

Father, I pray that you supply all who hear this message with understanding, wisdom, and knowledge, with your guiding Holy Spirit, to direct them. I pray Lord for the faith to believe, the faith to trust, and the faith to have faith in you and trust you and believe you. I pray for all my brethren who are my family, your family, that each of us grow up in Christ Jesus and bear much fruit for your Kingdom. I pray for peace and unity and good fellowship to grow in your church here and across the world. I pray you strengthen our inner man and give each of us an overcoming spirit and give each back our first Love. I pray for all the gifts to be received by those who wish to ask for the gifts you have given them, and ask in faith. I pray you cause your body to unite as one body and in one mind. Your mind, the mind of Jesus Christ. We pray for the anointing that breaks the yoke Lord. And we thank you God and we praise you God and we worship you God

In Jesus name AMEN

DO we trust Him?

Often as a new believer we come to the Lord after hearing all the wonderful promises in the bible.----- [Rom 8:28](#): And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ----- [Phil 4:13](#): I can do all things through him who gives me strength. ----- [eph 1:3](#) Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ: And many other such verse, we can think that it will all be easy now,---- we just believe, and God will do the rest! and just after we are saved it can often feel this way. ”The joy of the Lord is my strength”

And we have the joy of the Lord for a while after being saved, For many of us, when we are “born again” we have not felt so good for a very long time. ----- but then after a while things start going downhill and we wonder why?

Often the new believer feels or thinks God has deserted them because this awesome time of grace seems to disappear and then we can think he is angry, or we have done something wrong, or even feel we are condemned! or that we don't really believe! Or it just gets too hard. And the new believer can ----(if we mis-understand Gods word and intention) give up on God and fall away ----- and go back into the world. Often we have heard the good news of the gospel but have not fully understood the purpose of it.

Many give up because they did not realize what God wanted to do in their life ----- they thought God would just bless them in all things and all would be well and he would supply all their needs and make life comfortable.

[Deuteronomy 10:12](#)

And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

1 Peter 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1 Peter 1:3-9 **3**Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4**To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, **5**Who are kept **by the power of God** through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6**Wherein ye greatly rejoice, **though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:** **7**That the **trial of your faith**, being much **more precious than of gold** that perisheth, though it be **tried with fire**, might be found unto **praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:** **8**Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet **believing**, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: **9****Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.**

We see here that if need be there is heaviness, manifold temptations, trial of faith, trial with fire, to become holy as he is holy. To Love God and Love your neighbor with the whole heart, mind, soul, and strength. We see there is a higher purpose than just living a blessed life till we die. A much higher purpose. An eternal purpose!

Romans 8:18 **18**For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward. **19**For the earnest expectation of the **creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God.** **20**For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason of him who subjected it, in hope **21**that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the **glory of the children of God.** **22**For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. **23**And not only so, but ourselves also, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption, to wit, **the redemption of our body.** **24**For in hope were we saved: but hope that is seen is not hope: for who hopeth for that which he seeth? **25**But if we hope for that which we see not, then do we **with patience wait for it.**

The purpose we see is that our heavenly **Father wants a family** ----- who **chose to trust him** ----- trust his word which he puts even above his name ----- and **believe him** ----- and exercise **faith** in him to **Prove** that we **trust him**. He gave every man free will ----- every man gets to choose! And when we accept Jesus as our Lord and saviour, what are we saying to God?

We are saying “God --- I want you to make me you’re son ----- God I want you to make me holy as you are holy ----- I want to love you with all my heart and mind and soul

and strength and love my neighbor as myself, I want you to refine me God into one of your children, ----- God I want you to bring me into Jesus likeness ----- so that you can live in me and I in you. I want to be your house. Please do this for me God! Please come and live in me.

