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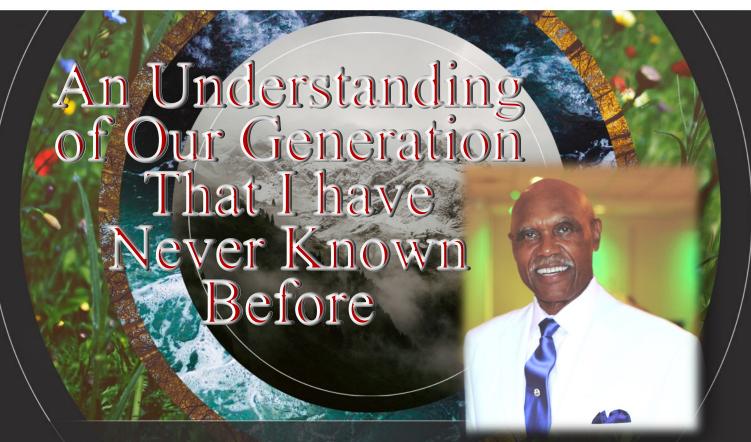
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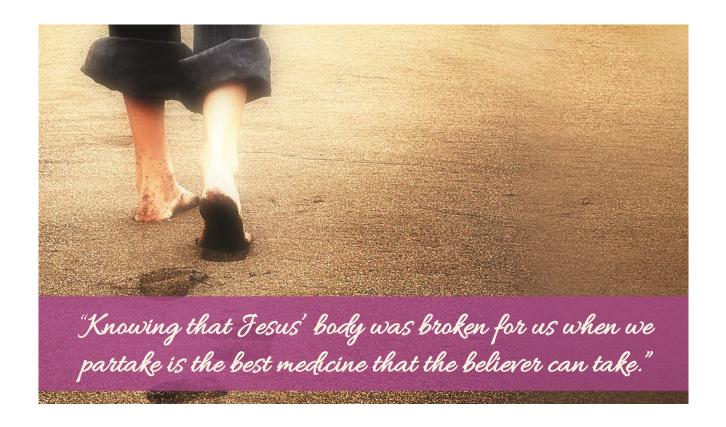


I am experiencing a revelation and an understanding of our generation that I have never known before. Jesus speaks to us in Luke 10:24 saying, "Prophets and Kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it and to hear what you hear, and have not heard."

Whether you know it or not, the Kingdom that Jesus spoke of in what we call the Lord's Prayer, "Your Kingdom come" is here. The time has been fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand. According to Scripture the Father has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light, and He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the Kingdom of the Son of His Love. Not only has the Kingdom of God been established on the earth, we have been admitted into His Kingdom with access to all the benefits of the Kingdom. The counsel of Jesus to us is to forget not all His benefits: "Who forgives all our iniquities, who

By Pastor Owen Alston

heals all our diseases, who redeems our lives from destruction, who crowns us with lovingkindness and tender mercies, who satisfies our mouth with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagles" (Psalm 103). All these blessings are a representation of the inheritance of the saints in the light that is mentioned in Colossians 1:12, which also coincides with 2 Peter 1:3 that says God's divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue. Besides having given us all things that pertain to life, God has stabilized our health with the broken body of Jesus and purged our sin with His blood. "For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, NOT discerning the Lord's body. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep" (1Corinthians 11:29-30). The scriptural reason for believers being sick is not discerning the Lord's body. So, if we discern the Lord's body when we eat, we have guar-



anteed health. Knowing that Jesus' body was broken for us when we partake is the best medicine that the believer can take. Not only are we made whole when we eat His broken body, we are also reminded that we are cleansed from our sins when we drink the cup. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace..." (Ephesians 1:7).

As we consider the times in which we live, all that God has provided, and where He has placed us, my question is this: What are we waiting for? We should be living life to the fullest. I plead with you, understand the times that we live in. You cannot live according to the WORLD and understand Kingdom life. Jesus said in the Gospel of John chapter 10:10, "I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly." I announce to you by the Spirit of the Living God that the life that Jesus came to give us is HERE. I give myself to you as a covenant partner to be an aid in assisting you in understanding how to access

that which Jesus has purchased with His own blood.

