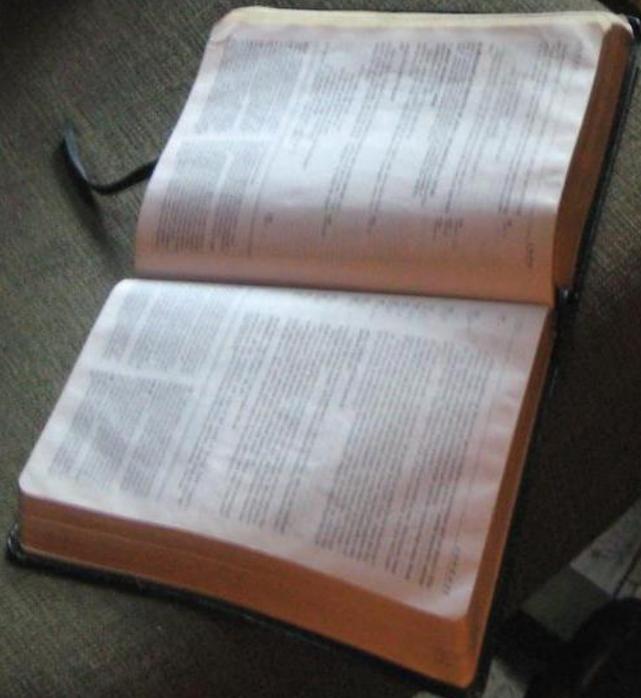


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I was talking to a person the other day and noticed that when they looked directly at me their eyes closed. As they talked they looked around, but when they were facing me their eyes closed. I have seen this in others. Actually, it is something that happens and the people who are doing it aren't even aware of it happening.

It is a pattern that they established at some point and it has become automatic. Why did they start doing it? Who knows. I'm sure a psychologist could come up with some good answers. I suppose there is some cause behind the behavior. Perhaps there was a time when this person was in a situation where he was not allowed to make eye contact with a person in authority and that produced an automatic aversion to looking someone in the eye.

Whatever the cause, the pattern was there. Can this person change this pattern? Yes, but it will take some work. Is changing the pattern worth the effort? That is a question that can only be answered by the person who displays the behavior.

The point here is that we all have patterns in our life that have been established in response to our environment, the circumstances of our lives, or because of a job that needed to be done.

Most of us have certain patterns we follow in washing ourselves in the shower, or when we look into the mirror to prepare our face for the day. When I shave

I follow a certain pattern. If something upsets my rhythm and my pattern gets off I feel all out of sorts until I realize what is wrong and correct it. I've actually started shaving, realized I was out of rhythm, stopped, washed by face and started over.

Patterns are powerful in our lives. Many of us have established patterns just as a course of life and haven't even given much thought to why we are doing certain things the way we do them. Usually, we began doing something as a convenience, or out of necessity. Some times it was a survival technique we developed.

There is the story of the young couple who had recently married and the wife had a peculiar way of preparing a roast. She would first lay the roast out on the corner and then cut about two inches off the end of it. She would throw away the piece she cut off, put the rest of the roast in the pan and cook it.

One day the husband asked why she did it that way. She said that was the way her mother taught her. He asked why it was done that way and she replied that it was just the right way to do it.

He wasn't satisfied so he went to his mother-in-law to find out why she prepared a roast that way. Her answer was the same. Her mother had done it that way. His curiosity was increased so he went to the grandmother. Her answer surprised him.

When he asked her why they prepared the roast that way she laughed and said, "Are they still doing that? When I first started cooking I just had one pan and the roast wouldn't fit so I would cut the end off to make it fit in the pan."

Patterns. We all have them in our lives. Some patterns have good common sense basis and others should have been changed long ago. Some of the patterns

we have established have been good for us and some have been unproductive, or even destructive.

In Philippians 4 Apostle Paul teaches about establishing patterns in our lives that will produce a wonderful result. In this passage he gives us instructions on how to live a faith filled life in every circumstance. He shows that **righteous rejoicing** coupled with **righteous thinking** produces a **righteous (or faith) attitude**. He then shows that **godly contentment** produces the kind of expectation that opens the windows of **God's great provision**.

