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**For I am not ashamed
of the **gospel of Christ:**
for it is the **power of God**
unto salvation to every one
that believeth
Romans 1:16**



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Ones that are willing to share a testimony to encourage others along the way in these last days. Jesus is coming soon.

ANGER

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It is not hard to see there is a lot of anger building up today. It manifests itself in the rage and violent behavior we see everyday in the news. It is apparent in the way kids at school treat each other. It is apparent in the way adults speak to and about each other. Anger is used as a political tool to get people to do things they might not otherwise consider doing. The results are always hurt and more anger. Nothing good comes from man's anger.

The Bible goes so far as to call those that are often angry, fools. **"Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools."** **Ecclesiastes 7:9** The word fool, actually means silly or stupid. It generally refers to those that are unbelievers, but can also refer to an attitude. Notice the counsel to not be hasty. We used to say, "count to ten before you reply in anger." For believers, this is important exhortation. How we respond to others should always be a reflection of Jesus.

Every one of us has been angry at some time. Anger is one of the deeds of the old nature. **"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;"** **Colossians 3:8-9** We all have an old nature. However, as God's people (believers, Christians) have something

else. We have the New Nature (the Life of Christ) in us and because of that, we can “put off” the old nature.

The apostle Paul reminds of this in **Ephesians 4:31** **“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:”** He starts in verse 22 about putting off the old man. Then we are told, **Ephesians 4:26** **“Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:”** We are not to let anger control us and cause us to do something against our brother/sister, or something that will bring shame to the name of Jesus.

It is very wise to leave anger with God. **“He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.” Proverbs 14:29** James reminds us to not be hasty in anger. **“Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:” James 1:19** When we become angry, if we first go to the Lord and tell Him what has made us angry, we will find peace, and He will help us to let go of the anger. We need to remember that God is the one who takes care of the circumstance that would cause us to be angry. **“Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.” Romans 12:19**

I have come to understand that anger is a result of pride. We become angry when someone does something to us or says something about us, or maybe even when we feel slighted by others. This is a result of pride that makes us think that we deserve better; that we do not deserve

to be treated this way. We come to understand that we have no control over what others do or say, only over our response to them. That control over our response is yielding to the life of Christ that lives in us.

It is certain that when we act in anger, we will eventually regret it. Anger causes us to do and say things that we would not otherwise do or say. Then, once the words leave our mouth, they can never be taken back. On the other hand, when we are on the receiving end we can heed God's Word; **"[He that is] slow to anger [is] better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." Proverbs 16:32.**

The world would have us believe that getting angry is just natural and necessary. Well, it is natural, but we do not need to be controlled by our anger. When we overcome anger through Jesus, we show to the world that Jesus is truly Lord. We show them how Jesus can bring peace to our lives.

There is a very instructive story in **1Samuel 25**. David is about to react in anger against Nabal, but his wife Abigail comes to speak with David and diffuses his anger. David's response in **verses 32-34** are a reminder that sometimes we can react to a situation in anger that we might regret. Abigail shows us that when someone is reacting in anger towards us, we can help diffuse that anger. Alternatively, we just react in anger and they react in anger, and it just gets out of hand. **"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." Proverbs 15:1.**

Jesus Himself is our example. Peter tells us that Jesus did not respond in anger even though He had a right to be angry. **“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:” 1Peter 2:21-23.**

If you are thinking that it is too hard sometimes to control your anger, then I remind you that you have the life of Christ in you. Not only is He our example, but He is our power to follow His example. When we yield our emotions to Him, we will find ourselves reacting as He would. We should not be gritting our teeth to overcome anger.

I have heard some claim that their anger is a “righteous indignation.” This is just a fancy way to justify our desire to be angry. James reminds us that human anger does not bring righteousness. **“For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.” James 1:20.** It is true that God does exhibit righteous anger at times, but we cannot claim that same outcome since we are not omniscient.

If we have said something in anger, then we should ask forgiveness. We need to ask forgiveness from God, and then from the person with whom we were angry. Don't let the sun go down on your anger. Take care of it quickly. You will feel better, and you will be glad you did. Remember that only Jesus can control your anger.

