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Through the tender mercy of our God,
with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us
... To guide our feet into the way of peace.

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DECEMBER, 2024

If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the Law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?

JOHN 7:23

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1

**LAWS - TO SAVE OR
TO ENSLAVE?**

Laws generally is a means of redressing wrongs and maintaining order in a community, so was God's laws to the children of Israel, His chosen people.

God gave them the laws when they were about entering the promise land, as a means of redressing wrongs, so that they will live in harmony with each other.

It was not meant to enslave them, but to give them freedom and peace.

Man on the other hand turns the law of God and even misinterpret it, in attempt to use the law as a weapon to enslave.

Jesus said,

“They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulder” (Matt.23:4).

But Jesus came that He might set us free from the bondage of men's laws, and give us liberty to serve the living God willingly.

As it stands, God did not abolish His laws, but instead He said, “I will put My laws in their minds and write it on their hearts” Also, “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them” (Jer.31:33, Eze.36:27).

God's Spirit had been sent, to everyone who believe and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior; in other that He may teach, guide, and help them to walk in the ways of God – it is no longer by men's interpretation of God's law that we are to serve God, but by the leading of His Spirit in us.

Believing in Jesus gives you liberty to love the Lord with all your heart, with all your

soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

So instead of binding yourselves with laws and regulations of men in order to serve God, submit and receive the teachings and guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that you can serve God willingly in love.

THINK IT OUT

Are you loving and serving God willingly with the liberty that Christ sacrifice provides, or are you being compelled by the law to serve God?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for setting me free from the bondage of men's laws and

giving me liberty to love You willingly and not out of compulsion. I willingly submit to Your Spirit guidance and help.

Know Your Bible: READ 2THES. 1, 2, 3

Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.

HEBREWS 11:29

MONDAY DECEMBER 2

OVERCOMING BY FAITH

Faith is having an absolute trust in God and in His word.

Apostle Paul defined faith as the substance of things hoped for, [and] the evidence of things not seen (Heb.1:1).

We can say, God's word is the substance of our hope and also the evidence of things though not clear to the ordinary eyes, but we have it.

Paul also said, it is by faith that we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God (Heb.11:3).

So also everything that God has made available for us, we understand them or obtain them by faith.

Meaning, we obtain them by believing and trusting God's word.

By believing John 3:16, we receive the

salvation that Jesus died to give us.

By believing John 14:16&23, we also receive the Holy Spirit whom God sent to be with us forever.

To receive forgiveness for our sins, we also need to believe 1John 1:9.

Therefore faith is not an assumption or a trial and error – It is not, 'Let try and see if it works or let just assume it might work.

Faith is not a risky leap into the void.

It is actually an exercise of confidence in God's word.

So the faith that overcomes, is the faith that

has a substance [The Word of God].

That is why it comes by the hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Rom.10:17).

Ultimately when we hear, receive and trust the word of God, we have a faith that overcomes – and this overcoming faith works in all circumstances, because it is the written word of God.

Our text today says,

“The Israelite pass through the Red Sea as by dry land, [but] the Egyptians attempting [by assumption] to do so, were drowned.

Therefore make the Word of God the

substance of your faith and the evidence of what you have received from God.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know that assumptions or boldness are no substance to base your faith on? And do you know the only sure substance of an overcoming faith is the written word of God which has the authority and power to be true always?

PRAYER:

Thank You dear Lord for Your Word is true and will remain true at all times. I believe and trust Your Word as my

**warrantee for all that I hope for and I
receive Your Word as the evidence of the
hope.**

Know Your Bible: READ 1TIMOTHY 1, 2, 3
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**What shall we say then? Shall we continue
in sin that grace may abound?**

ROMANS 6:1

TUESDAY DECEMBER 3

REDEEMED FROM SIN

Jesus Christ died on the cross and poured His
blood for the sins of man.

Through His sacrifice, He redeemed us from
the bondage of sin and from the kingdom of

darkness that took us captive by the permission of sin.

Now we have been translated into the kingdom of light and given the right of sons and daughters with God the Father.

All these was done freely, not because of what we did, but because of Jesus' sacrifice as recorded in Ephesians 2:8-9.

When we accepted and believed the salvation message, we became the righteous children of God because of Him.

The question Apostle Paul asked is, after becoming the righteous children of God, should we continue to live in sin?

It is obvious that we all know the answer to this question, which is, of course “No”.

We are called to walk as children of light, because we now belong to the kingdom of light.

In this kingdom, Jesus said, it is important that we do unto others, what we will want others to do unto us (Matt.7:12)

He said that, 'we are the light of the world', so we are to shine for others to see this light and be able to follow.

We are also called the salt of the earth, it therefore means that our actions and words are to be seasoned, and it should have taste.

All these we cannot achieve on our own without His divine help; thank God, He had sent the Holy Spirit to us, to help us in this walk with Christ.

Jesus already said, the Holy Spirit will teach us all things, He will guide us into all truth, and He will be with us forever

(John 14:16,26, 16:13)

So for you not to continue in sin, ask the Holy Spirit to help you, and be ready to cooperate with Him as He teaches you all things, guides you into all truth and help you to walk in them.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know redemption gives you power and right to overcome sins through the help of the Holy Spirit?

PRAYER:

Dear Holy Spirit, I receive You into my live, and I am ready to submit as You guide me, teach me and help me to walk in the way that pleases my Father in heaven

Know Your Bible: READ 1TIMOTHY 4, 5, 6
Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





But Phillip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

ACTS 8:40

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4

SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

As believers, the one thing we always have and which is always also readily available with us to share with others, is the Word of God.

Most times we are passing through or stopping-by a place, we might feel, 'oh, not now!' or 'not this place!' or even 'not this person!'

If we would not be obedient to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to share God's word – we might never know, who was hungry for truth; for encouragement or for help, until we are willing to obey.

Sharing the good news and helping others find Christ is just another way of showing gratitude to Jesus who sought us out and saved us.

We are not priding ourselves as those that are perfect nor as those who have arrived and 'have had it all together', but on the contrary,

as those who have tasted the goodness of God and the benefits in knowing Christ and being led by His Spirit through His word.

This experience is what we share with others, so that they also, would come to know the Savior and enjoy the benefit of knowing Him.

The disciples of Jesus shared from cities to cities till it get to us, we have the obligation to share until it gets to the ends of the earth. Sharing the word should not only be verbal, we can also point others to Christ by living a godly life.

That can be a more powerful testimony of the goodness of Christ and His continuous

presence with us.

