

GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING



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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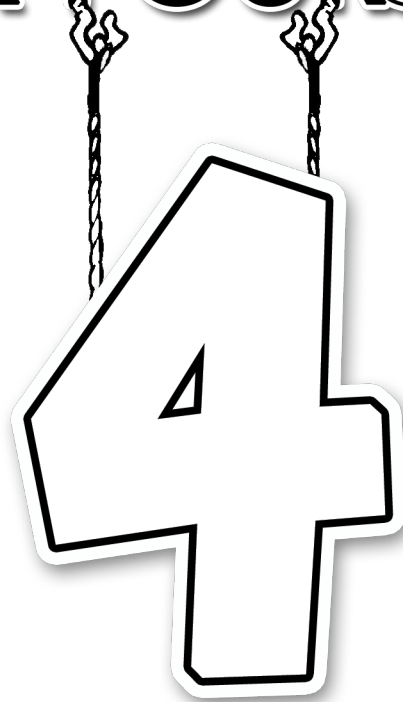
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OUR WORKS OR GOD'S SPIRIT



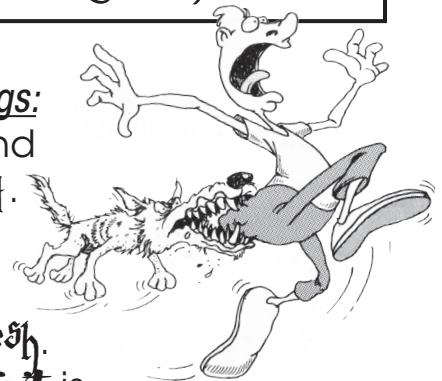
Some people try to come to **GOD** on their own good deeds and actions. Some people think they can go to heaven just by acting good. Even if you **TRY** to have good **fruit** in your life, it will not happen, **BECAUSE** good **fruit** comes from **ABIDING** in the tree!

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

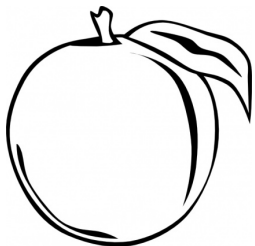
“This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the _____, or by the hearing of _____? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?”



Notice that the apostle is comparing two things:
The **SPiRiT**, which is related to **FAiTh** and Works, which are related to the **FLESH**.



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 **JESUS**, and stay connected (**ABIDE**) to Him, we will produce good **fruit** in our lives (*love: joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, etc.*).

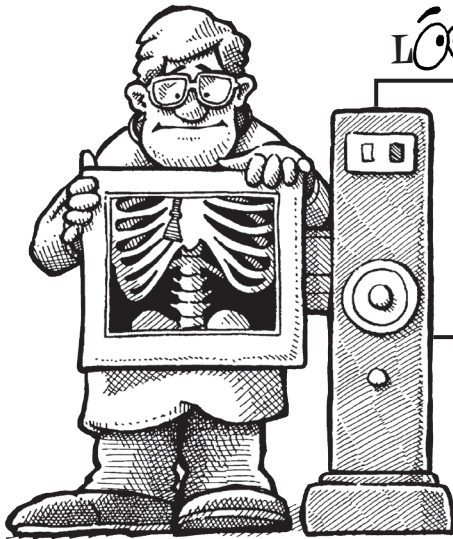


BONUS QUESTION: How do we stay connected to **JESUS**?

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**.



LOOK Up, **READ**, & **Fill in the Blank** of **2 CORINTHIANS 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.

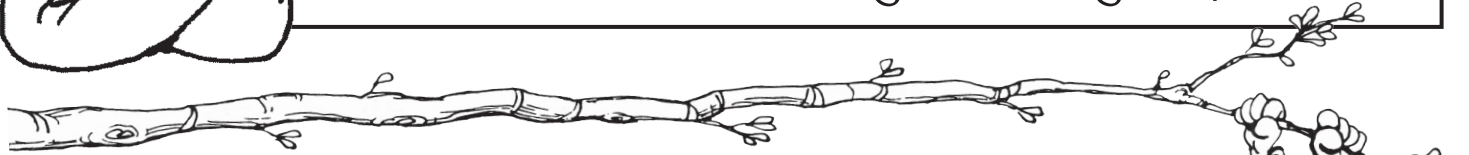




The *fruit* of the Christian life blossoms from us naturally as we **ABIDE** in **ἸΗΣΟΥΣ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΝ** through our **FAITH** in Him.

