

**Hebrews 3:14** For we are made partakers of Christ, **if we hold the beginning of our confidence** steadfast unto the end;

**Hebrews 3:6** But Christ as a son over his own house; **whose house are we**, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing **of the hope** firm unto the end.

**John 4:24** **God is a Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

**1 Thessalonians 5:17** Pray **without ceasing**.

**Matthew 16:26** For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, **and lose his own soul?** or **what shall a man give in exchange** for his soul?

How do we know what to pray for as we ought? If we truly believe the gospel, then we believe we will spend all of eternity with God in heaven. We believe we have been born into God's family and this is our destiny. Our faith lies in this hope. So **if we really do believe** we have all eternity in heaven with God, **where is our true life** now found? It is found in the spirit, in God. Not the flesh. And it is through what Jesus **has already done** for us, not what we can do ourselves to earn it. God does want us to learn to love though—He wants us to come into the likeness of Jesus. Our faith is in God's grace of what He has already done and given to us. God's grace calls us to be in God's family and **God is a Spirit**. So our identity is now spirit and not flesh. Is our true life found in this world for seventy or even one hundred years? Our soul is in this flesh body and on this fallen world, now, for a season, but will we not be with The Lord for all eternity when this season in the flesh is over? Is this what we believe? Is our real identity, even though we don't see it yet—found in this world—in this flesh body? No, it is found in Jesus Christ by faith. We are born again. God has given us a new spirit. Our fallen state in the flesh is no longer the truth for our soul. Our soul has a new home. Jesus. This carnal flesh is a temporary house, we are now choosing our true identity in God's family. Our soul is moving up and out of this tormented flesh and into heaven, **in** and with Jesus Christ. We are doing this more and more **as** we are being sanctified. As God cleanses us—as we abide in Love. As we learn to abide in Jesus and stay out of the flesh. This is through Love and **our faith**.

**Ezekiel 36:26** A new heart also will I give you, and **a new spirit** will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

By faith — our true identity is found in Jesus in The Spirit. That's our faith and hope and it must be by faith because we do not see it yet. When we **see this hope** clearly, **our prayers will become lined up** with what really matters. Our eternal identity is the one that matters. We no longer need to pray for the pleasures of this world, to please the flesh, because we have an eternal world that matters so much more. A spiritual identity—in God. Our soul is what is important. Our soul is just passing through here on this world—it is in weak flesh for the moment. We learn to pray for the good of our eternal soul. It is by faith that we are born of God and we now see ourselves as His sons and daughters, and His sons and daughters walk in The Spirit.

**John 1:13** **Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God**.

Our body by faith is **in** Jesus body. We are **all part** of that body. So we, as we learn to **love**(love our neighbour as ourself) also learn **to pray** for **our new body**— which is **each other**. This **fulfils** the command to love. It shifts from self focus to loving and caring for others. Then **faith is empowered because faith works through love**. We are all part of Jesus body. If all the body prospers, we all prosper. Therefore, there is a need to be concerned for one another, and the state of others souls. We need each other for the **whole body** to function properly. If we all work **together** for **each other**, then the body of Jesus is a very healthy body. Unity, prayer, and intercession is therefore vital to our spiritual body. Which is Jesus. When we unite in prayer for one another, the **body of Jesus** Christ becomes powerful. Prayer and intercession through Jesus and The Spirit becomes mighty and unstoppable toward our very own body— **Our body** in the spirit, IN JESUS. The old has passed away, our true body, our eternal spiritual body, our new identity, is in Jesus. Our soul is upgrading to a better house. **If we believe**—it is by faith.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if any man *be in Christ, he is a new creature:* old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**Hebrews 3:6** But Christ as a son over his own house; **whose house are we,** if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing **of the hope** firm unto the end.

We have an advantage — Jesus is our Head, our guide, and He is almighty God. The enemy cannot outsmart Him nor defeat Him. As long as we remain **in** Him. If we are led and guided **by Him** then the body **works together** and **supports itself** through The Spirit. The Holy Spirit is concerned for **all** of Jesus body. As we learn to **intercede and pray for one another**, the body of Jesus Christ becomes strengthened and powerful. The enemy has been defeated already by Jesus. So **we must learn** to be found **in** Jesus and **not abiding** in the flesh(through hate, un-forgiveness, offence etc). Our prayer should be focused toward **our eternal body**— Jesus—**members and parts** of Jesus body — which we **each are**. Without prayer we can do nothing. Our soul needs to be found **in** Jesus and not abiding in the flesh. This happens through Love. Our soul has a new home — Jesus Christ. Without prayer and relationship with God, we are abiding in the flesh and are apart from our body in the spirit. Apart from Jesus body. Jesus is the head, we are the body. Our new spirit is in Gods family. Our fellowship is therefore with God, through The Holy Spirit. Our soul is now denying this fallen world and flesh, and by faith, abiding in Heavenly places in our born again spirit, in Jesus body.

**John 15 4**Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. **5**I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for **without me ye can do nothing**.

{without Jesus we can do nothing — prayer is essential for our soul}  
{Remembering our soul is not at home in the flesh now — because we have a new life and that life is found in Jesus body — in spirit — and it is by our faith — not by sight}  
prayer and intercession for one another nourishes our spiritual body(us all)  
**Not focused on self but on others** is where the walk of **Love begins**

**2 Corinthians 5 6**Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: **7**(For **we walk by faith, not by sight**): **8**We are confident, / say, and **willing rather to be absent from the body**, and to be present with the Lord.

{absent from the flesh body— denying self, **So as to be present in The Lords body, in spirit**}  
{not making the flesh the home for our soul, but rather denying self to be present to The Lord}  
{realising we are a new creation **in** Jesus, who is risen, God is Spirit}  
We are moving into the spirit and out of the flesh

Realising we are all part of the one body — we need each other — we care and love one another, **for the whole body to prosper** — therefore when we pray and intercede for each other, this benefits the whole body — our body — the body of Jesus Christ. When we pray and intercede for one another, we are praying for our own body. Our new born again spiritual house in Jesus.