If you will commit to establishing these new patterns in your life you will begin to see the riches of God's glory released for you. This booklet is about changing your life through establishing new paradigms.

RIGHTEOUS REJOICING PRODUCES PEACE

Philippians 4:4 **Rejoice in the Lord always.** I will say it again: Rejoice! 5)Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6)**Do not be anxious about anything,** but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7)**And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

Rejoice... and do not be anxious about anything. That sounds like a good idea; but how do we do that? It is interesting that he does not say, “revel in your joy.” But rather, he says, as an admonition, or command if you will, “rejoice.”

He is not giving permission to enjoy every joyous moment, but it appears that he is instructing us that we are to take opportunity in moments that would otherwise produce anxiety and make the conscious decision to rejoice. How strange.

How does one, in the midst of extremely stressful situations, become joyful? There appears to be but one explanation; something happens to release us from the moment of stress. What would that be?

I have read about people who have endured tragedy and have been moved by their misfortune. Then I have rejoiced, or at least became thankful that God had protected me from just such a circumstance. But how would I respond if I were in that situation?

What if everything around me was crumbling down but I knew that what would be there to replace what I lost was going to be better for me and my family

than the things I had lost? Would I be stressed if I knew that the old things I was loosing would be replaced by newer and better things?

God has consistently told us that our hope is not to be in this world or the things of this world. In Matthew six he tells us that we cannot put our confidence in this world and trust him at the same time. He said if we do we will wind up being devoted to one and neglecting the other.

Jesus actually said it this way: “No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money”(Matthew 6:24)

He went on to explain that we should not worry about the necessities of this life, clothing, food and shelter, but that in his love he will make provision for us in these matters. He gives the example of the birds and how they neither sow, or reap, nor store away in barns, yet they have plenty. And the flowers of the field that without any effort on their own are clothed with more beauty than anything man is able to create. Then he asks the question, “Are you not much more valuable than they?” (v 26)

Now here is the point. If our confidence is in the circumstances around us then we will always be on an emotional roller coaster. When things go our way we can easily rejoice, but when things do not go our way we find it difficult to keep from becoming depressed. But if our confidence is in God, and we have a proper understanding of his love and care for us, then regardless of what the circumstances dictate we know that the end will be better than the beginning because God, who loves us beyond human comprehension is in control.

Here is where Romans 8:28 comes into play. “And *we know* that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

God is trying to convince us that he is in control and that he is arranging the circumstances of our life for our ultimate benefit. The present circumstances may not appear to be the best for us now, but we know that God is using even adversity to prepare for us something better because we know that all things are working together for our good.

When we learn to live with this understanding it becomes easier to rejoice and not become anxious because God is using even this difficulty to work his will in us and ultimately produce a benefit for us.

Apostle Paul often compared our walk with God to an athlete. One who is going to run a race does not just get up one morning and say to himself, “I think I will run a marathon today.” A runner will spend many months, even years, of pain and sweat preparing to run in a race that he hopes to win. Are there times when he feels like giving up? You had better believe it. Are there times when the pain is practically unbearable? Absolutely! Then why go on? Because he knows that if he runs a good race he will win the prize. So, he rejoices in the pain because he knows that it is working a great reward in him.

So how do we rejoice in an otherwise stressful circumstance? We must consider the entire picture. If we just focus on the immediate situation we will easily become discouraged, but if we look at the big picture we can see the value in enduring now so that we can reap the benefit in the future.

God has many benefits he desires to give us, but he is hindered by our inability to endure the hardships that

prepare us and gives us character that enables us to properly handle the blessings he gives.

If we do not learn to rejoice in our present circumstances he is not going to give us his great glory. I was once working on a job that really frustrated me. One day I was working and praying and I was complaining to God that I knew that the job I had was not the best he had for me. Then he spoke to me saying, "No, son, this is not my best for you. But it is my place for you now. If you are not content with my place for you now then you will never have my best." I began to rejoice in that job.

