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After thirty years of serving as TBI's President, Rachel Burchfield revised her time-proven Foundations-For-Life series to equip all ages. Teens and adults can now become Strong In Life through TBI's Distance Learning Program, while the On Campus option still remains an option exclusively for those 17 - 25 years of age.

The overall objective of the Foundations-For-Life series is to:

- Make unshakeable disciples for Jesus Christ
- Create a love for the inspired Word of God
- Introduce the adventures of being a bold, Bible believer

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



1983

*Dear Sons and Daughters,
Welcome to the great adventure of following Jesus Christ!*

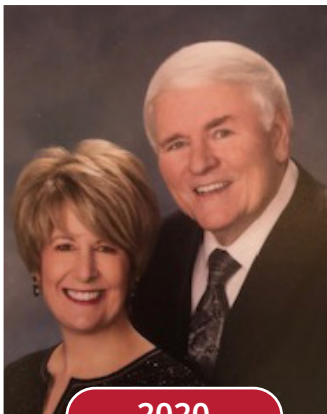
We are proud that you have chosen to build your life on God's unchanging Word. The decisions you are making during these treasured TBI months will determine the course of your life, family, and future legacy. Pastor Tommy and I both made those same choices fifty years ago!



2003

This "Foundations-For-Life" curriculum was written exclusively for our dear Texas Bible Institute students. Thousands of TBI Alumni from thirty-nine states and forty-one nations are now "Strong For Life" and fulfilling God's purpose for their lives. Now, it's your turn!

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2020

So, dear one, read and re-read this workbook until you've "made it your own." As you mature in Christ, these writings will serve as reference manuals for your own miracle moments, and you'll be Strong For Life.

In His Joy,

Pastors Tommy and Rachel Burchfield

Founder and President, Texas Bible Institute

*"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid,
which is Jesus Christ." I Cor. 3:11*

WHAT WE BELIEVE

GOD IS
OUR FATHER



As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him. Psalm 103:13

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort...

II Corinthians 1:3

JESUS CHRIST IS
OUR SAVIOR



For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John. 3:16

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6

THE HOLY SPIRIT
EQUIPS BELIEVERS



However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth. John 16:13

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me ...to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8

THE HOLY BIBLE
CAN BE TRUSTED



Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away." Matthew 24:35

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. II Timothy 3:16

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*This is my Bible!
I am all that it says I am.
I have all that it says I have.
I can do all that it says I can do.*

E. W. KENYON

Chapter 1

A TWO-SIDED IDENTITY

Do you remember when your teacher in elementary school punished the *entire class* because of one dumb boy who kept throwing his pencils? *Yep, his name was Adam.* Grrrr... The cool thing, later in the year, was when that same teacher gave the most amazing gift to the *entire class*; a trip to his lakehouse! Wow! You didn't really deserve that gift, but it came with the class *you were identified with.*



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

II CORINTHIANS 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8

... but [Jesus] made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

II TIMOTHY 2:11

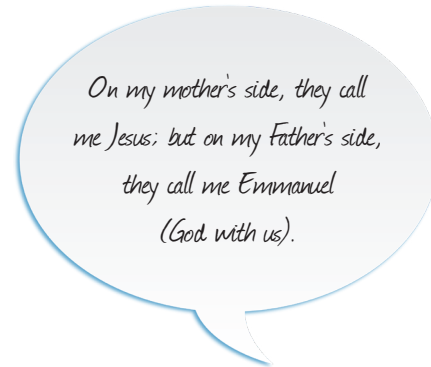
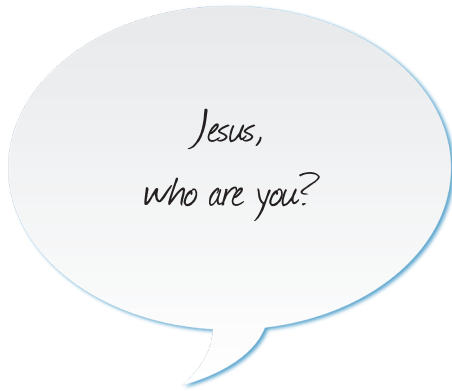
This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him.

The Word was designed by the Father to take Jesus' place in His absence.

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

JESUS, WHO ARE YOU?

Imagine this conversation in the temple with a twelve-year-old Jesus talking to the Pharisees.



Pharisees: Jesus, how old are you?

Jesus: On my mother's side, I am twelve; but on my Father's side, I am from eternity past to eternity future.

Pharisees: Son, where are you from?

Jesus: On my mother's side, I am from Bethlehem, City of David, and House of Bread; but on my Father's side, I come to you from the very portals of Heaven.

Pharisees: Two names, two ages, so, do you have two sets of plans?

Jesus: Well, as a matter of fact, I do. On my mother's side, I am going to die on a cross, hanging between two thieves, and die for the sins of humanity.

Pharisees: Ha-ha. I suppose you're going to include these followers of yours?

Jesus: Yes, I will give them My name as power of attorney so they can continue what I began. Together we will rule and reign forever to the glory of God!

AN INTRODUCTION TO IDENTITY

Most people focus on who they aren't. They aren't smart, they aren't rich, and they aren't a rising star. But that is their natural John Doe identity. Your real identity is who you are spiritually. Knowing who you are In Christ will introduce you to an overcoming life of purpose. You're going to be amazed to learn how God describes the real "you" (your inward man).

FROM GOD'S VIEWPOINT

God is a spirit. He created the spirit world first, and then the physical world came secondary. To understand the depth of being In Christ, we must see things from the spiritual viewpoint.

Here is a summary of 6,000 years on one page that will begin to explain your new identity In Christ. There are...

Two Realms

A _____ realm; what your five senses see, feel, taste, touch, hear.

A _____ realm; invisible patterns and powers that connect with God.

Two Fathers

_____, the Father of Lies who rules all who do not believe in Jesus Christ. *Jn. 8:44*

Our Father _____, who loves you unconditionally. *1 Jn. 3:1*

Two Kingdoms

The Kingdom of _____ whose king is Satan. *Col. 1:13*

The Kingdom of _____ that is ruled by Jesus Christ. *1 Tim. 6:16*

The word "kingdom" denotes governments and realms of authority. Spiritual kingdoms are invisible, but release a powerful presence to uphold their domain.

Two Final Eternities

All of humanity will spend eternity with their spiritual father.

_____ belongs to those in God's family. *Jn. 14:1*

Hell is the final destination for _____ and his family. *Rev. 20:15*

God poured your sins into Jesus, then in exchange,
God poured His goodness into you.

Two Mirrors

The _____ mirror which reflects your outer man.

The _____ mirror which reflects your inner man *In Christ*.
Jms. 2:25

Two Adams

One of the 212 titles of Jesus Christ is the _____. *I Cor. 15:45*

The First Adam

- Born of dust
- Disobeyed God
- Brought death
- Caused the Curse
- Opened the door to sin & sickness

The Second Adam

- Born of the Spirit
- Obeyed God
- Brought life
- Became a Curse
- Opened the door to abundant life

"For this one man, Adam, brought _____ to many through his sin. But this one man, Jesus Christ, brought forgiveness to many through God's mercy." Rom. 5:12-19

"Adam caused death to be king over all. Jesus' obedience makes us kings of life." Rom. 5:17 LVB

So basically, the first Adam messed it up.
The Second Adam fixed it up.

THE MIRACLE MIRROR

If you are born again, you are no longer "in Adam." You are "in Him," which means you are connected to, fueled by, and identified with Jesus Christ. That includes everything He has and is. As you read your New Testament, underline the scriptures with the words listed below. **These 134+ scriptures describe who you are and what you have In Christ.** It's like looking into a miracle mirror at your inner man.

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|------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| • In Christ | • By Christ | • From Whom | • With Him |
| • In Him | • By Him | • Of Christ | • By Me |
| • In the Beloved | • By Himself | • Of Him | • In Me |
| • In the Lord | • By His Blood | • Through Christ | • In My Love |
| • In Whom | • By Whom | • With Christ | • In His Name |

For example, "... we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." *Rom. 8:37*

You can personalize that scripture by saying, "Through Him, I am more than a conqueror."

Say what God says about you. That is what a confession of faith is!

THREE EXAMPLES OF IDENTITY

He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death—and the worst kind of death at that—a crucifixion. Ph. 2:7-8 Msg.

01. *Two Super Bowl Rings*

How could a guy have two Super Bowl rings, but never leave the bench? Identification rocks! Rohan Davey may not be a household name, but he has two Superbowl rings. Rohan was drafted by the New England Patriots in 2002 and ended up as Tom Brady's back up's back up. During his three year stint with the Patriots, he made brief appearances in just seven games, but he still ended up with two Super Bowl rings! Why? Because his status was not determined by his performance, but by his identification as a Patriot.

02. *Undercover Boss*

An Emmy-winning reality series, *Undercover Boss*, shows high-level corporate executives who leave the comfort of their offices to take low-level jobs within their companies. They identified with the injustice, criticism, and prejudices; but after revealing who they really were, used their authority to bring change. What a beautiful picture of identification.

03. *Wedding Bliss*

When a woman marries a man, she legally gives up her name to receive his, and the two enjoy a union. To be "In Christ" assures you of your complete union with Him as your Substitute. The law of identification is the legal side of your redemption. I'm amazed how few understand it. It unveils the two-sided oneness; first His oneness with you, and then yours with Him.

I have been _____ with Christ;

it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives _____ . Gal. 2:20

Think of it this way... I have been co-crucified with Christ.

Meet Josh.
(1939 -) Seven
years of sexual
abuse, collegiate
scholar, shared hope
In Christ to 46 million
people in 139 countries.
Wrote 120 books on Christian
apologetics. Read Josh McDowell's
story at josh.org.

God's Word is a miracle mirror which
reflects who you are In Christ.

A TWO-SIDED IDENTITY

01

Who you are *In Christ* is the description of your inner man.

02

The first Adam opened the door to sin, but the Second Adam opened the door for blessings.

03

Jesus identified with humanity, so you can be *In Christ*.

04

Knowing your identity *In Christ* brings significance and purpose.

*Jesus became like you,
so you could become like Him.*



Supporting Scriptures

Jn. 8:44

Jn. 14:1

Rom. 5:12-19

I Cor. 15:45

II Cor. 5:21

Ph. 2:7-8

II Tim. 2:11

Rev. 20:15

The Divine Exchange

Your identity with Christ is two-fold. He identified with you, so you can now identify with Him.

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| • Jesus was punished... | • that we might be forgiven. | Is. 53:6, Rm. 5:1 |
| • Jesus was wounded... | • that we might be healed. | Is. 53:4, I Pt. 2:24 |
| • Jesus was made sin... | • that we might be made righteous. | Is. 53:10, II Cor. 5:21 |
| • Jesus died our death... | • that we might receive His life. | Rm. 6:23 |
| • Jesus endured our poverty... | • that we might share His abundance. | II Cor. 8:9, II Cor. 9:8 |
| • Jesus bore our shame... | • that we might share His glory. | Heb. 12:2 |
| • Jesus endured our rejection... | • that we have His acceptance with the Father. | Mt. 27:46&50, Eph. 1:5 |
| • Jesus was made a curse... | • that we might enter into the blessing. | Gal. 3:13-14, Dt. 21:23 |
| • Jesus was lowered in hell... | • that we could be seated in heavenly places. | Col. 2:15, Eph. 2:6 |

by Derek Prince



The son of God became the sin of man.

Reflection



SEARCH

Highlight the 5 descriptions of Jesus, our Suffering Savior and Sin Substitute found in Isaiah 53:3.