**Ephesians 4** From whom **the whole body** fityly joined together and compacted by that which **every joint** supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of **every part**, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

{we are each a part, and as **we each** play our part the whole body prospers}

{if some parts of the body are not functioning then the whole body suffers}

{if the liver is not working then the whole body will suffer}

{if even a toe is not working properly, then the body cannot walk properly}

{we need each other — we need each other to pray for the body — praying, interceding}

{Jesus body suffers if we don't all play our own part in that body — we all suffer — I need your prayers and you need mine for the whole body to function well — for our body — to prosper. **Jesus body—Our body**). **Love is shown when we pray for others** instead of ourself all the time. It shows we really do love Jesus when we **pray for His body**. Faith works through love.

If we really do have faith that we have eternity in heaven with God — do we not see(through our hope) — that our identity now is as, a citizen of heaven — in none other than our Fathers family? **For all of eternity**. If we can see this and believe this, **then our prayers and our life on this world, can be directed correctly toward what really matters**. By faith, **our soul's home is now in God — not the flesh**. The eternal life of our soul is in Jesus body, not the temporary comfort and pleasure of the house of flesh. If we really have faith, is the few years we have in this world and flesh, as anything, as to be compared with the faith and hope we now have? Our faith is in eternity, with God in heaven, IN Jesus. If we believe this, our prayers can be concerned with our **eternal life and body** instead of the temporary life and body.

**Isaiah 40** **6**The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? **All flesh is grass**, and all the goodness thereof *is* as the flower of the field: **7**The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: **surely the people is grass**.

**8**The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

{Jesus is the Word and His body will stand forever—His whole body matters}—we are **each** a part

**The flesh is self** and we are **alone** in that body. Jesus body includes us all. We have the mind of Jesus Christ, **His concern** is for **His whole Body**, The Church — us. If Jesus is concerned for all His body — so should we be. His concern is for us, and we are all part of Him. This life is as one tiny grain of sand(short lived) — but the life we have by our faith is all the grains of the sand upon the earth put together and continually multiplied(eternal). Eternal life is that big. What then should our prayers be directed towards. Which life. Our flesh life? Or our life of faith— which we don't see yet by sight. Our flesh life is so short. Which identity matters? The flesh identity? Or the identity we have faith in — the eternal one. The identity we have **IN** Jesus. Who are we now? Where is our faith. What do we really believe, and what is more important to us. **We now have life in God**, this is our identity. Our soul is precious and we want it at home in Jesus. Not at home in the world and the flesh— under the dominion of demons. If we understand this, then we are able to sacrifice this flesh life in service to God, no longer allowing the fallen flesh nature **rule over** our lives or souls. If we understand this, we want to bear fruit for our soul, for our eternal life, and **this is done by letting go** of the temporary life. Letting go of what the flesh wants. Thinking about our true body, our spiritual body(all of us put together)— IN JESUS. **No longer focused on self**. When we understand what is important, we also understand what to pray for — Our eternal souls, and Jesus body, which **we are in** — by our

faith. **If** we have faith in this, then we will be praying for **our body** — Jesus body — **each other**. Love cares for others above self. Praying for each other helps our very own eternal body, which is Jesus. Loving each other is loving Jesus. We show we love Jesus by loving each other. Faith works through love, so praying for the body, for others, is love—this will empower confident faith.

**Ephesians 6:18** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication **for all** saints;

{when we are praying for all saints **we are praying for our own body**— and it is through love}  
{praying **only** for our **own** woes and self — is separate from the body}

Our soul has another body at the moment — the flesh body where self resides — apart from our true body. Self in the flesh is all alone. But in Jesus body we are not alone — we are all a part of it. If we are only concerned with ourself then we are forgetting most of our true body — Jesus body — our spiritual body. **If we are all about our self** then we are separated, apart from the Truth—Jesus. **Not understanding who we really are**. When we begin to think and care for, and love one another, **we take our part** in our true body. So **LOVE brings us into** our true body. We need Gods help to be able to do this, and God waits for faith. Faith without works is dead. **Simply believing does not complete faith**. Gods waits for faith, He waits for prayer. Prayer is essential and it moves Gods heart when He sees our faith and trust and of course love. God sees we care for Jesus body. Jesus is in us, and so when we love each other, we love Jesus. We love His body and pray for it. Gods only begotten Son. In whom we are found. Prayer brings us into that relationship that God so desires to have with us. Prayer empowers God to empower us. You have not because you ask not. God especially hears as we engage all of our heart, mind, soul and strength to His purpose, and then pray. His purpose is for **Jesus to be glorified**, and we are all a part of Jesus body. When we are interceding and praying for one another, we are most likely praying according to His will, and more likely, will not be asking amiss. Praying your will be done Lord—just in case. We will have strong faith as we edify others.

**James 4:2** Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, **because ye ask not**.

**James 4:3** Ye ask, and receive not, **because ye ask amiss**, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

{faith works though Love}

{ask/pray for things that edify and lift the **whole** spiritual body — instead of for self and flesh}

**Galatians 5:6** For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but **faith which worketh** by love.

#### **Psalm 84**

**1**{To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.} How amiable *are* thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

**2**My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

**3**Yea, the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, *even* thine altars, O LORD of hosts, my King, and my God.

**4**Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house: they will be still praising thee. Selah.

**5**Blessed *is* the man whose strength *is* in thee; in whose heart *are* the ways of *them*.

**6**Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.

**7**They go from strength to strength, *every one of them* in Zion appeareth before God.

**8**O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.

**9**Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

**10**For a day in thy courts *is* better than a thousand. **I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,** than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

**11**For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: **no good thing will he withhold from them** that walk uprightly.