What is really interesting is that when I accepted God's place for me for that time he began to open doors of ministry among my co-workers. God showed me that the church I was to pastor at that time was the place where I worked. When I accepted that responsibility God began to do his work.

I worked in that place almost three years. In that time I counted 13 men who had either become saved or who had recommitted their life to Christ.

One of the highlights of the time I spent there was on the day before Thanksgiving. The group of men that I was pastoring met by the forklifts to give thanks during lunch at this thanksgiving time. They each began to say what they were thankful for. One by one they thanked God for a pastor. They were moved that God would care enough for them to place a pastor among them to help guide them to Him.

It became easy to rejoice in the hardship of working in an undesirable circumstance when I realized that God had a purpose for me being there.

Practice trusting God in the circumstances of your life. If you can see the blessing in where you are, rejoice and thank God for it. If you can not yet see the benefit

of your present circumstances, rejoice and thank God that he is working in ways you can not yet see, but in all things rejoice. It is a good pattern.

Paul says, “Rejoice, in the Lord *always*. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God (Philippians 4:5-6).

We don't seem to have a problem with presenting our requests to God. Our prayers often consist of, “God I need... I want... I must have...” but I don't think that is the attitude Paul is trying to develop in this passage.

It is interesting that he connects “rejoice” and “be anxious” with the idea of gentleness. He writes, “Let your gentleness be evident to all.” That is an interesting thought.

What does gentleness have to do with rejoicing? Or what does gentleness have to do with being anxious? When Paul writes of being known by our gentleness it appears that he is implying that in the process of learning to trust God in all things we gain a peace in knowing that he will come through in every circumstance. This confidence gives us peace; peace gives us comfort; comfort removes anxiety. Without anxiety over the outcome we begin to lose the edge that produces harshness in our lives.

You cannot truly rejoice in all things and have God bring his peace into your life without gaining a new gentleness in your life. All of the need for abruptness, and hardness is gone. We can be open and vulnerable because we know that it is not people, or circumstance, that are in control of our life. It is the God in whom we trust and rejoice.

Look at the progression Paul is giving us:

1. In verse 4 he sets up a standard; Rejoice in all things.
2. Then in verses 5 and 6 he begins to direct us in a lifestyle that produces the ability to rejoice; do not be anxious about anything.
3. How do we accomplish that? In verse 7 he tells us that by learning to be thankful and dependent upon God we begin to trust him.
4. When we learn to trust him, he gives us his peace that guards our hearts and minds (v7).
5. Then it is easy to rejoice because we know that he is in control.

How do we develop the pattern of not being anxious for anything? The simple answer is Trust God! *The challenge is how to do that.* How do I know that Trusting God will work?

1. **The Experience Of Others:** who do you know that has trusted God and seen change? Look around you and ask the question, "What makes the committed Christian so different?"
2. **Your Own Experience:** has there ever been a time when you felt the presence of God and just knew that He was working things out? Then trust that feeling.
3. **God's Word:** This is the cornerstone of faith - What God has said he would do.

We first looked at the experience of ourselves and others, not because it is more important than God's word, but because we tend to first validate by experience, then we check out the facts.

When we have experience that is consistent with what God's word says, then we will have success. Success is produced because of God's promise not because of our experience.

PRACTICING RIGHT THINKING PRODUCES GOD'S PRESENCE

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers, whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable**--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--**think about such things.** 9) **Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice.** *And the God of peace will be with you.*

Vince Lombardi, a well known football coach of the past, used to say, "Practice does not make perfect. Perfect practice makes perfect."

We are all practicing thinking daily (at least most of us think daily); the question is what kind of thinking are we practicing?

Practice these things:

1. Thinking on things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable.

A lot of our thinking has to do with ourselves. When we enter a room filled with people we often think, "I wonder what these people are thinking about me." Those thoughts are often born out of a sense of inadequacy and a feeling that others don't really accept us.

Those thoughts are usually the result of how we have thought of ourselves in the past and far too often they are not true and do not reflect the kind of thinking Paul has told us to have.

