

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Praise the Lord! We are blessed to be able to study God's Word. I am privileged to be able to produce these for you. I want you to know that you are the exact person I have written these for.

God bless you as you spend time in God's amazing Word this month.



Gladly in His Service,

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#### Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 1-2 Luke 22:54-71

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 2:17-22 say, "Jesus came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit."

Wow! We are so blessed to have Jesus as our Lord and Savior. As I read these verses, this is what stood out to me. All of the blessings are ours because of Jesus and what He did. All we have done is accept Him as our Lord and Savior.

In Him, we have peace, we have access to the Father and we are no longer foreigners or strangers. Because of Jesus we are adopted into the family of God.

We are citizens of the Kingdom of God and we are being built together to become a dwelling for God. Think about this: Because we are in Jesus, God now lives in us. We are in Jesus and the Holy Spirit lives in us. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 say, "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you, Whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies." We are temples of the Holy Spirit. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for Your salvation. I know that all the blessings I have are because Jesus paid for all my sins and my separation from You has been done away with. Help me to know how to honor You with my body and help me to do exactly that. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 3-5 Luke 23:1-26

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 1:7-10 say, "In Jesus we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ."

God's work in our lives is according to His good pleasure. His work in our lives is also in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us. Aren't these amazing truths? I often hear people talk about how they found God when you were saved. I don't have a lot of issue with that statement and I agree, but when I read things like this I realize that God found us. It was His will and His pleasure to find us and to save us. His will was to save us in accordance to the riches of God's grace. We are even told that He lavishes His grace on us. We are so blessed.

Speaking of Grace, look at John 1:16, "From the fullness of His grace we all receive one blessing after another." When this refers to the fullness of His grace it is revealing that Jesus is full of grace. Thank God. I was reading a book a while back and the author gave this definition of Grace. Grace is Accepting the fact that we are accepted, despite the fact that we are unacceptable. He has lavished His grace on us. He lavished it on us when we were saved and He continues to lavish it on us.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for lavishing Your grace upon me. I know that I needed Your grace when I was saved and I know that I need Your grace as I live for You. Thank You for choosing me and for finding me. I know that You are never going to quit working in my life.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 6-7 Luke 23:27-38

Praise the Lord! Thank God for the Word. We are so blessed to have the Word and we are blessed to be able to study it. God is even blessing us by helping us to understand and to believe His Word. Again I say, we are so blessed!

Have you given you life to Jesus? Look at 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" Praise God!

We are *in Christ.* We are *new creations. The old has gone and the new has come.* Jesus gave us a brand new start in Him. Didn't you realise that you needed a new start when you gave your life to Him? We may not have thought about it that way, but that is how God thought about it.

Think about some of the changes that have happened in your life since you gave your life to Jesus. Some of those things might have been things that you had tried to change before but you were not able to change them. When we were saved then those things changed. Thank God for all that is *new and better* in your life now and realize that God is still with you to help you to grow and change even more.

Look at the next verse in 2 Corinthians 5, "All this is from God, Who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." God reconciled you to Himself. That is wonderful but there is more. He reconciled you to Himself and now He has called you to the ministry of reconciliation. We need to tell others that God wants to save them too.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You that the old is gone and the new has come. I am so blessed. I also know that You have called me to tell others about what You have done in my life so they can be saved too. Please help me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 8-9 Luke 23:39-56

Praise the Lord! 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 say, "All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation."

You have been called to the ministry. You have been called to the ministry of reconciliation. Now let me say this: you are called to the ministry of reconciliation and you are equipped with what you need for your ministry. You are saved and you know how you were saved. That is your message. We all need to be willing to share our testimony with others.

Sometimes people have heard other testimonies and they don't think their testimony is enough. Believe me, God can and will use your testimony. Actually, I should say it this way: God will use your testimony if you will share it. It is not our job to try to figure out how God will use our testimonies. Our job to share what God has done for us and then let Him work. Actually, we also need to pray for those we share with.