**12**O LORD of hosts, **blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.**

**Galatians 2:20** I am **crucified with Christ**: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ liveth in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Jesus wants to live in us, **and through us**, with us. We live in Him by faith. Jesus is our home and this tent of flesh is just that. A temporary dwelling for our soul till we go to be with The Lord. But we need to allow Him in, by **denying the flesh** and letting go of self. Jesus **cannot work through us**, and take up His life again in us, unless we let this flesh life die. Our soul is tempted and snared by the weakness of the flesh. Self is alone but we are not alone in Jesus body — we have each other, and as we come together in unity and unity of prayer, **we the body of Jesus** become very strong. **Love is demonstrated when we pray for others**. When we pray for others, we edify and strengthen our own body. The one we proclaim to have faith in. Jesus. This is how our faith grows and we know God hears our prayer. Loving Jesus — His body.

**Daniel 9:23** At the beginning of **thy supplications** the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew *thee*; for **thou art greatly beloved**: therefore **understand the matter**, and consider the vision.

**Acts 10:34** Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons**:

If we are constantly praying for ourself, then we are forgetting Jesus body. If we are praying for ourself all the time, then we are forgetting all the other parts of the body we need for our spiritual body to be healthy. OUR SPIRITUAL BODY. Our spirit is IN JESUS BODY. God wants us to see our spiritual life—in Jesus. THIS IS OUR FAITH. The flesh life is crucified with Christ, our soul, and spirit, thirsts for God. WE ARE ALONE IN THE FLESH. SELF. We are together in Christ. If we are interceding for each other, then our faith **is in our true body**. If we are always praying for ourself then our faith is in this world and in this flesh life — apart from Jesus. And apart from **our** spiritual body. Love others as yourself. We are all part of the one body and **we're all strengthened by one another**. To be part of Jesus body we pray and intercede for Jesus body — which is also our eternal body. We don't have a gloried body yet, but our faith brings us into Jesus body, so that we can come out of the flesh and **abide** in Him **now**.

**Philippians 4:6** Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving** let your requests be made known unto God.

We separate ourselves — if we do not become a working member of our spiritual body — Jesus. When we understand this, **our prayers and our heart will be concerned with our life in God**. Not our now false **crucified** home in the flesh. Our prayers will be focused on our true(eternal identity). We seek first the kingdom of God — we seek God. We seek to be found IN JESUS BODY. The carnal nature can not understand the spiritual. But we each have The Holy Spirit to teach us and give us understanding. LOVE leads the way and directs our path. Love brings us into Jesus body. With all supplication, crying out to God for Jesus whole body to prosper. Interceding for the saints. As we do this we each grow in our relationship with The Spirit because of the love we are showing toward Jesus body. As our relationship grows, our old life falls away and our new life in the spirit, and in The Spirit, grows more more, bearing fruit for eternity **with** God. Prayer moves God to action and He is jealous for **all** His sons and daughters.

**Revelation 8** 3And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that **he should offer it with the prayers of all saints** upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4**And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God** out of the angel's hand. 5And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

**1 Corinthians 2** 9But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.  
{that love Him — His body}

10But God hath revealed *them* unto us **by his Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so **the things of God knoweth no man**, but the Spirit of God. 12Now we have received, **not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know** the things that are freely **given** to us of God. 13Which things also we speak,  
**not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth,  
but which the Holy Ghost teacheth;  
comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**

14But the **natural** man **receiveth not the things of the Spirit** of God: for they are **foolishness** unto him: neither can he know *them*, because **they are spiritually discerned**. 15But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. 16For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have** the mind of Christ.

{the natural man will be more concerned with praying for the natural body — the spiritual man will be more concerned with praying for the spiritual body — each other}—not self but **unified** in Christ.

We **show our faith** through our actions by choosing which life to invest our time and energy toward. Do we invest our time enjoying this world and its ways, and its pleasures, enjoying the life of the flesh? Are we praying for a great life here and now in this fallen world? Or is our hope in our true life in eternity. Do we invest our time toward the faith we have in our true identity as a citizen of heaven, and a son or daughter of God—our born again life in the Spirit? Investing in the enjoyment of the flesh profits nothing toward our eternal life. Does our soul yearn for, and desire God? This life is short and temporary, but it can be used to bear fruit for all eternity. Our true identity is eternal in God. Do we invest in one grain of sand — enjoying this life of flesh — showing our faith is in this world? Or does our soul invest in our born again eternal spirit, born again in Gods eternal family, in heavenly places in Jesus Christ.

**Ephesians 1:18** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the **hope** of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of **his inheritance in** the saints,

We need to ask ourselves, where is our faith truly placed. Who do we think we really are? What are we praying for. Are we praying for the here and now, for the flesh life, or for our eternal destiny and true life in the spirit. What we are praying for shows where our faith truly lies. Are we praying for self or for The Body of Christ. Our true hope is in our faith of what God tells us is true, in His Word. If we truly believe God, we can fully trust in what is to come. By our faith we can then **walk in love by** praying to God for Jesus body, The True Church. The **True Church** is the one that is **in unity**, because **it cares and loves, lifts, and edifies the rest of the body**. How do we know we are in The True Church of Jesus Christ? **We prove it by our care for the whole body** — letting self die and walking in Love. We see ourselves as part of Jesus body. Our prayers match up with this, as we intercede for the saints.

**1 Timothy 2:1** I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

**Nehemiah 1** Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of **thy servant**, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and **confess the sins** of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned.

**Ezra 6:10** That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the God of heaven, and **pray for the life of the king,** **and of his sons.**

**John 4:14** **14**But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Temporary flesh, or eternal life in Jesus Christ. Which one are our souls choosing? Abiding in self or praying and interceding and loving The Body of Jesus. Showing love. Abiding in Jesus. We are part of that body—**now**. Our eternal life with Jesus starts now. It starts as soon as we believe, but it is all **applied** by our faith. It manifests more and more as we walk with God. As we are led by and follow The Holy Spirit. The Spirit absolutely loves Jesus and His body  
We walk in **love**, by caring for the body, **above self**.

**Proverbs 4:18** But the path of the just *is* as the shining light, that shineth **more and more** unto the perfect day.