In the latter part of this booklet there are scriptures given which tell the truth about how God sees us. Those are the things we need to be thinking. Begin thinking those thoughts today.

2. Whatever your spiritual leaders have instructed you in, do those things.

We all need spiritual leaders in our lives. The Scripture tells us that they are watching out for our spiritual well-being. We need to hear what they are saying, evaluate that with what God says in his word, then follow those instructions which are consistent with God's word.

3. Whatever you have seen your spiritual leaders do, do those things.

Find a mentor who knows and practices the positive influence of scriptural principles and prayer. Let that person know you are looking to them for spiritual guidance and go often to them for encouragement and direction.

Some of us have found it difficult to submit to another person in this way, but when we are able to look to a mentor for guidance, and follow what they teach us, we have been blessed.

GODLY CONTENTMENT PRODUCES A “CAN DO” ATTITUDE

Philippians 4:11 - **I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.** 12)I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13)**I can do everything through him who gives me strength.**

Paul wrote to Timothy, “**Godliness with contentment is great gain**” (1 Timothy 6:6).

- ✓ Godliness is our attitude toward God. Some have thought that godliness was the way we act or talk. Those things are not godliness, they are a reflection of the godliness that is in our heart and projected by our attitude toward God.
- ✓ One Bible dictionary calls godliness a “God-ward attitude, that which seeks to please him.” A person does not become godly by trying to be good. A person becomes godly by submitting their heart to God and accepting his Spirit which then gives us the desire to please him.
- ✓ While Paul was content, that is, at peace with God, in every circumstance, at the same time he

was actively in pursuit of that which he knew pleased God.

It is a real challenge to balance being content with what God has provided and being zealous to gaining more in the kingdom, but those who learn to balance zeal and contentment achieve great things for God.

- ✓ Godly contentment seems to be the ability to rest in whatever God provides as the harvest for our labors, while we are constantly diligent to seek earnestly do his will.

There is a harvest for our labors, and we should look forward to that, but we are to understand that it is He who provides the harvest, we just provide the labor.

- ✓ The result of a lifestyle of godly contentment is that we become convinced that through Christ we can endure anything and fulfill his purposes.

There is no circumstance in life which can get us off track when we have become convinced of God's purpose for our life and are committed to living out those purposes.

Whatever He has called us to do, we can do, because, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

FAITHFUL LIVING AND FAITHFUL GIVING PRODUCE GOD'S PROVISION

Philippians 4:14 Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. 15)Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; 16)for even when I was in Thessalonica, **you sent me aid again and again when I was in need.** 17)Not that I am looking for a gift, but **I am looking for what may be credited to your account.** 18)I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. 19)**And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.**

Paul concludes this message of instruction with the hope of God's provision. He was not offering God's most and best to just anyone; he was offering it to those who had been faithful with what God had provided them.

It appears that the church at Philippi had learned to Rejoice, even in adversity. They learned to:

- ✓ Think right, even when there was ample opportunity to succumb to "gossip thinking"

- ✓ Give generously, even when they were in need.

- ✓ And most of all; they learned that they could do everything through him who gives strength
- ✓ And that as they served him with godly contentment he would provide all of their needs according to his glorious riches.

Success in life does not come by fiat - it comes by consistently applying the right principles. Successful people will tell you that it wasn't just opportunity, it was being prepared for opportunity that gave them success.

To change your life and become successful in your journey of faith you must be intentional in changing your patterns. Change the things you do by changing how you think.

Remember this:

- ✓ Righteous rejoicing with (v4)
- ✓ Righteous thinking and a (v8)
- ✓ Righteous attitude (v13)

Work together to produce Righteous Provision (v19)

Who You Are As A Child Of God

Perhaps among the greatest disappointments to God has been our lack of understanding who we are. We very well know that we are sinners. Our faults, failures and limitations are glaringly before us. We have come to believe what the world has said we must be. Our environment, family, socio-economic level, and psychologists have all told us what we are and what we are to become. All of this is based upon the limited knowledge and reason of man. What follows is a gathering of scripture based ideas of what we are to God.