God's Word is a miracle mirror which reflects who you are *In Christ*.

Chapter 2

SPIRIT SOUL BODY

If you've ever been *hopelessly lost in a new city*, you were thankful for the GPS in your car. Even when the recommended left turn made no sense, you've learned to trust it. God has put a GPS inside of each of *His children* that the Bible refers to as the "new man." When God looks at you, He's looking at *that new man In Christ*, and you look a whole lot better In Christ than you do out of Christ.



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

I THESSALONIANS 5:23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 12:3

... be transformed by the renewing of your mind...

ROMANS 8:6

To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

The secret to being strong for life is to feed your spirit on God's Word.

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

SIX FACTS ABOUT MAN

1. Man is a Triune Being. True or False
2. These 3 parts are _____, _____, _____.
3. Each part has a separate and distinctive _____.
4. The _____ is eternal and connects to God.
5. The _____ connects with the intellectual world.
6. The _____ connects with the physical world.

When working with children, describe this as a **knower, a thinker, and a feeler**.

THE SPIRIT OF MAN

- Created in God's image to be an associate and companion of Father God. *Gen. 1:26, I Cor. 1:9*
- Different from the Holy Spirit
- AKA the hidden man, inner man, inward man *Rom. 7:22, II Cor. 4:16*
- Your recreated or human spirit *I Cor. 2:11*
- The real "you" who will live eternally in heaven
- Your "knower" is always right. *I Jn. 2:20*

THE SOUL OF MAN

- Your mind, will, and emotions
- Similar to a computer which needs to be reprogrammed. *Rom. 12:1*
- Spirit and soul are two different entities. *Heb. 4:12, Heb. 12:23*
- The mind is the battlefield, determining whether to join spirit or flesh. *II Cor. 10:3-5*
- Kids will more easily understand the term "thinker."

"...may your whole _____, _____, and _____ be preserved blameless..." I Th. 5:23

I am a spirit. I have a soul. I live in a body.

THE BODY OF MAN

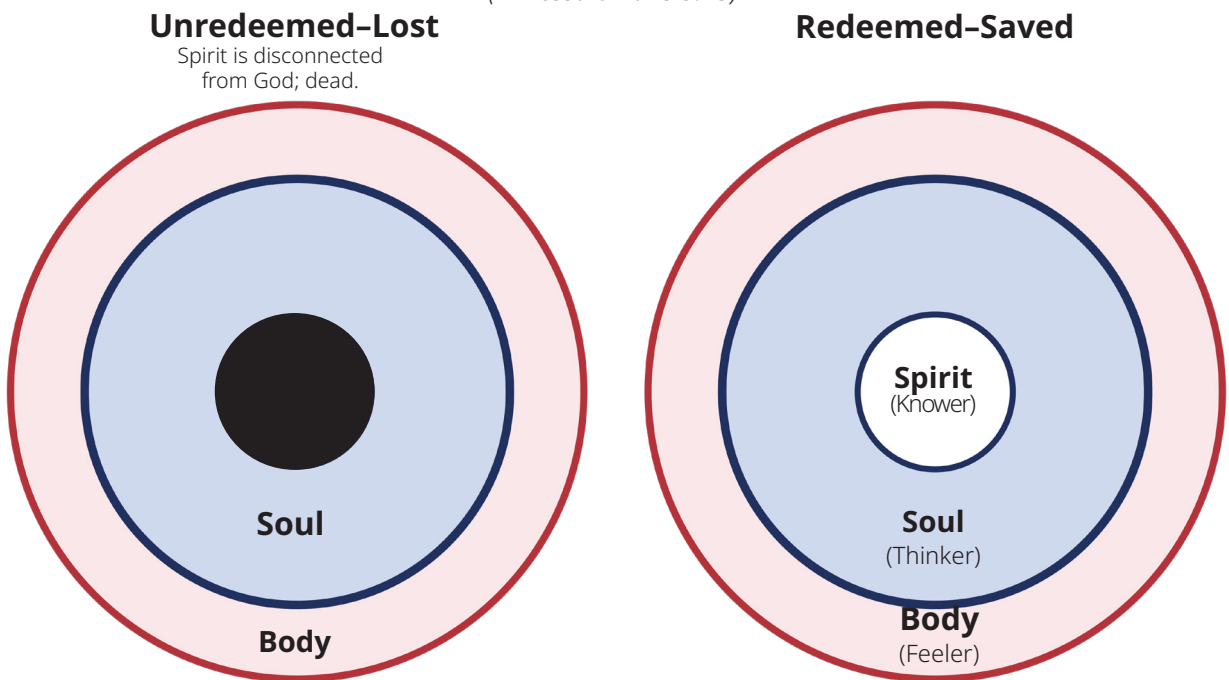
- Your physical body, an earthsuit, or the Apostle Paul described it as a tent.
- Your body is not “you.” The real “you” lives inside of your physical body.
- “Flesh” is the invisible, evil influence who, like an old lover, keeps calling. *Rom. 7:14*
- To crucify your flesh is to say “no” to thoughts and actions contrary to the Word. *Rom. 12:1, Gal. 2:20*

People must come to know that their intellect, emotions, will, and their body are part of their Adamic nature. They are wild and unharnessed. They will lead them away from God unless they are controlled by their spirit.

A Biblical Picture of Man

Man—A Three Part Whole

(1 Thessalonians 5:23)



“God’s intent for man’s spirit is to be His dwelling place, with the Holy Spirit - through a union with the human spirit - governing the soul. Thus, our spirit and soul would then use the body as the means of expression for God.”

*Watchmen Nee, Author, Chinese Church leader,
1903 - 1972*

Renewing your mind with God’s Word
prevents stinkin’ thinkin.’

THE SADDEST DAY IN HISTORY ...

Gen. 2:7 - Man is alive!

- Receives physical life & spiritual life
- Possesses the Light of God & the authority of God
- Enjoys daily friendship with God
- An extension of the purposes of God
- Fulfilled in the love of God



Gen. 3:7 - Man died.

- Physical life continues, but eternal life is replaced with eternal death.
- Life died. Sin moved in. Walking zombie. Alive on the outside. Dead inside.
- The Light turned off. Adam was disconnected, separated, and hid from God.



People who are “dead in sin” aren’t interested in God. That’s why we shouldn’t expect our friends who are (*spiritually*) dead and disconnected from God to desire church attendance. Why are we critical of their substitutes? (*substance abuse, selfish ambitions, love affairs...*) They are looking for life. They are dead on the inside and don’t know how to fix it.

“And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins ...” Eph. 2:1

“When you were dead in your transgressions...” Col. 2:13

What happened at the Fall of Man?

- Adam was _____ from Father God.
- Adam’s purpose changed from reigning to _____.
- Adam hid fearfully from his _____ God.
- Survival is now _____ on his soul and body.
- Satan became Adam’s father and _____.
- Satan’s _____ entered Adam.
- Adam was now a _____ to Satan’s sinful demands.
- Adam is now separated from God and _____ inside.

A sad day, indeed.

Meet Mary.
Demon-possessed.
Probably a prostitute.
Hopeless. Shame-filled.
Jesus set her free. On
Resurrection Sunday, He
visited her first. Read Mary
Magdalene’s story in Mk. 15:47,
Mt. 27:61, Lk. 23:55.

What happened on Calvary?

- The Second Adam _____ the family back to Father God.
- The human spirit was _____ as a new creature *In Christ*.
- The believer's purpose is now to _____ in life. *Rm. 5:17*
- Obeying your spirit (or your knower) brings _____. *Ps. 1:3*
- Satan lost his right to rule you. The _____ of sin was broken. *Rm. 6:7*
- Man's recreated spirit is fueled by God's Spirit and _____ inside.

O happy day!

THE LITTLE 'S' SPIRIT

There needs to be a distinction between the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. Both are eternal because they come from God. The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity, while the human spirit is that eternal part of man which is reborn (or recreated) when a person accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior and Sin Substitute. The human spirit is the little 's' spirit, and the Holy Spirit is the capital 'S' Spirit.

Lester Sumrall explains the role of the human spirit beautifully in his mini-book, *The Human Spirit*.

"Man is made in the image and likeness of God; he is tripartite: spirit, soul, body. In the human spirit there are also three compartments:

- *Intuition - knowing without thinking it out as the intellect has to do in the soulical parts)*
- *Communion - fellowship with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, which requires the born-again experience and your spirit coming alive.*
- *Conscience - inner witness to the Word of God*

The body and soul are subject to death because of sin, but the (human) spirit is the substance of God. God Leads Through Your Knower

As a believer, you no longer need to be controlled by circumstances, reason or man's opinion.

God's gift to every believer is the inward witness. Rom. 8:16 I refer to it as your 'knower' because the inward witness causes you to know things without the assistance of reason. The inward witness sheds light upon God's will. Your 'thinker' is often wrong, but your 'knower' is always right.

The spirit of man is the _____ of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly. Prv. 20:27 I had a father in the faith who had only a fifth grade education and weighed over 300 pounds. After a life of alcoholism, he was gloriously saved, called to preach and ministered in the Gift of Miracles. Tumors disappeared and demons shrieked in his presence. Why? He did not depend on reason, but had trained his recreated, human spirit to be led by the Spirit of God. God wants to use you mightily, too."

THE COUSINS PARABLE

Three cousins, hopelessly lost, trekked on through the forest. The oldest said, "Please listen to me, guys, we need to hike north." The youngest cousin said, "No, the south trail has the waterfalls." They both looked at the cousin in the middle and said, "We'll let you decide," and he quickly said, "We need to go north. Cousin #1 is always right." Within minutes, they were back on the right trail and arrived to the campground before dark. Spirit, soul, body. Your spirit man is always right.

SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY

01

God created His first man to be
His companion and associate.

02

I am a spirit. I have a soul.
I live inside a body.

03

Each part of man's triune being
has a distinct purpose.

04

The mind is the battlefield and needs to be
renewed with God's Word.

*Your spirit man is God's
dwelling place.*



Supporting Scriptures

Ps. 139:14

Prv. 16:3 Amp.

Rom. 8:6

Rom. 12:3

Eph. 3:16

Ph. 4:6-9

I Th. 5:23

I Pt. 3:4

Two Mirrors

Describe Your Outward Man:

Tall Average Short

Skin color: _____

Hair color: _____

How Does God Describe Your Inward Man?

Eph. 1:4 _____

Rm. 8:37 _____

Col. 1:14 _____

1. How does James 2:25 describe the mirror of God's Word? _____
2. Which mirror is going to dominate your life today? _____
3. Why is renewing your mind to agree with God so important? Rm. 12:2 _____



Your mind doesn't stay renewed any more than your hair stays combed.

Reflection



SEARCH

Highlight these scriptures describing your spirit. Prv. 27:20, Rom. 7:22, Eph. 3:16, I Co. 2:16

God's Word is a miracle mirror which reflects who you are *In Christ*.

Chapter 3

UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL CONFESSIONS OF FAITH

Nutritionists state that you are what you eat, but the Bible states that *you are what you say*. The Bible refers to two types of confession. Do you know them? Both are needed. Both are biblical. The first type *keeps you clean*, and the second type *keeps you strong*.



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

PROVERBS 6:2

You are snared by the words of your mouth; You are taken by the words of your mouth.

HEBREWS 4:14

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

ROMANS 10:9-10

...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

When you read the Bible, the Bible reads you.

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

UNDERSTANDING BIBLICAL CONFESSION OF FAITH

When people hear the term confession, they automatically think about something negative, such as the confession of sin. That's important, but there are two types of confession.

#1 Negative confession - the confession of our _____.

#2 Positive confession - the confession of our _____.

