

THE MESSAGE OF JOHN

3:16

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“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for
reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” 2 Timothy 3:16

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“GOD LOVES YOU!!!”

Today we find Jesus, our risen Lord and Savior, having a divine dialogue with a ruler of the Jews named Nicodemus in John 3:1-16. Nicodemus was a man who was divinely impacted by Jesus, His message and His miracles. This man came to Jesus under the cover of night either by fear that other unbelieving rulers might see him and strip him of his authority and position or maybe, **just maybe** he was led by the Holy Ghost [the Holy Spirit of God] to have a private audience with the Master to clear up his and our burning, sincere desire to know more about Jesus The Christ! Nicodemus revealed in John 3:2 **“for no man can perform these miracles that thou doest, except God be with Him.”** Jesus immediately discerned that Nicodemus’ heart was pure in his quest for divine revelation and informed him that in order for anyone to understand the source of all divine miracles of God, he must be able to spiritually see and enter into the divine, spiritual kingdom of God. However, Jesus revealed in John 3:7, to enter into this secret, sacred place **“ye must be born again.”**

Being born again means a spiritual rebirth from Heaven that occurs the very moment that a person places his or her saving faith in Jesus Christ, His finished work on the Cross and His divine resurrection. The Holy Spirit of God will then indwell, empower, enable, equip, lead, guide, direct and help you to fulfill God’s divine purpose and plan for your life. Ezekiel 36:26 reveals, **“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you.”**

Only then, through the power of the Holy Spirit, will a person be able to see and enter into the true divine favor, love, joy, peace and the

amazing miracles of Almighty God now and forever! Receive more revelation of this divine gift available through faith to all of humanity in the following scriptures:

1 COR. 2:9 “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, **the deep things of God.**”

John 3:3 “Verily, Verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:5 “Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water [natural birth] and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. [For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, reveals Romans 14:17]

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh [human parents] is flesh; and that which born of the spirit [Holy Spirit of God] is spirit.

JOHN 3:7 “Marvel [wonder] not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”

***Nicodemus, upon receiving this revelation, must have been so earthly confused that he asked the Lord in John 3:4, “**How can a man be born when he is old?** Can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?”

***Jesus then gave him and all of humanity the **most important, most memorable, most transformational, and most powerful revelation in the whole Bible** on how to achieve a life of victory now and Heaven forever, **JOHN 3:16!**

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” JOHN 3:16

Now, let's look closely at each of the **three parts** of this amazing life changing revelation that all of the Bible revolves around:

1. GOD'S LOVE!

JOHN 3:16a “GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON...”

Here the Bible reveals that God so loved His creation of humanity that He gave up His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to pay our sin debt in full [past, present and future], through His sacrificial death on an old rugged Cross two thousand years ago so we could be reconciled back to the same favor with Him that Adam and Eve had before they disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden.

1 John 4:8 reveals, “He that loveth not knoweth not God; for **God is love.**” God's love is called Agape because He is the True source of all divinely pure, sacrificial, undeserved, Heavenly gracious love and compassion for us. [Agape, God's love, divinely **sacrifices** itself for the good of others.]

Receive more revelation on God's amazing, sacrificial, agape love in the following scriptures:

1 JOHN 4:9 “In this was manifested [revealed] the **love of God** toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that **we might live through him.**”

ROMANS 5:8 “God commended [demonstrated] his love toward us in that **while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.**” “THAT’S REAL DIVINE LOVE!”

JOHN 15:13 Jesus reveals, “Greater love hath no man than this, **that a man lay down his life for his friends.**”

GALATIANS 2:20 Apostle Paul reveals, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, **who loved me, and gave himself for me.**”

2 TIM. 1:7 “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

GALATIANS 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit love, joy, peace, longsuffering [patience] gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance against such there is no law.”

Romans 3:23 Apostle Paul, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit revealed, “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the **gift of God** is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord!