We have been held captive in a box that defines who we are as a person without God, and too often we carry that definition over into our life as a Christian. We forget that when we come to God we are “born again” and we become “new creations.” We are no longer held captive by the circumstances that have formed us into the person we have been; Who we are is now defined by the revelation of God’s will to us.

This booklet contains much of the information That God has given us concerning who we are in him as a new creation.

Affirming your faith in Christ

Lord, I -here and now- take my stand of faith in You and say that:

1. I choose Jesus Christ as my God (He is Almighty, Creator and Ruler)
2. I choose Jesus Christ as my Savior (He died on the Cross for me)
3. I choose Jesus Christ as my Best Friend. (He Eternally Loves me and Accepts me)
4. I choose Jesus Christ as the most important Person in my life (Only He can give real meaning to my life)
5. I choose Jesus Christ as my Lord (to command and control my life)
6. I choose Jesus Christ as my Eternal Teacher (He knows Everything)
7. I choose Jesus Christ as my Only Guide (Only He is Trustworthy)
8. I choose my position in Christ (He has made of me a Child of God)
9. I choose to be Free in Christ (I am under no restriction to be saved)
10. I choose Victory in Christ (I can do all things He wants me to do)

Thank God I am Free!

Galatians 5:1 – It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

I thank God for what He has provided for me. Through what Jesus Christ did for me on the Cross of Calvary I can claim:

1. Freedom from my Old Sinful Nature
2. Freedom from all hurts, fears, guilt, and shame of my past.
3. Freedom from ignorance, defeat, resentment and condemnation.
4. Freedom from my self-centeredness, selfishness, self-obsession and egotism.
5. Freedom from the need and desire of all addictive substances.
6. Freedom from all compulsive and unhealthy behavior.
7. Freedom from all codependent relationships.

Having received Christ in my heart and life –through Faith, repentance and Confession- I acknowledge who I am (my identity):

1. I am His most wonderful Creation.

- ❖ **Ephesians 2:10** - For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
- ❖ I am God's creation, God doesn't make any trash; I am made in his image for his glory

- ❖ **Psalm 139:13-14** - For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
- ❖ The hand of the almighty has created me a unique specimen of his creative love - I will not cease to praise him for what he has done.

2. I am in Christ, and Christ is in me

- ❖ **John 14:20** - "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you."
- ❖ We have become one with Christ. If I can accept it, I am Christ to those in my world.

3. I am a Child of God.

- ❖ **John 1:12** - “Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”
- ❖ God has given me the right to become anything that a child of divine lineage can become.

- ❖ **1 John 3:1** - “How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!”

- ❖ We are both born and adopted by our Father; every promise he has given and is recorded in his word, is ours.

4. I am a living Temple of God.

- ❖ **1 Corinthians 3:16** - “Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you?”

- ❖ Religions around the world have built temples to house their gods and God has chosen to take up residence on the inside of his people; we are not only the people of God, we are the house of God.

- ❖ **1 Corinthians 6:19** - “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.”

- ❖ We made a trade. We were living in a house of decay with no eternal hope; God chose to give us a house not made by the will of man, or the hand of man, one that is eternal. As the temple of God we are blessed with eternal life.

5. I am a Partaker of His Divine Nature.

- ❖ **2 Peter 1:4** - “Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.”
- ❖ As children of God we participate in the divine nature. We have been given access to the resources of divinity - to the extent that it is possible in the flesh, we have divine power.

6. I am an extremely significant as a person.

- ❖ **Ephesians 2:10** - “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus...”
- ❖ All of the creative craftsmanship of God has been brought to bear in the creation of man, in his very image.
- ❖ **Psalm 139:14** - “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made...”
- ❖ Not only was the hand of God evident in the original man, he watches over the formation, birth and life of every person who comes into

this world; there are no insignificant no-bodies to God.

7. I am a joint-heir with Him of the Glory of the Father.

- ❖ **Romans 8:17** - “Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.”

- ❖ In this becoming process as the children of God we are also becoming heirs and co-heirs with Christ. As we grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ God releases more of his glorious inheritance into our lives.

