



THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

"FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH, AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANYONE SHOULD BOAST." EPHESIANS 2:8-9



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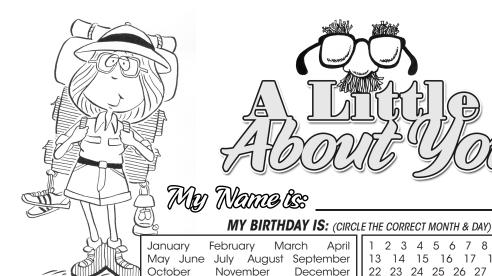
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What country would you most like to visit?



If you could have any pet in the world what would it be? _____ If you could hang out with anyone in history who would it be? Favorite color? _____ Favorite Bible verse? _

Favorite food? Favorite day of the week?

Be a knight **OR** pirate? Skydive **OR** bungee jump? Play in the NFL **OR** NBA? Drink Coke **OR** Pepsi? Travel by train **OR** plane? Eat McDonalds **OR** In-N-Out? Eat M&Ms **OR** Reese's Pieces? Be covered with spiders **OR** snakes? Ride a roller coaster **OR** water slide?

Find buried treasure **OR** a crashed spaceship? Swim in the ocean **OR** climb a mountain? Have a slice of cake **OR** a slice of pie?

Be able to stop time **OR** fly? Eat broccoli **OR** eat a turnip? Have a math test **OR** english test? Be a giant hamster **OR** a tiny rhino? Travel to the stars **OR** live under the sea? Forget who you are **OR** who everyone else is? Only be able to whisper **OR** only be able to shout? Eat a bar of soap **OR** drink a bottle of dishwashing liquid? Have 1 wish granted today **OR** 3 wishes granted in 10 years? Get stuck on a broken elevator **OR** stuck on a broken ski lift? Live in the old west **OR** live 100 years into the future?

Attend the Last Supper **OR** discover Jesus' empty tomb?

I came here because I AM A CHRISTIAN DYES DNO DI DON'T KNOW

I READ THE BIBLE I PRAY TO GOD

□Never □Occasionally □Often □EveryDAY □Never □Occasionally □Often □EveryDAY

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When God asks me why He should let me into heaven, I will say:



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The names of the campers in my family are:	
1)	WELCOME TO SUMMER GAMP!
My favorite camp activity is CAMP! My favorite memory at camp is My favorite camp meal is My favorite chapel event is	
My favorite song we sang at camp is The coolest thing that happened at camp is	
What is something I've learned about God?	

CHANGES EVERYTHING



Have you ever thought about the fact that GOD LOVES YOU?

This is probably the **MOST IMPORTANT** thing that you can know:

GOD WANTS YOU TO HAVE A LOYING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM!



Yet, it is so sad that there are many people who try to relate to GOD by "DO's & DON'Ts"

We can try to live by the law (**DO's** & **DON'Ts**) in our **RELATIONSHIP** with GOD, but **GOD'S** LOVE is the only way to experience what we have been created for!



LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of MATTHEW 22:36-40

Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?' Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your ______, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall _____ your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

IOVE, not the LAW or a SET OF RULES. is the key to our **RELATIONSHIP** with GOD and with one another.



We should relate to GOD, not because we are trying to be good enough for Him, but because of His LOVE for us and our LOVE for Him.

"What then shall we say to these things?

If God is _____ us, who can be _____ us?"

GOD wants us to enjoy the peace of His unconditional to be, not the fear that always comes with trying to be good enough for GOD.

We can come to GOD because we IDVE Him and He IDVES us. We won't want to do anything that would hurt our RELATIONSHIP with GOD!

When we know the joy of **FELLOWSHIP** with **GOD**, we won't want ANY barriers or blocks to come between us!

As we experience **GOD'S LOVE** more and more in our lives, we find ourselves longing to please Him

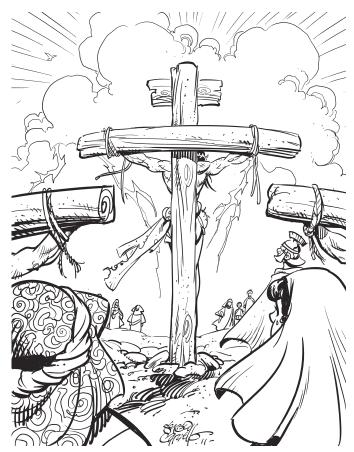
simply because we LOVE Him!

And that is the greatest joy in life to have a real **EPVE RELATIONSHIP** with **GOD**.

To know that He is for us, and that He LOVES us, is the greatest security any person can ever know.

One of the most important things we can learn is to relate to GOD, not because of our works or our goodness, but because of GOD'S LOVE for us through ISUS CHRIST!

In this BIBLE study we're going to find out why GOD'S GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING!







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How do you know what is right and what is wrong? Sometimes people just make up in their minds what are right

things to do and what are

wrong things.



THERE'S ONLY ONE PROBLEM:

We never live up to our own standard! So we make up all kinds of excuses why we failed! The most common excuse is that our failure isn't really our fault.

None of us likes to accept the blame for what we've done.

This attitude goes all the way back to ADAM.

He blamed his failure on EVE! Then EVE

blamed the SERPENT!

$^{\prime}$ L \bigodot K Up, READ, ϵ Fill in the Blanks of <code>GENESIS</code> 3:12-13

Then the _____ said, "The ____ whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." And the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The _____ deceived me, and I ate."

LÕK Up, READ, ϵ Fill in the Blanks of ROMANS 3:19, 23

"Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become _____ have ____

sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

LOOK Up & READ ISAIAH 64:6

IF... our **RELATIONSHIP** with **GOD** depends upon us being righteous and good, **THEN...** we will NEVER make it!

We **HAVE** failed. We **HAVE** come short of the glory of **GOD**.



THEN MHAT'S THE STANDARDS

Those who believe that they can be made acceptable to **GOD** without **JESUS** need to deal with some important questions.

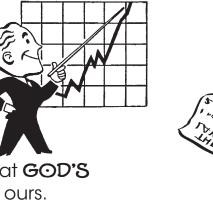
If they believe that they can make it to heaven by trying to be good enough, what standard do they have to live up to?

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So many say, "I feel that I am basically a kind and good person and I am willing to stand before God on My own goodness."

But, these people don't realize that **GOD'S** standards are different than ours.

also showed us **GOD'S** requirement for those who would strive for heaven on their own power when He said...



What will God require of them?



LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blank of MATTHEW 5:48

"Therefore you shall be _____, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."

Do you think you meet GOD'S standard? DYES DNO DMAYBE

What is **GOD'S** standard for the person who wants to be right with **GOD**?

- □ TRY VERY HARD
- ☐ BE SINCERE
- □ ABSOLUTE PERFECTION

If we are going to set up a standard of right living, a standard how He lived, is our standard.

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Let's LOOK at what GOD said about JESUS in MATTHEW 3:17

JESUS' life is the only standard of righteousness. If I want to be accepted by GOD, I must be as righteous as JESUS CHRIST.

So, if we want to stand before **GOD** on the basis of our own good works, we must live a life that measures up to the goodness we see in alg.



Then what is GOD'S standard?

- □ TO LIVE A GOOD LIFE
- □ TO BE KIND WHEN WE CAN
- □ NEVER TELL A LIE
- ☐ TO LIVE AS JESUS LIVED

Does anyone here live as JESUS lived? □YES □NO

Let's look at one thing JESUS Himself
says about how we are to live:



LÕK Up, READ, ε Fill in the Blank of $\hbox{$\hbox{LUKE}$ 6:27-30}$

"But I say to you who hear: _____ your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and ____ for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other also.

And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either."

How
can
anyone
be
that
righteous?

If there is any hope for us to be forgiven by GOD, it must be by some other way than us trying to be good enough for GOD.

LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blank of ROMANS 3:20

"Therefore by the deeds of the _____ no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of _____."

If we are ever to enjoy **FELLOWSHIP** with **GOD**, it will have to be on some basis other than our own righteousness.



Thank GOD, there is such a way. It's called GRACE.

Our only hope is that another form of righteousness has been provided for us, a righteousness based on a totally different way other than our own works.



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In the NEW TESTAMENT,

- GRACE means "GOD'S Undeserved Favor."
- GRACE is GOD giving to me something that I cannot earn on my own.
- ullet GRACE is being accepted by GOD even though I do not deserve it, even

though I am not worthy of it.

The BIBLE teaches...
I receive GRACE because I believe and trust in JESUS CHRIST.

"But without _____ it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently _____ Him."

We are forgiven by a holy GOD simply by believing in JESUS CHRIST and His death in our place.

When we place our trust in Him, we are

FORGIVEN!

How is it possible for me to be forgiven by GOD?