*** BELOVED, REGARDLESS OF WHO YOU ARE, WHAT YOU HAVE DONE, HOW ADDICTED YOU HAVE BEEN TO DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIORS, WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN OR WHAT OTHERS HAVE CALLED YOU. **REGARDLESS OF THE LIFE OF SIN YOU ARE LIVING IN RIGHT NOW**, NEVER FORGET THAT **GOD LOVES YOU WITH A LOVE SO STRONG AND SO UNDESERVED**, THAT NONE OF US WILL EVER BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND OR COMPREHEND IT UNTIL WE SEE HIM FACE TO FACE! **HE HATES YOUR SIN, BUT HE LOVES YOU! THAT'S WHY HE HAS MADE A WAY FOR US TO COME TO HIM AND LIVE A RIGHTEOUS LIFE THROUGH SAVING FAITH IN HIS SON JESUS CHRIST NOW AND FOREVER!** Receive more revelation on “the way” that has been divinely made for all true believers in Jesus Christ:

In **JOHN 14:6** Jesus reveals to Thomas and to all of humanity, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”**

In **JOHN 3:17** Jesus reveals, “For God sent **not** his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.”

2 COR. 5:21 The Bible reveals, “For he [God the Father] hath made him [Jesus Christ] to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might **be made the righteousness of God in him.**”

1 JOHN 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to **forgive us our sins**, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

In **JOHN 10:10** Jesus reveals, “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life**, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

EZEKIEL 36:26-27 “A new heart will I also give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: **and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh...**And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, **and ye shall keep my judgements, and do them.**”

MATTHEW 6:33 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and **all these things shall be added unto you.**”

2 Cor. 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature [creation]: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

ACTS 17:28 “In him [Jesus Christ] **I live** and I move and I have my being.”

WHEN WE PLACE OUR SAVING FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS FINISHED WORK ON THE CROSS OF CALVARY, AND HIS DIVINE RESURRECTION,
ROMANS 6:14 REVEALS, “FOR SIN SHALL NOT HAVE DOMINION [AUTHORITY, CONTROL] OVER YOU.”

Beloved, our Heavenly Father's desire, in return for His great gift of divine sacrificial love, is found in Matt. 22:37-40 which reveals, **"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."**

"GOD LOVES YOU!"

2. OUR CHOICE!

JOHN 3:16b "THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH"

SALVATION IS DIVINELY **CONDITIONAL ON OUR DECISION TO TRUST JESUS CHRIST AS OUR RISEN LORD AND SAVIOR!**

Beloved, Jesus was revealing to Nicodemus and, again, to all of humanity that God has given us a chance to make a **choice to totally surrender, repent, believe** all the way on Jesus Christ and live victoriously forever with Him, **or choose to believe not** on our Savior and face a life of misery now and eternal torment in a place called hell forever.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE TO CHOOSE JESUS!

Please see the scriptures below that reveal the conditionality of God's saving grace:

ROMANS 10:9 "That if thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

2 CHRONICLES 7:14 “If my people [the true believers] who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, **and will heal their land.**

JOSHUA 24:15 “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom you will serve;...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

JOB 36:11 “If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures. **But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.**”

ISAIAH 1:19 “If ye [you] be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.”

The Bible reveals in **Ezekiel 33:11** “...why should you die...,” when God has made a way for us, through saving faith in His Son, to be saved [delivered from the bondage and the penalty of sin]. Our Lord Jesus Christ gives all of humanity His divine invitation and eternal promise below to come to Him now and live!

MATTHEW 11:28-30 “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest [the power and the fruit of the Holy Spirit]. Take up my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

2 COR. 6:2 reveals "...now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

IF YOU PLACE YOUR FAITH IN THINGS, YOU WILL BE STRESSED! IF YOU PLACE YOUR FAITH IN PEOPLE, YOU WILL BE PERPLEXED! BUT IF YOU PLACE YOUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST, YOU WILL BE BLESSED NOW AND FOREVER!

THE GREATEST THING YOU CAN HAVE IN THIS LIFE IS A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST!!!

*****The scriptures below give God's definition of faith and reveals the awesome power available to those of us who dare to trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior all the way!**

HEBREWS 11:1,6 "Now faith is the substance [reality] of things hoped for, and the evidence [proof] of things not seen. But without faith [total confidence in Jesus Christ] it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a **rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**"

PROVERBS 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, **and he shall direct thy paths.**"

ROMANS 10:10 “For with the **heart man believeth unto righteousness**; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

ROMANS 10:11 “...Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.”

