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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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DAYSPRING DAILY DEVOTIONAL ANNIVERSARY EDITION

To God be all the glory, honor and praise, who had brought us this far.

It is the 'DAYSPRING DAILY DEVOTIONAL' fifth anniversary.

The Dayspring Daily Devotional was first published, in February 2021, and now here we are in February 2026, celebrating our fifth anniversary; We cannot but pause to say, Lord thank You for counting us worthy for this great and miraculous task.

The journey has been miraculous, we cannot take credit for it – God gave the task, and He Himself has accomplished the task – so the credit, the glory is all Yours Lord.

Also I want to specially thank everyone who has become part of this great work. Those who have volunteered to share the Devotional in different areas, in Churches, organizations, market places and on the street – May the Lord bless you immensely for being God's feet and God's hands, reaching and touching lives with the message of truth and hope.

To everyone who have come in contact with our Devotional, I sincerely hope you and your family have been blessed, edify and enrich with the truth. I salute your courage to accept and read the Devotional daily.

You are our motivation, and we will continue to serve to the glory of God.

This year 2026, by the grace God gives, we will continue to put out the truth, because the task is to enlighten you and help you draw closer to receive all that Jesus paid for, and made available for you. The online service is to ensure you always have a copy, so don't miss out. God bless you.

Esther Ikpe (Mrs)



FEBRUARY 2026

Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such we will also be in deed when we are present.

2Corinth. 10:11

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1

SUCH SHOULD WILL BE IN DEED

Apostle Paul was writing to correct the impression of some that says, Paul is different from his letters in appearance and deed.

But Paul wrote telling them,

“What we are in word by letter is what we will be in deed when we are present”.

This is a bold statement for any preacher to say, 'I am exactly what I preach',

Paul's statement is a challenge to every one of us, believers or preachers; can we say, “I am exactly what I preach, in words and in deeds”?

This calls for a period of self-examinations; a time to look into our attitudes and speeches whether they depicts what we believe about Christ, or whether our speeches in bad times and in good times, speaks about Christ to others.

Can we truly tell others like Paul said,
“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ”?
(1 Cor. 11:1)

Though we may not be there yet; but it is not altogether good to be unmindful or unconscious of the fact that we are Christ representatives here on earth.

We are called

“The salt of the earth, and the light of the world” (Matt.5:13, 14).

Our speeches and deeds everyday points to who we represent.

Let us be true and genuine representative.

As little children of the Most High God, let us endeavor daily to learn from our master Jesus and grow to really represent Him for others to desire to know Him and receive Him.

We can be such if we put our mind to it and take a steps toward the goal.

THINK IT OUT

What steps can you take today that can really show-case Christ? Do you know it is never too late to start?

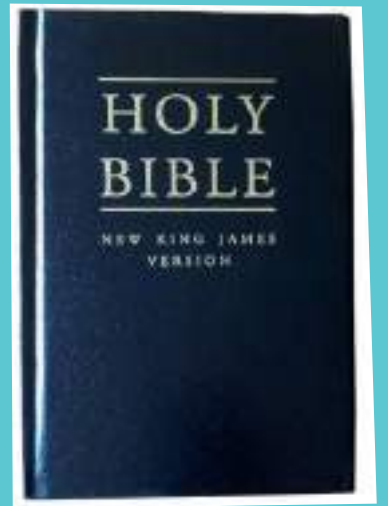
PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus please help me to be
Your true representative, in writings, in
preaching, in words and in my deeds.

Know Your Bible:

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**First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ
for you all, that your faith is spoken of
throughout the whole world.**

Romans 1:8

MONDAY FEBRUARY 2

YOUR FAITH IS SPOKEN OF

“Your faith is spoken of throughout the
whole world”

Paul wrote these about the believers in Christ
who lived in Rome.

Can we view ourselves through this lens?

Is our faith in Christ a conversation point amongst those who know us?

Or do they know us only as people who go to church and are seriously engage in religious activities?

Is this all we have to show as proves for our faith in Christ?

What about, if the person we really need to convince of our faith, is ourselves?

It may sound unreasonable for you to think that you need to convince yourself about your faith in Christ, but the scripture says, “The Spirit (of God) Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God” (Rom. 8:16).

The Spirit of God will not take people's opinion, nor bear witness about you based on what people say you are.

What you agree, believe and say you are, is what the Holy Spirit bears witness to.

So, if you are truly convinced in your heart about your faith in Christ – remember, this is not being dutiful in religious activities, but a genuine conviction and believe in who Jesus is; and the relationship you have with Him because you believe; the His Spirit will bear you witness.

So your witness and the witness of the Spirit of God in you; these two internal testimonies of your faith will definitely reflect in your outward life; that people around you and

those who know you will find distinct and unmistakably true about you and talk about.

Make it your aim to speak to yourself always about who Jesus is to you and the relationship you have with God through Him.

Let your spirit always agree with His Spirit that you are His, and watch the outcome.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know convincing yourself about your faith is the most important spiritual activities you need to engage in daily?

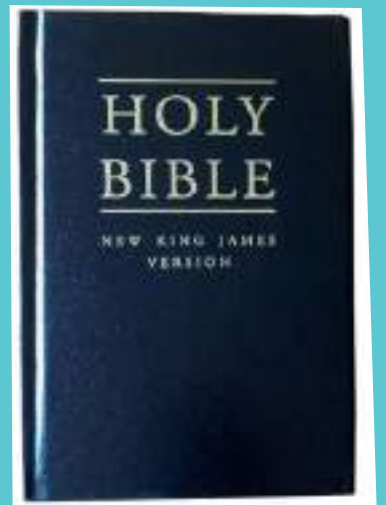
PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for Your Spirit that bears witness constantly with my spirit; and also help me to really live like Your child.

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Therefore I write these things being absent,
lest being present I should use sharpness,
according to the authority which the Lord
has given me for edification and not for
destruction. 2Corinth.13:10

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 3

AUTHORITY GIVEN FOR EDIFICATION

We as believers and followers of our Lord
Jesus Christ have been bestowed or endowed
with authority in the name of Jesus.

The authority we have over another person,
according to Paul, is the
'authority for edification' and not
'authority for destruction'.

But there is another authority that we have
been given;

In Ephesians 1:20-22, the Scripture says, that
Jesus was raised from the dead and He is
seated at God's right hand in the heavenly
places, far above all principalities and power
and might and dominion, and every name
that is named, not only in this age but also in
that which is to come, and all things are put
under His feet.

Then in chapter 2:4,6 it is recorded that we who have believed and accepted Him; because of God's great love towards us, have been raised up together and have been made to sit in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus – and it is also far above principality, powers, might, dominion and every name.

We have been raised up with Christ and given authority over every spiritual and physical dominions and powers.

