

# What Just Happened?





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## What just happened?

If you have just made a confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, believing in your heart that He is the Son of God who came to earth, lived as a man without sin, and died for the sin of mankind, then something miraculous has just happened to you!

Some call it being saved, or being born again, which are both Scriptural terms.

The apostle Paul said in Romans 10:9-10:

<sup>9</sup> *that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved**; <sup>10</sup>for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.*

Jesus said in John 3:7:

<sup>7</sup> *Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be **born again**.'*

What actually happened is that your spirit, which was dead in sin, has come alive in Christ Jesus. You have passed from death to life, been transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light, and you've been made a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Jesus said in John 5:24:

<sup>24</sup> *"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has **passed out of death into life**.*

Paul said in Ephesians 2:4-6:

<sup>4</sup> *But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,*

John said in 1 John 5:12:

**He who has the Son has the life**; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

Paul said in Colossians 1:13:

<sup>13</sup> *For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and **transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son**,*

Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:17:

<sup>17</sup> *Therefore **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature**; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

## What's important now?

Just as a newborn baby needs nourishment to stay alive and grow, so do you need spiritual nourishment to feed, breathe and grow spiritually. It's important to continue in the things that will bring about your spiritual growth. It's not something you do one time or occasionally, but growth will come as you begin new and regular habits of **Bible study, prayer, and developing relationships with other believers**. Jesus Himself prayed regularly to the Father, and learned the Scriptures even as a child. How much more do we need to do the same!

### The Bible is "the Word" of God. Studying it is necessary for spiritual growth

<sup>2</sup> *like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, 1 Peter 2:2*

<sup>20</sup> *My son, give attention to my words;  
Incline your ear to my sayings.*

<sup>21</sup> *Do not let them depart from your sight;  
Keep them in the midst of your heart.*

<sup>22</sup> *For they are life to those who find them  
And health to all their body. Proverbs 4:20-22*

<sup>31</sup> *So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." John 8:31-32*

### Prayer is communicating with the Lord and necessary to develop a relationship with Him

<sup>17</sup> *pray without ceasing; 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

*But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, Jude 1:20*

### Gathering with other believers strengthens us all

<sup>25</sup> *not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. Hebrews 10:25*

<sup>46</sup> *Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:46-47*

## You have an enemy

Being a child of God doesn't mean you will never have any problems. You have an enemy—the devil. He has always been your enemy whether you knew it or not, but now you are more of a threat to him. He has lost ground with your salvation, and will lose more as you begin to fulfil your purpose in Christ. There is never a need to pity him, for he is evil to the core, a master of deception and disguise, and has no mercy. The good news is that Jesus has conquered him and passed on the victory to those who believe in Him. That means you!

<sup>8</sup> *Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. **Your adversary, the devil**, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. 1 Peter 5:8-9*

<sup>3</sup> *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup>for the **weapons of our warfare** are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. <sup>5</sup>We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5*

<sup>57</sup> *but thanks be to God, **who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ**. 1 Corinthians 15:57*

What has happened to you is real. The spiritual world is more real than the natural world. The first thing your enemy will try to do is downplay your salvation experience and get you to neglect your own spiritual growth. He wants you to go on about your life as you always have, without pursuing a relationship with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is why I have put this booklet together to assist you in your spiritual growth right away, beginning with several short studies of the Word of God.

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# 1. In the Beginning

Read Genesis Chapters 1, 2 and 3 in your Bible.

According to Genesis 1:26-27, man was made in whose image?

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In Genesis 1:28, God blessed the man and woman He created and told them to:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

In Genesis 2:2-3 it says that on the seventh day God \_\_\_\_\_.

According to Genesis 2:8, who planted the Garden in Eden? \_\_\_\_\_.

In Genesis 2:16, what did God say they could eat?

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In Genesis 2:17, what did God say they could not eat?

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What would happen to them if they ate what He said not to? \_\_\_\_\_.

According to Genesis 2:19-20, who named the animals? \_\_\_\_\_.

According to Genesis 3:6-8, we read that after Adam and Eve ate of the tree they were not supposed to eat from, what did they do to try and cover themselves?

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Who did they try and hide from? \_\_\_\_\_.

In Genesis 3:15, who did God say would bruise the serpent's head?

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Right after Adam and Eve sinned they died spiritually and brought sin upon all mankind, making Satan the god of this world. They were cast out of the Garden and forced to work hard on a cursed ground just to try and survive. However, God promised that the Seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head. This Seed--Jesus—would take away Satan's authority in the earth providing a way for God and man to re-unite!



## 2. Noah

**Read Genesis chapters 6, 7, 8 and 9 in your Bible.**

As years went by, man became very wicked to the point where fallen angels, animals and people had relations which corrupted the seed of mankind. God decided to destroy all living things on the earth and start over with Noah and his family. He established a covenant with him.