Psalm 86:12 **12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.**

This is what we are agreeing to according to Gods word. This is the purpose of our salvation ---- God Loves us so much he wants to adopt us into his family --- in Heaven. In the spirit/we are born again in the spirit. He wants us without spot or wrinkle walking in Love, faith and hope. Cleaned and sanctified and purified and holy. And he promises to do it **for us BY GRACE** (a gift) -----THROUGH FAITH ----- and why by GRACE THROUGH FAITH ----- AND NOT BECAUSE WE ARE GOOD or did lots of good things for him? ----- Because he wants each of us to prove to all creation that we **believed him and trusted him** and chose to Love him over the world we live in! and the things in it ! ----- he wants no Pride in heaven and no room for pride. So no self works, no possible way to **earn** salvation by anything the flesh can do ----- he has done it all already for us and wants us to grab hold of his promises ----- not with words only-saying “I believe God” “I believe his word” but by FAITH. And soon after we are saved ----- our God - the Holy Spirit - begins the work of bringing our whole being **into Jesus likeness**.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Once we understand that WITHOUT FAITH it is **impossible to please God** and also understand that our Hope is to become like Jesus we can begin to understand what is happening in our lives. We can then **understand the difficult circumstances we find ourselves in**. Because the **Holy Spirit is bringing us into those circumstances(count it all joy)** to give us the opportunity to exercise our faith ----- the chance to please him ----- he is bringing us into a place where we need to use faith to get through the trial he has placed us in. He wants us to stop believing what we see with our eyes to be true ----- but to believe that his promises and his salvation is above our circumstances. He wants us to bring his promises down from heaven through Faith! He wants us to learn that we CAN trust him. He wants us to prove we Love him and believe him ----- above what we see and hear and have learned to believe(from the world) and above what we feel and above what our emotions tell us.

He wants our spiritual man to grow and our carnal man to die. Our spiritual man grows by exercising our faith. It grabs hold of Gods promises from heaven and manifests them on earth. By faith.

Romans 8:28-30 **28**And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. **29**For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30**Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he

also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

So we see God is using the circumstances we are in to conform us into the image of his Son, he is Refining us “as by fire”. Are we going to trust what we see? or are we going to humble ourselves and cry out to God in Faith ----- **for him to do it! HE WANTS TO DO IT. ----- HE DOES NOT want us to solve this problem! He wants our FAITH. He is NOT one bit impressed with our SELF SUFFICIENCY! ----- He wants us to rely on Jesus and the cross and the blood sacrifice he made for us, ----- and faith ----- and to stop trying to hang on to this world and our pride and our anger and slander and selfishness and unforgiveness and lust and rejection and depression and anything else that is of the devil . He wants us to die to ourselves and become like Jesus! He wants us to take up our cross and follow him! That is the way ----- the way we become Holy as He is Holy.**

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

Proverbs 13:24 24He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

Proverbs 23:14 14Thou shalt beat him with the rod, And shalt deliver his soul from Sheol. (Hell)

Hebrews 12:7 **If ye endure chastening**, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

If we have areas in our life that are not holy and not pleasing to God, our Father in heaven will chasten us if we are his sons. So when we are chastened, **it is blessed evidence** that we are his sons and if we endure the chastenings, he will continue to work all things together for our good! He will show us, and when we humble ourselves and repent and ask forgiveness and ask for his grace to heal us and to supply our needs {NOT TRY TO FIX IT OURSELVES- **IT HAS TO BE BY FAITH - ASK GOD TO DO IT -ASK FOR MERCY - BY HIS GRACE.**

He does not want us to fix ourselves, our “old flesh -the old man ---- is crucified with him ----- when we ASK HIM to provide whatever our needs are ----- when we die to self and ask him! Die to self! GOD IS NOT IMPRESSED WITH SELF SUFFICIENCY! Jesus provided all our needs --- GO TO HIM! By grace. by faith.

Philipians 4:19 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

It says **ALL not some --- ALL Don't go to yourself - go to him! It is impossible to please God without Faith -- use every trial to prove we Love God. To prove we love him. When we go to him it pleases him and we receive blessings and favour. It proves we believe him. It proves we trust him!**

Acts 6:8 **8**And Stephen, **full of faith** and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

We see Stephen was full of faith ---- and see that he was blessed with power, wonders and miracles. It wasn't because he relied on his flesh! It was because he learned to walk by faith!

Isaiah 64:6 **6**But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags;

If we do it in our own strength ---- it is as a filthy rag to God ----- if we ask him --- by faith --- using the gift of **grace given to us** ----- WE PLEASE GOD. Remember Jesus died on the cross to provide that grace ---- if we do not use it --- DO WE THINK THIS PLEASES GOD? NO!

Proverbs 17:3 - The fining pot [is] for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.

Romans 2:4-9 **4**Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? **5**But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; **6**Who will render to every man according to his deeds: **7**To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life: **8**But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, **9**Tribulation and anguish

If we do not obey ----- if we get off the cross ---- remember we have taken up our cross to follow him! ----- if we try to fix ourselves and let the flesh live --- and don't walk by faith ---- if we seek for **our selves** to be the fixer and supplier, and **rely on self** ----- and don't repent and ask forgiveness ----- and ASK GOD ----- there will be indignation and wrath, **9**Tribulation and anguish. If we try to be good without God ----- we will fail every time.