ROMANS 10:13 “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord **shall be saved.**”

ROMANS 10:17 “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

EPHESIANS 2:8 “For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

2 TIM. 1:12 “**I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded** that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.”

MATT. 17:20 “If ye have faith, as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain [problem, sickness, financial lack, spiritual wickedness in high places], Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and **nothing shall be impossible unto you.**”

MARK 11:22-24 “And Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith in God.** For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into

the sea; and shall **not doubt in his heart**, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever you desire, **when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**”

EPHESIANS 6:16 “Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to **quench all of the fiery darts of the wicked.**”

MARK 5:27-28 reveals the woman with the issue of blood as a clear example of faith, “When she had heard of Jesus, **came** in the press [crowd] behind, and touched his garment. For she said, **If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.**”

**THE STRONGER YOUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST,
THE STRONGER THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL OPERATE
IN YOUR LIFE!!!**

EPHESIANS 3:20 “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly **above all that we ask or think**, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”

**WE CAN RECEIVE THE SPIRITUALLY BORN AGAIN
EXPERIENCE ONLY THROUGH SAVING FAITH IN JESUS
CHRIST, HIS FINISHED WORK ON THE CROSS AND HIS
DIVINE RESURRECTION!!!**

The scriptures below add more clarity and understanding of the spiritually born again experience and the power of the Holy Spirit we receive from God after we have been born again:

EPHESIANS 1:13 “In whom [Jesus Christ] ye also trusted after that ye heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye [you] believed, ye were sealed [**indwelt, baptized, confirmed**] with that Holy Spirit of promise.”

JOHN 1:12 The Bible reveals, “But as many as received him, [Jesus Christ] to them **gave he power** to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:”

1 JOHN 4:4 “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because **greater is he that is in you**, than he that is in the world.”

ACTS 1:8 “But **ye shall receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: **and ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

2 COR. 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; **old things are passed away; Behold, all things are become new.**”

ROMAN 1:17 “...as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”

2 COR. 5:7 “**For we walk by faith** [total confidence in Jesus Christ as our risen Lord, Savior and deliverer] **and not by sight** [the wicked things we see and endure on a daily basis in this life on Earth].”

GALATIANS 2:20 “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life I now live in the flesh **I live by the faith** of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

A songwriter named John Newton beautifully wrote, “Amazing Grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see. Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that Grace appear the hour I first believed. Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far and Grace will lead me home.”

Beloved, once you close your eyes for the last time and your heart beats for the last time that will be your judgement day! [Final Life Exam day, if you will.] For **those who do not repent** of their sins and come all the way to Jesus Christ, through saving faith, the Bible reveals that they will be separated from Almighty God forever and spend forever in torment in a lake of fire [Rev. 21:8]. They will never have a second chance to come back to get it right with God. **When it's over, it's over!** This life is not a dress rehearsal, movie or commercial. Your day of accountability with God for everything you have done in this life is inevitable and you will not have a second chance to come back for a retake on Planet Earth to correct your failure to

believe, confess and serve our Lord Jesus Christ. That's why Jesus revealed in Matt. 24:44, "Therefore **be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.**" But how can you be ready if you have not studied and obeyed God's Word, the Book the final exam of life is based on? Can you pass the Final Exam in school if you have not studied the text book? Can a Lawyer pass the Bar Exam if he/she has not studied the Law Books? Can our medical personnel pass their medical certifications if they have not studied the Medical Books? Can you operate on your job if you do not study and follow instructions in your company's Operations Manual? What makes us think that we can pass God's final exam of life if we have not studied and obeyed His Word in His most **important book in the world, the Bible?** Your **Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth**, if you will. I firmly believe that if we use common sense, God will give us Holy sense!

JOSHUA 1:8 the Lord revealed to Joshua, "This book of the law [The Bible] shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate therein day and night**, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shall make thy way prosperous, **and then thou shall have good success.**"

MATTHEW 11:29 Jesus revealed, "Take up my yoke upon you, and learn of me..."