According to Genesis 6:5, what did the Lord see about man on the earth?

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What did the Lord say He would do with Noah?

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According to Genesis 6:6, what was the Lord's feeling about man's condition and behavior?

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In Genesis 6:17-18, what did the Lord tell Noah He would do to the earth?

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According to Genesis 6:22, what did Noah do?

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In Genesis 8:21, what did the Lord say He would never do again?

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In Genesis 9:1, what did God tell them to do?

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We read in Genesis 9:13 that the rainbow is a sign of \_\_\_\_\_.

In Genesis 9:14-16 what did God say He would never do again when He saw the rainbow?

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Unfortunately, not long after the flood, we see Noah's son Ham committing a sinful act. It was still in man's heart to sin. Yet God did not give up His plan for a people who would be one with Him and live according to His ways of life, love and goodness.

### 3. Abraham & Israel

In Genesis 12:1-3, God says He will make a great nation from Abram. In verse 1 where does He tell Abram to go? \_\_\_\_\_.

In Genesis 12:2 God says He will make a great nation from who? \_\_\_\_\_.

God also says He will \_\_\_\_\_ those who bless Abram and \_\_\_\_\_ those who curse him.

In Genesis 15:1-4 Abram questions the Lord how His promise (of becoming a great nation) would happen since he had no children. In verse 4 the Lord tells him that his heir would be:

\_\_\_\_\_.

In Genesis 16, we see that Abram's wife, Sarai, couldn't have children so she offered her maid Hagar to Abram so he could have a child with her. They had a child and named him Ishmael. However, this was not the Lord's plan and not who He chose to be Abrams heir.

In Genesis 17:5 God changed Abram's name to \_\_\_\_\_ because

He said He had made him \_\_\_\_\_.

In Genesis 17: 15-16 He changed Abraham's wife's name from Sarai to \_\_\_\_\_. He said she would have \_\_\_\_\_.

Abraham laughed at the idea that they could have a son at the ages of 100 and 90. Abraham thought Ishmael would be the heir, however in Genesis 15:19 God said no.

He said Abraham and Sarah would have a son together and his name would be \_\_\_\_\_.

In Genesis 21:1-3, who was born? \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaac had two sons—Jacob and Esau. The Lord changed Jacob’s name to Israel and the nation of Israel was born. Jacob/Israel had twelve sons. One of them—Joseph—was sold by his brothers into slavery and went to Egypt. This was wrong yet God positioned Joseph as a ruler in Egypt and he was able to help his family, Israel, survive during a great famine. However, after Joseph died Israel became slaves in Egypt for over 400 years.

Eventually, God raised up Moses to lead them out of Egypt and into the land He promised to Abraham—the land of Canaan. The Lord gave Moses a written law which Israel was to live by to be sure and remain in fellowship with Him and under His blessing. Yet, Israel kept falling into sin, even after they came into the Promised Land. God raised up many prophets to warn them whenever they veered away from Him. Finally, **The** Prophet—the Promised Messiah, the Seed of the woman—came. Jesus Christ, the holy Son of God, was born as a man.

## 4. The Word

Read John chapter 1, verses 1-18 in your Bible.

According to John 1:1-2, what was in the beginning with God? \_\_\_\_\_,

According to John 1:3, was anything created without Him? \_\_\_\_\_.

According to John 1:4, what was in Him? \_\_\_\_\_, and what was the Light of men? \_\_\_\_\_.

According to John 1:5, what overcomes what?

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John 1:12 is speaking of the Light, or the life that is in the Word of God, and calls this Light/life a person. It says that whoever receives **Him**, He gives the right to become what?

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This right is given to those who receive Him and believe in His \_\_\_\_\_.

John 1:13-14 tells us that those who believe in His name are born, not just physically, but spiritually. They are born of God. Not everyone is a child of God, only those who receive Him and believe in His name. The Word was made flesh and came and lived among men. We find out what His name is in John 1:17. Who is it?

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## 5. Jesus' Birth

**Read Luke chapters 1 and 2 in your Bible.**

In Luke 1:30-31 the angel Gabriel told the virgin Mary that she would conceive and have a son. She was to call Him \_\_\_\_\_.

In Luke 1:38, what was Mary's response to the angel and all he said?

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In Luke 2:8-11 an angel of the Lord appeared to the \_\_\_\_\_ and told them good news. What was the good news in verse 11?

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In Luke 2:13 what appeared suddenly with the angel? \_\_\_\_\_

In Luke 2:25-26 we read that there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until what happened?

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In Luke 2:41-46 we read about the time Jesus and His family went to Jerusalem at the feast of the Passover when He was 12 years old. They accidentally left without Him, not realizing He wasn't with Him. They went back to look for Him and found Him where?