2 Corinthians 5:20 says, "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God." We are God's ambassadors. We share what God has done for us because He wants us to and then He is the One who works in people's lives. We just need to do our part and know that He will do His part.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me. Help me to share my testimony with others. I know that this is Your will for my life and I do want to be used more. Help me to do my part and to know that You will always do Your part. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



## Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 10-11 Luke 24:1-35

Praise the Lord! Now, look at what 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."

When I first read this verse I had a hard time believing it. Actually I should say it this way, when I first read this verse I had a hard time believing it *was for me.* 

I now know it is true and I know it is true for me because I choose to believe the Word. I heard one guy say that whenever he reads something in the Word that he disagrees with, he knows that he is wrong and the Word is right. I try to put that into practice in my life.

God knew that sin was separating us from Him and He knew that there was no way for us to be forgiven other than through a sacrifice. God sent Jesus to be that sacrifice for us and it worked. When we accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior we were forgiven and saved. All our sins are paid for. We are now *in Him* and He is righteous. *In Him* we are also made righteous. All this is true because of what Jesus did.

If you have a hard time accepting that this is for you, choose to believe the Word and ask God to help you. We are all in the process of renewing our minds to the Word. Look at this verse from the Old Testament. Deuteronomy 30:19 says, "This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live." Choose to believe! Choose life!

Prayer: Lord, I choose to believe Your Word. Please help me to renew my mind to Your wonderful Word. I don't ever want to doubt You and all that You have done for me. I choose to believe and I choose life! In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 12-13 Luke 24:36-53

Praise the Lord! I want to start off today by asking you a question. Are you righteous in Jesus? I just looked in the Bible and 2 Corinthians 5:21 still says, "God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." Choose to believe and choose life!

Ok, for today look at Romans 12:1-2 say, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is— His good, pleasing and perfect will."

We are told two things that we should do in these verses. 1. We are to present our bodies as living sacrifices to God and 2. We are to renew our minds to the Word. Both are needed.

When you gave your life to Jesus He accepted you and He is now working in your life. You are a three part being. You are spirit, soul and body. God wants to work in every area of your life. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 says, "**May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**" God wants to sanctify you and your body. To be sanctified means to be set apart for God and His purposes. God is not against your body. He wants you to let Him rule and reign in and through your body. Thank God that He will help us in everything He calls us to do.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me. I choose to present my body to You as a living sacrifice. I choose to believe Your Word and I choose to act upon it. I also know that You will help me to know how to present my body to You and I know You will help me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 14-15 John 1:1-28

Praise the Lord! I started yesterday with Romans 12:1, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

I also showed that I Thessalonians 5:23 tells us that God wants us to sanctify our bodies to Him. For today I want to show you that verse again and I want to add verse 24. I Thessalonians 5:23-24, "May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it."

Oh, this is such wonderful truth. God is working in your life. He is working in your life spirit, soul and body AND He is going to get His work done. He is faithful. Now, we play a part in this process. We need to believe the Word and we need to choose life.

Look at this promise. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it. Choose to believe this and never quit. Remember that it is God Who is working in your life. He is all-powerful and all-knowing and He is going to finish His good work in your life. Philippians 1:6 says, "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Believe, choose life and be confident.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me. I choose to believe. Help me to know, based on Your Word, that You are sanctifying me to You and Your purposes. I know You have done many wonderful things in my life and I know You are going to complete Your good work in my life. I choose to believe, I choose life and I choose to be confident. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 16-18 John 1:29-51

Praise the Lord! A couple of days ago I started by giving you Romans 12:1-2, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."

I said that there are two things spoken about here. 1. We are to present our bodies to God and 2. We are to renew our minds to the Word. I want to get to number 2 today.

One version starts verse 2 of this way, "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into it's own mold but be transformed from the inside out as you renew your minds to the Word." Haven't you felt like the world is trying to squeeze you into it's way of thinking? The way to overcome this is by renewing your mind to the Word. Thank God that you are spending time in God's Word every day.