But the authority we have over each other as members of Christ body or as humans created in His image and likeness, is the authority for edification –

Edification means, to instruct or inform in a way that improves the mind or character.

We are given authority to instruct and inform each other for the glory of God, because what we have is the Spirit of Christ that came to seek and to save that which was lost.

(Luke 19:10).

So we who are Christ's, have been given authority to seek, save and deliver.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know the authority you have towards each other and towards

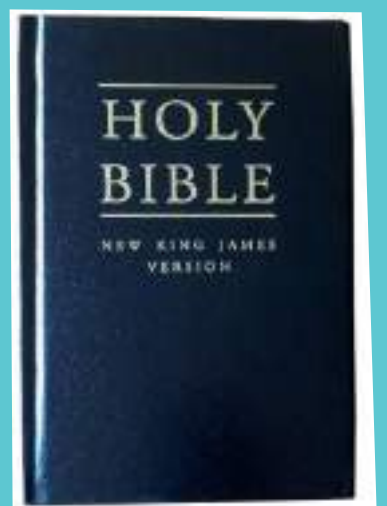
principalities and powers? Are you using it properly?

PRAYER:

Dear heavenly Father thank You for the authority you gave me over principalities and powers to be their head. And thank You for the authority to edify.

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**But I was let down in a basket through
a window in the wall, and escaped from
his hands.**

2Corinth.11:33

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4

WE ARE INDESTRUCTIBLE

The scripture says,

“And the Lord God formed man of the dust
of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils
the breath of life; and man became a living
being (Gen.2:7).

This scripture points us to who man is, and what man is made of as a living being - The very breath of God.

This is important to God who gave the breath in the first place.

So no one has the permission to take away the breath from another man.

Paul describe his escape from the hands of the governor of Damascus, who set up garrison of soldiers to guard the city, desiring to arrest Paul (V.32), but Paul said, 'I escape from his hands';

Paul had the protection of God and the governor could do nothing except it is being granted to him by God.

Every believer has the same protection of God, because our life is highly valued and we belong to Him; no one has the right to take your life.

Jesus said,

“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).

He also said,

“And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hands” (v.28).

Why then should we be afraid?

Eternal life, means life unending.

Therefore, what every believer have, is the life that has no end because the one who is

life, lives on the inside of us, to both preserve and sustains us for His own glory.

So go out with the full assurance of life and providence because the one who lives forever lives inside of you – He is in you, with you and for you – you are indestructible.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know that Jesus gave up His own life so that you will have life in full? Do you know what you have is eternal life?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for giving up Your life, to give me a life that is indestructible. You are the eternal life that lives in me.

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**Behold, I am coming quickly; Hold fast
what you have, that no one may take
your crown.**

REVELATIONS 3:11

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5

HOLD FAST WHAT YOU HAVE

Many, are of the opinion that heaven will just be a hall, where everyone who manages to enter will go in and maybe sit in one of the long benches in the hall.

Or that heaven will just be an open space where everyone who is fortunate to enter, will just roam in the open space.

The wrong perception of what heaven will look like, has made a lot to put less effort in the desire to be worthy of this promise.

But reading the messages of Jesus to the faithful church in Rev. 3, shows there will be a crown; meaning there will be a crowning ceremony; awards and reward ceremonies for those who are deserving.

So Jesus' advice to the church that is called faithful was,

“Hold fast what you have, that no one may

take your crown”.

What is that thing which you have, that is worth keeping?

Apostle Paul said,

“There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness” (2Tim.4:8).

Apostle James talked about a “Crown of life” for those who endured temptation (James 1:12).

Then Apostle Peter talks about the “Crown of glory” for those shepherds who serves as overseers over the flocks of God faithfully, not for dishonest gains and not lording over those that are entrusted to them, but instead serving as an example for the flocks to follow. (1Peter 5:2-4).

These are just three crowns mentioned here, there are many more crowns that people will be crowned with.

Whichever crown you have been able to secure, do not let anyone take that crown from you

THINK IT OUT

What do you think the award ceremony would look like? Will you want to be among those who will be there to clap for the awardees? Or are you expecting any reward?

PRAYER:

**Dear heavenly Father thank You that
You will reward our sacrifices which we
have done for Your glory.**

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**By which the world that then existed
perished, being flooded with water.**

2Peter 3:6

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6

LABORING FOR THE FIRE?

The story of Noah's generation which perished by flood was recorded in the scripture for our example, that God has the ultimate power to bring this world to an end; though many have argued that it will not be

possible.

Some have even wondered how God will be able to end this world that is so civilized and has much technological advancement and science.

Yes! It may look like man is too advance now or the world is too large now for God to be able to end it.

The people in Noah's generation thought the same thing; they were so sure God will not be able to flood the whole world with water, so they increased in their wicked ways and labored for their flesh, but all their labor was swept away by the flood, in a day they were not expecting.

We in this present generation are also receiving the same warnings, that the

“heavens and the earth which are now preserved by God's word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment” (2Pet.3:7).

We should not think that it will be impossible for God to end this world.

If He did it in Noah's generation when He warned; then He will do it in this present generation.

If all our labor is for earthly possession and for fleshly satisfaction, we will lose them all for the fire that will consume the earth and the heavens.

Apostle Peter admonishes us saying,
“Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved by fire, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness” (2Peter 3:11).

To be on the safe side, be that manner of person that also endeavor to labor for eternity.

THINK IT OUT

Are all your labor going to be burned up by fire? Are you identifying and increasing your labors that are for eternity?

PRAYER:

Thank you dear Lord for the reminder to also labor for eternity. Help me identify

**the ones that are for eternity and to
increase in them**

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**And He put all things under His feet,
and gave Him to be head over all
things to the church.**

Ephesians 1:22

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7

CHRIST IS THE HEAD OVER ALL

According to the scriptures, it is God's will and purpose that through Jesus, the Christ and Messiah; the whole world would be saved.

Jesus Christ is the only one that bore the sins of the whole world and died for it.

Hebrew 9:26 says,

“He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself”.

Therefore, He is the only qualified captain of our salvation” (Heb.2:10).

He is also able to save all who come to God through Him. (Heb.7:25)

Apostle Paul wrote,

“God has made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purpose in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which

are on earth – in Him” (Eph. 1:9-10).

Though in time past when the prophecy came it was a mystery, but now Paul said, 'God has made it known to us that it is His will to gather all things in Christ'.

Therefore “He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things”.

So those who see Him as a Prophet comparable with other prophets, have gotten it wrong.

Also, those who see Him as only Mary's baby, are not completely correct.

Jesus Christ is the head over all things; be it on earth and in heaven.

And the fullness of the Godhead, dwells in Him (Col.1:19).

Therefore know that there is no other name higher or comparable, or even to be mention along side His name.