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## 6. Jesus' Life

**Read Matthew 9:1-8 in your Bible.**

In Matthew 9:2 what did Jesus told the sick man on the bed?

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Some of the scribes were upset at Jesus for saying that because they knew that only God could forgive sin. To prove that Jesus had power to forgive sin (and therefore really was God in the flesh), what did He say to the sick man in Matthew 9:6?

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Was the man healed? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus came to forgive sin and to heal!

**Read Mark 4:1-20 in your Bible**

In verse 4 Jesus says some seed fell \_\_\_\_\_.

In verse 5 He says some seed fell on \_\_\_\_\_.

In verse 7 He says some seed fell \_\_\_\_\_.

In verse 8 He says some seed fell \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus explains this parable to His disciples.

According to Mark 4:14 what is the seed? \_\_\_\_\_

In verse 15 what does Jesus say about the seed that fell on the road?

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In verses 16-17 what does Jesus say about the seed on the rocky places?

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In verses 18-19 what does Jesus say about the seed in the thorns?

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In verse 20 what does He say about the seed sown in good soil?

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We must determine in our hearts to be good soil—one who accepts the Word of God and gives it room to grow. If we have a soft heart, with stones and weeds removed, the Word of God can grow freely within us, bringing freedom. (See John 8:31-32).

**Read Acts 10:38 in your Bible**

Who anointed Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

What was He anointed with? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

As a result, Jesus went around doing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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Because who was with Him? \_\_\_\_\_



## 7. Jesus' Death

**Read John chapters 18 and 19 in your Bible**

In John 18:2 we read who betrayed Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

In Luke 22:50-51 we read that when they came to arrest Jesus Peter cut off the ear of one of them. What did Jesus do?

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\_\_\_\_\_

In John 18:38 we read that Pilate questioned Jesus and said he did not find Him guilty. He asked the crowd if they wanted Jesus released and set free as was the custom at Passover. In John 18:40, who did the crowd say they wanted freed?

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In John 19:6 Pilate brought Jesus out after having Him beaten and the crown of thorns placed on His head. They cried out for Pilate to do what to Jesus?

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In John 19:11 Jesus told Pilate that he would have no authority over Him at all unless he had received it from where?

\_\_\_\_\_

In John 19:17 we read that Jesus was crucified where?

\_\_\_\_\_

In John 19:19 we read that Pilate wrote an inscription and put it on the cross that said:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In John 19:23-24 we read that the soldiers who crucified Jesus cast lots for His \_\_\_\_\_  
Which fulfilled one of many Scriptures proving He was the Messiah. (See Psalm 22:18).

In John 19:33-37 two more Scriptures were fulfilled when the soldiers did not break Jesus' legs (as was the custom when they took prisoners down from the cross) and when they pierced His side.

In John 19:30 we read that Jesus' last words were \_\_\_\_\_

## 8. Jesus' Resurrection & Ascension

### Read John chapter 20 in your Bible

In John 20:1-2 Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found what?

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In John 20:11-12 we find Mary standing at the tomb weeping when she saw two \_\_\_\_\_

In John 20:14-16 Mary saw \_\_\_\_\_ whom she didn't recognize at first until

He said what? \_\_\_\_\_

In John 20:19-20 after Jesus rose from the dead, and after He appeared to Mary, He came and stood in the midst of who \_\_\_\_\_. What did He show them?

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In John 20:22 He breathed on His disciples and said to receive \_\_\_\_\_

According to John 20:30-31 why was the book/the Gospel/the Bible written?

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### Read Acts 1:1-11 in your Bible

In Acts 1:8 Jesus said they would receive power when what happened?

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In Acts 1:11 the men in white clothing said Jesus would do what?

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## 9. Baptism

**Read Matthew 28:16-20 in your Bible.**

Right before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He told His disciples to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to observe all His commandments. Prior to this, the only water baptism was the baptism of John the Baptist, which was calling for people to repent of their sins and to believe in Jesus who was to come.

**Read Acts 19:1-6 in your Bible.**

Now that Jesus has died, rose again and ascended into heaven, those who believe in Him are to be baptized in His name. In so doing, a believer may also receive the Holy Spirit as they did here.

In Acts 19:2-3 Paul asked the disciples he found at Ephesus if they had yet received the

\_\_\_\_\_. They said no, they hadn't heard of that. He asked what kind of

baptism they had done and they replied \_\_\_\_\_.

In Acts 19:4 Paul explained that was a baptism of repentance to prepare people to believe in who?

\_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 19:5-6 Says they were baptized in the name of \_\_\_\_\_ . Paul then laid his hands

on them and they received the \_\_\_\_\_ and they spoke in

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

In Acts 2:38 we read to repent and be \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and receive the gift of \_\_\_\_\_

In Acts 8:12 it says when the people believed they were \_\_\_\_\_.

