

Scriptural teaching on the ONLY way to overcome the flesh, the world and the devil: Faith Alone in Jesus Christ Alone!!! Jesus Christ is the LIVING Son of God/son of man with ALL power and ALL Authority in HIS PERSON.

I John 5:4 For whatever is born of GOD overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world —our FAITH. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but HE WHO BELIEVES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD?

I Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful is HE who calls you, and HE also will bring it to pass. (HE will make us like Christ!!!)

John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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### GOD'S ETERNAL FAITHFULNESS:

Deuteronomy 7:9 "Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Psalms 119:86a All Your commandments are faithful;

Psalms 119:89 Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

Colossians 1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

II Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

I Thessalonians 5:24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

II Timothy 2:13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:8 "The LORD is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

Lamentations 3:22 The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

Isaiah 40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever. (His Holy Word gives to us His promises and His promises are ONLY in His Holy Word!!! His promises are ETERNAL.)

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## GOD'S COMMANDS AND DEMANDS:

(GOD Commands and Demands Diligent, Careful and Total Obedience to ALL HIS HOLY WORD!!!)

Deuteronomy 28:1 "Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do ALL His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. 2 All these BLESSINGS will come upon you and overtake you IF you obey the LORD your God: 3 Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. 4 Blessed shall be the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground and the offspring of your beasts, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock. 5 Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. 6 Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. 7 The LORD shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before you; they will come out against you one way and will flee before you seven ways. 8 The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in all that you put your hand to, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you. 9 The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, IF you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. 10 So all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by

the name of the LORD, and they will be afraid of you. 11 The LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your beast and in the produce of your ground, in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you. 12 The LORD will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. 13 The LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you only will be above, and you will not be underneath, IF you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I charge you today, to observe them carefully, 14 and do not turn aside from any of the words which I command you today, to the right or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. 15 **BUT** it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do ALL His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that ALL these CURSES will come upon you and overtake you: 16 Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country. 17 Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. 18 Cursed shall be the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock. 19 Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out. 20 The LORD will send upon you curses, confusion, and rebuke, in all you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken Me. 21 The LORD will make the pestilence cling to you until He has consumed you from the land where you are entering to possess it. 22 The LORD will smite you with consumption and with fever and with inflammation and with fiery heat and with the sword and with blight and with mildew, and they will pursue you until you perish. 23 The heaven which is over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you, iron. 24 The LORD will make the rain of your land powder and dust; from heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed. 25 The LORD shall cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you will go out one way against them, but you will flee seven

ways before them, and you will be *an example of terror* to all the kingdoms of the earth. 26 Your carcasses will be food to all birds of the sky and to the beasts of the earth, and there will be no one to frighten *them* away. 27 The LORD will smite you with the boils of Egypt and with tumors and with the scab and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed. 28 The LORD will smite you with madness and with blindness and with bewilderment of heart; 29 and you will grope at noon, as the blind man gropes in darkness, and you will not prosper in your ways; but you shall only be oppressed and robbed continually, with none to save you. 30 You shall betroth a wife, but another man will violate her; you shall build a house, but you will not live in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but you will not use its fruit. 31 Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you will not eat of it; your donkey shall be torn away from you, and will not be restored to you; your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you will have none to save you. 32 Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes look on and yearn for them continually; but there will be nothing you can do. 33 A people whom you do not know shall eat up the produce of your ground and all your labors, and you will never be anything but oppressed and crushed continually. 34 You shall be driven mad by the sight of what you see. 35 The LORD will strike you on the knees and legs with sore boils, from which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head. 36 The LORD will bring you and your king, whom you set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone. 37 You shall become a horror, a proverb, and a taunt among all the people where the LORD drives you. 38 You shall bring out much seed to the field but you will gather in little, for the locust will consume it. 39 You shall plant and cultivate vineyards, but you will neither drink of the wine nor gather *the grapes*, for the worm will devour them. 40 You shall have olive trees throughout your territory but you will not anoint yourself with the oil, for your olives will drop off. 41 You shall have sons and daughters but they will not be