2 TIM. 2:15 the Bible reveals, "**Study to shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth."

Take a few moments to receive God's Word to those who make a **conscious decision not to receive** God's gift of salvation:

REVELATIONS 21:8 “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable [very evil], and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolators, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.”

HEBREWS 9:27 “And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”

ROMANS 14:11-12 “For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

HOSEA 4:6 “My people are **destroyed** for lack of knowledge [the knowledge of God’s Word and His Will for humanity]: because thou hast **rejected** knowledge, I will also reject thee...”

MATT. 7:21 “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven; **but he that doeth** the will of my Father which is in Heaven.”

**THERE IS NO LOVE, NO MERCY, NO COMPROMISE
AND THERE ARE NO EXITS IN HELL!**

*****But, for those who make the choice to place their saving faith in Jesus Christ, His finished work on the Cross of Calvary and His divine resurrection from the dead, God will give us victory right now, miracle healing, prosperity, breakthrough miracles, divine deliverance and more than we can ask of think right now! Let’s review several of His right now promises:**

EPHESIANS 3:20 again reveals, “**Now unto him** that is able to do **exceeding abundantly** above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.”

3 JOHN 2 “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”

ISAIAH 53:5 “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities [sins]: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; **and with his stripes we are healed.**

PHIL. 4:19 “But my God shall supply all of your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

PHIL. 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

MATT. 6:33 “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

ISAIAH 40:31 “But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.”

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

ROMAN 8:31 “What shall we then say to these things? **If God be for us, who can be against us.**”

ROMAN 8:39 “For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, not things present,

not things to come. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

ISAIAH 54:17 “No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgement thou shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

AFTER YOU HAVE MADE THE CHOICE TO FOLLOW JESUS ALL THE WAY, THE devil [the deceiver] and his forces of wickedness [including those on two feet] WILL TRY TO RISE UP AGAINST YOU AND REMIND YOU OF YOUR PAST IN AN EFFORT TO DEPRESS AND DRAW YOU BACK INTO YOUR PAST SINS. BUT DON'T FORGET THAT YOU NOW HAVE THE DIVINE AUTHORITY TO REMIND THE devil OF his FUTURE IN HELL AS REVEALED IN REVELATION 20:10, “And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”

In essence, now that you have placed your saving faith in Jesus Christ, you have the divine authority

to **depress the devil everyday by telling him that he's the one that's going to Hell!** Through faith in Jesus Christ you are now Heaven bound, the generational curse on your life has been broken and your **past sins have been eternally forgiven.** So take a stand right now and remind the devil that according to the promised Word of God [The Bible] in Revelation 20:10, that he and all of his wicked forces of evil are headed for hell forever!!!

Beloved, I can assure you that he and his wicked forces will **immediately flee** from you as revealed in **James 4:7, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."** Repeat after me, **I bind the devil and praise the Lord!** Jesus promised his true believers in Matt. 16:19, "And I will give unto thee **the keys [access] of the kingdom of heaven:** and whatsoever thou [you] shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Beloved, use your keys now! Also, to assist you in your new daily "good fight of faith" our Lord revealed in **Revelation 12:11, "And**

they overcame him [the devil] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the Word of their testimony;...”

So today as you read this message, make a commitment to **bind every thought of your past failures**, in the name of Jesus, and keep your new victory in Christ in your mouth.

*****Also, if you have chosen to believe in Jesus Christ as your risen Lord and Savior, you have the divine authority to bind the spirit of suicide.** The thought of suicide is a wicked trick of the devil. Cast it out and guard your heart! **Suicide [self murder] is a permanent unforgiveable fix to a temporary situation!** Keep sealed in your heart, **THIS TOO SHALL PASS, IN JESUS NAME!**

Regardless of the issues you are experiencing right now, repeat after me, THIS TOO SHALL PASS, IN JESUS NAME! Genesis 4:3 reveals, “In the process of time, **it came to pass...**”

Psalms 23:4 reveals, “Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;...” Never forget, you will never walk alone again, as a true believer in Jesus Christ. “Lo, I am with you always... **Matt. 28:20.**”