**1 Corinthians 13** **4**Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, **5**doth not behave itself unseemly, **seeketh not its own**, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; **6**rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; **7**beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.  
**8**Love never faileth:

Believing alone is stagnant water. We need the living waters to flow through us as we step out in faith and allow the truth(Jesus) into our hearts. Are we allowing what we see and our physical senses and feelings and emotions to be our guide? Or are we allowing Gods Word and The Holy Spirit to be our guide. The carnal man simply cannot, cannot, and is unable to understand the things of God, the things that are spiritual. They are spiritually discerned. Are we making men to be our guide? Or is The Spirit of God our guide. We fully, each of us, need to be led by Gods Spirit. To discern the spiritual — it comes by revelation. Jesus himself was led by His Father's Spirit. He did nothing of himself.

**John 5:30** **I can of mine own self do nothing:** as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because **I seek not mine own will**, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

**Revelation 3** **3**How that **by revelation** *he made known* unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, **4**Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) **5**Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as **it is now revealed** unto his holy apostles and prophets **by the Spirit**; **6**That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, **and of the same body**, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

**Romans 8:14** For as many as are **led by** the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

**John 1:12** But as many as received him, to them gave he power **to become** the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

**Mark 16** 17And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

**1 John 3** 1Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and **it doth not yet appear what we shall be**: but we **know that**, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3And **every man that hath this hope** in him *purifieth himself*, even as he is pure.

**Hebrew 11** 1Now **faith is the substance** of things hoped for, the **evidence** of things **not seen**. 2For by it the elders obtained a good report. 3Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Our true life is with God in eternity, and this is by our faith and hope. Our **FAITH** is the **substance** or our hope. We **see it** through our hope, and faith brings it to pass **through our prayer/speaking Gods Word**. This all works through love. Faith with works. Especially, love is expressed through Prayer for one another. Love never fails.

**Galatians 5:6** :but faith which worketh **by** love.

{as faith/love works—to the **edifying of the whole body**— the substance of our prayers manifests}  
{**not always** straight away—our faith must be tested--it is by standing firm/believing-not by sight}  
{**we have much confidence** in prayer when we are praying for/loving, others}  
{**faith and prayer works through love**}—more than through self focused prayer  
{loving the body of Jesus is loving Jesus}

{when we **each pray for each other**, God sees **love in action** — faith with works}

### **Psalm 133**

1{A Song of degrees of David.} Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for **brethren** to dwell **together in unity!**  
2**It is like the precious ointment upon the head**, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;  
3As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion:  
for **there the LORD commanded the blessing**, *even* life for evermore.

**Romans 13:8** Owe no man any thing, **but to love one another**:  
for **he that loveth another** hath fulfilled the law.

**Faith plus prayer(working through love—edifying the body)** gives God the **substance** He needs, to bring to pass what we are **hoping** for. Speaking out and declaring a thing that we do not see, **but yet believe**. It brings Gods word to pass on earth. It brings the power of heaven above, down to this world below, here and now. It is by faith and believing, not by sight. It by-passes the rules of this fallen world and brings heavens rules, to rule over our circumstances. God rules. We **dwelling** in heavenly places here and now through our faith. We can bring the reality of heaven to rule over the physical reality, now, by faith. We pray and believe.

**1 Peter 1:8** 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:



**John 20:29** Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: **blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.**

We stand firm in our prayer, not shifting or being moved. We don't see it yet, but we pray in faith as if what we are asking, or what we are **commanding** in Jesus name, **is true**. It is true because Gods Word says it is true. Jesus is The Truth, in Him— it is true. If we stand in Him—by our faith. Because it **is** true by our faith. We pray and **believe** that what we are asking is done. **We have confidence** when our concern is for The Body Of Christ and not self. It is all about Jesus. Our faith grows. We call for what we don't see **as though it is already done**. As though **it is**, apart from what we see. We walk by faith not by sight. **By His stripes you were healed**. We have **many promises** to stand on, this is just one we can command from. Healing has already been given to us. It is ours to command by faith. We can, in Jesus name, with the authority that God gave in Jesus name, **command** our brethren— be healed. Then we believe it is done, whether it **appears** to be so done or not. Our faith will then bring the **substance** of our **prayer into being**. If we stand firm believing. **Our faith** then becomes the substance of healing. This, according to Gods Word. God cannot lie. Patience. We stand firm, unmoved by doubt.

**Matthew 28:18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

**1 Peter 2:24** Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: **by whose stripes ye were healed**.

{we **were** healed at the cross, **it is given us already** — we **command what is ours** by faith}  
{we speak out the truth and bring heavens blessings to this world}— by the power of The Spirit}  
{praying and commanding for the saints}— using **our** authority

Our **faith is the substance** of the things we hope for. Faith makes it true. It brings heaven to earth. We can dwell in heavenly places right now — by faith. If we **apply**/hold onto the promises —**speaking** them(faith with works) — **believing** — not doubting. It is not by sight. The promise is true—apart from sight. **We stay in faith until** it has been brought to pass. We have need of patience, patience will test our faith & resolve to believe and stand firm. So things that are not—the things that we hope for, we speak in Jesus name **as though they are**. Believing, not doubting. Standing in Jesus finished work at the cross. Jesus said “it is finished”.

**Romans 4:17** (as it is written, A father of many nations have I made thee) before him whom he believed, even God, who giveth life to the dead, and **calleth the things that are not, as though they were.**

We declare what we are hoping for as though it is true already. As though it is done. We have all the promises of God. We have been given authority. We declare it and confess it is done. Our faith will then bring it to pass. **This faith is the substance** of things hoped for. Sometimes it may happen straight away, sometimes there is **a greater testing of our faith** and boldness and courage to stand in the promise **apart from what appears** to make it untrue. Gods Word is fact. **What we see, and past experience does not dictate truth** above Gods Word. Gods word is **always** true. The spiritual rules over the physical. **Stand in Gods promises as fact** above what is seen. We rest in our faith —believing. Not doubting but believing. Standing firm until what we have prayed for manifests. **Calling those things which are not** as though they were. Believing they are, and standing, believing they are, until we see it and until it's done. Faith is the substance of things hoped for. We pray, we decree/declare according to Gods Word. We pray according to Gods will and **according to the promises which are ours**, and we have **IN JESUS CHRIST. IT IS BY FAITH**. It is foolishness to the carnal mind. The carnal mind cannot make sense of it. So if we think we are wise we need to become a fool. We need to become as a child to believe. Trusting God, as a child trusts what his father says. Faith is the **stumbling block** to the unbelieving. And to the wise in their own eyes.