Recipe for Victory

Romans 8:28

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“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28

The Word of God is like a cookbook. In it we find many recipes for the nutrition of our spiritual man. What is a recipe? The 1942 Webster’s Dictionary defines it as “a list of materials and directions for preparing, mixing or cooking food to produce a particular dish.” However, the primary definition of “recipe” in this edition of Webster’s was “a physician’s formula for a medicine, also called a prescription.” In those days the physician would write out the formula and the pharmacist would mix up the medicine. Today most medications are premanufactured.

Spiritually, this means that the Word of God is also a prescription for the healing of our soul. Rom. 8:28 is a recipe for victory in our lives which is personally prescribed for us, but we must be willing to believe it and to receive it and partake of it. We must do more than simply read this verse or memorize it.

Now I would like to use the natural example of cooking something from a recipe to help explain how that we can appropriate God’s Word for ourselves. Let us assume that

you are going to try to cook something from a recipe that someone gave to you.

First of all, you must trust the person who wrote the recipe and have faith that the finished product will turn out good. The next thing that you do is to read the recipe and consider the ingredients. But just possessing the recipe and reading it does not result in a finished product. You must decide to personally act upon it and make it a reality for yourself. The same is true spiritually. **We must lay hold of the truth of the Word and act upon it by faith.**

It takes all of the ingredients in a recipe to make it come out right. Some of the ingredients by themselves don't necessarily look good or taste good or smell good. Vanilla smells good, but it tastes bitter. Raw eggs and uncooked flour taste bad, but they are necessary. God has a plan, or recipe, for our lives, and we must **trust** that all things will work together, both the bitter and the sweet. At the time that we are "tasting" or experiencing the bitter things, we may not understand the reason for them. His thoughts are higher than ours. He knows the end from the beginning and how much bitter and sweet that we need.

Suppose in making your recipe that you tasted each ingredient separately and decided to just leave out the things that didn't taste good. Suppose you felt that all ingredients should be equally represented, so you just used $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of everything. Or perhaps you got impatient and decided to speed up the process by doubling the heat and cooking it for half the time. Maybe you can't stand the heat from the oven, so you decide to put the cake in the freezer instead!

Too often we try to rewrite the recipe of God's Word to make it fit our lifestyle instead of patiently waiting for Him to work His will in our lives. **God knows exactly what we need:** how hot to make the oven of our trials and how long we need to stay in them to produce the desired outcome.

Paul stated in Rom. 8:28 that he knew that all things work together for good. How did he know that? He learned that by his own experience. He had tried the recipe and discovered that it worked good for him. He was able to count all of the "all things," including the suffering and the imprisonment, as **joy**. And so, he passed the recipe on to us. It is our recipe for victory. Are you willing to try it?



Amazing Grace Poem

**by
Vicky Moots**

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!
No greater place could e're be found
Then safely kept in Jesus' arms,
Protected from the temptor's harms.
The vic'try for our souls was won
By heaven's own Beloved Son.
Upon the cross, on Calv'rys brow,
Our sin He bore for us, and now
We stand complete in Christ alone.
He bought us, now we are His own.**

VALLEYS

To each of us there comes a time,
when valleys we must face.
The walls seem steep, no end in sight,
yet always there is grace.

Each valley is a different trial,
and some are battles fierce.
We seem to face awesome giants,
whose armor we can't pierce.

Yet when we fight instead of run,
and use what God deems best,
Then giants fall in sound defeat,
and we just stand there blessed.

Sometimes the battle waxes strong,
Our foes just laugh with glee.
Yet when our voices lift in praise,
they turn in fear and flee.

The valleys seem to sap our strength,
and weary with the fight,
We cry out for relief and rest,
and God gives us His Might.

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Ephesians

Part 3

Pastor Gordon Crook

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.” Ephesians 1:7-10

In the first six verses, we started noting that Paul continually refers to He, Him, who hath, all referring to what God has done. This first chapter really helps us understand the provision, and it is those that will go deeper and seek complete maturity that will lay hold of these.