There's a stark contrast of these two type of confessions:

- Confession of sin is admitting what you have done.
- Confession of our faith is what Jesus has done.
- When you confess your sin, you'll receive forgiveness.
- When you confess your faith, you'll receive victory.
- Your confession of sin involves your mind and body.
- Your confession of faith involves your spirit man.
- Your confession of sin admits what a jerk you were.
- Your confession of faith declares who God says you are.

CONFESSION OF SIN HAS TWO PARTS

Confessing your sin only is like eating peanut butter with no jelly. It's a good start, but only half done. The other half of your confession of sin is to receive forgiveness. I like to consciously thank my Father for the blood of Jesus and say, "I receive my forgiveness now, in Jesus name." In the mind of God, from that moment on, it no longer exists. To question that is to imply that your sin is greater than the blood of Jesus.

Memorize this scripture!

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I Jn. 1:9

What is your part? _____.

What three promises does I John 1:9 give?

God is _____. He will _____

and _____.

Q: Which part of “you” is being forgiven?

_____ Your inner man

_____ Your soul

_____ Your body

A: The part of “you” that is forgiven is your soul (*will, mind, emotions*) because that is the entity that made the wrong choice. Your inner man will never need forgiveness because it is already blameless and righteous.

RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

It's important that you receive your forgiveness that very moment, or Satan will have a right to beat you up with recurring thoughts of condemnation. If that occurs, read him this scripture, and he'll flee away.

So now the case is closed. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are In Christ Jesus.

Rm. 8:1 TPT / NKJV

CONDEMNATION OR CONVICTION?

Let's imagine a hammer and a magnet. Condemnation from Satan is like a hammer. His accusations try to persuade you to believe you are a hypocrite and loser. The magnet is a metaphor of the Holy Spirit. When you sin, His love draws you towards the Father who then forgives and cleanses you. You're in training, not in trouble. Receive forgiveness and never allow yourself to ponder that sin again. You are forgiven.



Satan is an accuser.



Holy Spirit draws you to your Father.

Quit getting beat up with condemnation. Confess your sin, receive forgiveness and move on!

YOUR CONFESSION OF FAITH

The positive confession of our faith is the more frequent type of “confession” found in the Scriptures. In the original Greek, confession means to “agree with.” Remember that!

As you read God's Word, start saying, “Father, if you said it, I agree.” Take notice of how He describes the real “you:” your inner man, not your outward man.

A spiritual law too few of us realize is that our confessions rule us.

Life and death are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit. Prov. 18:21

Since confession means to “agree with God,” we need to get serious about learning what He says about us. It is an awesome, life changing experience! Learning to confess the Word will introduce you to a life of purpose, peace, and supernatural provision. Most believers find it “too good to be true,” but it is true for them, and it’s true for you.

Can you agree with God even if it doesn’t make sense to your intellect? Below is the all-time favorite confession of faith by renowned Bible teacher, E.W. Kenyon, which has sustained thousands through sickness, injustice, loneliness, and every other curse of sin. Declare it every time you open the Word of God, and you’ll never be the same.

*This is my Bible!
I am all that it says I am.
I have all that it says I have.
I can do all that it says I can do.*

HEART AND MOUTH CONFESSION

Here’s a mathematical equation for your powerful confessions of faith from Romans 10:9-10:

**Believe in your heart
+ Confess with your mouth**

Abundant Life

“That if you _____ with your mouth the Lord Jesus and _____ in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one _____ unto righteousness, and with the mouth _____ is made unto salvation.” *Rom. 10:9-10*

Biblical confession is learning to say what God says. We can see this “Believe + Confess” principle in every declaration of faith. For example, did you know that God says you are a new creation? Well, here comes the dialog ...

- Your mind thinks, *“If I were really new, why am I messing up again?”*
- Your body thinks, *“If I were really new, why do I still crave a cigarette?”*
- Your inner man thinks, *“My thoughts and feelings do not control me!”*

God said it. I agree with God. “I am a new creation.” As your spirit man begins to dominate, victory will be yours.

THE CONFESSION THAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

Your first confession, of course, is to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior. This is known as the Great Confession, because it is the key that unlocks every promise available to His family.

The confession of being *In Christ* changes everything:

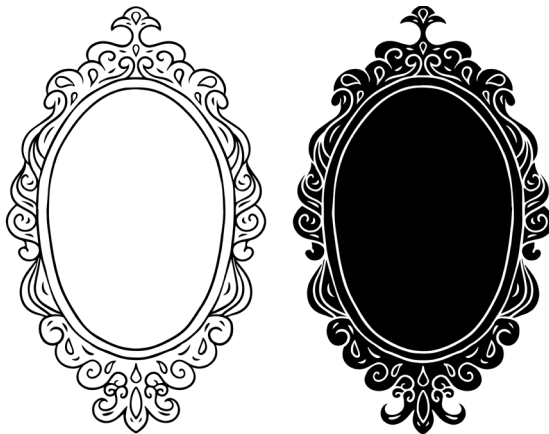
- It changes your lordship.
- It confirms your eternal destination.
- It makes you a candidate for the Bible promises.
- It defines your destiny.
- It elevates you to the sobering position as God's partner.

STAY BALANCED

Some people are leery of these "Confession Brings Possession" teachings, but that is exactly how you got born again. It is how you will reign in life. Confessing who your inward man is will eventually dominate your outward man. Although some people do get distracted by their new-found authority and use it for self interests, as we say in Texas, don't throw the baby out with the water. There is a ditch on both sides of the road. The primary purpose of a confession of faith is to reign in life and to advance the kingdom of God.

Think like God. Talk like God. Act Like God.

CHOOSE YOUR MIRROR



Your life is defined by the mirror you choose. Mirrors don't lie. Your bathroom mirror reveals the flaws or fluffs of your outer man. Whether you are pumped about your biceps or frustrated with your flab, both are temporal and have no eternal value. Don't be controlled by that mirror.

God's Word is described as a miracle mirror because it reveals your inner man. What an astonishing moment you will have as you see yourself in the miracle mirror. You are beautiful, blameless and more than a conqueror.

Let us hold fast our confession... Heb. 4:14

Say what God says about you.

Understanding Biblical Confessions of Faith

01

The Bible describes two types of confession or “agreeing with” God’s perspective.

02

Confession of sin is admitting what *you* have done.

03

Confession of faith is about what Jesus has done.

04

Agreeing with the Word is a developed habit of saying what God says.

*God's Word in your mouth releases
God's power in your life.*



Supporting Scriptures

Ps. 17:3

Prv. 6:4

Mk. 11:24

Jn. 8:32

Prv. 18:21

Rom. 10:9-10

Heb. 4:14

I Jn. 1:9

Your Miracle Mirror

A radiologist sees your problem through the light of the x-ray film. God sees your potential through the light of the Gospel. Highlight these four descriptions of your inner man.

I am _____ by the Truth. Jn. 8:32

I am _____ from the kingdom of darkness. Col. 1:13

I am _____, created in Christ Jesus for good works.
Eph. 2:10

I am completely _____ from condemnation. Rom. 8:1



Say what God says about you. That is what a confession of faith is!

Reflection



SEARCH

Two men dared to say what God said and did the impossible, but the remaining ten became as grasshoppers. Read Numbers 13:30-33.

God's Word is a miracle mirror which reflects who you are *In Christ*.

Chapter 4

I AM A NEW CREATION

Have you ever wondered what *really changed* when you got born again? Although your outer man didn't change, you will be astounded to meet the *new man* on the inside. When God looks at you, He's looking at that new man *In Christ*, and you look a whole lot better *In Christ* than you do out of Christ.



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

II CORINTHIANS 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is *In Christ*, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

JOHN 3:3

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

ROMANS 8:17

...and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

God's Word is a love letter from Home.

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

I AM A NEW CREATION

Therefore, if any man is In Christ ... II Cor. 5:17

What does “*In Christ*” mean? The term “*In Christ*” belongs to those who are born again and refers to a spiritual union with Jesus Christ.

SIX FAQ ABOUT THE NEW BIRTH

Q: Why do you need the new birth?

A: Because (spiritually speaking) you were born dead in sin. *Eph. 2:1*

Q: Is being born again the same thing as attending church?

A: No. Being born again is trusting Jesus Christ to be your personal Savior.

Q: It seems that everyone is spiritually enlightened these days. Are they born again?

A: No. Mysticism, New Age, and other spiritual deceptions are common. Beware!

Q: What happens when you get born again?

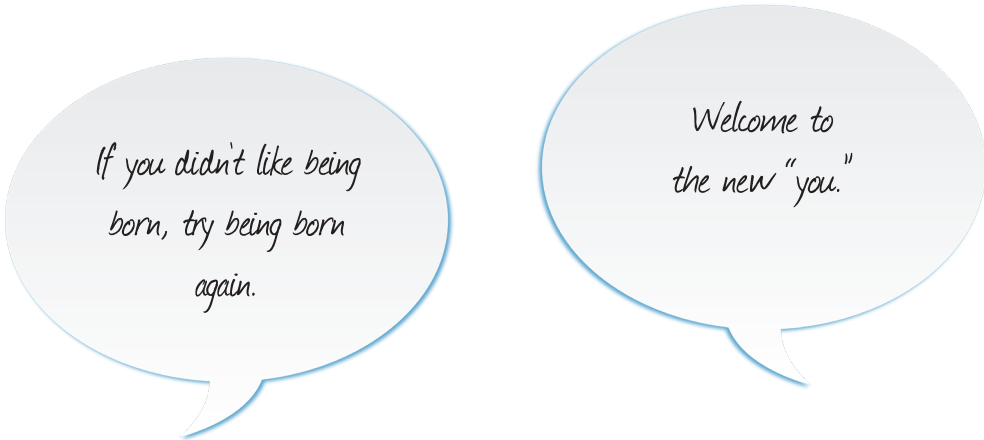
A: Your human spirit is recreated, and you become a new creature *In Christ*.

Q: What are some synonyms for the new birth?

A: Redeemed, born again, adopted, saved

Q: When did Peter, James, and John receive the New Birth?

A: After Jesus’ resurrection when Jesus presented His blood sacrifice to his Father and the Holy Spirit came. *Heb. 9:11, Acts 2:4*



*If you didn't like being
born, try being born
again.*

*Welcome to
the new “you.”*

Jesus didn't come to make bad people good,
but dead people alive.

FOUR FACTS ABOUT THE NEW CREATION

"Therefore, if any man is In Christ, he is a new creation..."

01. *The new creation is a new species.*

So, what's new? Your hair didn't change, nor did your physique. This invisible "newness" occurred deep inside of your spirit man. No human was a new creation until _____

_____. The angels watched and wondered, "What is this new species who is like God in power and ability?"

There are two Greek words for "new."

- *Neos, Gr.* - new in time, young or that which is recent
- *Kainos, Gr.* - something which did not previously exist

The "new" in II Corinthians 5:17 is *kainos*. This word "new" is distinctively different from a juvenile delinquent who is reformed, not as a cleaned out garage. It is not restored like an old shack, but a brand _____ which next existed before. A new spiritual classification.

Unlike the sacrificial blood in the Old Testament, the blood of Jesus does not cover our sin. The blood of Jesus washes away our sin. You are not a covered creature. You are a new creature.

02. *The new creation is an instantaneous miracle.*

You became *"In Christ"* when you trusted Jesus Christ as your Savior. In a split second, you were dead in sin. Bam! You are alive in God. You were bound for hell. Bam! You are heaven bound. You were defeated. Bam! You are an overcomer.

03. *As a new creation, you are now "In Christ."*

You are now in union and identification with Christ. You share His destiny and inheritance. Spiritually speaking, you have changed neighborhoods. Colossians 1:12 says, "You were translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear Son."