In Acts 8:14-17 we read of the people in Samaria who were baptized in the name of Jesus but had not

yet received the \_\_\_\_\_. After Peter and John laid hands on them they did.

In Acts 8:26-40 we read the story of the eunuch Philip preached Jesus to. In verses 35-38 it says Philip preached the gospel to him and when the eunuch saw water he wanted to be baptized. Philip said he could be baptized if he:

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In Romans 6:3-4 it says through baptism we are symbolically buried with Christ into death and raised from the dead with Him so we can walk in newness of life, free from sin.

Jesus said in Mark 16:16 that whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved.

## 10. Walk in the Light / If you sin...

Read 1 John chapter 1 in your Bible.

In 1 John 1:5 it says that God is \_\_\_\_\_ and there is no \_\_\_\_\_ in Him.

In 1 John 1:6 it says we cannot walk in fellowship with Him and walk in \_\_\_\_\_.

In 1 John 1:7 it says if we walk in the Light we have fellowship with Him and the \_\_\_\_\_ cleanses us from all \_\_\_\_\_.

In 1 John 1:8 it says if we say we have no \_\_\_\_\_ we deceive ourselves.

In 1 John 1:9 it says if we \_\_\_\_\_

He is faithful to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Adam and Eve hid from God in the Garden after they sinned. Instead, run to Him, run to the Light, run to Jesus because He paid the price for your sin. Don't run away and hide from Him if you sin, let Him cleanse you!



## Morning Devotional

Read a new Scripture each day when you wake up.

Make it a personal prayer and a proclamation!

Psalm 51:10	Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Psalm 139:23-24	Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; <sup>24</sup> And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.
Psalm 19:14	Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.
Ephesians 4:29	Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such <i>a word</i> as is good for edification according to the need <i>of the moment</i> , so that it will give grace to those who hear. (I let no unwholesome word proceed from my mouth....)
Philippians 1:6	<i>For I am</i> confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. (He who began a good work in me...)
Philippians 2:13	for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for <i>His</i> good pleasure. (it is God who is at work in me...)
Matthew 6:10	'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
Colossians 3:14	Beyond all these things <i>put on</i> love, which is the perfect bond of unity. (I put on love....)
Philippians 2:3	Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; (I will do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit...)
2 Corinthians 2:14	But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. (Thanks be to God who always leads me in triumph in Christ...)
James 4:10	Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you. (I humble myself in the presence of the Lord...)

Hebrews 12:14-15	Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup> See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled; (I will pursue peace with all men, and sanctification. I will see to it that I do not come short of the grace of good, that no root of bitterness springs up in me.)
Psalms 138:8	The LORD will accomplish what concerns me; Your lovingkindness, O LORD, is everlasting; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.
Hebrews 13:15	Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. (Through Him I will continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God...)
Matthew 6:33	But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (I will seek first His kingdom and His righteousness...)
2 Chronicles 16:9	For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.... (My heart is completely His, so His eyes move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support me.)
Matthew 5:16	Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. (I let my light shine before men in such a way that they see my good works and glorify my Father in heaven.)
1 Peter 5:8-9	Be of sober <i>spirit</i> , be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> But resist him, firm in <i>your</i> faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. (I will be of sober spirit and on the alert. I will resist the devil firm in the faith...)
John 14:27	Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. (I will not let my heart be troubled, or fearful.)
Philippians 3:13-14	Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of <i>it</i> yet; but one thing <i>I do</i> : forgetting what <i>lies</i> behind and reaching forward to what <i>lies</i> ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.
1 John 4:19	We love, because He first loved us.



John 17:23	I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me. (Jesus in me, and the Father in Jesus, that we may be perfected in unity..)
1 Peter 2:24	and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.
John 3:16	For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
1 John 4:16	We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. (I have come to know, and believed, the love which God has for me...I abide in love and therefore abide in God, and He in me.)
Romans 5:8	But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (God demonstrates His own love toward me, in that while I was yet a sinner, Christ died for me.)
John 16:27	for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father. (The Father Himself loves me because I love Jesus and believe that He came forth from the Father.)
Psalm 16:11	You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.
Psalm 91:9-11	For you have made the LORD, my refuge, <i>Even</i> the Most High, your dwelling place. <sup>10</sup> No evil will befall you, Nor will any plague come near your tent. <sup>11</sup> For He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways. (I have made the Lord my refuge, and the Most High my dwelling place. No evil will befall me, no plague will come near my tent...)
Hebrews 13:5	<i>Make sure that</i> your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU," (I make sure my character is free from the love of money, being content with what I have. For He will never desert me or forsake me.)