LOOK Up, **READ**, & **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 **ἸΗΣΟΥΣ**.

There is **NO** such thing as *fleshy* **FAITH!**

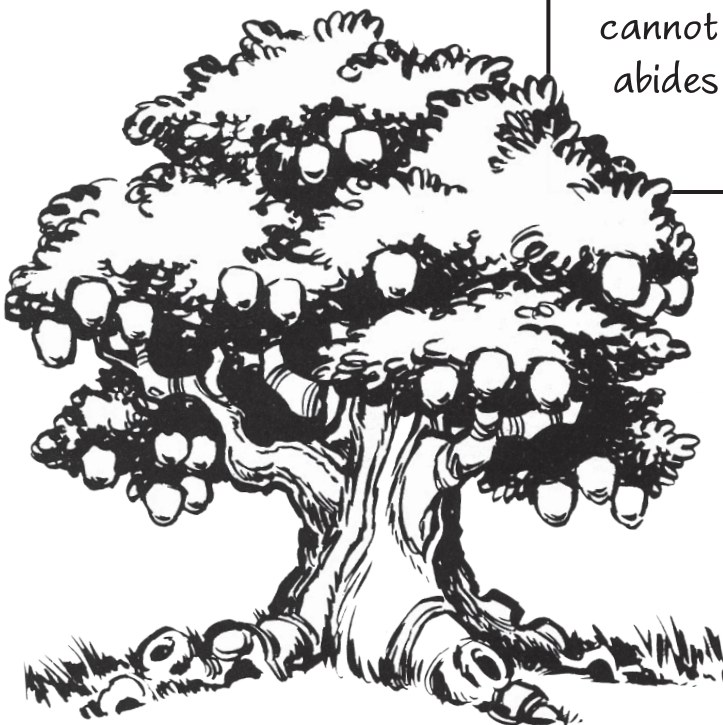
What are you trying to do that **GOD** has not called you to do?

GOD never recognizes or rewards the works of our *flesh*. On the other hand, He jealously desires that the *fruit* of the **Spirit** be increasingly characteristic of our lives.



LOOK Up, **READ**, & **Fill** in the Blanks of **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 _____ in Me.”



ἸΗΣΟΥΣ 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 re-examine our relationship with the Lord !

FORGIVEN



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 **ἸΗΣΟΥΣ** 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 **ἸΗΣΟΥΣ ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ** as your Savior and Lord, **GOD** forgives you of all your past. Because of your belief, **GOD** gives to you the righteousness of **ἸΗΣΟΥΣ**. 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**.

IT'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 Word, 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.



LOOK Up, **READ**, & Fill in the Blanks of **2 CORINTHIANS 5:14**

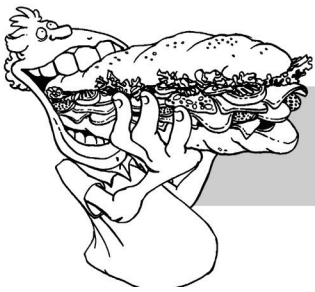
"For the _____ of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One _____ for all, then all died." 