"Translate" was a term often used in ancient warfare. When the kings conquered a people, they relocated (or translated) them from the enemy's kingdom to their own. The victims then belonged to a new kingdom. King Jesus rescued you from the enemy's kingdom. You are forever in God's kingdom. As a new creation, God now views you just as He did Jesus. Selah.

04. *A new creation is instantaneously perfect.*

A staggering thought! Your spirit man is just as holy, blameless, and righteous as Jesus' spirit. Why? Because it is His Spirit in you. Although your flesh continues to have tantrums and your mind is still telling you crazy thoughts, your spirit man is complete *In Christ*. God sees you *In Christ*.

He has made possible the New Creation, a new race of men, who can stand in God's Presence without the sense of guilt, condemnation or inferiority.

WHAT "OLD THINGS" PASSED AWAY?

"Therefore, if any man is In Christ, he is a new creation. Old things have passed away..."

What old things passed away? Upon your first birth, you inherited from Adam a "sin factory" called the old man. There are millions of good people who have learned how to suppress it or correct it, but there's only one way to overcome it... kill it! On the cross, that's exactly what Jesus did. The sin nature, also known as the "old man," died. *Rom. 6:6*

These Greek words bring clarity:

- *Gr. archalos* - that which existed in the beginning. Ancient existence.
- Old Things = a condition or classification of spiritual death

These definitions confirm that the "old things" do not refer to bad habits, but the sin nature which is also known as the Adamic nature.

- Passed away, *Gr. parerchoal* - to go, to pass, to come to an end, to disappear

I'm A New Creation

I'm a new creation, I'm a brand new man,
Old things are passed away, I'm a brand new man
More than a conqueror, that's who I am
I'm a new creation, I'm a brand new man.

Lyrics by David Ingles, 1977

(Get familiar with the music of David Ingles, whose music focuses on the authority of the believer in Christ.)

WHAT'S NEW?

"Therefore, if any man be In Christ, he is a new creation. Old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new." II Cor. 5:17

The New Creation man has the
ability of God at his disposal.

THE NEW YOU

List 10 things that are “new” inside your new, recreated human spirit.

1. New _____
2. New _____
3. New _____
4. New _____
5. New _____
6. New _____
7. New _____
8. New _____
9. New _____
10. New _____

We are to view ourselves (*our hidden man*) as the resurrected Jesus was when He came out of the tomb.

CHANGED AND REARRANGED

People who know Jesus Christ experience “new” in every area of their lives. It’s thrilling to read of those who have abandoned themselves to God and allowed His love to reach others. Their lives are changed, and their priorities are rearranged.

The “Meet _____” stories, (*see the triangle below*) are people you should become familiar with. Get to know them through their quotes and writings. You will meet them in heaven someday and be able to tell them how inspired you were by their example.



I'm happy from the inside out and from the outside in, I am firmly formed. You cancelled my ticket to hell - that's not my destination!
Ps. 16:9 - 10 MSG

Meet Amy.
(1867-1951) Wealthy
Irish childhood. Tragedy
brought poverty.
Missionary to India for
55 years, rescuing 1,000
temple prostitutes. Read
Amy Carmichael's story at
Christianity.com.

**Being In Christ changes
you from the inside out.**

I am a New Creation

01

People are born physically alive, but spiritually dead.

02

A born again person instantaneously becomes a new creation.

03

The new creation has the resurrected spirit of Jesus in their inward man.

04

Being "*In Christ*" means a spiritual union and identification with Jesus Christ.

Born again = New Creation = In Christ



Supporting Scriptures

Jn. 3:3

Rom. 6:6

Rom. 8:17

II Cor. 4:16

II Cor. 5:17

Eph. 2:1

Eph. 4:24

Col. 3:10

The Funeral You Need To Remember

The "old man" has always been the root of your problems, but God had a plan!

*God doesn't improve the old man,
He doesn't reform the old man,
He doesn't make him religious,
He doesn't send him to church or Sunday school.
You know what he does?*

He executes him.

The only remedy for the old man is execution.

The gospel message of God's grace is the execution has already taken place.

It happened when Jesus died on the cross.

-Derek Prince, renowned Bible teacher (1915-2003)



The new creation man is like a 1969 Camaro with a souped up engine under the hood.

Reflection



SEARCH

As Jesus was while on earth, so is the new creation today. Read and highlight these scriptures: Mk. 16:17-18, 1 Jn. 2:6, 1 Jn. 2:20, 1 Jn. 4:17

God's Word is a miracle mirror which reflects who you are *In Christ*.

Chapter 5

I AM RIGHTEOUS

“Daddy’s home!” said a mom to her six-year-old twins. One twin ran to the front door expecting *a hug and a gift*. The other child ran away and *hid in the closet*, hoping that her dad wouldn’t notice their crayon scribbles on the wall. Why these two different reactions? The first twin was focused on her *good dad*, while the second twin was focused on her *bad choice*.



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

II CORINTHIANS 5:21

For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

ROMANS 3:21-22

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference...

ROMANS 5:17

For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

God's Word is a seed.

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

I AM RIGHTEOUS

The story of the twin girls is a picture of two Christians. The first one is **God-conscious**, and the second one is **sin-conscious**. To focus on what a “weak worm in the dust” you still are might sound religious, but it diminishes the victories of Calvary. It is safe to say, “Believers who are sin-conscious live defeated lives. Believers who are righteousness-conscious enjoy victorious lives.”

TURKEY OR EAGLE



A **turkey Christian** focuses on the sins of their outer man and lives under condemnation.



An **eagle Christian** focuses on Christ's righteousness within them and reigns in life.

Which are you?

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| 1. A good description of a Christian is “a sinner saved by grace.” | T | F |
| 2. You can sin and not know it. | T | F |
| 3. A bad thought is a sin. | T | F |
| 4. It is easier for a Christian to sin than to do right. | T | F |
| 5. We get closer to God through acts of righteousness. | T | F |
| 6. A minister is more righteous than a new Christian. | T | F |
| 7. You will grow more righteous as you trust Him with your life. | T | F |
| 8. You can grow in faith, but you can't grow in righteousness. | T | F |
| 9. How righteous is Jesus on a scale of 1 to 100? _____ | | |
| 10. How righteous are you on a scale of 1 to 100? _____ | | |

A turkey Christian depends on their works to please God and can never measure up. An eagle Christian depends on Jesus' right-ness to reign through them and wins every time.

(Answers on page 66)

THE WEIGHT OF GUILT

Understanding the weight of guilt will help you appreciate your righteousness *In Christ*. Psychologists have gathered vast studies on the effects of guilt. It is always connected with weight. Feel the painful words of Ps. 38:4 which says, "For my iniquities have overwhelmed me; they are a burden too heavy to bear."

Throughout the centuries, people have attempted desperate measures to relieve themselves of guilt:

- Canaanites appeased their god Moloch with child sacrifices.
- Monks climbed the Scala Sancta on their knees.
- Over 110 million Hindus bathe in the frigid Ganges River each year.
- Weekly church attendance is expected of "good" Christians.

How true is Proverbs 13:15 which says, "The way of transgressors is hard"?

THE SIN PROBLEM

Long before Adam disobeyed, God had a plan to take care of the sin problem. Think of the weight of sin that accumulated through the centuries. Something had to be done about sin. What was the Father's solution to the Sin Problem? He laid it upon His Son, and Jesus became sin.

The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Is. 53:6

God made Him who knew no sin to become sin... II Cor. 5:21

WHAT IS RIGHTEOUSNESS?

Righteousness restores to man all that he lost in the Fall, plus a new relationship as a son with all of its privileges. In the Old Testament, the words "righteous" and "righteousness" occur approximately 402 times. It's a legal term that means right-ness with God. In the New Testament, the same words, plus the related word "just," occur 214 times. It can also be defined as "God's way of doing things." An important word!

REACHING FOR THE COOKIE JAR

Your good works will never measure up to God's standard of righteousness. It's like a child reaching for the forbidden cookie jar on the top of a refrigerator. Can you see him dragging a box over to assist him in his mischief? Let's name that box "good works." Sadly, many people believe they will gain heaven by good works such as being kind and supporting charities. Romans 3:10 concludes, "There is none righteous, no, not one." There is no box big enough to reach heaven. God's standard for your right-ness isn't a bigger box. It's a Person.

"Righteousness is the ability to stand in the presence of the Father without any sense of guilt, condemnation, or inferiority, as if your sin never existed."

- E.W. Kenyon

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED

"For our sake He made Christ [virtually] to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become [endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of] the righteousness of God [what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness]." II Cor. 5:17 AMPC

Because of Jesus Christ, you have been approved and accepted by your Father God. There's nothing more needed for your right-standing with God. The truth is, you can't grow in righteousness. You can grow in the Word, and you can grow in faith, but the New Testament never tells us to grow in righteousness because nothing more can be added.

SOMEONE PAID OFF YOUR CREDIT CARD

Can you imagine the ecstasy you would feel if someone paid off your overloaded credit card? No more worries. You would probably stare at that zero balance in disbelief. But, wait! It gets even better! An email comes through that explains the same person who mysteriously paid off your credit card has credited it with five million dollars!

What a grand illustration of what Jesus, the Righteous One, did for you. His gift for you was two-fold: Jesus cancelled your sin debt. He credited (imputed) your sin to His account and then imparted His righteousness to it.

For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us! II Cor. 5:21 TLB

REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE

I don't wake up worrying about whether I am a woman. I was born a woman, and I am settled about that. Neither do I wake up worrying whether I am righteous. I was born again and received His righteousness, and I am settled about that, too. You can be settled, too.

Knowing that fact, your struggle with sin is over. You can silence all whispers of guilt and thoughts of inadequacy with the name of Jesus. The devil will sneer, "You're a hypocrite, you're a failure and you know it." Here's what you're going to do. Read I John 3:20. If your heart condemns you about anything, repent and receive forgiveness, but then rise up! Don't focus on the sin of your outer man. Focus on the righteousness in your inner man. Remember who you are *In Christ*. When the devil tries to tell you who you aren't, remind him who you are.

You are the righteousness of God *In Christ* Jesus!

Once you understand you are righteous,
your struggle with sin is over.

RIGHTEOUSNESS IN WORD PICTURES

As you spend some time meditating on these word pictures, you will grow strong for life.

#1 A Robe



Fact: Christ's righteousness covers

Scripture: *..He wrapped me in a robe of righteousness... Is. 61:10*

A robe represents the robe of righteousness provided through the shed _____
_____. It is the garment that God covers each of us with so that when He looks
at us, He only sees us washed in the Blood as His child.

#2 A Summa Cum Laude Diploma



Fact: Christ's righteousness is complete.

Scripture: *For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange,
he poured _____ into us! II Cor. 5:21 TLB*

You're holding that diploma and the joy of finally being finished overwhelms you. No more
early classes. No more pulling an all-nighter to pass that final exam. Through Christ, He
took your F's and gave you His Summa Cum Laude diploma, never to be taken from you
again.



#3 An Undeserved Gift

Fact: Righteousness is a gift, not a reward.

Scripture: *For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But
even greater is God's wonderful grace and his _____
_____, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through
this one man, Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:17 NLT*

It resides in your inner man as an invitation to partner with God.

#4 A Breastplate



Fact: Righteousness protects your heart from condemnation, guilt, and shame.

Scripture: *Put on the whole armor of God ... stand firm then, with the breastplate of
_____ in place ... Eph. 6:14*

Meet Ravi.
(1948-2020)
World-renowned
Christian apologist.
Defender of the
Christian Faith. At 17, his
suicide attempt failed, and he
accepted Jesus Christ. Read
Ravi Zacharias' "Let My People
Think" at RZIM.org.