yours, for they will go into captivity. 42 The cricket shall possess all your trees and the produce of your ground. 43 The alien who is among you shall rise above you higher and higher, but you will go down lower and lower. 44 He shall lend to you, but you will not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you will be the tail. 45 So all these curses shall come on you and pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, because you would not obey the LORD your God by keeping His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you. 46 They shall become a sign and a wonder on you and your descendants forever. 47 Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and a glad heart, for the abundance of all things (The New Heavens and the New Earth is the final and eternal abundance of all things realized at the consummation of all things at Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. It is the reward given ONLY to the faithful in Christ who keep HIS commandments by the power of the Holy Spirit: keep the faith, hold fast their confidence in Christ - confidence that Christ will fulfill HIS promises to them all the way to the end {Matthew 24:13}); 48 therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in the lack of all things; and He will put an iron yoke on your neck until He has destroyed you. 49 The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand, 50 a nation of fierce countenance who will have no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young. 51 Moreover, it shall eat the offspring of your herd and the produce of your ground until you are destroyed, who also leaves you no grain, new wine, or oil, nor the increase of your herd or the young of your flock until they have caused you to perish. 52 It shall besiege you in all your towns until your high and fortified walls in which you trusted come down throughout your land, and it shall besiege you in all your towns throughout your land which the LORD your God has given you. 53 Then you shall eat the offspring of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters whom the LORD your God has given you, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy will oppress

you. 54 The man who is refined and very delicate among you shall be hostile toward his brother and toward the wife he cherishes and toward the rest of his children who remain, 55 so that he will not give even one of them any of the flesh of his children which he will eat, since he has nothing *else* left, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy will oppress you in all your towns. 56 The refined and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground for delicateness and refinement, shall be hostile toward the husband she cherishes and toward her son and daughter, 57 and toward her afterbirth which issues from between her legs and toward her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of anything *else*, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy will oppress you in your towns. 58 If you are not careful to observe ALL the words of this law which are written in this book, to fear this honored and awesome name, the LORD your God, 59 then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues on you and your descendants, even severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses. 60 He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt of which you were afraid, and they will cling to you. 61 Also every sickness and every plague which, not written in the book of this law, the LORD will bring on you until you are destroyed. 62 Then you shall be left few in number, whereas you were as numerous as the stars of heaven, because you did not obey the LORD your God. 63 It shall come about that as the LORD delighted over you to prosper you, and multiply you, so the LORD will delight over you to make you perish and destroy you; and you will be torn from the land where you are entering to possess it. 64 Moreover, the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone, which you or your fathers have not known. 65 Among those nations you shall find no rest, and there will be no resting place for the sole of your foot; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul. 66 So your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you will be in dread night and day, and shall

have no assurance of your life. 67 In the morning you shall say, 'Would that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Would that it were morning!' because of the dread of your heart which you dread, and for the sight of your eyes which you will see. 68 The LORD will bring you back to Egypt in ships, by the way about which I spoke to you, 'You will never see it again!' And there you will offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer." (GOD gave the blessings mentioned here to Israel out of HIS Mercy, Grace and Great Compassion while patiently waiting for them to OBEY and TRUST HIM ALONE! GOD, because of their disobedience and refusal to obey and keep HIS HOLY WORD given to them, brought ALL the curses upon Israel through the Assyrian Captivity as witnessed before all creation and in world history; and then, brought ALL the curses mentioned above upon Judah through the Babylonian Captivity. This was also witnessed by all mankind and documented in world history. GOD SAYS WHAT HE MEANS AND MEANS WHAT HE SAYS!!!)

Ezekiel 18:29 "But the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not right.' Are My ways not right, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are not right? 30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, each according to his conduct," declares the Lord GOD. "Repent and turn away from all your transgressions, so that iniquity may not become a stumbling block to you. 31 Cast away from you all your transgressions which you have committed and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For why will you die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies," declares the Lord GOD. "Therefore, repent and live." [ALL human beings are from the same lineage as Israel (Adam's lineage) and therefore have the same stony, rebellious hearts from birth that we all inherited from Adam and that Israel displayed throughout human history, EXCEPT for the remnant throughout world history that turned from self (repented and turned from sin), turned to God and humbly believed and received His free and undeserved offer of Mercy, Grace, Eternal and Abundant life promised in HIS HOLY WORD. They chose to stop trusting themselves

