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INTRODUCTION

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised.

—*Hebrews 10:23 (KJV)*

THE BIBLE REVEALS AN ESSENTIAL QUALITY of real faith—it speaks!¹ God’s first creative act was to speak: “Let there be light.”² Jesus is called the “Word of God”—He must have a lot to say!³ And the believer is here exhorted to “hold fast” to his profession of faith. The word “profession” (translated “confession” in NASB and NKJV) comes from the Greek word *homologia* which literally means “to say the same thing.” So, when Christians confess their faith, they are saying the same thing God has said in His Word—they are agreeing with God’s Word and declaring it out loud.

In Romans 10:8-10, the apostle Paul explains how the “Word of Faith” needs to be in two places—in our mouth and in our heart:

But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the Word of

¹ 2 Corinthians 4:13

² Genesis 1:3

³ Revelation 19:13

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Faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

“Confess” here is derived from the same Greek word *homologeō*, and Paul stresses that this confession is essential to our salvation. He later uses the same word when he commended Timothy for laying hold of eternal life and for having “confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”⁴

In Mark 11:22-23, Jesus was teaching important principles about faith:

“Have faith in God,” Jesus answered. “I tell you the truth, if anyone *says* [emphasis added] to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he *says* [emphasis added] will happen, it will be done for him.”

Firstly, we must have faith in God. Secondly, we must believe and not doubt. But twice Jesus emphasized the importance of *speaking* faith out loud: “If anyone *SAYS* to this mountain... [and] believes that what he *SAYS* will happen, it will be done for him.” This is not hocus-pocus or some weird mind-over-matter exercise. The Bible states that the tongue has the power of life and death (Proverbs 18:21). What we say matters! So often we are speaking death over our life and circumstances by contradicting what God has already

⁴ 1 Timothy 6:12 (NKJV)

declared to be true in His Word. God's Word is living and powerful (Hebrews 4:12), and when we declare His Word in faith, life and power are released into the situation.

God assured Joshua of prosperity and success in his life if he would do three things: (1) meditate on His Word day and night; (2) be careful to do everything written in God's Word; and (3) not let the Word depart from his *mouth* (Joshua 1:8). Joshua needed to keep God's Word in his heart, in his daily practice, but he also needed to keep it in his mouth! When we confess God's Word out loud, we are agreeing with what He has already decreed about our circumstances.

God told the prophet Ezekiel to speak to a great pile of dry bones lying on a valley floor:

Then He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the Word of the LORD!'"
(Ezekiel 37:4)

What a strange command! But the prophet obeyed, and the bones listened because Ezekiel was speaking the Word of the Lord. On another occasion, Israel came to a well in the Sinai desert. Rather than draw water from the well, the Scripture says they *sang* to it! That's right, they sang to the well:

Then Israel sang this song: "Spring up, O well! Sing to it."
(Numbers 21:17 NASB)

The Scriptures reveal two powerful weapons that enable God's people to overcome the devil:

They overcame him [the devil, Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony... (Revelation 12:11).

They triumphed over the devil through the blood of the Lamb (what Christ accomplished through His atoning sacrifice on the Cross) and the word of their testimony – their spoken confession of God’s Word. Their faith in Christ and their spoken word declaring what God had already stated in His Word brought them victory.

How to Use this Book

My Confession of Faith is a collection of declarations from the Word of God intended to be read aloud in much the same way that Jesus proclaimed repeatedly in the wilderness, “It is written!” It is a tool to help the believer “prophesy” like Ezekiel and speak life to the dry bones and difficult challenges of their life.

My Confession of Faith can be used in your own personal prayer time, in a small group setting, or even in larger prayer gatherings. You may choose a certain section that addresses a present need or situation, or you may read the entire book out loud at one sitting (my wife and I have done it countless times!).

So, start speaking to your mountains, prophesying to the dry bones, and singing to desert wells! The Word of Faith is near you – it is right there in your mouth.

DEAR GOD...

BECAUSE YOUR WORD SAYS THAT THE TONGUE has the power of life and death⁵ and that we overcome the devil by the word of our testimony,⁶ and since Your Word says, “Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,”⁷ therefore I, like Ezekiel, will prophesy to the dry bones of my life;⁸ and just as Jesus did in the wilderness, I will declare, “It is written.”⁹ By faith, I will sing to the dry wells around me, saying, “Spring up, O well! Sing to it!”¹⁰

The Word of Faith is near me – it is in my heart and in my mouth; therefore, with my heart I will believe, and with my mouth I will confess Your Word unto salvation.¹¹ Because I believe, I also speak – with the same spirit of faith I believe and therefore I speak.¹² You spoke the worlds into existence by Your mighty Word, and You call into being things that do not exist.¹³ You are ALWAYS

⁵ Proverbs 18:21

⁶ Revelation 12:11

⁷ Psalm 107:2

⁸ Ezekiel 37:1-10

⁹ Matthew 4:1-11

¹⁰ Numbers 21:17 (NASB)

¹¹ Romans 10:8-10

¹² 2 Corinthians 4:13

¹³ Romans 4:17

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watching over Your Word to perform it.¹⁴ Your Word says that my tongue is like the pen of a skillful writer¹⁵ and that I can write Your Word on the tablet of my heart.¹⁶

Regardless of the situations in my life, I declare that You are good ALL the time and that Your mercy and love are everlasting!¹⁷ God, it is because of Your great love that we are not consumed; Your compassions NEVER fail—they are new EVERY morning; great is Your faithfulness!¹⁸ ALL of Your exceeding great and precious promises¹⁹ are “Yes” in Christ, and we say, “Amen” to each and every one of them!²⁰ Your Word is true, forever settled and firm in heaven²¹ — it is IMPOSSIBLE for You to lie!²² Even when we are faithless, You remain faithful.²³

¹⁴ Jeremiah 1:12

¹⁵ Psalm 45:1

¹⁶ Proverbs 3:3

¹⁷ Psalm 136:1

¹⁸ Lamentations 3:22-23

¹⁹ 2 Peter 1:4

²⁰ 2 Corinthians 1:20

²¹ Psalm 119:89

²² Hebrews 6:18

²³ 2 Timothy 2:13

NO CONDEMNATION

I AM A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST—ALL of the old things have passed away, and ALL things have become new in my life.²⁴ ALL of my past sins have been forgiven and cast into the sea of God's forgetfulness.²⁵ My sins and iniquities He will remember no more.²⁶ As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed all my transgressions from me.²⁷ God does not treat me as my sins deserve or repay me according to my iniquities, but He is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love.²⁸

Jesus took all of the punishment that I deserved for my sins through His cruel death on the Cross.²⁹ The sinless One became a sin offering, bearing all of the judgment and condemnation for my sins.³⁰ Through Christ's death, I have been reconciled to God and presented to Him without blemish, holy in His sight and free from

²⁴ 2 Corinthians 5:17

²⁵ Micah 7:19

²⁶ Hebrews 10:17

²⁷ Psalm 103:12

²⁸ Psalm 103:8-10

²⁹ Isaiah 53:4-6

³⁰ Romans 8:3-4

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ALL accusation!³¹ I am the righteousness of God in Christ,³² justified by the blood of Jesus,³³ so I can now come boldly into the Most Holy Place in full assurance of faith by His blood.³⁴ I am accepted in the Beloved through God's grace³⁵—He will NEVER cast out those who come to His Son Jesus Christ.³⁶

God in His great mercy has given me new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.³⁷ I have been born again through God's imperishable seed, the living and enduring Word of God.³⁸ Through faith in Jesus Christ, I have been born from above—born of God—and God is now my Father.³⁹

There is NO condemnation for those who are in Christ. NO ONE can bring ANY charge against me, for I am one of God's chosen. Because God is for me, who can be against me? I believe Christ Jesus died for me, was raised to life, and right now is sitting at the right hand of God interceding for me. NOTHING can separate me from the love of Christ. In ALL situations, at ALL times, I am more than a conqueror through Him who loved me.⁴⁰

³¹ Colossians 1:22

³² 2 Corinthians 5:21

³³ Romans 5:9

³⁴ Hebrews 10:19-22

³⁵ Ephesians 1:6 (KJV)