Jesus is the CHRIST, the MESSIAH, the SAVIOR, and His is LORD and head over all things.

THINK IT OUT

What does the name of Jesus mean to you?

Is He just a Prophet to you? Do you only consider Him as Savior, and not as Lord?

Do you also accept His Lordship over your life?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, King eternal I worship You as king. You are my Savior and the Lord of my life for ever. Amen.

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Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

John 11:21

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8

**NOW HE IS HERE
WITH US**

A man named Lazarus was sick, his sister, Martha sent to Jesus saying,
“Lord, he whom you love is sick” (V.1 – 3).

Showing that, this family knew Jesus and were His friends.

But the distance between them was a two days journey; and Jesus also stayed two more days before embarking on this journey; so by the time He got there, Lazarus had died and was already buried for four days.

The sister seeing Jesus, said,
“Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died”.

In Martha and Lazarus days, Jesus had to go to them physically for them to see Jesus, and tell Him their problems.

But now, we no longer have to wait for His arrival; because He is in us always.

We talk to Him, and He talks with us;
He hears our request and answers
immediately.

This is because He came to earth to establish
a relationship.

He told His disciples,

“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to
you”

He also said this,

“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word
and My Father will love him, and We will
come to him and make Our home with him.

-- At that day you will know that I am in My
Father, and you in Me, and I in you”

(John 14:18, 23, 20).

Because of this, everyone who believes and

loves Jesus, has this advantage of a personal relationship with Christ.

Apostle John wrote,

“By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit” (1John 4:13).

If you have His Spirit, 'this is Christ living in you'.

Again, this is not about the church you go, nor the position you hold in the church, but about the relationship He came to establish.

THINK IT OUT

Do you have Christ living in you? Are you

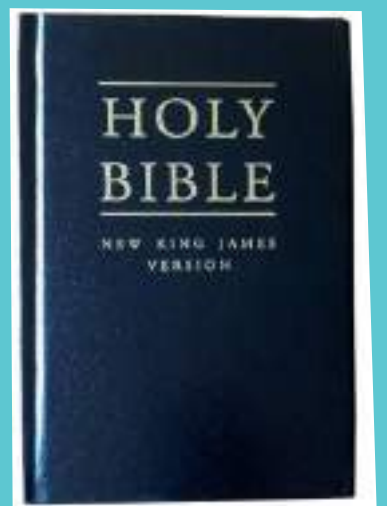
in relationship with Christ or are you practicing religion?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for not leaving us orphans. Thank You for choosing to live in us. I welcome You into my life as my Lord and Savior.

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And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also.

Romans 4:11

MONDAY FEBRUARY 9

FAITH, RECEIVES ALL

When God made a promise to Abraham; Abraham believed God, the scripture says, “He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in

faith, giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

And therefore 'it was accounted to him for righteousness'" (V.20-22).

Abraham received every promises God made to him and also a “sign of circumcision, which is a seal of the righteousness of faith which he had in God.

God counted Abraham's beliefs as righteousness.

Paul went further to say,

“Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, but also for us.

It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead”.

(Rom. 4:23-24).

It pleases God - when He promised, we believe.

Everyone who believes the salvation work God sent His Son Jesus to do on the cross, is righteous before God.

Also, everyone who believes the promises Jesus made, will receive everything Jesus promised.

The scripture also said,

“He who does not believe God has made Him a liar” (1John 5:10).

Jesus also said, “He who does not believe is condemned already” (John 3:18).

You can receive every promises of Christ by

believing, and you can lose everything by not believing.

Know that believe is a righteous acts, that pleases God. But you have a choice.

THINK IT OUT

Do you believe Jesus and the promises He made to those who believes? Do you know you need to believe to receive from Him?

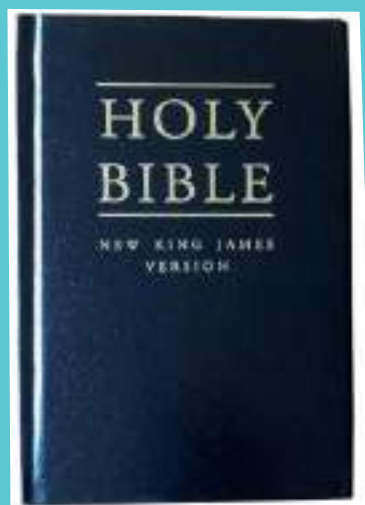
PRAYER:

**Dear Lord Jesus thank You for promising
to dwell in me. I believe You and receive
You into my heart for a close
relationship forever. Thank You for
fulfilling it in me.**

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As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

Galatians 6:12

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10

CONFORMING TO ESCAPE SUFFERING

Many mindless religious activities we carry out in our Churches calls for questioning.

Some did not start today; in the early church; Paul talked about Apostles who went about

compelling people to circumcise and follow the Jewish customs, so that they may not suffer persecutions for the cross of Christ.

This trend of conforming to escape persecution and suffering is the order of our religious circle today.

Many leaders will tell their followers to perform certain religious activities and doctrines as services to God so that God will accept them.

All these is to make their teaching appears religious; and Paul calls it 'a show in the flesh'.

Most religious rite and engagement we do, is to appear good before people and some to

escape being accuse of not conforming.

This is because we care so much about what people will say;

'How people will view us and 'if people will accept us'.

But we have not ask ourselves,

“Does God approves this?” Or

“Who am I serving, God or man?”

Some preachers and teachers who have found out the truth about certain subject cannot apply the truth because they will be criticized.

That is why some very popular religious rituals that are clearly seen to be contrary to the teachings of Jesus, are still in existence today, because the followers lack courage to

question the significance of these rituals.

But if you will want to know: Jesus came to give you a personal relationship with God that is not based on people's opinion nor on their endorsement.

His death on the cross was to make you blameless, perfect and qualified to be in relationship with God.

This is what you are expected to believe to receive the free gift of salvation that Jesus paid for.

So don't be so engaged in religious rituals that are men's idea and not God's.

THINK IT OUT

Do you want the truth or do you want men acceptance? Do you want a personal relationship with God or you want a religious show?

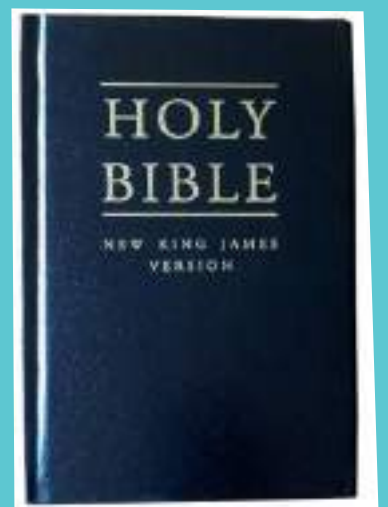
PRAYER:

Dear loving Father, I chose to have a personal relationship with You. Please give me the boldness and courage to always ask, “who am I serving?”