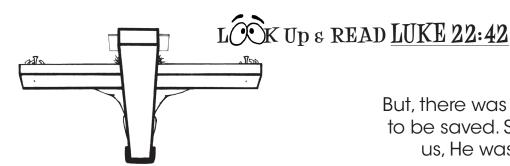
- **□ BY GOING TO CHURCH**
- ☐ BY TRYING TO BE A GOOD PERSON
- ☐ BY ACCEPTING CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS IN MY PLACE

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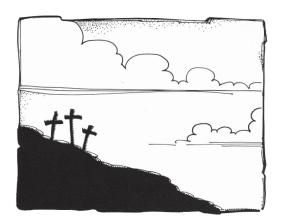
□YES □NO

albus did not want to go to the cross, to go through that horrible death.





But, there was no other way for people to be saved. So, because He LOVED us, He was willing to die for us!



GOD'S basis of forgiveness is the sacrifice of His only begotten Son.

All of our guilt, all our past and future wrongdoings, have been paid for by the perfect One who did not sin.

HE DIED FOR US!

He took our guilt; He suffered and died for our sin.

LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blank of 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

to be For He made Him who knew no that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.



also became sin for us that we might be forgiven through Him.

In other words, He switched places with us!

He has taken our sin and **FORGIVEN** us through our simple FAITH and trust in Him.

When GOD laid on JESUS the sin of us all, CHRIST received our deserved punishment, which the BIBLE declares is death.

> LOOK Up, READ, s Fill in the Blanks of ROMANS 6:23

"For the wages of sin is but the gift of God is eternal in Christ Jesus our Lord."

GOD has declared that if we will believe in JESUS CHRIST as our Lord and Savior, we will be **FORGIVEN** of every wrong thing we have ever done.

FAITH in JESUS is our only hope. Our good deeds, efforts, or works can never earn us forgiveness from GOD.



LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of ROMANS 4:5

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There is **NO WAY** that I, by my good works, can ever make it to heaven. I am condemned because of my sin. I have no chance of being received by **GOD** apart from His mercy.

The good news is that **GOD** has made a way for me to be accepted by Him. How can I become a child of **GOD** and a part of **GOD'S** family?

When JELS lived on the earth, there was a man named **NICODEMUS** who was a ruler of his people, the Jews. He wanted to find out more about JELS so he came at night to talk to Him. JESUS told **NICODEMUS** that he had to be born again to belong to the family of GOD. **NICODEMUS** asked,

"How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother and be born?"

DESUS explained to **NICODEMUS** that a baby's birth is of the floth. But DESUS was talking about a **spiritual** birth. When a person is born again, there is a work of **GOD'S Spirit** in his heart. **GOD** forgives his sins, and by His **Spirit** comes and indwells that person. That person changes and becomes a new creation because of the work of **GOD'S Spirit** in his life.



CONTRECMENT PART

LOOK up and talk about these SCRIPTURES.



GOD LOVES YOU, AND HE SENT JESUS CHRIST TO SHOW YOU HIS LOVE!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16



ALL HAVE SINNED!

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23



CHRIST DIED FOR US!

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8



SIN CAUSES (SPIRITUAL) DEATH!

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23



CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH!

"That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 10:9

DEAR GOD,

I know that I am a sinner. I've made wrong choices and have done bad things. I'm sorry. Please forgive me. I know that Your Son, Jesus, died for my sins and I believe that You raised Him from the dead. I want Jesus to be my Lord. Thank you for loving me and making me a part of Your family. Now, please fill me with Your Holy Spirit, so I'll have all the strength I need to obey You.

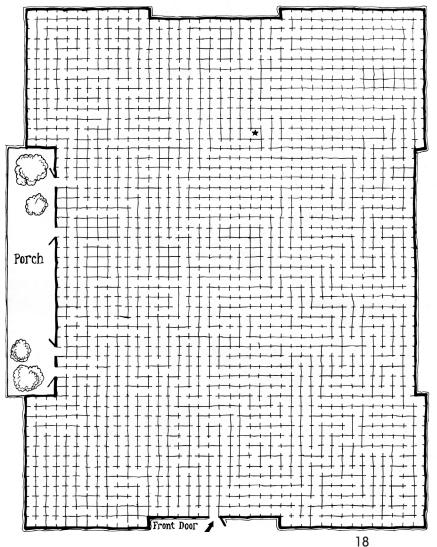




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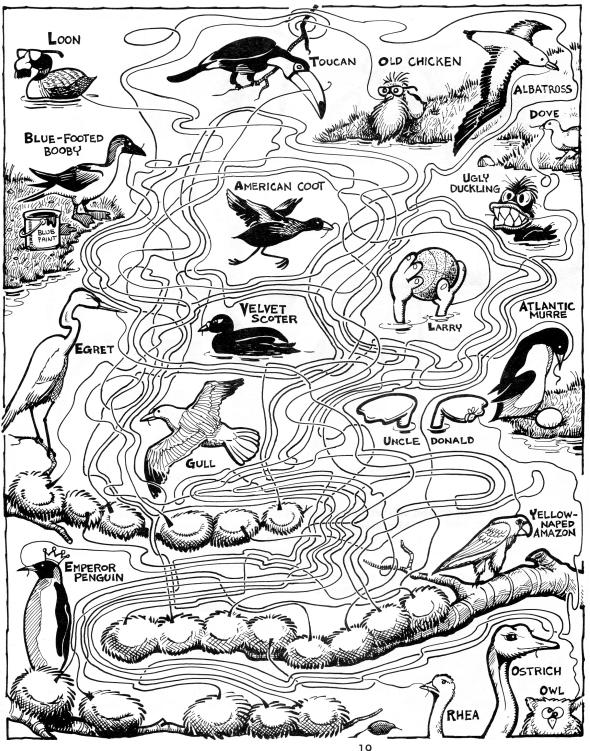
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FIND THE BELOW VERSE IN THE WORDSEARCH

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16



There's a <u>secret message</u> in the game to the left. It's pretty easy to find. Simply follow the strings from the birds to the nests. Take the first letter of each bird's name and write it in the attached nest. When you are done, the nests will spell out an important thought based on the following verse: "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" Matthew 6:26







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Forgiveness is only half the story of the GOSPEL OF GRACE!

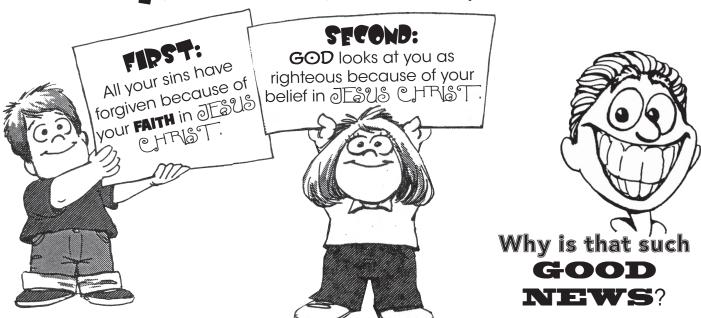
There are many people who believe GOD has forgiven us in CHRIST. Where they have trouble is the second half of the good news: that just by believing in JESUS CHRIST, GOD accounts us righteous!

My actions show me that I am not as good as I want to be, nevertheless, I am righteous before GOD and He looks at me as perfectly righteous because of my FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.

L \bigodot K Up, READ, ε Fill in the Blanks of $\fbox{R0MANS}$ 10:9-10

"That if you confess with your _____ the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. _____one believes unto righteousness, For with the and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

These are the parts of the GOSPEL OF GRACE:



BECAUSE I never need to fear and say, "Oh, I can't go to God because I did something wrong." But...

BECAUSE I have failed to achieve a certain standard, **SATAN** will try to keep me from coming to **GOD!**

He will say things like: You have no right to ask GOD to help you when you have just failed Him again. You know your action is displeasing to GOD, yet you did it anyway. Now, you're in trouble and you want GOD to help you. You think He is going to listen to you? No way!"

SATAN wants to make us think that GOD won't hear our prayers.

But, if I am looking to JESUS CHRIST and I realize that I am accounted righteous because of my FAITH in CHRIST, SATAN can never keep me from GOD!

I have **NO** hope in my own self and in my own goodness.

But, I have great hope in the work that JESUS CHRIST did for me and in the work that GOD is doing in me by the power of his Holy Spirit. He is conforming me into the image of CHRIST!

Those things that I cannot do for myself, He is doing for me. Those areas where I am so weak. He has made me strong. I have recognized my weakness and have cast myself upon Him. In those areas where I once was weak and constantly stumbling, I now stand strong because His strength has made me perfect in my weakness.



LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

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I am not yet all that GOD wants me to be -

FAR FROM IT!

But thank GOD, I am not what I was! GOD looks upon me and accounts me righteous and holy. We must never see ourselves apart from Him.

What things do I think I can do to make GOD accept me?

