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"Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path"

Plasms 119:105 (NIV)

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Dedication

This devotional is committed to us by revelation in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ for everyone who believes.

My prayer for you is "[t]hat the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints"

Ephesians 1:17-18 (KJV)

INTRODUCTION

I “commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified” Acts 20:32 (KJV). The Holy Spirit is given to us to teach and help us appropriate the Word of His grace and take ownership of our inheritance. As you give yourself to be cultured by the Word of God through this devotional, you will no longer be tossed by any wind of doctrine, collecting prayers here and there; instead, you will be rightly dividing the Word of His grace to build you up. The Word can transform and build you up in every area of your life, including your family, health, finances, education, career, business, ministry, and relationships.

It is one thing to have an inheritance but it is another thing to convert your inheritance into possession. Through this devotional, you will be empowered with revelations regarding kingdom principles and doctrines, which will show you how to turn your inheritance into possession so you can live out the blessed life. I see you taking ownership of your inheritance in Christ Jesus and being an effective steward of God’s property and displaying His virtues in every place.

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Power to Become the Sons of God

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:14 (NIV).

God sent His love son to the world of humans, to exemplify His life. The Word of God who is Jesus put on flesh when the Angel of God spoke it to Mary, and she conceived and gave birth to the Lord Jesus. The Lord Jesus lived on earth as the God-man. The Bible says, “Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death” Hebrews 2:14-15 (NIV). While physically on earth, the Lord Jesus was the living expression of God’s Word. He declared, “I and my Father are one” (John 10:30). He demonstrated the kind of life we are called as believers to live in this world, as light, salt, a life of dominion, and being a good steward over God’s creation. You are not ordinary. God want you to recognize your position in Him and live from that place to impact your world.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank You that Jesus, the Word, became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. By His humanity, Jesus took on the power of death and the devil and freed me from the bondage of fear and death. I declare that I live in the liberty that Christ provided. I live as Christ lived in the name of the Lord Jesus Amen.

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“For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.” Hebrews 2:16-17

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Power to Become the Sons of God

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name”

John 1:12 (KJV).

The day you gave your life to Christ, that instant your spirit is born again as the new creation in Christ Jesus, without a past. The new creation is the one who has believed in the Lord Jesus with his/her heart and confessed The Lord Jesus as Lord and Savior (Romans 10:9-10). This process is called being born again; it is a one-time experience. By receiving the Lord Jesus, you are given power, and the ability to be the sons of God. Instantly you are translated from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of God's dear son Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:13). You are born to live this new life of the spirit because God is a spirit.

Every creature must be connected to its source for sustenance. Because you are born again by the Word of God, you need the Word of God daily which is your spiritual food so you can grow in God, and live the God-kind of life. Meditate on the Word, listen to inspired preaching, and act on the Word. Your appropriation of the benefits of salvation is an ongoing process, and it is based on the revelation in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus. As you behold

the Word you are constantly conforming to the image of God consciously from glory to glory.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank You, for making me a new creation in Christ. The old has passed away, and I am made new by Your Spirit. I am now a citizen of Your kingdom, filled with Your Spirit and empowered to live a life pleasing to You. I grow daily in the knowledge of Your Word, embracing my new identity in Christ. I declare that I am led by Your Spirit, empowered, transformed, and walking in victory in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

WISDOM NUGGET

"For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:10 (KJV)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

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The Christian Life in Phases

“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.”

2 Corinthians 5:18

Every human being by default is an unbeliever because of the disobedience of Adam and Eve. Upon hearing the Word of God, believing with the heart, and confessing Jesus as your Lord and personal savior, then you become a believer, one who is born again. (Romans 10:9-10). The Christian life is in phases; the infant phase, the discipleship phase, empowered phase and a witness phase.

The day you were born again spiritually you are an infant in the faith. 1 Peter 2:2-4 says, *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby.”* (KJV). Milk here is the Word of God. The next phase is a call to discipleship and it is a structured mentoring where you give yourself to be trained in the Word with the ministry of the Holy Spirit in partnership with the minister of God (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Evangelist Ephesians 4:11) being transformed by the renewing of your mind (Romans 12:1-2).

The next phase is being empowered by the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). A major purpose of the Holy

Spirit in your life is to empower you and make you a witness for the Lord Jesus. You are equipped and thoroughly furnished for every good work. An empowered believer becomes an effective witness for Christ. (Acts 26:16). Every Christian has been called to be a witness for Christ, to preach the Gospel to all men. I encourage you to be a witness for Christ in your environment starting today.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank you for guiding me, I yield to Your Spirit and commit to growing in Your Word, being transformed by the renewing of my mind. Thank you for equipping and empowering to share the gospel which is the power of God unto salvation in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

WISDOM NUGGET

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” Mark 16:15 (KJV).

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Sin shall not rule over you

“For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace”

Romans 6:14 (KJV).

The law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus functions in your body now that you are born again, causing you to walk in the liberty, of health, prosperity, and dominion that has been granted you in Christ Jesus. *“For you, my brothers, were called to freedom; only do not let your freedom become an opportunity for the sinful nature (worldliness, selfishness), but through love serve and seek the best for one another.”* Galatians 5:13 (AMP). Consciously walk in the liberty that you have in Christ.

