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# **INTRODUCTION**

# EVIDENCE OF GOD'S EXISTENCE

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:" Romans 1:20 (KJV)

#### NECESSITY OF A CREATOR

Gravity itself is an invisible force, yet it exists. Just as God who is invisible to our eyes does not mean He does not exist. An ancient manuscript that was written long ago; the absence of the writer does not mean it never occurred. The complexity of human is far from perceiving, that it is impossible by chance without the designer's presence. There are around three billion rungs on the human DNA ladder. What if you try to randomly type out an understandable sentence? It would take an astronomically improbable amount of times! An ordered DNA language structure therefore must be accompanied by a Creator.

The theory of Big Bang is illogical, because imagine if you bomb something, it would end up in chaos and a disordered mess. However, the things in the Universe are all perfectly in place and beautiful. The belief of the Universe's existence came out of nothingness is unreasonable, because there must be a cause to that consequence. However, no one creates God for God is the Creator of all things. God spoke things into existence as was described in the Book of Genesis and the Universe exists through Him. The Lord formed man from the dust by His breath of life (Genesis 2:7).

## HISTORICAL EVIDENCES

The New Testament documents are better preserved and more numerous than any other ancient writings because there are presently 5,686 Greek New Testament manuscripts with 99.5% textually pure of incredible accuracy, even around 20,000 manuscripts in existence. The approximate time span between original and the earliest copy is only less than 100 years. The date written was in the first century A.D. 50-100 and the earliest copy was written in the second century c. A.D. 130 f. Thus, they are highly accurate writings.

Even though there could be error in the hand written text from copies to copies, but 100% of the message comes through. Every new line brings a confirmation of every letter. As mentioned, there are about 5,700 New Testament manuscripts that provide dozens of confirmations of the accurate original texts. There is an overwhelming archeological support for the historical accuracy of biblical scriptures. A biblical scholar R.D. Wilson, who was fluent in 45 ancient languages and dialects, meticulously analyzed 29 kinds from 10 different nations. The bible matched the archeological artifacts perfectly and with completely accurate chronological order of the kings.

Sir William Ramsay, who was a famous historian and archeologist interested to find evidence of Luke's accounts in the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. Eventually, Ramsay's archeological team had discovered the perfect accuracy of Luke's account in naming 32 countries, 54 cities and 9 islands.

There are startling evidences for Noah's Flood. On September 5th, 1960, a Turkish aerial survey plane was flying 10,000 ft. over Mt. Ararat. Ron Wyatt wanted to excavate a boat shaped object he had seen, but needed a miracle to lift it above ground, since it could not be done by a small group of people along with his two sons. Finally, on November 5th, 1978, the miracle had happened because an earthquake shook the land, leading the boat like shape being lifted above ground. Then Ron Wyatt and his team returned and started a detailed site investigation.

The obvious visual evidence is the shape of a boat that is pointed and have rounded stern that is alike to the real Noah's ark. It matched the exact length according to the biblical account, 515 ft. or 300 Egyptian cubits. It rests on a mountain in Eastern Turkey, which also matched the biblical description about Ararat.

"And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat." Genesis 8:4 (KJV)

It as well contains petrified wood and technology advanced metal alloy fittings, as proven by lab analyses. The aluminum metal and titanium metal were "manmade" metals. There are many more evidences that can be found by further research.

## SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCES

Below are some examples about how nowadays' science has only been catching up of what had already biblically claimed long ago.

- The Earth is a sphere (Isa. 40:22)
- Incalculable number of stars (Jer. 33:22)
- Free float of Earth in space (Job 26:7)
- Creation made of invisible elements (Heb. 11:3)
- Each star is different (1 Cor. 15:41)

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- Light moves (Job 38:19-20)
- Air has weight (Job 28:25)
- Winds blow in cyclones (Ecc. 1:6)
- Blood is the source of life and health (Lev. 17:11)
- Ocean floor contains deep valleys and mountains (2 Samuel 22:16; Jonah 2:6)
- Ocean contains springs (Job 38:16)
- When dealing with disease, hands should be washed under running water (Lev. 15:13)
- etc.

## BIBLE PROPHECY'S FULFILLMENT

The bible is proved truth. Many biblical prophecies have been fulfilled and are continually coming to pass. There were hundreds of frequently and accurately fulfilled Old Testament's prophecies in the time the New Testament was written. Below are some end times prophecies' highlights that were fulfilled:

- Blood moons occurred (Joel 2:31)
- Israel being reborn in a day (Isa. 66:7-8)
- Vineyards in Israel (Joel 3:18, Amos 9:13-15)
- Accurate order of Jews' return (Isa. 43:5-6)
- Revived a pure language; Hebrew, with the return of Israel (Zeph. 3:8-10)
- Money hungry false bible teachers (2 Pe. 2:1-3)

- Earthquakes in divers places (Mt. 24:7)
- Stress would be part of living (2 Tim. 3:1)
- Many wars would erupt (Mt. 24:6)
- People would forsake the Ten Commandments as a moral code (Mt. 24:12)
- Lukewarm churches abound (2 Tim. 3:5)
- False messiahs appeared (Mt. 24:23)
- Blasphemy against God would be common (2 Tim. 3:2)
- Sexuality immorality would be rampant (2 Tim 3:2)
- Men would substitute fantasy in place of biblical truth (2 Tim. 4:4)
- Prevalent deadly diseases (Mt. 24:7)
- The fact that God once flooded the earth would be denied (2 Pe. 3:5-6)
- Increase of famines (Mt. 24:7)
- Increase in vegetarianism (1 Tim. 4:3-4)
- Forbidding to marry (1 Tim. 4:3)
- Knowledge would increase (Dan. 12:4)
- Youth would become rebellious (2 Tim. 3:2)
- Christians would be hated (Mt. 24:9)
- Men would mock the warning signs of end times (2 Pe. 3:4)

#### NATURE'S EVIDENCES

There are seven Hebrew words in the first verse of the bible. God's name "Yahweh" in number adds up to a divine seventy, and His footprints are everywhere. There are seven continents in the world, including Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Australia. There are seven oceans in the world, including the North Pacific Ocean, the South Pacific Ocean, the North Atlantic Ocean, the South Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, the Southern Ocean and the Arctic Ocean. There are seven colors in the rainbow, including red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. Seven digits in a row have been proven to be the average limit memory for human beings. There are seven metals of antiquity, including gold, silver, copper, mercury, tin, iron and lead. There are seven days in a week and seven diatomic elements, including hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine.

There were seven historic sets of blood moons that happened on biblical sacred feast's dates, including Jewish Passover, Feast of Tabernacle and Yom Kippur throughout. There are one more set of blood moon from 2014 to 2015, which is currently coming to pass to its completeness. These blood moons are all pointing to the scripture. Nothing is by chance, for these are all ordained by the Lord. These are the signs of His existence from one generation to another generation.

The Hand of God was spotted by NASA Space Telescope, which proves the evidence of the existence of God. Again, nothing is by chance. The red represents the blood of Jesus Christ, the ring represents the crown of thorns He had during the times of crucifixion, and the hole depicts His pierced Hand from the cross, who died for the forgiveness of our sins.

One of the sign of Jonah (Matthew 12:39-40) has displayed in the constellations. On October 16th, 2013, Jonah (the moon that represents him) enters the fish (Pisces) where it had remained in the belly of the fish for 3 days until October 18th, 2013. On Around October 19th, 2013, the moon went into Aries, the ram. There was something happened around November 28th (Hanukkah, Thanksgiving), that was Comet ISON. From October 19th to November 28th was exactly 40 days! Jonah has given Nineveh a 40 days warning before destruction would come. Repent or perish! (Jonah 3:4, 8-9) We can see the sign of Jonah as a sign of warning to humanity. A warning to call humanity into repentance lest they perish! The word "Ison" in Hebrew means "DISASTER"! Disaster is surely coming upon this evil generation. This as well did not happen by chance, but by the workings of God.

The ten Exodus plagues are mirroring in this generation, and there were much news reported the same patterns all over the world. The patterns include water turning to blood red, frogs plague, gnats and lice plague, flies plague, livestock disease, boils plague, thunder and hail plague, and locusts plague. Three out of the ten plagues will happen very soon in the future, which is the locusts plague mentioned in Revelation 9, that are actually demons that are linked to the three days of darkness. The other two patterns that are to come, including the three days of darkness and the death of the firstborn, which represents the massive amount of deaths, which will happen when the darkness event draws near.

#### TODAY'S EVIDENCES

The so called "Illuminati" society is the worshipping of devils. Demons are real and were mentioned in the scripture. Satan is the head over the rest of his minions (Revelation 9:11), the devils who are the fallen angels. Notice the "911" when talking about Satan! Nothing is by chance! The September 11 terrorist attacks that happened in 2001 had resulted around 3,000 deaths at the World Trade Center site, which was the worst ter-

rorist attack in America's history. Satan is also the dragon with horns (Revelation 12:3, 9). President Obama's slogan "Yes We Can" seemed normal, but he is actually worshipping Satan when played back in reverse. There are many celebrities in the media who worships the devil, from using hand signs to imageries and many more. Even seemingly innocent cartoons are polluted. The media is demonically polluted with terrible sins, from worldly music, secular TV to movies. They promote sexual immorality, materialism, blasphemy of God, sensual pleasures, profanity, perversion, glorification of pride and violence, etc. It could desensitize the viewers their moral senses and encourage them further into sin, serving the devil blatantly. The occult is real and they do human sacrifices, along with many other dark evil practices.

Hand sign language such as "I love you" with the thumb, second and last finger shows the devil's horns. Throwing up this hand sign is devil worshipping, for the devil have horns. Another hand gesture using the last three fingers with the first two fingers forming a circle, which represents "666" that is the number of the beast. Six is expanded by three set of six (three fingers pointing upwards). Many place that gesture upon their eyes, representing the blasphemous "all seeing eye". The devil is a copy cat of the one true God of Abraham, Jacob and Isaac who holds all power. There are many more of these satanic signs over the media.

The Mark of the Beast (Revelation 13:16-18) technology is already here, that comes in the form of RFID health care chip implant/International bar coding system. The bar coding is being established everywhere (the military, healthcare venues and retail venues). There are 666 on UPC barcode which represents the number of the beast. The RFID chip lines up with the scripture exactly, for it is to be placed in the right hand or forehead just as the RFID chip that is usable for buying and selling. You can understand this further by the Obamacare plan available on the internet.