So, choose your strategy and be sure to share the good news.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know just living the life of one who is saved, is one best strategy to share the good news, and point those around us to Jesus?

PRAYER:

Lord thank You for saving me and thank You for Your goodness in my life. Please

give me the grace and courage to share

Your goodness by living in gratitude for all

You've done..

Know Your Bible: READ 2TIMOTHY 1, 2, 3, 4

Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





That very day Pilate and Herod became friends with each other, for previously they had been at enmity with each other.

LUKE 23:12

THURSDAY DECEMBER 5

THE RIGHT FRIENDS

Jesus Christ came to the world, His death on the cross brought peace to man.

For even Pilate and Herod that were previously at enmity with each other became friends, they were united on a course – it was

mockery time for the one that claimed to be the Son of God;

for them this is a course they both agreed on, so they put their differences aside, and became friends.

[Hope His coming and death on the cross has also brought reconciliation between you and God your maker?]

The question now is, what attract us to others?

Or what common course unite us with others?

How do we choose our friends or companions?

Who are your friends?

As believers in Christ Jesus, we have a

mission. We've been called by God sent forth by Christ to the world, to bring in as many brethren as the Lord will give us grace, into the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Because of this one most important course, choosing the right companion is important; Oneness of purpose should be the hallmarks of our friendship.

It is obvious that choosing a friend on the opposite side of our course might not be a wise decision.

The scripture says, “Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?” (Amos 3:3).

Then Jesus said, “Every house divided [on

course] against itself will not stand”

(Matt.12:25)

Good company is a boost to our growing process in Christ; but best of all, Jesus said, “I will not leave you orphans I will come to you” (John 14:18);

so our companionship with the Holy Spirit will make the journey, less effort, more trusting which will equal best result.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know you can make the Holy Spirit your best friend? And do you know this journey is worth our best and demands

that we let go of anything that will hinder our growth?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus please help me to choose wisely, friends who will be an encouragement for good behavior and godly life in my journey. May I also be an encouragement to someone else.

Know Your Bible: READ TITUS 1, 2 ,3, PHILEMON 1
Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostle's feet.

ACTS 5:2

FRIDAY DECEMBER 6

FEAR AND LOVE

The story of Ananias and Sapphira his wife, who sold their goods, kept part of the proceeds of the sales to themselves and lied to

Apostle Peter, is not new, but has the lesson of the story been understood by today's believers?

It is recorded that the news of their death brought great fear to the church and to all who heard it (V.11).

Is that fear still observable today among believers?

Why do we sing love songs and praises to God with our lips, but disregard the lessons His word teaches us?

Proverb 14:27 says,

“The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to turn one away from the snares of death”

Love and fear is what we accord to God.

To 'fear' the Lord God, is to have a feeling of respect and wonder for the creator of the universe.

If we say, we love Him, but not fear Him – we will not keep His word.

But if we fear Him; out of respect for His person and authority, we will walk in His ways and keep His statutes.

Also, because He loved us first, and sent His only begotten Son Jesus to die for our sins, and redeem us, we are compel to love Him also (1John 4:19),

and out of this love, we serve Him with all our heart and with all our soul – rather than

merely out of duty.

Apostle John wrote,

“In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.”

Then he said,

“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” (1John 4:9,10)

Therefore, our fear and love for Him will enable us walk willingly in obedience to His word.

Reverential fear was lacking in Ananias and Sapphira's love for God, don't let reverential fear be missing in your love for God.

THINK IT OUT

Do you have reverential fear for God? And are you serving Him out of gratitude for His love for you?

PRAYER:

Lord thank You that though You are so great in heaven yet You stoop down to love me. Please help me to love You with reverential fear that brings You honor.

Amen

Know Your Bible: READ HEBREW 1, 2, 3
Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





Nor is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

ACTS 4:12

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7

NO OTHER NAME, BUT JESUS

The name “JESUS” was given to man as a gift from God Almighty.

The angel that announced it told Joseph saying,

“She will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS [Then the mission of the name],
'For He will save His people from their sins'”
(Matt.1:21).

Therefore, the name and the mission are tied together as one thus: “JESUS SAVES”

There is no other name under heaven that is attached with that mission.

More so, the gospel according to John told us that, “In the beginning', He was called 'THE WORD',

He was with God in the beginning and He was God; all things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made”

(John 1:1-3).

Also, in 1John 5:7, He is seated in heaven bearing witness, and His name is, “THE WORD”.

Then Revelation 19:13 gives us a glimpse of Him in heaven, clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called, “THE WORD OF GOD”

Clearly, the name, “JESUS” was given to man on earth, to use.

We are given that name “JESUS” to sign whatever request we make to God the Father.

Jesus said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you. --- Ask, and you will receive,

that your joy may be full” (John 16:23-24).

Also, the name was given so that when you mention it, 'everything will [put their knee on the ground and surrender], things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth' (Phil.2:10).

Hold-on! Before you rush to ask and sign your request with “JESUS”, remember the Scripture says, it is only those who have received Him as Lord and Savior of their lives, are given the right of sons to use the name (John 1:12).

And that is because you cannot call on whom you do not believe (Rom.10:13-14).

THINK IT OUT

Have you received Him as LORD? Do you know you cannot call on this name and receive anything if you do not truly believe and trust in Him? And do you know there is no other name given?

PRAYER:

Dear Father thank You for the gift of the name of Jesus. And thank You for the privilege I have as a child to sign all my request with this name “JESUS”

Know Your Bible: READ HEBREWS 4, 5, 6
Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





And all who sat in the Council, looking steadfastly at [Stephen], saw his face as the face of an angel

ACTS 6:15

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8

REFLECTING CHRIST

Growing in Christ and reflecting His image comes from a deepening relationship with Him. Just like in any relationship, time and communication are key factors to a successful relationship; our relationship with

Christ requires, we spend time with Him and communicate always not leaving room for lapses.

You may wonder, 'How do I spend time with Him?' or 'How do I communicate with Him?'

first, to spend time with Him is, to spend time and read your Bible, so that you will get to know Him; what He likes; and what He would love to see you do, in any situation – all these are in His teaching in the Bible.

Second, communicating with Him is, being very open to what you have learnt during your time with Him, by telling Him with all sincerity of heart, the areas you have failed

and how you are sorry for living a life different from what He teaches.

Then, ask Him to help you, correct them and also to give you grace to keep His teachings and grow to bear fruit that will please Him.

That way, He has spoken to you and you have responded.

So with all assurance in your heart begin to see Him pruning you and beautifying you through His words, to look more like Him.