(SELF) and to put their faith and trust in HIM alone {Proverbs 3:5-8}; for HIM to save, change, keep them, and make them HIS children, ACCORDING TO HIS PROMISES IN HIS HOLY WORD; PROMISES WHICH HE ALONE ETERNALLY WAS AND IS FAITHFUL TO FULFILL, IN HIS TIME AND IN HIS WAY, AS THEY WAITED AND HELD TIGHTLY TO HIS PROMISES UNTIL HE BROUGHT HIS PROMISES TO REALITY IN THEIR LIVES!!! They, by willful choice, OVERCAME simply by believing and trusting GOD to fulfill HIS promises in their lives as they chose and resolved in their hearts to hold tight to HIS promises until HE, in HIS time and in HIS way, FULFILLED THEM (II Peter 1:2-11)!!! GOD FULFILLED THEM BECAUSE HE CAN NOT LIE, IS ALL POWERFUL, AND IS TOTALLY FAITHFUL TO KEEP HIS PROMISES. They RESOLVED in their hearts and DID hold tight to HIS PROMISES REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEY FELT, THOUGHT, SAW, HEARD OR EXPERIENCED in/through their fleshly bodies; bodies which their souls were in perfect union with and through which their souls lived while alive on planet earth!!! The Holy Word of God lists many of the remnant's names in the book of Hebrews chapter 11!!! Please read Hebrews chapter 11 and see some of the ones who believed GOD. They believed that HE exists (IS) and that HE REWARDS ALL THOSE WHO DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM TO KNOW AND OBEY HIM; AND HE EVEN GAVE TO THEM, DUE TO THEIR FAITH AND TRUST IN HIM, HIS POWER AND HELP TO OBEY HIM AND BECOME FAITHFUL TO HIM {Proverbs 8:17, 34-36}!!! LIFE IS IN CHRIST AND NOT IN US, UNLESS CHRIST IS IN US BY FAITH; ACCCOMPANIED BY OUR WILLFUL DAILY CHOOSING TO TRUST HIM AND TO STOP TRUSTING SELF!!! WE OVERCOME THE FLESH, THE WORLD AND THE DEVIL BY OUR FAITH ALONE IN CHRIST ALONE; BY HOLDING TIGHT TO HIS PROMISES, WAITING ON HIM UNTIL HE MAKES THEM A REALITY IN OUR LIVES; BELIEVING THAT HE IS FAITHFUL TO KEEP HIS WORD TO US WITHOUT FAIL!!!)

Psalm 1:1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of

scoffers! 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers. 4 The wicked are not so, But they are like chaff which the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.

Psalms 119:1 How blessed are those whose way is blameless, Who walk in the law of the LORD. 2 How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, Who seek Him with all their heart. 3 They also do no unrighteousness; They walk in His ways. 4 You have ordained Your precepts, That we should keep them diligently. 5 Oh that my ways may be established To keep Your statutes! 6 Then I shall not be ashamed When I look upon all Your commandments. 7 I shall give thanks to You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments.

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**EACH AND EVERY HUMAN BEING BORN FROM ADAM AND COMING FROM HIS LINEAGE IS TOTALLY UNWILLING AND UNABLE TO OBEY GOD AND BE FAITHFUL TO GOD WITHOUT BEING BORN AGAIN:**

Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Psalms 14:2 The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men To see if there are any who understand, Who seek after God. 3 They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins.

Psalms 143:2 And do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no man living is righteous.

Jeremiah 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.

(We love to satisfy the lusts and pride of our human fleshly body {sarx} we live in and willfully, continually choose to do so!!! Our LOVE for self and self satisfaction keeps us from desiring, choosing, loving, and obeying Christ!!! We need a Savior to bring us out of our love for SELF.)

Jeremiah 17:9 "The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it? (Our hearts LOVE and willfully choose to listen to and obey what our brain, the control center of our human fleshly nature tells us. Our brain continually incites our souls/hearts to fulfill the fleshly desires and pride of it's own fleshly nature it controls. Our hearts are totally deceived by our brain counsel which we desire, love and choose to listen to as well as willfully obey; because our brain counsel is without GOD and without GOD'S influence. Our brain counsel is opposed to GOD in that it incites our souls to sin by inciting our souls {hearts/minds} to satisfy it's own lusts and pride; and, we love to satisfy our lusts and pride {SELF} in order to gain the temporary pleasures it gives to our bodies and great elated feelings to boost and satisfy our human pride. We are human beings, beings who are made up of a body and a soul, and that body and soul are in perfect union with each other the way God created mankind to be.)