³⁶ John 6:37 (NASB)

³⁷ 1 Peter 1:3

³⁸ 1 Peter 1:23

³⁹ John 1:13; 3:3-8 (AMP)

⁴⁰ Romans 8:1, 31-39

THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM

BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST, my Savior and Lord, I am a child of Abraham; and because I have faith, I am blessed along with Abraham.⁴¹ Since I belong to Christ, I am Abraham's seed, and I am an heir according to the promise. Everything that was promised to Abraham is mine through Jesus Christ; like Isaac, I am also a child of promise.⁴² As a child of Abraham, You have promised to bless me: my children will be blessed, the works of my hands will be blessed, I will be blessed when I go out and when I come in, my house will be blessed, and my crops will be blessed. You will bless me and make me a blessing to nations.⁴³

You have blessed me with EVERY spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms in Christ.⁴⁴ ALL the peoples on the earth will see that I am called by Your Name, and they will fear You. You will give me descendants like the stars in the sky, and they will take possession of the cities of their enemies; through them, ALL nations on the earth will be blessed. You have made me the head and not

⁴¹ Galatians 3:7-9

⁴² Galatians 3:22; 4:28

⁴³ Deuteronomy 28:1-14

⁴⁴ Ephesians 1:3

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the tail. I will ALWAYS be at the top, NEVER at the bottom. I will be fruitful and prosperous, and I will lend to nations but borrow from none. I will have abundant prosperity so that I can be a blessing to many and meet the needs of others. Our barns will be filled with EVERY kind of provision. Our sheep will increase by thousands, by tens of thousands in our fields; there will be NO breaching of walls, NO going into captivity, NO cry of distress in our streets. Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD.⁴⁵

⁴⁵ Psalm 144:13-15

IDENTITY IN CHRIST

I AM NOT DEFINED BY WHO PEOPLE OR THE DEVIL say I am; I am not even defined by what I may think about myself – my true identity is defined by what God says about me in His Word. Let God be true, and every man a liar!⁴⁶ God's Word tells me that I am fearfully and wonderfully made⁴⁷ by God in His own image.⁴⁸ I am a child of God,⁴⁹ loved by my heavenly Father with the same love He has for His Son Jesus Christ.⁵⁰ And Jesus loves me just as the Father loved Him.⁵¹ God's love for me is unconditional, unending, and everlasting;⁵² He shows love to a thousand generations of those who love Him.⁵³

I have been chosen by God in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight; I have redemption and forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus.⁵⁴ I am a new creation in Christ; I have been reconciled to God and I have become the

⁴⁶ Romans 3:4

⁴⁷ Psalm 139:13-16

⁴⁸ Genesis 1:26

⁴⁹ 1 John 3:1

⁵⁰ John 17:23

⁵¹ John 15:9

⁵² Psalm 51:1; Jeremiah 31:3

⁵³ Exodus 20:6

⁵⁴ Ephesians 1:4-7

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righteousness of God in Christ.⁵⁵ I am complete in Christ—I have been given fullness in Him, and His divine power has given me everything I need for life and godliness.⁵⁶ I have been sealed with God’s Holy Spirit and raised up with Christ; I am now seated with Christ in heavenly places, and I am God’s workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God has already prepared in advance for me to do.⁵⁷

I am a child of the light—I do not belong to the night or to the darkness—I belong to the day.⁵⁸ He has delivered me from the power of darkness and translated me into the Kingdom of His dear Son.⁵⁹ I belong to God and His people—a chosen people, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation declaring the praises of Him who called me out of darkness into His wonderful light.⁶⁰ Because I have received the Spirit of sonship, the Spirit Himself testifies with my spirit that I am a child of God, which makes me an heir of God and co-heir with Jesus Christ!⁶¹ All things are mine —the world, life, death, the present, and the future—all are mine!⁶² And since God did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely and graciously give me ALL things!⁶³ Jesus is my Good Shepherd, and I am His sheep; He has given me eternal life, and I will never perish; NO ONE can ever snatch me out of His hand or out of His Father’s hand.⁶⁴

⁵⁵ 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

⁵⁶ Colossians 2:10 (KJV); 2 Peter 1:3

⁵⁷ Ephesians 2:4-10

⁵⁸ 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8

⁵⁹ Colossians 1:13 (KJV)

⁶⁰ 1 Peter 2:9-10

⁶¹ Romans 8:15-17

⁶² 1 Corinthians 3:21-22

⁶³ Romans 8:32

⁶⁴ John 10:27-28

TRUST IN GOD, NOT IN MAN

I KNOW IT IS BETTER TO TRUST IN THE LORD than to put my confidence in princes.⁶⁵ I will fix my eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of my faith.⁶⁶ I will not look to man to meet ANY of my needs, but I will trust solely in Him, for My God shall provide ALL my needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.⁶⁷ Like King David, I have NEVER seen the righteous forsaken, or their children begging bread.⁶⁸ The Lord is my Shepherd, and I shall NEVER be in want.⁶⁹ I will depend on the Lord and put my trust and confidence in Him; I will not depend on flesh.⁷⁰

I will call on the Lord in prayer, knowing that WHATEVER I ask for according to His will, I shall receive.⁷¹ God gives good gifts to those who ask Him⁷²—EVERY good and perfect gift comes from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness or shadow of turning.⁷³ There is NOTHING too hard for the Lord⁷⁴—ALL

⁶⁵ Psalm 118:8-9

⁶⁶ Hebrews 12:2

⁶⁷ Philippians 4:19

⁶⁸ Psalm 37:25

⁶⁹ Psalm 23:1

⁷⁰ Jeremiah 17:5

⁷¹ Matthew 21:22; John 15:7, 16; 1 John 5:14-15

⁷² Matthew 7:7

⁷³ James 1:17

⁷⁴ Genesis 18:14; Jeremiah 32:17

things are possible when I believe. He is able to do immeasurably more than I ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within me.⁷⁵ When I lack wisdom, He will give me His wisdom generously, without finding fault or chiding me.⁷⁶

God's Presence is with me ALWAYS, even to the very end of the age—I am never alone.⁷⁷ He will NEVER, ever leave me or forsake me; the Lord is my Helper—I will not fear what man can do to me.⁷⁸ God will keep me as the apple of His eye and hide me in the shadow of His wings.⁷⁹ My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let my foot slip—He who watches over me neither slumbers nor sleeps. The sun will not harm me by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep me from all harm—He will watch over my coming and going both now and forevermore.⁸⁰ God has sent His angels to serve those who will inherit salvation;⁸¹ the angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him.⁸² The Word of God says, "Let the weak say I am strong."⁸³ I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me.⁸⁴ I have been strengthened with power and might by God's Holy Spirit in my inner man.⁸⁵

⁷⁵ Ephesians 3:20

⁷⁶ James 1:5

⁷⁷ Matthew 28:20

⁷⁸ Hebrews 13:5-6

⁷⁹ Psalm 17:8

⁸⁰ Psalm 121:2-8

⁸¹ Hebrews 1:14

⁸² Psalm 34:7

⁸³ Joel 3:10

⁸⁴ Philippians 4:13

⁸⁵ Ephesians 3:15

VICTORY OVER ENEMIES

THE LORD WILL GRANT THAT EVERY ENEMY that rises up against me will be defeated. They will come at me from one direction but flee in seven.⁸⁶ Let God arise, and ALL of His enemies be scattered!⁸⁷ The Lord will march out like a mighty man, like a warrior He will stir up His zeal; with a shout He will raise the battle cry and will triumph over His enemies.⁸⁸ God's light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.⁸⁹ Even when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.⁹⁰ NO weapon formed against me will prevail, and God will refute EVERY tongue that accuses me. As a servant of the Lord, this is my heritage, and my vindication comes from the Lord.⁹¹ The battle is the Lord's, and He will give me victory over every enemy.⁹² I will not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not mine,

⁸⁶ Deuteronomy 28:7

⁸⁷ Psalm 68:1

⁸⁸ Isaiah 42:13

⁸⁹ John 1:5

⁹⁰ Isaiah 59:19

⁹¹ Isaiah 54:17

⁹² 1 Samuel 17:47

but God's!⁹³ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for God my Shepherd is with me; His rod and staff comfort me. He prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemies. He anoints my head with oil and my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.⁹⁴