The issue of sin has been dealt with once and for all by the death of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus destroyed the hold of sin over you. Romans 8:2 says, *“The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made them free from the law of sin and death”* (KJV). According to this scripture, there are two major laws at work: the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus (in the life of the born-again believer) and the law of sin and death (under the curse working in the unbeliever, causing sickness, afflictions, poverty, and toil). Now that you are under grace, and the sin nature is dead, sin shall have no dominion over you.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank you that sin no longer has dominion over me, for I am under grace. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, I am free from the law of sin and death. I declare that I walk in freedom, health, and prosperity. In Christ, I have victory, and I consciously choose to live in the liberty and righteousness You have provided in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

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WISDOM NUGGET

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed” John 8:36 (KJV)

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Remission of Sins

*“For this is my blood of the New Testament,
which is shed for many for the remission of sin”*
Matthew 26:28 (KJV).

The Greek word used for remission in the above scriptures is the word “aphesis”, which means the total removal or blotting away of sins. The remission of sin is for the unbeliever because he needs to get his sins remitted by believing with his heart and confessing with his mouth the Lordship of Jesus to be born again. Hebrews 9:22 says, *“For without the shedding of blood, there couldn’t be remission for sin”*. The blood of Jesus Christ was shed for the remission of your sins. Your redemption is in Christ Jesus and it is eternal. The Bible says, *“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace”* Ephesians 1:7 (KJV).

Being born again, God got rid of your sinful nature and gave you His righteous nature. In Christ Jesus, you have remission of sins. Do not live anymore with the consciousness of sin, but instead be righteousness conscious. Any time Satan reminds you of your sin, you ought to remind him of the death of Jesus on the Cross, through which your sins were remitted.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank you for remitting my sins by the precious blood the Lord Jesus. There is therefore now, no condemnation for me because I am in Christ Jesus. I walk not after the flesh but after the spirit. I live with righteousness consciousness and sin shall not rule over me. I am the redeemed in Christ and I have right standing with God in the name of the Lord Jesus

WISDOM NUGGET

“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”
Hebrews 9:12 (KJV)

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Forgiveness

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness?”

1 John 1:9 (KJV).

Forgiveness is a gift from God, so you received forgiveness as a gift the day you were born again. This is why forgiveness is for the believer. When someone gives you a gift, your corresponding action is to receive the gift and thank the person. In the same way, you receive the gift of forgiveness with thanksgiving. You do not ask for what has already been given to you, you take it. *“...If anyone [born again child of God] sins, we have an advocate with the father, Jesus Christ the righteous”* 1 John 2:1. If you do something wrong, you will have that nagging in your spirit letting you know you are wrong.

Be conscious of the life of Christ in you and live your triumphant life. The Lord Jesus took responsibility for your wrongs; He paid the price already. If you default (sin) after you are born again, it does not make you a sinner. The Holy Spirit will bring it into your attention. You say, “Lord, I acknowledge my fault; I receive forgiveness in the name of the Lord Jesus”. God is faithful and just to forgive you and cleanse you from all unrighteousness, then live guilt free.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for the gift of forgiveness. I accept Your gift of forgiveness and choose to walk in the freedom it brings. I reject any feelings of condemnation and embrace Your love and righteousness that come from being in Christ. Thank You for Your unending mercy and grace in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

WISDOM NUGGET

“For by grace you were saved through faith, and not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast” Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV).

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Drink the Milk of the Word

“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby”

1 Peter 2:2 (KJV).

If you just got born-again, you are considered a spiritual baby in Christ. Just as natural newborn babies are fully humans but are not fully developed to take care of themselves but always desire the milk of the mother for growth and nourishment. In the same way, as spiritual newborns, you are to desire the Word of God as your spiritual milk, to build up faith, and to grow spiritually.

Being born again, it is your spirit that is born again. Your flesh and thoughts are still the same. Therefore, the Word of God is important, so that your mind can be renewed (Romans 12:2) to think the way God thinks and live the life of God (Proverbs 23:7). Remember, you are a spirit, and your body is made to house your spirit. Through the Word of God, you subject your flesh (your physical senses) and its desires to align with your spirit which is recreated in Christ Jesus. Your flesh (senses) should not dictate the direction of your life.

The Word of God is the mirror of God (2 Corinthians 3:18). God through His Word shows you your true identity. As you look in the Word, you are changed into His image consciously. Your appropriation of the Word is an ongoing process. I pray that God the Father grants you revelation in the knowledge the Lord Jesus causing grace and peace to be multiplied to you. And that you stand perfect in the will of God in the name of our Lord Jesus, amen.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank You that Your Word is nourishment for my spirit. I desire the sincere milk of Your Word to grow and be transformed by the renewing of my mind. I set my heart to meditate on Your Word daily, allowing it to shape my thoughts and actions. Your Word reveals my true identity in Christ, and I declare that I am being changed from glory to glory in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

WISDOM NUGGET

“And we all, with unveiled face, continually seeing as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are progressively being transformed into His image from [one degree of] glory to [even more] glory, which comes from the Lord, [who is] the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:18 (AMP).

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God Preordained Your Path

“For we are God’s [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]”

Ephesians 2:10 (AMPC).

Predestination simply means God decides beforehand setting your life on a course. God’s foreknowledge of all events is what is referred to as predestination. You are God’s special creation, preordained for a glorious life. You were predestined, meaning God prearranged your life in Christ Jesus before you were formed and birthed (Jeremiah 1: 4-5).