**1 Corinthians 1 18** For the preaching of the cross is **to them that perish foolishness**; but unto **us which are saved** it is the power of God.

**19** For it is written, **I will destroy** the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. **20** Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this world? hath not *God made foolish the wisdom of this world?* **21** For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. **22** For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: **23** But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; **24** But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ** the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

**{faith is complete foolishness to the fleshly carnal man}**

{we call the things which are not as though they were}— foolishness to the world  
{humbling to the flesh — when we are weak **then** we are made strong, in God}  
{we are left with nothing to boast of— God protects us from pride this way}

Remember faith works **through love** — edifying Jesus body and others. Not self focused. When we understand this, many of our prayers will begin to be concerned with our brothers and sisters **in whom** is Jesus. Our relationship is then with Jesus through them. With Jesus. With Jesus body— each other. Love, we are **in LOVE**(Jesus). You are in Jesus and I am in Jesus, we love Jesus **by loving each other**. Our faith works as we pray for each other. So does love. Do we find we are under Gods wrath and anger? We need to **think of Jesus body** and stop being self focused— always about ourselves. Die to self.

**Romans 2:8** but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. (ESV)

**Romans 2:8** But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, (KJV)

**Philippians 2:3** *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let **each esteem other better than themselves**.

**{faith** finds its working, through caring for others, through love}

**Galatians 5:14** For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this;  
**Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself**.

**{praying for others therefore. is exceedingly more effective** than praying for self}  
*{if I pray for you, and you pray for me, we are fulfilling the command to love others as ourselves}*  
And we are all then being prayed for— **but it's not through self** focused prayer—it's through love  
*{Jesus body supports itself as we obey the commandment to love one another}*  
{our faith and confidence in our prayers will come alive through our love & care for one another}  
**Then I am being prayed for, and you are being prayed for and our prayers are through love.**  
Far more powerful than prayer for self

**Romans 13:10** Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

Not only does our **faith work through our walk** of love—  
—it works through **LOVE HIMSELF**(JESUS). As we see our life is **IN JESUS TOGETHER AS ONE BODY AND ONE MIND**— Our prayers will be concerned with our eternal hope and life and body, and not our temporary body and comfort upon this world. Following after Jesus *brings fiery trials and persecution*. It crucifies self for us. Love crucifies the old nature. Our prayers are

spiritually minded when we are mindful of Jesus body — each other. Not flesh minded or self focused. Our bodies which see and sense and feel in the physical world, cannot be our guide to what is spiritual, in a spiritual world. God is Spirit. We are born again, we have a new spirit. The fallen world is physical. The flesh is physical. The weakness of our flesh is used by demons to deceive us away from our God. This is why we need to let it go as a snake sheds its skin. Just leave the old man behind and take up our new life in the spirit. In the body of Christ. Our own reasonings will deceive us — we need The Spirit of God to be our guide. We must allow The Word of God to be our truth. We must also be able to **see who we are, so we can pray for what really matters.** We are in Jesus body. God, our relationship with God matters. Otherwise we will be praying to keep the flesh alive and comforted. The flesh profits nothing. Self separates us from loving the body. It is God that matters, our relationship with God, as our soul seeks and desires God. Our hope is Gods spiritual kingdom(Heaven)— which is ours **In** Jesus. We are **IN** Jesus **as we love Him—His Body.** Jesus body is our body. Love His body.

**Ephesians 5 28** So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. **29** For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, **even as the Lord the church: 30** For **we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. 31** For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. **32** This is a great mystery: but **I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

We need to be guided by The Spirit of God. Our hope is in something we do not see yet, our spiritual kingdom — God. If we understand the truth, our prayers will line up with the first commandment— To love God with all our heart mind soul and strength. Our prayers will be toward our spiritual life — not our flesh life. Toward one another. Our **true life** is found **IN** Jesus. Pray for our true life, not our false temporary, worldly, lusting flesh bodies— for false comforts. Pray for our spiritual body — Jesus body — each other. Seek first the kingdom of God, then what our souls truly desire, will be fulfilled by God. In the flesh we have already tried to fulfil the desires, and they could never, and did never, satisfy. It just led to more desire and never enough. The vanity of obeying the father of lies and deception. The bondage of it is awful. Only bad fruit. The world is completely incapable of meeting our souls desire for any length of time. It is all vanity apart from God. Only God can truly meet our souls desire and give peace that lasts. We need God, not the world. So we gradually learn to pray accordingly.

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

{Gods commandments— love God and love your neighbour}

**Mark 12 28** And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? **29** And Jesus answered him, **The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: 30** And **thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength:** this *is* the first commandment.

{**as our soul learns to let the flesh nature die, we come alive in spirit, we through our faith and prayer, and trust and love, learn to have closer fellowship with God, and as we do, we learn to love Him with all the heart, mind, soul and strength**}

Our true life is found in God and as we desire God more and more, the deceitful desires and temptations of the flesh become less and less important. God even **delivers us** from the very temptations or urges of the flesh. Removing the torment. Our eagerness to know God, overpowers the temptation to please the flesh. As this happens satan's kingdom has less and less influence over our life — the worlds pleasures have less and less appeal. Knowing God is so much more satisfying to the soul. **God delivers us from tormenting temptation. As we walk.**

**Deuteronomy 4:36** Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he shewed thee his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire.

{we hear His voice more clearly in the midst of fiery trials}

{the more we come to know the Love of God, the more we hate sin and separation from that Love} God draws us with Love — we thirst for the living waters and we thirst for righteousness because walking uprightly brings us closer to God.

