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Praying For America

God has already given us the favor to pray a victorious prayer for America that gives all the glory to God, and it is not of ourselves. It is the grace of God, not of ourselves lest we should boast. Eph 2:8,9”.

No one is going to be able to boast of America’s freedom, victory, or greatness because it is by faith in God and by His Grace alone that we are going to become greater again as a nation; in Christ Jesus alone. He has already completed a good work in us and we need to pray in agreement with what He has already done. It is His finished work at the cross that we must confess as already completed. Then God will heal our land.

It is a daily process to pray and be humble before God who is Sovereign. God knows and sees all things in us, around us, and through us. “If God be for us, who can be against us.” But it is always a two-way relationship with God that makes the difference between failure and success. “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV”

We must pray daily for a resurrection of God’s love to supernaturally sweep our nation and fill us with the love of God. We cannot fulfill and do what God has commanded us to do in our own strength. We are saved by grace, and we must humble ourselves and open the door to God’s love in our heart, soul, mind, and spirit to allow God’s power to sweep us into a revival of God’s love by the forgiveness, grace, and mercy of God.

“Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive power; after the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses Acts 2: 38. KJV” What do we receive when the Holy Spirit has come upon us? God’s power to overcome our sinfulness by the Grace and Mercy of God, through Jesus Christ’s forgiveness of our sins.

The LOVE OF GOD is the only power and force that can control the world as we are commanded. “Jesus said, “A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:34-35”

God’s command to “**love one another, as I have loved you**” hangs over all our heads and will never be rescinded as a law, standard, and principle; on this hang all the law and the prophets. It will be with us for all the ages to come.

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HOW ARE YOU PRAYING FOR YOUR FAMILY IN THESE END TIMES?

Desperate times require desperate prayers and steps of obedience that places your total and complete trust in God for all your family and lineage. “As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.” Praying and interceding is the most important thing we can do diligently.

Pray for God’s mercy to reach and supply everyone’s needs, and for salvation to receive Jesus and be ready for Christ’s return. Make that your daily prayer and I can’t stress that enough.

You can feel the tension building daily as our Nation goes through the troubled waters of survival. One false move internationally and nationally can spiral into an incident for world war and explode in the war between the Democrats and the Republicans for evil to control America.

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Pray for God’s Love and the truth of the Holy Spirit to rule and reign in our government and in our relationships. Jesus has died for all the sins of the world, and it is God’s will that none should perish but have everlasting life.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!!

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I AM

Name _____

I agree with God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, by Faith, who the Word says I Am.

"I am as You Are, in Christ Jesus." I John 4:17 KJV.

"I am forgiven and loved by God" John 3:16, I John 1:9.

"I am washed in the blood of Jesus Christ" John 3:16.

"I am anointed by God's love" John 13: 34.

"I have the mind and memory of Christ Jesus" I Cor 2:16 KJV.

"I am a masterpiece. Eph 2:10" I am an original. I love myself. I am beautiful and smart.

"I am a new creation in Christ Jesus, created in His Image" 2 Cor 5:17 KJV.

"I am the righteousness of God, in Christ Jesus" 2 Cor 5:21 KJV.

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made" Ps 139:14 KJV. I have a good personality.

"I am Royalty, a King, a Son, a Queen, a Daughter" I John 2:28, 29 KJV.

I am excellent in every way, I am not average, I am not mediocre. I am amazing, I am talented.

I am healthy, whole, and I have the body and skin of my youth. I have Jesus Christ's superior brain, mind, memory. IQ, and double blessing. **"The best days of my life are ahead of me. John 3:16." I am filled with God's wonder.**

I am strong, courageous "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Phil 4:13 KJV.

"With God all things are possible for me" Mt 19:21, Mk 10:27, Job 42:2 KJV.

"It is not I, but Christ in me... Not by might, or by power, but by my Spirit says, The Lord."

"When I am weak, then I am strong" 2 Cor 12:10, "The joy of the Lord is my strength" Neh. 8:10.

"My strength is made perfect in weakness" 2 Cor 12: 9, "The joy of the Lord is my strength."

"The blessing of the Lord makes me Rich, and He adds no sorrow with it." Prov 10:22, Mal 3:10

"I love God because He first loved me. I John 4:19" KJV.