You are chosen by God in Christ, predestined to fulfill His purpose. The path God prearranged for you is the path of righteousness, (Psalms 23:3) peace, greatness, prosperity, unending victories, triumphant processions, favor, and glory. He leads you by His Spirit and His Word in the paths that He prearranged for you. Your responsibility is to cooperate with God.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank You for pre-arranging my life paths and leading me to walk in them. I walk in Your paths of righteousness, cooperating with Your Spirit's guidance in every step. My life is a testimony of Your faithfulness, and I walk confidently, knowing that I am in the center of Your will in the name of the Lord Jesus Amen.

WISDOM NUGGET

"In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will." Ephesians 1:11 (NIV).

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The Kingdom

“For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

Romans 14:17 (NKJV)

God is in heaven and His sovereignty reigns over the heavens and all the earth. God's kingdom is eternal. The Bible is about the establishment of the heavenly kingdom and its rulership in the earth that is, heaven's system for earthly influence. The Lord Jesus throughout His earthly ministry, taught in parables about the kingdom of heaven. The parable of the talents illustrates how He came from His heavenly kingdom to take back the earthly kingdom that Satan stole from the first Adam and to give it to the church (His body) to be steward over.

The kingdom of heaven is spiritual and has its system of operation. Believers are the royal family (king-priest) of God in the kingdom and angels serve us. We function on earth with a mandate to colonize the earth from the heavenly realm bringing men into the kingdom. We are to disciple them teaching them to live by the doctrines and principles, within the boundaries of the Word of God and through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, functioning in the name of the

Lord Jesus. So that the will of God is done on earth as it is in heaven.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank you for transporting me into your kingdom through Christ Jesus. I have and experience in the kingdom; righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. I embrace my role as a royal priest-king and Your ambassador on earth, living by the principles of Your kingdom. I declare that my life reflects Your nature and brings Your influence to my world. Your Spirit empowers me to walk in kingdom authority, revealing Your glory wherever I go in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

WISDOM NUGGET

“...Ye are come unto Mount Zion and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem; and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect”. Hebrews 12:22-23

“For God is the King of all the earth; Sing to Him a psalm of praises. God reigns over the nations; God is seated on His holy throne” Psalm 47:7-8 (NIV).

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Stewardship and Accountability

“For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise, he that had received two, he also gained other two. But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.”

Matthew 25:14-18 (KJV)

This parable deals with good stewardship and accountability over the gifts and talents that we receive from the Lord. A steward is one that is put in charge to handle the affairs of another. In the biblical sense, God's children are stewards entrusted with His durable wealth and possessions, to dress it (i.e. manage and use it appropriately) as directed by the Holy Spirit in accomplishing His plans and purposes on earth. God owns the world and its fullness, He gave it to Our Lord Jesus who died and has willed it to believers, making us steward of everything.

The parable above represents the gift, talent and resources God has given each of us based on our abilities and he expects us to invest them wisely to His glory. The two stewards were rewarded for being productive and for making most of what was entrusted into their care and maximizing it. Their master told them *“Well done good and faithful servant, you have been faithful in few things; I will put you over many things, come and share your master’s happiness”* Jesus called the third person a wicked, lazy servant. His master said he could have been wise enough to deposit his money at the bank to earn some interest. He took from the third person and added to the one who now had ten. (Matthew 25:19-30). You are to be good stewards of what the Lord has entrusted into your care until He returns.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I acknowledge that I am a steward of everything You have entrusted to me. I commit to being a faithful steward of my time, talents, gifts, and all the resources, using them to expand Your kingdom and to bring glory to Your name in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

WISDOM NUGGET

“For unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath”
Matthew 25: 29 (KJV)

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Basic Christian Doctrine

“Therefore living the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment” Hebrews 6:1-2 (KJV).

A doctrine is a recognizable principle of beliefs, teachings, values, or instructions that are adhered to, believed, taught, and practiced by a given set of people; in this case the Christian doctrine. God's kingdom is a spiritual kingdom with doctrines that help believers live sound Christian lives as ambassadors on earth. This doctrine must be of the revelation of the Lord Jesus. The Christian doctrines are of faith and form the foundation of a sound Christian experience of the things that are most surely believed. These are fundamental to ensure that we live a sound Christian life. Any doctrine that disagrees with these fundamental doctrines in God's Word is false. Doctrines give balance, and from this scripture, we see the fundamental doctrines of Christ. The doctrine of Repentance from dead works (Hebrews 9:14). Doctrine of faith toward God: (Romans 1:17). Doctrine of Baptisms (1 Peter 3:21). Doctrine of Laying on of

hands (Deuteronomy 34:9). Doctrine of Resurrection from the dead (1 Thessalonians 4:14). Doctrine of Eternal Judgment (Hebrews 9:27). The believer receives reward (Romans 14:10), but the unbeliever receives condemnation (1 Corinthians 3:13-15).

Having been grounded in the foundational doctrine, you are to move **forward to maturity having revelation in the** knowledge of Christ, as sons, reigning in life by Christ Jesus. In Acts 2:42 the Bible said, "*And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*" (KJV). The early church was established upon the truth, and so are you. Learn to judge all things by the Word of God being taught by the Holy Spirit. By revelation, in the knowledge of Christ, you live the life of Christ and enjoy your inheritance.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank you, for establishing me in sound doctrine, being rooted in Your principles of the faith and grounded in Your truth, growing into maturity, and being thoroughly equipped for every good work. I receive grace to remain steadfast in Your Word. Holy Spirit, teach me deeper truths and guide me into a fuller revelation of Christ. I declare that I am firm in my faith, unshaken by any deceitful schemes. Amen.