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Therefore it is also contained in the scripture, “Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.

1Peter 2:6

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11

**BY NO MEANS SHALL
YOU SEE SHAME**

The true meaning for the word,
“By no means” is, “in no way” and
“not at all”.

So the scripture is saying

“He who believes in Him will, “in no way”
and “not at all”, be put to shame”.

Do you believe this?

It is not a coincidence that the only
requirement for you, not to be put to shame
is “Believe”;

because believe is also the only requirement
for you to be save.

The Scripture says,

“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).

Jesus Christ is the Chief Corner Stone, elect,

precious, and those who believes in Him will not at all be put to shame.

This is an assurance that you can cast all your cares on Him and trust that He is well able to keep you, and carry you successfully without shame to the very end, regardless of any circumstances.

His ability to accomplish this, outweighs our most effort; the influence of thousands of friends; the strength of wealth; acceptability and the merit of the whole world.

There is nothing else, we can compare to His power; therefore, believing and trusting in Him, is a wise thing to do.

Those who are in relationship with Him,

have no fear of tomorrow nor of the changing world systems and happenings.

If you believe in Him and come into a personal relationship with Him, you will not at all be put to shame; it is a promise.

THINK IT OUT

What else do you think you can put your trust on to carry you to the very end without shame?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, Savior of my soul, I put my trust in You. The world system will change and fail, but You will never change nor fail. Thank You for bringing me into my secured place in You.

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**For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit
and to us, to lay upon you no greater
burden than these necessary things.**

ACTS 15:28

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12

UNNECESSARY BURDEN

The Apostles in Acts 15 gathered to deliberate about the issue of circumcision which some devoted Jews, who though have become believers, yet held on to the customs

and laws and were teaching others,
“unless you are circumcised according to the
custom of Moses, you cannot be saved” (V.1).

When the Apostles gathered they did not just
deliberate based on their own knowledge and
based on laid down doctrines; but they
opened their heart to the Holy Spirit – who is
the Helper and the Teacher.

And because they seek the guidance of the
Holy Spirit, they were able to write to the
Gentile believers saying,

“For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and
to us, to lay upon you no greater burden”.

Truly, “Be circumcised according to the law
of Moses”, was an unnecessary burden.

Salvation is only through believing in the

work Jesus accomplished on the cross.

The sacrifice Jesus did on the cross was complete and total, requiring no additional work nor rituals.

So what unnecessary religious burden are you carrying today?

Are you sure God wants you carry it?

when you are doing something in the name of God that He Himself did not ask you to, then you are carrying an unnecessary burden

We can each save ourselves unnecessary burden if we make it a matter of importance to always seek the guidance and leading of the Holy Spirit in our daily decisions.

THINK IT OUT

What religious burden are you carrying?

Have you asked the Holy Spirit if it seemed good to Him? And how long have you been carrying unnecessary personal burdens that the Holy Spirit would have given you the way out long ago if you have asked?

PRAYER:

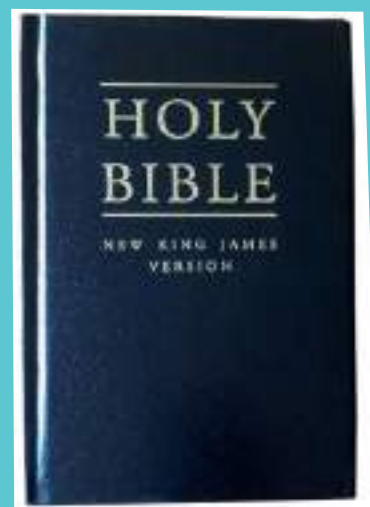
Dear Lord Jesus my Savior thank You for not laying any burden on me to save me.

**Thank You for also taking from me my
personal burden.**

Know Your Bible:

**Remember Jesus said, “And you
shall know the truth, and the truth
shall make you free” (John 8:32)**

**Do not remain a slave because of
ignorance**



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But be that as it may, I did not burden you. Nevertheless, being crafty, I caught you by cunning!

2Corinth.12:16

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13

DON'T BE CRAFTY WITH GOD'S WORD

It is dangerous to preach the word of God with craftiness; because those who do that are aiding and working for Satan.

The word of God, comes with a convicting power to reproof, correct, instructs and

purify those who will pay attention and receive it with joy; as such anyone handling the word with craftiness will forfeit the benefit that comes with it.

Apostle Paul addressed the Corinthians saying

“You were crafty yet I caught you by cunning”.

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is goodnews to all because, it brings salvation to all who believe.

The gospel does not contain any hidden code, nor is it so mysterious that one cannot understand.

Those who handle the word with craftiness have made it complicated, untrustworthy

and even boring for those who are ignorant.

This is no surprise, we should know that Satan who is the enemy of man, will do all he can to hinder the gospel of Christ from reaching people; including using man against man, by introducing counterfeit.

In the parable of the sower, Jesus explained that the sower, sowed the seed, which is the word of God. Then some fell on the way side.

These are hearts which received the word but did not understand so, the devil comes and snatched away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved (Luke 8:11-12).

If we are truly seeking the truth, Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life” (John 8:12)

If you truly seek to know the truth, you will get the truth, because Jesus came as light, you can not search the Scripture for the truth and not get it.

Therefore both preachers of the word and hearers of the word stop being crafty with it; because we are all together on one side, while the devil is on the opposite side. He is not on anyone side.

THINK IT OUT

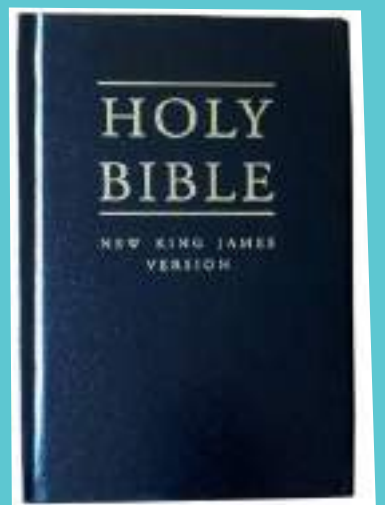
Are you receiving the benefit of the word of life? And, have you search to be sure you are getting the truth? Who are you aiding?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, You are the light of my life, Your word is a lamp unto my path. Thank You for shining in me and through me.

**Know Your Bible:
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**These things I have spoken to you that
in Me you may have peace. In the world
you will have tribulation; but be of good
cheer, I have overcome the world.**

JOHN 16:33

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14

I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD

Looking at the world today, do Christians
look like, 'Christ have overcome the world'?
Now, looking at yourself, can you really say,
“in my life Christ has overcome the world”?

With all sincerity ask yourself,

“Do I look and feel like an overcomer?”