It has to be by grace through faith by the power of the Holy Spirit ----- UNDERSTAND ----THIS is what GOD WANTS -- faith. He wants us to show we trust him and believe his word and rely on HIM AND NOT OURSELVES! He wants to prove to us he is faithful and that his word does not fail! EVER And he wants US to understand this.

HE WANTS TO TURN US INTO THE LIKENESS OF HIS SON

HE WANTS US TO BE HOLY

HE WANTS TO TEACH US HOW TO WALK IN LOVE

HE WANTS US TO LEARN HOW TO WALK IN THE HEAVENLY REALM -----APART FROM OUR FLESH

HE WANTS TO TEACH US HOW TO FORGIVE ----- HOW TO ESCAPE FROM FEAR -----HOW TO ESCAPE FROM POVERTY ----- HOW TO BE HEALED FROM PAST HURT -----HOW TO ESCAPE FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN AND satan and the devils in our flesh.

HE WANTS TO BRING US INTO A PLACE OF JOY AND REJOICING

HE WANTS US TO BE ABLE TO PRAISE HIM AND WORSHIP HIM AND BE ABLE TO REJOICE EACH DAY WE ARE ALIVE

HE IS THE ONE TRUE ETERNAL ALMIGHTY GOD AND HE WANTS TO ADOPT US INTO HIS FAMILY TO SPEND ETERNITY WITH HIM!

When we understand what it is all about, what the gospel is really all about ----- to make sons of God ----- when can understand that we are being tried and tested and refined and purified, to bring us into the image of his SON ----- JESUS . And he wants to do it here and now, while we are still here on this earth. Our flesh isn't going to Heaven ---- our flesh is a beast ---- God is in the business of saving our souls from sin and death. He has a new body waiting for us in heaven. Our Hope is an eternal one, not of the flesh, but of God ---by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and him crucified. Through his atoning blood His sacrifice. Praise Jesus.

2 Corinthians 3:17&18 "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

Now we know what the Lord is doing, we can co-operate with him by allowing his "rod of correction" to discipline us. The devil can no longer condemn us and when we have such a lively hope in this refining process we can be encouraged to allow, and eventually even enjoy the trials and tribulations ---- because we know what we are becoming ----- sons of God

Philipians 4:11-13 **11**Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content. **12** I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. **13** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

1Thess 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

In all circumstances give thanks because God is using that circumstance to refine us, to make us holy. Even those who persecute us, and hate us, God is using to produce Love in us and to burn out unforgiveness and hate and anger and all ungodliness. Even if it is "unfair" he wants to see us walking in Love toward others, dying to the need to defend or justify ourselves, letting no offence cause a root of bitterness because of unforgiveness, which would not be walking as he walked.

1John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

Don't get of the cross, walk as Jesus walked, obey God, be holy as he is holy, -----if we persevere through the trial and remain faithful we **will** see the victory in that part of our life.

2Peter 1:3-11 **3**According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: **4**Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. **5**And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; **6**And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; **7**And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. **8**For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9**But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. **10**Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: **11**For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy *is* understanding.

Matthew 7:13 **13**Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: **14**Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

We must stay on our cross to allow our Father in heaven to crucify our flesh, and our old nature ----- crucify the beast nature inside us where the devil resides. ----- If we stay on the cross, the Lord, the Holy Spirit will guide us into ALL truth and as we reach out to God from the cross/**the resurrection side of the cross**, as we **trust and believe** God and stand in him ----- in his grace --- in his Word --- as we humble ourselves and ask for mercy in our meekness --- he hears us and smiles and says "DONE". "My SON JESUS already paid the price" Jesus paid the price on the cross around 2000 years ago, with his blood. **GO THROUGH THE CROSS. LET THE OLD MAN DIE! The use of faith will weaken the old man ----- the flesh**

GODS WORD CANNOT FAIL

Jesus is the way the truth the life ----- go through him

How do we go through him? -----by exercising our faith in him

We must obey and allow God to refine us ---- when he brings us to the end of ourselves, when can then cry out in faith for help.

2Cor 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

When we are at our weakest, that is when our faith is the strongest, praise God.

Do we trust Him do we believe Him, the purpose of faith is to find this out. DO WE TRUST HIM?
IT IS ALL FOR HIS GLORY in whom we are How awesome is GOD!

I have faith in Him, I believe Him, **and I TRUST HIM.**

And even these things, were given to me, by HIM! JESUS. because I asked him for them!

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