When He works in you, you will reflect His image and people around you, will see Christ in you.

And just like Apostle Stephen, people will

look at you and perceive in their heart,

'This must be an angel!'

because you will reflect Christ for spending time with Him.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know spending more time with Jesus will make you Christ like? And if you do not spend time with Him, how else will you get to know Him?

PRAYER:

Dear Father, thank You for creating me in Your image and likeness. Please work in me as I spend time with You, to look like You and reflect You.

Know Your Bible: READ HEBREWS 7, 8

Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





Eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality.

ROMANS 2:7

MONDAY DECEMBER 9

SEEKING FOR GLORY AND HONOR

As believers in Christ, we need to remind ourselves often that the life we have, for believing in Jesus as the only begotten Son

of God and as the Savior of our soul is,
“Eternal life” (John 3:16).

Jesus said, “And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand” (John 10:28)

And that life in us is Christ living inside of us – which is our hope of glory.

Now therefore because of this hope of glory which will be revealed in us, we continue in patience, doing what is good and acceptable in His sight.

We know that Jesus died to set us free from the condemnation of sins; by taking the condemnation upon Himself and shedding His blood to sanctify us (Heb.13:12);

justify us (Rom.3:24) and declare us righteous in the sight of God, making us acceptable in the beloved through faith (Eph.1:6).

We, therefore are no longer debtors or slaves of sins. As it is written,

“Therefore, brethren, we are debtors – [But] not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh --- [Because] having been set free from sin, [we] became slaves of righteousness --- for when we were slaves of sin, we were free in regard to righteousness” (Rom.8:12, 6:18,20)

Now in patience we wait, and continue in doing good, even though it is hard, painful or even full of shame, because we are awaiting

this glory and this honor which He will give to us when He appears.

In these, is our hope.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know this glory and honor will outweigh any pain or shame we've ever endured for His name sake?

PRAYER:

Thank You dear Lord Jesus for Your death that gave us eternal life and that life is our hope of glory. Give us the grace to

**continue patiently to do good as we seek
Your glory and glory alone.**

Know Your Bible: READ HEBREWS 9, 10

Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which [Stephen] spoke.

ACTS 6:10

TUESDAY DECEMBER 10

WISDOM THROUGH THE SPIRIT

We all desire wisdom; we will all love to be wise.

But the wisdom of the world is different from

the wisdom that comes from the Spirit of God.

The wisdom of the world is gained by having many experiences in life or by just being naturally smart, able to understand things that most others can't.

When it comes to the wisdom of the Spirit of God, Apostle Paul wrote,

“The Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God” (1Cor.2:10).

The Spirit of God searches and knows the mind of God, He then reveals them to us, so that we can better understand what God expect us to do at any given time.

The good thing about this wisdom that comes from the Spirit of God are: no special talent is required; even a fool [by men standard] can be wise in the spirit; there is no age limit; no gender discrimination; it comes from the all-knowing, the all-wise God and it is given liberally upon request.

James 1:5 says,

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally --- and it will be given to him

This God' wisdom will be given to us when we humbly ask – and we can totally depend on this wisdom for every issue of life.

With this wisdom, we don't need to worry

about, what we will say (Luke 21:15) or what we will eat or wear; God's wisdom through His Spirit is all-sufficient for everything and for every area of our lives.

Do you want this wisdom?

Remember, it is through the Holy Spirit who searches all things.

You need to receive the Holy Spirit of God into your life; He is the promise of God to all His children (Acts 2:39).

Apostle Stephen spoke with this God given wisdom and no one was able to resist or counter his words; ask for the Holy Spirit and with Him, no one will be able to resist your knowledge.

THINK IT OUT

Do you want this God-given wisdom to go through life?

PRAYER:

Dear Father thank You for the promise and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Dear Holy Spirit come into my life today and abide with me forever. Teach me, guide me in life and give me the wisdom I need to live life successfully.

Know Your Bible: READ HEBREW 11, 12
Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





And they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe.

ACTS 16:21

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 11

WHAT IS YOUR CUSTOM?

Custom as we know, can be habits we do regularly or a practice that is common to many and has been long established.

They could also be practices that have been

an integral part of us, such that we believe, it is impossible to let go.

So it's either we've become entrapped by them or we are ruled with fear by them.

Some of these customs, we inherited them from our fathers, and we have come to know that they are of no profit to us at all, yet we are afraid to let go.

Others are habit we believe are inherent or are in our blood, so we are powerless.

Jesus came to set us free from the entanglement and slavery of the laws, and customs of our fathers.

He also came to rescue us from self-destructive habits that we are trapped in.

His message is, “Repent for the kingdom is at hand” (Matt.4:17).

Meaning, change direction; come into this realm, where there is freedom from fear and victory from destruction.

One will expect that people who have lived with so much terror and pain would quickly embrace this freedom message; but no, just like the people in our today's text who said, “We are Romans, it is not lawful for us to receive this”;

today we are still resisting the change that the gospel of Christ is asking of us, with excuses like,

“In my place, that is how we behave”;

“That is just who I am”; or even more convincing,

“Conditions of life or my experiences in life, or my nature of work; have transform me to this”.

Without doubt, those things may be very true, but with God,

“All things are possible” (Lk.18:27).

If in humility, we receive Jesus into our lives, and whole heartedly ask Him to help us with those area of our lives, and if we'll be submissive to the leading of the Holy Spirit; we might not just miraculously change in one day, but with the help of the Holy Spirit; gradual transformation will occur, which will in the course of time, reveal in us a whole new man in Christ.

This is what Christ paid for, when He gave His life on the cross.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know that being a new man in Christ means all old things- traditions and customs passes away, and all things becomes new?

PRAYER:

Thank You dear Lord Jesus for giving Your life to set us free. Today, I surrender and ask for help..

Know Your Bible: READ HEBREW 13

Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

JOHN 16:13

THURSDAY DECEMBER 12

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

‘However when the Spirit of truth has come’

This was Jesus promise to His disciple before His departure.

This promise was fulfilled (John 14:16-17) .

Another thing to note about this promise is that Jesus said the Holy Spirit, will abide with us forever, He will dwell with us and will be in us.

These are the things Jesus said the Holy Spirit will do in us when He comes:

‘He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come’.

Jesus here was telling us about the relationship we will have with God the Father because of the work of redemption and reconciliation which He will accomplish for us at the cross.

Of course after we have been reconciled to God, we have a relationship with God, and in every good relationship there must be communication.

Now it is through the abiding Holy Spirit that we communicate with God.