Mark 7:20 And He (Jesus Christ) was saying, "That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, 22 deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness. 23 All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man." (Because our hearts LOVE self {our own human nature} and therefore listens to and willfully chooses to obey it's brain counsel)

Romans 7:14 For we know that the Law is spiritual (it takes supernatural, Holy Spirit power {spiritual power} to keep it), but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin.

Romans 7:18 For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh (my own human fleshly nature {body/sarx} with its lusts and pride); for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. 19 For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. [These verses, 18 and 19 of Romans 7, are a testimony of the Apostle Paul, a born again believer in Christ at this stage of his life. He had a new circumcised heart given to him by Christ through the new birth and therefore hated his sin and desired greatly to obey and follow Christ, to be conformed to Christ's sinless Person, but had no power in his fleshly nature or created soul to do so. But, it clearly expresses the Absolute Truth that we are created by GOD with a body and a soul and our body (sarx), Greek word for our human body) and our soul are perfectly united together making us a human being not just a spirit being - soul only. The soul is our spiritual nature made in GOD'S image, with our spiritual heart being the central core and control center of our soul, the person we are; where ALL reasoning, willful decisions and choices are made for BOTH body and soul. Our fleshly bodies (sarx) make up our complete and total human nature with the brain being the control center and communication center of our human nature, though the brain has NO volitional powers to make decisions and make willful choices to act upon its own lusts and pride. Our hearts are hardened towards God because it is our hearts LOVE, desire, and willful choice to listen to and obey our brain counsel (SELF - "own understanding"). Our human brain counsels us with the passions of it's fleshly body motivated by its own lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and boastful pride of life originating from it's fleshly body (our human nature)! Our hearts (souls) willfully desire, chooses and loves to satisfy the lusts and pride of our human nature and therefore obeys it's brain counsel over obeying GOD (obey self over obeying God). Therefore, with such love for self, we don't have the desire and do not

have the power to "Cast away from you all your transgressions which you have committed and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit!, Ezekiel 18:31 as stated above on page 8 of this paper." Our hearts love satisfying our lusts and pride and willfully chooses to do so. Christ Jesus the Living Son of God/son of man, and HE ALONE has the power to change/transform our hearts and set our hearts (souls) free from its bondage to our human nature (SELF). We absolutely need a supreme and supernatural power outside of ourselves to save us from SELF and change/transform our hearts. Jesus Christ is the only Savior Who has the power and authority, being the GOD/man, to change/transform our hearts and make us into true children of God by setting us free from the bondage, passions and influence of our human nature (brain counsel) upon our hearts. He sets us free through HIS FINISHED WORK ON THE CROSS AND HIS PERFECT OBEDIENCE TO HIS HEAVENLY FATHER IN ALL THINGS. Jesus Christ, when He births us into His kingdom, becomes our new Master we love and obey instead of loving and obeying our human nature (SELF - brain counsel). After the new birth we begin loving Jesus Christ with our new circumcised hearts through the power and work of the Holy Spirit in us as HE applies the Word of God to our new hearts and transforms our minds (hearts) with HIS TRUTH (For this reason we MUST CONTINUE learning the WORD OF GOD); and therefore, HIS presence and influence upon our new hearts causes us to begin to hate our human, fleshly nature (brain counsel) more and more because it separates us from HIS LOVE and HIS Abundant life HE desires and does give to us; even though we absolutely don't deserve and never will deserve HIS Abundant Life. He sets us free by literally transforming our hearts and giving us His desires and power by the presence and work of the Holy Spirit HE puts in us through the new birth, so that we can now love Him and say NO to our fleshly desires and fleshly pride while saying YES to HIS righteousness and holy living, becoming more like Him by His power working in us. HE then blesses us because we now love HIM and keep HIS commandments by HIS PRESENCE AND POWER WORKING IN US

AND HIS HELPING US TO DO SO (Philippians 2:12,13).]

Romans 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the (Holy) Spirit is life and peace, 7 because the mind (heart) set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it (Our hearts set on and willfully choosing to satisfy the fleshly desires originating from our human nature communicated to our hearts by our human brain) does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, 8 and those who are in the flesh (listening to and obeying their brain counsel) cannot please God.