Whatever answer you may have, let go back to the statement;

Jesus said,

“I have spoken to you that 'in Me' you have peace” - that means, as long as you remain 'in Me'.

It is obvious that Jesus is not promising to make the whole world peaceful for us to have peace; neither is He promising to give us peace in the material things of this world, because they are all temporal.

But He did promised that if you will be in Him and abide in Him - taking your heart away from the things of this world and

focusing on Him and in His promises - you will have peace and joy that is permanent. And this is a promise.

In Christ, the joy and peace you will have is called, “the joy and peace which surpasses all understanding”.

And these will guard your heart and mind (Phil.4:7).

When, trouble, hunger, corruption, sickness and pains; will be the order of the world, the peace of being in Christ, or the peace that comes from Christ will guard your heart and mind not to be afraid;

because He is in you, with you and for you; making you an overcomer of every situation and circumstances in life.

Only then will you look and feel that Christ has indeed overcome the world for you.

THINK IT OUT

Are you in Christ? Is Christ in you? Then are you an overcomer? Do you know that for every situation, your response to it determines who you are?

PRAYER:

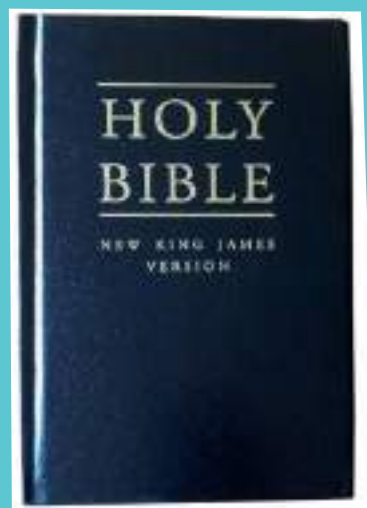
Dear Lord Jesus thank You, for giving me

**peace in all situation. I have peace because
You are in me and for me and You have
overcome the world.**

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**I am the true vine and My Father is
the vinedresser.**

JOHN 15:1

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 15

GROWING ON THE TRUE VINE

When Jesus said, 'I am the true vine', it means that there are other vines that are not true vine; and they also have branches.

The true vine has branches, and the Father

dresses the branch that grows on the true vine.

The other branches on the false vine, do not need dressing because the vine from its root is corrupt, and so will its branches be.

As such the false vine and its branches need to be uprooted from its root and cast away.

But the branches of the true vine, because its root is upright and righteous; the branches only need dressing to make them look beautiful in appearance and grow to bear more fruit.

Then in verse 2, Jesus said:

“Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit the Father takes away and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit”.

Here the branches on the true vine are dressed by the Father, to bear fruit.

But if after much dressing, the branches that are barren or those who have refuse to bear fruit, the Father will take them away from the vine; giving room for those who bears fruit to be pruned for more fruit.

With these explanations it shows that those, though were on the true vine yet refuse to bear fruit or just simply stay barren, will also be cut off just like those who grow on a false vine.

The vine here is Jesus, and the branches are we who believe in Him.

We are shown by these analysis that growth and fruit bearing are a matter of necessity,

being in Christ.

We must first grow in our knowledge of Him,
and then bear the fruit that tells the vine we
grow on.

THINK IT OUT

Which vine are you growing on? Do you
know that growing on the true vine, you
must bear fruit? Do you know that only
those who bear fruit, will be pruned for
more fruit?

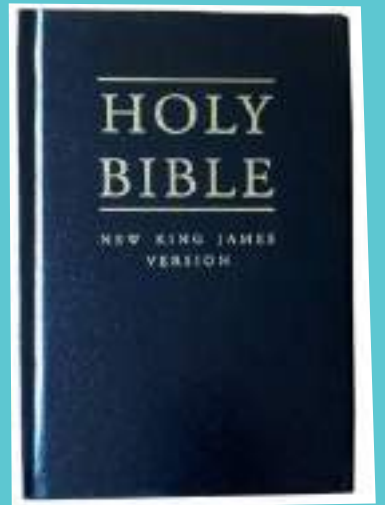
PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to focus on bearing fruit.

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And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things may have an abundance for every good work.

2Corinth.9:8

MONDAY FEBRUARY 16

ABUNDANCE FOR GOOD WORKS

The idea that we should do good things, so that we would be saved or be blessed by God, is a wrong teaching.

The scripture says,

“For by grace you have been saved through faith (believing), and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast (Eph.2:8-9).

Therefore it is not our good works that brought us salvation.

Salvation is given freely when we believe the message of salvation, in Christ Jesus.

But after we are saved, we are being created anew for good works.

God takes us from who we used to be, to who He wants us to be.

The Scripture says,

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in

them” (Eph.2:10).

God prepared the good works beforehand, so once we are saved, we becomes created anew for good work - and that is why we are called born-again believers.

Now, the good works we do, is as a result of who we are.

We do righteous things because we are righteous.

That is to say, it is not normal for a born-again believer not to do good works. Righteousness is the gift of God and it becomes our new nature.

The scripture also said,

“Jesus, who gave Himself for us, that He

might redeem us from every lawless deeds and purify for Himself His own special people zealous for good works” (Titus 2:14).

The people He redeemed becomes zealous for good works.

As such God will make all grace abound toward us, that we, always having all sufficiency in all things may have abundance for every good works”.

We become a funnel through which this world would be blessed.

God never stops pouring into the funnel, so that you will never cease to flow; and have abundance for every good works.

There is abundance for good works if you will engage in it.

THINK IT OUT

Why pray and seek for abundance that you can easily have, by who you become? If you are a new creation, are you doing good works?

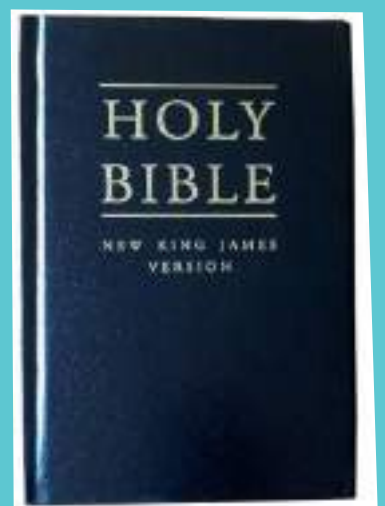
PRAYER:

Dear heavenly Father thank You for always supplying in abundance, that we have sufficiency in all things for good works.

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Then Jesus said to them, “Children,
have you any food? They answered
Him, “No.”

JOHN 21:5

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17

HELP IS AVAILABLE!

Simon Peter and six other disciples, one day
decided to go fishing.

They toil all through the night and caught
nothing.

In the morning Jesus stood at the shore and said to them,

“Children, have you any food?

They answered, “No.” (John 21:3-5).

These are Jesus' disciples who just some weeks or days ago were with Jesus, following Him everywhere He went, as the chosen ones.