Being In Christ changes
you from the inside out.

I AM RIGHTEOUS

01

Righteousness is the ability to stand in the presence of the Father without any sense of guilt, condemnation, or inferiority, as if your sin never existed.

02

Your sin was transferred to Jesus. His righteousness was transferred to you.

03

Righteousness is a gift, not a reward.

04

Righteousness imputed = a completed event
Righteousness imparted = a continual event

*As He is, so are we in this world.
1 Jn. 4:17*



Supporting Scriptures

Prv. 13:10

Is. 53:6

Rom. 3:21-22

Rom. 5:17

I Cor. 1:2

II Cor. 5:21

Eph. 5:9

Ph. 1:11

Awake To Righteousness

"Awake to righteousness, and do not sin ... " I Cor. 15:34

When your alarm clock goes off, here's what you're going to say:

Thank you, Father ...

for the assurance of forgiveness, according to 1 John 1:9.

for making me righteous In Christ Jesus, according to 11 Cor. 5:21.

for helping me remember who I am In Christ.

When Satan tries to point to my bad-ness, I'll just point to Your goodness.

Satan's whispers of guilt will never control me again!

In Jesus Name, Amen!



*Quit trying to earn God's favor. Jesus earned it for you. Jesus gave it to you. What a gift!
Now, go have a great day!*



Believers are quick to confess their sin. We should be just as quick to confess our righteousness.

Reflection



SEARCH

Do you want to reign in life like Paul did? Read II Cor. 6:1-11 and list the 20+ areas he overcame due to "the amour of righteousness."

God's Word is a miracle mirror which reflects who you are *In Christ*.

Chapter 6

I AM HEALED

Have you heard about the *two prayers* that you should never pray? First, never pray for something that God has *already promised* you, and secondly, never ask Him to do something that He's *already done*. Such is the case with healing. It's already yours.



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

EXODUS 15:26

I am the Lord that heals you...

ISAIAH 53:5

He was wounded for my transgressions, He was bruised for my iniquities. The chastisement for my peace was upon Him, and by His stripes I am healed.

MATTHEW 8:17

He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.

*The Old Testament altar points to the
New Testament cross.*

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

I AM HEALED

What type of father wouldn't want his child to be healed? If an earthly dad gave his child a terminal illness, he would be described as abusive, yet people are quick to blame God for the terminal illness of their loved ones. Is our Father God any less? No! The topic of healing isn't difficult once you realize that "something you are waiting for" has already happened.

HEALING EXPLAINED IN FOUR SENTENCES

#1 Adam's sin opened the door to sickness.

Sin and sickness are siblings. They come from the same father and share the same objective of destroying God's masterpiece called man. This is clearly seen in Romans 5:12 which states,

"... by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin ..."

Can you see now that sin opened the door for sickness to come on the earth? Can you understand that incipient death entered the world by sin? Cancer, arthritis, and all disease (dis-ease) comes straight from Satan.

Satan is a spirit being, so anything he released on the earth was first in the spiritual realm. That's why we know that sickness is spiritual, although it is manifested in our physical bodies as a disease. Doctors see disease in your body, but God sees sickness in your spirit.

Satan said, "Adam gave me the right to rule. I can put any disease on him I'd like."

#2 Jesus closed the door of sickness at Calvary.

Smitten Of God: There are many beautiful descriptions of Jesus, but "smitten of God" is not one of them. Smitten of God? One can hardly fathom what that could mean or what we must come to admit that it means. Jesus Christ was smitten of God.

"Surely he has borne our sicknesses, and carried our diseases; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted." Is. 53:5

"Yet, it pleased Jehovah to bruise him ... he has made him sick." Is. 53:10 AMPC

It was not what the Roman soldiers or the angry mob did. It was what God did. Those Roman whips slashed his flesh, but it was the blows of God's wrath that crushed our Substitute's spirit man, which was hidden inside that bloodied body. This was the spiritual side to the agony of the Cross. This was the payment required by the legal courts of heaven. The legal price for your healing was paid in full.

Your healing was purchased by the
blood of Jesus on Calvary.

"And the LORD (the Father God) has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Is. 53:6

Think of it. What an expression of the Father's love. He wanted you to be healed so completely that He laid it all upon Jesus Christ. All of our sin, all of our diseases and dysfunctions, injuries and afflictions, mental disorders, and miseries were laid upon Him. They were not laid upon His physical body, but upon His spirit. If God laid upon Jesus our sins, then He also laid upon Him our diseases because sin and sickness are siblings.

God replied, "My Son has paid the price to win My family back and release My healing to all."

#3 Jesus is the Door to your healing.

The unspoken question is "Why?" Why would it "please the Father to bruise Him and make Him sick?" We find that answer in The Living Bible translation of Isaiah 53:10 where it says,

"...when His soul has been made an offering for sin, then He shall have a multitude of children, many heirs. He shall live again and God's program shall prosper in His hands." Is. 53:10 TLB

Your Father wanted a family who would be healed, whole, and happy. Jesus paid the price 2,000 years ago as the Serpent of the Brazen pole and ever lives as your Great High Priest to assure your promise of healing is fulfilled. Since He was made sick with our sickness, Satan has no legal right to put diseases upon us.

Just as you must go through a door to enjoy life in your home or favorite restaurant, believers go through Jesus, the Door to enjoy the benefits of healing.

For all of God's promises have been fulfilled *In Christ* as a resounding "Yes!" *II Cor. 1:20 NLT*

#4 Those who are *In Christ* are already healed.

If Jesus walked into your room, do you think that He would say, "Hello! May I lay down on your couch? I have a terrible migraine headache." NO! Jesus' body is filled with healing, and, if you are "*In Christ*," you are part of His Body.

God has created many doors to appropriate a healing that is already yours. They are sometimes based on one's level of faith. My personal friend and veteran policeman, Captain John LaVier, was healed of stage four bone cancer in the early '70s at a Kathryn Kuhlman miracle crusade. On a secular television show, they asked him, "Capt. LaVier, do you really believe in divine healing? His witty answer was, "Is there any other kind? All healing is divine." I agree! As Pastor Tommy says, "Take your miracle any way it comes."

- God heals through modern medicine and medical procedures.
- God heals through the believer's laying on of hands. *Mk. 16:17*
- God heals through the Gifts of Healing. *I Cor. 12:9-10*
- God heals through the elders of the church. *Jms. 5:14*
- God heals through the Word. *Ps. 107:20, Prov. 4:20-22*

Read the 27 healing miracles in the gospels frequently. That Healer is in you. They reached for Jesus, the Healer, but we reach for Jesus, the Word.

Meet Kathryn.
(1907-1976) Met
Jesus at 14. Miracle
evangelist, filling
coliseums with miracle
crusades. (I sang in her
choir as a teen!) Hosted
a TV show, *I Believe In
Miracles*. Read Kathryn
Kuhlman's story on
Amazon.com.

Being In Christ changes
you from the inside out.

This chapter was written to explain two things:

1. Jesus, the Healer _____ for your healing on Calvary's cross.
2. Agree with what God's Word says, "I am healed by the _____ of Jesus Christ."

OVERVIEW FOR HEALING

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. It is God's will for you to be healed. | T | F |
| 2. Jesus healed everyone who came to Him for healing. | T | F |
| 3. Jesus loved those people in the Bible more than He loves you. | T | F |
| 4. Jesus, the Healer, now lives in you. | T | F |
| 5. You'll know when healing comes because you'll feel better. | T | F |
| 6. God's Word clearly says that I was healed by the stripes of Jesus. | T | F |
| 7. Faith accepts and acts upon what God's Word says. | T | F |
| 8. Faith doesn't beg for something that God already did. | T | F |

A DUMB PRAYER

Asking God to heal you doesn't make any more sense than asking Him to give you a gallbladder. He already gave you a gallbladder when you were born, and He already provided healing when you were born again.

Let's change our prayers from, "Lord, heal me," to "Lord, I receive my healing. Thank you for healing me on Calvary's cross. Which door would You like me to walk through to complete my miracle?"

Don't pray for what you already have. Healing is yours. Agree with and declare what God says!

Quit praying for what you already have.
Receive by faith.

JESUS' TWENTY-SEVEN HEALING MIRACLES

Miracle	Scripture
Healing of nobleman's son at Cana	Jn. 4:46-54
Restoring sight of blind man at Bethsaida	Mk. 8:22-26
Restoring sight of man born blind	Jn. 9:1-41
Raising of Lazarus	Jn. 11:1-45
Curing demon possessed man (men)	Mt. 8:28-34, Mk. 5:1, Lk. 8:26
Raising of Jairus's daughter	Mt. 9:18-26, Mk. 5:22, Lk. 8:41
Healing of invalid at Bethesda	Jn. 5:1-18
Curing of woman with twelve year bleeding	Mt. 9:20-22, Mk. 5:25, Lk. 8:43
Restoring of paralytic at Capernaum	Mt. 9:1-8, Mk. 2:1, Lk. 5:17
Curing of leper near Gennesaret	Mt. 8:1-4, Mk. 1:40, Lk. 5:12
Healing of Peter's mother-in-law	Mt. 8:14-17, Mk. 1:29, Lk. 4:38
Restoring of withered hand	Mt. 12:9-14, Mk. 3:1, Lk. 6:6
Healing of child with demon	Mt. 17:14-20, Mk. 9:14, Lk. 9:37
Restoring blind and dumb demoniac	Mt. 12:22, Lk. 11:14
Giving sight to two blind men	Mt. 9:27-31
Healing of dumb demoniac	Mt. 9:32-34
Healing of deaf-mute	Mk. 7:31-37
Restoring sight to blind Bartimaeus	Mt. 20:29-34, Mk.10:46, Lk. 18:35
Healing Syrophoenician girl	Mt.15:21-28, Mk. 7:24
Healing centurion's servant	Mt. 8:5-13, Lk. 7:1
Restoring demon possessed man in synagogue	Mk.1:23-27, Lk. 4:33
Raising son of widow of Nain	Lk. 7:11-16
Restoring of woman crippled for eighteen years	Lk. 13:10-17
Healing of man with dropsy	Lk. 14:1-6
Healing of ten men with leprosy	Lk. 17:11-19
Restoring of Malchus's ear	Lk. 22:49-51, Jn. 18:10

"... there went virtue out of him, and (Jesus) healed them all." Lk. 6:19

I AM HEALED

01

Sin brought sickness into the world.

02

God laid that sickness upon His Son, Jesus, on Calvary's cross.

03

Jesus is our Door for every spiritual promise.

04

Healing is manifested as I confess (agree with) what God says about me.

*"Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday,
today and forever." Heb. 13:8*



Supporting Scriptures

Ex. 15:26

Num. 21:9

Prv. 4:20-22

Is. 53:5

Mt. 8:17

Mk. 16-17

Rom. 5:12

I Pt. 2:24

Healing and Victory

Healing and victory already reside in your inner man. Underline these powerful "In Christ" scriptures.

In Christ

Rom. 8:1
1 Cor. 1:30
11 Cor. 2:14
Eph. 1:3

By Christ

Rom. 5:17
Eph. 1:5
Ph. 4:19
1 Pt. 5:10

With Christ

Eph. 2:5
Col. 2:20
Rom. 6:8
Gal. 2:20

In Him

Acts 17:28
11 Cor. 1:20
Eph. 1:4
Eph. 1:10

By Him

1 Cor. 1:5
Col. 1:16
Heb. 7:25
1 Pt. 1:21

With Him

Rom. 8:32
Col. 3:4
Rom. 6:4
Rom. 6:6,8

In Whom

Eph. 1:7
Eph. 1:13
Eph. 2:21
Col. 2:3

Through Christ

Gal. 3:13
Ph. 4:13
Rom. 6:11
Heb. 10:10

In His Name

Mk. 16:17,18
Jn. 16:23
Mat. 18:20
1 Cor. 6:11



Take the gos-pill twice a day and expect side effects of healing and wholeness.