"<sup>16</sup> And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: <sup>17</sup> And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Revelation 13:16-17 (KJV)

"He causeth all" is where the Obamacare program that puts forth the proclamation and legal right that the microchip can/will be utilized for human tracking, so it is the Obama initiative "mark of the beast" initially surfacing that "he causeth all" initiates it where he is causing it. The definition "cause" means to make something happen, usually something bad. To date, there is no one else whose name is attached to this initiative the way the Obamacare program and the current US administration is.

Do not take the mark of the beast which is the RFID chip implant, because it dooms a person to eternal hell torment. During the great tribulation, it would be mandatory for those who are left behind after rapture to take the mark of the beast which is giving allegiance to the devil. Those who want to be saved must profess their faith in Christ to authorities and refuse the RFID health care chip in their hand or forehead. They will then be arrested, tortured in FEMA camps and beheaded. Do not risk being left behind in great tribulation for sudden destruction will take place immediately following the rapture and if this is the case, those in sudden destruction if not raptured would go to hell without a second chance. Those who are left behind won't just be beheaded if they don't take the mark, they will be tortured. Being left behind is not an option if you did not repent all your sins and surrender all to God prior to rapture. While there is still time, please do get in the right standing with Jesus Christ now if you have not.

The New World Order has been preparing its way for the near future. There will possibly be FEMA camps that persecute Christians who reject to take the mark of the beast, be tortured and beheaded at last. Those who die in their faith in Christ will have the chance to go to heaven with eternal life. The US government and Obama have ordered 30,000 guillotines, even worth of one billion dollars of coffins to FEMA camps, for what? To kill Christians by beheading them! Coffins are for what? It is for burying dead bodies obviously. There are much more than these examples.

The occult is real and evil. There are mediums that seem to communicate with the dead, which is called necromancing that is not pleasing to the Lord. Although they are actually not communicating with the dead but demons, because humans who have died do not dwell on earth, but either go to Heaven or Hell. Demons can roam upon the earth. There is an occult ritual calendar where animal/human sacrifices are made, drinking of human blood for supernatural strength, marriage to the beast Satan, sexual and blood rituals, etc. Bloodshed is accomplished by planned terrorist events, disasters, wars, catastrophes caused by weather modification, etc. There are abductions of children that were prepared for human sacrifices. There is an unusual killing statistic amount of innocent victims in foster care. These are just a few examples of the real world of people that involve in the occult.

There are obvious blasphemous holidays such as Halloween and Christmas that celebrates Santa Claus' origins. The holiday "Halloween" is a tradition that worships the devil. It is not a harmless and fun day for the children. Instead it is a day that is dedicated to the dead, the evil and the corrupt. There are more satanic rituals occur on this day than on all the other days of the year put together. The evil one brings his evil and the people dedicated to evil out in full force. More animal sacrifices and human sacrifices occur on this day than on any other day of the year.

Christmas that celebrates Santa Claus and the like is Satan being a copy cat from the Lord. The word "Santa" can be rearranged to "Satan" perfectly. The characteristics of Santa's tradition include as being eternal (Rev. 1:8), lives in the north (Ps. 48:2), wears red clothing (Rev. 19:13), has white hair (Rev. 1:14), giving gifts, is coming soon (Rev. 22:20), omniscient (Mt. 9:4), omnipresent (Mt. 18:20), omnipotent (Mt. 28:18) and has spirit helpers called elves (Mt. 4:11). The scriptures as bracketed are describing Jesus Christ where the devil has copied from.

Witches and Satanists do celebrate Christmas. Witches put up a nativity scene to represent their gods Nimrod, Semeramus and Tammuz. They begin decorating their homes with fir tree that is a phallic symbol and a sign of reincarnation of their god Nimrod. The various colored round glass ball ornaments are known as "witches' balls" that people call it Christmas ornaments, which they claim that they catch and hold evil spirits within them. They also hand bits of mistletoe (a very poisonous berry) that is considered a very sacred fertility plant to those in the occult. It is also used in potions and spell making. Pictures and figures of Santa and his eight reindeer symbolize their stag god. He picks up snow and makes it into a ball, so he can use it as a crystal ball, from where he can see into the past. Crystal ball is witchcraft and it is an abomination to the Lord. Above are just a few examples of how the popular tradition of Santa Claus is of the occult and satanic that proves the existence of demons.

"<sup>9</sup> When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. <sup>10</sup> There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch. <sup>11</sup> Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. <sup>12</sup> For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee." Deuteronomy 18:9-12 (KJV)

## FUNDAMENTAL KNOWLEDGE

"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." Hebrews 11:6 (KJV)

#### WHO IS GOD?

#### Some of the characteristics of God:

- He created all things (Col. 1:16)
- He is omnipresent (Ps. 139:8)
- He is omnipotent (Mt. 19:26)
- He is omniscience (1 Jn. 3:20)
- He is the Way, the Truth and the Life (Jn. 14:6)
- He Forgives Sins (1 Jn. 1:9)
- He is Love (1 Jn. 4:8)
- He is Light (1 Jn. 1:5)
- He is Righteous and Sinless (1 Jn. 3:7, 2 Cor. 5:21)
- He is Holy and Pure (1 Pe. 1:16, Hab. 1:13)
- He is the Beginning and the Ending (Rev. 1:8)
- He is Perfect and Eternal (Ps. 18:30, 1 Tim. 1:17)
- He is Above All (Eph. 4:6)
- He is in Complete Control (Prov. 16:33)
- He Never Changes (Heb. 13:8)
- He is the Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6)

#### PURPOSE OF LIFE

God created us to meet His needs. He has a need for love, affection and be given attention. The Lord wants our complete attention upon Him, for He is a jealous God (Exodus 34:14). We are created by God to be loved by Him. The Lord created us to have all the good and beneficial blessings, meant to nourish us and all that He created for our pleasure so that we might consider Him! On the Earth, we have personal assignment(s) from God to accomplish. For example, it could be witnessing the truth and gospel to those around us.

#### TRINITY OF GOD

Father God (Yahweh), The Son of God (Jesus Christ of Nazareth/Yahushua Ha Mashiach) and The Holy Spirit (Ruach HaKodesh) are the SAME God. All of them are He. Do not call The Holy Spirit "it" because He is the Spirit of God.

#### Scriptural Support

<sup>w14</sup> In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: <sup>15</sup> Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: <sup>16</sup> For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: <sup>17</sup> And he is before all things, and by him all things consist." Colossians 1:14-17 (KJV)

"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, WHO CREATED ALL THINGS BY JE-SUS CHRIST:" Ephesians 3:9 (KJV)

"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Corinthians 4:4 (KJV)

"Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? HE THAT HATH SEEN ME HATH SEEN THE FATHER; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?" John 14:9 (KJV)

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and THE WORD WAS GOD." John 1:1 (KJV)

"And THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the ONLY BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER,) full of grace and truth." John 1:14 (KJV)

"Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: EVERY SPIRIT THAT CONFESSETH THAT JESUS CHRIST IS COME IN THE FLESH IS OF GOD:" 1 John 4:2 (KJV) "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: GOD WAS MANIFEST IN THE FLESH, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." 1 Timothy 3:16 (KJV)

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

"For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day." Matthew 12:8 (KJV)

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, THE MIGHTY GOD, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)

"For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe." 1 Timothy 4:10 (KJV)

"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, ALL POWER is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Matthew 28:18 (KJV)

"THE LORD IS MY ROCK, and my fortress, and my deliverer; MY GOD, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of MY SALVATION, and my high tower." Psalm 18:2 (KJV)

"And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and THAT ROCK WAS CHRIST." 1 Corinthians 10:4 (KJV)

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is NONE OTHER NAME under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12 (KJV)

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is ABOVE EVERY NAME: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;" Philippians 2:9-10 (KJV)

"I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images." Isaiah 42:8 (KJV)

"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that THE FATHER MAY BE GLORIFIED IN THE SON." John 14:13 (KJV)

"<sup>12</sup> Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. <sup>13</sup> And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and GLORY, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb FOR EVER AND EVER." Philippians 2:5-6 "5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, BEING IN THE FORM OF GOD, thought it not robbery to be EQUAL WITH GOD:" Revelation 5:12-13 (KJV)

"Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, WHO IS OVER ALL, God blessed for ever. Amen." Romans 9:5 (KJV)

"I and my Father are one." John 10:30 (KJV)

"<sup>3</sup> But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? <sup>4</sup> Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God." Acts 5:3-4 (KJV)

"<sup>7</sup> Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? <sup>8</sup> If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there." Psalm 139:7-8 (KJV)

"<sup>10</sup> But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For 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." 1 Corinthians 2:10-11 (KJV)

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Ephesians 4:30 (KJV)

<sup>w26</sup> Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <sup>27</sup> And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Romans 8:26-27 (KJV)

<sup>17</sup> But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. <sup>8</sup> For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; <sup>9</sup> To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; <sup>10</sup> To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: <sup>11</sup> But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will." 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (KJV)

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;" John 14:16 (KJV) "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." John 14:26 (KJV)

"But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:" John 15:26 (KJV)

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and THESE THREE ARE ONE." 1 John 5:7 (KJV)

#### THE GOSPEL

God created Adam and Eve sinless and perfect at the beginning of the Earth. The Lord loves everyone by giving us free will to choose whom to serve; either by abiding fully in God's will or the kingdom of darkness, which is out of His will. By one man sin entered into the world, because of disobedience towards God in the garden by eating the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which was commanded not to eat. Therefore all have sinned as the fallen seeds were passed on from generation to generation and the wages of sin is death (Romans 3:23, 5:12, 6:23). Sin has separated between God and men, for God is holy and pure (Isaiah 59:2, 1 Peter 1:16, Habakkuk 1:13).

Surely, it is appointed unto men once to die (Hebrews 9:27) in their physical bodies, but after this comes judgment, for God is just and righteous (Romans 2:5). After the death of the carnal, our eternal choice cannot be undone that was made during the short-lived time on Earth. Stepping into eternity, there are only two ways to go, it is either Heaven or Hell. We are eternal spirits who lives forever, for we are made in the image of God who is eternal (Genesis 1:27, 1 Timothy 1:17). Therefore, it is most important to prepare for your next life ahead to make sure you will end up in Heaven; spending eternity with God in love and peace.