As we continue in this chapter, we continue to see more of what has been done for us. **Redemption (liberation procured by the payment of a ransom)**, and

forgiveness of sins (remission of the penalty).

Jesus purchased (paid the price for) our redemption. Not just barely, but **according to the riches of His grace.**

We do not have the capacity to understand the true meaning of that phrase. Anything we think about what that means, falls short of the actuality. Our minds are so limited by the fact that we live in a limiting environment. I really encourage you to take time and meditate on some of these statements in this first chapter. Let the Holy Spirit speak to you.

All of what we see here is God's doing **according to His good pleasure.** We cannot take any credit, nor can we even think that we might have imagined this. And what we learn is that everything that God purposes is abundant. Never just barely enough. This entire plan is God's wisdom. It certainly does not fit the wisdom of this world. Consider **1 Corinthians 1:17-25.**

He has **abounded** towards us. The means that He created provision for us beyond what might be expected. This is His wisdom. I often hear people say something like "God is so unfair, or He doesn't care about human suffering, or how can a loving God do this?" As if somehow a puny little human could even imagine or understand the workings of the all-wise God. Paul says this **"Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men." 1Corinthians 1:25.** The most "foolish" thing that God could do, is still wiser than the wisest thing man could conceive.

And, instead of just keeping His wisdom to Himself, God imparts it unto us. **"But of him are ye in Christ**

Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:" 1Corinthians 1:30. Everything that God has is made available to us through Jesus. Not because we deserve it, but because it is His good pleasure (grace). This thing that God has done and is doing right now, is not just a random occurrence. He is not just throwing things out there to see what happens. God always has a plan and purpose with everything He does. All the provision He has made available to us is making something specific that God had predetermined before the beginning of time.

God is bringing everything together in Jesus Christ. This is not an experiment to see if it works, it is a completed plan into which we are being offered a place. God absolutely **will** bring all things together in Jesus Christ, and the only question we must consider is: Am I going to be part of that? Remember that God is doing this. It is His work, not yours or mine.

For all of eternity, God will demonstrate that His plan of grace, that required the sacrifice of Jesus, was the only way, and that will bring Him glory. Notice this statement: **"That we should be to the praise of his glory."** I always find this incredible. If you really understand the condition of humanity, it is incredible to consider that God will use us to bring glory to Himself, and yet, He absolutely will.

And, incase that isn't enough, He has made us His heirs. We have **"obtained"** an inheritance. We have not **"earned"** an inheritance, it is God's grace towards us to give us an inheritance in Christ Jesus. **"And if children,**

then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.” Romans 8:17. I don't know about you, but that is a statement that is hard to grasp.

If I told you that your were heir to Warren Buffet, you might be overwhelmed at the immensity of that prospect. That isn't even a drop in God's bucket. He is the creator, and thus owner, of everything. This isn't about some greedy grab for wealth, it is an acknowledgment of the immensity of God's grace towards us. It should elicit gratitude and humility to realize we have been given saving grace, enabling grace and preparation grace.

We have put our trust in Jesus, and that is all He has asked of us, Faith. Believe what He has said and trust that He will accomplish all of His will. The Gospel is not about performance, but rather it is about putting all of our trust and faith in Jesus for every aspect of our lives.

Faith is not some blind adherence to something because someone told us to. We trust Him because He has proven who He is. Abraham stepped out in faith and God proved to Him over and over that He was able to do what He promised. It is even easier for us. We have all of the Old Testament that shows us over and over God's faithfulness and His ability to accomplish His promises.

Even beyond that, we can clearly see God's faithfulness in His creation. He has created this world for us, and He sustains it every day. It is just exactly what we need to live.