As wonderful as all of this is, none of it is a result of human merit, but by the finished work of Jesus the Christ. I know that many of you keep trying with all the human effort you have, but it never seems to work. Your circumstance just gets worse. Jesus did not die so you could keep failing. There is another way; there is more knowledge than that which you have. This is your generation, this is your time. Don't let the devil steal from you that which Jesus has purchased for you. Jesus loves you more than you know. He is not upset over your past. He wants to prosper you. "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers" (3John 2). Let Jesus give you a new outlook on life. He can and will turn the tide in your life. All you need to do is admit your failing efforts and receive the wonderful life that He has for you.

I live a wonderful life and I desire to share all that I know that you may live as well.

This is the Manchester Chaplaincy Team.

Pictured below, left to right, Rev. Robert Clark, Police Chaplain, Captain James W. Davis, Police Chaplain and Pastor Owen L. Alston, Police Chaplain. Each Chaplain is chosen, appointed, and trained by Manchester Police Department officials. This is a service which is not for the faint of heart, truly a **service** in the truest sense of the word.

The most recent appointee of the Manchester PD Chaplaincy Team being our own Pastor Owen L. Alston.



Robert Clark, James W. Davis, Owen L. Alston

Member Spotlight

By Jan Bright



Alexander & Estelle Perry

Estelle was born in Red Bank, New Jersey, the youngest of five children. Her stepfather, a retired military man, "brought structure into the home. He was a man with no children who married a woman with five children and loved each of us as his own." When Estelle was eight years old, the family moved to Long Branch where her parents had an electronic business installing burglar alarms so she was able to observe firsthand "the bumps and bruises" involved in running a business. Life was not easy for Estelle in a family of five children with many nieces and nephews. She admits, "I've been on my own since I was seventeen." At eighteen, she worked as a receptionist for the ARC of Monmouth County, an organization working with disabled adults. Estelle recalls," They showed me what love and compassion was like. When I found out I was pregnant, they were the first to give me a baby shower." Later she took a job with the ARC of New Jersey and moved with her daughter to Ocean County.

When an old boyfriend from high school looked her up, Estelle was initially not impressed. "He was in college working on his master's degree. He was a New Jersey state trooper. He seemed to be good husband material but not for me." Still they began dating and her feelings began to change as she appreciated how "his mind was focused" and she began to see him as "inspiring." At this point in her life, Estelle admits, "We both were not saved. We were in our twenties, living our lives." At twenty-

seven, she purchased her own townhouse, her first property. Her boyfriend Alex had an apartment nearby. When Estelle discovered she was pregnant, the couple decided to make it work and buy a house together. Estelle and Alex seemed to have it all: a beautiful home, two children. "Then one day I was ironing and feeling very blessed when something hit me. A small still voice said, 'You can lose it all if you don't find MY Way.' I realized that if we want to be successful, we need to incorporate God in our lives. No one in our families went to church. We were not saved. I did not know God. I grew up in a difficult environment."

Estelle continues, "I realized in order for us not to struggle and be successful, we needed to get married." After they were married in church, she decided to raise her children in the church. "I want to know what that's like. I want that life" so the Perry family began attending a Pentecostal church in Lakewood. At thirty-three years old, living paycheck to paycheck, and in danger of losing her home, Estelle decided she would like to start a business. While Alex agreed to support her, he said he needed her to bring \$30,000 she was then making at her job into the home. That could have been a stumbling block, but Estelle with a new confidence declared, "I'll do what I can. I know God now. I know how to walk with Him." As the planning phase began, she felt "we needed to cleanse ourselves, to get baptized." Alex and Estelle were baptized together and she recalls the



Celebrating the opening of THE OPEN DOOR Christian Bible Book Store

transformation in her life. "Everything came to life, the vision, how to love, how to be loved. With my husband as my strong support, I quit my job and stepped out in faith. I went to God and He led me to start The Open Door, an aftercare program

for children with disabilities that also provided help in the home for parents with disabled children which I started in my home in 2008."