"I Love the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind, strength, and my neighbor as myself." Mark 12:30.

"I love God and others as Jesus has loved me. John 13: 34." I thank God daily for and in everything.

I love God perfectly and He casts out all fear. "God's perfect love casts out all fear" I John 4:18.

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, good tidings, salvation, and who say to Zion "Your God Reigns!" Isa 52: 7".

I am fully favored of God. "I will live a long and satisfied life-Ps 91:16", I am full of God's wisdom,

I am secure, prosperous, accepted, valuable, equipped. "I am free-John 8:36 KJV", "I am healed by Jesus stripes- Isa 53:4-5, I Pet 2:24 KJV". "I am a child of the Most High God-Ps 82:6, Gal 3:26-29 KJV."

"Jesus makes all things new. Rev 21:5", "My youth is being renewed like an eagle. Ps 103:5."

(Search the scriptures and fill in unreferenced lines to help you grow)

"Those who wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength, they (I) shall mount up with wings like eagles, they (I) shall run and not be weary, they (I) shall walk and not faint. Isa 40:31. KJV"

"I give thanks in and for everything, for this is God's will for me in Christ Jesus today. I Thess 5:18".

"Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem: they will prosper who love Thee. Ps. 122:6".

"For it is by grace you are saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the free gift of God—not by works, so no one can boast. Eph 2: 8-9 KJV." **Invite Jesus into your heart today.**

I am God's best where I am. I love my calling and my job. I will accomplish my dreams.

I have boundless energy, and love from God, and love of God. Lord you are greater than all my enemies; you are my hiding place. I seek God daily for my life. I choose the life of Jesus Christ today. I am happy with the table God has prepared for me. I am out of debt. I have God's crown of favor.

"As for me and my house: we will fear and serve the Lord; all the days of our lives. "I call things that are not as though they were/are. Rom 4:17 KJV" My youth is being renewed like an eagle.

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. Matt 19: 29 NIV"

"If God be for me who can be against me. I shall not die, but live, and declare God's mighty works."

We declare and celebrate daily 'who we are in Christ Jesus' and rise to become God's Sons and Daughters.

Print, post, and share it.

Loving and Forgiving Myself Daily as Jesus has Loved and Forgiven Me.

A daily routine of forgiveness to cleanse and wash myself in the blood of Jesus; is like spiritual breathing and taking a shower; it becomes habit, routine, and automatic in my mind, conscience, and spirit. I can't take a shower that will last for a lifetime; if I don't shower every day I will stink. When I asked Jesus to come into my heart and forgive my sins; He did; but I still sin daily because I am human and imperfect. I settle my accounts every day; my sins (dirt, bad behavior, habits, faults, etc.) daily at bedtime; by confessing my sins and washing myself in the blood of Jesus. ("He died for our sins not our excuses; if we will call sin; anything less than God's best." *The Calvary Road by Roy Hession.). Jesus will forgive and cleanse us as He promised. We are not talking about salvation here; we are talking about practicing good principles; virtue, being wise, positive, responsible, clean, a good soldier, attractive, beautiful, lovely, healthy, and excellent saints that glorify God. **"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. I John 1:8 KJV"**

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from (All unrighteousness). I John 1:9."

Jesus said on the cross **"It is finished"** our Salvation. "He has cast our sins into the depth of the sea and will remember them no more." So why are you still remembering your sins? Praise God for His forgiveness, forgive yourself, others, and keep on moving. The day is over! Jesus is Worthy! Start a new day tomorrow!! REST!

"God gives his beloved sleep." Live guilt free.

A Daily Prayer for Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Father, I ask forgiveness for all the sins I have committed today in my heart, mind, soul, spirit, and body; both spiritually and physically; in my thoughts, deeds, actions, inactions, and attitudes.

Jesus, I confess my sins, and I ask your forgiveness. Freely as you have forgiven me; I freely also forgive myself, and all those who have sinned against me today.

Thank you for washing me and cleansing me in Your Blood and making me clean in Jesus name. You are giving yourself, and others, a bath in the love of God, purifying yourself, and keeping short accounts with God; this is healthy. "If we do not forgive others; neither can God forgive us. Matt. 6:14,15."