Thanks be to God who ALWAYS leads me in His triumph.⁹⁵ I believe that Jesus, the Son of God, was manifested to destroy EVERY work of the devil⁹⁶ and that through His death on the Cross, He destroyed him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and freed me from the fear of death.⁹⁷ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, shaming them and triumphing over them by the Cross.⁹⁸ Jesus now holds the keys of hell and death.⁹⁹ EVERYONE who is born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.¹⁰⁰ It is not by human might or power, but by God's Spirit that EVERY mountain and obstacle is flattened.¹⁰¹

Jesus is building His Church, and the gates of hell CANNOT prevail against it.¹⁰² God has given me authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome ALL the power of the

⁹³ 2 Chronicles 20:15

⁹⁴ Psalm 23:4-6

⁹⁵ 2 Corinthians 2:14

⁹⁶ 1 John 3:8

⁹⁷ Hebrews 2:14-15

⁹⁸ Colossians 2:15

⁹⁹ Revelation 1:17-18

¹⁰⁰ 1 John 5:4

¹⁰¹ Zechariah 4:6-7

¹⁰² Matthew 16:18

enemy; NOTHING will harm me.¹⁰³ Because I believe, Christ has given me authority to cast out demons by the Spirit of God.¹⁰⁴ Just as Jesus taught us to pray, we declare: “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.¹⁰⁵ God’s Kingdom is forcefully advancing, breaking and driving out every dominion of darkness and evil.¹⁰⁶

Blessed be the Lord my strength, who teaches my hands to war, and my fingers how to fight: He is my goodness, my fortress, my high tower, my deliverer, and my shield; in Him I place my trust.¹⁰⁷ I am strong in the Lord and in His mighty power—I put on the whole armor of God, and take my stand against the devil’s schemes.¹⁰⁸ As a good soldier of Jesus Christ, I will fight the good fight of faith.¹⁰⁹ I stand firm with the belt of truth buckled around my waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with my feet shod and fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace; in addition to all this, I take up the shield of faith with which I can extinguish ALL the flaming arrows of the evil one; I take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. And I pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests, persevering in prayer always for all

¹⁰³ Luke 10:19

¹⁰⁴ Mark 16:17; Luke 9:1

¹⁰⁵ Matthew 6:10

¹⁰⁶ Matthew 11:12; 12:28

¹⁰⁷ Psalm 144:1-2 (KJV)

¹⁰⁸ Ephesians 6:10-18

¹⁰⁹ 2 Timothy 2:3; 1 Timothy 6:12 (NKJV)

the saints. I know that when I resist the devil, he MUST flee from me.¹¹⁰

Lord, I praise You because You always surround me with songs of deliverance.¹¹¹ You are my King, O God; You command victories for me. Through You I will push down all my enemies; through Your name I will trample those who rise up against me. You have saved me from ALL my enemies. In God I boast all day long, and praise Your name forever.¹¹² Let the high praises of God be in my mouth, and a two-edged sword in my hand to execute vengeance and punishment on ALL of Your enemies; to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron; to execute on them the judgment already decreed in Your Word!¹¹³

“The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is His name. Your right hand, O Lord, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of Your majesty You threw down those who opposed You. You unleashed Your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. Who among the gods is like You, O Lord? Who is like You—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?”¹¹⁴

¹¹⁰ James 4:7

¹¹¹ Psalm 32:7

¹¹² Psalm 44:4-8 (NKJV)

¹¹³ Psalm 149:6-9

¹¹⁴ Exodus 15:3-11

FREEDOM, HEALTH, AND HEALING

BECAUSE JESUS HAS SET ME FREE, I am free indeed¹¹⁵—free from sin, oppression, sickness and infirmity, religious yokes and bondages, and anything else that would try to hinder my walk and service for God. God’s Word declares that I am free from the law of sin and death¹¹⁶—sin is no longer my master!¹¹⁷ It is for freedom that Christ set me free—I will no longer be burdened with a yoke of slavery.¹¹⁸ God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and He went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with Him.¹¹⁹ The same anointing of God’s Spirit has now broken EVERY yoke in my life.¹²⁰ Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty!¹²¹

God has delivered me out of the hands of ALL my enemies so that I might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness

¹¹⁵ John 8:36

¹¹⁶ Romans 8:2

¹¹⁷ Romans 6:14

¹¹⁸ Galatians 5:1

¹¹⁹ Acts 10:38

¹²⁰ Romans 8:11; Isaiah 10:27

¹²¹ 2 Corinthians 3:17

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ALL the days of my life.¹²² I have been redeemed out of the hands of the enemy through the blood of Jesus – therefore, my body, soul, mind, and spirit belong to God. The devil has NO power or claim to my life. My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.¹²³ God has promised health and prosperity for my body, even as my soul prospers.¹²⁴ By the stripes on Jesus’ back, I was healed.¹²⁵ God’s name is “Jehovah-Rapha,” the Lord who heals me of ALL sickness and disease.¹²⁶ I will bless the Lord at ALL times and forget not ALL of His benefits – He forgives ALL of my sins, heals ALL of my diseases, redeems my life from the pit, crowns me with love and compassion, satisfies my desires with good things, and renews my youth like the eagle’s.¹²⁷

I will enjoy long life, living out the full number of my days ordained in God’s Book.¹²⁸ The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead is dwelling in me, and He will quicken my mortal body.¹²⁹ God’s blessing of *shalom* – peace, prosperity, wholeness, health, safety, and welfare – will be with me ALWAYS.¹³⁰

¹²² Luke 1:74-75

¹²³ 1 Corinthians 3:16

¹²⁴ 3 John 2

¹²⁵ Isaiah 53:5

¹²⁶ Exodus 15:26

¹²⁷ Psalm 103:1-5

¹²⁸ Psalm 91:16; 139:16

¹²⁹ Romans 8:11

¹³⁰ Numbers 6:24-26

SOUND MIND

GOD HAS NOT GIVEN ME A SPIRIT OF FEAR, but of power, love, and a sound and disciplined mind.¹³¹ God has put His laws into my heart and written them on my mind.¹³² I will always be clear-minded and self-controlled so that I can pray.¹³³ I take captive every wandering, evil thought, any argument or pretension that sets itself against the knowledge of God, and make it obedient to Christ. I cast down every self-exalting imagination and every high thing in my mind that opposes God, for the weapons of my warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to pulling down and demolishing strongholds.¹³⁴

God has promised me an undivided heart;¹³⁵ I will not be double-minded, but will always serve the Lord with sincerity and singleness of heart.¹³⁶ I will have the same mind in me that was in Christ Jesus—a lowly, humble mind of a servant that looks out for the interests of others first.¹³⁷ I will not be anxious in my mind, for the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard my heart and mind in Christ Jesus.¹³⁸ God will keep me in perfect

¹³¹ 2 Timothy 1:7

¹³² Hebrews 10:16

¹³³ 1 Peter 4:7

¹³⁴ 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

¹³⁵ Ezekiel 11:19

¹³⁶ James 1:8; 4:8; Colossians 3:22 (KJV)

¹³⁷ Philippians 2:3-7

¹³⁸ Philippians 4:6-7

peace because I am trusting in Him, and my mind is steadfastly stayed on Him.¹³⁹ I will fix my thoughts on Jesus, meditating and delighting in God's Word day and night.¹⁴⁰ My mind is protected from evil or negative thoughts by the helmet of salvation – hope!¹⁴¹ Whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent or praiseworthy – I will think about such things.¹⁴²

I have the mind of Christ – a spiritual mind that can understand God's thoughts.¹⁴³ How precious are His thoughts toward me – so vast is their sum that they outnumber the grains of sand!¹⁴⁴ Thank You, Lord, for opening my mind to understand the Scriptures and for revealing Your thoughts to me.¹⁴⁵ I will not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but I will be transformed by the renewing of my mind.¹⁴⁶ I choose to always have in mind the things of God, not the things of men.¹⁴⁷ I set my mind on things above, not on earthly things.¹⁴⁸ The Spirit of Truth will lead me into all truth, protecting my mind from all deception;¹⁴⁹ my mind will not be led astray through the serpent's cunning from my sincere and pure devotion to Christ.¹⁵⁰ My mind will always be controlled by the Spirit, and this brings life and peace continually.¹⁵¹

