*

ASK YOURSELF

1. Do you find it difficult to tithe to God? If so, what are the hindrances? Now that you have learnt about the principle and significance of tithing, do you have a greater desire to tithe to God? What are your expectations when you tithe?

Today, I acknowledge God as my senior partner in my covenant relationship with Him. I know that my tithe sanctifies the remaining 90% of my income as Holy. I am blessed today because I have Jesus and because Christ is alive today, I confess that Christ will come into my negative circumstances and turn them around.