Reflection:



SEARCH

Two women were healed by Jesus, the physical Word. Healing is yours today by the written Word. What common thread is found? Prv. 4:20-22, Mt. 9:20-22, Mt. 15:21-28

God's Word is a miracle mirror which reflects who you are *In Christ*.

Chapter 7

I AM AN OVERCOMER

A master-demon was giving a neighborhood tour to some rookies. "Ha-ha!" he bragged, "In that house, we *tore apart their marriage*. Across the street, in that house, we tore apart their *finances*. Next door, in that house, we tore apart the *owner's health*."

At that moment, the head demon ducked his head and tippy-toed past the 4th house. The rookie demons asked, "Why'd ya do that?" The master-demon whispered, "In that house they know *the Word*, and they tore us apart!"



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

LUKE 10:19

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

COLOSSIANS 2:15

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

I JOHN 3:8

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

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.

Our attitude toward the Word determines the place that God holds in our daily life.

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

I AM AN OVERCOMER

Overcoming the devil isn't just a cute story. It's a promise to all Bible believers. Jesus came to "undo, destroy, loosen, and dissolve" the devil, but it required an unbearable, unfathomable torment for Jesus that our minds cannot grasp. As you learn what He suffered, you'll demand victory everytime.

JESUS WAS AN OVERCOMER

Travel with Jesus through any pages of the gospel, and you'll see an Overcomer in action. The miracles recorded in Mark can serve as a textbook for all who are *In Christ*.

- Power over disease _____
- Power over nature _____
- Power over demons _____
- Power over death _____

Jesus also demonstrated an overcoming lifestyle in His daily life. There's not even a hint to selfish ambition, gluttony, prejudice, a sarcastic mouth, or a moody moment. You might say, "Yeah, but that was Jesus." True ... He's Perfect. That's why He moved on the inside of you. He demonstrates His overcoming exploits through you. When you are *In Christ*, you have authority over the world, your flesh, and the devil. You just need to use it.

As He is, so are we in the world... 1 Jn. 4:17

JESUS OVERCAME RELIGIOUS DEMANDS

Imagine the joy of walking into an all-inclusive ski resort filled with shops, restaurants, and ski equipment reserved just for you. "How much will this cost?" you ask your road trip buddy. "My dad already covered the tab. For us, it's paid in full!"

Jesus' last words "It is finished," thundered through Jerusalem, up to heaven and were heard in hell. The Greek translation "Tetelestai" is an accounting word that means "paid in full." He didn't say, "I am finished," but rather "It is finished." It was a shout of triumph, not a cry of termination. What did He finish? He paid in full all the demands of the Law in the First Covenant. You can now overcome every false obligation to reach God with good works. Your forgiveness was paid in full, so you can overcome all condemning thoughts that disagree.

Quit fighting the devil. Jesus already won that battle. Your role is to uphold His victory by standing on His Word.

JESUS OVERCAME SIN

Have you ever wondered where all of your sin went? As mentioned in a previous chapter, Isaiah 53:6 makes this abundantly clear. All sin (past, present, and future) was unleashed upon the body and spirit of His Son, Jesus Christ. ***“The LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of all.”***

Read it this way: ***“The LORD (God, the Father) has laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all.”***

That explains why Jesus died a guilty man. He died as a sinner because all the sin of humanity was laid upon Him. It's difficult to describe Jesus as a guilty man, but, for those three days, it was true.

JESUS OVERCAME SICKNESS

Stripes from a Roman soldier's whip slashed His back open. Isaiah saw it prophetically. Peter saw it physically. Both recognized it was part of God's payment plan for physical and mental healing. Every disease you will encounter has a spiritual root which was cut off by Jesus Himself.

JESUS OVERCAME SORROW

Anxiety. Loneliness. Fear. Inferiority. Shame. Depression. Are you suffering under the weight of that curse? Emotional torment is common. Mental issues have invaded most families, but your loving Father doesn't want you to suffer. Jesus was described as a Man of Sorrows because, on Calvary's cross, He absorbed the sorrows of earth so that you could enjoy the joys of heaven... and you don't need to wait until you get there.

JESUS OVERCAME DEATH

Satan's ultimate plan was to separate man from God forever. Sadly, many will experience this eternal death because they chose to reject Jesus, as their Resurrection and Life. This term “eternal death” is mentioned four times in the Book of Revelation.

But to those who trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior, they can say ***“Oh death, where is your sting? Oh hades, where is your victory?”*** *1 Cor. 15:55*. Physical death is not the end. It is the beginning of an eternity with your Father and His family.

To be an overcomer, you must overcome something.

JESUS SUFFERED TWICE

That dreadful time came for the penalty for human transgressions to be paid. Some of His disciples followed Him to Golgotha. They watched His bloodied body be crucified. They saw His dead body embalmed and put it into the borrowed grave of Joseph of Arimathea.

They saw what happened to the Savior physically, but their natural eyes couldn't see what had occurred in His spirit. They didn't know His suffering was not over. They didn't know the spirit of the Righteous One had become sin. They couldn't appreciate the fact that the diseases of the Curse had consumed His body and now His spirit, too. They only saw half of His horrors. They saw the Cross and His physical tortures, but the torments to His spirit were hidden from them.

THERE IS NO PARTY IN HELL

What happened from the Cross to the Throne was not seen by human eyes, yet in the Father's eternal plan, justice had not yet been completely satisfied. While Jesus' physical body lay in the Garden Tomb, His spirit descended to hell to suffer its horror. Why? Because He had to fulfill the claims of justice, so your complete redemption would be legal.

JESUS EXPERIENCED THE HORRORS OF HELL

Read the Messianic Psalm 88 and ponder the defeat He temporarily succumbed to, so you could be an overcomer.

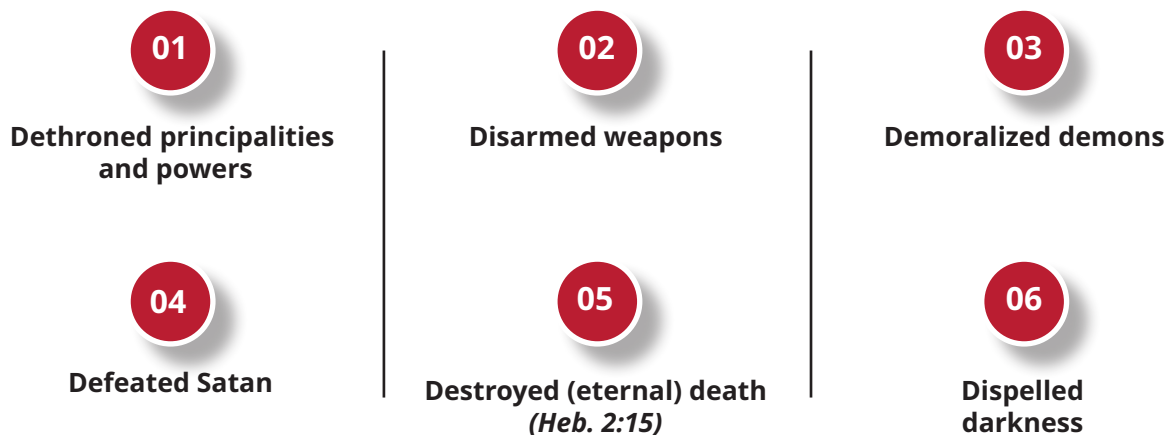
- God sent Jesus to the underworld. *Ps. 88:6*
- He was _____ by God. *Ps. 88:5*
- The _____ of God was poured out upon Him. *Ps. 88:7,16*
- He was born to _____. *Ps. 88:15*
- _____ abandoned Him. *Ps. 88:18*

He became one (Identified) with Satan when He became sin, as we now become one with Him when our spirit is recreated.

SIX THINGS JESUS DID FOR YOU

In Texas we say, "Jesus whooped the devil." Colossians 2:15 is one of the most important scriptures in your Bible. Read it in several translations and marvel at the Savior's victory parade.

Then Jesus made a public spectacle of all the powers and principalities of darkness, stripping away from them every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us. And by the power of the cross, Jesus led them around as prisoners in a procession of triumph. He was not their prisoner; they were his!
Col. 2:15 TPT



A GRAND PROCESSIONAL

Military processions were common throughout the Ancient World, as well as in the Roman Empire where Paul penned Colossians 2:15. First was the triumphant leader, usually enthroned in a gold studded throne. Next came the military leaders and soldiers, followed by the spoils of war. Trailing at the end of the processional were the captives who were chained together and stripped naked. Citizens gathered on the sidelines cheered for their leader and mocked the prisoners. Both cheering and sneering could be heard among those on the sidelines.

How much do you know about Jesus' Grand Processional described in Colossians 2:15?

Jesus 'whooped' the devil and began a parade.	T	F
Jesus led the parade from hell to heaven.	T	F
Jesus' first stop was in Paradise.	T	F
All Old Testament saints were in Paradise waiting.	T	F
Jesus emptied paradise and paraded them to heaven.	T	F

WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT

A word of warning is that your flesh and the devil's illegal whispers don't give up easily.

There are many times that you won't feel victorious, but you must remember these five important words:

As you meditate on what Jesus did for you, an overcoming faith will begin to dominate your reactions towards adverse circumstances. You can live by "The Greater One is in me", and enjoy the life of an overcomer, too.

Meet Elizabeth.
(1926-2015) Moved to Ecuador with 3-year-old Valarie to live among the same Auca Indians that killed her missionary husband and four friends. Read Elizabeth Elliott's writings on Amazon.com.

Being In Christ changes you from the inside out.

I AM AN OVERCOMER

01

Jesus Christ is our example to demonstrate an overcoming lifestyle.

02

Jesus shouted, "It is finished" because He had "Paid In Full" our debt of sin and the requirements of the Old Testament law.

03

Jesus suffered the horrors of hell, so you could enjoy the joys of heaven.

04

Believers who "walk by faith and not by sight" can enjoy the overcoming victories that Jesus earned on their behalf.

"Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world." 1 Jn. 4:4



Supporting Scriptures

Ps. 88:5-18

Lk. 10:19

Col. 2:15

Heb. 2:15

1 Jn. 3:8

1 Jn. 4:17

Where Will You Overcome?