¹³⁹ Isaiah 26:3

¹⁴⁰ Hebrews 3:1; Psalm 1:3

¹⁴¹ 1 Thessalonians 5:8; Ephesians 6:17

¹⁴² Philippians 4:8

¹⁴³ 1 Corinthians 2:11-16

¹⁴⁴ Psalm 139:17-18

¹⁴⁵ Luke 24:45; Amos 4:13

¹⁴⁶ Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:23

¹⁴⁷ Matthew 16:23

¹⁴⁸ Colossians 3:2

¹⁴⁹ John 16:13

¹⁵⁰ 2 Corinthians 11:3

¹⁵¹ Romans 8:6

PEACE, REST, AND SLEEP

LORD, YOU ARE THE GOD OF PEACE—“Jehovah-Shalom.”¹⁵² Jesus, You are the Prince of Peace, and there will be no end to the increase of Your peace.¹⁵³ You have promised peace to Your people, and even in the midst of storms and trials, You speak, “Peace, be still.”¹⁵⁴ Jesus, You have given me Your peace, a supernatural peace the world cannot give me; my heart will not be troubled or afraid.¹⁵⁵ You will keep me in perfect peace because I am trusting in You, and my mind is steadfastly stayed on You.¹⁵⁶ Lord, You always bless us and keep us and make Your face to shine upon us; You are always gracious toward us, You turn Your face toward us and give us Your *shalom*.¹⁵⁷

Because I have been justified through faith in Jesus Christ, I have peace with God.¹⁵⁸ The fruit of Christ’s righteousness will be peace, and the effect of His righteousness will be quietness and confidence

¹⁵² Judges 6:24

¹⁵³ Isaiah 9:6-7

¹⁵⁴ Psalm 85:8; Mark 4:39 (KJV); John 16:33

¹⁵⁵ John 14:27

¹⁵⁶ Isaiah 26:3

¹⁵⁷ Numbers 6:24-26

¹⁵⁸ Romans 5:1

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forever.¹⁵⁹ Grace and peace are now mine in abundance.¹⁶⁰ The peace of Christ is ruling in my heart; He has called all believers, as members of one Body, to peace.¹⁶¹

Lord, you have promised a sabbath rest for Your people.¹⁶² You called the weary and the burdened to come to You, and You said You would give them rest.¹⁶³ You send abundant showers of rain to refresh Your people when they are weary.¹⁶⁴ I cease from striving, vain ambition, and self-motivated work, and I enter Your rest.

You have promised sleep for Your beloved.¹⁶⁵ Even in the midst of trouble, I lie down in peace, and I sleep. For You sustain me, and make me dwell in safety.¹⁶⁶ When I lie down, I will not be afraid – I will have NO fear of disaster or ruin. I will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at my side, ten thousand at my right hand, but it will not come near me. The Lord is my safe refuge – NO harm or disaster will come near my tent.¹⁶⁷ My sleep will be sweet, for You, Lord, will be my confidence, and You will keep my foot from being snared.¹⁶⁸ I cast ALL my cares upon You, for You care for me.¹⁶⁹

¹⁵⁹ Isaiah 32:17

¹⁶⁰ 1 Peter 1:2

¹⁶¹ Colossians 3:15

¹⁶² Hebrews 4:1-11

¹⁶³ Matthew 11:28

¹⁶⁴ Psalm 68:9

¹⁶⁵ Psalm 127:2

¹⁶⁶ Psalm 3:5; 4:8

¹⁶⁷ Psalm 91:5-10

¹⁶⁸ Proverbs 3:24-26

¹⁶⁹ 1 Peter 5:7

GOD'S FAVOR AND GRACE

LORD, YOU HAVE PROMISED TO BLESS the righteous and surround them with favor as with a shield.¹⁷⁰ You bestow favor and honor, and You withhold NO good thing from those whose walk is blameless.¹⁷¹ NOW is the time of God's favor¹⁷² – Your favor is resting upon me today,¹⁷³ and it will last for a lifetime.¹⁷⁴

You have lavished me with the riches of Your grace, along with ALL wisdom and understanding.¹⁷⁵ I am saved by grace and grace alone – not by any efforts of my own, but through the grace that was given me in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.¹⁷⁶ I have been justified freely by Your grace, and I am reigning in life through Christ's abundant provision of grace.¹⁷⁷ Sin no longer has dominion over me, for I am not under law, but under grace.¹⁷⁸ I am what I am by the grace of God, and Your grace is working powerfully in my

¹⁷⁰ Psalm 5:12

¹⁷¹ Psalm 84:11

¹⁷² 2 Corinthians 6:2

¹⁷³ Psalm 90:17

¹⁷⁴ Psalm 30:5

¹⁷⁵ Ephesians 1:8

¹⁷⁶ Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 Timothy 1:9

¹⁷⁷ Romans 3:24; 5:17

¹⁷⁸ Romans 6:14

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life; I am strong in Your grace.¹⁷⁹ Lord, Your grace is always sufficient for me – You are able to make ALL grace abound to me, so that in ALL things at ALL times, having ALL that I need, I will abound in EVERY good work.¹⁸⁰ God, You are the God of all grace;¹⁸¹ Your Son is full of grace and truth;¹⁸² Your throne is a throne of grace, Your Spirit is the Spirit of Grace;¹⁸³ and You speak to me through Your Word of Grace!¹⁸⁴

Like Your Son Jesus when He was here on earth, I will have favor with God and with men.¹⁸⁵ As one of Your chosen, I will enjoy favor with ALL people.¹⁸⁶ You will bring faithful and godly friends into my life with whom I will enjoy genuine fellowship,¹⁸⁷ friends who will be loyal even in times of adversity¹⁸⁸ who will stick closer than a brother.¹⁸⁹ I will experience harmony and unity with all of my Christian brethren.¹⁹⁰ I claim peace in all of my relationships. You will make even my enemies to be at peace with me as I seek to please You.¹⁹¹ As far as it concerns me, I will live at peace with ALL men.¹⁹²

¹⁷⁹ 1 Corinthians 15:10; 2 Timothy 2:1

¹⁸⁰ 2 Corinthians 9:8; 12:9

¹⁸¹ 1 Peter 5:10

¹⁸² John 1:14-16

¹⁸³ Hebrews 4:16; 10:29

¹⁸⁴ Acts 20:32

¹⁸⁵ Luke 2:52

¹⁸⁶ Acts 2:47

¹⁸⁷ 1 John 1:7

¹⁸⁸ Proverbs 17:17

¹⁸⁹ Proverbs 18:24

¹⁹⁰ Psalm 133:1

¹⁹¹ Proverbs 16:7

¹⁹² Romans 12:18

HOPE IN DISCOURAGEMENTS

THE LORD HAS SAID THAT ANYONE WHO HOPES or trusts in Him will NEVER be put to shame or disappointed.¹⁹³ Hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit.¹⁹⁴ Even when I am sad or downcast, God will lift my head¹⁹⁵—His everlasting arms are underneath me.¹⁹⁶ And even if I fall, the Lord will lift me up, and I will stand, for the Lord is able to make me stand.¹⁹⁷ He is able to keep me from falling and to present me before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy.¹⁹⁸ I will not be downcast or troubled, for I have hope in God. Even though the fig tree doesn't blossom, and there be no fruit on the vine, and all the crops fail, YET I will rejoice in the Lord. I will be joyful in God my Savior for He is my strength, and He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, enabling me to go on the heights.¹⁹⁹

¹⁹³ Isaiah 49:23; Romans 10:11

¹⁹⁴ Romans 5:5

¹⁹⁵ Psalm 3:3

¹⁹⁶ Deuteronomy 33:27

¹⁹⁷ Romans 14:4

¹⁹⁸ Jude 24

¹⁹⁹ Habakkuk 3:17-19

Like Abraham, I will hope against all hope, facing hopeless and impossible situations in my life. I will not weaken in faith or waver in unbelief, for I am fully persuaded that WHATEVER God has promised, HE IS ABLE to perform!²⁰⁰ The God of hope is filling me with ALL joy and peace as I trust in Him, and I am overflowing with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.²⁰¹