WISDOM NUGGET

“so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes” Ephesians 4:14 (ESV).

“For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified” Hebrews 10:14 (KJV).

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Christianity is not a Religion

"Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great: He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory."

1 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

The Lord Jesus is the God of heaven and earth. He pre-existed creation, and by Him, all things exist and consist. He had victory over sin, death, grave, and Satan. He did it for every man to make us partakers of His divine nature, giving us eternal life. The Lord Jesus Christ's death, burial, resurrection, and ascension separate Christianity from religion. This is our firm belief.

Christianity therefore is not a religion; rather, it is Christ in you. As a Christian, you have a personal relationship with your Lord Jesus Christ. For example, a husband and wife relationship is not a religion, so also your relationship with God is not a religion. Christ is the groom; we are His bride. Religion is by works: man tries to follow certain beliefs, codes, rules, laws, or traditions to earn his way and be accepted by God. In contrast, Christianity is by grace, which is God reaching out to man. In Christianity, you believe that Christ has already

paid the price for your sin and gave you the free gift of salvation.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father thank you, for revealing the mystery of godliness through Jesus Christ. I understand that Christianity is not a religion of rules and rituals but a living relationship with Christ. Through Jesus, I have been reconciled to You, and have received the gift of eternal life. I declare that my faith is not based on works but by grace, freely given by faith through the Lord Jesus Christ. I am alive in Him, victorious over sin, and filled with Your Spirit. I boldly declare, "Christ lives in me!" Amen

WISDOM NUGGET

"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ, all will be made alive." 1 Corinthians 15: 1-2, 20-22 (NIV).

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The Lord Jesus Died

"But God clearly shows and proves His own love for us, by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8 (AMP)

The death of the Lord Jesus gave Him the legal right to go to hell because the sin of man was laid on Him. Jesus, a righteous man, bore the sins of all humans when He died. Isaiah 53:5 says that Jesus was "*bruised for our guilt and iniquities.*" (AMPC). On the cross, Jesus died two deaths. He died spiritually first when our sins were laid on Him. He was cut off, separated from the Father and He cried out "*My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me*" (Mark 15:34). When that happened, it became possible for Jesus to die physically. Then He went to hell in the spirit, in our place. (Colossians 2:15). Jesus publicly defeated Satan and the demons of darkness and came out of death and hell in victory.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank You for Your love shown to me through Jesus' death on the cross. I believe Jesus, bore my sins and took my place, enduring separation from the Father so that I might be

reconciled to You. I believe and affirm that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. I am grateful I have eternal life. Amen.

WISDOM NUGGET

"Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God." Romans 6: 8-10 (NIV)

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The Lord Jesus was buried

"Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea, and he himself was waiting for the kingdom of God. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no one had yet been laid."

Luke 23:50-53 (NIV)

Joseph of Arimathea is a member of the council who secretly cared deeply about Jesus' burial. Apostle John called him a secret disciple (John 19:38). Joseph, at this moment, made his allegiance clear. Joseph receives permission after Pilate determines that Jesus is dead, certified by the centurion in charge of the crucifixion (Mark 15:43-45). He then went personally to take care of the body.

The burial was proof that He died. The death and burial of the Lord Jesus was the means, leading to the resurrection that ushered us into eternal life.

Legally, Jesus paid the sin prize for all, but one has to personally acknowledge the finished

work and, by choice, receive Him as the personal Lord and Savior. Romans 10:9 “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” (KJV). This is how you are born again.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Thank You, Lord, for the burial of Jesus, which served as proof that He died, and my sin debt is fully paid. Just as Jesus’ burial marked the end of sin’s power over me, I live with the assurance that sin has no dominion over me in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen..

WISDOM NUGGET

And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.” John 19:38 (KJV)

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The Lord Jesus was resurrected

“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.”

1 Corinthians 15: 3-6 (NIV).

The sin debt was paid by His death, but His resurrection brought us justification for a new life. Romans 4:23-25 says, *“Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.”* **The Lord** Jesus is the first begotten of the dead, which means He is the first to be born again out of spiritual death; the resurrection was the sign. (Acts 13:33). The new creation is the fruit of His resurrection (2 Corinthians 5:17). Thank God that

Jesus resurrected, and has given us access to the Father.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, I thank You that Jesus ascended into heaven, completing the work of redemption and obtaining eternal life for us. I believe that He is seated at Your right hand, interceding for me. Being born again, I am seated with Him in heavenly places, empowered to live a life of victory and authority. I rejoice that I am united with Christ, and I declare that I walk in the fullness of His life, power, and blessing. Amen.

WISDOM NUGGET

“And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power. Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places. ... And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church.”
Ephesians 1:19-20, 22 (KJV)

APRIL

16

The Lord Jesus ascended into heaven

"But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

Hebrews 9:11-12 (NIV).

He entered once into the holy of holies, and obtained eternal redemption for us. He had to pour His blood on the altar once and for all. *Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"* Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: *"I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her"* John 20:16-18 (NIV). When Jesus died, you died with Him; when He was buried, you were buried with Him; when He resurrected, you also arose with Him as a new man, a new species (Romans 6:4, Colossians 2:12-15). (KJV). You are now seated together with the Lord Jesus, as

associates of the Godkind at the right hand of the Father, a place of power and dominion.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank You for the glorious resurrection of Christ that ushered in Christianity and brought us eternal life. I thank You for giving me eternal life in the name of the Lord Jesus.