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**GOD THE FATHER'S PROMISES AND FREE OFFER OF UNDESERVED MERCY, GRACE, ETERNAL AND ABUNDANT LIFE THROUGH THOSE PROMISES ARE OFFERED TO EACH AND EVERY PERSON BORN INTO THIS WORLD. THIS IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH/BY JESUS CHRIST ALONE AND OUT OF GOD THE FATHER'S GREAT LOVE TOWARDS US!!!**

**IF WE BELIEVE, RECEIVE, HOLD TIGHTLY TO HIS PROMISES; AND THEN, LEARN TO WAIT ON HIM UNTIL HE FULFILLS THOSE PROMISES BY AN ACT OF OUR OWN WILLFUL CHOICE TO SURRENDER OUR HEARTS TOTALLY TO HIS CONTROL: JESUS CHRIST WILL DO TO/FOR/IN/THROUGH US WHAT WE CANNOT DO FOR OURSELVES, IN HIS TIME AND IN HIS WAY, AS WE WAIT UPON HIM TO ACT AND COMPLETELY TRUST HIM TO DO SO!!! HE CAN BE TRUSTED BECAUSE HE IS GOD, IS ALL POWERFUL, IS FAITHFUL TO KEEP HIS WORD AND CANNOT LIE!!!**

**BETWEEN ARE LISTED SOME OF THE PROMISES GOD GIVES TO EACH AND EVERY PERSON WHO CHOOSES TO COME TO HIM:**

TO BELIEVE, RECEIVE, TRUST HIM AND HOLD TIGHTLY TO HIM. IT IS POSSIBLE ONLY BY THE HEAVENLY FATHER GRANTING IT TO US ACCORDING TO HIS GRACIOUS CHOICE: HIS MERCY AND GRACE HE ALONE GIVES OR WITHHOLDS ACCORDING TO HIS GRACIOUS CHOICE (ROMANS 9:14-18; 11:2-6):

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

John 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst."

John 6:37 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. 40 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."

Timothy 1:15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.

Luke 5:32 "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Mark 2:17 And hearing this, Jesus \*said to them, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

John 7:37 Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me

and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Matthew 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. 28 Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden (burdened down with guilt and shame from disobeying God and breaking His commandments to satisfy self), and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Proverbs 28:13 He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion (will find forgiveness and Abundant Life CHRIST ALONE gives). 14 How blessed is the man who fears always, But he who hardens his heart (refuses to repent) will fall into calamity.

(Ezekiel 36:22-32 is talking about what Christ does in/to/through/for us at that moment HE births us into HIS Kingdom. It is ALL HIS Work and nothing of us but to believe, receive, hold tightly to HIS Promises, and completely trust HIM while waiting on HIM to fulfill HIS Promises in our lives, in HIS Time and in HIS way; since HE CANNOT LIE, CHRIST being fully GOD as well as fully man!!! This takes our lifetime on this earth, after the new birth, for HIM to do this work and progressively change us and make us more like HIM!!! Praise HIS Holy Name!!!)

Ezekiel 36:22 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went. 23 I will vindicate the holiness of My great

name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD," declares the Lord GOD, "when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight. 24 For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land. 25 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26 Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. 28 You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God. 29 Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not bring a famine on you. 30 I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, so that you will not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations. 31 Then 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. (This is repentance unto life He gives to us and works in us due to HIS great MERCY, GRACE AND HOLY PRESENCE IN US) 32 I am not doing this for your sake, declares the Lord GOD, let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!"

Jeremiah 32:38 "They shall be My people, and I will be their God; 39 and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me always, for their own good and for the good of their children after them. 40 I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; and I will put the fear of Me in their hearts so that they will not turn away from Me. 41 I will rejoice over them to do them good and will faithfully plant them in this land with all My heart and with all My soul.

Hebrews 8:10 "FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE

WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. 11 AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN, AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,' FOR ALL WILL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM. 12 FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES, AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE."