If it sounds over simplified; it is the simplicity that trips up people. "My yoke is easy my burden is light."

The more you practice forgiveness the easier it becomes; until it becomes habit, it is a way of life, do it every day.

Invite Jesus into your heart today. He loves you forever!

Do you want to be saved? Jesus loves you. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." It is not difficult; it is easy, get started; call on Jesus today. The thief on the cross said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in Paradise." That is confirmation of Christ's forgiveness and its simplicity.

How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. It is God's command to forgive 490 times, if needed. Forgiveness works for you intentionally, internally, and it releases God's love in you, and brings inner peace, healing, and blessing. It gets down to the roots and absolves the problems. When do you know you have forgiven, or been forgiven completely? When God's peace has taken away the pain and negative memories. Put your trust and faith in Christ's worthiness and promises alone. **"He is our only Mediator and Advocate between God and Man. I Tim 2:5."**

This is the fight for our life, in Christ Jesus daily. We are a new creation in Christ Jesus, and all old things are passed away and become new. **God always loves you "John 3:16".** **Print, post, and share it.**

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When I am weak, then am I strong. 2 COR 12:10

⁹ And he said unto me, **my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, **that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: **for when I am weak, then am I strong.** Berean Bible Study

¹¹ I have made a fool of myself, but you drove me to it. I ought to have been commended by you, **for I am not in the least inferior to the "super-apostles," even though I am nothing.** NIV

Mark 10:29

²⁹ **And everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold in this life, and shall inherit everlasting life.** KJV

I have heard people scoff at this verse and its concepts of humility as if it is something that will cause you not to be able to reach your destiny, because we do not love ourselves correctly having a wrong view of ourselves. **It is not I but Christ in me the hope of glory;** that causes me to be successful.

They do not realize that Paul was captured by the Lord Jesus Christ, and His vision for Paul was to accept his affliction to walk in the humility and the grace of God for life, and it will not be removed for a reason that only God knows. Despite Paul's weakness, he wrote two thirds of the New Testament.

We try so hard to overcome a thorn or weakness sometimes that God will not remove; because He is rebuilding us by His grace, mercy, love, and humility, and Jesus wants no interference with that process; until He has completed it, or we are in Heaven. Amen!

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THE MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH IN PHILIDELPHIA

7 “To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

8 I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength (weak), yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

9 I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you.

10 **Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.** [\[THIS IS, I BELIEVE, THE BEGINNING OF WORLD WAR III.\]](#)

11 **I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.**

12 The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.

13 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches?

My thoughts about the coming together of world events are that we are being set up for **World war III but it will happen in an hour.**

“The hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.”

Three important warnings from Jesus:

1) He is coming soon. 2) Hold on to what you have (Spiritually, your relationship to God.) 3) So that NO One will take your Crown.

Jesus is telling us that all the answers and the warnings are right here in Rev 3: 7-13. The NLT says it much more specifically. Vs 13) “Anyone with ears to hear MUST LISTEN to the Spirit and UNDERSTAND what he is saying to the churches.NLT”

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What is love? **God is love.** We can all relate to the promises that we all need more love, but we are all as parched as the dry ground that was fueling the forest fires. This is an accurate depiction of America today even though it is negative.

When sin has conceived it is impossible to put out the fire without God's help. **"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from (All unrighteousness). 1 John 1:9."** Many people are taught that they must confess their sins to other people to be healed. In James it says to confess your faults, short comings, one to another, so that you may be healed (Our faults are different than our sins. Our faults are short comings, bad habits, negative personality traits, blind spots, temper, negligence, doubts, fear, unbelief, bad choices, weaknesses, etc.) It is necessary to rightly discern and divide the Word of Truth. "For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. Heb 10: 14." KJV

God wants us to confess our sins directly to Jesus to be healed. That is why Jesus came to earth. The last time I read in the scriptures Jesus is the **Only One** who can forgive our sins, and who died for our sins. Everyone else that is seeking to find out about your sins is being paid a salary to find out, and without equally elaborating about their own, and is on an unauthorized fishing trip without a license. Micah 7:9 "Jesus has cast all our sins into the depth of the sea. "I Tim 2: 5, 6. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

Confessing our sins to other people is not wise; unless two of you have mutually sinned together and need to reconcile your mistakes, because it opens a can of worms that will multiply your sins and all the others you told. Now you will have to forgive them also if they talk about it, and they don't respond correctly to your confessions. You may feel better temporarily but your sins are not forgiven; just managed; search the scriptures.