All sinners are destined to the eternal lake of fire, which is the second death (Revelation 20:14). It is called the second death, but the person lives forever even after being burned to ashes, for it will come to life again. Annihilation does not exist. Although, the Good News is that Jesus Christ who came in the flesh (1 John 4:2), was born of Mary, the wife of Joseph and while on Earth, Jesus had died once and for all. By Christ's profound love, God Himself had willingly died a gruesome death for all mankind on the hard cruel cross for the forgiveness of ALL our sins. We can be made perfectly righteous through His sinless blood that He had bled for everyone, to be received by faith alone (2 Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 2:8). There is no other way to be saved for there is only one way to Heaven, which is through the blood of Jesus Christ (John 14:6). No sin can enter into Heaven where the righteous dwells (Revelation 21:27).

Jesus Christ had conquered the grave and overcame the deepest hell. He rose again on the third day and sat on the right hand of God, exalted forever as the highest one (1 Corinthians 15:4, Mark 16:19). A single sacrifice is forever enough and powerful. The Lord Jesus Christ is our only hope in this dark fallen world. If you haven't made Jesus Christ as your savior, you can start today by putting your faith in Him as the first step of salvation and pray to Him to be covered in His blood (John 3:16).

# THE BRIDE OF CHRIST

# WALKING THE NARROW PATH

"<sup>13</sup>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: <sup>14</sup>Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Matthew 7:13-14 (KJV)

#### FAITH IN SALVATION

We are saved by faith alone, therefore doubt in salvation have absolutely no place in a Christian's life. It is by faith that we are made righteous in the blood of Jesus Christ to make it to Heaven, for there is no other way, NOT even good works that would earn you a salvation. Salvation is a gift above all gifts given freely from God.

As a born-again Christian, once you're forgiven of your sins, you should have a clean conscience. Know who you are in Jesus Christ, the love that God have for you through reading the scriptures and your authority as a child of God. Do not give the smallest foothold to the enemy; the devil, who whispers lies and confusion.

There is no sin that seems too big, which God cannot forgive. In fact, Jesus is able to forgive ALL your sins!

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

"<sup>9</sup> That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9-10 (KJV)

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 10:32 (KJV)

"<sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? <sup>37</sup> And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." Acts 8:35-37 (KJV)

Confession of faith is essential to be saved. But true and valid confession is when you did it the right way. Notice the verse from Acts above, the eunuch was made sure by Philip to confess his faith before water baptism. *He WASN'T repeating after Philip* when confessing that statement, rather by his own free-will he answered that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. "Repeat after me's" do

NOT work because they are NOT your own words, because it is someone's words. Jesus is the door to salvation and it is a one-man door that each individual must go through. If two men are going through it at the same time by the repeating method, it is going to fail. Do not follow the damnable traditions and doctrines of men, where they use the failing method of faith confession.

"For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, *as* the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do." Mark 7:8 (KJV)

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." Hosea 4:6 (KJV)

#### EXAMPLE OF FAITH CONFESSION:

**Question:** Do you believe Jesus was God manifest in the flesh, who took your sins on the cross, then God raised Him from the dead and that Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Answer: Choose either to say "Yes" or "No"

By questioning like above from someone, he's letting the person to make a choice between yes or no. They are using their free-will walking alone through the door, whether to *establish* the meaning of the words questioned. You can also ask someone to question you like above and you can answer them yes or no. If you've answered "Yes", then congratulations for meeting the requirement of confessing your faith!

#### WATER BAPTISM

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5 (KJV)

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" Matthew 28:19 (KJV)

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:16 (KJV)

Having water baptism is obedience to the Lord and yet we are saved by faith alone and not by water baptism. When you accept Jesus Christ as your savior, pray to God to guide you to the right church that welcomes the full workings of the Holy Spirit and also preach completely biblical based teachings. If they just have one false teaching, then it is a lukewarm church for they do not preach complete truth. Churches for example that are not preaching about repentance, end times and the Holy Spirit's baptism are considered lukewarm and out of God's will. Thus, it is very important to choose the right church for your proper spiritual growth.

Water baptism is a one-off experience and done by praying in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. It symbolizes death and burial of our old self into the newness of life, as we make Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

"<sup>3</sup>Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Romans 6:3-4 (KJV)

#### HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM

The Holy Spirit baptism and the water baptism are two separate events. The complete indwelling of the Holy Spirit within a born-again believer is essential from moment to moment. The Holy Spirit literally lives within the believer, for the person is the temple of God (1 Corinthians 6:19). It is essential to pray for the complete filling of the Holy Spirit (full oil lamp) daily. He comes into our lives when we welcome His presence, for the Holy Spirit is a gentleman. "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:" Matthew 3:11 (KJV)

"I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.: Mark 1:8 (KJV)

"For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1:5 (KJV)

According to the ten virgins' parable (Matthew 25:1-13), only the five virgins with full oil lamps are ready when the bridegroom comes. The Lord will only rapture those who are completely "sold out" to Him and completely filled with the Holy Spirit. You can be baptized with the Holy Spirit at anytime and anywhere by a prayer. You can use your own words to pray with a completely surrendered heart to God and full heartfelt remorse over all your sins you had committed against the Holy God.

Example of Holy Spirit Baptism:

"Dear Heavenly Father, I pray to be baptized in the Names of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. I pray for a full oil lamp and to be completely filled by Your Holy Spirit from the top of my head to the bottom of my toes. Lord, I pray for spiritual eyes to be opened and blinders to fall off from me entirely, in the Name of Jesus Christ, amen."

If you've prayed a prayer to baptize yourself with the Holy Spirit, what you can do now is to continually press into God and submit yourself completely over to His will which is pleasing to the Lord. When you give complete control over to God in exchange for the fullness of the Holy Spirit, you will experience a change of heart. The Lord will show you that the world is bland compared to His overwhelming love and perfect plan for your life. You must desire God and His truth more than anything. It is essential to read the bible and seek God for all truth. The bible is God's Words and completely written by the Holy Spirit. You will experience a longing in your heart for His return of the rapturing of His bride and therefore eagerly watch in anticipation of His soon coming. These are all preparing you to be ready.

Roles of the Holy Spirit:

- He gives counsel, guides you perfectly in all things with divine insight and instruction. He leads you to His perfect will
- He leads and directs your way along the narrow path with saving knowledge

- He is your leader and helper who teaches and disciplines you
- He alone opens your spiritual eyes to see the truth about the ways of the world and gives you spiritual eye salve where the bible comes to life. Through Him in full measure, you would read the scripture with true understanding
- He brings you into a full relationship with God
- He brings you into Christ's complete likeness
- He helps you to successfully conquer sin, stand against the temptations and be made holy; a ready set-apart spotless bride
- He shows you the lateness of the hour of the world you are currently living in
- He gives you power to speak boldly for God and to do the things others would never attempt
- He brings you compassion and caring that cannot be matched with mere flesh; resulting a different love you bring to others
- He lovingly pulls you to God's heart
- He renews the mind and changes the heart
- He reveals to you to see that the evil is encompassing everything
- He lives within you and work through you
- He makes our salvation possible and provides the same resurrection power Jesus had to you

- He shows His power through wholeness, healing, contentment in life and peace and love
- He fills you with wisdom and discernment
- He comforts you with love
- He makes you strong and through Him you can do all things
- He protects you
- He gives you confidence, patience and a new anointing of hope
- He empowers you to complete God's given assignments in this fallen world
- He enables people to come to God in fullness
- He enlightens and brings truth into the open
- He convicts our sins
- etc.

# COMPLETE REPENTANCE

### "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:3 (KJV)

### WHY COMPLETE REPENTANCE?

FULL remorseful repentance of sins is a requirement to be saved. A single unrepentant sin is enough to lead a person to hell. Therefore, we must work our salvation with fear and trembling daily. Faith without works is dead. Even the demons believe in God and tremble. By grace we are saved through faith alone, not by our own works (Ephesians 2:8-9), yet true genuine faith in Christ would produce a changed lifestyle and good works (James 2:24, 2 Corinthians 5:17). Obedience is the key to salvation (1 John 2:17), that is to follow God's will continuously. We obey God's will because we love Him after being saved by faith alone (John 14:15).

Big sins and small sins, all are sins. Sin is sin. If you steal a post-it-note that does not belong to you, then you become a guilty thief who has sinned against God. Even the smallest sin that you think so, is also considered a sin against God that must be repented. Therefore, do not compromise God's will in your life and block the access of the Holy Spirit. His laws are not difficult to follow by a full surrender commitment to the Lord. It is a requirement to stay in complete holiness and purity. The consequence of sins was a huge price to pay, that it needed God to die for us in order to be saved from eternal hell torment. When you sin, imagine the painful stripes that Christ had received because of our sins. We are to die to self and crucify the flesh daily (Matthew 16:24-25). We must love what God loves and hate what God hates.

"(For not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified." Romans 2:13 (KJV)

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matthew 7:21 (KJV)

### WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

Repentance means to have a change of mind and turning away from sins. It is not repentance when a person blatantly sins against God. To be repentant, we are to be sincerely sorry for all our sins committed against our Holy God, which leads to the change of direction by turning away from sins. God knows every heart's condition perfectly. We cannot hide any secret sins by making a false witness against Him of our heart's condition, for He is all-knowing and all-seeing.

Come as you are to God and let Him change you, to give you a heart of flesh in exchange of a heart of stone. Living in holiness means to be set apart from the world, for if we have friendship with the world that loves sins, thus we would become an enemy of God. Watch your motives, not just actions. If someone did good works out of a wrong motive, then that would not be pleasing to God. For example, if that person has brought a television for his friend who are in need, but his motive was to buy love. God is going to judge the heart because it is all about the heart and nothing else matters. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 (KJV)

Confession of our sins is essential, for if we confess our sins in our prayers to God, He will therefore forgive us. It is not a onetime confession but a continuous one. In prayer, you can ask for the forgiveness of your sins and confess all the sins that you've done to God as frequent as you need, for example, sins such as partiality, homosexuality, pride, worrying, being judgmental, blasphemy to God, ingratitude, witchcraft, immodesty, idle words and laziness. There are many more sins to discover as you go through the scripture from Genesis to Revelations and therefore know what to repent. Pray to the Holy Spirit to reveal any unknown sins that you need to repent. Below there is the "Ten Commandments" for further understanding of sins.

Frequent repentance is essential for we do not even know all the ways we sin daily before a Holy God. There are unknown sins that we may have committed against God that we should ask for forgiveness in repentance. We are always learning from the scripture and could learn about certain sin we don't know of. If an unknown sin is revealed, then it should be repented immediately.