8. I am a new person.

- ❖ **2 Corinthians 5:17** - “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.”

- ❖ Thank God I am a new creation; I am not what I want to be, neither am I what I was and I am not what I am going to be. I am a new creation that is becoming like him.

- ❖ **Ephesians 4:24** “You were taught, with regard to your former way of life: to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

- ❖ The only way we can progress in this journey of becoming is to “put off” and “put on.” As we put off the old attitude, and adopt a new attitude we are becoming righteous and holy.

9. I am dead to sin.

- ❖ **Romans 6:8-11** - “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. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”
- ❖ Just as Christ through his death defeated the hold of sin, so we through

10. I am victorious over fear.

- ❖ **2 Timothy 1:7** - “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.”
- ❖ My confidence is in the power of God and I am not intimidated by this world

11. I am full of goodness, knowledge and able to counsel.

- ❖ **Romans 15:14** - “I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another.”

- ❖ God's word rests in me, therefore it is has made me good and complete and able to counsel others.

12. I am being conformed to His image. I am a prince in life.

- ❖ **Romans 5:17** - "For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in and through the one man, Jesus Christ."

13. I am justified by faith.

- ❖ **Romans 5:1** - "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- ❖ Justified: just as if I'd not sinned. What a thought.

14. I am not ashamed of the gospel.

- ❖ **Romans 1:16** - "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile"
- ❖ God's grace and power in me has taken shame and fear out of my life. I am confident in him.

15. I am born again.

- ❖ **John 3:3,5** - "I tell you the truth, unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

16. I am His Ambassador.

- ❖ **Corinthians 5:20** - "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."

17. I am an earthen vessel of God's treasure. (II Corinthians 4:7)

- ❖ **2 Corinthians 4:7** - "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all."

18. I am a servant of the new covenant. (II Corinthians 3:6)

- ❖ **2 Corinthians 3:6** - "He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant - not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."

My Characteristics As A Believer in Christ:

I am forgiven of all sin - I John 2:12; Col. 2:13

I am loved immeasurably - John 3:16

I am accepted in the Beloved. Eph.1:6 KJV

I am pleasing to God. Col.1:10

I am complete. Col. 1:28; 2:10

I am righteous by His blood. II Cor.5:21

I am holy and blameless. Co1.1:22

I am sanctified in the truth of God's word. John 17:17

I am a saint. Co1.1:2; Phil. 1:1; Eph. 1:1

I am as He is in this world. I John 4:17

I am Victorious over Satan. James 4:7; Luke 10:19; Rev. 12:11

I am Victorious over sin. Rom 6:14,18.

I am more than a conqueror. Rom.8:37

I am an overcomer of the world. I John 5:4

I am Free from all condemnation. Rom 8:1

I am a resident of Christ's Kingdom. Col. 1:13

I am bold and confident. Eph. 3:6 I am able to do all things. Phil 4:13

Where I Am Positionally in Christ:

I am saved by His grace. Eph.2:8, Acts 16:31

I am eternally chosen. Ephesians 1:4

I am secure. Heb.13:5; John 6:37

I am received into God's family. John 1:12; John 17:9

I am protected from the evil one. John 17:15

I am crucified with Him. Gal.2:20; Rom.6:3

I am buried with Him. Romans 6:4

I am Free from the law of sin and death. Rom. 8:2

I am raised to walk in newness of life. Romans 6:4

I am enthroned in heavenly places. Col.3:1; Eph. 2:6

I am delivered from the domain of darkness. Col. 1:13

I am reconciled to God. Col. 1:22

I am provided for Phil. 4:19

I am sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. Eph. 1:13

I am bought with the Highest Price. I Cor. 6:20

I am inseparable from God's love. Rom 8:35-39

As A Consequence of Who I am, What I am and Where I am:

I am enjoying His peace - John 14:27

I am walking in a manner worthy of the Lord -Col. 1:10

I am considered worthy to suffer shame for His Name - Acts 5:41

I am authorized to have power over demons Luke - 9:1,2

I am filled with power of the Holy Spirit - Acts.1:8

I am being guided by the Holy Spirit of Truth - John 16:13

I am walking by faith, not by sight - 2 Cor. 5:7

I am a sweet aroma of the knowledge of Christ - 2 Cor. 2:14

I am being transformed into the glory of the Lord - 2 Cor 3:18

I am being renewed in the inner man day by day - 2 Cor. 4:16

I am blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places - Eph 1:3

I am not a hireling of the sheep - John 10:13

I am healed by His stripes - Isa. 53:5; I Peter 2:24

As A Believer In Christ I AM...