1. What area of your life do you need to be an overcomer?

_____ Family relationships _____ Fear / Anxiety _____ Anger
_____ Always feel guilty _____ Loneliness _____ Self-pity
_____ Finances _____ Self-control _____ Selfishness

2. Walking in victory requires you to do the Word, regardless of your feelings. Which scripture will you intentionally do for 3 days:

_____ B. 34:1 _____ Phil. 4:6 _____ Jude vs. 20



In Christ we become God's sons, man's servants and the devil's masters.
- John G. Lake

Reflection

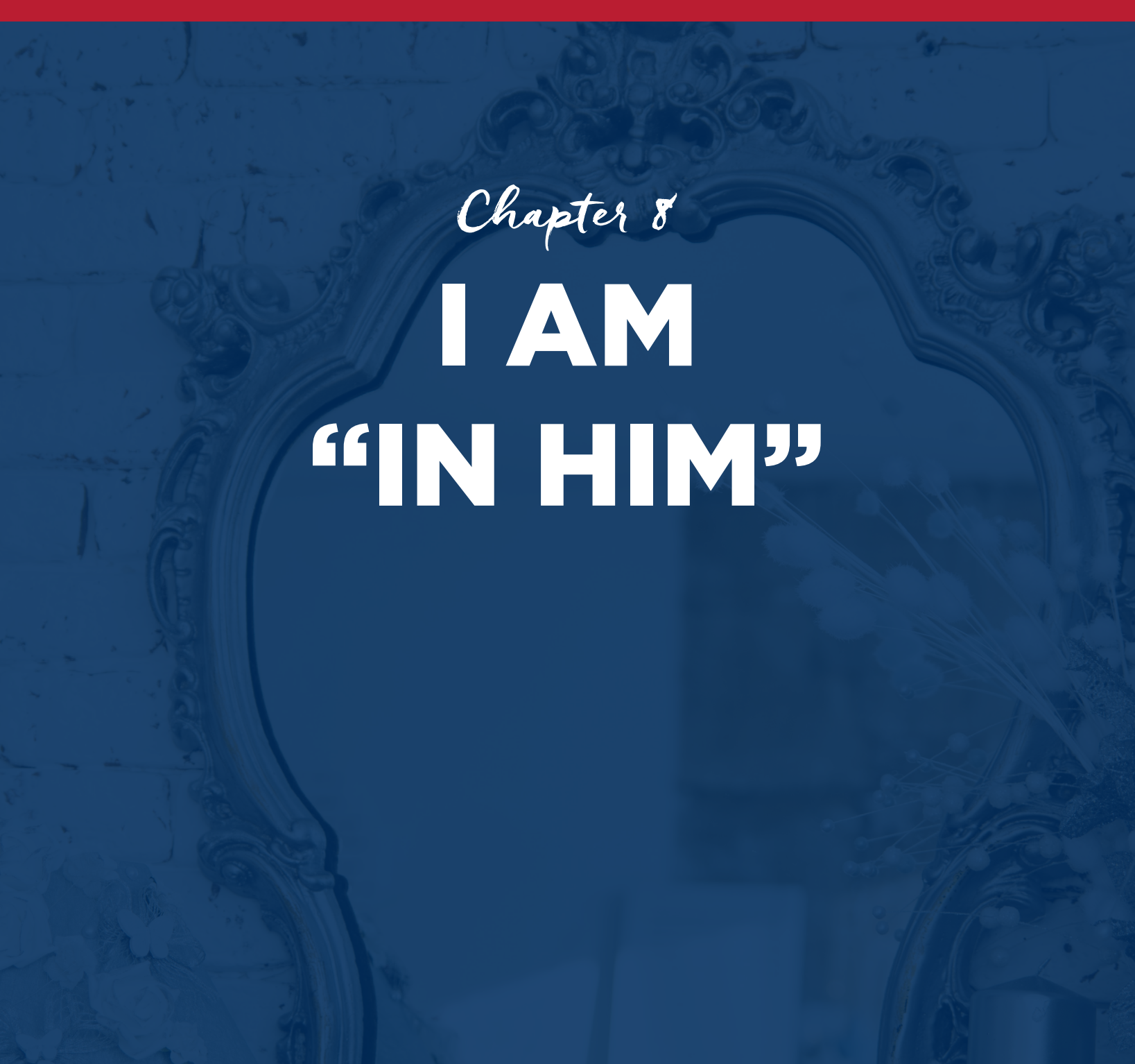


SEARCH

Read Romans 5:17
and list the two gifts
given to those who are
In Christ.

Jn. 1:16, Rom. 1:16, II Cor. 9:8

God's Word is a miracle mirror which
reflects who you are *In Christ*.



Chapter 8

I AM “IN HIM”

As the fury of the hurricane approached, impressive homes collapsed like a house of cards. A beachgoer, fearful for his life, rushed to a vacant lighthouse for safety. He wandered from room to room, repulsed by the trash others had left. But then, an *amazing discovery!* A hidden room with a shortwave radio, restroom, and refrigerator filled with his favorite snacks; everything needed to ride out the storm! What a cool picture of being “In Christ.” *Enjoy the ride!*



YOUR WORD IS TRUTH JN. 17:17

JOSHUA 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

PSALM 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

ROMANS 12:2

Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...

MARK 12:30

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...

*The Bible breaks hard hearts
and heals broken hearts.*

Reading scripture aloud enhances comprehension.

*Underlining by author for emphasis

I AM "IN HIM"

Those rooms in the lighthouse previously mentioned represent your mind which gets filled with godless philosophies and humanistic trash. The hidden room represents your hidden man; the eternal, invisible, real "you"; in Whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Col. 2:3).

DARE TO PREPARE AND DECLARE!

Throughout this workbook, God has been training you to think like Him, talk like Him, and act like Him. Jesus' purpose was to demonstrate this miracle lifestyle while on earth. He now continues His purpose of loving and healing others through you.

Get serious about what the New Testament says! You can't be nonchalant and expect victory, but if you will accept the fact that you are "In Him," you can say goodbye to your inadequacies and step into a powerful life of purpose. You are already filled with the ability of God, so you can do the works of Jesus among your family, in your school, your workplace and everywhere you go. It's thrilling!

PREPARE TO RENEW YOUR MIND

Renewing your mind is a three-step process of comparing your thoughts and philosophies with the ultimate authority of God's Word. As you recognize and reject any thought that contradicts God's Word and replace it with God's truth, you'll find those destructive thought patterns and negative habits fading away.

1. _____ a thought is contrary to God's Word
2. _____ any thought or philosophy which doesn't agree with God
3. _____ anti-God thought with what God says

PREPARE TO MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

Meditating on God's Word transforms you. I think that I'm going to write that again. Meditating on God's Word transforms you. Proverbs 23:7 says, ***"As a man thinks in his heart, so is he."***

If you diligently meditate on the "In Him" scriptures listed below, your inferiority complex will fade away. That image will grow on the inside of you. Your Christ-in-you image will begin to dominate your self-image.

You might say, "Well, I would feel like a hypocrite saying that I'm forgiven when I know what a jerk I was." Many people get hung up on that, but remind yourself that God is describing your inner man, not that messed up guy you are looking at in your bathroom mirror. That's not the real you. It's not a confession of hope. It's a confession of faith. Faith ***"calls those things that are not as though they are."*** Rom. 4:17. In God's eyes, it's already done.

Meditate: verb - To reflect, ponder, contemplate, pronounce, mutter, murmur

SIX FAQ ABOUT BIBLICAL MEDITATION

Q: What is the difference between eastern meditation and biblical meditation?

A: The eastern concept of meditation is associated with the mind/body connection of emptying the mind and relaxing the body. Biblical meditation involves a mind/spirit connection. It allows your spirit to turn a scriptural truth into a reality.

Q: How do I begin?

A: Select a recurring negative thought and write down a scripture that provides freedom.

Q: What techniques can help me?

A: Visualize the scripture while you declare it out loud. Start with the scriptures listed below from Ephesians.

Q: How do I know the Word has “dropped from my head into my heart?” *(eternal spirit)*

A: When you find yourself quoting it during a crisis, in your everyday conversation, or you find yourself saying or demonstrating it in your dreams at night.

Q: Is meditation like physical exercise?

A: Yes, it is a discipline which takes time to develop. Like with physical exercise, you'll see the wonderful results soon, and if you stop, you'll find yourself defeated again.

Q: What results should I expect?

A: Victory, direction, and authority in a crisis.

PREPARE TO DECLARE

“This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.” Joshua 1:8

This scripture connects meditating with your path to success. Success in relationships. Success in parenting. Success in finances. But it also mentions the importance of putting God's Word in your mouth. You've already learned in a previous chapter the powerful impact of a biblical confession. Stop focusing on who you aren't, and begin declaring who you are.

Declare: to make known formally, officially, or explicitly.

Meditating causes the Christ-in-you image to dominate your inferior self-image.

Let's practice declaring with these four descriptions of your hidden man. I don't care how low you feel right now. Make yourself say what God says about your spirit man. A confession of faith is not silent. A confession of faith is out loud.

Ephesians 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..."

Declaration: Because I am *In Christ*, I am _____

Ephesians 1:4

"... just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world..."

Declaration: Because I am in Him, I am _____

Ephesians 1:5

"having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself..."

Declaration: Because I am *In Christ*, I am _____

Ephesians 1:7

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence..."

Declaration: Because I am in Him, I have _____

PREPARE TO DO THE WORKS OF JESUS

In closing, God wants to use you to release His life and love to others. I am praying that you would, once and for all, let go of your outer-man excuses of why God can't use you. (*I'm too shy, too old, too many sins.*) Don't let anything or anyone distract you or talk you out of believing who you are *In Christ*. Remember that Miracle Mirror. He is in you, and you are in Him, and that includes everything He is, has, and can do.

"As He is, so are we in this world ." I Jn. 4:17

Say what God says about you.

NO MORE EXCUSES

Settle these five, recurring excuses and allow God's love and power to flow through you.

#1 I'm not good enough.

God doesn't use you because you are so good, but because He is so good. *Ti. 3:5*

#2 I don't have enough faith.

We look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith ... *Heb. 12:2*

#3 What would I say?

"Do not worry beforehand what to say. Instead, speak whatever you are given at the time, for it will not be you speaking, but the Holy Spirit." *Mk. 13:11 Ex. 4:12, Jer. 1:7-9, Lk. 12:12*

#4 What should I be doing?

"And as you go, preach saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give." *Mat. 10:7-8*

#5 What if nothing happens?

Real faith is simply believing what God says and acting accordingly. You are the obey-er. He is the Doer. In the authority of Jesus' name, I can assure you when you do your part in the natural, He will release the supernatural. *Heb. 11:6*

TRUE STORIES

A thirteen-year-old boy from Biloxi, Mississippi hungered for the power of God. He stood in an Assembly of God church one Sunday and began to prophesy, but the ushers forbade him to continue, stating he was too young. He left a lucrative job to become a youth pastor for \$75/week, but later demonstrated God's power to half-a-million people. That boy was my husband, Tommy Burchfield.

A sixteen-year-old Methodist girl hungered for the power of God, but also wanted to be popular. At a cheerleading camp at SMU, she obeyed Jesus and entered a talent show. As she sang a Christian song to 2,000 cheerleaders, her own cheer team was thoroughly embarrassed. Some in the crowd mocked her, but the fear of man's opinion in her was broken that night, and she has been set free to live surrendered unto Jesus for over fifty years. That girl was me.

*Now, it's your turn to discover what we know;
the joys of demonstrating
Who You Are In Christ.*

Meet Kirk. Child-actor in ABC's hit sitcom, *Growing Pains*, teen heartthrob, Golden Globe recipient (1985). For more info on Kirk Cameron's faith-based films, go to kirkcameron.com.

"...Christ in you, the hope of glory." Col. 1:27

Being In Christ changes you from the inside out.

I Am “In Him”

01

Renewing your mind is the process of rejecting any thought that contradicts God’s Word and replacing it with a scriptural truth.

02

Meditating on the “In Him” scriptures causes the Christ-in-you image to dominate your self-image.

03

God’s formula for success is to put God’s Word in both your mind and your mouth.

04

Dare to declare who God says you are, and you’ll live in supernatural victory.

