Truth's We Need Too Treasure and Hold Tightly in Our Minds, Hearts and Souls!!!

Eph $\underline{1:3}$ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

Eph 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world [At which time He wrote our names in the Lamb's Book of Life - before creation (Revelation 13:8)], that we would be holy and blameless [Conformed to the image of His Son Who is Holy and Blameless (Romans 8:29; Hebrews 7:26)] before Him.

Eph 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

Eph 1:6 to the praise of the glory of <u>His grace</u>, which <u>He freely bestowed on us</u> in the Beloved.

"In Him (Eph 1:11) also we have obtained an inheritance, <u>having been</u> <u>predestined</u> (Romans 8:28-30; Psalms 115:3, 135:6; Isaiah 14:24-27) <u>according to His purpose</u> who works all things after the <u>counsel of His will</u>, ..."

Php <u>4:3</u> Indeed, true companion, I ask you also to help these women who have shared my struggle in the cause of the gospel, together with Clement also and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. (Holy Spirit fruit was evident in their lives by the way they loved, lived and served Christ and the Apostle Paul could see this, giving him confidence that they were, each of them, one of God's elect; and, that Christ was in them. True faith has works and can be seen by others.)

Rev <u>13:4</u> they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and <u>they worshiped the beast</u>, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

Rev 13:8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him (the beast & Satan), everyone whose name has not been written from the

foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

The Great White Throne Judgment at the end of time, after Christ's return:

Rev <u>20:11</u> Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

Rev <u>20:12</u> And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

Rev <u>20:13</u> And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.

Rev <u>20:14</u> Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

Rev 20:15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

HEAVEN, after the Great White Throne Judgment and after all unbelievers were thrown into the Lake of Fire; and, there are only believers left on the restored heaven and earth in God's presence:

Rev <u>21:22</u> I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

Rev 21:23 And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Rev <u>21:24</u> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it.

Rev <u>21:25</u> In the daytime (for there will be no night there) its gates will never be closed;

Rev 21:26 and they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations

into it;

Rev 21:27 and nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it (Galatians 5:19-21; I Corinthians 6:9-10; I John 3:3-10), but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life (written before the foundation of the world).

Only God the Father knows whose names He wrote in the Lambs Book of Life - those whom He foreknew (knew intimately as His own) and set His eternal love upon to save them and make them His own! These are those whom He chose, foreknew, and predestined before the foundation of the world. There is a specific and definite number He has chosen and those and those only will become His sheep, in His timing, as He brings them to Himself and draws them to His Son at some point during their life here on earth - for Christ to save them and give them eternal life and make them into Children of God. This is the very reason God the Father sent His Son, Jesus, in obedience to His Heavenly Father, came into this world; became a man; lived a sinless life; and, gave His life to die on the cross for the sins of His elect - to seek and to save those Whom His Father chose and would give too Him. (Mat 1:21 "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins"). Then He arose from the dead and ascended to the right hand of God the Father and is now seated on His throne in heaven. Jesus' death on the cross secured forever the salvation of those whom God the Father chose before the foundation of the world. His resurrection from the dead and ascension into heaven proved that God the Father accepted and was satisfied with His Son's sacrifice thereby removing the wrath of God eternally from His chosen ones - that is His elect.

Joh $\underline{1:12}$ But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

Joh $\underline{1:13}$ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, BUT OF GOD.

Isa <u>53:9</u> His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a

rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

Isa <u>53:10</u> But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering, **He will see <u>His offspring</u>** [Galatians <u>3:18-29</u>, (Vs <u>29</u> in ESV), <u>4:21-31</u>; Romans <u>9:6-8</u>], He will prolong His days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

Isa <u>53:11</u> As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant (Christ), will justify the many [It is only in Christ that we (many) are justified. Romans <u>5:1</u>, <u>8:1</u> - only those in Christ by Faith are justified by <u>God</u> and not under condemnation], As He will bear their iniquities (Romans <u>8:33-34</u>).

Remember what Jesus said:

Joh 6:44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him (Father sends His Holy Spirit to convict us and draw us to Christ and reveal Christ to us); and I will raise him up on the last day. Joh 6:63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Joh $\underline{6:64}$ "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.