Though I do not see Him right now, I love Him and believe in Him, and I am filled with inexpressible and glorious joy, as I look forward to my eternal inheritance, kept in heaven for me, that can never perish, spoil or fade. I have a living hope!²⁰² I will not let my heart be troubled—Jesus promised that in His Father’s house are many mansions, but He has gone there to prepare a place for me; and He will come back and take me to be with Him, so that where He is, I can also be.²⁰³ Jesus prayed that I would one day see His glory and be with Him where He is.²⁰⁴

I am always comforted knowing that I have the blessed hope of being resurrected and caught up to meet Jesus in the air when He returns at His glorious appearing.²⁰⁵ I know that when He appears, I shall be like Him, for I shall see Him as He is. Because I have this hope, I purify myself just as He is pure.²⁰⁶

²⁰⁰ Romans 4:18-21

²⁰¹ Romans 15:13

²⁰² 1 Peter 1:3-9

²⁰³ John 14:1-3

²⁰⁴ John 17:24

²⁰⁵ 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:13

²⁰⁶ 1 John 3:2-3

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

BECAUSE I AM FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT, living and led by the Spirit, I will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. The flesh, with all of its lusts and selfish desires, has been crucified with Christ.²⁰⁷ I am dead and buried with Him, risen now to walk in newness of life.²⁰⁸ Because of His New Covenant promises, God has removed my old, stony heart, and has given me a new heart and a new spirit. He has put His Spirit within me, and is now moving and causing me to follow His laws and statutes.²⁰⁹ He has put His law into my mind, and written it on my heart, so that I can know Him.²¹⁰ I have the fruit of the Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.²¹¹ God has shed His love abroad in my heart by His Holy Spirit,²¹² and He is making that love increase and overflow for all people.²¹³

²⁰⁷ Galatians 2:20

²⁰⁸ Romans 6:1-7

²⁰⁹ Ezekiel 36:26-27

²¹⁰ Jeremiah 31:33-34

²¹¹ Galatians 5:16-23

²¹² Romans 5:5

²¹³ 1 Thessalonians 3:12

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I put off all anger, rage, bitterness, unwholesome talk, slander, gossip, and lying, and I put on the new self which is being renewed in the knowledge of the image of my Creator. I am being made new in the attitude of my mind, and I put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.²¹⁴ I clothe myself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and forgiveness.²¹⁵ My conversation will ALWAYS be full of grace,²¹⁶ edifying, building up and benefiting others according to their needs.²¹⁷ EVERY DAY, I am being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory by God's power.²¹⁸ My whole spirit, soul, and body are being sanctified through and through.²¹⁹ He who began the good work in me will complete it for the day of Christ.²²⁰ The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me and will NEVER abandon the works of His hands.²²¹

²¹⁴ Ephesians 4:23-24

²¹⁵ Colossians 3:13

²¹⁶ Colossians 4:6

²¹⁷ Ephesians 4:29

²¹⁸ 2 Corinthians 3:18

²¹⁹ 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

²²⁰ Philippians 1:6

²²¹ Psalm 138:8

GOD'S PURPOSE

I KNOW THAT ALL THINGS ARE WORKING TOGETHER for good in my life because I love God, and I have been called according to His purpose.²²² He has predestined me to be conformed to the very image and likeness of His Son.²²³ By the power of God's Holy Spirit, I am being transformed into the likeness of Jesus with ever-increasing glory.²²⁴ God is sanctifying me through and through, keeping my whole spirit, soul, and body blameless until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ; the One who called me to this is faithful, and He will do it!²²⁵ I know that God has plans for me, plans to prosper me and not to harm me, to give me a hope and a future.²²⁶ I am God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which He prepared in advance for me to do.²²⁷

The Sovereign Lord God Almighty forever rules over the universe, and His plans and purposes stand firm forever.²²⁸ He

²²² Romans 8:28

²²³ Romans 8:29

²²⁴ 2 Corinthians 3:18

²²⁵ 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

²²⁶ Jeremiah 29:11

²²⁷ Ephesians 2:10

²²⁸ Psalm 33:11

does whatever He pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth, and NO ONE can hold back His hand.²²⁹ I have been redeemed from the empty, vain way of life handed down to me from my forefathers.²³⁰ My life is now filled with purpose, and my labor in the Lord is not in vain.²³¹ I will be like a tree planted by streams of water, yielding fruit in season and prospering in whatever I do.²³² I will not fear or worry when heat or drought comes – my leaves will always stay fresh and green and I will never fail to bear fruit.²³³

Whatever I sow I shall reap – there will be a rich harvest for the seed I have sown.²³⁴ I know that when I sow generously, I will also reap generously. God is making ALL grace abound to me so that in ALL things, at ALL times, having ALL I need, I will abound in EVERY good work. He is supplying seed for sowing and bread for food and increasing my store of seed and enlarging my harvest. I am being made rich in EVERY way so that I can be generous on EVERY occasion.²³⁵

²²⁹ Daniel 4:35-36

²³⁰ 1 Peter 1:18

²³¹ 1 Corinthians 15:58

²³² Psalm 1:3

²³³ Jeremiah 17:8

²³⁴ Galatians 6:7-9

²³⁵ 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

GIFTS AND MINISTRY

I HAVE THE ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT upon my life, and that anointing remains in me.²³⁶ The manifestation of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit have been given to me for the edification of God's people.²³⁷ I do not lack ANY spiritual gift, as I wait for the coming of the Lord.²³⁸ God will testify to my life and ministry with signs, wonders, miracles, gifts of the Holy Spirit,²³⁹ and a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that people's faith will not rest on men's wisdom but on God's power.²⁴⁰ In Jesus' name I will cast out demons, speak in new tongues, pick up snakes, and if I drink ANY deadly poison, it will not hurt me AT ALL. I will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well.²⁴¹

I am not competent in myself for any ministry, but He has made me competent as a minister of the New Covenant by His Spirit.²⁴² He has equipped me with EVERY good thing for doing His will,

²³⁶ 1 John 2:27

²³⁷ 1 Corinthians 12:7

²³⁸ 1 Corinthians 1:7

²³⁹ Hebrews 2:4

²⁴⁰ 1 Corinthians 2:4-5

²⁴¹ Mark 16:16-20

²⁴² 2 Corinthians 3:5-6

and He is working in me that which is pleasing in His sight.²⁴³ I know that the power is not in the messenger but in the Message – I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation for EVERYONE who believes.²⁴⁴ And God will command light to shine into the darkness of unbelievers' hearts – those whom Satan has blinded to the truth of the Gospel of Christ.²⁴⁵

God is opening doors of opportunity for me that NO ONE can close, and God will close ALL doors that He does not want opened for me.²⁴⁶ I will be an instrument for noble purposes, useful to the Master, prepared for EVERY good work.²⁴⁷ When I go out to minister, I am sure that, wherever I go, I shall go in the fullness of the blessing of the Gospel of Christ.²⁴⁸ I am the salt of the earth and the light of the world – people will see my good works and glorify my Father in heaven.²⁴⁹ I will shine like a star, holding forth the Word of Life in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, leading many people to righteousness.²⁵⁰ My life will impact the world and people around me. I will arise and shine, for God's light has come, and His glory is rising and resting upon me; nations will come to my light and kings to the brightness of God's radiance upon me.²⁵¹