We are three part beings. We are spirit, soul and we have bodies. God is not against your mind. He wants to bless and use your mind. As we *renew our minds to the Word of* God we can overcome the world. The more Word you know the better you will do. As you renew Your mind to the Word there will be times when you recognize the world is trying to get you off track. When you realize that is happening it is a good thing because you can stand against it. Choose the Word. Choose life!

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for working in every area of my life. I choose to renew my mind to Your Word. Help me to know that I can do this because You are helping me. I choose the Word and I choose life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19-20 John 2

Praise the Lord! Thank God we have given our lives to Jesus and thank God that we are in His Word and learning. We are so blessed!

Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Do you love Jesus? Do you know you have been called according to His purpose? Well, then we know that in all things God works for our good! That is God's Word and it is the truth. It might take faith for us to remember this and to not doubt it, but it is still God's Word and it is still the truth.

Romans 1:17 say, "For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." Thank God for the gospel. We believe it by faith. Thank God for the righteousness we have because we are in Jesus! We believe it by faith. If it seems like there are a lot of things that we have to believe by faith. Look at the last part of this verse. The righteous will live by faith. We live by faith.

Romans 8:29 says, "For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters." Here is some more that we need to believe by faith. God knew you before you were even born, He saved you and He predestined you to be conformed to the image of Jesus. This is the Word! We are called to live by faith.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me. I know that when I put my faith in You for salvation, You really did save me. Thank You for all the good news (gospel) You have revealed to me. Thank You for making me righteous in Jesus. Thank You for conforming me into the image of Jesus. I live by faith. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 21-22 John 3:1-21

Praise the Lord! I am going to get to Romans 8 but first let me talk to you about seeds. Do you know that when a seed is planted and grows it will produce the same thing that the seed came from. If you plant corn you are not going to get watermelons. You are going to get corn.

In John 12, Jesus was saying that He going to the cross to die. John 12:23-24 say, "Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds."

Jesus was the Son of God and He laid His life down as a seed and we are the harvest. Jesus was the seed and all believers are what came forth from His being planted.

Now look at Romans 8:29 again, "For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters." Jesus, the Son of God, laid His life down so we might be raised up as sons and daughters of God.

When we lay aside things from our past and live more and more fully for Him we will look more and more like Him. Jesus came to be a witness of the goodness of God and now we are called to to be witnesses just like He was. If this stretched you remember that **the righteous live by faith.** 

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for having a plan for my life. Help me to live like You want and help me to represent You well. I want my life to be a good witness and I know that being a witness can and will happen as I live my life today and every day for You. I love You and I love Your work in my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 1-3 John 3:22-36

Praise the Lord! Romans 8:29-30 say, "For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified."

I often say that you are going to make it. I can say that because I know Who started His good work in your life and I know that He is going to complete His work. We are saved because God has called us and look at what this verse says He is going to do: **Those He called**, **He also justified**; **those He justified**, **He also glorified**.

Want to see more on this? Look at 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it." God has called you, He is faithful and He will surely sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are going to make it because you have given your life to Jesus and He is the One who is going to make sure you make it.

Philippians 2:13 says, "It is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose." God saved you, He is working in your life to fulfill His good purpose. Let me assure you that His purpose is all good.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and for all You are doing in my life. I know that I have come a long way and I know that I have further to go. My trust and confidence is in You. I submit to You. I want to will and to act in order to fulfill Your good purpose. I ask You to keep blessing my sisters and brothers who are doing these devotions. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 4-5 John 4:1-30

Praise the Lord! We have been working our way through Romans 8 and as usual I have been adding lots of Scriptures along our way. I will get back to Romans 8 today but first, yesterday I showed you Philippians 2:13, "It is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill HIs good purpose." I was making the point that You are going to make it because it is Jesus Who is working in your life. Here's what I want to add. You are going to make it because Jesus is working in your life and He is never going to quit and no one is ever going to stop His work.

John 10:28-30 say, "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and the Father are one." We are in Jesus' hand and we are in the Father's hand. They are both working to keep us and they are both working to protect us. We are going to make it!