Joh <u>6:65</u> And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that <u>no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the</u>
Father."

Also:

Joh <u>6:37</u> "<u>All that **the Father gives Me** will come to Me</u>, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

Joh <u>6:38</u> "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

Joh 6:39 "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has

given Me I lose nothing (John 6:63-65; 17:9-12), but raise it up on the last day.

Joh <u>6:40</u> "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.

Mat <u>11:25</u> At that time Jesus said, "I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.

Mat 11:26 "Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight.

Mat 11:27 "All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. (Romans 9:8-18; If God shows no Mercy to us we will never desire Christ of our own choosing. We are totally dependent upon God to give us Mercy and Grace if we are to know Christ).

Mat 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Mat 16:14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets."

Mat 16:15 He *said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Mat 16:16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Mat 16:17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. [We cannot know Christ unless the Father grants it to us and reveals Christ to us through His great Mercy and Grace; and, it's according to His choice and desire if He does so. We have no choice in this matter (only after the rebirth do we choose Christ). God has done us no wrong and is not unjust if He chooses to allow us to live our lives according to our own choices and desires and to not intervene in our

lives. He intervened in Moses' life; but He didn't in Pharaoh's life according to <u>GOD's own choice</u>. Moses and Pharaoh had no input whatsoever. Moses did not get what he truly deserved (given Mercy). Pharaoh got what he justly deserved according to his own desires, choices and actions (God's Mercy withheld)].

Then:

1Co 1:26 For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble;

1Co 1:27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong,

1Co 1:28 and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are,

1Co 1:29 so that no man may boast before God.

1Co 1:30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,

1Co 1:31 so that, just as it is written, "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD."

The Apostle Paul explains the Israel of God, His chosen (Elect):

Rom <u>9:6</u> "But it is not as though the word of God has failed. <u>For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel</u>;

Rom <u>9</u>:7 <u>nor are they all children because they are Abraham's</u> <u>descendants</u>, but: "THROUGH ISAAC YOUR DESCENDANTS WILL BE NAMED."

Rom 9:8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.

Rom 9:9 For this is the word of promise: "AT THIS TIME I WILL

COME, AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON."

Rom <u>9:10</u> And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac;

Rom <u>9:11</u> for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, <u>so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand</u>, <u>not because of works but because of Him who calls</u>,

Rom 9:12 it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER."

Rom 9:13 Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED."

Rom 9:14 What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be!

Rom 9:15 For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION."

Rom 9:16 So then it does not depend on the man who wills (This eliminates our choice because it was made by God the Father before this world ever came into existence) or the man who runs (This eliminates our works whether good or bad because we were not yet born), but on God who has mercy (God chooses who He shows His Mercy to and who He withholds His Mercy and Grace from).

Rom 9:17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH."

Rom 9:18 So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. [God is Just and would be Just even if He chose to give His mercy to none; or gave NO MERCY to all, withdrawing His Grace from all and allowing all those born of Adam to live according to their own desires and choices having their own free wills to choose their own way and do what they desired. He has done no wrong allowing

us to live our own desires. Without God's Mercy and Grace, we would all die with stony hearts, hearts hardened at conception toward Him and His Grace (Jer 17:9 "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; Who can understand it?" Jer 13:23 "Can the Ethiopian change his skin Or the leopard his spots? Then you also can do good Who are accustomed to doing evil." And, Romans 3:10-18; Matthew 15:18-20). We would love our sins (our SELVES) more than Him and willingly chose our own way rather than allowing Him to tell us how to live our own lives. It would be our willful choice to do so; thusly, justly deserving His wrath. Thank our Sovereign, Loving, Merciful God that He chose some within His Holy, Righteous, Sinless Being, "... according to the kind intention of His will ..." (Ephesians 1:5b), to make His own possession. He cannot err!!! The hearts of stone are replaced by a heart of flesh, by His merciful choice on the some that He chose. This happened at their rebirth by the Holy Spirit!!!]

Rom 9:19 You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" (The truth is we all resist His will, willfully choosing our own way. Isa 53:6 "All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; ..."; Joh 1:9-11, "There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man. He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own (His creation - all born of Adam). and those who were His own did not receive Him". [This is consistent with Romans 3:9-18. God Absolutely loves the world, His creation (John 3:16), the problem is His creation does not love Him. Without His intervention into our lives by His Mercy and Grace we never will love Him. It's by His doing that we are "in Christ", I Corinthians 1:30.] Rom 9:20 On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? (Gen 1:27 "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." God didn't make us sinful beings but made us without sin - Holy and Righteous - in His very image - having face to face communion and

intimacy with Him. Man chose, of his own willful choice, to believe Satan's lies over God's absolute truth, and still does. GOD DID NOT AND CANNOT SIN; ALL MEN SIN and continue to sin against God's will. We are the ones who need to repent according to God's Will and desire for all men!!!).

Rom 9:21 Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump (dust of the earth) one vessel for honorable use (those elect) and another for common use (those He allows to live as they desire, withholding His Mercy and Grace, though He calls all to repentance, and rightfully so; Ezekiel 18:4,23-32)?

Rom 11:1 I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

Rom 11:2 God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew (Those He chose before the foundation of the World and set His Eternal Love upon. Knows them intimately before conception in their mother's womb, Psalm 139:14-18). Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

Rom 11:3 "Lord, THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE."

Rom 11:4 But what is the divine response to him? "I HAVE KEPT for Myself (those given Mercy and Grace) SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL."

Rom 11:5 In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice.

Rom 11:6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace. [GRACE is God giving to those HE DESIRES MERCY and GRACE though no one born of Adam deserves it! We all, every one of us, deserve judgment and God's Wrath and justly so, even after salvation!!! MERCY is God's NOT GIVING to those HE

<u>DESIRES</u> <u>what</u> <u>they</u> <u>justly</u> <u>deserve</u>!!! (Look at Abraham - Genesis 18:17-19 NASB; Noah - Genesis 6:8; David - Psalms 139:14-18)].

Rom 11:7 What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened;

Jesus' Prayer to His Father, God the Father:

Joh <u>17:4</u> "I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.

Joh <u>17:5</u> "Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. (Christ is fully God in eternity past before taking to Himself a human body.)

Joh <u>17:6</u> "I have manifested Your name to the men <u>whom You gave Me</u> <u>out of the world</u>; <u>they were Yours and You gave them to Me</u>, and they have kept Your word.

Joh <u>17:9</u> "I ask on their behalf; <u>I do not ask on behalf of the world</u> (non-elect), <u>but of those whom You have given Me</u> (those chosen); for <u>they are Yours</u>;

Joh <u>17:10</u> <u>and all things that are Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine;</u> and I have been glorified in them.

Joh <u>17:11</u> "I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are.

Joh <u>17:12</u> "While I was with them, <u>I</u> was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and <u>I</u> guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled. (Judas Iscariot, John <u>6:63-65</u>).

Joh <u>17:13</u> "But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves.

Joh 17:14 "I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Joh 17:15 "I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep

them from the evil one.

Joh 17:16 "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Joh 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. (IT IS A MUST that we read and study God's Word so that the Holy Spirit can GUIDE us into ALL THE TRUTH, WRITE His Word in our hearts and SANCTIFY us in Christ that we might have intimacy with God our Father and His Son, our Lord and Savior.)

Joh <u>17:18</u> "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

Joh <u>17:19</u> "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

Joh <u>17:20</u> "I <u>do not ask on behalf of these alone</u>, <u>but for those also who believe in Me through their word</u> (That's Us);

Joh <u>17</u>:21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

Joh $\underline{10:14}$ "I am the good shepherd, and \underline{I} know \underline{My} own and \underline{My} own know \underline{Me} ,

Joh 10:15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. (Not the goats - those non-elect)

Joh 10:16 "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold (Possibly the Gentiles whom the Apostle Paul was sent to as Peter was to the Jews, Romans 4:6-17, Galatians 2:7-8, Ephesians 3:1-11; 2:11-22); I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

Joh 10:24 The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

Joh $\underline{10:25}$ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me.

Joh 10:26 "But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep.

Joh 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

Joh 10:28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

Joh 10:29 "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

Joh 10:30 "I and the Father are one."

How are we saved?

Eph 2:4 But God, being rich in MERCY, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Eph <u>2:5</u> even <u>when we were dead in our transgressions</u> [still in rebellion against God (with hearts of stone) at the time God intervenes in our lives], <u>made us alive together with Christ</u> (by grace you have been saved (Given hearts of flesh)),

Rom $\underline{5:6}$ For <u>while we were still helpless</u>, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom $\underline{5}:\underline{7}$ For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

Rom <u>5:8</u> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that <u>while</u> <u>we were yet sinners</u> (still in rebellion), <u>Christ died for us</u>.

Tit 3:3 For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.

Tit 3:4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared,

Tit 3:5 <u>He saved us</u>, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but <u>ACCORDING TO HIS MERCY</u> (He gives mercy to whom He desires and He hardens whom He desires.), <u>BY THE</u>

WASHING OF REGENERATION AND RENEWING BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,

Tit 3:6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Tit 3:7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs (Sons of God - New Identity in Christ) according to the hope of eternal life.

Ezekiel 36:24-27 & 31 is what happens when we are regenerated and renewed by the Holy Spirit:

Eze <u>36:24</u> "For <u>I</u> <u>will</u> <u>take you from the nations</u> [Jews & Gentiles - Israel of God (Romans 2:28-29), children of promise (Galatians <u>4:28-31</u>)], gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land (kingdom of God).

Eze <u>36:25</u> "Then <u>I</u> <u>will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean</u> (Forgiven of all sins; John <u>13:10,11</u> - all clean.); <u>I</u> <u>will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols</u> (Begins and continues to sanctify us till death. John <u>13:7-11</u> Sanctification - daily washing of feet. Vs. <u>7</u>, understand after death and resurrection. Daily washing of feet (confession of sins, I John <u>1:9</u>) is an absolute necessity to make heaven).

Eze 36:26 "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you (quicken us to spiritual life in Christ); and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. (Now have a heart desirous & open to the saving & sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. A heart to love God with.)

Eze 36:27 "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinance (His Power to live Holy and Righteous Lives and actually become more like Christ.)

Eze <u>36:31</u> "Then <u>you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations</u>. (Gives us Repentance unto Life - Gift

from God).

(Jeremiah 31:31-34 is quoted and explained concerning the New Covenant in the book of Hebrews):

Heb <u>8:6</u> But now He (**Jesus**) has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the **mediator of a better covenant**, which has been enacted on **better promises**.

Heb 8:7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.

Heb <u>8:8</u> For finding fault with them, He says, "BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN <u>I WILL EFFECT A NEW COVENANT</u> WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH (Possibly children of promise remnant within the Nation of Israel);

Heb <u>8:9</u> NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS ON THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT; FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT, AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS THE LORD.

Heb <u>8:10</u> "FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL (Possibly God's Israel within the Nation of Israel), but includes all those circumcised in the heart by the Holy Spirit of God, Romans <u>2:28,29</u>) AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: <u>I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS</u>, <u>AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS</u>. <u>AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD</u>, <u>AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE</u>.

Heb <u>8:11</u> "AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN, AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,' FOR <u>ALL</u> (in Christ) <u>WILL KNOW ME</u>, <u>FROM THE LEAST TO</u> THE GREATEST OF THEM.

Heb <u>8:12</u> "FOR <u>I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES</u>, <u>AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE</u> (Jesus removed our sins

from us as far as the East is from the West, on the cross, and <u>took</u> the <u>fullness of God's wrath upon Himself</u> to <u>remove the wrath of God completely from us who deserved it</u>).

Repentance is a gift from God: (Received at the New Birth Ezekiel 36:31)

Peter (in Acts <u>11</u>) explained to the church at Jerusalem, which was made up of mainly Jews at the time, how God accepted the Gentiles (Cornelius and his household) when He gave to them the Holy Spirit also:

Act 11:18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance that leads to life."