Ezekiel 37:11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel [Israel is ALL those God has Graciously Chosen to be HIS own possession before creation (Ephesians 1); those HE wrote their names in HIS Lambs book of Life before creation (Revelation 13:8); those HE makes HIS own by giving them to Jesus Christ for Christ to make them HIS OWN POSSESSION (John 15:16; I Corinthians 1:30). And, HE is not talking about the blood lineage physical Israel though some of them, possibly many, are included as the "Israel of God" (Romans 9:6-8; 11:5-7; Galatians 3:28-29)]; behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished. We are completely cut off.' 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel (bring us into the kingdom of God to live in the "promised land" by faith while alive on earth and to have access to the "Jerusalem above" by faith {Hebrews 12:22-25} until we see by sight with our new glorified bodies at and after the Second Coming of Christ.). 13 Then you will know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. 14 I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken and done it," declares the LORD. ""

II Peter 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of

God and of Jesus our Lord (John 17:3); 3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him (John 17:3; John 5:39; John 8:31-32; John 14:15-23; Proverbs 8:17, 34-36; Psalms 119:67-77, 97-105; I Corinthians 2:9-12; John 16:13-15; I John 2:20-27; Hebrews 8:11) who called us by His own glory and excellence (Ephesians 3:14-21). 4 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 (Romans 7:5, 14-18). 5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, 6 and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, 7 and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; 11 for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

Romans 8:12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the (Holy) Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (Christ puts His Holy Spirit in our bodies when He births us into His Kingdom. The Holy Spirit works in us the desire, enabling grace and gives to us the power to die to self, that is to say no to our brain counsel {say no to SELF - Romans 6:16-23}; and, to say yes to Christ our new master {Romans 7:2-6}). 14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God (Galatians 5:16-18; Romans 8:14).

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES AND FIND MANY, MANY, MANY MORE PROMISES FROM GOD TO THE BELIEVER ONCE YOU ARE BORN AGAIN. GOD LOVES YOU AND GREATLY DESIRES TO BLESS YOU AND GIVE TO YOU HIS ABUNDANT LIFE. BUT, BECAUSE HE IS HOLY, HE MUST PUNISH EVEN THE LEAST SIN WHICH IS AGAINST HIS HOLY NATURE. ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD ARE OURS IN CHRIST AND ARE YES AND AMEN!!! WE ONLY HAVE TO BELIEVE GOD IS FAITHFUL, ALL POWERFUL AND WILL FULFILL ALL HIS PROMISES IN OUR LIVES!!! WE BELIEVE, RECEIVE, HOLD TIGHTLY TOO AND WAIT ON GOD UNTIL HE BRINGS HIS PROMISES TO FULFILLMENT IN US, IN HIS TIME AND IN HIS WAY AS HE WORKS THROUGH THE PROCESS OF SANCTIFICATION TO COMPLETE HIS WORK HE STARTED!!! IT IS HIS ABUNDANT LIFE AND HIS WORK IN/TO/FOR/THROUGH US AND NOTHING OF US!!! WE JUST RECEIVE BY FAITH AND THEN CAN'T HELP BUT THANK, PRAISE AND LOVE HIM, AND DESIRE GREATLY TO LIVE FOR HIM ALONE OUT OF HEARTS OF GRATITUDE FOR GIVING TO US WHAT WE DON'T DESERVE AND NEVER COULD/WILL DESERVE - HIS ABUNDANT LIFE!!!

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#### AN IMPOSSIBILITY FOR GOD TO LIE:

Titus 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, 2 in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago, 3 but at the proper time manifested, even His word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior, ...

Psalm 119:89 Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

Psalm 119:144 Your testimonies are righteous forever; Give me understanding that I may live..

Psalm 119:151 You are near, O LORD, And all Your commandments are truth.

Psalm 119:160 The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.

I Peter 1:24 For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, 25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." And this is the word which was preached to you.

THEREFORE,

I Thessalonians 5:23 Now may THE GOD of peace HIMSELF sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body BE preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 FAITHFUL IS HE who calls you, and HE also WILL bring it to pass.

Isaiah 26:12 LORD, YOU WILL establish peace for us, Since YOU have also performed FOR us ALL our works.

I John 5:4 For whatever is born of GOD overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our FAITH. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but HE WHO BELIEVES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD?

I John 5:10 The one who BELIEVES IN THE SON OF GOD has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe GOD has made HIM a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that GOD has given concerning HIS SON. 11 And the testimony is this, that GOD has given us eternal life, and this life IS IN HIS SON. 12 He who HAS THE SON HAS THE LIFE; he who DOES NOT HAVE THE SON OF GOD DOES NOT HAVE THE LIFE.