Meanwhile, she was faithfully attending church and learning more about God and the Bible. One



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Estelle

day she awoke thanking God when she heard a voice say, "This is the day that the Lord has made." She immediately went downstairs and she and her husband made phone calls to every business contact they knew. They prayed together before and after each phone call. Although she had filed an application for a contract with the state for a business supporting the handicapped population, it was turned down three times because "I didn't have a college degree; I didn't have enough experience in the field." With God's help, they got the contract with the state. "God sailed through all of it. There was no way they could not give me that contract. I knew it was His voice. That voice kept me going during the early years of this business. I knew it was Him telling me to start this agency. That voice is stronger than anyone working on my application."

Eight years ago, it was daughter Nicole who led the family to Harmony Ministries after hearing the church had many opportunities for children. "We knew we could not be successful without a church home. I attended church and Wednesday Bible study. Every day new lessons were learned. We learned how to be a family. At Bi-

ble study, Pastor would come in with his Hawaiian shirt without a care in the world and I realized that I wanted what Pastor had, I wanted that peace. I knew this was the church I needed to be in to be successful." There were tough times in the first five years of The Open Door, but a check never bounced. "It would be Wednesday and I would wonder how I'm going to make payroll Friday and then money would come in, a bill overpaid, money from a retirement fund. I can't really say where the money came from but it was always there. God is the one who makes the impossible, possible. I look back at these developing years and I thank God. I give Him all the honor and glory!" As a Christian business owner, Estelle believes "it was important that I never lie and that I treat people right. I am a giver, not a borrower. I have no investors. God said to me, 'I'm your partner."" In less than five years, The Open Door has come out of the red into the black with a value of millions per year. To date, Estelle manages over one hundred employees, with eleven sites, three adult day programs and five group homes, an administrative office, and a Bible bookstore where adults with disabilities work every day. "In a time when Bible bookstores are closing, my bookstore made a profit last year." When daughter Nicole went to Penn State, Estelle was able to pay her tuition in cash as well as set her up in an apartment. "I didn't know about loans or Fannie Mae. I was a born again Christian and I went to God for everything. He paid her tuition and other expenses. I never paid a dime." Today at twenty- five, Nicole is the residential director of The Open Door. Estelle's husband Alex is now a lieutenant with the New Jersey State Police. "He was promoted through prayer."

The Open Door serves adults with all disabilities, not just mental health or autism. Estelle sees working with the handicapped as spiritual, a business of compassion. "It is a mission and a passion. If you don't have the compassion God gave you, you shouldn't be in the human ser-



Perry Family at Award Ceremony

vices field." She is a firm believer that "God never makes a mistake with anyone of us." She admonishes would be entrepreneurs, "If you want something, but you don't walk with God, I don't care how much you want it, you're not going to get it." She advises, "A business owner must be a tither and a giver. It is God who protects the business financially and legally, and also protects the clients." At The Open Door, God is seen everywhere: in the scriptures hanging on the walls of the foyer, on the paychecks, in the bookstore, in the prayers before every staff meeting. Estelle confesses, "I couldn't be here without Him. He is the One who keeps me."





Alex, Estelle, Nicole, Christian, Alexis

Health and the Forgiving Heart

By: Marilyn Phillips

"Be Kind to One Another, Tenderhearted, Forgiving One Another, as God in Christ Forgave You."

Ephesians 4:32

Forgiveness, the act of pardoning or wiping someone else's slate for wrongdoing, can have a direct influence on our physical, emotional and spiritual health. This conscious effort to rid ourselves of the negative feeling of revenge and bitterness provides calmness and peace in our bodies which ultimately results in improved health. When we hold on to grudges, it may cause many illnesses. However, embracing forgiveness lowers the risk of high cholesterol, heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, insomnia, stress and chronic pain. Cancer, depression and stress disorder can also be link to unforgiveness. Jesus was very adamant pertaining to forgiveness of others. He reminds us in Ephesians 4:32, "be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Jesus has definitely wiped our slates clean so He expect us to do the same for others He said, "I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own

sake, and I will not remember your sins" (Isaiah 43: 25). We never have to worry about God bringing our sins to our remembrance. Having received forgiveness, we want to convey it to others.