²⁴³ Hebrews 13:20-21

²⁴⁴ Romans 1:16-17

²⁴⁵ 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

²⁴⁶ Revelation 3:7-8

²⁴⁷ 2 Timothy 2:21

²⁴⁸ Romans 15:29

²⁴⁹ Matthew 5:14-16

²⁵⁰ Philippians 2:15-16; Daniel 12:3

²⁵¹ Isaiah 60:1-5; 1 Peter 4:14

CHILDREN AND FAMILY

LORD, YOU HAVE PROMISED TO BLESS our children.²⁵² Children are a heritage from the Lord and they are our reward. They are like arrows in the hands of a warrior, launched against the enemy. They will not be put to shame.²⁵³ You have promised that the children of Your servants will live in Your presence, and even their descendants will be established before You.²⁵⁴ The children of those who fear the Lord will be mighty in the land, and their generation will be blessed.²⁵⁵ Our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace.²⁵⁶ You have promised that ALL of our children will be taught by the Lord²⁵⁷ and that when we train up a child in the way he should go, when he is old, he will NOT depart from it.²⁵⁸ Lord, just as David prayed for his son Solomon, so we pray that You would give our children an undivided heart and wholehearted devotion to keep Your

²⁵² Psalm 37:26; Proverbs 20:7

²⁵³ Psalm 127:3-5

²⁵⁴ Psalm 102:28

²⁵⁵ Psalm 112:1-2

²⁵⁶ Psalm 144:12

²⁵⁷ Isaiah 54:13

²⁵⁸ Proverbs 22:6

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commands.²⁵⁹ We will not bear children doomed to trouble and misfortune, for they will be a people blessed by the Lord.²⁶⁰

Just as the blood of the Passover lamb saved the entire Israelite family, protecting everyone in the household,²⁶¹ so You have promised that when we believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, our Passover Lamb,²⁶² we will be saved, and our ENTIRE household.²⁶³ You want ALL of our children, as well as ALL of our extended family, to be saved, for You want ALL men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.²⁶⁴ You do not want ANYONE to perish but for EVERYONE to come to repentance.²⁶⁵ The promise of Your Holy Spirit is for us and our children.²⁶⁶ You promised to pour out Your Spirit on our offspring and Your blessing on our descendants, and they will say, "I belong to the Lord."²⁶⁷ Our sons and daughters will prophesy.²⁶⁸ According to Your covenant, "Your Spirit is upon us and the words You have put in our mouth will not depart from our mouth or from the mouths of our children or from the mouths of their descendants."²⁶⁹

ALL our children will obey and honor their parents, so that it will go well with them, and they will enjoy long life on the earth.

²⁵⁹ Ezekiel 11:19; 1 Chronicles 29:19

²⁶⁰ Isaiah 65:23

²⁶¹ Exodus 12

²⁶² 1 Corinthians 5:7

²⁶³ Acts 16:31

²⁶⁴ 1 Timothy 2:4

²⁶⁵ 2 Peter 3:9

²⁶⁶ Acts 2:39

²⁶⁷ Isaiah 44:3-5

²⁶⁸ Acts 2:17

²⁶⁹ Isaiah 59:21

They will be brought up in the training and the instruction of the Lord.²⁷⁰ As believing parents, we know that our children are not unclean—they are sanctified and holy.²⁷¹ We declare that our children will believe, and will not be open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.²⁷² They will make wise choices, walking in the fear of God, fleeing youthful lusts, immorality, obscenity, filthy and foolish talk, gossip and slander, drunkenness, greed, and idolatry.²⁷³ They will pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.²⁷⁴ They will be examples for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.²⁷⁵

When our children are tempted to leave Your path, Your Holy Spirit will convict them of sin, righteousness, and judgment.²⁷⁶ You will block their path with thorns and wall them in so that they cannot find their way. If they chase after forbidden things, they will not catch them; then they will realize that Your path was better and return to You in true repentance.²⁷⁷ You will grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and You will bring them to their senses so they can escape the trap of the devil.²⁷⁸ Your Word will be a lamp to their feet and a light for their path, continually calling them back to the right way; they will keep their way pure

²⁷⁰ Ephesians 6:1-3

²⁷¹ 1 Corinthians 7:14

²⁷² Titus 1:6

²⁷³ Ephesians 5:3-5

²⁷⁴ 2 Timothy 2:22

²⁷⁵ 1 Timothy 4:12

²⁷⁶ John 16:7

²⁷⁷ Hosea 2:6-7

²⁷⁸ 2 Timothy 2:25-26

by living according to Your Word.²⁷⁹ Your Word is living and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, and it will bring conviction and the fear of the Lord deep within their heart.

Lord, You will surround our children with good company, for bad company corrupts good morals.²⁸⁰ They will exercise caution and godly discernment when choosing friends.²⁸¹ They will walk with the wise and grow wise and NOT be companions of fools.²⁸² Our children will NOT walk in the counsel of the wicked, but will find their delight in the Law of the Lord.²⁸³ If sinners try to entice them into wrongdoing, they will not give in to negative peer pressure.²⁸⁴

And because You do not want our children to be unequally yoked in marriage, You will bring the right believer at the appropriate time into our child's life for marriage.²⁸⁵ You desire that our children and their spouses be one in flesh and spirit, because You are seeking godly offspring.²⁸⁶ Just as Abraham sought a godly wife for his son Isaac,²⁸⁷ so we desire that our children, sons and daughters of Abraham, should marry born-again believers. Our children will be safe and secure, protected from harm and danger – NO evil or accidents can befall them outside of God's perfect will.²⁸⁸

²⁷⁹ Psalm 119:105, 9

²⁸⁰ 1 Corinthians 15:33

²⁸¹ Proverbs 12:26

²⁸² Proverbs 13:20

²⁸³ Psalm 1:1-2

²⁸⁴ Proverbs 1:10

²⁸⁵ 2 Corinthians 6:14

²⁸⁶ Malachi 2:15

²⁸⁷ Genesis 24:3-4

²⁸⁸ Psalm 91

WISDOM, REVELATION, AND GUIDANCE

THE LORD GIVES WISDOM, AND FROM HIS MOUTH come knowledge and understanding. He holds victory in store for the upright, He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones. He makes me to understand what is right and just and fair – every good path. For wisdom will enter my heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to my soul. Discretion will protect me, and understanding will guard me. Wisdom will save me from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse.²⁸⁹

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge and wisdom.²⁹⁰ God, I choose to fear You, and I ask You for wisdom today; You promised that if I lacked wisdom, I could ask You, and You would give generously without finding fault.²⁹¹ Your wisdom

²⁸⁹ Proverbs 2:6-12

²⁹⁰ Proverbs 1:7; 9:10

²⁹¹ James 1:5

comes from heaven and is pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial, and sincere.²⁹² It is because of Him that I am now in Christ Jesus; He has become for me wisdom from God – that is, my righteousness, holiness, and redemption.²⁹³ And in accordance with the riches of God’s grace, He has lavished on me ALL wisdom and understanding.²⁹⁴ God will fill me with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding in order that I may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with ALL power according to His glorious might so that I may have great endurance and patience.²⁹⁵

It is the desire of God, the glorious Father, to give me the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that I may know Him better. The eyes of my heart are being enlightened in order that I may know the hope to which He has called me, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power to all who believe.²⁹⁶ Out of His glorious riches, God is strengthening me with power through His Spirit in my inner being, so that Christ may dwell in my heart through faith. And being rooted and established in love, I may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that I may be filled to the

²⁹² James 3:17

²⁹³ 1 Corinthians 1:30

²⁹⁴ Ephesians 1:7-8

²⁹⁵ Colossians 1:9-11

²⁹⁶ Ephesians 1:17-19

measure of ALL the fullness of God. He is able to do immeasurably more than – superabundantly, far over and above – all that I could dare ask or imagine [infinitely beyond my highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams] according to His power that is at work within me!²⁹⁷ Hallelujah!