A child of God (Romans 8:14-16)

Redeemed from the hand of the enemy (Psalms 107:2)

Forgiven (Colossians 1:13-14)

Saved by Grace through Faith (Ephesians 2:8)

Justified (Romans 5:1)

Sanctified (I Corinthians 5:17)

A New Creature (II Corinthians 5:17)

Partaker of His Divine Nature (II Peter 1:4)

Redeemed from the curse of the Law (Galatians 3:13)

Delivered from the powers of darkness (Colossians 1:13)

Led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14)

Kept in Safety wherever I go (Psalms 8:14)

Getting all my needs met by Jesus Christ

(Philippians 4:15)

Casting all my cares on Jesus Christ (1 Peter 5:7)

Strong in the Lord and in the Power of His Might

(Ephesians 6:10)

Able to do all things through Christ who strengthens me

(Phil. 4:13)

An Heir of God and a joint Heir with Jesus

(Romans 8:17)

An heir to the blessings of Abraham (Galatians 3:13-14)

Able to accomplish in Christ the Lord's Commandments

(Deut. 28:12)

Blessed Coming in and Blessed going out (Deut. 28:6)

An Heir of Eternal Life (1 John 5:11-12)

Blessed with all kinds of Spiritual Blessings

(Ephesians 1:3)

Healed in my soul by the stripes on His Body

(1 Peter 2:24)

Able to Exercise His Authority over the Enemy

(Luke 10:19)

The head and not the tail (Deuteronomy 28:13)

More than a conqueror (Romans 8:37)

Establishing God's Word here on Earth (Matthew 16:19)

An Overcomer by the Blood of the Lamb and the Word
of His Testimony (Revelation 12:11)

Can daily overcome the Devil (1 John 4:4)

Not moved by what I see (2 Corinthians 4:18)

Walking by Faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Casting down vain imaginations (2 Corinthians 10:4, 5)

Bringing every thought into captivity- 2 Corinthians 10:5

Am transformed by renewing my mind (Romans 12:1, 2)

A laborer together with God (2 Corinthians 5:21)

The righteousness of God in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21)

An imitator of Jesus (Ephesians 5:1)

Light to this World (Mathew 5:14)

Blessing and praising the Lord at all times (34:1)

New Features of the Daily God Walk

Daily God Walk Online

We are now offering internet access to the Daily God Walk. We are posting the Daily God Walk as an e-book and giving our readers an opportunity to register to receive it monthly. At present we are only offering it in a format for the computer, but we will soon have it available for mobile devices.

Small Group Study Guide for Daily God Walk

So many people are responding to the messages in our devotional that we are now offering a study guide each month to help those who want to use the Daily God Walk for discussions in small groups. The study guide is available online at:

www.biblestudydevotions.com/studyguide.html

Tips on Leading a Small Group

We have found that there are many folks who want to lead small groups so now you will also find, in the back of the book each month, tips on using the Daily God Walk as a text for small group discussions as well.

Small Group Coaching Online

For many years a focus of our ministry has been small group meetings. We have found that spiritual growth takes place when small groups of believers gather to discuss the Scripture, pray together, share the issues of life and fellowship together.

That is our motivation for expanding our ministry to include small group coaching. If you lead a small group, sometimes called cell group, or if you would like to be a leader, I encourage you to check out our small group site:

www.biblestudydevotions.com/Small-Group_Coach_One.html

Our hope is that the entire Daily God Walk program will be a blessing to you, a help for spiritual growth and an asset to your ministry.