Now that you have the fruit of the Holy Spirit in you as a born again believer; **keep** Love, Joy, Peace, Victory and Deliverance in your mouth. Remember that “Death and life are in the power of the tongue.” King David revealed in Psalm 34:1-2, **“I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.”**

*******Paul and Silas proved that praying and praising the Lord at all times worked when they were imprisoned in a Roman jail in Acts 16:25-30 which reveals, **“And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God:** and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison [representing spiritual and physical bondage] were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, [representing our new life in Christ] and everyone’s bands where loosed.” At the end of this account the **jailer who had beaten and shackled Paul and Silas ran in and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”**

Paul and Silas realized that **depression, doubt and discouragement** are major tricks the devil uses to keep the believers and unbelievers in spiritual bondage. Therefore, they refused to allow their context to destroy their contentment in Jesus Christ! Beloved, when we know better we can and should do better! Follow their example, keep praise in your mouth, **cast doubt out**, and our Lord will keep victory in your life every time you find yourself in the valley seasons of life. Always remember the promises of God for His true ambassadors in Christ: “yea though I walk through the valley of shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, Psalm 23:4.” “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee, Hebrew 13:5.” “and, lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world, Matt. 28:20.” “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose, Rom. 8:28.” “If God be for us, who can be against us? Rom. 8:31.”

We must know in our hearts that **nothing can happen to us now that we are in Christ unless our Lord allows it! And if He allows it, that means He**

has purpose for it! In the above account our Lord obviously allowed the imprisonment of Paul and Silas not only to spiritually win and deliver the other prisoners, but also to spiritually win and deliver the jailer and his family from the bondage of sin! **In essence, many were won for Christ that night because Paul and Silas stayed committed by saving faith to the Power of Prayer and the Power of Praise for our Lord Jesus Christ!** They didn't complain, they proclaimed, the Holy Spirit of God moved in a powerful way and God's purpose was fulfilled that night because of their obedience to the Gospel. What a **great example** for all true believers and what a mighty God we serve!!!

He is worthy to be praised!!!

PSALM 107:2 "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed [rescued] from the hand of the enemy."

PSALM 34:19 "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all."

**ONLY WHAT YOU DO FOR CHRIST WILL LAST AND
GOD ANSWERS PRAYER!**

PHIL. 4:6 reveals, "Be careful [worry, anxious] for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let

your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

JAMES 5:16 “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

John 16:23 Jesus reveals, “Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.”

MATT. 21:22 Jesus reveals, “And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”

MATT. 7:7 “Ask and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you.”

2 CHRONICLES 7:14 “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; **then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**”

JEREMIAH 33:3 “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew [show] thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”

PSALM 30:2 “O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.”

PSALM 37:4 “Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he will give thee the desires of thine heart.”

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, it is no secret that we now live in the most dangerous world in which humanity has ever existed. Weapons of mass destruction pose a serious risk to the survival of humanity on Planet Earth. One mistake or one weapon of mass destruction in the wrong hands could set off a series of horrible events that could wipe out all of humanity in just a few minutes. What quality of life would we have even if we survived a nuclear disaster? How long could you live in a world filled with nuclear fallout and radiation at unthinkable levels. Deaths right now from the corona virus pandemic, suicide, murder, hate crimes and destructive lifestyles are at an all-time high. We are witnessing social and political unrest, racial division and unusual weather patterns I have never seen before in my lifetime.

Beloved, in **these last days**, [Acts 2:16-17] we who have chosen to believe in Jesus Christ, no longer have the time to sit back and take it easy. In the book of Ezekiel 33:7, **God has called us to be “watchmen,”** those whom God has chosen to sound the alarm to warn those who know not that the day of judgement is coming. Too many souls are at stake for us to sit back and just hope everything will be alright. We must arise **through saving faith now and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the whole world in such way that everyone will at least have a chance to make a choice to come to Jesus, repent of their sins and be saved.** Matt. 24:14 Jesus reveals, “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”