Ok, back to Romans 8. Verse 31 say, "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" This sure ties into what we have been talking about. Thank God for the Word. Believe the Word and never quit.

God is for us! Who can be against us? Now it is possible that people and things might come against us but, believe me, God is for you and He is greater! God is all-powerful and all-knowing and we are in the palm of His hand. Believe this truth and renew your mind to it and never quit believing.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for keeping me. I am never going to quit living for You and I am going to trust You no matter what I go through. I have nowhere else to go and I know that You are all that I need. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 6-8 John 4:31-54

Praise the Lord! Romans 8:31-32 say, "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?"

God loves you so much that He sent Jesus to die on the cross so you could be forgiven of your sins, adopted into His family and spend all eternity with Him. Take a moment and think about what God has done for you. All of that happened because He loved you that much. Now, of course He was also providing all these wonderful truths for everyone else who has accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, but don't let that diminish the revelation of how much God love you.

Look at what Paul prayed in Ephesians 3:14-19, "For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Paul prayed that we would be rooted and grounded in the love of God and that we would be able to grasp how great His love is. Paul realized that more revelation of God's love was what they needed and we need it too.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and for Your love. I ask You to help me to grasp how much You love me and I pray that knowledge will transform my life. I don't ever want to miss out on anything You have for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 9-11 John 5:1-26

Praise the Lord. Look again at Romans 8:31-32, "What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?"

God loves you so much. He gave Jesus for us so we could be saved. Now, Paul is making the point that if God loves us so much that He would do that, then **along with Him God will graciously give us all things.** 

Think about some of the things you need in life. Do any of those needs seem even close to the need that you had when you were lost in sin with absolutely no hope of getting forgiveness? We were completely lost and hopeless. God loves you so much He created a way and the way was for Jesus to come and die on the cross for our sins. God loves you that much.

Now, to Paul's point. The same God who loved us that much will also, along with Him, graciously give us all things.

The truth of this revelation should revolutionize our lives. Now, I have to say this, if I think I *need* something that is not good for me or if it is not God's will then I wouldn't want to have those things. Also notice that He meets our needs **graciously**. Everything He does for us is always a matter of His grace. We didn't deserve His salvation and we don't deserve anything else from Him. But God has grace for us.

Prayer: Lord, again I pray that You will help me to have a greater revelation of how much You love me. Help me to know that You are all-powerful and all-knowing. You know what I need and You are able to meet all my needs. I believe and I trust You. I am also so thankful for Your grace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 12-14 John 5:27-47

Praise the Lord! Thank God for His love and grace. Believe the Word about how much God loves you and about how much grace He has for you. I really feel like growing in our belief and knowledge of these things is vitally important and I believe there is always more. So, keep believing the Word and accepting the revelation He gives you and know that there is always more. I say that to encourage you.

Ok, now back to Romans 8:33, "Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies." Some people might not believe that we are so forgiven and so blessed but it is God who is in charge. By the way, aren't you glad that God is in charge? It is God who justifies you. It doesn't matter what people think. God is in charge! Also, don't argue with of what God has done, either in your thinking or in the things that you say. God is in charge! Agree with Him.

Romans 8:34 says, "Who then is the one who condemns?" God does not have any condemnation for those who are born-again because we are *in Jesus*. Look at John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." This verse talks about God sending Jesus so we could be saved but there is more. Verse 17 says, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. God sent Jesus to die for us so we could be saved AND so we could be free from *condemnation*. Romans 8:1 says, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." We are free from condemnation.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and for setting me free from condemnation. I believe. Help me settle these truths in my life and help me never doubt them or speak anything that contradicts them. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



## Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 15-17 John 6:1-21

Praise the Lord! I commend you for being in God's Word every day.

Romans 8:34 says, "Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." God has saved you and He has no condemnation for you. So, don't let anyone else put condemnation on you. Believe me, God is right.

This verse tells us that *Jesus died for us and* **more than that, He was raised to life.** Thank God for the Word and our being able to study it and read about all that Jesus did. Please keep reading but don't miss this, Jesus is still alive and He is still working today.