### **Isaiah 55**

**1**Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

**2**Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which* is not bread? and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which* is good, and **let your soul delight itself** in fatness.

**3**Incline your ear, and **come unto me**: hear, **and your soul shall live**; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David.

**4**Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

**5**Behold, thou shalt call a nation *that* thou knowest not, and nations *that* knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

**6**Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

**7**Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

**8**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

**9**For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

{Gods ways are to think of others and not self}

{sin separates us from God, but we have Grace(He abundantly pardons) to forsake sin}

{when we are in known sin, we feel separated from God, but as The Spirit leads us away from sin and we confess it — He cleanses us and we become closer and closer to God} —the closer we come to God and His love— the more we cannot stand to be separated from Him. He draws us gently away from sin and iniquity, through His Love and patience and mercy. He draws us out of the flesh and it's temptations, into the spirit. He draws us above our enemies. He removes sins temptation as we acknowledge our sins and faults to Him. The world loses its power to draw our soul. God draws us up up and up, out of what the flesh wants — into heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, out from under the yoke of flesh, of sin, and death and enslavement to demonic control.

{the more of Gods presence that we experience, the more our soul cannot go without it}

{as we understand this, our prayers become about knowing God, and letting go of sin so that we Can know God more intimately} — so we do not feel separated — The Holy Spirit is working this in us. Our soul thirsts more and more for our true life as we love one another. Our true life is only in Jesus. Our prayers then, more and more line up with this very thing. Knowing God and being in His presence. Our soul finds true satisfaction in the Only One who can truly satisfy our soul.

{through loving His body—through loving Jesus body}

{we want righteousness because righteousness brings us closer to God}

**Philippians 2:13** For it is God which worketh in you **both to will** and to **do** of *his* good pleasure.

**Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

{Our faith gives God what He needs to work His will in our life. Believing Him and trusting Him and knowing Him. **It is His will for us to know Him and trust Him**—to believe in Him.

**Hebrews 11** 8By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, **not knowing whither he went.** 9By faith he **sojourned in the land of promise, as *in a strange country*, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God. 11Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. 12Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so *many* as the stars of the sky in multitude, and **as the sand** which is by the sea shore innumerable. 13These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and **confessed** that they were **strangers and pilgrims on the earth.** 14For they that **say such things** declare plainly that **they seek a country.** 15And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from **whence they came out**, they might have had opportunity to have returned. 16But now **they desire a better country,**  
**that is, an heavenly:****

wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for **he hath prepared for them a city.**

{we are called to come out of the world, and be in Gods family in heaven and we are now sojourning in a strange land(this fallen world). We are dwelling in these earthly tabernacles/tents/bodies but we are heirs with Jesus by promise. We look for a city whose foundation is Jesus Christ. Out of Jesus is springing up a multitude as the sand, of those who believe and hold to this hope. We confess we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth because we confess we are now *in* Jesus — in heavenly places, and we are not mindful to return to this fallen world or to return to the carnal flesh life. We lay hold of our true hope. We desire a better country — heavenly. A better body—Jesus body. God has prepared a better eternal hope and place and is not ashamed to be called our God, because we believe Him, and we place our trust and faith in Him}

{this is by faith and not by sight — just as with Abraham}  
{speaking and believing in things not yet seen} —foolishness to the self wise  
{if we see the true hope we have, our prayers will be focused toward our life with God — now — and forever more, and God will answer, because our prayers will line up with His will and with His WORD}. His Word is fact for our new born again spiritual man.

**1 John 5:14** And **this is the confidence** that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

{pray for each other}—edify Jesus body— use the gifts of The Spirit

**Hebrews 11:1** Now **faith is the substance of things hoped for**, the evidence of things not seen.

Our faith — we prove what we believe by what we hold as important. Our faith **is the substance** of the thing we **hope** for. We hope for eternity in heaven with God. So **if** our faith is actually in the hope of eternity in heaven with God — then our life here and now will be directed toward this hope — and not toward this flesh and worldly pleasure. We realise the pearl of great price. Our relationship with God. We realise which life has far greater worth or value. The life our soul has in this flesh, is not **The Life**. Jesus is The Life. Our true life is the one **established** by our faith **in** Jesus. Established by our relationship with The Holy Spirit. **Our faith forms the substance** of our hope. Our faith will bring our hope to pass and it will be established by God. Our faith is what establishes our life in Jesus. Our faith sees the hope in Jesus Christ —in heavenly places. We are **NOW** citizens of heaven and just passing through this world— just sojourners and pilgrims on earth —through our faith.

**1 Peter 2:11** Dearly beloved, I beseech *you as strangers and pilgrims*, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

**{we are now just passing through this world as we are heading toward our new one}**

It is a sure hope established by The Word of God and it is manifested as we also walk with The Spirit — through faith. Not by sight or feelings or emotions — but grounded and **founded on the truth**. Gods Word. Believing The Word, above what we see, hear, feel, touch, taste, reason or are told and experience in this world. Gods word is fact. Experience is not what we hold to for truth. Experience in the flesh is the old life. The fact is, our life is now found in Jesus. We maintain the truth as what God says. The Word. Our experience in the flesh, does not always match up with Gods Word. We believe Gods Word by faith. We trust it above our past experience. Above our present circumstances. If our our present experience doesn't line up with Gods Word, we know it's a lie of the flesh. Fear for instance. It's not true for our born again identity in God. Perfect love casts out all fear. Our experience of fear becomes a lie against Gods Word. So we, by faith, renounce it and cast it out. Faith is **foolishness to the carnal man**. But we are not carnal, we are spiritual, in Christ. Fear has no place, we **take** dominion over it. Anxiety has no place. Sickness has no place. The devil has no place.