### The Ten Commandments

**1st COMMAND** "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:3 (KJV)

If you disobey the first commandment, it would be a sin of idolatry. Anything you spend more time on, other than the Lord is an idol and anything else you serve or desire more than God is an idol as well. Also, do you put God over time or time over God? If you put time over God, then you commit idolatry; then time is your god. Do you rush prayers because of time constraints? Would you rather be late to school or work than to miss your quality prayer time with God? Is God or time more important to you?

This commandment looks short but it has many meanings behind it. We should only follow the one true God; the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Acts 3:13). We should not at the same time have many different religions to follow any false gods.

Anything can become a god when you put a thing foremost than God. It is idolizing something or someone when you do not put Jesus Christ foremost in all things, in another words; idolatry.

Things such as food, games, television, people for instance can be an idol and gods when you let them consume you so much of your time, your thoughts, and putting them foremost than God, spending most time on them than God. Even you can become your own false god, when you are so consumed with yourself; everything about yourself. For example, spending time over shopping, dressing and making up oneself more than God is idolatry, which is a sin. There are many celebrities nowadays and people are idolizing them. They follow how they dress, their style, music albums, concerts etc. For some who are obsessed with the celebrities, they follow them everywhere in everything with great admiration. They are all consumed with the thoughts and actions involving these celebrities. People are worshipping these people, these celebrities thinking themselves as gods in their own pride but they are indeed not.

**2nd COMMAND** "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth." Exodus 20:4 "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;" Exodus 20:5 "And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments." Exodus 20:6 (KJV)

Cross references to this commandment:

Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven. Deuteronomy 4:16-19 (KJV)

The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therin: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God. Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing. Deuteronomy 7:25-26 (KJV)

We should not pray before a statue, or pray to someone other than God. The only one we should pray to is God, in Jesus Christ's name and not other names like Virgin Mary Magdalene. It is idolizing someone when we pray to a saint. Mary is NOT our savior, Jesus Christ alone can save us from eternal hell torment, forgive all our sins and cleanse all our sins to be clothed in the robe of righteousness in the blood of Jesus Christ who is sinless, have shed on the cross for our sins alone. Only Jesus Christ can save us; He alone is our Lord and Savior.

It does not have to be a worshipping of the graven images, bowing down before them to be an idol; idolizing them. As long as you have graven images, you are having idols. Graven images are in a three-dimensional form, it does not matter what it is made out of. Graven images of Jesus Christ would be against this commandment. Limiting the Lord in this way is wrong, because Jesus Christ is God who is ALIVE and nothing else can represent Him.

We should not have any graven images that are the likeness of humans and animals. Avoid and trash away any stuffed animals (e.g. teddy bears), figurines and dolls that have the likeness of humans and animals. Also, if you are treating a lifeless object as though it is a living being, even if it does not look much like the exact form of humans and animals, it is blasphemy to God when they are created by humans. The reason behind this is because God is the only source of life and it is wrong to blaspheme Him to have the roles upside down by humans creating their vain graven images (Isaiah 29:16). Even hybrids, such as mixing the breed of human and animal is wrong because the Lord had commanded the living creature after his kind.

We are to trash away all these graven images out of our home if we don't have a place to burn them completely. We should not desire them and to sell them for it is wrong. Giving them away for free is wrong too because it is leading others into sin.

Regarding of crosses, it is offensive when someone sell the item for money, as revealed by the Lord. Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins was a terrible thing to endure. Crosses should be trashed away. Although, if you are to handmade a cross, it is okay for it is not made for money earning.

**3rd COMMAND** "Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain." Exodus 20:7 (KJV)

We should not take the Lord's name in vain. We should NOT use His name for evil purposes and ways that are sinful. God's name is HOLY and we should deeply respect Him, including His name.

Using His name to swear is wrong, words such as G-- D--- I-, J---- C----- and H---- S---. Also, it is wrong to take His name in vain with disrespect, such as using "omg and oh my gosh and golly" and the like. Even using "oh my goodness" is NOT pleasing to God. The dictionary defined "goodness" as a substitute for God. Any words that substitute for, in disrespect to God must be stopped. Clean your mouth today and speak in holiness. We must be holy, for God is holy.

Those who profess themselves as Christian and a follower of Christ, yet they continue living in sin blatantly and disobeying God is being hypocritical and taking His name in vain.

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;" Philippians 2:9-10 (KJV)

Jesus Christ's name is highest above all names, HE is highest above all things for HE is God. We must be careful when we are to speak His Holy name.

**4th COMMAND** "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8 "Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:" Exodus 20:9 "But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:" Exodus 20:10 "For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:11 (KJV)

Many deceived people nowadays, who are self professed Christians dismantle the forth commandment. We are to follow the "ten" commandments, not only nine of them. We are to follow the Sabbath day once a week every Sunday. If you cannot strive for Sunday, then be it Saturday for God understands your situation and He is not cruel. It is a whole day Sabbath, not to be observed just partially. It is not just going to Sunday church and spends the rest of your day just like the other days of the week.

We should honor the Lord by following the Sabbath day, make it holy (set apart) which means to be uncommon in what you do according to the bible. God created the heaven and earth for six days, but the seventh day he rested. He blessed the Sabbath day and honored it as holy.

"For *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them *is*, and rested the seventh day:

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"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh." Isaiah 66:22-24 (KJV)

"Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual covenant." Exodus 31:16 (KJV)

In Matthew 5:17, Jesus Christ did not come to abolish the law. He came to abolish the criminal rights for He carried the punishment for everybody and for all sins. But this takes not away that we can throw away the Ten Commandments, including the forth overboard. It is the standard of holy living.

New Testament did mention about the Ten Commandments, such as in Revelation 21:8, Mark 10:19 and John 8:6. So would NT give you now a ticket to bow to graven images without punishment because you think you're living in NT's era of grace? God never changes and He is not just a God of love, but a God of righteousness. It is a conflict to call the observance of Sabbath as legalistic when a person thinks he should follow the 9th commandment for example and hypocritically calls someone who follows the 4th commandment legalistic. The two great commandments is about loving others and loving God. Well, if you love God, you would obey His commands. Obedience comes after salvation, for faith without works is always dead.

There should be no buying and selling. Also, there should be no working involved during this day. Look at the Old Testament to study more of what to observe during the Sabbath.

**5th COMMAND** "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12 (KJV)

We should obey our parents and honor them. We should not compromise and argue with their rules, for it is the will of God to honor our parents.

Although, if your parents are commanding you to do something that are against the will of God, you should not follow what they say. For example, your parents tell you to lie to someone to prevent public embarrassment and humiliation. Lying is a sin, therefore we should not lie even when someone who are in higher authority than you, tells you to do so.

6th COMMAND "Thou shalt not kill." Exodus 20:13 (KJV)

"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." 1 John 3:15 (KJV)

"Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which i tell you before, as i have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Galatians 5:21 (KJV)

You don't need to kill someone as an action to be a murderer; hating someone equates of being a murderer. We should always be sensitive and watchful of our motives, thoughts and actions that we do, lest we stumble in sin easily.

We should not hurt other people's feelings. You do not always know what the other person feels when you hurt someone and the gravity of their emotional pain. There may be a negative long term consequence. It may become worse and that person may continue to dwell in their rejections, sadness, depression and all that bad stuff. It could possibly be to a point of them having suicidal thoughts and killing themselves eventually because of the overwhelming depression and worthlessness, for instance.

We should not kill ourselves, such as suicide. Suicide means to kill oneself intentionally. How can a person repent after they die? Repentance is generally for those who are alive in this earthly life, while they still have the breath of life to say their sorry, ask for forgiveness from God for their sins.

"If any man defile the temple of God, him shall god destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are." 1 Corinthians 3:17 (KJV)

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matthew 24:13 (KJV)

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:" Hebrews 9:27 (KJV) Abortion is clearly a cold murder; murdering an innocent life. Those who have participated in encouraging, helping and paying for abortion are also guilty. This innocent life has a spirit and soul, just like us. They are also created by our loving creator. They are not an animal where you casually kill them for food. Even though if a woman who have been raped and got pregnant, obviously it was the fault of the person who raped her, but that does not justify for killing a living person by aborting a to-be-born baby! Abortion rate nowadays is skyrocketing. It is a tragic.

Those aborted babies who have been terminated by their mother will go to heaven. They will experience a life full of peace and love, being taken care of and spend their eternity with God full of blessings and bliss.

Lively things such as plants and animals, we should not kill for our own "evil" purposes. They are alive; there is life within them and deserve your respect.

**7th COMMAND** "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Exodus 20:14 (KJV)

"But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matthew 5:28 (KJV) Adultery does not only can be committed by action; it can also be committed in one's thoughts.

"And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." Matthew 19:9 (KJV)

Adultery generally means to have sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who is not their partner. Having sexual intercourse before marriage is wrong and clearly a sin, for it is sexual immorality. Therefore it is only between a husband and wife.

"Nevertheless, *to avoid* fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband." 1 Corinthians 7:2 (KJV)

"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Hebrews 13:4 (KJV)

"I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, it is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn." 1 Corinthians 7:8-9 (KJV) "And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife." Exodus 22:16 (KJV)

Talking about sexual immorality and lust, we must avoid sexual fantasy, inappropriate nudity (e.g. immodest clothing), pornography, masturbation and the similar, either individual type or the opposite. Even though it is not an actual sexual intercourse, generally there is lust involved. Sexual immorality is a sin. We should not act sensually to attract others to lust, especially as a woman. Before you dress, ask yourself these questions "Does this clothing leads others to sin, such as lust?" and "What is my heart condition when I wear this clothing? Do I wear it to show off with pride or am I wearing it for comfort reasons, in a Godly manner?" As you may know, sexual lust even in the heart is a sin (Mt. 5:28). It's not pleasing to God to lead others to sin through what you wear for others to look onto.

Things to consider:

- Cleavages/low-cut garment
- Length of skirt (for ladies)
- Degree of nakedness
- Degree of tightness

About contraceptives, God did not ordain these drugs. He alone controls life and death. He is in complete control. Surrendering all to God includes surrendering our every decision and every little details of our life. Satan wants to even control these things. Birth control is the enemy's plan. God is angry by man's intervention in what He controls. Did God not destroy those who used birth control in former days? These men chose to have intimacy with their wife but then chose to put His seeds on the ground. God destroyed them. He alone controls life. When you destroy His seeds, then you destroy God's plans. This is man putting his plans before God and it is evil.