Continued

A Very Present Help

Psalm 46:1

**He's helping me now this moment,
Though I may not see it or hear,
Perhaps by a friend far distant,
Perhaps by a stranger near,
Perhaps by a spoken message,
Perhaps by the printed word;
In ways that I know and know not
I have the help of the Lord.**

**He's keeping me now -this moment,
However I need it most
Perhaps by a single angel,
Perhaps by a mighty host,
Perhaps by the chain that frets me,
Or the walls that shut me in;
In ways that I know and know not,
He keeps me from harm and sin.**

**He's guiding me now-this moment,
In pathways easy or hard,
Perhaps by a door wide open,
Perhaps by a door fast barred,
Perhaps by a joy withholden.
Perhaps by a gladness given;
In ways that I know and know not,
He's leading me up to heaven.**

**He's using me now-this moment,
And whether I go or stand,
Perhaps by a plan accomplished,
Perhaps when He stays my hand,
Perhaps by a word in season,
Perhaps by a silent prayer;
In ways that I know and know not,
His labor of love I share.**

- A. J. Flint

SHARING TESTIMONIES

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Testimonies are a blessing, whether they are about the power of the Lord working on our behalf in our lives or about the power of the Word working in our lives. I have been meditating on the importance of tribulations in our lives. The Word is so rich and precious in how it encourages us.

In Romans 5:3-5 I see the Fruit of Faith. This shows how our character is developed through tribulation. It begins with tribulation. Tribulation tempers us and teaches us who we are and what our potential is. The fruit begins with accepting and embracing each experience. Our attitude and our actions are put on display and both man and God see how we respond to tribulations. Through each experience we show **the love of God** and **our love for God**. These are spiritual character traits from lives tested and tempered by fire. We are made stronger. This is the testimony of an overcoming life. This is the testimony I want in my life.

Paul begins with "*we glory in tribulations.*" This was his testimony, and the testimony of those with him, They experienced tribulations. He assures the saints that what he has done, they can do. He leads by example. I want this to be my testimony also. Paul saw the "*glory of God*" on the road to Damascus. He saw Jesus in all His glory. He never took his eyes off Jesus. This is a declaration of victory. It is a cry of joy. It is the testimony of an overcomer. When we see "*the glory of God*" the way Paul did, then we can "*glory in tribulation also.*" When

Jesus fills our vision, when we see the power of the grace of God, then that grace meets every need and glory is the result. The Lord used tribulations. To strengthen our faith, prove our faithfulness, make us reach out for that glory.



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I love these verses about God "Himself."

I Thess. 5:23 – "Now the God of Peace **Himself** sanctify you entirely."

II Thess. 3:16 – "Now may the Lord of peace **Himself** continually grant you peace in every circumstance.

Psalm 68:35 – The God of Israel **Himself** gives strength and power to the people.

I Peter 5:10 – The God of all grace...will **Himself** perfect, comfort, strengthen and establish (settle) you.

Amazing to think the God of the universe **Himself** comes to us! Praise Him!!



A THANKSGIVING

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I have a Bible study once a week with my oldest sister, Mary, who has breast cancer and was given 6 months to live last May 2025, having denied her condition and refused treatment. Well, she is still with us and we're

having wonderful studies in the Bible. We began with the book of Acts because I wanted, Mary, still a Catholic, to see for herself the simplicity of the Church in its early beginnings without all the traditions of men added. My sister, Rita, comes on Mondays and takes her to mass at the facility where Mary lives and I get together with her on Thursdays for Bible study. I am praying the truth of God's Word will expose the darkness of that system. She has an amazing ability to remember scriptures that she has read, and she spends a lot of time reading her Gideon Bible. Last week she asked me what "saved" means. What an open door! Because of her mental illness it is hard to know just what she is taking in but I am counting on the Word of God to not return void.

There is a 90 year old man named Gail who has been joining us for our study. He has told me more than once that he has never heard things like we study before. Last week he asked me if I believed in the rapture of the Church before the tribulation so I had a great opportunity to share the truth about ranks in the resurrection & translation. He said, "In all my life I've never been taught that." He is a solid Baptist and tells how he witnesses to different residents at the facility. He is such a blessing to have in our study. Sometimes he clarifies something for Mary that I maybe make too complicated. It's so hard not to pour out everything one knows when we finally have an opportunity to share these wonderful truths. Praise God for the wealth we have in the unsearchable riches of His Word!