The Bible reveals in Mark 16:15, **“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”** Matt. 28:19 reveals, **“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...”** God is counting on us to

lead the way. We, the true believers, have been divinely commissioned to go onto the highways and the byways and tell the world that we serve a forgiving God who loves us so much that He gave up His only begotten Son Jesus Christ on an old rugged Cross to die a horrible death for us so we could be spiritually Born Again, redeemed, reconciled back to favor with Him, love another and live in a world as Christian brothers and sisters until we see His face. **A world where civility, kindness, mercy and Godly Agape love flows like a mighty rushing river. A world where when differences of opinions arise, we as people of all races and nationalities will sit down together at the table of brotherly love and say, "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord," as the Bible reveals ISAIAH 1:18. Not fight against each other, not destroy together, not perish together, not kill one another, but let us come and reason together now!**

Some may say this is not possible? I have good news for you! **MATTHEW 19:26** again reveals, **"With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."**

In **Philippians 3:13** Apostle Paul revealed, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling [purpose] of God in Christ Jesus."

Beloved, our God didn't create this beautiful world, with all of its amazing splendor, for humanity to turn on one another and destroy one another. Jesus revealed in **JOHN 13:34**, **"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I**

have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples [true followers of Jesus Christ] **if ye have love one to another.”**

**“And be ye kind one to another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even
as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you,”
reveals the Bible in Ephesians 4:32.**

Dr. Martin Luther King revealed on March 22, 1964, **“We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.”** We must not be deceived. It is the deceptive work of the devil and his forces of wickedness that is trying overtime to divide us. The devil knows that MARK 3:25 reveals, **“if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.”** Jesus revealed, **“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly, reveals JOHN 10:10.”** **Whose report will you believe?** I fervently pray that after reading this message, we will all believe the report of the Lord! **“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord, reveals JOSHUA 24:15.”**

Please receive the following scriptures that will enable you to stand strong everyday as you fight the spiritual battles of life:

EPHESIANS 6:10 reveals, **“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour**

of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

PSALM 68:1 “Let the Lord arise, let his enemies be scattered:...But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.”

2 COR. 10:4 “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal [worldly], but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds; **Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God**, and bringing into **captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.**”

PSALM 16:11 “Thou wilt shew me the path of life: **in thy presence is the fullness of joy**; at thy right hand there pleasures for evermore.”

A songwriter wrote:

**“It was at the Cross, at the Cross where I first
saw the light and the burdens of my heart rolled
away. It was there by faith, I received my sight
and now I am happy all the day!”**

*****It is important now to reflect on the divine transformation that occurred in Nicodemus' life after his late night encounter with Jesus.** From the third Chapter of the Book of JOHN to the eighteenth Chapter, there was very little mention of him. However, on the day that Jesus paid our sin debt in full on the Cross of Calvary, the Bible reveals in **JOHN 19:39, "And there came also Nicodemus, which at first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloe, about an hundred pound weight.** Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury."

It is obvious that this man, who was originally afraid or ashamed to be seen with Jesus, now through saving faith had made a **total transformation and boldly stepped out**, without fear, to give up everything to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! This account clearly reveals the fact that Jesus can transform the life of any person who is willing to come to Him all the way and **give to His cause with "one hundred percent faith and a one hundred percent commitment."**

ROMANS 1:16 reveals, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

1 COR. 1:18 reveals, "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

ROMANS 12:2 reveals, “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may be able to prove [demonstrate] what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

LUKE 6:38 “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.”

MALACHI 3:10 “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove [test] me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to *receive* it. And I will rebuke [cast out] the devourer for your sakes...”

MATTHEW 6:21 “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

2 COR. 9:6 “But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully.”

**OUR GIFT TO GOD’S WORK HERE ON EARTH IS
EVIDENCE OF OUR ONE HUNDRED PERCENT
COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST AND OUR LOVE
FOR HIM!!!**

3. GOD'S ETERNAL REWARD!

JOHN 3:16c "SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."