Jesus said, '*The Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth*' – when we know the truth about God; who He is and how much He loves us, we will be more intimate in our relationship with Him; and in appreciation for His love; and in reverence, we will be obedient to His word.

He also said,

“The Holy Spirit will speak whatever He

hears”, that is to say, ‘When God says something to us, the Holy Spirit will tell us – not only that, when we also speak to God [in prayer], though we may not know, sometimes the right words or even what we should ask for, the Holy Spirit will communicate even our heart groanings to God.

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered”
(Rom.8:26).

And He will also bring back word from God to us.

Jesus said, “*He will tell you things to come*” meaning He will declare the mind of God concerning our request to us; giving us hope and a clear picture of what to expect.

THINK IT OUT

Are you in relationship with God? Have you communicated today?

PRAYER:

Thank You dear Lord for choosing to be in constant communication with us. Thank You for the Holy Spirit who is always with us to help us..

Know Your Bible: READ JAMES 1, 2

Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





Then Paul answered, “What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus”

ACTS 21:13

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13

GIVING ALL FOR JESUS' NAME

Jesus gave all to rescue us. He laid down His life for us to have life. He left His throne in heaven, came down, humbled Himself to be beaten, spat on, crowned with thorns and crucified – not for the sins He committed,

because Pilate said,

“I have found no reason for death in Him”

(Luke 23:22)

Yet, He was crucified.

Why? He did this that we might be forgiven of our sins; be saved and be reconciled to God forever.

He gave all for love. No wonder when Apostle Paul, who was formally persecuting those who called on that name; when he was shown mercy, when the love of Christ was revealed to him; when he received and tasted the love of Christ, he was determined to give his all, even his life for that name.

He said, “For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die for the name of Jesus”

What about you, have you received His mercy?

What area of your life can you say, 'His love has been revealed to me'?

Is there something you know, or something that has reminded you of His love, that will make you give your all for Him and for the glory of His name?

You may say, 'Well not much', but have you thought about the sacrifice He made to reconcile you to God, your maker?

Now you can call on God as your Father and

also you are a child of God all because of Him.

Hence, what will you withhold from Him?

What is that thing that you think is too much to let go for His sake?

Today, if you will choose to let it go for the name of Jesus, you won't be missing anything – because whatever you let go, He is well able to give you much more, even better, a hundred fold.

Think about it.

THINK IT OUT

What are you willing to give for His name?

Do you know how much He loves you?

PRAYER:

**Dear Lord Jesus thank You for giving me
Your all. Help me to let go anything that is
standing between us, and give me the
grace to give you my all.**

Know Your Bible: READ JAMES 3, 4, 5

Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the scriptures.

ACTS 17:2

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14

REASONING FROM THE SCRIPTURE

What forms your view point: what are the basis of your reasoning?

Most times we allow situations to form our judgment.

Other times, the Politics of the day; the Economy; the Weather for that period; or even sometimes, it is our feelings for that particular day, that we allow to be the basis of our reasoning and judgment.

Though all these things might be the facts or the real situation of things, even then, they should not form our reasoning or our perception of life.

In Christ Jesus, the only thing that matter is the truth of what the scripture says.

It does not matter how we may feel or what the economy or the weather says; or who is the head of Government, nor our family

background; the word of God always stand true in all situation.

Apostle Paul's custom was to reason from the view point of the scriptures, then it is written, “Some of them were persuaded” (V.4).

When we accept Jesus, we are expected to believe His word.

Everything God has provided for us in Christ Jesus, we take possession of them by believing.

Be it our healing (1Pet.2:24); Forgiveness (Col.1:14, 1John 1:9);

Prosperity and Security (Lk.17:33, Jude 1:1), all have been provided in Christ; we accept and receive them when we believe.

So let your reasoning or your perspective of life's subjects be from what the scripture says.

Judge everything with the scripture, feed your mind with the word of God and lay hold on the promises it provide.

Be persuaded by the truth and live by the truth.

Know that Truth always cancelled out Fact.

God's word is truth, situation of life are only facts of the moment and they are temporal; but Truth, remains forever.

THINK IT OUT

How are you going to reason today, or what will form your judgment? Do you know it

will be more profitable if you begin to align yourself with what the word of God says?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord thank You that all I need and will ever need has been provided in Your word; and I only need to take by believing.

Know Your Bible: READ 1PETER 1, 2

Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





But do not yield to them, for more than forty of them lie in wait for him, men who have bound themselves by an oath that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him.

ACTS 23:21

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15

DIS-ENGAGE FROM EVIL

It is common today that people want to belong to one social group or more.

Some, desiring so much to belong have been lured into wrong associations or even evil associations which like those in our today's

texts have bound themselves by oath for evil.

And for the fear of this oath and pledges, they have remain under bondage and there seems no way out.

If you have found yourself in this evil entanglement, and you truly want to disengage, there is good news for you.

Jesus said, “I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness” (John 12:46).

And also it is written that Jesus came , “to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death” (Lk.1:79).

His command is, “Come out from among them and be separate, -- do not touch what is unclean and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you and you shall be My sons and daughters” (2Cor.6:17-18).

You may say, “I am afraid, how do I come out?”

Jesus said, “If you believe”. The power to disengage is in you believing that Jesus can save you.

The Scripture says, “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)

Since, there is no other name, if you believe

in the name that God gave for everyone to be saved, you shall be saved.

Believing in Jesus makes you a child of God and He your Father; and this is the key, and this is where the power to disengage comes from.

You can invite Jesus into your life right now, if you are willing, by praying this prayer and believing in your heart:

Dear Lord Jesus, I am a sinner, I am sorry for all my sins, I repent, please forgive me and cleanse me with Your blood. I believe You are the Son of God. Come into my life and make me Your child. I receive You as my Lord and Savior today. Amen

THINK IT OUT

Do you know that God is greater than all and able to save?

PRAYER:

Thank You Jesus for coming that we might be free from bondage. Thank You that by Your name we're able to disengage and be free.

Know Your Bible: READ 1PETER 3, 4, 5
Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, “Do you want to be made well?”

JOHN 5:6

MONDAY DECEMBER 16

**DO YOU WANT TO BE
MADE WELL?**

Jesus' question to a sick man whom He knew had been there for a long time, may have sounded surprising or even offensive.

The man could have said, “Can't You see I am sick and I have been lying here with no one to help? Or simply,

“Why would I not want to be made well, do you think I enjoy this sickness?”

But the sick man instead of picking offense responded in humility, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool”, just like saying, “Sir, I really want to, but I need help from someone”.