They had no need of going to look for food nor struggling to catch a fish for a meal.

But things had changed, Jesus their master was crucified, He is risen; He had appeared to them, and they knew He is risen from the dead; but this time it seems their master was no longer interested in preaching on the street, where large crowd will follow.

Now it seems all the prestige, and self-confidence of being the chosen ones was no longer going to be.

So they resorted to going back to what they will call “normal life”.

But unknown to them, normal life without Jesus, is a whole lot of struggle, without result.

Just like the disciples, some of us, Jesus is our master and Lord as long as everything is going on smoothly, but when things are no longer working, we need an alternative; a quick—fixed.

Also, Jesus is Lord on Sundays in the church, but not in the office when we are dealing with official matters or talking business.

Truth is, leaving Jesus out of our

“normal life” is like toiling through the night without a catch; just as the disciples found out.

But Jesus did not abandon them to face life on their own, neither has He abandon us; He is always on hand to help.

Because He was standing on the shore with breakfast and was only waiting for them to come and eat.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know Jesus is still asking today,
“Have you any food”? Do you know help

is available if you allow Him be part of your
'normal life'?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, please I invite You into every part of my life. I do not want to ever go through life without You. Be my help.

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**If I had not come and spoken to them,
they would have no sin, but now they
have no excuse for their sin.**

JOHN 15:22

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18

WHAT WILL BE YOUR EXCUSE?

The very reason God sent Jesus to come to earth, was for Him to die for sin, so that men will be forgiven of their sins.

Jesus came to represent sinful man, so that sin will be punished.

John the Baptist saw Jesus walking toward him, and he said,

“Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

In 2 Cor. 5:21 it is written,

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

Then, Apostle John wrote,

“And you know that He was manifested to take away your sins, and in Him there is no sin” (1 John 3:5).

Jesus took upon Himself the punishment for sin, He had paid the price for sin, so that God's forgiveness is available for all.

Notice, the forgiveness was already made available even before you sinned,

Rom. 5:8 says,

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”.

God did not wait for you to repent and become good before He sent forgiveness; but His forgiveness came first.

Jesus Christ through His death on the cross had made a down payment for sin – There is nothing left for you to do, only that you should accept the forgiveness of your sins.

When you believe this, and ask for forgiveness, you have accepted His forgiveness; then, you need to forgive

yourself, for you are not greater than God who forgave you.

Then also learn to forgive others who have hurt you, just as God forgave you for Christ's sake.

Make this a pattern of your life and sin will not have dominion over you.

THINK IT OUT

After reading through this, do you still think you have excuse for dwelling in sin? What excuse will you give?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, indeed I have no excuse for dwelling in sin. Today I lay down all my sins and the guilt of sin, before you.

I am sorry forgive me. I receive forgiveness and I also forgive all who have wronged me in Jesus name. Amen.

Know Your Bible:

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Again, do you think that we excuse ourselves to you? We speak before God in Christ. But we do all things, beloved for your edification. 2CORINTH. 12:9

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19

BE SANCTIFIED BY THE WORD

Paul said, we speak before God in Christ - but we do all things, for your edification.

The preaching and teaching of the word of

God is and should be an instruction for correction and edification.

The word of God edifies and sanctifies.

To be edified means, to be instructed and be informed in a way that your mind and character improves – showing that God's word, instruct, informs and improve the mind of the hearer or reader and this brings sanctification.

Jesus prayed for His disciples saying:
“Sanctify them by your truth. Your word is truth” (John 17:17).

As such, sanctification comes only through the word of God.

The word of God is what washes our heart

and purifies it, making us thoroughly equipped for good works.

We get to know God through studying His word.

When we search the word of God to know the truth about Him, we grow in our knowledge of Him and we can then come into a relationship with Him because we now both know Him and love Him.

Jesus described it this way,

“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father and I will love him and manifest Myself to him” (John 14:21).

When you search the word of God in order

to know the truth about Him; gaining these knowledge and keeping them,

Jesus said, it shows 'you love Me, so you will be loved by My Father and I will manifest Myself to you'.

The manifestation of Jesus to you, opens up a new relationship that is personal, just you and Jesus, and this is an experience you will never regret entering into.

THINK IT OUT

Is the word edifying you? Are you keeping them? Will you not give all it takes to have a one-on-one relationship with Jesus?

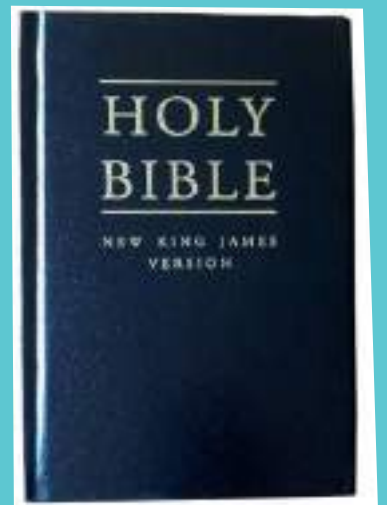
PRAYER:

**Dear loving Jesus, my Lord and Savior,
thank You for Your word that edifies and
sanctifies. Help me to search it always
for a close walk with You.**

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By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

1Peter 5:12

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20

STAND IN THE TRUE GRACE

Apostle Peter wrote to assure his readers that he, being an eyewitness, testifies that in Jesus is the true grace.

The fact that Jesus said,
“Many will come in My name and will
deceive many”,
and then He also said
“But take heed; see, I have told you all
things beforehand” (Mark 13:6, 23);

means we really need to be watchful and
take heed.

We are told that false prophet and false
apostles will come to deceive;
their coming to deceive here mean, coming
to lead astray from the truth.

Anything that is not true can never yield the
same result as the truth.

Falsehood can never lead to the right
destination.

The very aim of false teachings is Satan's strategy to make sure that people do not get the truth and be saved. (Luke 8:12).

So if you continue to endure or bear with false teachings with the hope that you will still arrive at the same destination in eternity, know that you are doing a dis-service to yourself.

Salvation is personal and not a group thing – so seek the salvation of your soul, and let it come above everything else.

Seek to be sure that you are standing on the true grace of God which is only true Christ Jesus and no other name.

For that reason Jesus said,

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matt. 7:13-14).

Make sure you find the gate that leads to life and stand in the true grace; no matter how unpopular it may seem.

THINK IT OUT

Are you really sure of where you stand? Is your assurance based on popularity and crowd?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, help me to take the salvation of my soul as the personal most important thing above all. May I seek for the truth.

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**And he put all things under His feet,
and gave Him to be head over all things
to the church**

2Corinth.11:33

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21

IS JESUS CHRIST THE HEAD?

The Scripture describes the church as the body of Christ; while Christ Himself is the head of the church (V.23).

The word church may not literally mean a

building; but the church means a group of people who gather to learn, speak about Christ and worship Him.