WISDOM NUGGET

“Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; 24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.” Romans 4:23-25

APRIL

17

The Church

“Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

Matthew 16:15-18 (NIV)

In the above scripture, there was a dialog between the Lord Jesus and His disciples. He wanted to know who they thought He was, and Peter said, *“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”* The Lord Jesus then responded, *“this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.” “on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it”.* The Lord Jesus is the rock on which the church is built. God the father, by revelation, showed Peter the divine status, quality, or nature of the Lord Jesus. The word “gates” is symbolic, in prophetic language, for “power and dominion.” This means the powers and dominion of hell shall not prevail against the church.

The church is purchased by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28). The born-again

believer individually is the church, and his or her body is the temple or the house of God, because God dwells in him or her (you are a God carrying vessel). At the same time, the body of Christ, is also known as the church of Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:24). The church consists of those called out of the kingdom of darkness by God into the Kingdom of His dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is the head of the church, and the Church is His body, which means He and the Church are one. Ephesians 1:22 explains, *“And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church”* (NIV). Being in union with Him, the Church is above every government in this world. It is therefore impossible for the Church to be destroyed. The Church was born on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2, and since its inception, the Church has triumphed over all its adversaries.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank you for being my firm foundation and the solid rock on which I stand, I shall not be moved. Thank you for building me as your holy temple to bring you glory in the name of the Lord Jesus.

WISDOM NUGGET

“And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD.” Zechariah 6:12

APRIL

18

The Bride of Christ

“Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless”
Ephesians 5:24-27 (NIV).

The Church is called the Bride of Christ and Christ is the Head of the Church. Paul in the above scripture was talking about Christ and the church and metaphorically compared it to the husband and the wife. **The Lord Jesus Christ’s love for His bride, “the Church”, was expressed by how He gave Himself for her.** *“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word”* Ephesians 5:26. Jesus loved the Church and gave Himself up for her as its Savior (John 3:16). The Bride is to submit to the authority and Lordship of Christ (the bridegroom) to be nurtured and enriched in every way.

The goal of Christ is to sanctify His Bride *“and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless”* Ephesians 5:27. We are talking about the love of the Lord Jesus for the church (His bride). Nothing shall separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35-37). In talking about the Church as the Bride, Apostle Paul said, *“I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him”* 2 Corinthians 11:2 (NIV). You are married to one Husband, the Lord Jesus Christ, and you are to remain faithful and loyal, waiting in anticipation for the glorious day to be united with Him forever.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I am grateful for the honor of being groomed by Christ to present me to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. I receive grace to follow Christ as the Shepherd of my life in the name of the Lord of Jesus.

WISDOM NUGGET

“For thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.” Isaiah 54:5 (KJV)

APRIL

19

The LORD is my Shepherd

“The LORD is my Shepherd [to feed, to guide and to shield me], I shall not want. He lets me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still and quiet waters. He refreshes and restores my soul (life); He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.”

Psalms 23:1-3 (AMP)

A Sheep is a member of the taxonomic genus *Ovis*, which includes five species. The domestic species of Sheep and wild species. For this teaching, we will focus on the domestic species. People keep domestic Sheep in farmland, grassland, and pasture, with plenty of grass and plants to feed on. Sheep are flock animals and like to be in groups, they are very good at hearing their shepherd’s voice, always want to be led, and naturally follow the shepherd because they trust their shepherd. The shepherd is very caring, he provides food, water, safety, security, protection, guidance, and shelter from the elements.

David figuratively using Psalm 23 paints a good picture of the Lord Jesus as our shepherd, the believer as the sheep who needs a shepherd. So the body of Christ are the flock who is willing to be led by Christ through His Word and by the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Just like the sheep

confidently rely on his shepherd, so you must trust and confidently rely on Christ Jesus as our shepherd, and we will not lack any good thing.

Walking in the paths of righteousness means you do not go anywhere or meet people by chance. While those walking in ignorance of God will deal with many casualties, your path is mapped out. Only God's goodness and mercy follow you.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank you for sending the Lord Jesus to be my shepherd. I lack no good thing. Thank you, Lord Holy Spirit, for guiding me by the Word, as a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path, removing obstacles from my path. I receive grace to confidently rely on your counsel every step of the way. I have favor with You God and with men in the name of the Lord Jesus.

WISDOM NUGGET

"Even though I walk through the [sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort and console me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You have anointed and refreshed my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell forever [throughout all my days] in the house and in the presence of the LORD." Psalms 23:4-6 (AMP)

APRIL

20

The Good Shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep."

John 10:11-13.

Jesus is the good shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep (believers), willingly, and voluntarily because He loves the sheep. In John 10:14-15 the Lord Jesus says, *"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me just as the Father knows me and I know the Father and I lay down my life for the sheep."* "To know" means you have personal knowledge. Jesus knows us as those for whom He laid down His life; you His sheep know Him as our Lord and Savior.

The hired hand has no personal interest in the flock besides his wages, so he runs from the flock when he sees Wolves. *"The wolf attacks the flock and scatters it."* The word translated "attacks" here is the word "seizes" or "snatches." The wolf (the devil) is a real threat and danger to the sheep

(God's Children). The wolf scatters and divides the flock, but Jesus gathers into one flock of His sheep.

Jesus says: *"The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life only to take it up again."* (John 17:24). The reason God the Father loves Jesus is that He willingly laid down his life for his sheep. In John 17: 18, Jesus said, *"No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord."* Jesus was in complete control of both his death and his resurrection. He died to rise victorious over sin and death. Jesus conquered death for you His sheep to take you out of the grip of the devil and reconcile you with God.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, thank you for your love for me, you allow your beloved son, the Lord Jesus, to die for me bringing me in fellowship with you. I receive grace, yielding to the ministry of the Holy Spirit as He teaches me and leads me in the path of righteousness in the name of the Lord Jesus.

WISDOM NUGGET

John 15:13 *"Greater love has no man than this that he lay down his life for his friends."*

APRIL

21

The Priestly Prayer for the Church

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified”

John 17: 15-19 (NIV).

Our Lord Jesus prayed to the Father for the church. We see here that we are in the world physically but not of the world. We operate from the kingdom of heaven and this kingdom is within you. So you function from the inside out by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

The Lord Jesus asked God the Father to protect the church from the evil one while the church is in this world, saying, He prayed for the protection and security of the Church in the world's. The Church will never fail, because its foundation is Christ and He lives forever: *“And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, Who is made...after the power of an endless life”* Hebrews 7:15-16

(KJV). This verse explains that our Lord Jesus is our high priest and the head of the Church.

Ephesians 5:30 also tells us that we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. Your physical body with its different parts and functionality helps you understand the body of Christ and how we function as members of His body. For every joint to supply, we need each other to function effectively. If a part of your natural body is experiencing pain, the whole body feels it and tries to fight the pain for healing. If a part is fruitful the whole body celebrates. Just as you care for your body, we are to care for one another as the body of Christ. We may function differently because of our talents, gifts, and callings, but we are one as Christ's body.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank You for Your divine protection from the devil and his cohorts. Thank you for sanctifying me by Your word, which is truth. I receive grace to light up my world with the consciousness of your Word and the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the name of the Lord Jesus.

WISDOM NUGGET

"So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:25-27 (NIV).

APRIL

22

The Holy Communion

“For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NIV)

The Holy Communion is an ordinance and a very important sacrament in the Church. Taking communion is a demonstration of faith in the body and the blood of Christ. On the night that He was betrayed, The Lord Jesus ate His last supper with His disciples and instituted the Holy Communion. The Lord Jesus said in Matthew 26:29, *“But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father’s kingdom”*. He then instructed them to continue taking the communion in remembrance till He return. His instruction to the body of Christ is that we are to remember Him as we partake of the Holy

Communion. The Communion must be taken in reverence with a heart attitude of worship and holiness, knowing the significance of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship in eternal redemption. To remember Him is a consciousness of proclaiming the Lord's death. His body was broken for your wholeness, and His blood was shed for remission and the forgiveness of our sins. Sin shall have shall no longer have dominion over you.

Luke 22:14-18 records, *"And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you'"* (NIV). The Cup signifies the New Testament sealed in His blood. His divine bloodshed was for the remission of sins for all human beings legally, but it must become a vital experience. The Holy Communion is only for those who are born again. Those who are not born again cannot and should not take communion, because the Holy Communion is the communion of the body and blood of Christ. The only way to become a member of the body of Christ is to be born again.

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread" 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (KJV). Two items used in the Holy Communion are the bread (any bread can be used), which represents the body of Jesus that was broken during His crucifixion, and

the cup (any fruit drink or water), which represents His blood that was shed. In Luke 22:20, Jesus tells us that the cup is the “*new covenant in My blood*”. We have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins. At the cross, He took all our sicknesses and diseases so that we can walk in divine health. That is why the Bible says by His stripes, we are healed.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank you for sending Your loved Son to pay the sin debt for me. I have redemption through the blood of the Lord Jesus, even the forgiveness of sins. Being born again, I take communion consistently in remembrance of the finished work of Jesus on my behalf. I enforce my will of divine health and sound mind. I am righteousness conscious, and I prosper in everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

WISDOM NUGGET

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins” Colossians 1:14 (KJV)

“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;” Ephesians 1:7 (KJV)

“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” 1 Peter 2:24 (KJV)

APRIL

23

Reasons to Partake of the Holy Communion

“I am the bread of life. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.”

John 6:48, 50-51, 53-56 (NIV).

Every born-again believer has the right to take the Holy Communion. Below are some of the reasons why it's important to partake in the Holy Communion:

As a child of God, your participation in the body and blood of Christ is compulsory. Through communion, you identify with His body and His blood, because you are one in Him and complete in Him; this makes you inseparable from Him. Whoever eats the bread, which symbolize Christ's body, will live forever. You have eternal life, and

will be raised up on the last day. Taking the Holy Communion is a way to use or plead the blood of Jesus against the adversary. The Communion is your testimony that Christ died, left you His entire estate as your inheritance coded in His Word.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank you for the communion in the blood of the Lord Jesus. As I take the communion, I am reminded that His entire estate has been willed to me. I enforce my inheritance. Eternal life is at work in me. I remain in Christ Jesus, and He is in me forever. Amen.

WISDOM NUGGET

“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” Matthew 26:26-28 KJV

APRIL

24

The Church as a Structure

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching”

Hebrews 10:25

The church as a physical building is a facility where believers congregate to worship God collectively. It was the custom of our Lord Jesus to go to church (the house of God) consistently. *“He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read”* Luke 4:16 (NIV). We follow Christ’s custom of going to the temple (the house of God).

Now that you are born again, you are admonished by the Word of God to go to the house of God and to be a member of a local church assembly, so you can hear the voice of truth and encouragement for your spiritual growth and stability, and so you can have a strong support system. The scripture above is letting us know some believers have forsaken (abandoned) the gathering of the believers in the Church. Going to church is not optional to the believer, we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but encouraging ourselves together in the house of God, so much the more

(consistently) as we see the day of our Lord Jesus Christ's return. He will confirm you unto the end to be blameless on the day of His return for the church (1 Corinthians 1:6-8). That day is a day of rejoicing.

The Lord Jesus is the High Priest over the House of God where we fellowship. Let us (means we are to congregate) draw near. If you do not go to church you are disregarding the ministry of The High Priest "Jesus Christ" in the house of God. He is a merciful and faithful High Priest in this pertaining to God (Hebrews 2:17). Go to the house of God with a sincere heart and full assurance (unshakable confidence) of faith. Having your hearts sprinkled by the blood of Jesus to cleanse you from a guilty conscience and having your bodies washed with pure water of the Word.

You honor God by going to church. David with this understanding said, *"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD."* Psalm 122:1(KJV).. Gladly go to the house of God habitually in the assembly of the brethren.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I receive grace to consistently go to church and fellowship with the brethren. Like King David, I was glad when they said unto me, to go into the house of the LORD. I receive continual cleaning by Your Word and Your blood in the name of the Lord Jesus.

WISDOM NUGGET

"And since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water". Hebrews 10: 21 -22 (KJV)

APRIL

25

Benefits of Being in a Local Church

The Church is the pillar and ground of truth: Paul said, *“if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth”*

1 Timothy 3:15 (NIV).

The Church is where the family of the Lord Jesus Christ congregates. This is where the ministers of God, minister the Word by the Spirit, bringing transformation and spiritual growth. In the church, you meet godly brothers and sisters, men and women, and fathers and mothers in the Lord. At church, we fellowship, pray, worship, praise and hear the Word of God preached to be equipped for our collective and individual assignments and we learn to serve and honor God and one another.

Obadiah 1:17 says, *“But on Mount Zion will be deliverance; it will be holy, and Jacob will possess his inheritance”* (NIV). As you fellowship with other believers in the house of God you take ownership of your inheritance. You are the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ and you are born in Zion, which is where you live now (Hebrews 12:22).

Another benefit of being in a local church is that you fellowship with the brethren and as you fellowship, the blood of the Lord Jesus cleanse you from all sin. The Bible says, *"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."* 1 John 1:7 (NIV). There is an ongoing purification every time the church congregates, do not take it for granted.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank you for birthing me into Your family, which is the body of Christ. I receive instructions from your Word, and I am changed into Your image from one level of glory to another in the name of the Lord Jesus.

WISDOM NUGGET

"But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels," Hebrews 12:22 (KJV).

APRIL

26

Praise

*“By him (Jesus Christ) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name”
Hebrews 13:15 (AMP)*

The sacrifices of praise are the confessions, declarations, psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs of the glory, grace, and goodness of God that you make unto Him, for His love, grace, and goodness towards you. These are our expressions of worship. As you do this, you send forth incense (sweet-smelling aroma) unto God. (Ephesians 5:2, Philippians 4:18).

When you praise proclaim what He has said about Himself and you: “...for he hath said...So that we may boldly say...” Hebrews 13:5-6 (KJV). You are to praise God always in all situations and at all times. Psalm 34:1 says, “I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth” (KJV) David said, “Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws” Psalms 119:164 (KJV).

Praise God as long as there is breath in you: The Bible says, “Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD” Psalms 150:6 (NIV). Being alive is an opportunity to praise God. Psalm 92:1-2 says, “It is good to give thanks to the LORD, and to sing praises to Your name, O most high; to declare Your loving kindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night,” (KJV). His praises should continually be on your lips, singing songs and hymns, making melody in your heart. God dwells in the atmosphere of praise.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I praise You for being my wonderful Counselor, King of kings, the great I Am, I thank You for Your love, mercy, goodness, grace, favor, and revelation in the knowledge of you. I thank You for divine life, health, protection, and promotion in the Name of our Lord Jesus. Amen.

WISDOM NUGGET

“I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs. I will magnify him with thanksgiving.” Psalm 69:30-32

APRIL

27

Thanksgiving

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"
Ephesians 5:20 (KJV).

The word "thank you" conveys a heartfelt appreciation and gratefulness which evokes joy in the hearts of the recipients. To give thanks is to proclaim or confess what God has said about Himself, what He has done for you, and what He will do for you. The Greek word "homologeo", means to make confessions, we make confessions of thanksgiving in the name of the Lord Jesus. Here is the principle: you give *"thanks always, for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"*.

Giving thanks in all things is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 explains, *"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father...."* To give thanks is to speak blessings, you are admonished to rejoice always and give thanks in all things because it is the will of God concerning you in Christ Jesus. You are to give thanks to the name of the Lord Jesus. Think about the goodness of God and express your gratitude and appreciation offering the prayer of thanksgiving, thanksgiving of worship, thanksgiving of praise,

thanksgiving of testimony, and thanksgiving of your substance from your heart to the Lord.

Thanksgiving creates answers and solutions. Our Lord Jesus lived a life of thanksgiving and demonstrated giving thanks on several occasions. For example, He gave thanks before He fed a multitude with five loaves of bread and two pieces of fish (Mark 6:41). He thanked God before calling Lazarus from the grave (John 11:38-44), He also gave thanks before having communion with the disciples (Matthew 26:26). It makes no difference what you are dealing with, practice thanksgiving, and you will experience Gods supernatural interventions. Like our Lord Jesus every so often, declare "Father, I thank you in the Name of Jesus; for ... (call forth the solution to the challenge) in faith and it shall come to pass.