I John 4:4 You are from GOD, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is HE who is in you than he who is in the world.

EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS BEEN GIVEN BY GOD AT CREATION  
TOTAL FREEDOM TO CHOOSE BETWEEN SELF OR CHRIST, FOR  
CHRIST TO RULE AND REIGN OVER THEIR HEART (THEIR  
PERSON, WHO THEY ARE. THE SOUL IS OUR PERSON LIVING  
IN OUR BODY). BUT, TO DESIRE AND CHOOSE CHRIST MUST  
BE GRANTED TO US BY GOD THE FATHER ALONE (BY HIS  
GRACIOUS CHOICE TO GIVE US MERCY AND GRACE {ROMANS  
9:9-16; JOHN 16:15}, MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE WORK  
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ALONE AS HE ALONE OPENS OUR  
HEARTS AND GIVES TO US THE UNDERSTANDING NECESSARY  
TO DESIRE AND CHOOSE CHRIST. JESUS CHRIST WILL NOT  
SAVE US UNTIL WE ASK HIM TOO WHILE HAVING A SINCERE  
DESIRE TO TURN FROM SELF [SELF IS OUR FLESHLY HUMAN  
BODY AND IS OUR HUMAN NATURE WITH ITS LUST OF THE  
FLESH, LUST OF THE EYES AND BOASTFUL PRIDE OF LIFE.

OUR HUMAN BRAIN IS THE CONTROL CENTER AND  
COMMUNICATION CENTER OF OUR HUMAN NATURE. OUR  
BRAIN COMMUNICATES TO OUR HEART TO OPPOSE THE  
THINGS OF GOD, OPPOSE THE THINGS CONCERNING CHRIST  
AND CONCERNING HIS HOLY WORD, AND CONTINUALLY  
INCITES OUR SOULS TO SIN AND LEADS US ASTRAY.] AND  
TO TURN TO JESUS CHRIST THE LIVING SON OF GOD/SON  
OF MAN, TO TRUST HIS LIVING PERSON ALONE TO CHANGE,  
SAVE, JUSTIFY, SANCTIFY, PROTECT AND KEEP US)!!!

THE LIVING GOD (FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT)  
COMMANDS AND DEMANDS THAT WE CHOOSE WHOM WE  
WILL SERVE WHILE ALIVE ON EARTH. THERE ARE ONLY TWO  
CHOICES - EITHER WE CHOOSE TO OBEY SELF OR WE  
CHOOSE TO ALLOW CHRIST TO RULE AND REIGN OVER OUR  
HEARTS. IT IS A DAILY CHOICE WE MUST CHOOSE DAILY!!!

OUR HEART IS WHERE ALL DECISIONS ARE MADE AND FINALIZED. WE MUST CHOOSE FOR GOD COMMANDS AND DEMANDS WE CHOOSE, AND THERE IS NO OTHER OPTION GIVEN BY GOD. TO NOT CHOOSE IS TO CHOOSE SELF AND REJECT CHRIST. WHAT WE CHOOSE WILL COMPLETELY FINALIZE OUR ETERNAL DESTINY AT DEATH OR AT THE RETURN OF CHRIST AT THE END OF THE AGE IF WE ARE ALIVE WHEN HE RETURNS. AT HIS SECOND COMING HE WILL RAPTURE THE CHURCH TO BE WITH HIM AND ESCAPE HIS WRATH; AND THEN, HE WILL JUDGE ALL THOSE STILL ALIVE ON EARTH WHO REFUSED TO OBEY GOD'S GOSPEL OFFERED TO ALL {II Thessalonians 2:8-12}!!! AFTER CHRIST'S JUDGMENT UPON THE EARTH WITH FIRE AND INTENSE HEAT WHICH WILL MELT EVEN THE ELEMENTS, THERE WILL BE A GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT AT WHICH TIME ALL HUMAN BEINGS WHO WERE BORN INTO THIS WORLD WILL BE JUDGED BY JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN/SON OF GOD. IF IN OUR HEARTS WE CHOOSE TO OBEY SELF (OUR BRAIN COUNSEL TO OUR SOUL), OUR DESTINY IS THE LAKE OF FIRE WHERE WE WILL BE ETERNALLY SEPARATED FROM THE GREAT LOVE OF GOD. IF WE CHOOSE TO SURRENDER OUR HEARTS TO CHRIST, FOR HIM TO RULE AND REIGN OVER OUR HEARTS, OUR DESTINY IS THE NEW HEAVENS AND THE NEW EARTH WHERE WE WILL BE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD WITH HIS DIVINE ETERNAL LOVE FOR US!!! WHAT IS YOUR CHOICE?