THE BRIDE BEAUTIFIED

Part 1
Jack Davis

**“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD IS UPON ME;
BECAUSE THE LORD HAS ANOINTED ME TO...
GIVE UNTO THEM BEAUTY FOR ASHES” ISA.
1:1,3.**

We may understand from this portion of Scripture that by the Spirit of the Lord, there will be marvelous changes for the regeneration of a believing remnant of God’s chosen nation. They will enjoy as a new creation glorious changes – exchanging ashes for beauty. But also in this Church Age there is a beautification taking place in the lives of yielding believers. The ashes of the old being exchanged for a glorious beautification in the new life. It is hard to understand why any of us would want to hang onto, or keep around the ashes. When we think of ashes we think of that which has all the beauty, and moisture of life burned out of it. Whatever we count loss in order to go on all the way with our Lord can be still seen as ashes.

God has provided from the love of our Lord Jesus Christ an awesome beautification into His radiant glory. This work is available for every believer that remains available, like clay in the potter’s hand – Col. 1:20-23. The Thessalonian saints received the Word with much affliction, but also with the joy of the Holy Ghost. There were some Saints that took joyfully the spoiling of their goods, because they knew in themselves, they had in heaven a better and enduring substance. As we are available to His hand, our afflictions of the moment are

working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Are not these beauty for ashes?

“For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beatify the meek with salvation” – Psalm 149:4. Are you glad to know of the pleasure he takes in us? What a wonderful beauty tip. This is God’s work to be done upon and for any meek enough to realize their need for His great salvation. Thank God there are some in this age aware of their need of His salvation not the uttermost, and depend upon Him to take them on all the way. Meekness expresses the attitude that accepts all of God’s dealings with us a good. Blessed are the meek. God’s most beautiful Son was indeed the most meek. He invited us to come unto Him as such – Mt. 11:28-30. His first advent was somewhat characterized with that lamb-like meekness, that never indicated weakness. I think Paul showed the same in I Cor. 15:10.

Peter spoke of the manner of life of believing wives, that their attitude could be so attractive so as to attract others to Christ. He points out that it wasn’t their outward adorning, but rather let it be the “Hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price” – I Pet. 3:4. This should be active in true men of God as well. The Lord doesn’t seem to be as impressed with the outward appearance as we are – Mt. 23:27-28. Yet that doesn’t mean that we are more Spiritual by trying to look shabby.

“Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth”

– **Psalm 110:3.** Here is another beauty tip, and trait, “willingness.” They will have given an eternal yea, when asked “will you go.” Their willing attitude will have long been on record before He has girded on His sword and put down all rule and authority opposed to Him. His people do well to see themselves as free will offerings – Rom. 12:1-3. Then He bestows upon us His comeliness favor and honor. This has begun in an earlier day, “from the womb of the morning.” They will have been spiritually renewed and refreshed, with the dew of His eternal youth.

“Honor and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness...” – Psalm 96:6,8,9. This is why he is doing such marvelous things in us, and for us, so that we worship Him in the beauty of holiness. Let us sense there a refined condition, an elevated realm of the Spirit, also translated, “the glorious sanctuary.” Is he able to make such of us? Has He made the light of the knowledge of His glory shine into our hearts? Has He put the Christ life treasure into earthen vessels? Is He able to make the life of Christ manifest in human beings? How about the life of Christ being magnified in our bodies?

“Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us...” – Psalm 90:17a. It first, of course must be within. It is evident that He enjoys such request from believing hearts. “Lord, you have provided for it, now we are expecting you to produce it, make it happen. What do we require of Him? He is pleased that we are wanting no other attractiveness. We sing the chorus; “Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.” We think of Esther’s preparation

in order to be pleasing to the King. She required nothing but what the keeper of the women (representative of the Holy Spirit) appointed. **Are we allowing Him to do the purification in our lives to prepare us to reign with Christ?**

Part 2 will be in the next issue.