Be honest:

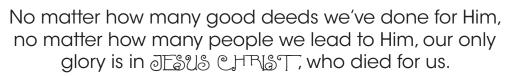


GOD MAKES US RELITEOUS BECAUSE OF OUR BELIEF AND TRUST IN WHAT JESUS CHRIST DID FOR US.

LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of GALATIANS 6:14

"But God forbid that I should _____ except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been

to me, and I to the world."



Our righteousness is not a question of good works, trying hard, or in keeping certain rules. Our righteousness - both here, now, and for all eternity, is a result of our simple FAITH in GOD'S Son, JE പ്ര



Sometimes I will feel that my relationship with GOD is good and at other times I will feel it is bad. Why? Because I am trying to relate to Him on the basis of my own righteousness!



If my relationship with GOD is dependent on how I feel or how I am living or on my own righteousness, I will not be able to relate to GOD most of the time!

When my **RELATIONSHIP** with **GOD** is dependent upon **GOD'S GHACE** towards me, however, the door of **blessing** is never closed. **GOD'S blessings** are given on the basis of His **GHACE**, His undeserved favor.



I never deserve or earn a blessing. The blessings that come into my life are always dependent upon GOD'S undeserved favor to me. GOD LOVES me so much, He blesses me anyway. GOD is so good!



The BIBLE says that someone who places his FAITH in JESUS CHRIST has been "JUSTIFIED".

LOOK Up ROMANS 10:9-10 again to see how we are "JUSTIFIED."

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

It means that GOD has granted us a standing before Him just as if we had never sinned. This was no small thing for GOD to accomplish! For if we have all sinned, how can GOD look at us as if we had never sinned and still be just?



This is where the power of the Gospel comes in.

GOD made the sinless Jays to be sin for us.

The SCRIPTURES declare that GOD laid on the innocent CHRST the sins of us all. Jays took my place and took the punishment that I deserved as a guilty sinner.

This is the glorious GOSPEL OF GHACE - our righteousness in JESUS CHRIST before GOD!

In CHRIST, I have an absolutely perfect righteous standing before GOD. In His eyes, I am perfect!

This doesn't mean that I am perfect. It means that a substant of the course of my FAITH in Him!

It is AMAZING to know and experience the GRACE of GOD and the GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE!



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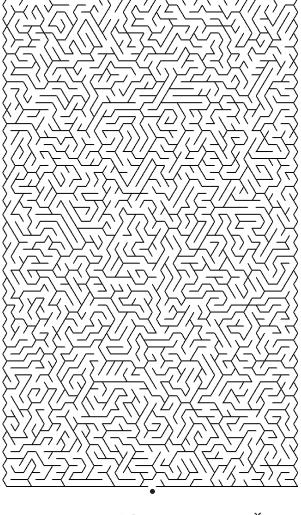
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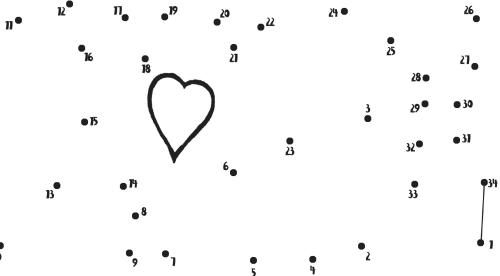
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At the moment we believe and trust in JENUS CHRIST, **GOD** imputes to our account righteousness - not on the basis of what we have done or what we are going to do, but simply on the basis of our belief in JESUS CHRIST.

One day JESUS was asked,

"What shall we do, that we might work the works of GOD?"

LOCK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of JOHN 6:29 for the answer: 2

"Jesus answered and said to them, 'This is the _____ of God, that you _____ in Him whom He sent."

But what is real FAITH?

Our actions must be in harmony with what we believe. Belief isn't just what we say; belief is shown by what we do.

LOOK Up & READ what JAMES 2:26 says about FAITH.

Share some examples of someone that says they have **FAITH** in something, but they really do not.

If you were told that right now, as we read the Bible Study right where we are sitting, a gigantic bomb will explode in 30 SECONDS. What would you do?



IF YOU TRULY BELIEVED THAT A BOMB WOULD EXPLODE, WHAT WOULD YOUR ACTIONS BE?

- **CHILL FOR A BIT**
 - TALK ABOUT IT FOR AWHILE
 - TAKE A NAP
 - ☐ EAT A SNICKERS BAR
 - **GET UP & RUN FOR MY LIFE**

If you say that you believe something, but yet you fail to live out that belief, your actions prove that you don't have real FAITH.



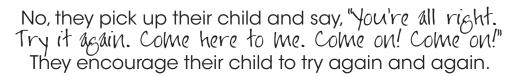
A lot of people think that merely SAYING SOMETHING makes it a belief. But, belief isn't just what we say; belief takes **ACTION**. It is shown by what we do.



Now, this does not mean that our actions are always going to be perfect. We find, at times, that we are **BATTLING OUR** #[65] so that we do not do the things we really want to do. Sometimes our activities and actions are opposed to our FAITH in JESUS CHRIST!

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But we can't live in that condition! We may stumble and fall, as everyone does, but we do not just lie there. The Spirit won't let us lie there! He prompts us and helps us to stand up again! When we stumble or fall, GOD doesn't reject us.		

When a parent, trying to teach their son or daughter to walk, sees them stumbling, they don't shout, "You are not my child, falling like that! I disown you!"



If you believe in JESUS CHRIST- you are GOD'S child. And if you don't believe, you can come to alsus right now! Do you want to?

He is trying to help you develop a walk with Him. It is comforting to know that when we stumble and fall, He doesn't kick us out. He doesn't disown us. He doesn't say, "You are not my child anymore because you have stumbled!" Instead, He pick's us up and dusts us off. He says, "All right now, try again."

THE GOSPEL OF GRACE:

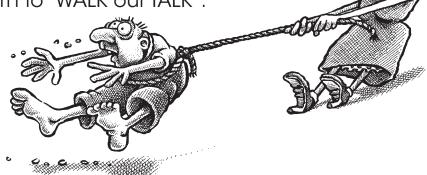
GOD'S LOVE for sinners who place their complete trust in Him. What are you putting your complete trust in?

WALKING OUR TALK

There are many who claim to have fellowship with GOD, who know all the right words to say, but who simply aren't walking with GOD in any practical way. It is so important that we learn to "WALK our TALK".

THE QUESTION IS...

How does this happen? How do we avoid being carried away by the pull of the WORLD?



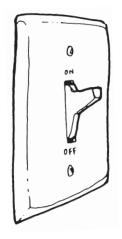
LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of GALATIANS 5:16 & see how this question is

"I say then: Walk in the _____, and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the ____."



To Walk in the Spirit means that we allow the Holy Spirit to have control over our lives.

It is helpful to remember that GOD has designed the human mind to work much as a computer does. A computer can only produce that which has been programmed into it. In the same way, our minds are being programmed daily. If our input comes from the f \mathfrak{h} , our lives will be characterized by the fIf we begin to program our minds with the things of the Spirit, our lives will begin to reflect the priorities of the Spirit.



The simple, yet profound, answer is this...

don't fight the flesh, strengthen the SPIRIT Don't fight against the darkness, turn on the LIGHT!



answered.



To do this, we must first recognize that we have both a spiritual and a fleshly side to our nature. If we are to Walk in the Spirit, we must feed the spiritual side of us. We all know what it means to feed the physical side of our nature. If you miss feeding your body, it reminds you that you are hungry.

LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of JOB 23:12

"I have not departed from the commandment of His lips;
I have treasured the _____ of His mouth
more than my necessary _____."

Becoming STRONG in **Spirit** requires that we must regularly consume the bread of life, the Word of GOD.



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If we want the spiritual side of us to be strong, we must sow to our **Spirit**. We can't sow to the flesh and hope that we will produce a spiritual crop. In order to Walk in the Spirit, we must feed the Spirit. This is why we must read the BIBLE more and more.

LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of GALATIANS 6:8

"For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap _____, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap

To the claimed that His words were **Spirit** and life (J0HN 6:63); so a regular time in GOD'S word is very important if we are to Walk in the Spirit.

Oftentimes, we don't know how to read the BIBLE. Where should we start? It's such a large book! How should we read it? These are good questions and here are the answers:

A good place to start is in the GOSPEL OF JOHN, because it tells us about who JESUS is and what He did while living on the earth.



So, start reading the BIBLE in the GOSPEL OF JOHN. Read what you understand and soon you may come to something that you do not understand. Keep reading. Before long, you will come to something that you do understand. Gradually, what you understand will help you understand what you do not understand! So read your BIBLE!





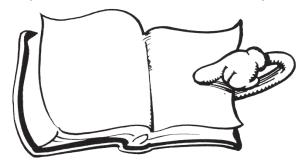
Now, it is important to RESPOND to what is said in the BIBLE. The BIBLE is the Word of GOD. It is GOD speaking to you.

When someone speaks to you, what do you usually do? You respond back to them.