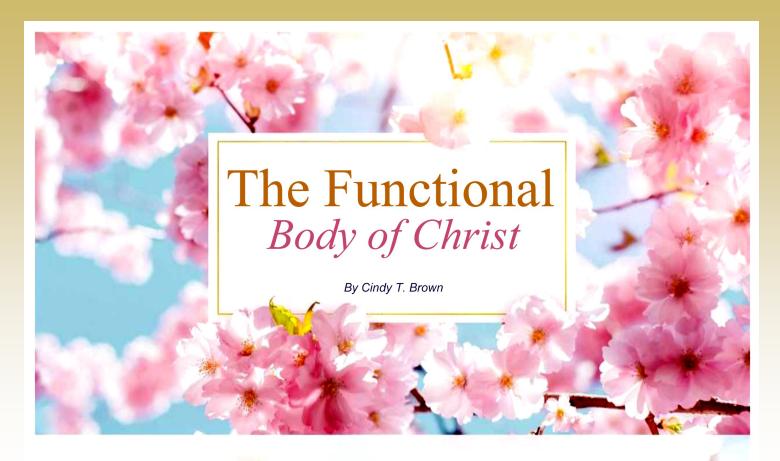
Unfortunately, we live in a world where some may reject, lie, offend, misunderstand and hurt others without feeling remorse. However, holding on to these grudges and offenses is detrimental to our health. Jesus clearly states that we should continually forgive. He said "pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent', you must forgive him" (Luke 17: 3-4). God knows that forgiveness frees us from pain and suffering. He expect us to be merciful to others. Jesus says, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy" (Matthew 5:7).

Jesus forgave us when we did not deserve His forgiveness and mercy. Therefore, having obtained forgiveness, we should be willing to extend it to others. Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6: 14-15, "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." He also said, "by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments" (1John 2:3). The way we act can give us assurance if we belong to Christ or not. When we are unwilling to forgive, we have not become one like Christ who was willing to forgive even when He was crucified. When we refuse to forgive others, we are denying the common ground as sinners in need of forgiveness. Therefore, we should "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice" (Ephesians 4:31).

Forgiveness is the deliberate attempt to let go of negative feelings whether the individual deserves it or not. It is not merely saying we forgive. When we allow the physical burden of disappointment and hurt to be lifted off our heart, we then release anger,

hurt and resentment. The Word states in Proverbs 17:22, "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." Forgiveness, leads to improved health and calms stress levels. It produces a stronger immune system, improved selfesteem, creates healthier relationships, and improves mental health. Forgiveness also increases the value and enhances the relationship with others. Eventually, feelings of empathy, compassion, and love replace unforgiveness and revenge. Christians who forgive live more peaceful and contented lives. Their health is improved and they experience a more joyful spirit. Jesus says, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34). Forgiving others bring unimaginable healing to our soul, mind and body. It allows us to understand and appreciate another person. Practice praying for those who do you wrong. Rise above reviling others and be an imitator of God. Let's enjoy God's grace and peace and health through forgiveness.





For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

(1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

Our physical bodies are made up of different body parts that each fulfill a distinct function and work in sync to enable us to thrive and to achieve things in the physical realm. Likewise, we are the body of Christ, composed of unique parts with diverse functions that work together to fulfill God's desires. God has chosen each member of the body of Christ for a specific purpose and one member cannot fulfill the purpose for which God has ordained another member to do

In fact, each person in the body of Christ has been created to make an impact in our specific spheres of influence: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5). We are empowered when we are truly able to wrap our minds around how special we are in the body of Christ. When we receive that revelation, it eliminates from our lives anything that would hold us back, including envy, jealousy, selfishness, inhibitions and insecurities and it enables us to fulfill our potential and to be all that God desires for us to be.