#### **ADDITIONAL TRUTHS TO CONSIDER:**

The Kingdom of God on earth is made up of the elect in Christ who are in the Kingdom, living in the promised land by faith while alive on earth before the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ {Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 12:18-}

29}, and then by sight after the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ and after the Great White Throne Judgment {Revelation 20:11-15; 21, 22}.

The latter rain will be to complete the final harvest of the saints.

Pentecost was the early rain at the beginning of the kingdom, at Christ's first coming, to bring in the first of the elect, for those given the new birth and coming into the kingdom through the initial spreading of the Gospel. The latter rain (Deuteronomy 11:14; Leviticus 26:4; Jeremiah 5:24; Zechariah 10:1; James 5:7-8) will be the last great outpouring of the Holy Spirit for the bringing in of the last of the elect coming into the kingdom. This latter rain will complete the final harvest of the Elect (James 5:7-8) as well as end the free offer of the Gospel at that moment the last soul is saved (Daniel 12:7; Revelation 14:14-16). And then, Revelation 14:17-18 - the gathering in of the non-elect for the final battle against the saints {Revelation 14:19-20; Revelation 16:13-16}. The Great Tribulation will begin following the last soul saved with many of the last of the Elect brought in during the latter rains still alive on earth, and ALL of them who have not died before the Great Tribulation starts will go through the Great Tribulation (Daniel 12:7, starting at the end of the 1260 days) which will last for a short season, a total of 75 days following the 1260 days of the spreading of the gospel (Daniel 12:11-12; Matthew 24:21-22). The Great Tribulation will end at the Second coming of Jesus Christ, at which time He will rapture the church (rapture the elect not killed during the Great Tribulation and who are still alive on earth at Jesus Christ Second Coming); and then, Christ, along with all with His saints having a two edged sword in their hands (Psalm 149:5-9), will judge those still alive on earth. Jesus Christ, with fire instead of water as at the time of the great flood, will judge, purge, cleanse and restore the earth from the curse of sin (II Peter 3:10). Time will be no more as we know it at this consummation of all things. Then, God will execute the Great White Throne Judgment of Revelation 20:11-15; and eternity will begin:

**IF YOU CHOSE TO OBEY CHRIST BY TURNING FROM SELF**

(TURNING FROM SINFUL LIVING TO SATISFY YOUR OWN LUSTS AND PRIDE) AND ALLOWED HIM TO CHANGE, CONTROL AND RULE OVER YOUR HEART, YOU will live in the New Heavens and the New Earth forever experiencing the Divine Love of God in the very presence of God with your new glorified body (body set free forever from the lusts and pride of the human nature) united again with your soul!!! PURE JOY FOREVER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD!!!

OR,

IF YOU CHOSE TO OBEY SELF AND THEREFORE YOU CONTINUED TO LIVE FOR YOURSELF TO SATISFY YOUR LUSTS AND PRIDE, HAVING REJECTED CHRIST AND HIS FREE UNDESERVED OFFER OF ABUNDANT LIFE IN CHRIST, YOU will live in the Lake of Fire without the Divine Love and presence of God, with the body still plagued with it's lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and boastful pride of life never being satisfied, united again with the soul; and you will be tormented forever and ever without end, experiencing the reality of the Eternal Wrath of God upon you. It will be based upon your own willful choice to NOT turn from self, and also, NOT turn to GOD. GOD SAYS WHAT HE MEANS AND MEANS WHAT HE SAYS!!!

FOR HELPS TO KNOW YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER, HIS ONLY SON, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, THE PRECIOUS HOLY SPIRIT WHO INDWELLS US WHO ARE BORN AGAIN, AND TO BECOME MORE LIKE CHRIST: STUDY THE HOLY SCRIPTURES WITH INSIGHTS GIVEN ON GOD'S BLOG AS LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT:

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