This does not also mean that every place people are gathered to worship 'whatever', should be called church.

If Jesus Christ is not the head over all things in there and not the reason for the gathering, then it is not a church.

Jesus said,

“Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord, -- but he who does the will of My Father in heaven” (Matt.7:21).

Then He explained,

“A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. At that

day you will know that I am in My Father and you in Me, and I in you. He who has my commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him” (John 14:19-21).

The world will not see Jesus', so even if they gather, He is not in them; just as it is written, “Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His” (Rom.8:9).

But those who know Him, love Him, and are led by His Spirit; when they gather, they are called, 'The body of Christ and the Church of God':

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God” (Rom. 8:14).

These groups, though not all in the same stages – some are new born; some infant; and some in their maturity stages.

They gather to exhort one another and to worship Christ for the glory of God; here the Spirit of Christ leads, and Christ is the head.

THINK IT OUT

Is Jesus Christ the head of the group you belong to? Are you carrying His presence and are you led by His Spirit?

PRAYER:

**Dear Lord Jesus, my body is Your temple.
Please dwell in me and direct my footsteps
to the right gathering.**

Know Your Bible:

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Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22

WALK IN COMPLETE NEWNESS

Baptism is the new covenant sign that God gave to man.

Before John the Baptist; though there are examples of Old Testament spiritual baptism,

(1Cor.10:2, 1Peter 3:20) – there was no physical baptism given, which was why the Jews rejected the baptism of John.

When Jesus asked the leaders, and the Pharisee, “The baptism of John – was it from heaven or from men?” (Luke 20:4).

They couldn't answer because they rejected it.

John the Baptist was sent by God to carry out the baptism of repentance and prepare men's hearts for the coming salvation, (John 1:33, Malachi 3:1, 4:5).

Now that Jesus had come and the work of salvation is accomplished, Jesus therefore, told His disciples,

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the

nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matt. 28:19).

Baptism is no longer the baptism of repentance to wash away sins;

Apostle Peter wrote,

“Baptism is not the removal of the filth of the flesh (sin), but the answer of a good conscience toward God” (1Peter 3:21).

It is now a sign of the new covenant in Christ Jesus.

When you accept Jesus, as your Lord and Savior, your sins are forgiven and washed away by the blood He shed at Calvary.

When you agree and go into baptism in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy

Spirit, you are acknowledging and agreeing with His death and resurrection, that you died with Him and resurrect from the dead with Him.

You are actually signing an agreement, or let say, you are agreeing to the sign of the new covenant that you have with God through Christ.

Therefore, Paul said,
'walk in complete newness of life, because you are new.

THINK IT OUT

Do you know that baptism is symbolic,

showing that you died and was raised with Christ and that now you are new?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, I have accepted the sign of the new covenant, may I walk in the newness of who I am in You.

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For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted – you may well put-up with it!

2Corinth.11:4

MONDAY FEBRUARY 23

PUTTING-UP WITH WHATEVER

It is rather surprising that in all the knowledge or wisdom we aspire to acquire in life, the knowledge of our faith or the wisdom about God seems less interesting or

less explored.

The lackadaisical attitude toward studying the Bible and seeking the truth is increasing with each generation.

When it comes to faith, a lot of people are not interested in its authenticity.

Some will even say, 'as long as I have what I want, I don't care where it comes from.

The quest for quick solution, fleshly satisfaction and worldly achievement has created rooms for diverse merchandisers and agents who have products for sale.

Since many today are more interested in physical activities, eloquent speeches and numbers of fellowship;

and others are interested in solution fixing, sign and wonders; and soothsaying; these agent businesses are booming.

Jesus, clearly spoke about the signs of the end time and said,

“For many will come in my name saying, 'I am He', and will deceive many -- false Christ and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible even the elect. But take heed, see, I have told you all things beforehand”

(Mark 13:6, 22, 23).

Those who have neglected this warning are putting up with strange spirit, another Jesus and different gospel.

If we cannot just swallow any medicine without verifying its authenticity, expiry date and what it will cure – though this is just for our temporal earthly body – how much more should we be more careful with the gospel of Christ which is food and medicine for our souls?

Remember your soul lives forever, don't let your temporal want destroy your eternity, it is not worth it, and don't put up with just any gospel, search for the truth.

THINK IT OUT

Have you ever thought of eternity? Is it

important to you?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to be more careful with what I allow for my soul.

Know Your Bible:

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But they were hearing only, “He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy.

Galatians 1:23

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24

WHOSE FIGHT IS IT?

From the very beginning, the gospel of salvation has been under attack and persecution.

Many have tried to kill it – The Jews

crucified Jesus in order to quench and stop the message from spreading.

After the ascension of Jesus, others have volunteered to hunt down those who speak about it;

Paul was in this category.

But he himself came face to face with the Lord Jesus on the road to Damascus, the encounter changed everything and he later was heard and seen as one who now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy.

Truth is that, the fight against the message of salvation is not man's fight.

Salvation message is for the whole world, Jesus came to save mankind, who was

deceived to fall from glory at the garden of Eden by Satan.

So the only person who will benefit from the gospel not spreading, is Satan and not man. But out of ignorance Satan is using man against man, to fight the gospel.

These are some of the ways Satan uses man to fight the gospel:

If you do not know the truth and you ignorantly spread false teachings, you are being used to persecute the gospel.

If you know the truth yet you twist, mix truth and lies to achieve your aim, you are being used to persecute the gospel.

If you patronize, encourage and sponsor the false preachers and teachers, you are also

persecuting the gospel.

If you refuse to study your Bible and seek to know the truth about the salvation of your soul, so that you can share your experience with others, you are also being used to persecute the gospel; because you are standing like a log of wood which neither receive nor illuminate light for others.

The salvation message is for every soul, as such everyone has a part and responsibility to make sure it reaches the last human on earth. For Christ died for all.

THINK IT OUT

What part are you playing in the restoration of man? Do you think it is not your business? Have you receive the salvation?

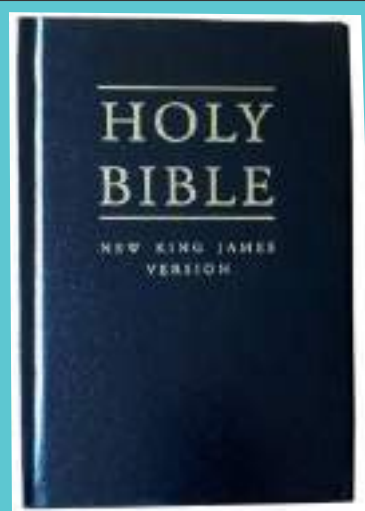
PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for the work and message of salvation. Help me not to hinder the spreading and persecute the gospel.