Here is one of the things He is doing today, **He is at the right** hand of God and He is interceding for us! Wow! Thank God for all Jesus did for us in the past but also know that He is alive and He is praying for us. No wonder we are going to make it.

Look at Hebrews 7:24-25, "Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood. Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them." Jesus is alive! And He is able to save us and keep us because He always lives to intercede for them. I have people who ask me to pray for them and I certainly do pray and I believe God hears my prayers and answers them, but this truth is on a whole different level. Jesus is praying for us! Let that give you confidence.

Prayer: Lord, Jesus, thank You for saving me and thank You for praying for me. I know that You are alive and I know that Your prayers are always answered. Help me have confidence that Your prayers are being answered. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 18-19 John 6:22-44

Praise the Lord. Yesterday, I wrote Hebrews 7:24-25 out for you and I wrote to you about Jesus always living to intercede for you. For today I want to point out something else out so we don't miss it. "Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood. Therefore He is able to save <u>completely</u> those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them."

Jesus is able to save <u>COMPLETELY</u> those who come to God through Him. When you gave your live to Jesus you came to God through Jesus and you were saved COMPLETELY.

Jesus paid it all. Look at all that Ephesians 2:4-10 say about our complete salvation. "But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Jesus paid it all. We were completely lost without Him and we are completely saved in Him. Thank God for His grace.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me. I thank You that my salvation is complete. Thank You, Jesus for paying everything that needed to be paid Thank You for having grace for me. I know that Your love endures forever, I know that Your grace endures forever and I know that Your salvation endures forever. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 20-22 John 6:45-71

Praise the Lord! Ok, back to Romans 8. Verses 35-37 say, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? No one and nothing will ever separate us from God's love. That is such a wonderful truth. Choose to believe it and settle it in your life. Jesus paid it all.

We are more than conquerors through Jesus. Let me give you an example of what it means to be *more* than conquerors. Suppose you had to fight Mike Tyson, in his prime, in a boxing match. I know this will stretch all of our imagination; but suppose you actually defeated him. When they raised your hand in victory you would be a conqueror.

This verse says we are *more* than conquerors. Here is what that means. Jesus has fought all our battles and paid for all our sins. He won the victory. We are in Him and so the victory is ours as well. That is being *more* than a conqueror. By the way, the victory Jesus has won for us was over the devil and all his lies, deceptions, temptation and death. Jesus won the victory for us. We have victory because we are in Him. We should be thankful and we should praise Jesus forever!

Prayer: Lord, thank You so much for saving me and thank You for giving me victory over the devil and all that he does. I know that Your victory in my life applies to everything I face in this life and I know that Your victory in my life will last for all eternity. Thank You for making me more than a conqueror. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



## Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 23-25 John 7:1-31

Praise the Lord! Look at what the Apostle Paul said He was convinced of in Romans 8:38-39, "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

That is quite a list and I am sure Paul was way better off because he had confidence in these things. As I read the things in this list I kind of think Paul believed that nothing was ever going to separate him **from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.** 

Well, I have some good news for you today. Paul didn't just say that nothing would ever separate <u>*Him*</u> from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Look closely, He said that nothing will

# be able to separate <u>*US*</u> from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Did I make that <u>us</u> big enough to make my point? Nothing will ever be able to separate any of God's people from the love of God. Now that is amazing. Please, oh please, know why Paul could be convinced of this. He could be convinced of this because Jesus is the One who is going to keep us in Him. Look at Joshua 23:14, "Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed."

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for keeping me in You. Help me to know that You never fail to keep Your promises. I am thankful that the promises were for Paul, I am thankful that the promises were for Joshua, I am thankful that the promises are for us and I am thankful that the promises are for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 1-2 John 7:32-53

Praise the Lord! God chose you. Ephesians 1:4-8 say, "For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will, to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding."

Thank God that He chose us. This might be hard for some people to accept, but I believe the Word. There is one thing I know for sure from these verses and others. He chose us because of His grace.