GOD wants to have fellowship with you, so you need to respond back to what He says.



So, how do you do this? First, find a verse and read it. Then, respond to GOD about what He says in this verse, as if He's right there with you; because He is!



(Note: for those who are "born again" / born of the Spirit, GOD promises that He will never leave you or forsake you - HEBREWS 13:5. So He is right there!)

WELL, LET'S TRY IT TOGETHER!

Take your Bible and LOOK up JOHN 3:16 and read it together.

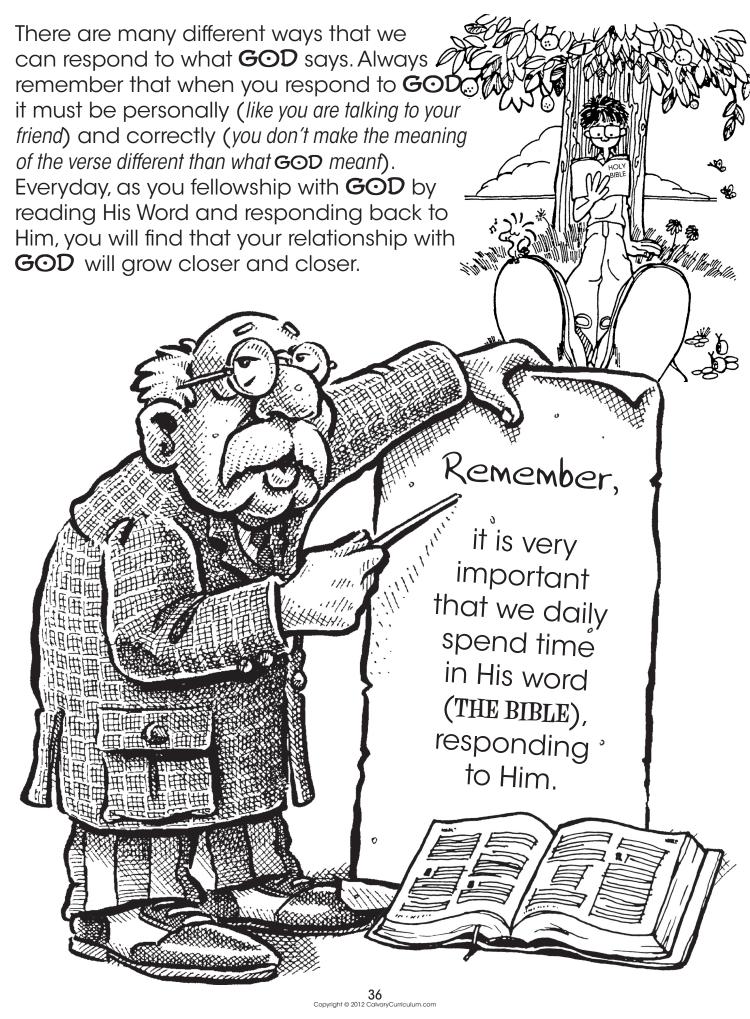
"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

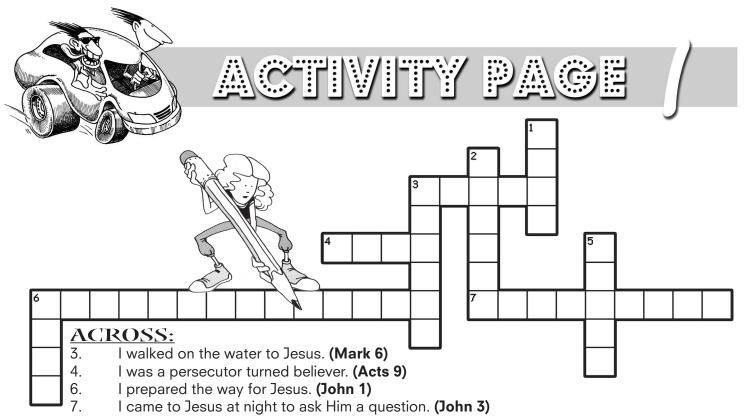
> Now, think of some things that you can say to GOD about what He has said to you in this verse. Go ahead and respond now.



D "Thank you, God, for loving me."

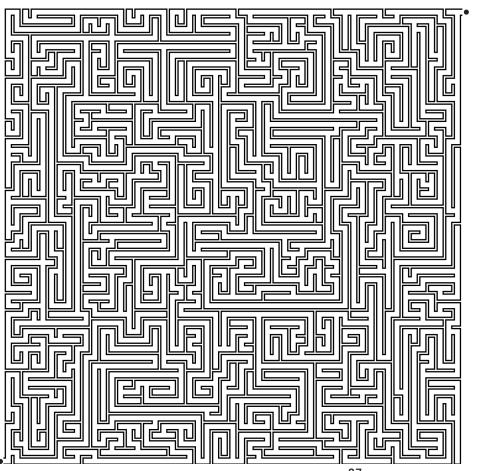
2) "Thank you for sending your son, Jesus, to die for Me."
3) "Psecause I believe in Jesus, thank you for giving Me everlasting life."
4) "Lord, My friend doesn't believe in You. Help him to believe in You."

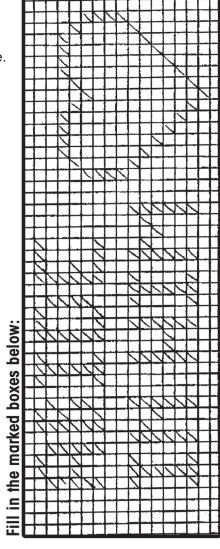




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- I was the first to die a martyr of the church. (Acts 7) 2.
- I asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?" (Luke 23) 3.
- 5. I betrayed Jesus. (Luke 22)
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I betrayed Jesus. (Luke 22)

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OUR WORKS OR GOD'S SPIRIT

Some people try to come to GOD on their own good deeds and actions. Some people think they can go to heaven just by acting good. Even if you TRY to have good fruit in your life, it will not happen, BECAUSE good fruit comes from ABIDING in the tree!



LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of GALATIANS 3:2-3

"This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the _____, or by the hearing of ______? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?"



Notice that the apostle is comparing two things:
The **SPIRIT**, which is related to **FAITH** and
Works, which are related to the **TEGH**.

If you are involved in works, then you are relying on your flesh. But if you are walking by **FAITH** in JESUS CHRIST, the **Spirit** is producing **fruit** in your life. **Fruit** isn't something you are responsible for; **fruit** is the natural result of your relationship with JESUS.



Think about peaches hanging on a peach tree. The peaches aren't out there struggling and working day by day trying to get ripe; all they have to do is hang in there! Ripening is the natural result of relationship. As long as they are hanging on the tree (ABIDING), they are going to be sweet peaches.

What does it mean to Abide?

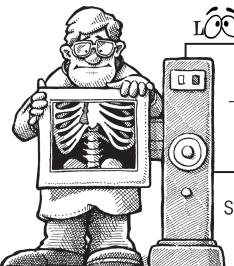
Think about that peach tree again! As long as those peaches are hanging on the tree, they will be just fine. They will turn out sweet! And as long as we hang out with at an as long as we hang out with at an at a connected (ABIDE) to Him, we will produce good fruit in our lives (love: joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, etc.).



BONUS QUESTION: How do we stay connected to a Eaul ??

If we hang out (ABIDE) with JESUS we will bear good fruit. But, just as fruit will die if it does not stay on the tree, we will die spiritually if we do not **ABIDE** in JESUS.





LÕÕK Up, READ, arepsilon Fill in the Blank of 2 <code>CORINTHIANS</code> 13:5

"Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the _____. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?

– unless indeed you are disqualified."

Sometimes people will say they are "Christians", but they do not act or live like it. Sometimes we can even fool ourselves. So how do we know the truth?

See what JESUS says in MATTHEW 7:20 and fill in the blank

"Therefore by their ____ _____ you will know them."



We are called to examine our lives in order to determine what kind of fruit we're bearing. If the fruit is bad, then there is something wrong with our relationship, which means there is something wrong with our FAITH. A vital relationship of FAITH in JESUS CHRIST will bring forth fruit - without fail.

Our big mistake

One of our biggest problems is that we tend to be more interested in what we do than in what we are, while GOD is more interested in what we are than in what we do.

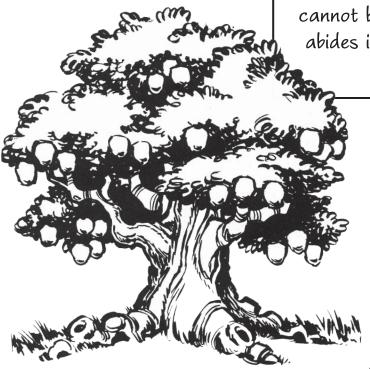
He looks for fruit; we try to produce works.

Yes, we are supposed to have fruit in our life, but sometimes when we see other people's fruit, we think that is what we are to do.