Jesus' question was to find out, if the sick man was willing and ready to receive the healing when he is given.

This shows that, as powerful and as able as

Jesus is, He still need our consent to save us.

If the sick man was not willing, but Jesus releases the healing, the man would not have received it and if he did not received it, he would not have it.

So our consent and permission is needed.

The story of the woman, who had a flow of blood for twelve years, the scripture said, she made up her mind; decided in her heart and said, “If only I may touch His cloths, I shall be made well”.

She consented in her heart and permitted the healing power of Jesus with her believe.

'And immediately the fountain of her blood

dried up' such that Jesus felt something and turned around to ask, 'who touched Me' [she did not wait for Jesus to lay hands on her but she touched and with her believe pulled healing power out of Jesus] when Jesus asked and she came forward, Jesus said, “Daughter, your faith has made you well”

(Mark 5:25,27-34)

I tell you, your believe and permission is paramount and overriding.

So, are you sick?

Do you want to be made well?

Healing is available now; use your determined and believing heart to receive it now in Jesus name, Amen.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know you can be healed right now?

Do you know you do not need a third party

to receive your healing right now? And

do you know Jesus is this is an opportunity

to receive yours?

PRAYER:

Thank You dear Lord Jesus, for making healing available by Your stripes. Right now I receive healing into my body in Jesus name.

Know Your Bible: READ 2PETER 1, 2, 3

Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.

ACTS 18:25

TUESDAY DECEMBER 17

SEEK TO KNOW MORE

Apollos was first described as a man who was instructed in the way of the Lord and then a man who was fervent [on fire, zealous] in spirit.

He came to Ephesus, preaching and teaching the things of the Lord with ‘accuracy’ – though he knew only the baptism of John [the baptism of repentance (Matt.3:11)].

He did not know about the baptism of Jesus – which is described in 1Peter 3:21, as “The answer of a good conscience toward God”.

Also Apostle Paul explains it to the Romans thus:

“Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death,

that just as Christ was raised from the dead – even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Rom.6:3-4).

This truth, Apollos was not taught, but he had a teachable spirit, though he was a minister, he humbly accepted when this was pointed out to him by Aquila and Priscilla his wife.

The scripture says,

“They took him aside and explained to him the way of God ‘more accurately’”
(Acts 18:26).

He grew spiritually and went on to be
Apostle Paul's very useful partner

(Titus 3:13, 1Cor.16:12)

– leaving us an example of a teachable, open hearted, fervent minister of the gospel of Christ.

Remember the Scripture said he was teaching the things of the Lord with accuracy; but what he later had was a more accurate way of the Lord, and this helped both him and his listeners.

The questions are: Are we teachable? Why is there so much disparity in doctrines amongst believers today?

Preaching and teaching will be more profitable and it will yield more fruit if those who preach or teach, will be willing to know

the more accurate way of the things of God,
by being teachable.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know that wrong teachings produces
a negative impart to those who listen? And
do you know you can humbly ask the Holy
Spirit to guide you into the whole truth?

PRAYER:

**Dear Lord Jesus, help us to be humble,
open hearted and teachable, so that we
will not go out to spread distorted gospel
and destroy the work You shed Your blood
on the cross for.**

Know Your Bible :READ 1JOHN 1, 2

Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





And I [Paul] went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentile, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.

GALATIANS 2:2

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18

SEEK REVELATION

Revelation is usually a way the divine truth is being communicated to us by the Holy Spirit.

It was Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit; The Spirit of Truth; and The Helper to His

followers.

He said, “When He, the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide you into all truth [the correct picture of things], -- and He will tell you things to come [bring to light hidden things].

He also said, the Helper will teach you all things [help us to understand the things of God by giving us lesson from the word of God] and bring to our remembrance all things Jesus had told us [remind us what the scriptures says concerning a particular issue] (John 14:26).

It is written, “Where there is no revelation, the people [perish] (Prov.29:18).

Jesus never intended His followers to walk alone and be led by whatever their natural senses tell them.

Instead He wants us who are His followers to be led by His Spirit, taught by His Spirit and be strengthened by His Spirit.

We cannot walk the new way with Christ successfully without His guidance and we cannot walk godly in this world of trouble without the revelation of what our hope of following Him and enduring the tribulations of this world, is.

Jesus Himself was on this earth, He did not walk alone, He couldn't have accomplished the Father's will alone.

He said, “I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me” Also, “I can of Myself do nothing” (John 8:16, 5:30).

If we are ever going to succeed living for Him, we need the guidance of the Holy Spirit; to endure to the end, we need the revelation of His Spirit. Otherwise even our best will be only but vain and our race might be anti-clockwise of the direction God want us to take.

Paul said, ‘I went up by revelation, - lest I had run in vain’

THINK IT OUT

Are you running by revelation, or by self determination?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, really I can't walk alone and please You, I need the Holy Spirit guidance. Sweet Holy Spirit come into my life, reveal the will of My Father, so that I can walk in it.

Know Your Bible: READ 1JOHN 3, 4, 5

Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

1CORINTHIANS 10:17

THURSDAY DECEMBER 19

WE ARE ONE, IN CHRIST

Jesus said, “I am the Vine, and you are the branches” (John 15:5), with this statement, Jesus made us to understand that, all

believers are one in Christ who is the Vine, and our source.

You may ask, 'Why then is there variation in doctrines and mode of worship?'

The variation we are seeing is not in Christ our source; the scripture says, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever” (Heb.13:8).

More so, the doctrines or mode of worship is not the focus – these are only additions and should not take center stage.

The gospel of Jesus Christ, His teachings and what He accomplished on the cross – took our sins; atoned for all our trespasses;

resurrected to justify us and reconciled us with God the Father. (Rom.5:10,11, 4:25), should be our banner and this is what should take center-stage.

Jesus came specifically to reconcile the once broken relationship between man and God. He atoned with His blood, the sins of disobedience committed from Adam and became the mediator for all who will believe and come to God through faith in His finished work.

He said, “I am the door, if anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture” (John 10:9).

If you have entered by Jesus [the only door], then know that, it is because of Him, that you are in God, and not because of your doctrines or mode of worship.

Everyone who believe is joined together into this one source, he or she forms a branch and we all as branches are joined together and partakes of the same bread – the Vine, thus making us one in Christ.

THINK IT OUT

What is the thing that matters most in your relationship with the Lord? Are you saved because of the denomination you belong to?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for the finished work of the cross. And thank You for making me worthy to be called a child of God. May I focus on what is important and view other children as one in You.