The beauty of Jesus

***Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me,
All His wonderful passion and purity;
May His Spirit divine all my being refine,
Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.***



“AND I AM HIS”

(Song of Solomon 2:16)

I am His, by Him created; I am His, by His redeemed:
I am twice His, by original right, and by purchase when
I was lost. I am His by the ransom of His blood, His by
the conquest of His spirit, His by my own free consent;
His in body, in soul, in estate; His entirely, His
exclusively, His irrevocably.

I am His and He will defend me, His and He will correct
me, His and he will make use of me; but His and He will
love me, His and He will delight in me, His and He will
claim me against all rivals and opponents; yea rather His
and He doth love, His and He doth delight in me. His and
He claims me now against all adversaries.

I am not my own, not the church's, not the world's, not
man's, not the law's, not Satan's; but His, Christ's, my
Beloved's. I am not the property of time, nor of care, nor
of business, nor of necessity; but of Christ, for "I am
His."

I am my Beloved's, and none else possesses either right
or power over me, except according to His will and
sufferance; and if I am my Beloved's and He is mine,
then all that is mine is His, all my sin, my weakness, my
condemnation and my misery; and all that is His is mine,
all His strength, His righteousness, His wisdom, His
holiness, His salvation, His glory, His God is my God, His
Father is my Father, His brethren my brethren, His
Heaven my home.

From an old Scotch book, "The Song of Songs"

by A. M. Stuart

From India

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Praise be to our Lord, how wonderful is His love and how marvelous are His deeds!

James 4:7 says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." While living on this earth, our Lord Jesus showed us in practical ways not only to resist the devil but also to overcome him. Immediately after His baptism as led by the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus went to the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Since the purpose of His coming was to do battle with the forces of evil, His first encounter before the start of the ministry was with the prince of evil himself. Temptation was also a preparation for His ministry, as had been His baptism. In baptism, He had received the Holy Spirit, a confirmation of His mission, while in His temptation, He received the strengthening from God, which came from trial and testing. It is a part of the discipline of God to make His loved ones perfect through trial and suffering.

It was precisely this part of our Lord's mission that the devil attacked. The temptations were meant to divert our Lord from His task of salvation through sacrifice. Instead of the Cross as a means of winning the souls of men, Satan suggested three shortcuts to popularity. Jesus' temptations were aimed at His identity as the Son of God, challenging Him to use His power for selfish desires of the flesh - turning stones to bread - to replace the suffering on the Cross with an effortless display of

power - jumping from the temple, and to choose a much quicker way of establishing His Kingdom by striking up a treaty with Satan and worshiping him. (Matthew 4: 1-10) But Jesus responded consistently using the Scripture, asserting that man lives by God's Word, not just bread, that one should not test God and that only God should be worshiped. This shows Jesus' commitment to God's will, refusing shortcuts to His mission.

Beloved, let Jesus be our role model. Let us overcome the devil and his temptations by quoting the Scripture. Let us defeat him by the power of the Lord Jesus, by His name and by the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Let us resolve to spend more time each day in Bible reading, meditation and prayer. May the Lord give us His grace to do so. Thank you for your prayers and support. God bless.

Yours in His service.
Pastor Pani and Team
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**Wherever I am, I'll praise Him,
Whenever I can, I'll praise Him,
For His love surrounds me like a sea,
I'll praise the Name of Jesus,
Lift up the Name of Jesus,
For the Name of Jesus lifted me.**

When We All Get to Heaven

**Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
Sing His mercy and His grace;
In the mansions bright and blessed,
He'll prepare for us a place.**

**While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
Clouds will over-spread the sky;
But when traveling days are over,
Not a shadow, not a sigh.**

**Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay.**

**Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open,
We shall tread the streets of gold.**

**When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory.**

– E. E. Hewitt

The Encouraging Word

“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” Isaiah 55:11

“God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.” Psalm 62:11

“Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer” Romans 12:12

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.” Philippians 2:3

“My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.” Psalm 62:5

“For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.” Romans 11:36

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.” Galatians 3:26

“It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.” Lamentations 3:26

“Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 124:8

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