The fruit of the Christian life blossoms from us naturally as we ABIDE in JESUS CHRIST through our FAITH in Him. LOOK Up, READ, ϵ Fill in the Blanks of JOHN 15:8 "By this My Father is ______, that you bear much ______; so you will be my disciples." GOD wants us to be extremely fruitful for Him. That fruit can come forth only as we ABIDE in ഉട്ടുപ്പും. There is NO such thing as fleshly FAITH! What are you trying to do that GOD has not called you to do? **GOD** never recognizes or rewards the works of our f On the other hand, He jealously desires that the fruit of the **Spirit** be increasingly characteristic of our lives.

L \bigcirc K Up, READ, ϵ Fill in the Blanks of $\underline{\text{JOHN 15:4}}$

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear _____ of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you



also placed the emphasis not upon what we DO, but upon what we ARE. What comes forth from our lives is the result of our relationship with Him. We can't have a true, right relationship with the Lord without bringing forth fruit. If there is no fruit for "by their fruits ye shall know them" then we had better reexamine our relationship with the Lord!

FORGIVEN CENTRAL

GOD did a marvelous work in your life by His Holy Spirit. When you were still a sinner, GOD LOVED you. And, when by FAITH you called out to Him, (have you called out to also yet? if not, now would be a good time - do you want to?) He forgave you of every wrong thing you had ever done; as though the bad things you've done never happened! This is what the term "JUSTIFIED" means.

> Because of your simple belief in JESUS CHRIST as your Savior and Lord, GOD forgives you of all your past. Because of your belief, GOD gives to you the righteousness of JESUS. Your relationship with Him begins with believing.

All we have to do is please GOD. And what do we have to do to please Him? Just believe in Him and trust in Him. We don't please GOD by all of our works and activities. We please GOD when we believe in Him and trust in Him. That is the GOSPEL OF GRACE

TIT'S MY PLEASURE

FAITH pleases the Lord and **FAITH** produces relationship. The relationship produces the fruit. When the LOVE of GOD fills your heart, all you want to do is talk about Him, His W ord, His goodness, His LOVE. You do it because you want to do it, because it is your nature to do it, because GOD has put it in your heart to do it.

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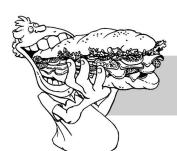
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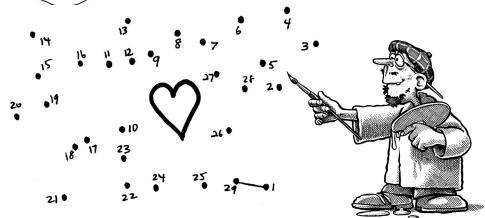
GOD is not interested in your works; He desires to enjoy your fruit; He calls you to rely upon His Spirit.

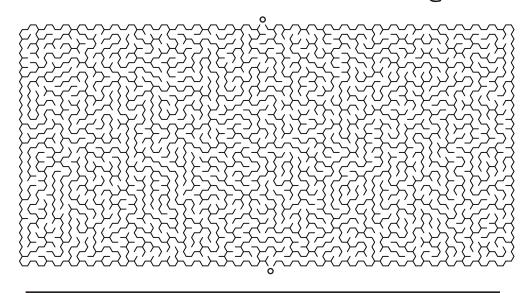
As PAUL reminds us, having begun in the Spirit, we cannot be made perfect in our fleth (see GALATIANS 3:3). We cannot add works to our FAITH and improve the relationship, even though many people TRY to do exactly that!

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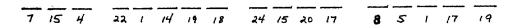


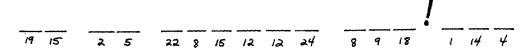


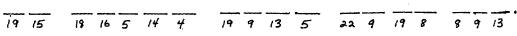


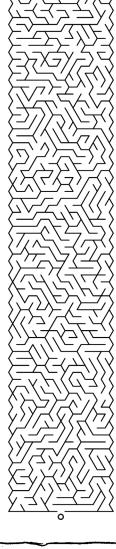


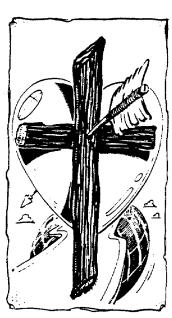
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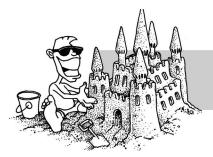












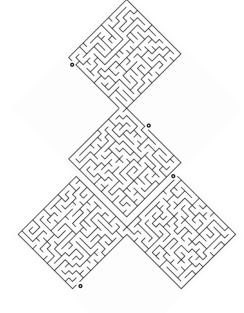
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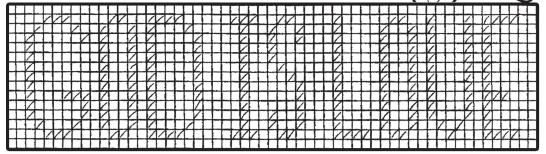
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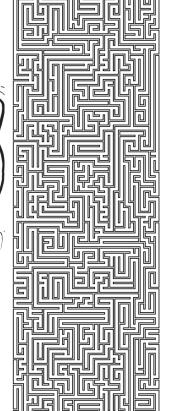
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FLETTINGT FOR THE TAKING

Once we begin to understand the Word, we see that it isn't our righteousness or ability to reach some high level of holiness that makes us worthy of GOD'S blessing. GOD blesses us when we simply trust in Him for His blessings.

The longer we live, the more we realize how undeserving and unworthy we are of **GOD'S** touch. He wants to **bless** us, not because we are good and holy and pure, but because that is His nature.

HE ENJOYS BLESSING HIS CHILDREN!



His LOVE for us doesn't change from day to day. He doesn't LOVE us more today than He LOVED us yesterday. GOD'S LOVE isn't like that.

GOD'S LOVE for us is constant;

TNEVER VARIES!

His LOVE for us is not dependant upon us; it is dependant upon GOD and on His nature of LOVE.

LOOK Up 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8 g read it to see how God loves us.

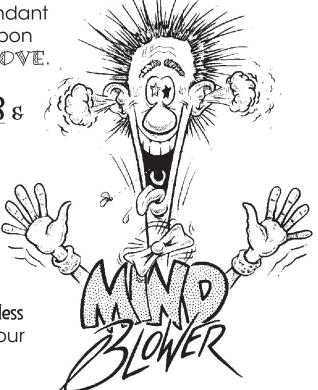
GOD is LOVE.

He LOVES you now and He LOVED you even when you didn't LOVE Him, and were rebelling against Him. He LOVED you then. And He LOVES you now.

Because GOD LOVES us, He wants to bless us. His blessings are not dependent upon our goodness, our righteousness,

or our **FAITHFULNESS**.

The **blessings** of **GOD** depend solely upon His desire to **bless** us. Our part is simply to receive and believe Him for His **blessings**.



LÕK Up GALATIANS 3:2 g Read what Paul says about receiving the Spirit. Fill in the Blanks:

"This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the _____, or by the hearing of _____?

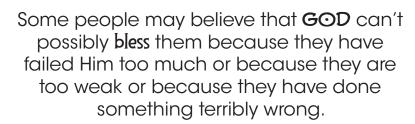


WE ARE NO MORE RIGHTEOUS NOW THAN THE FIRST DAY WE BELIEVED.

You can't imagine the **blessing** and power that **GOD** is eager to impart to you if you will just believe and trust Him for it. We are so often like the foolish Galatians. Why would we be so foolish as to return to a legal **RELATIONSHIP** when we can relate to & GOD in a LOVE RELATIONSHIP?

DON'T BE A FOOL and demand what you think you deserve, because you deserve death. All of us do, for all of us sin (ROMANS 3:23). GOD wants to bless you now because He LOVES you. GOD wants to bless your life, and the avenue to that blessing is your FAITH.





The problem is that people are looking for a **blessing** on the basis of their own performance. They are trapped in the kind of thinking that says, "When I become so good and so perfect, Then He can bless me." But that is so wrong!



We must get it into our heads that GOD wants to fill our lives with the Holy Spirit.



When you pray for GOD to fill you with the Holy Spirit, instantly Satan will begin to throw all kinds of lies and accusations into your mind. He will distract you. He will

make you feel guilty or unworthy.

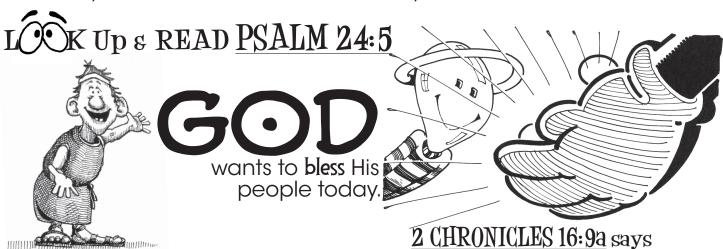
"What are you doing, asking **GOD** for that?" He'll Speet. "You should be ashamed of yourself. You have no right!