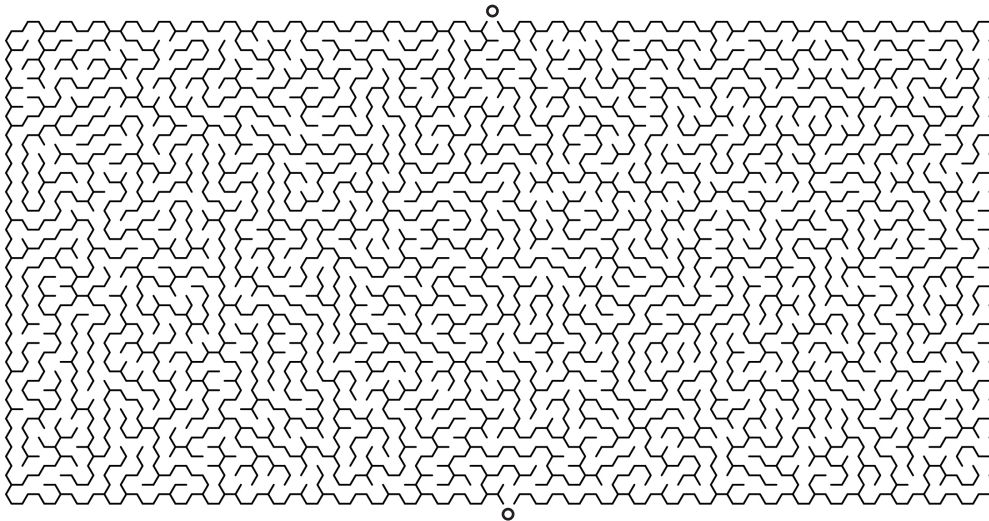
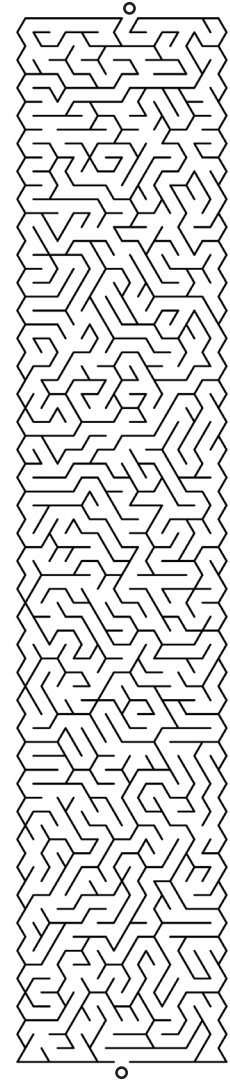
GOD is not interested in your works; He desires to enjoy your **fruit**; He calls you to rely upon His **Spirit**.

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

WE ARE ALL INVITED!!!
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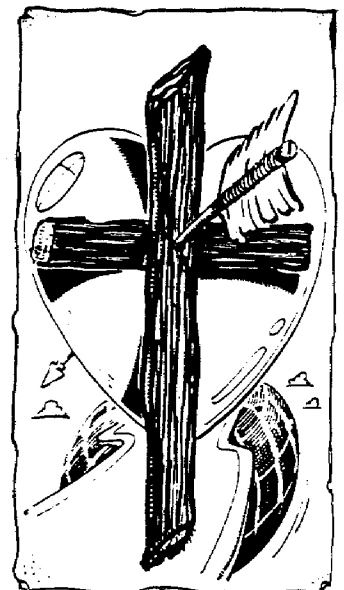
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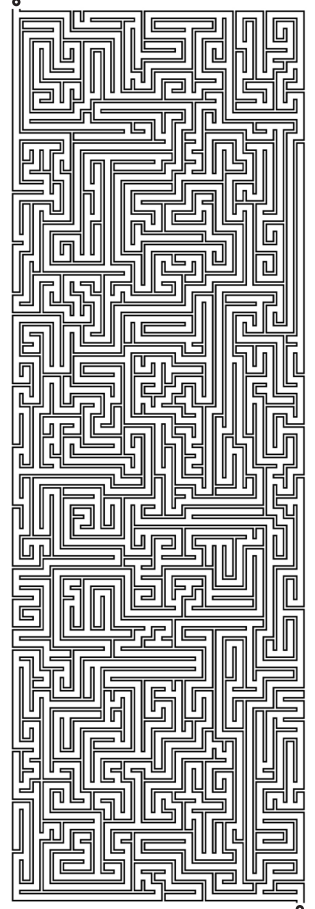
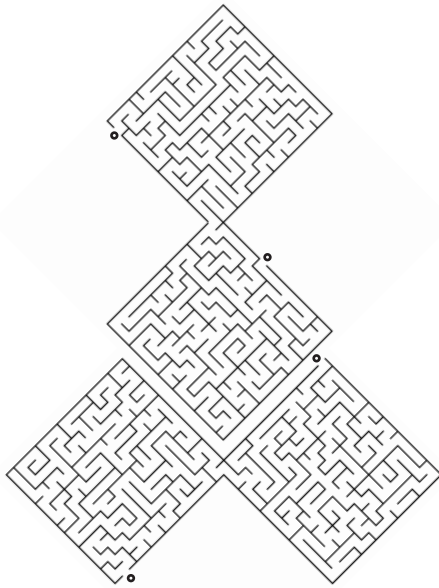


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