Know Your Bible: READ 2JOHN, 3JOHN, JUDE
Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





Each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

1CORINTHIANS 3:13

FRIDAY DECEMBER 20

THE 'DAY' WILL DECLARE

'The word 'Day' is usually the bright hour of the day and also the part of the day when all things can be seen clearly.

The period when darkness passes away and all things becomes clear; and also a period when everyone is awake and can go out without fear.

The day makes things visible and clear to understand.

No wonder the scripture describes the period when Christ shall return to rule, as the “The Day”, calling it , “The Day of the Lord Jesus Christ” and “The Day of Redemption” (1Cor.1:8, Eph.4:30)

'The Day of our Lord Jesus Christ' will be a period of brightness, a period when everything both in heaven and on earth will

be made clear.

Apostle Paul wrote,

“Now we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect [light] has come, then that which is in part will be done away. – For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known” (1Cor.13:9,10,12).

Apostle John also wrote saying,

“Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is” (1John 3:2).

On that 'Day' everything will be made clear, all the works we have done, will also be revealed and we will understand all mysteries; each one's work will become clear and tested by fire; rewards and crowns will be given.

Sadness and rejoicing; regrets and consolations will fill the air.

We know for sure that this 'Day' will come.

So, what are you doing about this truth?

Planning for it or ignoring it?

THINK IT OUT

Have you ask yourself what will the ‘Day’ reveal about my work? If all is brought to light will I be proud or ashamed

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus thank You for this truth, help me not to ignore it. Guide me to live everyday planning for it, so that I will receive the crown of righteousness and be consoled.

Know Your Bible: READ REVELATION 1, 2
Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





And from there, when the brethren heard about us, they came to meet us, -- when Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.

ACTS 28:15

SATURDAY DECEMBER 21

COURAGE FOR THE JOURNEY

In the early church, followers of Jesus encouraged one another to continue in the faith, they passionately appealed to one another to live pure lives in a culture flooded

with immorality and corruption.

In a period where preaching the gospel was a crime or when even acknowledging publicly that you are a believer was a risk to life; Faithful believers who truly have accepted the Lord Jesus as their Lord and Savior, stood together to encourage each other and to spur each other for good works.

Apostle Paul took courage when he arrived Rome as a prisoner for the gospel of Christ, brethren from far and near came out to meet him and identify with him in his sufferings.

You may ask, “Do we still have such unity today?”

Do believers still identify with the sufferings of their fellow believers and encourage them?

Well maybe not really much, especially now that we are divided by denominations.

Be that as it may, though we might not see a physical figure standing by our bedside when we are sick or a visit from a brethren when we are down; we are still not alone on our journey of faith.

Hebrews 12 begins with,

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witness, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sins that so easily entangles. And let us run with

perseverance the race marked out for us”

(V.1).

We are surrounded by great saints and ordinary people who endured to the end in the Bible and they encourage us by their example.

Hebrews 11 describes heroes of the faith who faced great trials and remained loyal to God.

For everyday encouragement, go to the scripture, take courage from the story of the faithful and how God stood with them.

And also, from His promise:

“I will never leave you nor forsake you”

(Heb.13:5)

THINK IT OUT

Do you need encouragement to go on? Do you know just like David you can encourage yourself in the Lord by reading the story of the past heroes in the Scriptures?

PRAYER:

Thank You dear Lord because You promised to be with us always. Thank You that we are encourage by Your presence in our lives and by the example of others who endured to the end.

Know Your Bible: READ REVELATION 3, 4
Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive'.

ACTS 20:35

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22

THE BLESSINGS IN GIVING OUT

It made no sense for a widow to donate her last few coins away; where was she expecting to get the next meal from?

But in that woman's act, Jesus saw a moving display of the proper attitude toward money, and He said,

“Assuredly, --this poor widow has put in more than all” (Mk.12:41-43).

The lesson we should learn here is not in trying to give more than others, but learning that, it benefit the giver more than the receiver.

In her act, she expressed the confidence she has in God's provision.

She trust that God will care for her. So instead of clinging to the last coin – which will not even sustain her – she let it go, loss

grip of it and was able to focus by faith on the one who is well able to keep and satisfy her, like the birds and the flowers that do not need to worry about their future.

(Matt.6:25-34)

Giving, reminds the giver that he or she, is living by the grace of God. When we give, we are actually expressing our trust in the faithfulness of God's words and putting our dependency on His ability to provide for us.

We all have things that we are holding so dear, and in our heart, 'This is all we have, it is not even sufficient, so there is no way we

will give it out'.

That might be the one thing that is preventing our trust and dependency on God's provision; also it is the very thing that is robbing us our blessings.

Will you rather let that go, so that you will focus and come to know the blessedness that comes from giving out and trusting God's provisions?

THINK IT OUT

Why keep the last coin, that is not even enough to take care of you? Do you know

you can break the power of limitation by letting go and trusting God for provision?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord thank You for teaching me how to be blessed. Give me the willing heart to let go the few and trust that You are faithful to provide and sustain me better than I can do for myself.

Know Your Bible: READ REVELATION 5, 6
Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

ROMANS 2:29

MONDAY DECEMBER 23

HEART CIRCUMCISION

The heart can be defined as, our innermost character, our feelings, or our inclinations.

It is our emotional or moral nature which is

different from our spirit or even intellectual nature.

With this definition, it shows the heart acts independently of our intelligent – and this is where the problem lies.

Sometimes the heart's inclination tends towards: anger, bitterness, retaliation, self-defense, pride and all other vices; but in our intellect, we know these things are not in conformity with the teachings of our Savior; we would have love to obey and be humble but our heart emotions seems must times to get the upper hand.

Apostle Paul said,

“o wretched man that I am! Who will deliver

me from this body of death?” (Rom.7:24)

That is to say, we carry about the body of death, whose inclination is both worldly and contrary to things of the spirit.

Because of this, we constantly need a practical heart circumcision; and this can be done by consulting the word always, and comparing with what our heart is tending to.

The battle with the heart inclinations is a life-long battle.

So to keep it in check and under control always, we need the cleansing word; the word of truth and the word of our salvation every day or more often especially when we have a heart-attack.

To keep the heart circumcised always, is to have a constant heart-check.

When we are filled with the Word of God it is easy to arrest the inclinations of our fleshly heart and circumcise it with the purifying Word;

and Paul said,

‘Your praise will not be from men, but from God Himself’

THINK IT OUT

How often do you compare your words, actions and thought to the teachings of the Scriptures that you know and believe?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for making a way out of our emotional inclination. Help me through Your word to circumcise my heart and obey Your teaching, through the help of Your Spirit..