Look at what you are. Look at what you have done. How could GOD possibly fill you with His Holy Spirit?"

What a tragedy! We know we don't deserve the blessings of GOD, but GOD doesn't bless us because we deserve it. GOD blesses us on the basis of His LOVE toward us and of His GRACE toward us in CHRIST JESUS.

That is the basis of the **blessings** - not our goodness, not our righteousness, and not our & perfection. If we could just believe this, we'd start being **blessed** like we can't imagine!

The blessings are there. GOD wants to bless you. All you have to do is simply believe Him to bless you, though you know you don't deserve it. The blessings don't come because of your works, they come because of your belief because you trust and believe GOD will bless you.



"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him."



Just turn your heart toward GOD, believe in His Word, and trust that He will do as He promises. Say, "Lord, bless Me Now." And receive it.

LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of JEREMIAH 29:11-13

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of _____ and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your



It is so hard for us to believe that **GOD** wants to bless us.

But when we finally get over that barrier and believe that GOD wants to bless us simply because that is GOD'S nature, there is nothing that can stop His blessings from touching our lives!

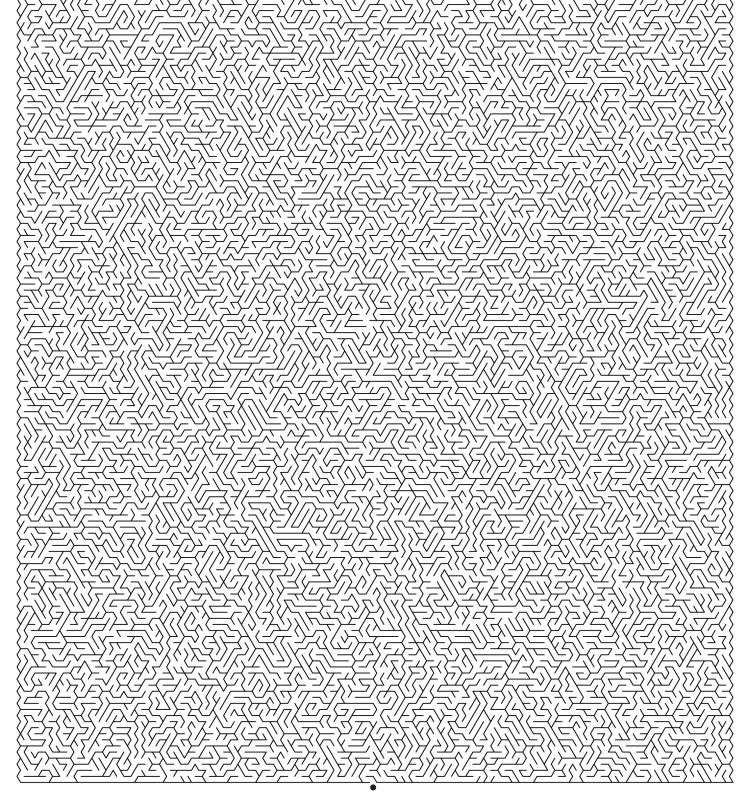
Wouldn't this be a good time to thank GOD for His goodness, blessings, and **LOVE** that He shows you and wants to continue to \ show you?

WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT NOW?



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THE STRUGGLE BEGINS TO

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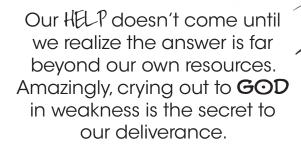
Sadly, some **Christians** seem to be fighting a losing **BATTLE** with it!

So... why do some believers never enjoy GOD'S victory?

THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE:

they spend all their effort and energy trying to live a godly life in their own strength.

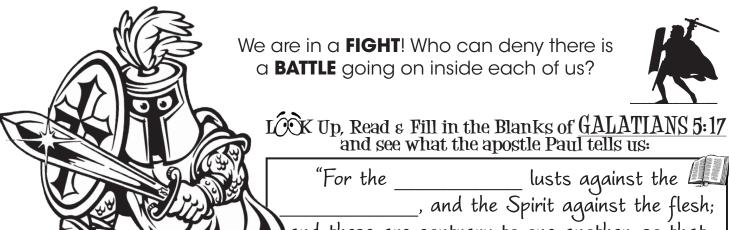
Instead of turning their lives and struggles over to GOD, they keep searching for some new technique - some new Method, some new program to make them righteous. And, hone of them ever work!



NOT ANOTHER SELF-IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

We CANNOT change our own lives. We CANNOT live a life that pleases GOD by our own efforts.

It is only when we admit we are powerless that we find hope. When we finally turn to the grace of God, the Lord intervenes and begins to do a work inside of us that we cannot do for ourselves.



"For the _____ lusts against the 🎩 ____, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that

you do not do the things that you wish."

Here knew all about this struggle. At one time, this fisherman turned apostle, boasted to also that even if all the other disciples fled, he would not.

Yet, before the night was over he denied his Lord three times. (MARK 14:26-31, 66-72)

විසිට්රී had been right all along:

The **Spirit** is willing but the fesh is weak.

Although we began to experience and enjoy the benefits of the Spirit when we committed our lives to CHRIST, and although the fleshly nature was taken off the throne of our lives, the BATTLE is not yet over. Before our conversion, the f = h enjoyed dominating and controlling our lives, and until our bodies are in heaven, it will never give up its struggle to bring us back under its power.



The Master's Battle Plan:

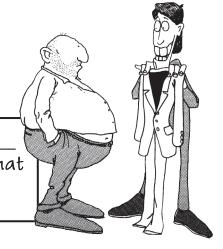
At this point the question arises, so then, what are we to do with the $f(\mathfrak{h})$? **GOD** has made a provision for the fl^{esh} . He calls it



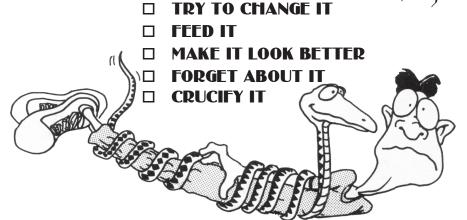
We cannot redeem the fesh. We cannot dress it up. The fesh must be crucified!

LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of ROMANS 6:6

"Knowing this, that our old man was _____ with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be _____ of sin."



What should we do with our flesh?



When we allow the **Spirit** of **GOD** to take over and work in our lives, we can triumph over our fallen nature - the flesh

Whenever we encounter an area of the flesh that still controls us, we need to honestly acknowledge the **BATTLE** of the **flesh**; then by FAITH, we need to bring that specific area of weakness to the cross and reckon (consider) it crucified.

When also gives us a new set of desires. We begin to long for intimate fellowship with GOD, a deeper knowledge and understanding of His Word, and closer communion with others who are alive in CHRIST JESUS. Our lives begin to change!

LÕK Up, READ, ε Fill in the Blank of $1\,\mathrm{JOHN}~1:3$

"That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have ____ with and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ."

Living for the f always compelled us to reach out for something more, something just beyond our grasp, something that would finally bring a sense of lasting satisfaction. Yet the promised fulfillment always escaped us.



As we live after the **Spirit**, however, we discover a peace that the world can't understand. The endless struggle - the aching emptiness - is gone and we discover a wonderful sense of purpose and meaning.



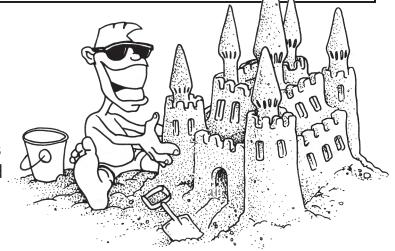
The f h no longer has the appéal it once did and the **BATTLE** inside us is won!

LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of ISAIAH 26:3

"You will keep him in perfect _____, whose mind is stayed on You, because he _____ in You."

NO CAUSE TO BOAST

Only when we admit that we are incapable of delivering ourselves from the law of sin and death, can the doors be opened for the glorious power of GOD to work within us and do for us what we are incapable of doing for ourselves.



L \bigodot K Up, READ, arepsilon Fill in the Blanks of $\operatornamewithlimits{GALATIANS}6:14$

"But God forbid that I should _____ except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been to me, and I to the world."

IT IS THE WORK OF GOD

When GOD reveals to us an area of the fleth He wants to change, we always start out with the best intentions. We see the ugliness of our sin and vow we will never fall in that manner again. So, we come up with various ways to deal with the problem. But, sooner or later, we watch as all our plans fall apart. We get so frustrated that we cry out "GOD, help!" and then amazingly enough, He does. His Spirit miraculously begins to transform our lives.

As we overflow with gratitude, we see how **GOD'S** way of TRANSFORMATION is so wonderfully simple and yet much better than our own misguided efforts.



GOD never intended for the fint to rule over us, and He has provided the resources and the power for us to experience victory. But, as long as we are committed to trying to work out our own struggles, even our best efforts get in the way.