#### 8th COMMAND "Thou shalt not steal."

Exodus 20:15 (KJV)

We should not steal anything that does not belong to us. Stealing a post-it-note that does not belong to you is a sin. No matter how small or insignificant you think a thing is, as long as the item does not belong to you, and you steal it then it becomes a sin.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Malachi 3:8 (KJV)

Not giving tithes is robbing God. Do you love money more than God? Tithing is 10% of your gross income to your ministry people/your pastor, widows, and fatherless/orphans. E.g. \$100 income, tithes would be \$10. It is required by God. Are you putting God over money or money over God? If you put money over God, then you commit idolatry! Are you obeying God or obeying your flesh that loves money too much that 10% of tithes is too much for you? We are to obey 100% of God's will, even 99% is still considering you as a lukewarm Christian as it's a partial and not full surrender. If you love God, giving out tithes would not be that difficult.

**gth COMMAND** "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." Exodus 20:16 (KJV)

We should NOT lie and give false information to anyone. Lying to people hurts and damages a relationship. Do you know that making a lie once makes you a liar?

Empty promise is misleading because when you have promised someone, for example, that you will come to his house for a party celebration, but then you did not come. We have to be always careful in making a promise with someone, because once you have made it you must keep it lest you make break your promise. Making a white lie is lying. The purpose of white lie is especially to prevent hurting someone's feelings. For instance, when someone ask you whether the food he have made taste good or not, it was in fact to you it does not taste good, but then you tell him the food he have made is delicious to prevent hurting his feelings. This is bearing false witness to others and must be prevented, even though the intention is to prevent hurting others' feeling.

Helping others to sin is no excuse. Look at this example, there was a phone ringing at home. The wife picked up the phone and the caller asked her to hand the phone to her husband. Her husband heard it and whispered to his wife to tell the caller that he is not at home. In fact, he was at home. Then the wife tells the caller that her husband is not at home. Now, can you see she have lied to the caller? Lying is definitely a sin. There is no excuse because she had the free will to say "NO" to her husband and refuse to lie.

**10th COMMAND** "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's." Exodus 20:17 (KJV)

We should be thankful and be content for the things that we have. Covet means to desire to have something. We should NOT be jealous and covet anything that belongs to our neighbor's. Covetousness is idolatry. (Colossians 3:5)

## **REPENTANCE IS CONTINUOUS**

Repentance is continuous because it's dangerous to repent for a while then backslide to the world blatantly and being set apart by following Christ again afterwards. Time is no guarantee and we never know which moment will be our last. What if your last day was the day you've backslide to the world without remorse? Therefore, it is essential by making Jesus Christ our FULL-TIME Lord and Savior. If you wash your hands in the sink to clean the dirt that frequent every day, why not wash your garment that frequent when sin stained on your clothing? Be the spotless ready bride!

To be dead to sin (Romans 6:11) means the follower of Christ no longer needs to be controlled by his sin nature. Before being born again, we were slaves to sin and now even though we will still sin, but we are no longer dominated by it.

Luke 13:3 told us to repent or perish. We must have true remorseful repentance of ALL sins. Yes, we as followers

of Christ are to aim towards in living a sinless life (John 8:11), but we will not reach such perfection until we will be changed incorruptible in our sinless bodies for the rest of eternity.

### Even Paul showed his imperfection:

"<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.<sup>16</sup> If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. <sup>17</sup> Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. <sup>19</sup> For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.<sup>21</sup> I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: <sup>23</sup> But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. <sup>24</sup> O wretched man that I am! who shall body of this deliver death?" me from the Romans 7:14-24 (KJV)

### Overcoming Sin is a Process

We can successfully conquer sins through the power of the Holy Spirit. Our own righteousness are filthy rags. Although at times, it is not an overnight change to overcome a certain sin. It is a PROCESS as the Holy Spirit refines and sanctifies you. A true Christian hates sins and will gradually stumble less overtime because of their persistence of pressing into God. Being saved by faith in Christ doesn't give us a ticket to keep sinning blatantly. As long as you did your best not to sin, being repentant and remorseful for all sins; The Lord Jesus Christ knows your sincere heart and is full of mercy upon those who would repent to Him! After you're forgiven, there's no point to feel guilty and it is not of God for He convicts not condemns. There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus; who walk after the Spirit. Remember, it is by faith alone we're saved and doubt has no place for a believer's mindset. If you've sinned, confess your sins to God in prayer for forgiveness. (1 John 1:9) Repentance of sins is not a oneoff experience, it is continuous.

#### BACKSLIDING CHRISTIANS ARE POSSIBLE

The scripture has mentioned about "backsliding".

"Return, ye **backsliding** children, and I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the Lord our God." Jeremiah 3:22 (KJV)

"Turn, O **backsliding** children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:" Jeremiah 3:14 (KJV)

"How long wilt thou go about, O thou **backsliding** daughter? for the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man." Jeremiah 31:22 (KJV)

A true Christian can backslide continuously as long as he lives if he wants to, which means the doctrine "once saved always saved" is false that it shows how a true Christian would NOT always be sinless in this flesh and has the ability to fall back into sin and become lost to eternal damnation if not repentant.

"<sup>4</sup>For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, <sup>5</sup>And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall **FALL AWAY**, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." Hebrews 6:4-6 (KJV)

"They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation **FALL AWAY**." Luke 8:13 (KJV)

Work your Salvation Daily with Fear and Trembling!

We have to work our salvation with fear and trembling. We have to endure until the END to be saved, only until the end. This has admitted that there is a possibility to fall away back into the sinful world.

"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved." Matthew 10:22 (KJV)

Our parent Lord would discipline His children back into obedience. If a person is a true child of God, he would likely to experience discipline to bring him into repentance when he disobeys God sinfully.

"<sup>7</sup> If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth

not? <sup>8</sup> But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." Hebrews 12:7-8 (KJV)

Scriptural Examples of Children of God who Sinned:

#### SOLOMON

We can see the example of Solomon, who sinned against God later in his life after being in submission to God for a while. He wrote Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Song of Solomon.

"And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places." 1 Kings 3:3 (KJV)

<sup>11</sup> But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites: <sup>2</sup> Of the nations concerning which the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. <sup>3</sup> And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. <sup>4</sup> For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father. <sup>5</sup> For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. <sup>6</sup>And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father. 7Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. <sup>8</sup>And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. 9And the LORD WAS ANGRY WITH SOLO-MON, because HIS HEART WAS TURNED FROM THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL, which had appeared unto him twice," 1 Kings 11:1-9 (KJV)

#### <u>Moses</u>

Moses had a very intimate and personal relationship with God; he saw God's back (Exodus 33:21-23) and talked to God (Exodus 34:29), even the skin of Moses' face shone after the encounter! Moses was able to persuade and change God's mind about destroying the Israelites (Exodus 32:11-14). At one point of Moses' life, he did not trust the Lord and did it his own way by smiting the rock twice violently other than speaking to the rock as God has commended. He smote the rock as like unto punishing Christ who is our rock for the nourishment of His people. He used the word "we" other than "God" to fetch the water, as though he was on the same equation as God but God is only one truly who are the original source of the supplies.

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matthew 5:8 (KJV)

"The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower." Psalm 18:2 (KJV)

<sup>118</sup> Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. <sup>9</sup> And Moses took the rod from before the Lord, as he commanded him. <sup>10</sup> And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? <sup>11</sup> And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. <sup>12</sup> And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, **Because ye believed me not**, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them." Numbers 20:8-12 (KJV)

#### <u>Peter</u>

Peter was a follower of Jesus Christ and one of Jesus' closest friends. The true children of God are friends of God. Though, he had denied Jesus thrice (John 18:15-27); he did not love Jesus wholeheartedly at that moment and also was afraid when walking on water. Thus, a follower of Christ is still prone to still sin.

"But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was AFRAID; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me." Matthew 14:30 (KJV)

"DO NOT BE ANXIOUS about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6 (KJV)

"But the FEARFUL, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." Revelation 21:8 (KJV)

### DAVID

David who was a man after God's own heart, yet he had sinned against God as His child and then he had repented his sins. He had an adulterous relationship with Bathsheba and slain her husband (2 Samuel 11). Therefore, backsliding is possible. David had the indwelling of the Holy Spirit as he is the child of God.

"Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me." Psalm 51:11 (KJV)

### <u>Job</u>

Job feared God and was called by God a blameless and upright man who turned away from evil, yet he also sinned being the child of God and repented. For example, Job complained to God. Ingratitude is a sin (1 Thess. 5:18). When you repent, you would have sin beforehand in order to come into repentance. Therefore, it is possible for a child of God to sin.

"Therefore I will not refrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will COMPLAIN in the bitterness of my soul." Job 7:11 (KJV)

"Why dost thou STRIVE against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters." Job 33:13 (KJV)

"Woe unto him that STRIVETH with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?" Isaiah 45:9 (KJV)

"Wherefore I abhor myself, and REPENT in dust and ashes." Job 42:6 (KJV)

There is harmony in the bible when we look at both things and balance the perspective when reading 1 John 3:6-9, 5:18. We can see a few real examples of Moses, David, Job, Paul, Peter and Solomon were all prone to stumble upon sins. There were also many other evidences as stated above to support that as long as we're in the flesh we will still sin. Therefore, it is incorrect to understand this verse as saying that Christians can live a sinless perfection in this fleshy life. The born-again Christian loves righteousness and hates sins, practices righteousness and has no desire to sin repeatedly as he once had been driven by his fleshy fallen sinful nature with compulsion. Temptations still exist and born-again Christians is still prone to sin.

A Christian may struggle with stronghold(s); certain sin(s) for a long period of time, but through the power of the Holy Spirit he can conquer the sin(s)–His yoke is easy and burden is light. It is a process to change and continuous pressing in would likely give positive result. Christians are in a spiritual warfare daily; a battle against the flesh in clinging to walk in the Spirit.

<sup>\circs</sup><sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: <sup>4</sup> (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of STRONG HOLDS; ) <sup>5</sup> Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (KJV)

## My Personal Testimony

Personally, I tell you I sin daily. I try hard not to sin daily through the Holy Spirit's help, confess my sins for forgiveness daily, remorsefully repent all my sins and surrender all my will to God throughout the day. I'm a born-again Christian and have the complete filling of the Holy Spirit. I can say that JESUS CHRIST is my LORD, my GOD and SAVIOUR forever through my best friend HOLY SPIRIT.

1 Cor. 12:3 "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accurs-

ed: and that NO MAN CAN SAY THAT JESUS IS THE LORD, BUT BY THE HOLY GHOST."