Look at what Jesus said in John 6:37-40, "All those the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him who sent Me. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I shall lose none of all those He has given Me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

Both the Father and Jesus were working in our salvation. Did you notice that Jesus said that whoever comes to Him will be accepted and He said that *He will never drive us away?* Thank You, Jesus! We have life and we have eternal life.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for never quitting Your good work in my life. I know that Your Word is always true and I choose to believe it. I am so thankful for the life and life in abundance that I have now and I am really looking forward to being with You for all eternity. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 3-5 John 8:1-20

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 1:7-10 say, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ."

Thank God for the Word. Thank God that we can study it and believe it. There are a lot of wonderful promises in these verses and I want to point out the first two words. "In Him. . ." Everything we have from God is because we are "In Him. . ." We are "In Him. . ." because He paid the price for everything that separated us from Him and His blessings.

We have forgiveness for our sins because of His grace that He has lavished upon us. Thank God for His grace and then thank Him even more for lavishing His grace on us.

God gives us wisdom, He gives us understanding and He makes His will known to us. Our part is to learn what all He has provided for us by studying His Word and then we need to believe.

Believe that you are going to make it and believe that your best days are ahead. God's blessings are not diminishing they are increasing.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me. I know that I am in You and I know that all Your blessings are for me. I choose to believe. Help me to settle these things in my life and help me to be willing to share them with others. I believe and I say that my best days are still ahead and I want to encourage others with this truth. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 6-7 John 8:21-36

Praise the Lord! Look at Ephesians 1:11, "In Him we were also chosen having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will. . ." This verse starts with "In Him. . ." again. We are blessed because we are "In Him. . ." and this verse says we were chosen "In Him. . .". Thank God that He chose you.

He has a plan for you and your life. Believe me, it is a good plan. John 10:10 says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." Jesus has life and life to the full for you. We are blessed.

Ephesians 1:11 also says that we are **predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will...**" God has a good plan for your life and it is His will to bring about His will and His purpose in you according to His will.

Look at what Jesus told us to pray in Matthew 6:9-10, "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."" We are supposed to pray for His kingdom to come and for His will to be done. What if we don't know what His will is in some situation? Well, we aren't told to know what His will is in every situation. We told to pray for His will to be done. When we do our part, He will do His part. Thank God we know these things because it is His will to reveal them to us.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me according to Your will and thank You for working in my life. I want all the life and life in abundance that You have for me. I pray for Your Kingdom to come and for Your will to be done. I pray in faith. I believe that You hear my prayers and I believe that You answer them. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 8-10 John 8:37-59

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 1:11-12 say, "In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of His glory."

We talked about our being chosen in verse 11 yesterday. Now verse 12 says we were chosen so we would put our hope in Jesus and **for the praise of His glory.** God saved you and now our lives should be bringing glory to God.

Not everyone is living to bring glory to God. Look at the comparison between two kinds of people in Jeremiah 17:5-7, "Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord."

Some trust in themselves and their own strength. They are like people living in a desert with no one to help them. Look at what the Word says about the other group of people, "**Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.**" The word *blessed* here means to be *happy, fortunate and to be envied.* God wants to bless you so much. He has chosen you, He has saved you and He wants you to be *happy, fortunate and to be envied.* Don't miss this: we need to trust in the Lord!

Prayer: Lord, I am so thankful for all that You are showing me from Your Word. I know that Your Word is always true. I choose to believe and I choose to base my life on Your Word. I trust in You. You have always been faithful and I know that You will always be faithful. Thank You for blessing me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 11-13 John 9:1-23

Praise the Lord! Ephesians 1:13-14 says, "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, Who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of His glory."

I don't know how you heard the gospel but thank God you did. The gospel is called *the message of truth* in these verses. You may have accepted the gospel the first time you heard it or you may be like me. I had to hear it more than once. Either way, God chose us and He didn't quit on us. Can you say, "Thank You, Jesus!"?

When we accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit entered our lives and He is working. The Holy Spirit is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of His glory.