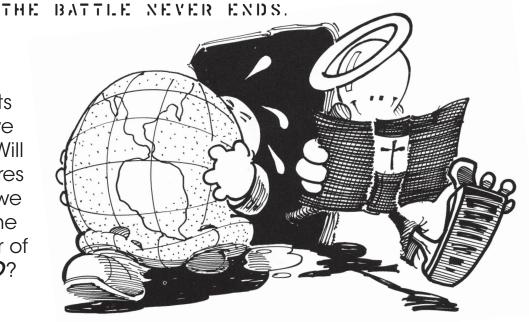
When our victory comes from **GOD'S** work alone, outside of our own efforts, the end result is glory and praise unto **GOD**.

LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of ISAIAH 40:31

"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their		;
they shall mount up with wings like		shall run
and not be weary, they shall walk and	not faint."	

In His GRACE, GOD has made it possible for us to enjoy consistent victory. Still, this side of Heaven,

Every day presents the choice that we each must make. Will we live for the desires of the fleth, or will we yield our lives to the transforming power of the **Spirit** of **GOD**?



We can now have such a wonderful relationship with **GOD**, that it is no longer we who live, but CHRIST who lives in us. The life we now live, we live by **FAITH** in the Son of **GOD**, who **LOVED** us and gave Himself for us.



Because of **GOD'S GRACE**, each of us are now a new creation in CHRIST OFSUS. Old things are passed away; everything has become new.

LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new _____; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become



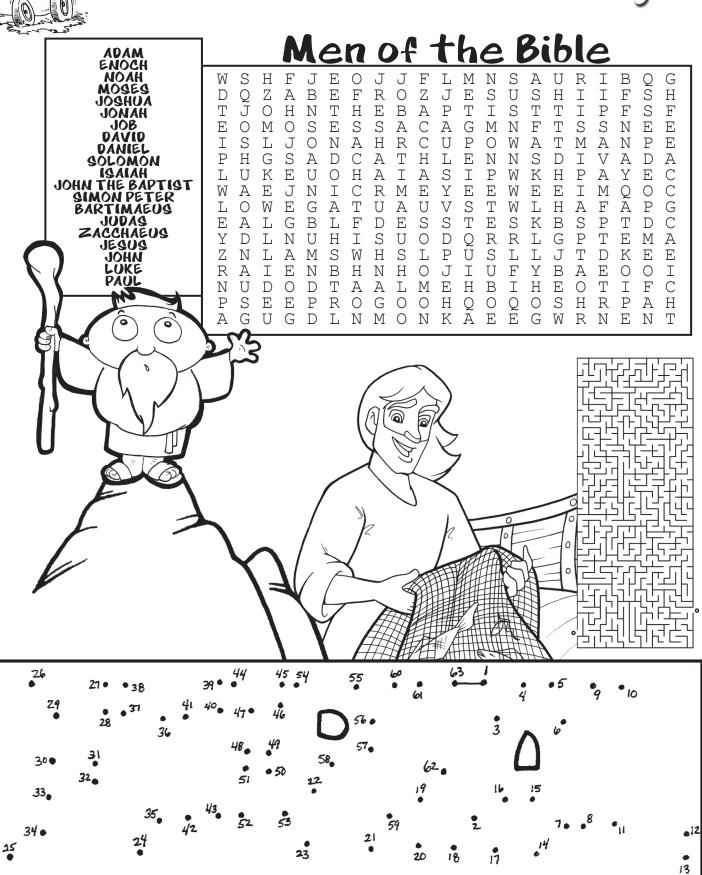
We suddenly realize that there is more to life than obeying the desires of the flesh. We come to understand that the inner hunger which our flesh could never satisfy can be fulfilled in a **Loving** relationship with **GOD**. The more we come to know **GOD**, the more we experience His peace and joy. We discover that the level of satisfaction that we enjoy, as we walk in the **Spirit**, is so much greater than anything we seek after in the flesh.

How **BEAUTIFUL** it is when we let go of our own futile efforts and allow the **Spirit** to work! For His victory comes from the inside out, not the outside in, and that's the kind of victory that lasts!





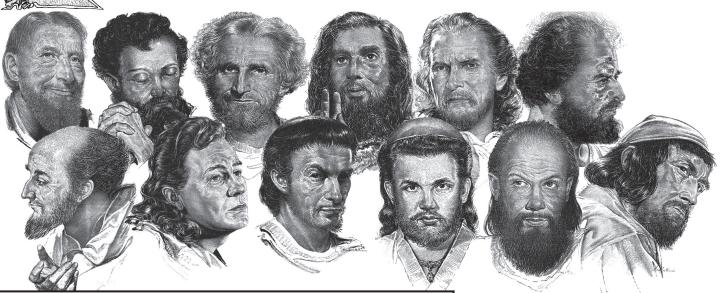
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Jesus' 12 Disciples

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Peter (Brother of Andrew)

Andrew (Brother of Peter)

James

JOHN (Brother of James)

Matthew (Tax Collector)

Philip

James (Son of Alphaeus)

Thomas

(also called Didymus)

Bartholomew (also called Nathanael)

Judas (also called Thaddaeus)

Simon the Zealot Judas Iscariot



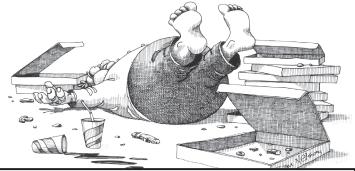
FREE INDEEDL Before we came to CHRLST, we were children of wrath; our whole manner of life was spent trying to fulfill the desires of the $\mathcal{L}^{\mathfrak{g}}$. We were not free; we were slaves to our $\mathcal{L}^{\mathfrak{g}}$. What a contrast to the glorious liberty we have been given in CHRIST JESUS! As Christians, we receive GOD'S **LOVE** and forgiveness and have been granted freedom from being slaves of our *105/h. We have been granted the capacity (the GRACE and power) to turn from sin to serve and worship GOD. We are free in CHRIST! The Isatte Paul said that there might be things that as @hristians we have the freedom to do, but these things could possibly interfere or even hinder our fellowship with the Lord. These things could distract us from total, wholehearted devotion to GOD. LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12 "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not _____. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the of any." So many times, people misunderstand @hristian liberty, thinking that freedom in CHRIST means that they can freely commit all kinds of sin. Our liberty is never a freedom to sin freely; it is never a license to sin. In fact, we should AVOID things that can hinder our fellowship with GOD.

LÕK Up, READ, ε Fill in the Blank of \underline{ROMANS} 6:1-2

"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in _____ that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?"

Our glorious freedom is a freedom NOT to sin. We should never misuse our freedom, using it as an opportunity to yield to the DESIRES OF OUR flesh.

LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of HERREWS 12.1.2



THE THE TENT	
"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded	
let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which	
us with endurance the race th	at is set before us, looking unto
, the author and finishe	er of our faith, who for the joy
that was set before Him endured the cross	, despising the shame, and has
sat down at the right hand of t	the throne of God."
As we run our race of endurance for the Lord, what are we to lay aside?	

We are to avoid areas that would distract us from a simple, wholehearted devotion to GOD.

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LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of GALATIANS 5:13

"For you, brethren, have been called to ; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through serve one another.

HOW SHOULD WE USE OUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST?

We should use our freedom in such a way that it honors GOD and helps us to GROW IN GRACE.

GOD places a high value on a humble servant. Over and over, the BIBLE reminds us that if we want to be really great in GOD'S kingdom, we must serve one another in LOVE.



®⇒God'4 Power

TESUS stated, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth" (MATTHEW 28:18).

Can you imagine how much power that must be?! All the POWER of the universe was given to Him. The same POWER that lit the fires of the stars and holds every atom together belongs to 25%.



AND WHAT DID HE DO WITH THIS POWERS

SHAME THE UNIVERSES SZIN OUT A FEW NEW GALAXIESS NO.

He took off His robe, girded Himself about as a servant, and washed His disciples' feet. After He had washed the last dirty ankles and toes, He asked His men, in effect,

"Do you know what I have done? I have given you an example. For if I, being your Lord, have served you, then so also ought you to serve one another."

What if, right now, you could say, "ALL POWER IN THE UNIVERSE IS MINE"? What would you do with such power?

ମିନିଧ୍ୟର took a towel and a basin of water and washed the dirty feet of His disciples. All power in the universe was His - and what did He do with it? He washed the disciples' feet.

There are very few of us who want to serve. Instead, we IDVE to give orders and be waited on. "Go get Me that!" "Hand that tool to Me." "I need you to go."

> How we LOVE to give orders, and how we get upset when the orders aren't obeyed! We get hurt, we pout. We enjoy ruling others... But, GOD'S greatest blessings are not to be found there. We have been set free, not to boss others around, but to serve one another in LOVE.