The last part of this amazing promise from God that has changed the lives of billions of people over the last two thousand plus years, reveals that we, the true believers will rise from this life one day and live eternally with our Lord forever in Heaven!!! Our Heavenly reward from our God is His promise that when we are absent from the body we will immediately be present with the Lord in Heaven, as revealed in 2 COR. 5:8. Also, praise God, we will receive a glorified body that will never grow old, as revealed in 1 COR. 15:51-53. We will walk down streets paved with pure gold in Heaven with the water of life running crystal clear out of the throne of God **and we will praise, serve, rule and reign with our Lord forever!!!**

Beloved, let's look below at the scriptures, God's Word, that clearly reveal to the true believers, the Body of Christ, our eternal reward for accepting and surrendering to God's divine redemption plan through saving faith in Jesus Christ.

PSALM 91:1-2 "He that dwelleth in the secret place [relationship with Jesus Christ] of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."

PSALM 91:14-16 "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

PSALM 121-1-3 “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.”

2 COR. 5:1 “For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, **eternal in the heavens.**”

1 THESS. 4:16 The Bible reveals, “For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and **so shall we ever be with the Lord.**”

2 COR. 5:8 “We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and be present with the Lord.”

REVELATION 21:4 “And God shall wipe away all the tears from their eyes; and there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away.”

REVELATION 22:3 “And there shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light; and **they shall reign forever and ever.**”

JOHN 14:1-5 Jesus revealed, “Let not your hearts be troubled; ye **believe in God, believe also in me.** In my Father’s house are

many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.”

***As I close this life-changing message, King David, a man after God’s own heart, gave us complete clarity on God’s promise for all true believers to **live a life of victory now and eternal life** forever with our Lord in that **beautiful, captivating, inspiring, unrivaled PSALM 23:**

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**”

Finally, if the Message of John 3:16 has spiritually impacted you and you feel led by the Holy Spirit now to make that all important surrender to Jesus Christ all the way, please pray with me the following **soul saving prayer:**

“DEAR GOD OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, I CONFESS WITH MY MOUTH THE LORD JESUS AS MY PERSONAL RISEN LORD AND SAVIOR, I REPENT OF MY SINS. PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR ALL SINS I HAVE COMMITTED AGAINST YOUR VOICE, YOUR WORD

**AND YOUR WILL. I BELIEVE IN MY HEART THAT YOU HAVE
RAISED JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD. FROM THIS DAY
FORWARD JESUS CHRIST IS MY RISEN SAVIOR, SOURCE AND
PROVIDER AND I WILL OBEY AND SERVE HIM WITH ONE
HUNDRED PERCENT FAITH. AND NOW BY THE POWER OF
YOUR DIVINE WORD IN JOHN 3:16 AND ROMANS 10:9, I
KNOW THAT I AM WASHED, I AM CLEANSED, I AM SAVED, IN
JESUS NAME!**

Beloved, if you prayed this prayer through saving faith, I believe in my heart that you have been spiritually born again, baptized and indwelt with the power of the Holy Spirit! You are now able to enjoy all of the benefits and privileges of a born again child of Almighty God, including victory now and eternal life forever!!! The Bible reveals in Luke 15:10, that “there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.” Now feed your spirit everyday with the living Word of God and be led by the Holy Spirit. Also, tell everyone now of the decision you made today to place your **one hundred percent faith in Jesus Christ** and I know that your life will never be the same!!!

**Never forget that “We walk by faith and not by sight” and
“With God all things are possible.” Matt. 19:26**

God bless and I pray God’s richest blessings upon you, your family and all our Lord has given you stewardship over! I am Pastor Ronnie L. Williams, Pastor of Power in the Word, World Ministries. I can be reached at ccpresid@aol.com and our Church website is www.pwwm.org. You will find many spiritually impactful Sermon messages and Bible Study teaching

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Starting today, **pray the Lord's Prayer** every morning, when you arise from bed and every night before you go to sleep and anytime of the day you need to feel His presence. I believe fervently that you will see an immediate, noticeable, positive change in your relationships with your family, your coworkers and others you will with meet on a daily basis. Don't forget to "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice," and never forget that He inhabits [dwells in] the praises of His people!!!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed [Holy] be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. In Jesus name, Amen'."

MATTHEW 6:9-13

Again, God bless and never forget that:

GOD LOVES YOU!!!

JOHN 3:16