As it is written, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him” –but God has revealed it to me by His Spirit. I have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that I may understand what God has freely given me.²⁹⁸ The Holy Spirit is making Christ known to me and revealing what is yet to come in the future.²⁹⁹

The triune God is my Counselor,³⁰⁰ continually teaching and guiding me in the right way, leading me in a straight path, even to the end.³⁰¹ He has promised to instruct me and teach me in the way I should go; He will counsel me and watch over me.³⁰² The Lord will show me His ways, teach me His paths, and guide me in His truth.³⁰³ He teaches me wisdom in my inmost heart.³⁰⁴ God sends forth His light and truth to guide me to His holy mountain, the place where He dwells.³⁰⁵

²⁹⁷ Ephesians 3:16-20 (NIV, AMP)

²⁹⁸ 1 Corinthians 2:9-12

²⁹⁹ John 16:13-15

³⁰⁰ Psalm 107:11; Isaiah 9:6; John 14:26

³⁰¹ Psalm 27:11; 48:14

³⁰² Psalm 32:8

³⁰³ Psalm 25:4-5

³⁰⁴ Psalm 51:6

³⁰⁵ Psalm 43:3

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Lord, I commit my plans to You; You have promised, then, that whatever I do will succeed.³⁰⁶ And even when I plan my course, You will determine my steps; Your purpose will always prevail.³⁰⁷ The steps of a good man are ordered, directed, and established by the Lord.³⁰⁸ Direct my footsteps according to Your Word; let no sin rule over me.³⁰⁹

Whenever I turn to the right or to the left, God promises that my ears will hear a voice behind me, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."³¹⁰ Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has promised that all of His sheep will hear His voice and follow Him.³¹¹ God's still small voice will teach me and guide me continually.³¹² I will be led by the Holy Spirit.³¹³ God will guide me with His counsel, and afterward take me into glory.³¹⁴

³⁰⁶ Proverbs 16:3

³⁰⁷ Proverbs 16:9; 19:21

³⁰⁸ Psalm 37:23 (NKJV); Proverbs 20:24

³⁰⁹ Psalm 119:133

³¹⁰ Isaiah 30:21

³¹¹ John 10:3-5, 27

³¹² 1 Kings 19:12

³¹³ Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:18

³¹⁴ Psalm 73:24

LEADERS AND AUTHORITIES

LORD, I GIVE YOU THANKS FOR ALL THOSE whom You have placed in positions of authority—those in civil government as well as spiritual leaders in Your Church.

Your Word says that there is no authority except that which You have established, and the authorities that exist have been established by God—they are God’s servants.³¹⁵ Therefore, I submit to and honor every authority as is fitting in the Lord.

I pray for kings and all those in authority, so that Your people may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness; this is good, and pleases You, for You want all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.³¹⁶ I thank You for giving us godly leaders who will rule in righteousness and the fear of God, maintaining law, order, and justice, and punishing evil and all wrongdoing;³¹⁷ for restoring honest judges with integrity who will defend the cause of the widow and the fatherless, and who will not love bribes or chase after gifts.³¹⁸

³¹⁵ Romans 13:1-7

³¹⁶ 1 Timothy 2:1-6

³¹⁷ 2 Samuel 23:3-4

³¹⁸ Isaiah 1:23, 26

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I pray also for all Church leaders—for apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers; for deacons and administrators—that they would be humble servant leaders, above reproach, have a good Christian testimony, be able to teach, and be godly examples to the flock.³¹⁹

³¹⁹ 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Titus 1:6-9; 1 Peter 5:1-3

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES; His praise will ALWAYS be on my lips.³²⁰ It is good to give thanks to the Lord—in EVERY circumstance and situation, I will give thanks, for this is God’s will for me in Christ Jesus. I will be joyful ALWAYS, continually offering up the sacrifice of praise to my God! Let EVERYTHING that has breath praise the Lord!

Jesus Christ: Alpha and Omega, A to Z

Heavenly Father, I give You thanks and praise for the unspeakable gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ! I confess that Jesus Christ is my All in all, my everything, my total sufficiency³²¹—He is the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End—He is literally **A to Z!**³²²

A: Jesus is Abraham’s Seed,³²³ Advocate,³²⁴ Alpha—He is the beginning, the First—He comes before everything else,³²⁵ Ancient

³²⁰ Psalm 34:1

³²¹ Colossians 3:11

³²² Revelation 1:8; 21:6; 22:13

³²³ Galatians 3:16

³²⁴ 1 John 2:1 (KJV)

³²⁵ Revelation 22:13

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of Days,³²⁶ Anointed One,³²⁷ Apostle and High Priest of our confession,³²⁸ Atoning Sacrifice for sin,³²⁹ Author of Life and Eternal Salvation,³³⁰ and Author and Perfecter of my faith;³³¹

B: Jesus is the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit,³³² Beginning and the Firstborn from the dead,³³³ Bread of Life,³³⁴ Bridegroom,³³⁵ and Brother;³³⁶

C: Jesus is the Carpenter,³³⁷ Chosen One,³³⁸ Christ,³³⁹ Coming King,³⁴⁰ Chief Cornerstone,³⁴¹ Counselor,³⁴² and Creator;³⁴³

³²⁶ Daniel 7:9

³²⁷ Luke 4:18; Acts 4:26-27; 10:38

³²⁸ Hebrews 3:1 (NKJV)

³²⁹ 1 John 2:2; 4:10

³³⁰ Acts 3:15; Hebrews 2:10; 5:9 (NKJV)

³³¹ Hebrews 12:2

³³² Luke 3:16

³³³ Colossians 1:18

³³⁴ John 6:35, 51

³³⁵ John 3:29; Revelation 19:7-9; 21:9-10

³³⁶ Hebrews 2:11; Romans 8:29

³³⁷ Mark 6:3

³³⁸ Luke 23:35; Isaiah 42:1-4; Matthew 12:17-18

³³⁹ Matthew 1:16; 16:13-16

³⁴⁰ Acts 1:11; John 14:3; Revelation 22:7, 12, 20

³⁴¹ 1 Peter 2:6-7; Ephesians 2:20

³⁴² Isaiah 9:6

³⁴³ Colossians 1:16; John 1:1-3

Thanksgiving and Praise

D: Jesus is David's Son,³⁴⁴ Deliverer,³⁴⁵ Desire of All Nations,³⁴⁶ Destroyer of death and the devil,³⁴⁷ and the Door;³⁴⁸

E: Jesus is the End—the end of sin, death, and God's ultimate purpose,³⁴⁹ and He is Everlasting Father;³⁵⁰

F: Jesus is Faithful and True,³⁵¹ God's Faithful Son,³⁵² Faithful High Priest,³⁵³ the First—Firstfruits and Firstborn from the dead,³⁵⁴ Forerunner,³⁵⁵ Foundation,³⁵⁶ and Friend of Sinners;³⁵⁷

G: Jesus is good,³⁵⁸ the Gate,³⁵⁹ Glorious Lord,³⁶⁰ Great God,³⁶¹ and Guarantee of a better covenant;³⁶²

³⁴⁴ Matthew 21:9; Luke 1:32; Revelation 3:7; 5:5; 22:16

³⁴⁵ Romans 11:26

³⁴⁶ Haggai 2:7 (NKJV)

³⁴⁷ 1 John 3:8; Hebrews 2:14

³⁴⁸ John 10:7 (KJV)

³⁴⁹ Revelation 22:13

³⁵⁰ Isaiah 9:6

³⁵¹ Revelation 1:5; 3:14; 19:11

³⁵² Hebrews 3:2-6

³⁵³ Hebrews 2:17

³⁵⁴ Revelation 1:5, 17; 1 Corinthians 15:23

³⁵⁵ Hebrews 6:19-20 (KJV)

³⁵⁶ 1 Corinthians 3:11; Ephesian 2:20

³⁵⁷ Matthew 11:19

³⁵⁸ Mark 10:17; John 10:11; 1 Peter 2:3

³⁵⁹ John 10:7

³⁶⁰ James 2:1

³⁶¹ Titus 2:13

³⁶² Hebrews 7:22

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H: Jesus is Head of the Church and Head of all things;³⁶³ He is Heir of all things,³⁶⁴ Healer,³⁶⁵ High Priest,³⁶⁶ Holy One and Holy Servant,³⁶⁷ Hope of Glory,³⁶⁸ Humble Servant,³⁶⁹ and Heavenly Husband;³⁷⁰

I: Jesus is the great I AM,³⁷¹ the Image of the invisible God,³⁷² Immanuel, God with us,³⁷³ Immortal, Invisible, and Indestructible King,³⁷⁴ and Intercessor;³⁷⁵

J: His Name is JESUS because He will save His people from their sins,³⁷⁶ and He is Judge;³⁷⁷