Without question, this **blessing** requires a work of **GOD'S** Spirit within our hearts. Our flesh certainly rebels at the idea of serving someone else in LOVE. Often, my immediate reaction to even the simplest request is, "If you want a glass of water, go get it yourself!"

My $fl^{eh}h$ LOVES to be served. But, I have been set free from bondage to my $fl^{eh}h$ and now I can serve others in **LOVE.** What a joy it is to serve in **LOVE**. All of the law is summed up in the following three verses:

\mathfrak{P} K Up, READ, ϵ Fill in the Blanks of MATTHEW 22:37-39

"Jesus said to them, 'You shall love the LORD your G	
	with all your
' This is the first and great commandme second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as you	

FREEDOM TO LOVE

Two hundred years before also used.

BUDDHA said, "Don't do to others what you don't want them to do to you." Notice, he put it in the negative. If you don't want someone to hit you in the nose, then don't hit him in the nose. It is a negative command.

The **GOLDEN RULE** isn't just avoiding doing wrong; it's actively seeking out practical ways to express LOVE.

Some people believe they are righteous because of what they don't do. "Well," they may say, "I DON'T hurt anybody. I've never killed anyone."

LONK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of what Jesus said in LUKE 6:31

'And just as you want men to you, you also do to them likewise."

> Even as I would like to be served, I should SERVE.

> > Even as I would like to be **LOVED**, I should LOVE.

> > > Even as I would like to receive gifts, I should GIVE.

LOYING our neighbors (others) as ourselves means looking for ways to do for others in a creative, active, and joyful manner.

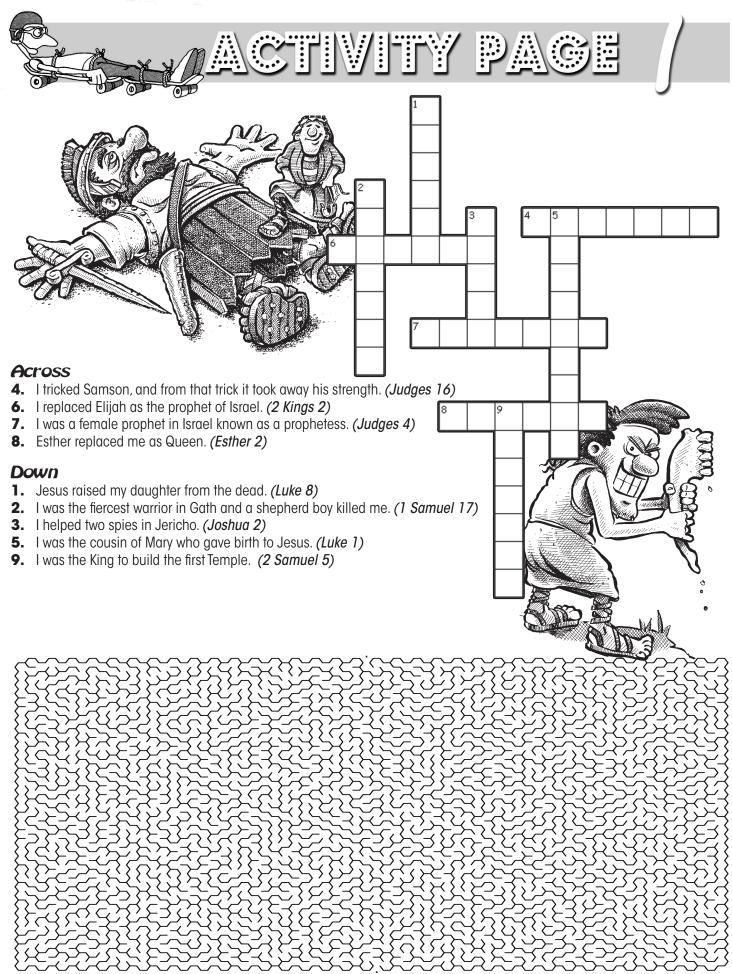
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also says we fulfill the law first by Loving GOD, then by **LOVING** others and treating them as we would like to be treated.

May the Lord help you to freely LOVE, to freely serve, and to look for ways to bless others. Why don't you pray now, and ask the Lord to help you to IDVE GOD and to IDVE others as yourself?







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



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We don't live an old selfish life anymore.
Now we do what GOD wants
us to do by trusting in 回答せら!



LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blanks of GALATIANS 2:20

"I have been	crucified with Christ; it	is no longer I who	, but
Christ lives in	me; and the life which I	now live in the flesh I live	e by faith in the
Son of	God, who loved me and	Himself	for me."

IF YOU'RE DEAD, ACT LIKE IT A person who has been born

A person who has been born of the **Spirit** of **GOD** will show it by the way he LIVES.

LOCK Up, Read, & Fill in the Blanks of what Jesus says in LUKE 6:46-49

"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the ______. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the ______ without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell.

And the ruin of that house was great."

LOYE GOD

The LOVE of CHRIST constrains me to live a life that pleases Him. Having experienced the goodness of His LOVE, I don't want to walk away from Him. I want to draw as close to JESUS as possible because I LOVE Him and He LOVES me. I don't want to get involved in anything that would dishonor Him.



In a LOVING RELATIONSHIP with GOD, no longer do I argue about whether something is right or wrong. Instead, I find myself asking, "Is this pleasing to My Father? I love Him and want to please Him. He loves me so much that I don't want to hurt Him. Would my Father be pleased if I did this?"

A LOVING RELATIONSHIP is what GOD is seeking with each of us. He wants to draw you with His IOVE to Himself. This is the gospel of GOD'S GRACE.

The life dominated by my first is dead and I now live a new life dominated by the **Spirit** of JESUS CHRIST. I have a new nature, the nature of JESUS CHRIST.

LOOK Up, READ, & Fill in the Blank of 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in _____, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

But I still have a problem!

I still live in this body, and although my **spirit** is redeemed, my body is not. Thus, there is a **BATTLE** going on inside me.

GOD LOVES you, and desires to have fellowship with you. He wants you to experience the JOY that He alone can bring to your life.

HOW CAN WE STAND STRONG

The BIBLE is the only firm foundation for our FAITH and Christian walk.

How important it is that we stand strong on the truth of **GOD'S** Word! This is the only way to maintain the glorious liberty given to us so abundantly in CHRIGH.

We need to have a good understanding of the SCRIPTURES to stay strong in the Lord.





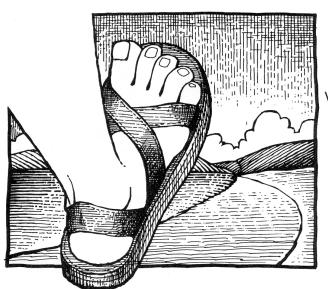
Our righteousness, both at this moment and for all eternity, is a result of our simple FAITH in GOD'S Son, JESUS, NOT our works! There is no other way to a right standing before GOD. There is only one kind of righteousness that GOD will accept: the righteousness of JESUS CHRIST, given to us!

Our righteousness is not dependent upon how much we READ, PRAY, FAST, or GIVE.

Our righteousness is based upon simple trust in also to wash us and cleanse us of our sins and to make us pure in the eyes of the Father.

The work of our salvation has been done. There is nothing

we can do to improve it.



Our good works result from GOD'S acceptance and LOVE; we don't do works to earn His LOVE.

Walking according to CHRISTS commands doesn't make us more righteous - just happier and more satisfied.

What better way to live than giving my existence to the One who LOVES me so much now, and who has promised to take care of me forever?!

To be led and guided by GOD is the most fulfilling experience in the world!

Demember!

Don't depend on your efforts to get to heaven and to live a righteous life, but depend on what 25348 CHRIST has done and is doing in your life.





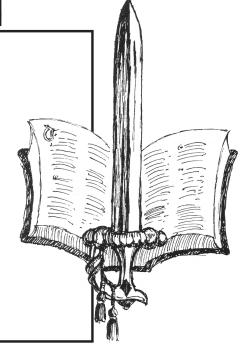
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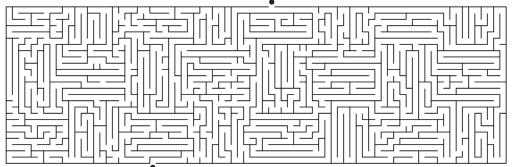
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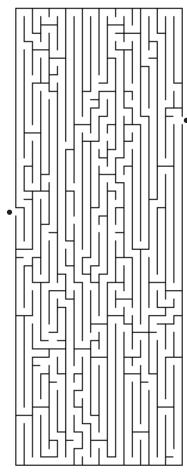
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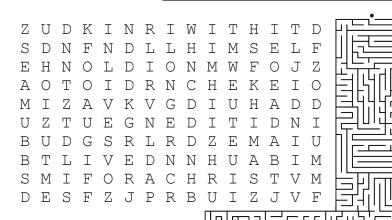




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'I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

GALATIANS 2:20

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