Always express appreciation, thanks, and gratitude in all things towards God and others (parents, siblings, family, friends, colleagues, people you meet). I see your life moving upward and forward from victory to victory, glory to glory, and unending testimonies in the name of the Lord Jesus.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear heavenly Father, I give you thanks because of who you are, for your mercy, goodness, favor, love, grace, faithfulness, life, health, protection, promotion, and revelation in the knowledge of you. Thank you for daily loading me with benefits. I take grace to be thankful always for all things in the name of the Lord Jesus,

WISDOM NUGGET

“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.” Hebrews 13:15

APRIL

28

The Fruits of the Spirit

“But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

Galatians 5:22-23 (AMP).

We are trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified (Isaiah 61:3). “For every tree is known by his own fruit” Luke 6:44 (KJV), so if you are a tree of righteousness, you bear righteous fruits. Every born-again believer is a tree of righteousness and has the fruits of the spirit, which is the attributes or the characteristic of the new creation.

These are the fruits enumerated: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-control. These fruits are the character and nature of the new creation in Christ, but you must cultivate and bear these fruits consciously by renewing your mind with the Word of God that relates to these fruits, embracing the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit, and praying more in the tongues of the Spirit to enable you to display these virtues to your world.

Philippians 1:11 says “*Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.*” The fruits of the spirit come from the Lord Jesus Christ, the righteous one. The Lord Jesus said in John 15: 1-2: ‘*I am the true vine, and my father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.*’ (KJV). Jesus is the vine and we (believers) are the branches, showing that the branches depend on the tree for sustenance in order to bear fruits. Whoever does not rely on the vine cannot bear fruit and will be cut off. You are responsible for receiving nourishment from the Vine, stay connected to the vine.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank you for your Word, reminding me that you are my source. I receive grace to remain connected to the vine (Christ) and drinking from the Word and being marvelously helped by the Holy Spirit. I bear much fruit and my fruits shall abide in the name of the Lord Jesus.

WISDOM NUGGET

‘Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire’. Matthew 7: 19 (KJV)

APRIL

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Ask The Father in My Name

“In that day you will not [need to] ask Me about anything. I assure you and most solemnly say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name [as My representative], He will give you. Until now you have not asked [the Father] for anything in My name; but now ask and keep on asking and you will receive, so that your joy may be full and complete”

John 16:23-24 (AMP)

Prayer is a communication between God and man. The Lord Jesus is our perfect example of the lifestyle of prayer. In Mark 1:35, the Bible tells us, *“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.”* Other times He spend the entire night in prayer to God (Luke 6:12). He was very consistent and had amazing results.

God wants to communicate with you. He speaks mainly through His Word and by the Holy Spirit. You speak to God through prayer. Jesus said, *“in that day you shall ask me nothing”*, meaning you have the right to the Father as He does, so go straight to the Father, but use His name as the power of attorney. When you pray in the name of Jesus, it is as though, Jesus is speaking, and everything responds to you the

same way they would to Jesus. The divine order is to pray to the Father (put in your request) in the name of Jesus. God's desire is for you to have your requests granted, so your joy may be full.

Approach the throne of grace with confidence without a feeling of guilt nor condemnation. The call to pray is like a family meeting to discuss matters and strategize. There's abundant grace in God's throne room to help in any situation. Through prayer, you enforce the will of God on earth. That is why men ought to always pray and not faint or be discouraged. This is a principle of asking and receiving when you pray: believe that you receive what you prayed for, and you shall have.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank you that you delight in my prayers, I ask for the nations for my inheritance and the ends of the earth for my possession. I receive in the name of the Lord Jesus.

WISDOM NUGGET

"Therefore, I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24 (KJV)

APRIL

30

Faith the Title Deed

“Now faith is the assurance (title deed, confirmation) of things hoped for (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses]”

Hebrews 11:1 (AMP)

The things of God are spiritual, they are received by faith. We came to Christ by hearing the Word of God and the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ was birthed. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). The Greek word for faith is “pistis”, which means belief or trust (confidence) in God or in Christ. Faith is making real what you hoped for. Faith must be accompanied by a corresponding action. Faith is a seed of the Word and must be planted to yield the desired harvest. We plant faith through voice activation of the rhema word. Rhema means an “utterance” in Greek. The Word of God is living and active, and is spirit and life (John 6:63).

The most important thing a believer should know after being born-again and filled with the Holy Ghost is work of faith. The Bible also says, “The just shall live by faith.” Habakkuk 2:4b (KJV). This means faith is the way of living

for the children of God. To live by faith, you are to look to God as your source and supply. To live in faith, you must believe what the Word says you have and reckon it to be so before it manifests. Take action on the instruction from the Word. Affirm them with your mouth and have a mental picture (keeping your mind on it) until it materializes in the name of the Lord Jesus.

PRAYER / CONFESSION

Dear Father, I thank you for birthing me in faith. I receive grace to grow my faith through the hearing of Your Word and to act on the Word with the help of the Holy Spirit. I believe and trust in Your Word pleasing you in all things. I thank you that my way is prosperous and I have good success in the name of the Lord Jesus.

WISDOM NUGGET

“But without faith 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.” Hebrews 11:6 (KJV).