K: Jesus is King of Kings and King Eternal;³⁷⁸

³⁶³ Colossians 1:18; 2:10, 19; Ephesians 1:10; 5:23, 35

³⁶⁴ Hebrews 1:2; Roman 8:17

³⁶⁵ Matthew 4:23-24; 8:16-17; 9:35

³⁶⁶ Hebrews 2:17; 4:14-15

³⁶⁷ Mark 1:24; Acts 4:30

³⁶⁸ 1 Timothy 1:1; Colossians 1:27

³⁶⁹ Matthew 11:29; Philippians 2:7-8

³⁷⁰ 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-28

³⁷¹ John 8:58-59

³⁷² Colossians 1:15

³⁷³ Matthew 1:23

³⁷⁴ 1 Timothy 1:17; 6:16; Hebrews 7:26

³⁷⁵ Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25

³⁷⁶ Matthew 1:21

³⁷⁷ James 5:8-9; John 5:22, 27; 2 Timothy 4:1, 8

³⁷⁸ Revelation 19:11-16; 1 Timothy 1:17

Thanksgiving and Praise

L: He is Lamb of God and the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world,³⁷⁹ the Last,³⁸⁰ Light of the World,³⁸¹ Life and Life-Giver,³⁸² Lion of Judah,³⁸³ and Lord of Lords;³⁸⁴

M: Jesus is Master,³⁸⁵ Mediator,³⁸⁶ Messiah,³⁸⁷ Mighty God,³⁸⁸ and Morning Star,³⁸⁹

N: He is the Nazarene, Jesus of Nazareth;³⁹⁰

O: He is Omega,³⁹¹ the One and Only,³⁹² Overcomer,³⁹³ and the Overseer of my soul;³⁹⁴

³⁷⁹ John 1:29; Revelation 5:6; 13:8 (NKJV)

³⁸⁰ Revelation 22:13

³⁸¹ John 8:12

³⁸² John 11:25; 14:6; 1 Corinthians 15:45

³⁸³ Revelation 5:5

³⁸⁴ Revelation 19:16; Romans 10:9-10

³⁸⁵ Matthew 23:8-10; Luke 5:5; 8:24

³⁸⁶ 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 8:6; 9:15; 12:24

³⁸⁷ John 1:41; 4:25

³⁸⁸ Isaiah 9:6

³⁸⁹ Revelation 22:16; 2 Peter 1:19

³⁹⁰ Matthew 2:23; Acts 2:22; 10:38; 22:8

³⁹¹ Revelation 1:8

³⁹² John 1:14; 3:16

³⁹³ John 16:33; Revelation 3:21; 17:14

³⁹⁴ 1 Peter 2:25

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P: Jesus is the Passover Lamb,³⁹⁵ Physician,³⁹⁶ the Power of God,³⁹⁷ Preacher,³⁹⁸ Precious,³⁹⁹ exalted Prince of Peace,⁴⁰⁰ and The Prophet;⁴⁰¹

Q: Jesus is the Quickening Spirit;⁴⁰²

R: He is Rabbi,⁴⁰³ the Radiance of God's glory,⁴⁰⁴ Ransom,⁴⁰⁵ Redeemer and Redemption,⁴⁰⁶ Resurrection,⁴⁰⁷ Righteous One,⁴⁰⁸ Rock of Salvation,⁴⁰⁹ Root and Offspring of David,⁴¹⁰ Ruler of God's creation⁴¹¹ and Ruler of the kings of the earth;⁴¹²

³⁹⁵ 1 Corinthians 5:7

³⁹⁶ Luke 4:23; Matthew 9:12

³⁹⁷ 1 Corinthians 1:24

³⁹⁸ Luke 4:18

³⁹⁹ 1 Peter 2:4-7

⁴⁰⁰ Acts 5:31; Isaiah 9:6

⁴⁰¹ John 6:14; 7:40; Deuteronomy 18:15

⁴⁰² 1 Corinthians 15:45 (KJV)

⁴⁰³ John 1:38, 49

⁴⁰⁴ Hebrews 1:3

⁴⁰⁵ Matthew 20:28; Hebrews 9:15

⁴⁰⁶ 1 Corinthians 1:30; Titus 2:14

⁴⁰⁷ John 11:25

⁴⁰⁸ Acts 3:14

⁴⁰⁹ 1 Corinthians 10:4; Matthew 16:18

⁴¹⁰ Revelation 22:16; Isaiah 11:10

⁴¹¹ Matthew 2:6; Revelation 3:14

⁴¹² Revelation 1:5; 1 Timothy 6:15

Thanksgiving and Praise

S: Jesus is Savior,⁴¹³ Chief Shepherd,⁴¹⁴ Son of Man and Son of God,⁴¹⁵ Sovereign Lord,⁴¹⁶ living Stone and Capstone,⁴¹⁷ and the Sun of Righteousness;⁴¹⁸

T: He is Teacher,⁴¹⁹ the Thief in the Night,⁴²⁰ and the Truth;⁴²¹

U: Jesus is Undefined,⁴²² and God's Unspeakable Gift;⁴²³

V: He is the Vine;⁴²⁴

W: Jesus is the Way,⁴²⁵ the Wisdom of God,⁴²⁶ God's faithful Witness,⁴²⁷ Wonderful,⁴²⁸ and the Word of God;⁴²⁹

X: Jesus is the eXalted One,⁴³⁰ the eXact representation of God's being;⁴³¹

⁴¹³ Luke 2:11; 1 Timothy 4:10

⁴¹⁴ John 10:11; Hebrews 13:20; 1 Peter 5:4

⁴¹⁵ Matthew 20:18-19; 16:13-16

⁴¹⁶ Jude 4

⁴¹⁷ 1 Peter 2:4-8

⁴¹⁸ Malachi 4:2

⁴¹⁹ Matthew 23:10; John 13:13-14

⁴²⁰ Luke 12:39-40; Revelation 3:3; 16:15

⁴²¹ John 14:6

⁴²² Hebrews 7:26 (KJV)

⁴²³ 2 Corinthians 9:15 (KJV)

⁴²⁴ John 15:1-5

⁴²⁵ John 14:6; Hebrews 10:20

⁴²⁶ 1 Corinthians 1:24, 30

⁴²⁷ Revelation 1:5

⁴²⁸ Isaiah 9:6

⁴²⁹ John 1:1-4, 14; Revelation 19:13

⁴³⁰ Acts 2:33; 5:31; Philippians 2:9

⁴³¹ Hebrews 1:3

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Y: He is the Yes and Amen;⁴³²

Z: Jesus is the Zealous One.⁴³³

He is the Rock, His works are perfect,
And all His ways are just.
A faithful God who does no wrong,
Upright and just is He.⁴³⁴

Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed,
For His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.⁴³⁵

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
So great is His love for those who fear Him;
As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.⁴³⁶

⁴³² 2 Corinthians 1:19-20 (NKJV); Revelation 3:14

⁴³³ John 2:17

⁴³⁴ Deuteronomy 32:4

⁴³⁵ Lamentations 3:22-23

⁴³⁶ Psalm 103:11-13

Thanksgiving and Praise

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom
And knowledge of God!
How unsearchable His judgments,
And His paths beyond tracing out!
Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been His counselor?
Who has ever given to God,
That God should repay him?
For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be the glory forever! Amen.⁴³⁷

Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
To receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
And honor and glory and praise!
To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
Be praise and honor and glory and power,
For ever and ever!⁴³⁸ AMEN.

⁴³⁷ Romans 11:33-36

⁴³⁸ Revelation 5:12-13

Confession (Greek *homologia*)

~to say the same thing

~to agree with God's Word
and say it out loud

Real faith speaks! God's first creative act was to speak: "Let there be light." Jesus is called the "Word of God" – He must have a lot to say! And the believer is exhorted to "hold fast to their *confession* of faith" (Hebrews 10:23).

My Confession of Faith is a collection of declarations from the Word of God intended to be read aloud in much the same way that Jesus proclaimed repeatedly in the wilderness, "It is written!"

This book is a tool to help the believer "prophesy" like Ezekiel and speak life to the dry bones and difficult challenges of life. It unlocks the secret to overcoming the devil and all his lies and accusations: "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony" (Revelation 12:11).