There is a saying in the natural that some guarantees aren't worth the paper they are written on but the guarantee we have from God is not like that. Our guarantee, from God, is never going to fail or run out. God is backing it up. Look at 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it." God, Himself, is faithful and He will finish His good work in your life. We have a guarantee that we are going to make it.

Prayer: Thank You for saving me and for giving me a guarantee that I am going to make it. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for being in my life and never quitting Your good work. I believe and I want my life to bring glory to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 14-16 John 9:24-41

Praise the Lord! John 6:37 says, "All those the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never drive away." This may be a short verse but it is powerful. We have given our lives to Jesus and He will never drive us away. John 6:38 says, "For I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him who sent Me." Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. Thank God that we have given our lives to Jesus. We were lost without Him and we are now saved. This verse says that Jesus came to do the will of Him who sent Him.

John 6:39 says, "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I shall lose none of all those He has given me, but raise them up at the last day." God's will was for Jesus to come and provide salvation for all who accept Him as their Lord and Savior. That was God's will and Jesus came and did God's will. This verse also tells us that Jesus is not going to loose us. We are going to make it because Jesus is going to keep us.

John 6:40 says, "For My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day." I could have given you these verses all at once but I wanted to show how many times we are told that God wanted us saved and that Jesus wanted us saved. Now that we are saved They are still working to keep us saved. We are with Jesus and we are going to be with Him forever in heaven. Look at what Jesus prayed in John 17:24, "Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory, the glory You have given Me because You loved Me before the creation of the world."

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and thank You for keeping me. I know that You never fail. I am so thankful for the life and life in abundance I have now and I know that heaven is going to be even better. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 17-19 John 10:1-21

Praise the Lord! Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." God was in the beginning and He created everything. I don't know if John had this verse in mind or not when he wrote his gospel but look at John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:2-3 say, "**He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.**" This is talking about Jesus.

Colossians 1:16-20 is talking about Jesus, "For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through HIs blood, shed on the cross."

All things were created by Jesus and for Him. When mankind sinned Jesus was the One who came and laid His life down so we could be saved. We are reconciled to God through Jesus.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me. I know that all mankind was lost and needed a Savior and thank You for being my Savior. I know that You are all-powerful and allknowing. I trust You for my salvation and for every detail in my life. Help me to hear Your voice clearly and help me to always live like You want. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 20-22 John 10:22-42

Praise the Lord! Continuing in John 1, verses 6-8 say, "There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light." John the Baptist came as a forerunner to Jesus. Look at what John said in John 1:29, "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!" John realized that Jesus was the Messiah and that He would provide salvation for all who would accept Him.

In the Old Testament, literally thousands of lambs were sacrificed every year. They all pointed to Jesus coming and laying His life down for our sins. Thank God! 1 John 2:2 says, "**He is the propitiation (sacrifice) for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.**" Jesus' sacrifice was for the sins of the whole world. Now, we do know that not everyone accepts His forgiveness but His sacrifice was great enough to cover them all if they would put their faith in Him. 1 John 3:5 tells us some more. "You know that He appeared in order to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin." Jesus had no sin so He could give His life for our sins.

I Peter 1:18-21, "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through Him you believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him, and so your faith and hope are in God."

Prayer: Lord, Jesus, I accept You as my Lord and Savior. Thank You for paying for my sins so I can be saved. I love You so much. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 23-25 John 11:1-17

Praise the Lord! John 1:9-10 say, "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him." I showed you a couple of days ago that Jesus created world. He created all things and no one recognized Him until John the Baptist.

Jesus came to the Jews and none of them recognized Him. John 1:11, "He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him." God had given many prophetic truths about Jesus but they missed them all. Thank God that wasn't the end of the story.

Verse 12 says, "Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God." Those who did receive Jesus were given the right to become children of God. That was true back then, it was true when you gave your life to Jesus and it is still true today.

John 1:12-13, "Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." We are bornagain as children of God!

John 3:16-17, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."