God again provides a clear directive for us in 1 Peter 2:9: "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may

Proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;"

In fact, we are commanded to use our blessings, talents. and gifts to bless others and build God's kingdom and when we come face-to-face with Him, we will give an account of what we did, or did not do, with what He has given us: "31 When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least

of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:31-40)

Satan is threatened when we become empowered and he wants nothing more than to destroy us before we can do mighty things in the Kingdom of Christ. Therefore, when we are not vigilant, Satan has the opportunity to fill our minds with self-doubt and negative thoughts, designed to immobilize us and defeat us. However, in His word, God has given us all of the tools and weapons we need to stand strong and be victorious through every circumstance we face, and that is the reason why the Lord instructs us to set our hearts on things above in the heavenly realm, and not on earthly things; so that as we remain steadfast, and allow our lives to be hidden in Christ, then we also have the promise that we will be with him in glory. (Colossians 3:1-4).

God tells us not to be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our requests be made known to God. Then His peace, which is far beyond all understanding, guards our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Additionally, the Lord tells us to think about whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, and praiseworthy; and to be particularly mindful of and to practice what we have learned, received, heard, and seen in Christ, so then the God of peace will be with us (Philippians 4:6-9).

Therefore, let us be encouraged, diligent, vigilant, focused, motivated, and bold in our pursuits of spreading the gospel to everyone in our specific spheres of influence — it is the Great Commission that we each are charged with as Christians. As for me, I certainly do not want to have to tell God that I was selfish with what He has freely given to me.

God bless you and your loved ones







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Always In Christ, Owen Alston

Gods Immeasurable

Love

By: Yvonne Shaw

God loves us. God's love is immeasurable beyond what our minds can think or fathom. There is no human love comparable to the divine love of God. We can get a glimpse of that love when we look at parents love for their children. As parents that love is continuous regardless of life's circumstances. In some cases, we might not like or approve of situations with our children, but it does not, should not, hinder our love for them.

The terminology "love" is sometimes misinterpreted and used in the natural sense of the word eros and phileo love which is conditional and unpredictable. That love is based on feelings and emotions and can change depending on situations. Can we really comprehend God's unconditional love? When we look at the love that God has for us there are no conditions applied. That kind of love we see in the parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11 – 32 where a man had two sons and the younger son requested his inheritance in advance and lived a worldly life regardless of how it affected his family. This son wasted his fortune recklessly before getting the revelation that this was not God's plan for his life. The son returned home and asked his father for forgiveness. He was willing to work for his father as a servant but this was not the plan for his life either. His father never gave up faith and welcomed his son home with God's *agape* love and a great feast was prepared.

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lives in love, lives in God and God in him . 190hm 4:16

The Bible is our instruction guide to teach us how to live a successful life in Jesus Christ. It shows us how much God loves us and how He created us to have a loving relationship with Him. There are so many examples of God's love for us: one of the ways God defines His love is in the act of giving. God did not give us a mere gift-wrapped present; God sacrificed His only Son so that we, who put our faith in His Son, would not spend eternity separated from Him. This is an amazing love, because we are the ones who choose to reject God, but God is the one who mends the separation through His personal sacrifice of His son. All we have to do is *accept His gift*.

"For God so [greatly] loved and dearly prized the world, that He [even] gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes and trusts in Him [as Savior] shall not perish, but have eternal life."

John 3:16

bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

lowing God's commandments to imitate God. We cannot allow distractions in our lives because we know it comes from the adversary. His job is to steal, kill and destroy but God told us He came to give us life abundantly. God instructs us to imitate Him to be His example on earth. When people see us, they should see God's character.

Some people think that they have done things so outrageous in their lives that God would not accept them or they think they need to clean up their lives before they come to Christ. This so far from the truth and it is the adversary's tactic to keep us away from Christ and confused. The truth is God loves you and will accept you right where you are. It is important to know that God is waiting with His arms wide open to receive you and welcome you into his king-

Therefore become imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father]; and walk continually in love [that is, value one another—practice empathy and compassion, unselfishly seeking the best for others], just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and sacrifice to God [slain for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance.