## FORGIVENESS OF OTHERS

"<sup>14</sup> For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: <sup>15</sup> But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matthew 6:14-15 (KJV)

We must forgive ALL those who wronged us and not have any "yuk" within our hearts by having bitterness and unforgiveness against someone. In fact, the bible told us to love our enemies. Unforgiveness is a sin.

The lack of forgiveness for some of you could be kind of a hidden sin. There may be at some point of your life someone may have done something wrong against you, hurt your feelings deeply and you have a bad impression, even a grudge towards that person. It could be hard to let go and sometimes it can take time to recover these emotional scars.

Unforgiveness is like a cancer cell in a person's body. You may already know cancer cells are deadly and can destroy a person's life completely. Unforgiveness and bitterness hold hand in hand. It is like the cancer cell keeps spreading, growing every time when you think about how that person wronged against you, it is an unending cycle and the more you repeat that thought, the more bitterness grows in you, the harder it is to get rid of that feeling.

Persistency in bitterness and resentment can produce hatred. In 1 John 3:15 says, "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." A person does not have to kill another in action to be a murderer. Their thoughts can also sin through the feeling of hatred. Just like committing adultery, looking at someone with lust already a commitment of adultery, a sin against God. In Galatians 5:21 says, "Envyings, <u>murders</u>, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." As God forgives your inexcusable sins, you should also forgive others.

We MUST forgive others in order to be forgiven of our sins by God. Without the forgiveness of our sins means that we are heading towards the pathway to eternal damnation. In Colossians 3:1 says a similar verse, "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

In Matthew 18:21-22, "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven." We have to keep forgiving others who wronged us, because there could be chances of someone who may hurt you again in the future. The Lord is always quick to forgive us when we truly repent, confess of our sins before Him. Regarding the confession of our sins, in 1 John 1:9 says "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

"So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." John 8:7 (KJV)

Here in the bible says: "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" (Romans 3:10) did you ever sinned? Yes... You see, there is none righteous. Why then, when someone sin against you, you want to cast a stone at him? Is that not hypocritical? Just because someone is sinning, it does not mean you have to hate them. There is only one thing we need to hate them

and that is "sin". God loves the sinner, but He hates the sins of the sinner. For us, we are to love the sinner as well but that does not mean you are to love his sins, no. We should hate the sins of that sinner, but still have love upon them.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 (KJV)

"The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate." Proverbs 8:13 (KJV)

It is actually ridiculous *not* to forgive. Let's look at the parable of the two debtors, in Matthew 18:23-35:

"<sup>23</sup>Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. <sup>24</sup>And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. <sup>27</sup>Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. <sup>29</sup> And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. <sup>30</sup> And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: <sup>33</sup> Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? <sup>34</sup> And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. <sup>35</sup> So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses." (KJV)

That person got forgiven of his debts that worth ten thousand talents but he does not forgive the person who borrowed him for a hundred pence. What a big difference! How *foolish* is that person?

Do you know how much is ten thousand (10,000) talents? In the first century, ten thousand talents would have been an unimaginably large sum. 10,000 talents is around 150,000 years' wages. 1 talent is around 15 years' wages. How many years normally would a person on earth survive their life? Of course, it wouldn't last for 150,000 years! So, what about a hundred pence? It could be around a day's wages.

From this parable, we can realize that all our transgressions that we have done cannot be paid no matter what we do. But Jesus Christ is the only way, the truth and the life who forgives all our inexcusable transgressions. It is ONLY through Him, through the blood of Jesus, the power of the cross we are saved and all our sins are forgiven!

We need to forgive all, just as everyone needs mercy and compassion. Remember we are to love one another, the description of love in the bible saying "it is not irritable or *resentful*...love bears all things...endures all things." Love is not resentful and bears and endures ALL things! How great is love! "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

In Romans 12:19 says, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the

Lord." When someone did something wrong against you, give it to the Lord, give/surrender to Him all your burdens and let Him deal with it (we are to surrender all to the Lord). The Lord is the God of justice and righteousness, let alone God judge the wicked. When you give all your burdens to the Lord you would feel much lighter in weight with all those pain and troubles gone away, like a baggage of excess put off from your own weight. How good is that feeling? Let go and let God! Be set free like a bird!

Thinking about taking a revenge on someone who did wrong to you? Maybe your close friend has made a gossip about your secret affairs with someone in which you told her to keep it a secret, yet she spread it all to the public that shamed you and you wanted not just to break up with her in this friendship but also planning to do something back to her that you think she deserved. But here in 1 Peter 3:9 says, "Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing." We should not repay evil for evil, but use love in all situations, even to our enemies as said in the bible, Matthew 5:44. Love is a weapon against evil. It is an abomination to God that a person with "A heart that devises wicked plans" as said in Proverbs 6:18. Thus, we should love everyone.

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:31-32 (KJV)

"Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God." James 1:19-20 (KJV)

When you are trying to forgive someone, it doesn't necessarily mean that you are to completely forget the incident for we as humans are under limitation, in normal circumstances, forgetting an incident at wish would be out of our control; beyond our power in another word. Forgiving others means to release from blaming on others and seeking revenge, leaving all the worries by trusting God that He would take control of this matter and then moving on. Know well that those people who had done injustice against you will be judged if they did not repent in time. Let go of that resentment by pardoning the hurt.

An ideal way is not to relive the incident by trying to remember it and if you really remembered it, as you are willing to forgive all those who wronged you, then think that you've already forgiven that person. It's good to drop down your weapons, for hatred cannot change a heart. Try to love those who have hurt you to heal your wounds. It could be hard, but you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you! God knows all your exact circumstances; He sees your tears and collects them. He is here to heal your broken heart when you surrender it to Him to mend it. It hurts Him when it hurts you. He can heal the deepest wound and pain that you might have.

Forgiving someone is to set love upon that person, where love means to treat him kindly just like before the incident happened, as though nothing has happened. Not counting against that person anymore. Just like God forgives your sins of hurting others for example. Surrender your burdens to the Lord completely and surely there would be a peace of mind!

In Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Just let go of these burdens! How are you going to look forward towards that narrow path when you keep looking back? Remember Lot's wife? She looked back and became a pillar of salt. Genesis 19:26. Don't be like the Lot's wife! Don't let unforgiveness comes between you and God. Keep looking forward focusing to stay in the will of God to finish the race for the eternal reward!

In Psalm 55:22 says, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

# COMPLETE SURRENDER

"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." 1 John 2:17 (KJV)

#### WHO IS THE BRIDE?

"For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called." Isaiah 54:5 (KJV)

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready." Revelation 19:7 (KJV)

Are you investing your time and life in God? Or are you investing yourself into other things apart from God?

Investing your time and life in God is a wise decision and critical in this life, for after this earthly life, comes judgment (Hebrews 9:27). In Galatians 6:7, what we sow is what we will reap. If you don't sow anything for God's eternal kingdom in this life, do not expect a harvest. In an eternal perspective, what we sow in this life will affect the harvest in the next life. Will you reap an eternal blessing or an eternal doom? One life is all we have for this eternal choice to be made now, later may be too late. This choice cannot be undone once this life has passed away. It could be any moment. A person may expect himself to live for forty more years, but the end of one's life is always unpredictable by us and only predictable by God.

If you are investing yourself in things apart from God, think about this, what is the point for momentary pleasures? Is it worth it for temporary sinful pleasures in exchange for an everlasting agony in hell fire? Even if you got everything you want from this world such as money, fame, luxury, friends, all sensual pleasures, etc. all these things are fading sand and you can't even bring all these things along with you when you die. You would possibly still left feeling empty and that emptiness is the absence of God. God alone can fill that emptiness within you. You see, when a man wants more, in the flesh he would never get satisfied and yet feels empty inside.

"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." James 4:14 (KJV) "And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." Job 1:21 (KJV)

Can you now see the point of being thankful (1 Thessalonians 5:18)? It is to be content and glad with what you already have, not yearning for more which lead to continued dissatisfaction of one's life. "In every thing give thanks", which means it also applies in situations that seems negative to you. Negative things could be trials that you have gone through in your walk with God, but from these trials you can be refined! Refinement is a good thing and a pleasing thing because the more you are refined, the more you would be shaped into the person God wants you to be.

There are many roles between God and us. One of them is a bride to bridegroom; a relationship that each one of us must work on daily towards God, our bridegroom. Do not be deceived that someone can work on that relationship for you, then you can sit back and do nothing. This bride and bridegroom relationship is like a marriage, when someone in a marriage with another, they share intimacy and spend quality time with each other. Their hearts and desires are as one. What the bridegroom dislike, the bride dislikes it as well, thus remove anything that displeases her husband because of her love for him.

How would you keep in an intimacy with someone? It is when you keep in touch with them every day, not just some days when you are in a hopeless situation in need of help from God or when you feel like it. God wants a full-time bride, not a part-time bride who keeps fornicating with the world, then come back to HIM unfaithfully. Realize your marriage with Christ and awake to your senses!

The bride of Christ is a ready bride who had fully surrendered her heart to the Lord. She is crucified along with Christ and lives the same pattern as Him; being despised by the world, being misunderstood, persecuted, crucified in the flesh by denying the world and lived an ordinary life, etc. She anxiously and excitedly waits for her coming bridegroom Jesus Christ to rapture/ take her to Heaven. With discernment, she is alert to the events of the world and knows the times without surprise. She is aware of the times, looks for the Lord and watches Him, knowing what He is doing. The world to her seems to be dull and disgusting. The bride thinks of the bridegroom every moment nonstop and knows that apart from God, she is nothing. She races to goodness, wholeness, purity, holiness and love. Each day she gives her all to prepare for His return, busy preparing for her soon to come wedding and only seeks His favor and none other. She does not have any cravings for the things of the world; all she cares is about God, her beloved bridegroom as her only center focus. She is in utter obsession with her bridegroom and would give up her life without thinking twice. She wonders if she will please her groom. She hungers for that "midnight shout" from her bridegroom, every moment waiting for the very soon departure out of this hotel earth she does not belong to, then to the arrival at the Kingdom of Heaven where she steps into eternity full of blessings, escaping away from the great tribulation coming where there would be sufferings upon sufferings. Her bridegroom means everything to her and she would never give up pursuing Him. She runs after the heart of God with all her heart and might day and night; she reads and listens to every prophecy, dream and vision as much as possible just to get clues about His coming. She hungers and thirsts not only for righteousness and the truth, but also to see her bridegroom's face, His glorious presence and being together with Him one day.