Know Your Bible:

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**He will glorify me, for He will take of
what is Mine and declare it to you.**

John 16:14

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25

**HE GLORIFIES JESUS
IN YOU**

Jesus told His disciple,

“I am going away to Him who sent Me --
nevertheless I tell you the truth, it is to your

advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you”
(John 16:5, 7).

Clearly Jesus wasn't just going away, leaving His followers to be helpless in the world.

He made provision for the relationship He will have with them and with those who believes in Him, after His departure - He promised the Helper.

The Helper is sent to everyone who believes.

He is of advantage because He comes to everyone who believes and not only to some selected few.

The Helper's mission on earth, is to teach the believer all things (John 14:26); guide the believer into all truth; and glorify Jesus by taking from Jesus and declaring it to the believer.

So the Holy Spirit who is, 'The Helper' is the Spirit of Christ Himself dwelling in our heart to guide, teach and help us have a cordial relationship with Himself.

The best ingredient for a good relationship is communication.

Jesus said,

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth” (John 16:12-13).

This is to say Jesus still want to speak to everyone who believes in Him, and He will be doing that now through His Spirit in us.

Therefore each time His Spirit declares a message from Jesus to us, He glorifies Christ, and the blessings is ours.

And because He is the communication link we have with Christ - He also helps us to pray right and takes the prayers to our Savior, then brings back the answer.

He is a great Helper and He is completely personal to every believer.

THINK IT OUT

What relationship do you have with Christ if you have not receive His Spirit? Do you know you can receive, if you ask now?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus thank You for sending the Helper to be of advantage to us. I ask for You Spirit, so that He will guide me.

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And Jesus answered and said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Mark 13:2

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26

THE TRUE MAGNIFICENT TEMPLE

The Jerusalem Temple was a magnificent building; the walls were built with precious stones of great values (Luke 21:5)

The Jews believed that it is only on this

Temple that one can worship God
(John 4:20).

But on that temple that much was put into,
and upon which the Jews hung their faith;
Jesus declared,
“Not one stone shall be left on another that
shall not be thrown down”.

How can a place that hold so much
significance with men, mean nothing to God?

The magnificent structures and beautiful
buildings we labor so much, with time and
money to build in the name of God, has little
or no significance with God, Why?
Because, He does not dwell there.

The scripture says

“God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands”
(Act 17:24).

Then, where does He dwells?

Apostle Paul answered by saying,

“Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
(1 Cor.3:16).

You are the magnificent and beautiful temple,
not built by men’s hand but by God
Almighty Himself.

And He desires to come in into His temple
and dwell there.

Therefore do not deny God His temple, by disbelieving Him, and by defiling the temple He built - for you are not your own (1Cor.6:19).

Be mindful of those things Jesus said, will defile a man, in Matthew 15:18.

Apostle Paul also mentioned them in Ephesians 4:30-32.

Know that you are the true magnificent temple of God, if His Spirit lives in you.

THINK IT OUT

Which temple should you spend time and energy to beautify, the one that God lives in

or the one that will be thrown down?

PRAYER:

Dear heavenly Father, thank You for choosing to dwell in me. Please help me to put more energy in adorning the temple You live in.

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You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

John 15:3

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27

BE CLEANSED BY THE WORD

The content of a man is what makes up the man.

The body is only the physical house that everyone can see. But we get to know

someone by what he is made-up of – which is the content of his heart.

Amazingly enough the content can change any time, by what he or she is exposed to, or by what he or she feeds on.

In His teachings Jesus said,

“The Lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness” (Luke 1:34-36).

How can we ensure that the light in us is not darkness?

Psalm 119:105 says,

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”.

That is to say, it is only the word of God that has the light which is able to illuminate our souls and show in the physical.

That is why Jesus, after a long teaching, He said to His disciples who were listening to His word,

“You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you” (John 15:3).

The light in the word does not just illuminate our souls, it cleanses it and makes it clean. God's word is light, when we feed on it the light penetrates into our inner being shining into every dark areas of doubt, wrong information, mis-interpretation of God's word, wrong ideology of men, wrong doctrines, wrong world view, wrong mindset and wrong perceptions that leads to wrong behavior.

All these will change, leaving our heart transformed and renewed, so that we may be able to prove what is good and acceptable unto God. And we will be made up of the good contents of our hearts.

THINK IT OUT

Do you want to be clean? What are you feeding on? Do you search the scripture as one that searches for a hidden treasure? Do you know that His Spirit is always there to guide?

PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for the cleansing power of Your word. May I be filled with it as Your Spirit guides me through

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**And Moses was learned in all the wisdom
of the Egyptians and was mighty in words
and deeds.**

Acts 7:22

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28

CHOSEN OUT OF THE WORLD

Though we are in the world, we are not of
the world.

The world has its language and its wisdom.

But we have been chosen out of the world, into a knowledge and wisdom that is not of the pattern of this world, to operate differently (John 15:19, 17:16).

Moses is given as an example of someone who, though grew-up in Pharaoh's house, was taught the language and wisdom of the Egyptians, yet he chose to operate by faith.

For the scripture said,
“By faith he refuse to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward” (Heb. 11:24-26).

We too can walk in this world, though we know their language and wisdom, but choose to operate with different perspective and viewpoint, because,

“We walk by faith and not by sight”
(2Cor.5:7).

We know the wisdom of the world teaches the physical - what we see, touch, smell and feel.

And in that wisdom there is, fear, failure, uncertainty and impossibility because it is based on the strength and ability of man.

But we who have been chosen out of the world, our perspective is based on the word of God, for we know that He is all-knowing and all-wise.

The One who is not bound by the educational system of this world nor by the economy of our nations.

He does not need the strength, stature nor status of men.

But as it is written,

“God has chosen the foolish things of the world; the weak things and the base things and the things which are despised in the world [so that], “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord”. (1Cor.1:27-31).

That is why He can choose people like us, because our ability is not needed, and we do not operate by our ability nor by our wisdom.

THINK IT OUT

Are you still bound by the world view point?

On what perspective do you operate?

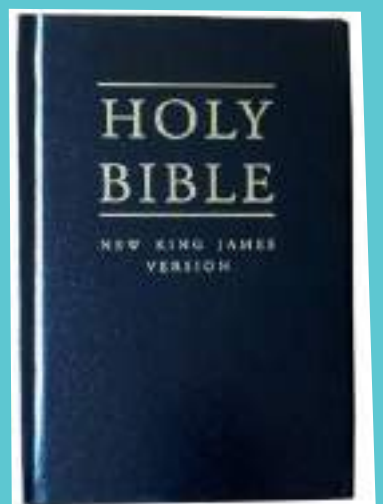
PRAYER:

Dear Lord Jesus You have chosen us to Yourself to live and operate only by the wisdom that comes from You. Help us to reason base on Your words.

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