Prayer: Lord, thank You for coming and paying for my sins on the cross. Thank You for making sure I heard and understood the Gospel. Thank You for saving me and thank You for setting me free from sin and condemnation. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 26-27 John 11:18-46

Praise the Lord! John 1:14 says, "The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

This is talking about Jesus coming. Jesus was and always has been and always will be God but He became a man so He could lay His life down and open up salvation for mankind. Thank God.

This verse says that He **made His dwelling among us.** This is referring to His coming about 2,000 years ago and I certainly don't want to diminish that truth but I think there is more. Jesus also came into our lives when we were born-again and He is now *making His dwelling in us.* Let me tie this into what this verse says right before this. **The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.** Jesus is and has always been the Word. When we let the Word dwell in us we are letting Jesus dwell in us.

Then John 1:14 says that Jesus is full of *grace and truth*. If Jesus is full of *grace and truth* what do you think we will receive from Him? *Grace* is God's undeserved favor and truth is, well, truth.

We need to accept and embrace His grace because we always need His grace. We also need to accept and embrace His truth because we always need His truth. We need both. If a person accepted one of these things and not the other they would be missing out. We need *grace* and *truth*.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for coming and providing salvation for mankind. I am so thankful that I am saved. I also thank You for making Your dwelling in my life through Your Word. Help me to always be open to Your Word, Your grace and Your truth. I don't want to miss out on anything You have for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 28-20 John 11:47-57

Praise the Lord! I want to commend you for being in God's Word this month. I speak a blessing over you and over every bit of His Word that has become real and powerful in your life.

John 1:15-16 say, "John testified concerning Him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me." From the fullness of His grace we have received one blessing after another."

John knew that Jesus was the Lamb of God who came to lay His life down for the sins of mankind. John knew this because God had revealed it to him. When God reveals something to you, be like John. Believe what God reveals to You and never quit.

Verse 16 talks about Jesus being full of Grace. Look at Hebrews 4:16, "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." God is sitting on the *throne of grace*. Isn't that good news. When we approach God *with confidence* we will *find mercy and grace to help us in our time of need*.

You can have *confidence* to approach God on His throne because Jesus has paid the price for you to be there. You can also have *confidence* because of God's grace. Don't miss this. All these things are true and they are for you when you are in a time of need. Can you say, "Thank You, Jesus!"?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your grace, mercy and truth. I believe You have saved me, made me new and forgiven all my sins. I also thank You for showing me that I can approach Your throne with confidence in my time of need. I choose to believe these truths and I choose to act on them. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



#### Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 1-3 John 12:1-19

Praise the Lord! John 1:17-18 say, "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, Who is Himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made Him known."

Thank God for this truth: Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Jesus came to reveal the Father to us. Hebrews 1:1-3 say, "In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, and through whom also He made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful Word. After He had provided purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven."

Jesus is the exact representation of the Father. If you want to know what the Father is like, look at Jesus. When you read the gospels and see all the wonderful things Jesus did, that is what the Father is like. When you read about Jesus meeting people's needs, loving people and setting them free, that is what the Father is like.

I don't know what your earthly father was like. He might have been good or bad but none of our fathers in the natural were prefect. God, the Father, is perfect. Don't let your relationship with your earthly father affect you concept of God. Let your relationship with God affect your relationship with your earthly father.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for saving me and for making me Your child. Thank You, Jesus, for revealing the Father to me. I want to know You and Your ways more fully. I know that You love me and I know that You always want my best. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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# Up and Coming Events

#### **BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS**

Every Wednesday morning at 7:30 AM the men meet for coffee and/or breakfast at the Church Office and a time of fellowship. Contact us here at the Church for more information.

#### WOMEN'S BRUNCH

The first Saturday of the month, the women of Creative Ministries meet for a carry-in brunch at 12pm. Contact us here at the Church for more information and location.

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## **Sunday Morning**

Event	Time	Location
Main Service	10 -11:30 A.M.	The CCI building LCCC
Sunday School	10:45-11:30 A.M.	The CCI building LCCC
		TH MONTH AT 9:30

Please Join us the first Sunday of each month at 9.30 before Church for some Coffee and Doughnuts and lots of fellowship!

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