SCRIPTURE PROMISES TO HOLD TIGHTLY TO WHILE WE PERSISTENTLY PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN & GRAND CHILDREN: (Main Translations used, NASB, 1995 & KJV)

Psalms 103:17-19, Believing vs 17 while Doing vs 18 while Trusting vs 19!!! [Conditional upon our personal New Covenant Faithfulness based on John 15:4-10, 16!!!]

Deuteronomy 30:1-20 (pay close attention to verses 6, and 19): Verses 6-10 are speaking of the New Covenant promises given by God, spoken through Moses, and executed by God after the curses upon Israel were completed. Verse 6 is speaking specifically of the New Birth, the regenerating and renewing work of the Holy Spirit! Verses 11-15 spoken by Moses are explained in Romans 10:5-13 as to what Moses meant (All Old Testament Saints were saved by their faith in the Christ of this New Covenant promise though Christ was yet to come), and is speaking clearly of the New Covenant promise of Life in Christ received by: God given faith with God given repentance through the New Birth by Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit!!!

Proverbs <u>11</u>:21

Psalms 25:12-14

Exodus 34:5-7a

Isaiah 54:11-13, 17

John <u>14</u>:<u>12</u>-<u>14</u> vs <u>13</u>, <u>14</u>

John 15:7, 16

John 16:23, 24

Jeremiah 31:31-34; 32:37-42 (Look at Hebrews 8:8-12 - speaking of the New Covenant in Christ) Look at 32:39!

BELIEVE Jeremiah 32:17 & 27 and Luke 18:27 while praying!!!

Ezekiel 36:22-36 - New Birth (New Covenant in Christ, talking about the same thing Jeremiah 31:27-34; 32:37-42 is talking about).

Ezekiel <u>37</u>:<u>21</u>-<u>28</u>, especially vs <u>25</u> (speaking of the New Covenant).

[Other Scriptures to consider with many others not added here: Deuteronomy 5:9-10, 6:1-2, 7:9. Remember, only a remnant will be saved - "but showing lovingkindness to thousands" (This is those in Christ and includes the children and grand children of those who are truly faithful in Christ, Psalm 103:17-19), to those who love Me and keep My commandments".]

[Stand on God's promises and His Faithfulness alone to do what He has promised; walk with thankful and grateful hearts because of and by God's Mercy and Grace through the power of the Holy Spirit He has given to us to help us - that is, obey Christ and follow Him fully (Galatians 5:16 & Romans 8:13-14); and, PRAY diligently, fervently, persistently and continuously in the Name & Righteousness of Christ alone. It is Christ's Righteousness alone that we stand on, for we have NONE in and of our humanity, that is our fleshly being with its human works and efforts. We walk in/by the Holy Spirit with confidence, by faith and not by sight or feelings!!!]

Matthew 7:7-11; Luke 11:1-13 - Put this together with above Scriptures and combine with verses from John 14, 15 and 16

above while holding tightly to Deuteronomy 30:6 & 19; Psalms 103:17-19; 25:12-14; Isaiah 54:11-13, Ezekiel 37:25 & Jeremiah 32:39!!! Can God's Word fail, or can Christ our Lord lie? Learn to walk in the Spirit growing into the image of Christ while crying out to our Heavenly Father for the souls of our children and family members for salvation. Don't ever forget Jesus' words to His disciples speaking of salvation in Luke 18:27, "And He said, 'The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." Hold tightly to promises in verses from John 14, 15 and 16 above while growing into the image of Christ. Focus on obedience to Christ while praying for your loved ones! [Be open & willing to accept God's final answer - He never errs and His judgements are TRUE!!!] In order to grow strong in the faith read Ephesians 3:14-21!!! It is the work of the Holy Spirit and we <u>must</u> ask Him to help and strengthen us! Humble ourselves before Him acknowledging our need, that we can do NOTHING without HIM (John 15:5)! Cry out for His Help! Believe and Trust the Holy Spirit to enable and empower you to follow Christ!!! Especially vs 16, 17 & 20 in Ephesians 3!!! Praise be unto our Merciful, Gracious, Loving & Living God -Father, Son and Holy Spirit!!! Three separate and distinct Persons of the Godhead Who are inseparably united and undivided in Thought, Word & Deed; united together being, in unison, the ONE GOD we Worship, Praise and Serve!!! To accomplish our growth, our part is to willfully & deliberately apply ourselves to the means of Grace (added below), by Faith. God will NOT do our part. We must choose to, diligently and

actively pursue the means of grace in obedience to Christ by the enabling power of the Holy Spirit in us and <u>NOT</u> give into our feelings; and God will do the rest through our faith and trust in His Promises, His Faithfulness to fulfill those promises, and the powerful transforming mercy and grace of the Holy Spirit living in us!!! AMEN & AMEN!!!

Means of Grace to Grow in Christ Once Born Again (II Peter 1:1-12; Philippians 2:12-13)
[Read all Scripture listed]

- 1. Read and Prayerfully Study the Scripture. (John <u>6:48-58;</u> 8:31-32) Stay under the <u>preaching and teaching of the Word of God</u>. Pray, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you into <u>all</u> the truth as you listen, read and study (John <u>16:13-16</u>). Read and study the Scriptures to <u>know Christ</u> (John <u>1:14)!!! Seek after Christ</u>, Philippians <u>3:1-14</u>.
 - 1 Peter 1:23-2:6 "... for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." And this is the word which was preached to you therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord. And coming to Him as to a living

stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For this is contained in Scripture: "BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER STONE, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

John <u>17:17</u> "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."
- 2 Peter 1:2-4 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that BY THEM you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.
- Psalms <u>119</u> (Whole Psalm great prayer for the believer to pray <u>often</u>, making it your own personal prayer to God).
- 2. Develop a strong prayer life and worship God privately and corporately with fellow believers (John 4:21-24)! Depend on the Holy Spirit in you to help you to pray and worship. Read

- and follow our Lord's instructions for prayer and for the controlling power of the Holy Spirit in your life Luke $\underline{11:1}$ $\underline{13}$. Remember that God the Father is your Father now and you are His adopted child in Christ. In Christ we have the spirit of sonship (Romans $\underline{8:15-17}$; Galatians $\underline{3:24-29}$; Ephesians $\underline{1:1-14}$). Learn to pray like a SON!!!
- 3. Stay in close fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ (John 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."): Regularly attend and become active serving and following Christ as a member of a local church that preaches Christ that He is Fully God and Fully man; that you must be born again by the work of the Holy Spirit alone to enter heaven; that, after the new birth, we must be conformed to Christ's image; and, that their beliefs & doctrines are clearly taught from/in the whole of Scripture. Ask for their prayers and pray for them. Love and support them and accept their support and love for you (Hebrews 3:12-14, 10:23-39).
- 4. Witness and share Christ with others. Share what Christ has done in your life and that He can do the same in theirs. (Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Peter 3:15).
- 5. Receive the sacraments Baptism once, when you are born again (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38-41; Acts 9:17-18); and Communion often with the brethren in church (Matthew 26:26-29; I Corinthians 11:23-30)!