When we walk in love and unity, we are fol-

Ephesians 5:1 - 2

Dear God, We give thanks for your unconditional love.

is patient is kind it does not envy it does not boast it is not proud it is not rude it is not self-seeking it is not easily angered keeps no record of wrongs does not delight in evil rejoices with the truth always protects always trusts always hopes always perseveres never fails 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Teach us to love as you love us, unconditionally.

Taking Authority Over Fear

By Brenda Benjamin

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love" 1 John 4:18(NKJV).

Fear wants to take over our lives, but we don't have to tolerate, manage or allow it!

Fear connects us to Satan's desire for us the same way faith connects us to God's desire for us. Fear is an open door that brings disaster into the lives of those who embrace and allow it. Even the fear that we are not aware of will keep our faith from working at its fullest capacity. That is why we have to keep our heart with all diligence, because out of it spring the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23 NKJV). We have to do a heart check by asking Jesus to diagnose and identify areas of fear in our lives that we are not aware of.

We often express our fear in different words to hide it from ourselves and others, such as saying this is "weighing on me" which means you are carrying the care or concern. "Worried" and "troubled" are rephrases of fear.

Jesus took issue with Martha because she was troubled about many things and not looking at Jesus as illustrated in Luke 10:38-42. If we

are looking at the problem, we are not looking at Jesus and fear comes in to set up camp.

We cannot be in faith and fear at the same time. Faith and fear cannot occupy the same space in our hearts at the same time. If fear is there, there is no room for faith.

We don't need to assume that once we are free from fear, it is gone and will not try to come back. Fear is the spirit of Satan and he is a thief, and thieves come to steal what doesn't belong to them. John 10:10a says "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy." Jesus says in John 10:10b "I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows"). We must continually allow Jesus to diagnose and monitor our lives to identify areas of fear that allow the entrance of the enemy and his destruction.

We have opportunities to fear, but don't always recognize them. We may have hidden weak places where sin, doubt or unbelief is

hiding. We must let God correct and cleanse us from all sin. Psalms 19:12-13(TLB) states "But how can I ever know what sins are lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. And keep me from deliberate wrongs; help me to stop doing them. Only then can I be free of guilt and innocent of some great crime."

As believers, we must remain open to the Lord and let Him monitor our hearts so He can tell us if we have let fear in. The Lord exposes fear in our lives as we take time to fellowship with and listen to Him. We must choose to look at Jesus, instead of looking through the eyes of fear and panic. Jesus has all the answers, and the solutions. He will share them with us as we look to Him and focus on what He has to say. He is working and directing us toward the good life He has planned for us as stated in Philippians 2:13(AMPC) "Not in your own strength, for it is God who is all the while effectually at work in you (energizing and creating in you the power and desire), both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight." Faith comes by hearing so listen to God's Word again and again as Romans 10:17(AMPC) states "So faith comes by hearing (what is told), and what is heard comes by the preaching (of the message that comes from the lips) of Christ the Messiah Himself."

Determine to live your life free from fear. Listen as the Savior talks to you through the Holy Spirit about what is going on in your heart. Choose to stay in faith, and keep your focus on Jesus and His Word and not the problem, situations, and circumstances. Take spiritual authority over the devil's strategies and rebuke fear. You don't have to tolerate it! Practice living free from fear because fear tolerated is faith contaminated!

We have the Holy Spirit and the fruit of the spirit to keep fear out of our lives. Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV) states "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control. Against such things there is no law." Knowing God and having His perfect love casts out fear as stated in 1John 4:18 (AMPC). As we depend on God's promises and know His Word, we will be free as stated in John 8:32 (AMPC) "And you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall set you free.

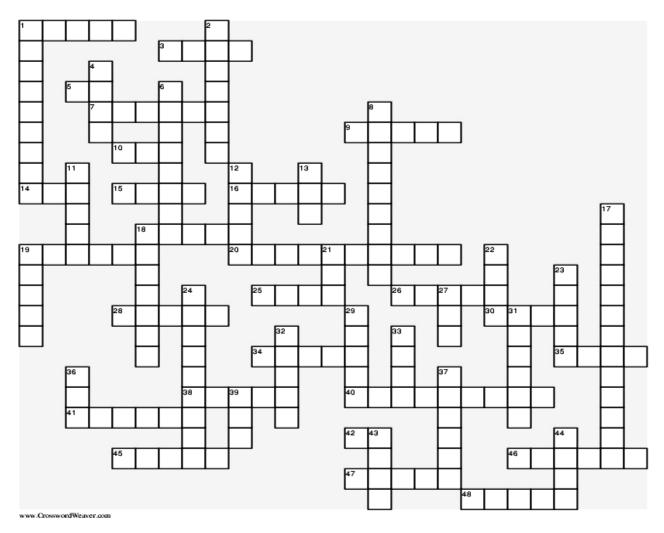
Our confession must be fueled by Jesus' presence. We speak what we want as Jesus states in Mark 11:22-23 because without Him we can't get anything that will last. He is the one who does what we believe, pray and speak to be accomplished in our lives as stated in Hebrews 3:1(NKJV) "Therefore holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus". The devil cannot win if we stay in a position for the Lord to speak to us. He through the Holy Spirit will tell us what to take authority over and where Satan has a hook in us. In order to live the life that Jesus died and rose again to give us, we can and must take authority over the strategies of the devil and his forces and rebuke fear because perfect love casts out fear!

Practice living free from fear because fear tolerated is faith contaminated!





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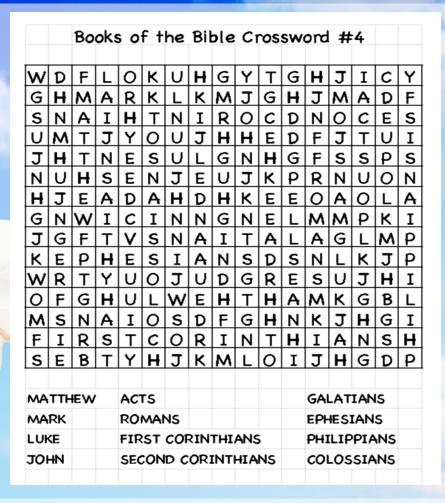
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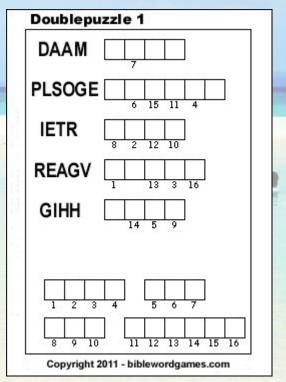
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- 22 I will not drink of the fruit of the
- 23 denied him but was restored

- 24 religious leaders
- 27 The Son of _
- 29 betrayer
- 31 Simon's brother
- 32 Pilate washed them
- 33 In the beginning was the
- 36 Then he took the
- 37 wearing a
- 39 Peter cut if off
- 43 A virgin mother
- 44 disciple whom Jesus loved











Wedding Bells Are Ringing

Of course this is an exciting time for brides and grooms as they make preparations for their BIG day. But, have they really made ALL the preparations necessary to ensure a successful marriage? For instance consulting with Father God. Has she been praying for God to show her the ONE He had chosen for her? Has he been praying for the wisdom to look for the pure love of God in a Proverbs 31 Woman? In this day and age when so many fall into the trap many call love, have the important things been considered?

Marriage is a covenant between a man, a woman, and God. The two become one with Christ at the center. God created marriage and He considers it sacred. Hebrews 13:4 says, "Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. Therefore, II Corinthians 6:14a tells us, "Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers." The next step, seek Christian counseling from your Pastor before finalizing any plans regarding engagement or marriage. Remember...marriage is not to be entered into lightly or unadvisedly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God.

The fairy tale is beautiful and enticing; and the preparation and wedding planning can be both fun and exciting but, the reality is that if JESUS is not at the head of the marriage, there is no foundation to build the marriage on.

Here is an example of marriage preparation:

The Bride:

My pastor always talked about speaking things into existence, not going by what you see but by having faith and seeing things as if they already were. When I prayed, I would tell the Lord "Thank you for my husband, protect him and watch over him. Bless him, let him be successful in all that he does, let him live a long prosperous life. I don't know who you have for me, but I trust that you will keep him in all his ways."

This is what I would pray everyday. I did not want to be with just anyone, my Heavenly Father placed very specific desires within my heart, they had to have certain standards and morals. Lucion was everything my heart desired, he was the one that I prayed for and my soul is greatly satisfied and pleased. Because of God's timing, I am able to appreciate who he has sent to me.

The Groom:

Scripture tells us that he who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord. I consider myself highly blessed and favored to have Leeanne in my life, she is without a doubt, God's gift to me. I consider my fiancée, and soon to be wife a precious gem that I will cherish for as long as God gives me breath. The qualities that are in Leeanne are extraordinary, and I will never take her for granted. She is the kindest and most selfless person I have ever met. She has a giving heart, a sweet spirit, she's respectful, she loves God and is extremely beautiful. What more can a man ask for?

I'm excited about this new journey I've started, and there is no other person I would rather experience this journey with. I am thrilled and filled with joy just to know I will have Leeanne by my side for the rest of my life. I'm committed to loving my soon to be wife as I do my own flesh, and will treat her in the best way possible. My goal each and every day is to make her happy and to see her beautiful smile on her face. I love her to the utmost.

*** PRAYER OF SALVATION *** DO YOU KNOW...?

GOD LOVES YOU

JESUS DIED FOR YOUR SINS

YOU CAN RECEIVE JESUS NOW AND KNOW GOD'S LOVE

The basis of the Prayer of Salvation comes from Romans 10:9-10, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved."

However, I would like to direct you to Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by Grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Grace is mentioned over 100 times in the Bible. Grace is God's unmerited favor and because of God's grace, we receive eternal life and a promise of heaven. Grace is necessary for salvation as we cannot do enough good works or make enough right choices to earn our salvation. The Bible teaches that we are justified by the grace of God (Romans 3:24; Titus 3:7). Justified means declared not guilty. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, all charges against us are dropped and we are free from sin. When God forgives our sins, the record is wiped clean. It is as if we had never sinned.

A preacher once explained grace with this acronym:

God's - Riches - At - Christ's - Expense PRAY THIS PRAYER OUT LOUD:

Heavenly Father, In Jesus' name I repent of my sins and open my heart to let Jesus come inside of me. Jesus, You are my Lord and Savior. I believe you died for my sins and you were raised from the dead. Fill me with your Holy Spirit. Thank you Father, for saving me in Jesus' name. Amen.

If you've prayed this prayer of salvation with true conviction, you are now a follower of Jesus.

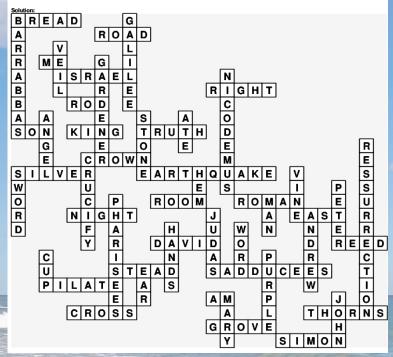
Welcome to the family of God! We encourage you now to find a local church where you can be baptized and grow in the knowledge of God through His Word, the Bible.

By: Jacqueline Cuavers

The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Psalm 147 v 11

The Passion of the Christ

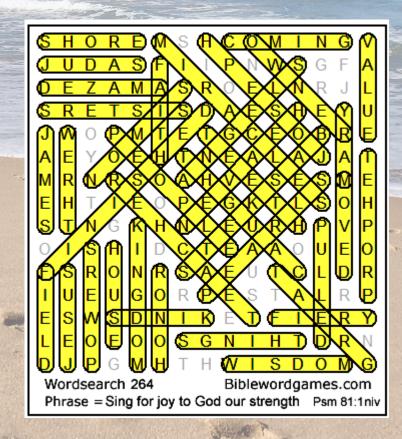


GAME ANSWER KEYS

Doublepuzzle 1 solution

ADAM, GOSPEL, TIRE, GRAVE, HIGH GIVE GOD THE PRAISE

(John 9:24) KJV



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