Yes, it could be exciting to just think about the coming glory of God and the rapturing to Heaven. But do not be completely focused in the rapture, we need to focus in the relationship with God, and the purification process we are going through every day. Yes, we are to watch for the Lord's return. We do not just do nothing and wait for the rapture to occur. The rapture is an event, but what is more important is to focus what goes before this, that is to focus in our daily complete repentance, surrender towards God and relationship with Him. It is not good to live in the future while not living in the present.

The bride of Christ may sound like it is representing females only; however, male believers can also be called as the bride of Christ. The bride of Christ is the one who is watching, waiting and set apart in holiness.

The bride are a remnant, there are many in the darkness in this world. Bride of Christ, shine your lights! Shine your light everywhere you go so that those lost sheep that are in darkness can see the light and come to you for the way back home to Heaven. You know the pathway. Do not hide the lights because the lights are to shine. Be the light of the world!

Awake bride of Christ, awake from your long deep spiritual slumber! For your time has come, an unprecedented time such as this. Awake bride of Christ, awake and realize that you have a purpose of God's everlasting kingdom to be done in these last days that were ordained by God. Know that you were not created by mistake. You are an end time warrior, part of the end times army powered by the Holy Spirit. Against Satan's army where one thing they lack while we are one step forward, that is LOVE. Love is a very powerful weapon against evils and sins. In Proverbs 10:12 says "Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins." Be the light of the world! Blaze it through the darkness so that people can come running to you and find their way home. You, the bride have the knowledge of taking the "narrow path" back home unto Heaven. Now, when you freely receive, freely give away blessings to others as well, for it is love to share what is good to others, especially it is a life and death situation. In times of trials towards striving for a sinless life as a pure bride, remember well that you are not alone in this walk. God is with you always until the end. He would never forsake you. Dance in the fire and know that you will not be burned but refined! Refined to how God wants you to be, how you were meant to be, created to be. Let everything you do be a reflection of your relationship with God. Prepare for the soon coming Marriage Supper of the Lamb, prepare for your marriage with God and the next life! Go as deep as you could with the level of intimacy with Yahushua, your bridegroom and finish the race strong! Prepare your way to step into ETERNITY!

# WHAT IS SURRENDER?

It is a requirement to come to God in full surrender. Partial surrender is no surrender and it equates as being lukewarm of whom He will spit out of His mouth. God wants first place or no place. If you put Him in second place, then the one whom you cling to the most shall be your god and you will be in great danger if not repentant in time. God never changes and He stands for complete holiness. He is the God who "Let it be", even though there were only eight people saved in the ark out of the whole world; even if there were only eight people who stood for complete holiness. This applies to the rapture. Compromising with God would end you up in a place you don't want to be.

Think of this way, in order for the writer to write something he wants, the pen must abide in his hand wherever it goes. If the pen goes the opposite direction of what the writer wants, the writing will not be successfully accomplished by the writer. Imagine now, that the pen is like you and the writer is like God. For the pen to completely surrender to the writer, it have to forsake its own will to follow the will of the writer by going to whichever direction the hand of the writer guides it. That is like when surrendering to the will of God. God is like our potter, we are the clay and being molded by His hands. Through continuous yielding to His will, to be molded into His masterpiece, a beautiful artwork. We are also being refined when we overcome in the fire which is our trials. He created you and deserves all your time and effort to be spent upon Him. He is your everything and you can do absolute nothing without the Lord. You see...it is all about the Lord!

You do not belong to yourself anymore when you are "born again", but to God. We are to be an empty vessel for the Lord's use and His glory. We are to summit and pursue God with our 100%. Be the comet on fire for God! Follow very closely to God lest you fall.

Come as you are to God, and let Him change you. Surrendering to God involves humility. Humility is a crushing of "self" and when there is love, there is a "selfless" attitude of caring for others. There is *no* love in pride, where pride is the love of oneself and disregard the needs of others.

When we crush our "self" in our walk with God in order to completely conform to the ways of what God wants, the more we are being one with God. It is that "self" of getting into his own way other than God's way, which separates from being one with God. There comes a greater intimacy with God when you keep surrendering to God by removing your "self" attitude, until there is no YOU left and come to God in complete humility. This is a spirit to spirit intimacy, being one with God.

It could be a painful process when trying to submit to the will of God, giving up old habits/ views/ ways. We are to strive a holy life, set apart from the world, be completely away from all worldly pursuits to focus solely in God. But things would possibly get easier when you keep overcoming personal tribulations over and over again. When you submit to the will of God, have a right standing with God, there comes many blessings not only in the next life but also this life: Joy, protection, peace of mind, etc.

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." Hebrews 12:11 (KJV)

# Future Plans

"<sup>13</sup> Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: <sup>14</sup> Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. <sup>15</sup> For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. <sup>16</sup> But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil." James 4:13-16 (KJV)

Complete surrender to Christ includes surrendering our future plans to His perfect will. A prayer from a surrendered heart is like "I give you my life Lord; do whatever you wish to do with me today". Let the Lord guides your every step, even not knowing the way ahead but trusting Him blindly with childlike faith, knowing that He is trustworthy and good.

"At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:1-4 (KJV)

It is so important that we are to refer to children as an example of humility. It relates to trusting in someone, relying on the one who is in higher authority than the child herself. If someone is not humble and being prideful of themselves, they would trust in their own ways other than relying on others for they think their own ways are the best, as though he need not anyone and better than the others.

Look at a child of her innocence, when a child is holding someone's hand as that person is walking with her to lead her to somewhere. The child who knows nothing about life would have that complete faith in him, even though she does not know where she is going but continuously trusting totally that he will *never ever* harm her and would not take her to a place where there is danger. Can you see that blind faith, innocence, humility and purity of the child in that situation? It is that same blind faith, childlike innocence, childlike humility and childlike purity we are to act towards God.

Understand childlike faith this way in a child to a parent, girl to a father perspective. The child puts her trust in her parent completely because she have grown to love and put her trusts in her parent knowing that he, the father would provide her all needs. She follows her parent closely expecting for further instruction, guidance and leadership because the child knows that only her parent can lead because he knows better. The child does not assume his role. When the child is out of the attention of her parent, fear comes in. When we belong to God, we are His children and He is our perfect father, better than any earthly father could be. We should not just call Him God, but also call Him our father/dad/daddy. It is like when you are His child, you completely trust in your heavenly father no matter what. Trusting that you are protected by Him, loved by Him, saved by Him, forgiven by Him, your position as the child of GOD, trusting that you are not alone in this walk because God is with you always, your burdens are all taken care by Him, His guidance and plan in your life that it is not to harm you, trusting His words, His promises, believing that your prayers being heard, even answered such as praying for healing of your health problems and then believing that you are completely healed by God, etc. We must have a complete blind faith towards God. Trusting God no matter what even in the storm; trusting Him without borders and without limitation is blind faith.

Applying back that situation where the child holds onto the hand of a stranger or someone, to the perspective of God and His children, we as His children hold onto His hands every moment for Him to guide us, trusting Him alone that He would never harm us and rely on Him to guide us wherever He lead us to. There is no point to doubt God for He is trustworthy and would not fail you. Humble oneself before God is respecting and honoring God, allowing God's perfect plan to be fulfilled in your life through your full surrender to Him. Stop clinging to your imperfect plans because only God knows the future, your future and what you will be doing tomorrow and the Holy Spirit can guides you.

It is woefully incorrect of making plans to be here many years into the future for the rapture is imminent. Personal hopes and dreams that are outside of God's will would lead a person to the broad road of destruction. It is evil to be oriented to promoting or looking into futures that do not include God's plans. Only God's plans are true and His prediction of the future. Do not focus on the vain imaginations of men who do not seek to trust in God exclusively and contrive and fantasize over their own vain imaging of what the future could be or might be even in fantasy.

# BURDENS & WORRIES

We are to surrender all our burdens to God and never take it back. Resting upon God is to put your complete trust in God that everything will work well by His power, for the scripture told us not to be anxious. Fear is because of torment and perfect love casts out fear. There will be a peace of mind when you surrender all your burdens to God that you cannot get it anywhere else in this world. There will be no worries when you do so by relying in God to take care of your burdens. This brings forward the fruit of joy and love when you put your trust in God completely. Surrender all your burdens to the Lord proceed you into a new level, a level of going out of your comfort zone to do the will of God without any worries and anxiety. Witnessing the truth to others is a command that everyone should follow.

### Self-Will

It is a requirement to surrender our will to follow God's will completely, desiring nothing more than to obey His will. It is important to consult God's will on every decision you want to make. But good works done outside of God's will is evil, no matter how good it may look. Stay in the right standing with God, by living under His perfect will. When we are fully surrendered to Christ, we come into His perfect will and He then is responsible for our welfare where His work of sanctifying us begins. It is our work to first surrender completely to Him and makes Him Lord and Master by choice, then He begins His work of cleansing us up but we must come under His leadership, because we cannot clean ourselves up, only He does.

Pray to God to reveal and guide you to His perfect will and plan and to have the strength and power to stay in His perfect will and plan through His Holy Spirit. Surrender all to His will means including to work for His everlasting kingdom, by reaching out for the lost. Be the light of the world! There is much darkness growing every moment. Don't hide your light, it is for it to shine for others to see the truth and hope in Christ. Be a witness to others in a loving way when they have no clue they have done wrongly against God and things others need to know.

# Own Life

Let everything you do be a reflection of your relationship with God. The Lord wants your full attention and not looking to the left or right. He is the lover of your soul and first love. Let all things that you do point to God and let the motivation of your actions to be based on God. For examples, if you are going to a football stadium, are you going to witness the gospel to others around you? When you are eating your lunch, are you doing it for the glory of God? If you struggle with laziness, and choose to go to gym, are you doing it for your appearance's sake or to push yourself not to be lazy as the scripture warned against idleness? Here's something to think about.

To completely surrender your own life means that your spirit, soul, body, heart, arms, legs, eyes and everything

else are all to be surrendered to God. It is to involve God in all things that you do during the day, spending most time on God and putting Him foremost before anything, such as making the Lord to be the start and the end of your every day, it could be reading the bible as early as possible then pray to God as you rise up from sleep and praying to God before sleep at night. Surrendering to God also means to esteem Him above all relationships and anything else.