**James 4:7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

**Romans 8:15** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, **whereby we cry, Abba, Father**.

**1 Corinthians 1 25**Because **the foolishness of God is wiser than men**; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. **26**For ye see your calling, brethren, how that **not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27**But **God hath chosen the foolish things of the world** to confound the wise; and **God hath chosen the weak** things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; **28**And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, **to bring to nought things that are: 29**That no flesh should glory in his presence. **30**But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: **31**That, according as it is written, **He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord**.

{speaking and believing things that are not as though they are, leaves no room for flesh to glory}  
{it is foolishness to the world}

We do not allow our past or experience to dictate our life in God. Neither do we allow traditions and mans opinions to rule our life. Our life is in Jesus now. Jesus is The Word. Gods Word never changes, it is sure, it is a rock. Jesus Christ the same yesterday today and forever. The Word is our anchor, our foundation is Jesus. We realise our true identity is really in eternity with God. It is not here for a few years on this world and in this flesh. By faith we have entered heaven already, and through our works—of faith, we are also entering now, as our faith manifests it day by day. Calling things that are not as though they are. Standing in this seeming foolishness. Believing what seems to be foolish, but knowing Gods Word is fact — by faith.

**{prayer and faith makes Gods Word become fact}—leave no promise unused.**

**1 Corinthians 3:18** Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, **let him become a fool, that he may be wise.**

Our salvation is by faith — it is both done and complete already by faith, but it is also **being done, as** we are **being sanctified through our walk** of faith. **Our faith is producing the substance** of what we are hoping for. So we should see clearly what we are hoping for. Eternity in Heaven, with God, in Jesus. The Holy Spirit is our guide and help and Comforter. He knows the way for each of us.

**Ephesians 2** 4but God, being rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5even when we were dead through our trespasses, **made us alive together with** Christ (by grace have ye been saved), 6and raised us up with him, and **made us to sit with him in the heavenly places**, in Christ Jesus: 7that **in the ages to come** he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus: 8for by grace have ye been saved **through faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the **gift** of God;

The substance of this eternal hope of being in heaven — is our faith. Our faith is what brings it to pass. That is, if we hold that hope firm unto the end. So we battle to hold our faith firm unto the end, despite what the enemy does to hinder or deceive us. As we cry out to God in prayer for help, we see He answers. **As we pray for others** we are **all** strengthened — **through** love. **Especially** when we are at our weakest, is when God loves to help.

**Acts 12:5** Peter therefore was kept in prison: **but prayer was made without ceasing** of the church unto God for him.

**2 Corinthians 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 realise that we cannot overcome by the flesh, we realise we need help. **True faith** brings us to weakness and foolishness(what seems foolish). This weakness is when we truly call to God **from the heart** and then He can answer. Because we know it is the only way for us to overcome this circumstance. Fiery trials bring us closer to God, to turn to God, believing for His mercy and miracles. If we don't pray/cry out in our weakness, then our faith is in ourself. Prayer is essential because it brings God into the battle. Once God is in the battle, the enemy doesn't stand a chance. Our faith, through prayer, in our weakness, brings God to the battle. **Prayer is essential**, otherwise pride will rule. Self will remain on the throne & fail.

**Psalm 46** 1{To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth.} God is our refuge and strength, **a very present help in trouble**.  
2Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;  
3Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.  
4There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.  
5God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: **God shall help her, and that right early**.

Despite what our circumstances seem to be telling us, we keep believing Gods Word. We follow The Holy Spirit as He leads us to victory over the flesh life. The flesh will constantly be used by the enemy to drag us into doubt and unbelief. We show we have faith, by **sacrificing this life**, in order to gain the higher life in Jesus. How do we go about sacrificing this life? We allow God to love and care for others **through us**, and we let go of every idol of this world, so that we are able to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. And love our neighbour as ourself. Idols will hinder and stop this process. Idols offer false comfort. Idols are a deadly snare. Idols gratify self. Idolatry is serving fake false gods, otherwise known as evil spirits or demons who lust through our flesh. We want them out of the temple/our flesh to make room for The Holy Spirit. God doesn't want a temple full of evil spirits. The lust of the flesh is totally selfish—the temptations of demons. Loving our neighbour is about caring for others forgiving and showing mercy and grace. Denying the flesh urges and desires. Jesus is LOVE and LOVE wants to work through you, and also me. Jesus gave up His life so He could take it up again in you and also in me. He also gave up His life so that He could send The Comforter to help you and also to help me. To be our guide and to lead us through the cleansing of sin, and iniquity, and of every evil foul spirit inhabiting our temples/bodies. As He teaches us to care for, and

love others, our temples/bodies are cleansed of evil spirits/-of evil. Our souls are purified. We cannot do any of it without God, and so we need to **ask and pray** to God. **If we do not pray and ask, we are in self works** and in the flesh. Trying to have victory apart from faith. The devil has dominion over flesh. We **rise up in Jesus above the flesh through faith and prayer**. **When we are abiding in Jesus, Jesus is in us** conquering our enemies.

**Revelation 6** 1And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. 2And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: **and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.**

**John 15:4** Abide in me, and **I in you.** As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

**{if we do not pray, we are abiding in self, in the flesh, underneath the prince of the powers of the air—satan's kingdom}—if we are not asking God—we are trying to do it our self.**  
**{we need prayer because it brings us above the world, into heavenly places, above.**  
**{we need prayer, because it is Jesus in us, that conquers the enemy as we rest in Him}**  
**{if we are relying on God through prayer, He is able to use the substance of our faith to overcome for us}—it is resting in the promises and not striving that brings the victory.**

Sin and evil spirits are dealt with through love. Because love never fails. Love deals with sin and fulfils the law and it is Jesus that is doing this through us. It is not our victory but His. Jesus in us as we allow Him to Love through us. **As we draw near in prayer and relationship, and worship, and praise.** Doing this **in** Him. These things cause our **reliance to be upon God** alone and not upon ourself or other men. The foolishness of faith **brings us to praise God,** because we know it is all Gods work. The flesh has no where to boast. Prayer, and praising God redirect our soul to glorify God, instead of self/satan. **satan** was all about himself—he fell, so we do not want to keep self. We sacrifice self for the higher life. Prayer and praise toward our Lord and saviour, cuts the enemy off from being able to use our self focus. When we are praising God, for everything, the flesh is given no strength or glory. Our flesh is then less able to be used by the enemy to kill, steal or destroy. Prayer and praise **glorifies God.** Prayer and praise toward God strips the enemy of power. It strips the flesh and it's dominion over our soul. Without prayer and praise and thanksgiving and worship toward God, we are glorifying self/satan the father of lies. Give God all glory. Strip the power of the flesh. It is our protection. Praise God.