Faith is a gift from God:

Eph <u>2:8</u> For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

Eph 2:9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."

(Romans 9:11-16 + 11:5-6 Please Read - God's Sovereign Choice Alone)

God gave to us, through the regenerating and renewing work of the Holy Spirit alone, the gift of repentance unto life so that we could truly turn from our sins; and, the gift of faith so that we could truly trust and obey Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit living and working in us. (Ezekiel 36:27 We receive when Born Again)

Php <u>2:12</u> So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, <u>work out your salvation with fear and trembling</u> (We must repent daily and trust Christ for His grace and power to walk in Holiness and Righteousness! Without sanctification no one will see the Lord! Hebrews <u>12:14</u> "Pursue peace with all men, <u>and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord</u>); ...".

Php <u>2:13</u> "... for <u>it is God who is at work in you</u>, <u>both to will and to work for His good pleasure</u>.

2Co 6:1 "And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain-- ..."

Truths to Treasure and Hold Tightly too in my Mind, Heart and Soul:

- 1. God chose me, wrote my name in the Lamb's book of life and knew me intimately (foreknew setting His eternal love upon me) from eternity past and for all eternity.
- 2. I was predestined by God the Father, the Sovereign Living God, before creation, to be His son (His own precious possession) by His choice of me. The Father sent His Son and then drew me to His Son for His Son to save me and make me His own according to His Mercy and Grace given to me at His own desire and the kind intention of His will.
- 3. When I was born again, all my sins I have committed, am committing and ever will commit are totally, eternally forgiven and separated from me as far as the East is from the West through Christ's death on the cross. In His sight, I am just as if I have never sinned being clothed in the perfect righteousness of Christ (John 3:7-8; Romans 8:1).

 Jesus, my Lord and Savior, took upon Himself God's complete wrath against my sins, upon His own human body when He suffered and died on the cross, so that I will never ever experience His wrath and displeasure against me. He is eternally for me and never ever against me in Christ. He is sitting at the right hand of God the Father on His thrown in heaven and is interceding for me without ceasing (John 17:9-17; Romans 8:34; Luke 22:31-32)
- 4. God has brought my dead spirit (spiritually dead in my trespasses and sins) to life so that I am forever spiritually

- alive in Christ and for Christ by His Grace. He put a new spirit in me.
- 5. God gave me a new heart to love Him with when He saved me. He took out my heart of stone and gave me a heart of flesh.
- 6. God has put His Holy Spirit in me forever (John 14:15-17) and is therefore with me every moment - now and eternally. He will never leave me or forsake me no matter what trials. tribulations, sufferings, pain and sorrow I go through while here on this earth. The Holy Spirit intercedes for me according to the will of God and helps me to pray as I ought. (Romans 8:26-27). With God's presence - Holy Spirit (Christ in me) alive in me, I can endure and persevere through anything God allows in my life while on this earth. He will give me His strength and power by His grace and presence in me to endure and persevere to the end (Philippians 4:10-13; I Thessalonians 5:23-24; Jude 1:24-25). The Holy Spirit gives me the power and ability to walk in love (Galatians 5:22-25). to live without fear (I John 4:18), to live a holy and righteous life resulting in my being conformed more and more into the image of Christ as He sanctifies and prepares me for eternity (Romans 8:28-30) - to live in His presence.
- 7. When I was born again, God gave me repentance unto life whereby I have true sorrow and grief over my sins, to truly hate my sins and turn from them.
- 8. All the promises of Scripture are from my Father in heaven and are written to me and are for me, in Christ. (John <u>17</u>, Jesus' prayer to His and my Heavenly Father specifically for me)!!!

Rom <u>8:24</u>-"For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he already sees? <u>25</u>-But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it. <u>26</u>-In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know

how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27-and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 28-And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God (I John 4:19), to those who are called according to His purpose. 29-For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30-and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. (It is God's mercy & grace from start to finish. I Thessalonians 5:23-24).

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Rom 8:31-What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32-He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? 33-Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; 34-who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35-Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36-Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." 37-But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38-For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39-nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.