Your emotional pain is going to torment you until you believe that Jesus alone has forgiven all your sins past, present, and future but you must believe it by faith. Then you will look back with regret and say, if I would have been more mature and I loved myself correctly; I would not do that again. Many people want to know about your sins out of curiosity; if you are foolish enough to tell them; 99% are not interested in helping you like you need to love and care for yourself. They cannot forgive your sins but will tell others as soon as you leave them, and the only prayers they will seek for you is to request prayer for you in a church prayer (gossip) line. Micah 7:9 KJV "and thou will cast all their sins into the depth of the sea."

Go to Jesus directly, The Counselor, it is free, and no fear. Jesus will prove His faithfulness, love, care, and freedom as He says in I John 1:9 by "forgiving, cleansing, and healing you from all unrighteousness."

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GOD'S GRACE AND STRENGTH TO OBEY GOD, THE FATHER

John 14: 23, 24, 25, and 31. 23) Jesus replied, **“If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My father will love him, and we (GOD THE FATHER AND HIS SON JESUS paraphrased) will come to him and make our HOME with him. 24) He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.”**

25) All this I have spoken while still with you. 26) But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you.”31) But the world must learn that (I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me.)” KJV

Does this verse resonate and inspire you, or does that sound impossible? It is God the Father's unconditional love promise to us. When “we are saved by God's grace and faith through His Son Jesus Christ; it is not of ourselves; lest we could boast. Eph 2: 8, 9”. It shows Christ's obedience, and our choice by faith working together in agreement with God's word and plan for our life; that we are saved and by our choice. It does not happen automatically, and Jesus does not jump into our heart without our asking, and permission.

We hear a lot about grace today that does not except responsibility to obey God's command to love Him; because it is the Old Testament Law they say. There is a lot of difference between obeying the Old Testament Law's given by God to Moses, the Ten Commandments, and the Leviticus law and sacrifices.

We need a sacrifice for our sins; and Jesus Christ alone became our sacrifice and bore all our sins, and the sins of the whole world to take care of our separation from God at the cross. Jesus reconciled us to himself and God the Father; once and for all. “It is Finished” Jesus said in Hebrews.

If you are a prodigal, a back slider, or sick of life? You can reset your life and start all over brand new by becoming born again. Yes, Jesus said, “You must be born again by the Spirit of God.” Repent, turn around, and be free.

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GOD'S GRACE EQUALS HIS POWER TO PERFORM HIS WILL. Acts 2:38

biblehub.com/matthew/5:19.htm

Therefore, anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. NIV

...18For I tell you truly, until heaven and earth pass away, not a single jot, not a stroke of a pen, will disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. 19So then, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do likewise will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20For I tell you that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven....
Berea Study Bible

So, if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God's laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. NLT

"Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. NAS

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. KJV

Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commands and teaches people to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Holman Christian Standard

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Psalm 85 TO (U.S. of AMERICA)

1 Lord, thou hast been favorable unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people, thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.

3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.

4 Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause thine anger toward us to cease.

5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever? wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?

6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.

8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly.

9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

PSALMS 86 TO (U.S. of AMERICA)

1 Bow down thine ear, O LORD, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

² Preserve my soul; for I am holy: O thou my God, save thy servant that trusts in thee.

³ Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

⁴ Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

⁵ For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all of them that call upon thee.

⁶ Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

⁷ In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

⁸ Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works.

⁹ All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

¹⁰ For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

¹¹ Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

¹² I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

¹³ For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

¹⁴ O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.

¹⁵ But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

¹⁶ O turn unto me and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant and save the son of thine handmaid.

¹⁷ Shew me a token for good; that they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed: because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted Me.

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HOW GREAT IS THE LOVE OF GOD?

In I Cor 13, 14 God calls His love the greatest gift, it never fails, it is excellent, immeasurable, unending, and we are inseparable from His love. Rom 8:37-39.

How can we connect to the love of God; so He can do great and marvelous things which we do not know? **Love is a choice**, and we must choose to love and serve God daily, voluntarily, and love God, ourselves, and each other. Love is the last frontier of discovery before Jesus returns for the church. Jesus said, **“A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another”**. John 13:34-35

When the world says about the church: “Behold, how they love one another” we will know that Christ is at the door. Do we see that happening in the church today? We are starting to see elements of it surface but we are far from where God wants us to be when He comes to gather us to be His Holy Bride. Jesus will return for a pure and spotless bride that has been tried in the furnace of affliction. There is no other way to become pure and spotless, without the furnace of affliction. Our love for God must be tested by our trials of faith. Do we really love God; this is the question?

Pure love is from God, and it is not sensual and lustful. Good feelings toward one another are the fruit of the Spirit and the love of God. It is protected and nourished by the love of God, and it is where faith grows and flourishes. Lust comes from within us; don't blame it on the other person. We must take responsibility for ourselves and own our desires.

When we love and honor God in every area of our life it gives us strength to be holy and without blame in the middle of a perverse and wicked world. And when the world says to each other “Behold, how they love one another” you know that it is real God love.

John 14: 23, 24 Jesus replied, **“If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.” All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give you.”**

God's vast love is so great; that even in eternity; we will not reach the end or know it fully. God is Love!

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SO MANY VOICES..... WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD?

There are so many voices today declaring that they know and have the truth; and when I am going through a trial of fierce resistance, deception, and lies; I go to the bible to get my answer.

I was converted and filled with the Holy Spirit and the love of God since Nov 4, 1974, while I was driving down the road on I-270 in St Charles, Mo. I have walked in the love of God since being filled with the Holy Spirit for 43 years. I have learned there is one thing that I can do and obey God when I have doubt, fear, depression, and paralysis. It solves my problems, clears up my mind, and gives me peace and joy daily.

In Ephesians 5:15-21 “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. **Wherefore be not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is.** And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Holy Spirit. Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. **Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.** Submitting yourselves one to another **in the fear of the Lord.**

“Thank and praise God in and for all things; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. I Thess. 5:18”. I know in a matter of hours I will have the peace of God ruling inside me to give me his peace and direction. All I need is God’s peace and He will guide me through the battle daily. **This is the will of God concerning us.** That is all we need daily to get through and have the peace and joy of the Holy Spirit. I have God’s peace daily to walk in faith and obedience to God; for which I will receive a reward. God’s peace rules our heart and mind by the Holy Spirit when we thank and praise Him in all situations in life that are thrown at us by the enemy. God has cast all our sins into the depth of the sea, and He remembers them no more. Don’t let yesterday’s fear, worries, and doubts rob you of God’s love and joy today. God’s commands will hold us in place while He battles for us.

When I turn on the TV news; and the pundits give their lying spin of events; it makes me sick. The churches give their spin on their religions, and it adds to the many voices we hear; plus, the voices inside yourself. Pay attention and mind the Lord, He is watching, He is near. We are to pray for our President; he was chosen and anointed by God through his and our obedience as servant voters. We must not destroy him, and the vision God has given him. For God’s sake Republican’s get behind your President; it is shameful the way you treat him. You must unite and stop listening to the lies; it makes you look bad; not the President. So far, all those who have voiced their opinions against him publicly are trying to exalt themselves; you know who you are and shame on you; it is high time you stop exalting yourself, and lift God’s servant in support, prayer, and unity. God will hold you accountable and we are watching you. If you have an issue with the President; the proper protocol is to talk to him in private; but that is not your job; control yourself, love him, and thank and praise God.

You can thank and praise God through all tribulations and survive because God is looking out for you. When you thank and praise God you are entrusting and giving yourself to God to work out your problems for you and you can rest and be at peace. I know; I have done it for many years, and I am happy and glad every day because I am obeying God, and I am at peace with God. **This is the will of God, and it always works!** Psalms 50:23 says: “He that sacrifices thank offerings **honors me.** And He prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.”

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JOY FOREVER

We can choose to have joy everyday until Jesus returns for us, and forever. In the Lord's Prayer Jesus said, ".....thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." Matt 6: 10.

Heaven starts today for those who choose to live their life on earth as it is in heaven, and we don't have to wait until we die, or get to heaven to start the blessings of joy flowing in our life. He is already here, and I need to act like He is here in my heart forever, and I don't have to wait for his return. I will rejoice in the Lord daily. "I will not die but live and declare what he has done for me. Ps 118:17."

Recently I was watching a TV program and the pastor was speaking on "Don't let anyone steal your joy". I thought about my life ahead of me and the bleak future that was before me. I decided that I need to declare my "Joy Forever" to Jesus daily until Jesus comes.

I can either look at the future with a black lens of hopelessness or let the joy of the Lord be my strength daily by choosing to possess God's joy everyday; until He returns for me. The future looks bleak in these dark end times that we are living in today and beyond; but the soon coming of Jesus gives me hope. I have been practicing the joy of the Lord every day, and I need to declare the Joy of the Lord Forever everyday. My attitude makes a difference when I declare God's kingdom come and His will be done in my life everyday.

I can look forward to each day and enjoy the promises of God's grace and blessings by declaring it as my kingdom forever. I will be happy, joyful, positive, and have a good self image everyday and forever, and I can declare it today for eternity. By God's grace I will not let circumstances rob me of God's blessings of joy while I am here on this earth.

I like the analogy and the feeling of forever because it connects me to heaven now and removes the distance; it is here in my heart today and forever. I am secure, I am possessing God's kingdom now and forever, it will never end, and it is for eternity. Praise God!

Declaring God's joy forever gives me something special to hold on to, possess, and it takes the future out of it. I already have it and I will not let go because Jesus holds me in His hand, and He will never leave me or forsake me. Death is only a transition to the Glory of God and the Kingdom of Heaven when it is my time to go, and it will happen in the twinkling of an eye, whether by rapture or physical death. Praise the wonderful name of Jesus!!

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MAKE LOVING JESUS YOUR FIRST PRIORITY

You have all heard the expression “fireproof your home”. It starts on an individual basis in your apartment, your house, and in your heart Christ’s home.

Love God, love yourself, and love others. We can only love God because He loved us first. God’s love must reside (abide) in us first; before you can love yourself, and others.

Jesus said, **“A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another”**. John 13:34-35.”

Wow, that does not sound exciting at all. As Jesus died on the cross for us; so, we must die for others? Yes, we need to die to our self; so, we can love others, and let Christ shine and work through us. We are called to God’s purpose so His good, acceptable, and perfect will can be accomplished in us and others.

By praying and believing God’s Word we can and must accept that all broken family relationships can be healed by His power. “As for me and my house **we will** serve the Lord” is future tense and proclaim, “As for me and my house **we are** serving the Lord.” present tense. That takes faith, love, and wisdom from God. I don’t have that kind of faith, love, and wisdom but God does, and I can declare and repeat His Words back to Him because I am His new creation in Christ; until it happens.

First, we need to learn and get to know about the love of God and how it will work in our life; if we accept the challenge to see how Jesus loved us.

Second, study I, II, and III John until you have the message of love deep in your heart and you can face and fight the battle against hate because it is opposite of God’s love. It is a daily battle and struggle that you will face the rest of your life. Always choose “Love and life”; submit yourself to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you” James 4: 6-11”. Leave the rest to God and repeat this daily until God’s Word is established in you; and He has proven His good, acceptable, and perfect will in your life in His New Covenant of love and Grace.

Third, you will know when that is accomplished (given birth), and He will set you free and establish your new (born again) relations in Christ Jesus. It may take many years but don’t give up. God will give you His wisdom, understanding, and knowledge; it is like experiencing a pregnancy process. God has to do a renewal and healing of our broken relationships and jumping into another marriage is just starting a new process where the old one left off, and you will not escape your hurts that way. I Cor. 7:39. You need spiritual counseling of God’s Word, love, and wisdom to correctly divide the word of truth. If you have problems believing this; just ask yourself; what if Jesus would have broken His promise to us “to never leave us or forsake us”. He is our example, hope, resurrection, life, and promise. **“Love Jesus & love one another as Jesus has loved us.”** Stay true to your original marriage vows you made; a covenant with God; and be reconciled to Him through Christ’s forgiveness and be blessed for it.

THE PATH OF WISDOM FOR AMERICA Proverbs 17

- 1 Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife.
- 2
- 3 A wise servant will rule over a disgraceful son and will share the inheritance as one of the brothers.
- 4
- 5 A wicked man listens to evil lips; a liar pays attention to a malicious tongue.
- 6
- 7 He who mocks the poor shows contempt for their Maker; whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished.
- 8
- 9 Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.
- 10
- 11 Arrogant lips are unsuited to a fool-- how much worse lying lips to a ruler!
- 12
- 13 A bribe is a charm to the one who gives it; wherever he turns, he succeeds.
- 14
- 15 He who covers over an offense promotes love, but whoever repeats the matter separates close friends.
- 16
- 17 A rebuke impresses a man of discernment more than a hundred lashes a fool.
- 18
- 19 An evil man is bent only on rebellion; a merciless official will be sent against him.
- 20
- 21 Better to meet a bear robbed of her cubs than a fool in his folly.
- 22
- 23 If a man pays back evil for good, evil will never leave his house.
- 24
- 25 Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so, drop the matter before a dispute breaks out.
- 26
- 27 Acquitting the guilty and condemning the innocent-- the LORD detests them both.
- 28
- 29 A friend always loves, and a brother is born for adversity.
- 30
- 31 A man lacking in judgment strikes hands in pledge and puts up security for his neighbor.
- 32
- 33 He who loves a quarrel loves sin; he who builds a high gate invites destruction.
- 34
- 35 A man of perverse heart does not prosper; he whose tongue is deceitful falls into trouble.
- 36
- 37 To have a fool for a son brings grief; there is no joy for the father of a fool.
- 38
- 39 A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.
- 40
- 41 A wicked man accepts a bribe in secret to pervert the course of justice.
- 42
- 43 A discerning man keeps wisdom in view, but a fool's eyes wander to the ends of the earth.
- 44
- 45 A foolish son brings grief to his father and bitterness to the one who bore him.
- 46
- 47 It is not good to punish an innocent man, or to flog officials for their integrity.
- 48
- 49 A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered.
- 50
- 51 Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent, and discerning if he holds his tongue.

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THE GIFT OF TODAY

Each day is a gift from God that is waiting to be opened and unwrapped to be practiced, used, felt, handled, interacting with God and others, and surprised by its beautiful expectations and promises. “Every day is a new (beautiful) day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!” (Paraphrased) Ps. 118:24 NIV

1) Unwrap the gift God has given you when you wake up and imagine in a literal sense that you are unwrapping and opening it to allow God’s grace to show you His works hour by hour. 2) Then after your morning prayers of thanksgiving, praise, humbling yourself to seek God for today’s activities; and asking for His grace, mercy, love, forgiveness, and wisdom. 3) You can expect the new things that God has in store for you with expectation, hope, and blessing as it unfolds. 4) It will give you a new understanding, hope, blessing, and freedom for a brighter future that you don’t have to work for, because it has already been fore ordained by God’s Grace. We just have to receive it by faith as we walk in obedience in God’s anointing.

Making spiritual choices and acting; is not imaginary; it is a reality. Opening my gift using my mind and imagination is a spiritual choice, and I can apply God’s spiritual laws and choices to fulfill my day in God’s purpose.

The blood of Jesus and the cross is between our yesterday, today, and tomorrow. The gift of God is terrifying in its power to destroy the enemy with faith, hope, and love by the Blood of the Lamb. The greatest of these is love. I Cor.13:13 NIV. **God’s grace is for today, not yesterday, or tomorrow.**

It makes a difference when we agree with God and His Word about ourselves and His plan for us each day. It gives us a better attitude to believe; so, we can soar in a higher altitude above the roar of the lion. The enemy will try to distract us so we will lose focus and forget about our power, joy, and strength; if we don’t stay in a spirit of praise, forgiveness, and positive grace.

In 2017, I believe that we will see and experience a huge change in our daily living styles, standards, and experiences. We have a new President and his team that we need to pray for daily; that they will be **wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove**, and Holy Spirit empowered with grace to manage our new government and the world affairs. The world affairs are forming an apex of power that creates a new spiritual vision of a new world forming as prophesied in scripture. The Rapture is near. Look up and watch because our redemption is near!!! **Rev 3:10.** God bless you and God bless America!! **Is the Rapture and the hour of trial the same event??**

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name give the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Ps. 115:1” NIV