Know Your Bible: READ REVELATION 7, 8, 9

Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them, and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

ACTS 16:34

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24

THE BEST KIND OF JOY

Salvation of the soul is the greatest thing that can ever happen to anybody.

We may rejoice over a new house; a new born

baby; a new car; a new job or promotions.

But all these are temporal things that perishes with time and has no eternal benefit.

Paul and Silas were thrown into prison for preaching the gospel. Nevertheless, salvation has no boundaries and cannot be contend; the walls of the prison did not restrict the Apostles; and its strict confinement was no match to the power that the gospel of Christ has.

This was proven, when even the Jailer and his house-hold were saved, and it brought great joy to the man and his family.

Salvation of the soul is eternal; it is the

salvation of the soul that draws heaven.

Jesus uses the parables of: “The Lost Sheep”; “The Lost Coin”; and “The Lost Son” in Luke 15, to illustrate what the salvation of a soul produces in heaven.

He said, “I say to you that there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance” (V.7).

Why would there be such joy?

Because for the souls of man, Jesus left His throne in heaven, came to earth and hung on the cross to redeem.

It is only the salvation of the soul that can bring about a concurrence joy in heaven and

in earth, this is the best kind of joy.

Let us all who have received this joy reach out to those one souls and spark a joy in heaven.

The best joy is when a soul meets with his Savior.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know this eternal joy is what we should be laboring for?

Are you glad to know the Lord Jesus?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for saving my soul, help me to reach out to others, who are yet to experience the joy of salvation and spread joy in heaven.

Know Your Bible: READ REVELATION 10, 11, 12
Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you; if you loved Me you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father; for My Father is greater than I.

JOHN 14:28

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25

GOING TO THE FATHER

Today we celebrate the love that came down from heaven to earth.

It is good that we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the only

begotten Son of God, who left His throne in heaven and in a lowly manner descended to earth.

But as we celebrate His arrival we should also celebrate the reason He came and the accomplishment of the mission for which He came.

While on earth the first thing He did was to point man to God the Father. He explains the love of God the Father, when He said,

“For God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

He walk this earth, showing the love that God has for man, by healing the sick, setting the captives free, and raising the dead; demonstrating the kind of life God the Father want us to live on earth.; we came to know God as our creator and as our heavenly Father who loves us so much through Jesus' teachings and the works He did while on earth.

Finally He went to the cross on our behalf, to pay for our sins and to make a down payment for every sin, so that whoever will come to Him will receive the forgiveness He had already paid for.

Then He said, “If you love Me you will rejoice because I said, ‘I am going to the Father’”.

Why did Jesus want us to rejoice?

This is because He is the way to the Father, the work of salvation is accomplished and through Him we also can go to the Father.

So rejoice that you can go to God and call Him your Father.

THINK IT OUT

Is this your reason for rejoicing today?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for coming to restore us. We celebrate Your birth and also rejoice for the reason You came and what You accomplished. Thank You for restoring us.

Know Your Bible: READ REVELATION 13, 14, 15
Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.

2CORINTHIANS 8:5

THURSDAY DECEMBER 26

WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD?

Ephesians 5:17 says, “Do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is”;

We may be wondering what really is God's

will?

What does God want for me and from me?

Then the next question is

'What God want from me, will it be too difficult for me to carry out?

Let's look at God's will for us first: the will of God for us all is that,

“No one should perish”

Jesus told us saying,

“It is not the will of My Father that anyone –
- should perish” (Matt.18:14);

and for the sake of this will, He sent His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, to bear the punishment for our sins, so that He will

redeem us from death and give us eternal life.

(John 3:16).

We can see that His will for us is good and

that His heart long for us for good.

Then what does He want from us?

He want everyone to come to the knowledge

of this truth, believe it and willingly accept

the offer of salvation which the death of His

Son offers.

Right now He is holding back, waiting for

every one of us to repent [turn around] and

be saved. (2Pet.3:9)

Then the next question is the one we all like

to ask, “Will it be difficult?”

The answer is: God gives strength, when we are willing.

He told Paul, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness” (2Cor.12:9).

When we are willing, our weakness is subsumed in His strength.

Jesus our master surrendered His life for the Father's will and God glorified Him.

If we are willing, God grace is ever sufficient, and at the end we will be glorified with Christ.

THINK IT OUT

Are you willing to allow God's will for your life? And do you know His grace is always available if you are willing?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, I am willing, I want Your will in my life; give me the grace to surrender, then lead me in the rest of the journey to that glorious end.

Know Your Bible: READ REVELATION 16, 17

Write Down Point For Today's Bible Reading





It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles [unbelievers] – that a man has his father's wife! 1CORINTHIANS 5:1

FRIDAY DECEMBER 27

NOT ACCEPTED

Sexual immorality seems to be more tolerated or the news of it received with only laughter among believers today.

More so, it does not seem to bother the

church, which is supposed to be the body of Christ, neither do the perpetrators of the acts, feel any sense of guilt for wrong doings.

It is viewed just like any other wrong doings – stealing, cursing, lying or bearing false witness.

It is not the worst sin after all; it is just the weakness of the flesh.

Let's look how the scripture treats it:

first Apostle Paul, on hearing the news of sexual immorality, said,

“Deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh – [so] that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus” (V.5).

This shows that, anytime you embark on the journey of sexual immorality; you have willingly handed power over your body to Satan.

Satan begins to wreak havoc on the body – no wonder there are STD [Sexually Transmitted Diseases] everywhere.

Even while still in the sin, we begin to pray, commanding healing, and rebuking Satan; and make it seem as if God does not answer prayers anymore.

Meanwhile, Apostle Paul wrote,

“Do you not know that, [the body you handed over to Satan] is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have from God and [that body is] not your own?

For you were bought at a price”

(1Cor.6:19-20).

Then on a very strong terms he said,

“Do you not know that [your body is] the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in [that body]?”

Therefore know this, “If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are”

(1Cor.3:16-17)

This does not seem like just a laughing matter, it is quite serious, so sexual immorality should be resented amongst believers.

THINK IT OUT

Is the Spirit of God dwelling in you? Do you accept that you are God's temple?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord, please help me not to be complacence over sexual sins. Give me the grace to earnestly keep my body as a holy temple for Your dwelling.

Know Your Bible: READ REVELATION 18, 19

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Then they all wept freely, and fell on Paul's neck and kissed him.

ACTS 20:37

SATURDAY DECEMBER 28

WHEN WE CRY

We all cry, to express pain, hunger or sadness.

And because we 'express', it means we are

trying to draw attention.

When children cry, whether for food or when they are hurt; or maybe just the cry of babies, they are actually seeking the attention of their parent or the attention of an adult, to come to their rescue; and when they get the attention they are pacified.

But when an adult cry; when an adult expresses grief over pains or sadness, whose attention do they seek?

David, when he was hotly pursued by King Saul, said, “I will cry out to God Most High, to God who performs all things for me”

(Ps.57:2)

David recognized that he had no one to cry to beside God; also that God is the Most High, the one who does all things for him and there is no other higher authority beside Him.

David said, “O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; and in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, until these calamities have passed by” (V.1)

When calamity struck; when you are oppressed or when you lose something that is so dear to you – could be, your health, freedom, your peace or even your means of survival – whose attention do you seek?

Who do you cry to? Do you look on men

and be angry why they are not helping you?
Or to Government and blame them for
corruption?

Maybe even to relations and then complain,
how they have no love in the family?

Even if all these are true, and also partly the
reason why you are suffering; they are not
the solution.

David said, 'I cry to the one who performs
all things for me'.

Why don't you take your own to the one who
can perform all things?

The scripture says,

“The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and His ears are [always] open to their cry”

(Ps.34:15)

His ears are always open.

THINK IT OUT

When you cry whose attention are you seeking, man's or God's? Who does your soul trust?

PRAYER:

Oh Lord my God, I cry to You for my soul trust in You. Be merciful to me and hide me in Your shadow till this calamity have passed by, Amen..

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Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, “Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, “A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me”?”

JOHN 16:19

SUNDAY DECEMBER 29

JESUS KNOWS

By now the disciples of Jesus have come to know that their Master Jesus, knows even the thought of their hearts.

Most times while they are deliberating a

question they would love to ask Him, He will interrupt and say the question even before they get a chance to ask Him.

(Matt. 16:8).

The disciples were now really convinced in their heart that He is the Christ.

They said to Him, “Now we are sure that You know all things and have no need that anyone should question You, by this we believe that You came from God”

(John 16:30)

Think about this:

The thought of your heart, is known by your Savior and Lord! This is rather comforting [looking at it at the right side], it means,

Jesus sees and knows your heart; He knows when you are grieving, He knows when you are sad, He knows when you are afraid and worried and also when your heart is broken.

He does not just see and know, He also cares.

He does not want you to feel deserted or abandoned;

He said “Come to Me, all you who labor [Task physically or mentally] and are heavy laden [oppressed, afflicted, overloaded with burden], I will give you rest [ease, relieve]” (Matt.11:28).

Are you battling with something right now?

Is your heart filled with sorrow? Are you physically or mentally overloaded with

burden?

He says, “COME TO ME”.

Don't carry it alone, Apostle Peter's advice is,
“Cast [that] burden upon Him, for He cares
for you” (1Pet.5:7)

Remember He already knows, and beside He
cares.

Your work is to cast the cares;

His work is to take care, so do your part and
cast that care today and He will faithfully
give you peace.

THINK IT OUT

Do you trust His love? Why then are you
caring the burden alone?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You, that You know and care about my heart. Today I cast all my cares and burdens to You, and I leave them with You to take care and give me peace, Amen

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To this promise our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God night and day, hope to attain. For this hope's sake, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews.

ACTS 26:7

MONDAY DECEMBER 30

THERE IS HOPE

The Jews had the promise of a Messiah and a Redeemer whom God will send to save them.

Paul said, “To this promise our twelve tribes, earnestly – hope to have”

They, while under the control of the Romans, waited in hope for the promised Messiah and Redeemer who will come and overthrow the Romans and bring up the Nation of Israel.

God never fails in His promise, Jesus the Messiah did come, but His mission was not to overthrow the Romans, but to overthrow the dominion of sin over the souls of His people.

He came for eternal purpose, and for souls that have eternal value. The Jews of course did not understand this one.

The all-knowing God, knows that the Roman's occupation is only temporal and

will not last forever, but the captivity of sin has eternal consequences and can destroy both body [now] and soul in hell [after now].

Jesus' coming, gives us a hope, that is far beyond our now problem – Government, economy, sickness, loneliness, and poverty [though the solution to these temporal problems are all inclusive in the salvation' package (Matt.6:33)].

The hope we have in Him is eternal [now and after now];

A hope that He purchased for us at the cross, when He poured His blood and died for our sins.

A hope when He resurrected the third day to justify us freely (Rom.4:25);

and a more sure hope, now that He is seated at the Father's right hand as our advocate (Rom.8:34, 1John 2:1).

Then the most sure hope when He shall return to take us home, to that place where He went to prepare (John 14:3).

A place where God will wipe away our tears; and where there will be no more death, no sorrow, no crying, no pain. (Rev.21:4)

THINK IT OUT

Do you have this hope? And are eagerly

waiting for it

PRAYER:

Thank You dear Lord Jesus, for coming to give us hope that is beyond now. Also thank You for the salvation package that it's all inclusive. Give us the grace to eagerly await the final hope.

Know Your Bible: READ REVELATION 22

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Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

JOHN 16:20

TUESDAY DECEMBER 31

FROM SORROW TO JOY

Sorrow and joy are two opposite words.

They do not play out together or occur at the same time.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, “To everything there is

a season, a time for every purpose under heaven”.

The two have their seasons; and one passes away for the other to come.

Jesus told His disciples, now you will weep and lament, while the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful but the world will be celebrating.

That season will soon change; time will pass and then your turn of rejoicing will come; the season of your happiness will arrive; and the time for your celebration will come.

But this time, there will be a difference, because He said this joy you are now going

to have, “No one will take it from you”
(V.22).

There will be no season or time change, to
take it from you. Why?

Because the celebration and the joy will not
be based on the temporal things of this world
– like Cloths, Houses, Cars, Jobs or Food.

The joy will be based on the One that is
Eternal; The One that never changes; The
One who holds the entire earth in His palm
and the One who lives forever more.

The joy of knowing this great, awesome,
unchanging and ever-living God; and the
love He has for us, is beyond any joy we

could ever think of.

There is no greater joy than to know that God loves you.

So as you enter the New Year, submersed yourself in the unchanging love that God has for you in Christ.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know the joy in Christ is the everlasting joy that will not pass away?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord thank You for Your unchanging

**love for me. Help me to receive this love,
cherish this love and live for this love. May
this New Year be filled with Your ever
abiding presence in my life. I surrender
my life and all I have, to You for
protection, provision and sustenance.
And I love You Jesus.**

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