**Psalm 107** 14He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.

15Oh that **men would praise the LORD** for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

16For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, **are afflicted.**

18Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.

19Then they **cry unto the LORD in their trouble,** and he saveth them out of their distresses.

20He sent his word, and **healed them,** and **delivered them** from their destructions.

21Oh that **men would praise the LORD** for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

22And let them **sacrifice** the **sacrifices** of **thanksgiving,** and **declare** his works with rejoicing.

{God considers thanksgiving a **sacrifice**— giving God the glory— stripping the flesh and devil}

**Isaiah 14** 12How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!



**13**For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

**14****I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will** be like the most High.

**15**Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

{praise and prayer takes the **I** out of the **I will**, and replaces it with God— your will be done not mine. —thank you Jesus, I praise you and give **You** the glory for what you have done.

{praise, worship and prayer, **removes the enemies power** which comes through self worship}  
{totally relying on God is the way of freedom}

{praise, worship and prayer is **evidence** that we are trusting God and not our self}  
{glorifying God not the devil}

{our life is found in God in Jesus} — prayer and praise and worship is therefore essential}

{prayer, praise and worship prove where our faith actually rests} — in God

{If we are not praising and thanking God— we are taking credit to ourself}

{in our prayer, praise and worship, we are giving all the glory to God — thus denying self}

{we prove our reliance is upon God and not upon ourself}

Praise, prayer and thanksgiving **shifts from self glory & effort, to reliance on and acknowledging God for everything — giving God the glory. Sacrificing pride and ego.**

**1 Corinthians 13:8** **8**Love never faileth:

**Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things **hoped for**, the evidence of things not seen.

Not only is our faith **the substance of life in/with God**(our hope) — but is the evidence of this very thing we do not yet see yet. Because faith is not in what we see but in what we hope for. Remember — our faith is now in something eternal that we do not yet see. Not in something temporary that we do see. Our faith is **the evidence** *and* **the substance of our hope**. Some things can be changed now, we can be healed, we can cast demons out, we can ask and pray and declare many things to bring Gods promises **to effect** in our lives and the world. We don't see our full salvation now — for it is by faith. What should we invest our effort towards? What we see? Or what we hope for. What are we holding as more important in our heart? We need to see who we are and where we are(in Christ), and will be, for eternity. That is with God in Heaven. Draw near to God now, whilst we can. Through prayer and praise. Be released from self. Turn to God, draw near. Repent and believe. Give God the glory.

### **Psalm 36**

**1**{A Psalm of David, Maschil.} Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**2**Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit *there is* no guile.

**3**When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long.

**4**For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

**5** **acknowledged my sin unto thee**, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, **I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD**; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

**6**For this shall **every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found**: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

**2 Corinthians 5** (For we walk by faith, **not by sight**.)

**Anyone** in the world and flesh is able to walk according to what they see and feel and hear and touch and smell. It is also easy to walk according to the worlds ways and according to tradition and mans opinion. This pleases the world. According to the flesh and the physical. This requires no faith. All the world does this. Vain religion also behaves this way. The stumbling block is **true** faith. In things we don't see yet but believe. There is no need to give glory to God if we just follow tradition and rules and law and religious tradition. No faith is required because we just follow the programme. But we have another world. The kingdom of God is our world. To **establish** the substance of heaven, we need **faith** — because **that** is the evidence of that substance and hope. So faith is what will produce what we are **hoping** for. So we need to be hoping for the eternal life IN JESUS, not hoping for the flesh life's comfort. Faith then is established on God and Gods Word. We then need fellowship and communication/ communion with God Himself for this to happen. Otherwise we will be taking credit to ourself. Self glory. The wrong door—Jesus is The Way. Reading Gods word and then **applying** it by faith to our life. **Through the words we speak** and through prayer to God. Also through command—**speaking** Gods Truth to **change circumstances** that are lying against The Truth. Showing our faith in The WORD. Our whole being is directed to God now, believing the promises and by faith bringing them to pass. Otherwise we will just continue to do what the world does through tradition and man and law. **Faith is foolish to anyone who prefers pride and ego** to giving God glory. True faith is the stumbling block. If we are not in prayer and calling out to God, then we will be trying to follow the worlds way, through the flesh. Working out our own salvation apart from God. The broad way. Stumbling at true faith. Enslaved to satan through sin, pride and iniquity and the separation from God that it brings. Jesus is the door, Jesus is the way.

**John 10:1** "Truly, truly, I say to you, **he who does not enter by the door into the fold** of the sheep, **but climbs up some other way**, he is a thief and a robber.

**Philippians 4:6** Be careful for nothing; but in every thing **by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving** **let your requests** be made known **unto God**.

**2 Corinthians 4:18** While **we look not at the things which are seen**, but at the things which are not seen:  
for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.  
**{our hope is in our relationship with God}**

**Ephesians 1** **15**Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, **16**Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; **17**That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: **18****The eyes of your understanding being enlightened;** that ye may know what is **the hope** of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, **19**And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward **who believe,** **according to the working** of his mighty power, **20**Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, **21****Far above all** principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only **in this world**, but also in that which is to come: **22**And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all *things* to **the church**, **23****Which is his body**, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

We begin to stop focusing on ourself and our own problems, and begin focusing on others and using Gods Word/promises to help others, in their problems, then we have crossed into the realm of love. Then we have crossed into the place where faith begins to work. Because faith works through love. **The WORD—Jesus can work through us—through Love.**

**Isaiah 40:8** The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever.