

**5** ETERNAL  
DISCOVERIES

## 1

**God created the entire universe with us in mind, and originally designed us in His image and in His likeness, giving us the capacity to know Him and to live in loving harmony with Him.**

**GOD'S DESIRE**

According to the Bible, God has had a deep longing in His Father-heart to have a vast family of sons and daughters fashioned after His dear own Son, Jesus, so that they may share together with Him in His infinite love through fellowship and enjoy eternal plans together.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will. {Ephesians 1:3-5}*

*God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. {1 Corinthians 1:9}*

*"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope." {Jeremiah 29:11}*

**GOD'S DESIGN**

Just think of it? The One who created the universe wants to communicate with those He created from the very dust of the earth. However, true fellowship is based on a relationship of genuine love, and love is not something that is forced-upon or manipulated. Therefore, to fulfill the desire of His heart, God created mankind not as lifeless machines or robots, but as living, eternal beings—like Himself—with the capacity to choose, to love, and to experience divine life through a personal relationship with Him.

*Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. {Genesis 1:26,27}*

*And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren. {Romans 8:28,29}*

*I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly. {John 10:10}*

## 2

Since the beginning, each of us has individually disobeyed God and chosen to go our own selfish way. The Bible calls this rebelliousness—sin, and states that it has caused an eternal separation between us and God.

### THE GARDEN EXPERIENCE

It wasn't long after God created man and woman that their freedom to choose was challenged. Adam and Eve, tempted to be independent of God and to become their own gods, chose to disobey a very crucial command. Their failure brought sin into the world resulting in spiritual death upon all mankind, and eternal separation from God Himself. (See Genesis 3:1-11)

*The Lord God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die." {Genesis 2:16,17}*

*But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear. {Isaiah 59:2}*

The Bible says that "...in Adam all die, but in Christ all shall be made alive." {1 Corinthians 15:22}

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

### OUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

We can't blame it all on Adam and Eve, because we all have individually rebelled against God, whether actively or passively.

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

*And you were dead in your trespasses and sins...and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. {Ephesians 2:1-3}*

### TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES

The Bible makes it abundantly clear as to what it will be like to be eternally separated from God. It's not a pretty picture. Literally speaking ... it's hell!

*...the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed. {2 Thessalonians 1:7-10}*

*And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. {Revelation 20:15}*

## TRIAL AND ERROR

Since *the fall* of mankind we have continually tried to reach God in a variety of ways—through philosophy, morality, religion, good works; even trying to obey the Ten Commandments. But, because God is holy and we are sinful, all our attempts to reach God and to restore a relationship with Him are futile.

*For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment.* {Isaiah 64:6,7}

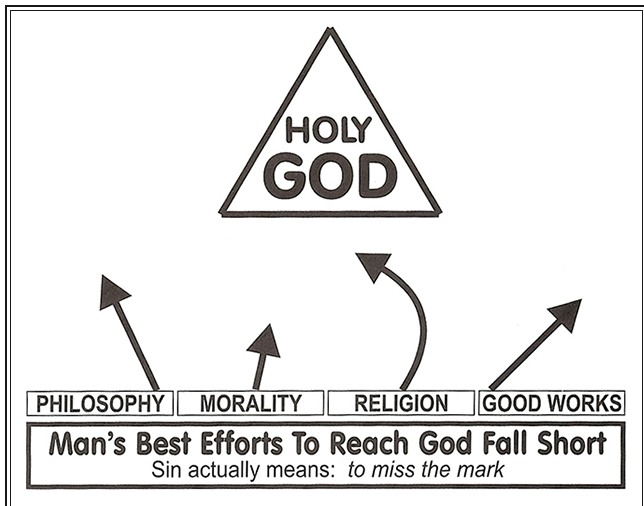
*As it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is none who seeks for God; all have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one."* {Romans 3:10-12}

*For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all.* {James 2:10}

*See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.* {Colossians 2:8}

*There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.* {Proverbs 14:12}

*For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.* {Galatians 6:3}



*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.* {Romans 1:18-21}

## 3

**God has not given up on us. His love for each of us is so great that He sent His own Son, Jesus, to pay the full penalty for our sinfulness, restoring the way for us to know God and to enter into His full life and eternal purpose.**

**THE NEED**

The Bible explains that God is Spirit, and to know and worship Him must be done in spirit and truth. Since man is spiritually dead he has no capacity to know God and to communicate with Him. What man needs is God's kind of life—eternal life—and this requires a spiritual birth.

*This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.* {John 17:3}

*For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.* {1 Corinthians 2:11,14}

*Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."* {John 3:3,6}

**GOD'S LOVE**

God's Word declares that His love for us is so far-reaching that it surpasses all knowledge. His longing for us to enjoy Him and all that He has is only equaled by His deep compassion that we not be condemned and perish due to our sinfulness. Although unable to make us respond to Him (because of the freedom He gave us to choose), God Himself freely chose to exercise His highest act of love by offering to us His beloved own Son, Jesus!

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

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.* {Romans 5:8}

*Although He [Jesus] existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.* {Philippians 2:6-8}

*But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).* {Ephesians 2:4-5}

## THE SACRIFICE

What sinful man cannot accomplish on his own merits, God does through His Son.

*For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit. {1 Peter 3:18}*

*He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. {2 Corinthians 5:21}*

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## GOD'S SOLUTION

When you add it all up, Jesus is not simply the best way to God; He is the *only* way to God!

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me." {John 14:6}*

*For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. {1 Timothy 2:5}*

*Let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead...there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved. {Acts 4:10,12}*

*He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. {John 3:18}*

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## THE WARNING

Life is so fragile that the Bible describes its brevity like a burst of hot breath on a cold wintery morning. This is not only serious business for the present, but your whole eternity is at stake! To do nothing is a decision to stay in your fallen condition. To delay is no better. Consequently, "negotiating" with God as to when you will actually submit your life to Him is not an option. The Bible gives us very clear and precise directives as to the timeliness for making such a commitment. So, when is the best time for a person to choose to follow Jesus? Let's take a look:

*Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, "Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me." {Hebrews 3:7,8}*

*Therefore, let us fear lest, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it. For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard. {Hebrews 4:1,2}*

*Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man [Jesus] whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead. {Acts 17:30,31}*

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Each of us must individually call upon God confessing our sorrow for having disobeyed Him, and to ask the Lord Jesus to forgive us of our sins; turning from our own selfish independence we must invite Jesus to come into our lives and to become our Lord and Savior.

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**READ AND WEEP**

To be truly sorrowful for your sinfulness is to realize that *you* are guilty for Christ's death on the cross, and that you need to repent. Repentance means to have a change in thinking which leads to a change in your desires and actions; a complete turn around both in belief and behavior. Your sorrow will turn to joy as you turn from self to Christ Jesus.

*I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, in order that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death. {2 Corinthians 7:9,10}*

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**CALL AND CONFESS**

*Confess* simply means "to agree with" or "to say the same thing as" God says about your sinful condition and that you need His help.

*And it shall be that every one who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. {Acts 2:21}*

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. {1 John 1:9}*

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**BELIEVE AND RECEIVE**

To *believe* in Jesus is more than just an intellectual agreement about who He is. It means to embrace Him by putting your complete trust in Him. The Bible calls this "faith." *Receiving* Jesus means that He actually takes up residence within you by His Holy Spirit, and imparts to you His divine, eternal life. You are born again—born from above—with God's very own life!

*That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. {Romans 10:9,10}*

*Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me [Jesus], has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. {John 5:24}*

*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. {John 1:12,13}*

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## WHAT TO DO

Do you have a desire to have your sins forgiven, and to be born into God's family? Do you believe that Jesus is God the Son, and offers you eternal life? If so, embrace the following heart attitudes:

1. Admit your need for God's forgiveness (*I am a sinner and in need of Your forgiveness*).
2. Be willing to turn from your sinful ways to God's ways (*repentance*).
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross and rose from the dead.
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus to come into your life, to forgive you of your sinfulness, and to become your Lord and Savior.

*Behold, I [Jesus] stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me. {Revelation 3:20}*

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## HOW TO PRAY

Prayer is simply talking with God. He is primarily concerned with the attitude of your heart as well as the words you say. If you really desire to know Jesus personally, and to be born into God's family, tell God in your own words, or something similar to the following prayer out loud:

*Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I know that there is nothing I can do to make things right. I am in need of your forgiveness. I believe that You love me, and that You are God the Son who came as a man to die for me to pay the full debt for my sinfulness. I now turn from my sinful self and ask You to come into my heart and life. I choose to trust You and to follow You as my Lord and Savior forever. Thank you for coming into my life and for saving me as You promised. Amen.*

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## WHAT JUST HAPPENED

Did you pray to receive Jesus? If so, where is Jesus Christ right now in relation to you? God explains in His Word that just as He caused light to shine out of darkness, He also has caused the Light of the Gospel—the good news of salvation in Jesus—to shine in your heart, preparing for the Lord Jesus to dwell in you by His Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 4:4-6)

*For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. {Ephesians 2:8,9}*

*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. {2 Corinthians 5:17}*

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## WHERE'S THE EVIDENCE?

Living things display evidence of life. Therefore, just as a new born baby shows signs of life, so does a person who is born of the Spirit of God. The following are just a few of the things you will be experiencing as a new believer in Christ Jesus:

1. You have a "knowingness" in your heart that you now have God's life within you!

*The one who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself...And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life. {1 John 5:10-13}*



2. You have new desires to now live for God and not for yourself—learning to do things God's way.

*...and He [Christ Jesus] died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. {2 Corinthians 5:15}*

*As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." {1 Peter 1:14-16}*

*Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. {1 Corinthians 10:31}*

3. The Bible, God's Word, now comes "alive" to you! Just as a person who has opened the door to a dark room all their life and has been unable to see anything—*until*—a light switch is discovered; at that time things in the room become visible and understandable. In a similar way the Holy Spirit of God who is the Author of the Bible—and the One who now dwells within you—switches on the "light" of God's truth, revealing and explaining to you the things about God, and how you are to live in the way that He designed you which will bring you joy and give Him glory.

*Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God. But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. {1 Corinthians 2:12,14}*

4. You have a desire—and a need—to be with other true Christians.

*So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household. {Ephesians 2:19}*

*Do not be deceived: "Bad company corrupts good morals." {1 Corinthians 15:33}*

*...and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day [of Christ's return] drawing near. {Hebrews 10:24,25}*

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## **YOUR NEW LIFE**

All that you need is *in Christ Jesus*; and He is dwelling *within you*. Learn to live by His life.

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

*Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. {2 Peter 1:3,4}*

*Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. {Romans 12:1-2}*

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Once you have made this decision to follow and obey the Lord Jesus, you will be born again with a spiritual birth, and will become part of God's eternal family. As one of God's children you will now be able to fellowship with Him daily and begin to experience real purpose in your life for the present, and have a living hope for His soon return.

## ETERNAL LIFE, ETERNAL HEIRS

Talk about being born into a wealthy family! Your heavenly Father owns it all, and has birthed you with a new, living capacity to experience it all *with Him* forever. That's your birthright; that's your inheritance in Christ Jesus. And even *more* good news—because the Holy Spirit now dwells within you, He has given you the privilege of knowing God as "Abba, Father!" *Abba* is an Aramaic word that is tenderly understood as "Daddy." It was a common term that young children would use to address their fathers. It signifies the close, intimate relationship of a father to his child, as well as the childlike trust that a young child puts in his "daddy." You now have that eternal joy of having God as your Father!

*He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that being justified by His grace we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. {Titus 3:5-7}*

*To obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. {1 Peter 1:4,5}*

*See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure. {1 John 3:1-3}*

*For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. {Romans 8:15-17}*

## ETERNAL PLANS, ETERNAL PURPOSE

Just as a newborn baby must grow physically to experience adult life, God's initial plan for you is to grow spiritually into the character of Christ. As you mature, your focus in life will adjust more clearly in recognizing the eternal things that God has planned. You will discover how you fit into His eternal economy expressing His life and demonstrating His power as you fulfill plans together. The present is actually like a "spiritual boot camp," training you in how to live victoriously now, and preparing you for all that is coming in the future.

*Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation. {1 Peter 2:2}*

*But just as it is written, "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him. {1 Corinthians 2:9}*

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. {Ephesians 2:10}*

*If then you have been raised up with Christ Jesus, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. {Colossians 3:1,2}*

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## **ETERNAL HOPE, ETERNAL HOME**

Yes! The Lord Jesus has promised to return and to take all of us who are in His family to an eternal home in the heavenlies. Yes, you *can* count on it! "Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus."

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. {1 Peter 1:3}*

*Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. {Titus 2:13,14}*

*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself. {Philippians 3:20,21}*

*Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. {John 14:1-3}*

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## **FIRST STEPS OF ACTION**

Now that you have begun a new life in Christ Jesus you will want to discover all you can about God, His ways, and His will for you on a daily basis. Just as seeds need proper soil, water, and nutrition to grow in order to bear fruit, your life must be *planted* in spiritual settings, with divine input, and godly influence. The following are some steps to help you get started:

1. Talk to God in prayer every day. {Philippians 4:6,7}
2. Thank Him often for giving you new life in Jesus. {1 Thessalonians 5:18}
3. Tell others about your new relationship with God in Christ Jesus. {Romans 1:16}
4. Read your Bible every day (begin with the Gospel of John). {Joshua 1:8}
5. Involve yourself with a group of Christians where Christ Jesus is honored as Lord and God, and the Bible is taught and obeyed. {Hebrews 10:24,25}
6. Find a mature Christian who will take the time to disciple you (help you to grow spiritually). {Colossians 2:6,7}
7. Be willing to make changes in your speech, attitudes, and behavior as the Holy Spirit reveals it to you. {James 1:22-15}

The Bible says that "*God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.*" Grace is the desire and the power to do God's will. {James 4:6}

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## **GROWING INTO MATURITY**

Maturity, in God's economy, involves spiritual growth, which is simply the process of "being changed" into God's likeness. The biblical term is called "sanctification" which means to become "holy" as God is holy. The Lord Jesus is God's own Son in human form, exhibiting and exuding the very pattern of God's design. He is the way that He—God—created man to be. The Bible, the only *authoritative* source of truth, is where God reveals Himself, and reveals His ways of accomplishing His design within us. Therefore, God's Word is the very "grid" for which we must align every aspect of our lives upon. And that is why it is most imperative that we daily indulge our time and meditations upon God's Word in order to embrace His ways as our "normal, divine lifestyle."

*And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. {2 Corinthians 3:18}*

*All Scripture is inspired [breathed out] by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. {2 Timothy 3:16,17}*

Becoming like Jesus is not something that we can, or must, accomplish in our own power—it is actually impossible! However, being born into God's family means that He has provided everything necessary through the very person of God the Holy Spirit who dwells within you. And now, joyfully, you are able to grow up spiritually by His grace through His ever-present power and guidance!

*But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you. {John 16:13-15}*

*For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. {Philippians 1:6}*

And even though trials still may come into our lives from time to time, He promised to never leave us or to forsake us! He loves us—with an infinite, eternal love! Therefore, becoming like Jesus is what brings God glory!

*Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. {James 1:2-4}*

*Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. {2 Corinthians 4:16-18}*

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. {2 Peter 3:18}*

Just as the Lord Jesus came out of love for us to bring us this good news—the Gospel—we will also want to make His name known to our family and friends!

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. {1 Peter 2:9}*

## **A FINAL LOVING TRUTH TO REMEMBER**

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because God's Word assures us that "Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them." {Romans 8:1; 4:7,8}



Therefore also  
God highly exalted Him,  
and bestowed on Him  
the name  
which is above every name,  
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every knee should bow,  
of those who are  
in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,  
and that every tongue should confess that  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