# Examples of Surrender

- Full reliance on God and not resources from men. Knowing that only parent Lord can lead
- Seek God for all answers and not leaning on own understanding/fallen men that could err
- Relying on the power of the Holy Spirit in everything, including conquering sins. For through mere flesh can do nothing good, only God can
- Relying on God for help in all situations
- Solely depends on God for approval, attention and everything
- Follow Christ no matter what, even to the point of death for His sake and removing anything out of one's life to please the Lord

- Trusting miracles in prayers and have blind childlike faith without borders in the Lord's promises, guidance, Word, salvation, etc.
- Being thankful for all things even in every storm and still make Jesus Christ his Lord in the lowest of the low
- A heart full of love and humility, esteeming others higher than himself and God the highest. Serving others first and at all times not desiring credits with a selfless attitude
- Knowing that without God, he can do nothing
- Not limiting God because of his own shortcomings by not putting Him in a box. Humans are limited does not mean He is limited
- Coming to God as though knowing nothing but Him the best, for He knows everything
- etc

# INTIMACY WITH GOD

"<sup>21</sup>Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? <sup>23</sup> And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you**: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Matthew 7:21-23 (KJV)

#### WHY BE INTIMATE WITH GOD?

Above have described how there are many people who have prophesied, casted out devils, isn't these are great works? If so why are they still being called the workers of iniquity? The bolded words say "I never knew you", the word "knew" have also appeared in Genesis 4:1:

"And Adam <u>knew</u> Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD." Genesis 4:1 (KJV)

Adam and Eve were in a relationship, a husband and wife relation. How do you know someone? In regards of God, you would need to read the bible to know who God really is, praying to Him like a friend is a building of a relationship. When you talk more to Him, wouldn't there be an increase of intimacy? Yes... Would the lack of spending time with God increase knowing about God? No... Doing great works like prophesied, casted out devils cannot be an excuse to ignore of having an intimacy with God; a relationship with Him, getting to know Him and Him knowing you.

When you start talking to Him less and less for instance, neglecting the relationship with Him overtime, the relationship would gradually fade away that would leave you having no relationship at all. Just like with a friend, you need constant talking with them, hanging out with them would this friendship be preserved and not cease. Thus, just going to Sunday church is not intimacy with God, but daily relationship.

# **Relationship with God**

Having an intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ is a requirement, not an option. It is not about Sunday church where you fellowship and worship Jesus, then forgetting and having nothing to do with Him for the rest of week. The general problem with lukewarm Christians is that they read the bible once in a while and could be praying to God mostly in times of their desperation. There's no difference between them and the lost, because the lukewarm Christian plays with the world being madly in love with her. They receive only what tickles their ears and ignore the rest that offends them; who choose and pick to suit their own worldly taste, thinking that the biblical commands are only suggestions and optional. When reading the scriptures, it is meant to be read completely, not partially by an individual's own choosing. Those who are in the right standing with God take EVERY Word of God seriously and DO them.

There are different roles of the relationship between God and humans. Below are some highlights:

- Creator and creation
- Potter and clay
- Shepherd and sheep
- Parent (Father) and child
- Bridegroom and bride
- Husband and wife
- Best friends
- Teacher and student
- Doctor and patient
- Master and servant

# Prayers

The Lord Jesus Christ wants an intimate and close relationship with you as constant companion. Prayers are conversations with God. He is available 24/7 and you can talk to Him anywhere. Prayer is a dialogue and the Lord speaks to you in return through many ways. Walking with God is an exciting journey, not just plain text on a Holy Book that you read, but experiencing a touch of the visible of the invisible. Other than just hearing His small still voice and audible voice, He also speaks through people, nature, spontaneous emotions, music, scripture and many other ways to you.

It is spending time with Him, and enjoying the time of talking to Him about many things. Pray to Him whenever possible throughout the day, from the time you wake up, when you driving/traveling, waiting for something/someone, at times when you can multitask such as while washing dishes, walking to somewhere etc. You may even continue prayers in your mind the time when you eat. Many of these situations if not merged with prayers, you could lose much time of talking to Him. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV)

God wants to comfort you, love you, and listen to what you have to say to Him for He cares about you, even in times of troubles and sadness. Intimacy is about walking and sharing this life with God together; sharing your highs and your lows with the Lord, those hard times and glad times. You are not alone in this walk. God is with you during the times of submission to Him.

"God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord." 1 Corinthians 1:9 (KJV)

We should talk with all honesty and openness when in prayers, because firstly we are *not* to bear false witness (Ex. 20:16) and secondly, a good relationship works with honesty. It is when you love another person; you speak to him in honesty to prevent hurting him due to betrayal. Also, being honest in conversations means to be transparent and can go further to the deepest thoughts, feelings to share, which is an intimacy!

Prayers are not just rote prayers everyday, where you repeat the same sentences regularly. It is about QUAL-ITY, not just quantity. Of course, we should pray throughout the day, everyday whenever possible. Quality prayers are so important, because when you share quality prayers you are spending quality time with God. When that happens, there is an increase of intimacy with God which is a very good thing. It is a delight to talk to God, especially He knows you intimately more than you know yourself, as He knows everything. He understands you better than anyone in this world. Since the Holy Spirit guides us, comforts us, teaches us, helps us and many things, we should always mention the Holy Spirit in our prayers. We should rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome all our sins and evils, for example.

It is essential to appeal the blood of Jesus Christ to fully cover you daily by prayer. We should daily pray for the circumcision of the heart, the guidance of the Holy Spirit to His perfect will and plan, also for the complete filling of the Holy Spirit to conquer sins. A pure heart is also important to pray for. We should often include the Holy Spirit in our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6:9-13, it started and ended with thanksgiving. Prayers are to be prayed according to the Lord's will and not to pray according to our sinfully selfish ambition. Also, it is asking for the things that we need and forgiveness from God of our sins. We can start our prayer with "Dear Lord/ Dear Heavenly Father/ Dear Abba Father/ Dear God/ Dear Lord Jesus/ etc, and end our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ/ Yeshua Ha Mashiach/ Yahushua Ha Mashiach/ etc. No man comes to the Father but through Jesus Christ (John 14:6).

BIBLE

Reading the bible is so important and we are to read it daily through the eyes of the Holy Spirit and His giving of divine understanding through asking by prayers. It is like spending time with Jesus Christ (Yahushua Ha Mashiach), our Lord and Savior. Spending time with Him would be a step into intimacy. The bible, the Word of God is like a life manual that guides your path to the narrow road (Matthew 7:13-14) unto eternal life, the kingdom of Heaven.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105 (KJV)

When you read the bible, it is knowing about God of who He is. In a relationship perspective, you would need to know someone deeply enough to be married—you don't just marry a person you don't know, not knowing their personality, background...this doesn't make sense. It is essential to know who is that "God" you are really talking to daily, and walking with daily. Reading the bible and become knowledgeable of His will for you and His characteristics, do increase the level of intimacy with God.

Worship

Worshiping God is extreme love and in His presence together you and the Lord become one. Praising God and being thankful for everything is essential. Worshipping God with everything within us and to pour out love to Him is truly becoming one in spirit with Him. Come into the secret place with the Lord for He desires to be intimate with you and spend time alone with you. Nothing in this world can satisfy you like He can. Time in His presence will wash away all heaviness, refreshes you, renews you, strengthens you for battle and gives you the answers that you seek.

Worshiping God is not limited to praising Him with songs, but watching is also a form of worship for instance. The highest form of worship to God is the belief for that which you cannot see; or your act of trusting in faith when you cannot see the Lord.

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

Come to God and worship Him sincerely with all your heart. It is LOVE. Worshipping Him is love! The God we serve is awesome! Worship Him in spirit and in truth. Do not be like them as stated below in the verse who worships with their lips but not their hearts: "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me." Matthew 15:8 (KJV)

God knows all hearts, even the deepest depth. You can worship Him through praise music and even sharing with others about God is also a form of worship, sharing about His love, for example. It does not have to be at a Sunday church in order to sing praises to the Lord; it can also be other days.

"I the LORD search the heart, *I* try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings." Jeremiah 17:10 (KJV)

# Fasting

Fasting by no means can earn you salvation, only faith alone in Christ's finished work does. We should avoid idolatry and the best way is to completely forsake all worldly pursuits. Crucifying the flesh is pleasing to the Lord when we are fasting. Fasting is not necessarily to avoid the intake of food or even drink, but it can be your favorite hobbies, for example, watching television, playing games, shopping, etc. When we are completely detached away from the world, and just focus in God completely, we would feel easier to stay in the will of God, to stay away from idolatry. It does not mean that you have to quit school or work, unless the Lord wants you to do so.

And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. Matthew 17:20-21

This verse can tell us how fasting is very important in order to increase our power for something. This can also applies to other aspects such as spiritual warfare where prayers may possibly be more powerful during the fasting period. The longer the fast, the power against these attacks may possibly increase and intimacy with God does increase because fasting is crucifying one's flesh. When we come closer to God, He will come closer to us.

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded." James 4:8 (KJV)

# WATCHING CHRIST'S RETURN

 "4° Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
<sup>42</sup> Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." Matthew 24:40-42 (KJV)

#### WHY WATCH FOR HIS RETURN?

This is the generation that will witness the rapture of the church. We are living in the last generation, the Book of Revelation is NOW playing out just before your eyes and the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His bride is very soon. Time is no more and the hour glass is empty. The ark door is closing! Judgment and Great Tribulation is coming swiftly, the end of the world as you may know it. See the end time signs, they are everywhere! Many think there are many more years ahead in the future, which is a deception. We do not know the day and hour of His return for the bride (Matthew 24:36), but we can know the season and the season is NOW (Matthew 24:32-34). Realize that it is the final hour, the last hour, that final moment so near to the end of the race of this narrow path towards our true home, the Kingdom of Heaven. Every second passes by; the closer it is to our Lord's return.

The rapture for the bride of Christ is about to happen, any moment NOW after certain events (e.g. 3 days of darkness and an approximately 40 days of great soul harvest according to Jesus' death, burial, resurrection and ascension pattern); for we must know that we are NOW living in the season of being extremely close to the Lord's return. The signs of the end times are just before your very eyes repeatedly. Due to we cannot know when will He come, we must *always* ready our hearts and prepare for His return because God is only going to come back for His pure bride and those the pure of hearts (e.g. babies and children that are before the stage of accountability) are going to be raptured to Heaven, not the harlot church who is NOT staying under the perfect will of God at all times.

# HOW TO WATCH?

Watching for Christ's return is a daily task and requirement of God. Israel is our timepiece, marker and gauge for the signs of Jesus return. Watch the signs on land and in the sky. Pray to the Lord for His guidance of how to watch the signs and events.

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