*For in Him we live and move and have
our being... Ac. 17:28*



Supporting Scriptures

Prv. 18:21

Jn. 1:4

II Cor. 1:20

Eph. 1:4

Ph. 3:9

Col. 2:6

I Jn. 2:27

I Jn. 5:14

Confessions of Faith About Who You Are In Christ

A spiritual law that few recognize is that our confessions rule us. To "confess" means to "agree with," so as you confess these phrases daily, you are agreeing with God. Walking with God is the simple habit of "Confess with your mouth, and believe in your heart." Rom. 10:9

1. The Greater One lives in me. I Jn. 4:4
2. I am a partaker of His divine nature. II Pt. 1:4
3. I have authority over the devil and nothing shall harm me. Lk. 10:19
4. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Ph. 4:13

Declare this list out loud daily. Tape this list to a mirror or take a picture of it on your phone.



God's Word in your mouth releases God's power in your life.

*This is my Bible!
I am all that it says I am.
I have all that it says I have.
I can do all that it says I can do.
E. W. Kenyon*

Reflection



SEARCH

Write the E.W.
Kenyon quote seen
above in the front of your
Bible. Say it and believe it.

Prv. 18:21, Ps. 119:89, Is. 40:8

God's Word is a miracle mirror which
reflects who you are *In Christ*.

ANSWER KEY

EXERCISE		ANSWERS		
Chapter 1	From God's Viewpoint	- Natural, Spiritual - Satan, God	- Hell, Heaven - Heaven, satan	- Natural, Spiritual - Second Adam, Death
	Three Examples of Identity	- Crucified - In me		
Chapter 2	Six Facts About Man	- True - Spirit, soul, body - Function	- Spirit - Soul - Body	
	The Soul of Man	Spirit, soul, body		
	What Happened at the Fall of Man?	- Disconnected - Surviving - Ex-Father - Dependent	- Ruler - Sinful nature - Slave - Dead	
	What Happened on Calvary?	- Reconnected - Reborn - Reign	- Success - Power - Free	
	The Little 's' Spirit	Lamp		
Chapter 3	Understanding Biblical Confessions of Faith	- Sin - Faith		
	Confession of Sin Has Two Parts	- Confess my sins - Faithful - Forgive our sins	- Cleanse us from unrighteousness - Your soul	
	Heart and Mouth Confession	- Confess - Believe	- Believes - Confession	
Chapter 4	Four Facts About the New Creation	- After Calvary - New species		
	The New You	- Father - Family - Identity - Purpose - Desires	- Nature - Wisdom - Ability - Potential - Eternal home	
Chapter 5	Turkey or Eagle?	- False: Before Christ, we were sinners, in Christ, we are saints. <i>1 Cor. 7:2</i> - False: Holy Spirit who lives in you will always alert you to a sin. <i>1 Jn. 3:21</i> - False: No, dwelling on a bad thought is a sin. <i>Rom. 8:6</i> - False: It's not hard for a cow to be a cow or a Christian to be a Christian. <i>1 Jn. 5:3</i>	- False: Our righteousness is complete and not dependent on our performance. <i>Titus 3:5</i> - False - False - True 100 100! Your sin was transferred to Jesus and Jesus' righteousness was transferred to you.	
	Righteousness in Word Pictures	- Blood of Chris - God's goodness	- gift of righteousness - righteousness	
Chapter 6	They reached for Jesus, the Healer...	- paid - stripes		
	Overview for Healing	- T - T - F	- T - F - T	- T - T
Chapter 7	Jesus Was an Overcomer	- Mark 8 - Mark 5	- Mark 4 - Mark 2	
	Jesus Experienced the Horrors Of Hell	- Cut off - Wrath	- Die - God	
	A Grand Processional	- T - T	- T - T	T
	Prepare to Renew Your Mind	- Recognize - Reject	Replace	
Chapter 8	Prepare to Declare	- Blessed with every spiritual blessing - Chosen,	- Adopted - Redemption and forgiveness of sin	

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30 THINGS GOD SAYS ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST

(I AM, I CAN, I HAVE)

I am...

1. I AM a new creation. *II Cor. 5:17*
2. I AM an ambassador of God. *I Cor. 5:20*
3. I AM the righteousness of God. *II Cor. 5:21*
4. I AM the head and not the tail. *Deut. 28:13*
5. I AM above only and never beneath. *Deut. 28:13*
6. I AM blessed coming in and going out. *Deut. 28:6*
7. I AM delivered from the kingdom of darkness. *Col. 1:13*
8. I AM forgiven of all my sins. *Eph. 1:7*
9. I AM washed in the Blood of Jesus. *Eph. 1:7*
10. I AM accepted in the Beloved. *Eph. 1:6*
11. I AM redeemed from the curse of the law. *Gal. 3:13*
12. I AM dead to sin and alive unto God. *Rom. 6:2*
13. I AM healed by the stripes of Jesus. *I Pt. 2:24*
14. I AM more than a conqueror. *Rm. 8:37*
15. I AM the temple of the Holy Spirit. *I Cor. 6:19*
16. I AM chosen. *Eph. 1:4*
17. I AM set free. *Jn. 8:31*
18. I AM strong in the Beloved. *Col. 2:10*
19. I AM free from condemnation. *Rm. 8:1*
20. I AM God's child, born again of the incorruptible Word of God. *I Pt. 1:23*
21. I AM the apple of my Father's eye. *Deut. 32:10, Ps. 17:8*
22. I AM raised up with Christ and seated in heavenly places. *Eph. 2:6, Col. 2:12*
23. I AM God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works. *Eph. 2:10*

I have...

24. I HAVE the mind of Christ. *Ph. 2:5*
25. I HAVE overcome the world. *I Jn. 4:4*
26. I HAVE the peace of God which passes all understanding. *Ph. 4:7*
27. I HAVE power to lay hands on the sick and expect them to recover, power to cast out demons, and power over all the power of the devil and nothing shall by any means harm me. *Lk. 10:19, Mk. 16:17*
28. I HAVE obtained an inheritance. *Eph. 1:11*
29. I HAVE everlasting life and will not be condemned. *Jn. 5:24, Jn. 6:47*

And because of who I am in Christ...

30. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!! *Philippians 4:13*

* It takes thirty minutes to read and highlight each of these scriptures. Why not do it today?

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I'M A NEW CREATION

Lyrics by David Ingles

I'm a new creation, I'm a brand new man,
Old things are passed away, I've been born again,
More than a conqueror, that's who I am,
I'm not a new creation, I'm a brand new man.

YOU SAY

Lyrics by Lauren Daigle

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?
Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know,

The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity,
Taking all I have and now I'm layin' it at Your feet
You'll have every failure God, You'll have every victory,

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing
You say I am strong when I think I am weak
You say I am held when I am falling short
When I don't belong, oh, You say I am Yours
And I believe, oh, I believe
What You say of me
I believe
Oh, I believe, yes, I believe
What You say of me
I believe

WHOSE REPORT DO YOU BELIEVE?

Lyrics by Becky Fender

Whose report will you believe?
We shall believe the report of the Lord (4x)

His report says, I am healed. His report says, I am filled.
His report says, I am free. His report says victory.

14 SCRIPTURES TO PRAY OVER YOUR CHILDREN

BY TOMMY BURCHFIELD

- *My child is set apart to serve God. Psalm 4:3*
- *God's goodness will continue on my child. Psalm 145:4*
- *The good hand of God is upon my child. Nehemiah 2:8*
- *God's blessings are upon me and my child. Isaiah 44:3*
- *My child has a desire for the things of God. Matthew 5:6*
- *The future is blessed for my child. Jeremiah 29:11*
- *My child's steps are ordered by the Lord. Psalm 37:23*
- *My child walks in favor with God and man. Luke 2:52*
- *My child lives under a heavy anointing. Isaiah 10:27*
- *God initiates all of my child's friendships. Colossians 2:2*
- *My child knows the voice of the Good Shepherd. John 10:4*
- *My child is destined to live in victory. Romans 5:17*
- *Jesus paid the price for victory for my child. II Corinthians 2:14*
- *My child lives in prosperity in any area. Psalm 35:27*



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- *My future is blessed. Jeremiah 29:11*
- *My future is filled with the favor of God. Proverbs 4:18*
- *My future is filled with peace. Psalm 29:11*
- *My future is filled with joy. Acts 20:24*
- *My future is filled with the right relationships. Proverbs 27:17*
- *My future has been set by the Lord. Acts 17:26*
- *My future is ordered. Psalm 37:23*
- *I will fulfill my future. Acts 13:36*
- *I trust the Lord with my future. Psalm 37:5*
- *The Holy Spirit will reveal my future. John 16:13*
- *My future is by faith. Romans 1:17*
- *My future is daily guided by the Word. Psalm 119:105*
- *My future is victorious. Hebrews 12:1*
- *My future is an Ephesians 3:20 future. Ephesians 3:20*



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DEDICATION

Dedicated to our Sons and Daughters in the Texas Bible Institute World Alumni Association

May God continue to use you to share the good news of Jesus Christ in your nation!

English

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

Spanish

Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo que ha dado a su hijo unigénito, que todo aquel que cree en él no debe pierda, mas tenga vida eterna. *Juan 3:16*

Arabic

ملاعلا لوللا بحأ اذل

Amharic (Ethiopia)

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Belize Creole

Yu si, Gaad lov di peepel dehn eena dis werl soh moch

Bengali (India)

কারণ ঈশ্বর জগৎকে এমন প্রমে করলিনে যে

Bulgarian

Защото Бог толкова възлюби света

Chamorro (Guam)

Sa taegüenao na jaguaeya si Yuus y tano

French

Car Dieu a tant aimé le monde

German

Denn also hat Gott die Welt geliebt

Haitian Creole

Paske, Bondye sitèlman renmen lèzòm

Hausa (Nigeria)

Gama Allah ya yi kamnar duniya

Hebrew

כי כען תאמין באלהים כי

Hindi (India)

परमेश्वर को जगत से इतना प्रेम था

Hungarian

Mert úgy szerette Isten e világot

Indonesian

Karena begitu besar kasih Allah akan dunia

Japanese

神は世を愛された

Jamaican Creole

Kaa, yu si, Gad lov di worl so moch

Korean

신이 세상을 너무 사랑했기 때문에

Mandarin Chinese

神愛世人

Maori (New Zealand)

Koia ano te aroha o te Atua ki te ao

Romanian

Fiindcă atât de mult a iubit Dumnezeu lumea

Russian

Ибо так возлюбил Бог мир

Setswana (Botswana)

Gonne Modimo o ratile lefatshe mo go kalo

Swahili

Kwa maana jinsi hii Mungu aliupenda ulimwengu

Tagalog (Philippines)

Sapagkat pag ibig ng Diyos sa sanlibutan

Tamil (Sri Lanka/India)

தவேன் இவ்வளவு உலகத்தில் அன்பாகிறந்தார்

Thai

เพราะว่าพระเจ้าทรงรักโลก

Ukrainian

Так бо Бог полюбив світ

Zulu

Ngokuba uNkulunkulu walithanda izwe kangaka

I AM A WORSHIPPER

By Rachel Burchfield

I am a worshipper.
That's not just what I do, but it's who I am.
I am not a female worshipper. I am a worshipper
who is a female.
I am not a mom who worships. I am a
worshipper who is a mom.
I am not a Bible teacher who worships. I am a
worshipper who is a Bible teacher.

I am a worshipper.
Additional descriptions enhance me, but they
don't define me.
They are what I do, but a worshipper is who I am.
If life throws a curveball and setbacks abound,
nothing about my identity has changed.
I am a worshipper.

I don't need a perfect life, because I worship a
perfect God.
With or without an impressive career,
With or without happy circumstances,
With or without a perfect home, perfect
physique, perfect spouse, or perfect kids ...
I am still, and first, a worshipper.

And when life on earth is over, and Heaven
becomes my home,
Nothing except my location will have changed,
because
I am a worshipper.

