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Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

Being established in God's love is a vital part of our Christian walk. God loved us while we were still sinners. He loved us so much that He gave Jesus as a sacrifice for our sins.Knowing this gives confidence and great boldness in the faith. Being established in the revelation of God's unconditional love gives great strength in the face of adversity. Understanding God's love provides great peace, even in the midst of storms. God loves you.

Unlike the religions of the world, Christians are blessed to have a risen Savior. He is alive! The tomb is empty. Jesus rose from the dead to give us victory in life. Let the resurrected Savior live big in you. Because He lives, we live. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in you - the Christian. Be sure to join Greenville Community Christian Church on Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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Has anyone told you that they love you today? Well, Lady Sarah and I love and appreciate you. I pray for you continually. Rejoice in the Lord always. May you be established in God's great love.

Love and Blessings,

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Purging Our Hearts

2 Tim 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

There are certain levels at which we have to decide what to let in our lives and what not to let in. The things that will dishonor God should be eliminated from our lives.

John 15:2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Some things try to come in and rob us of our quality of life in God. We have to do some purging and heart searching to discover what is not pleasing to God. We need to look to the Word of God to learn what is of Him and what is against Him on a regular basis. The Word of God searches the inward places of our hearts and deals with the thoughts and intents within.

Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

We have to put on the new man. It doesn't happen automatically. We have choices to make.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to cut off the things in my life that do not please You and grab onto the things that bring You glory.

Verse of the Day: 2 Tim 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Living the Word Today: Our sinful nature wants to revert back to our old ways of sin. We must be intentional about purging sin from our lives and putting on the armor of God.

God's Forgiveness

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Mentally, most Christians know that the Lord forgives us of sin, but we have to truly know it in our hearts. Thank God that we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus. We have the ability to take authority over thoughts of unforgiveness or guilt. When the enemy tries to cloud our minds with guilt, know that God has set us free, so we are not tied to sin.

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

Not only are we to receive God's forgiveness - we must also forgive ourselves and others. If God forgives us, shouldn't we be able to let the past go and walk in forgiveness?

Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Forgiveness is so important to God that His word says to be reconciled with your brother before even bringing gifts to His altar.

Matt 5:23-24 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Prayer Focus: Father, I receive Your forgiveness. Help me to forgive myself and others.

Verse of the Day: Psa 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, *so* far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Living the Word Today: Be quick to forgive others and resist guilty thinking. We are made free in Christ.

The Spirit, Soul, and Body of Man

1 Thes 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

There are three parts of man: the spirit, soul, and body. I use a saying that I've heard a lot – man is a spirit that has a soul that lives in a body. God created the spiritual part of us first, then created the physical body, then breathed into us a living soul. The spirit is the most real part of us. When the spirit is separated from God, that is called spiritual death. When the spirit and soul leaves the body, it is called physical death. After this world, there is eternal life or death. The good news is that when we are in Christ, death is a passageway to eternal life.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The soul and spirit are so tied together that it takes the Word of God to get in between them. The soul is the seat of our emotions, will and mental intellect, while the spirit man is the part that communes with God and is the life force within us. The spirit of man is what gives us life.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for Your power and Your Spirit operating in me.

Verse of the Day: Prov 20:27 The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

Living the Word Today: We are souls with bodies that function with the five senses in the earth realm. The spiritual part of us connects with God. Let Christ live big in you.

Jesus, the High Priest of Our Profession

Heb 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Jesus is the One who watches over our confession of faith. Believers make our confessions of faith knowing that Jesus hears us. He causes what we speak in faith to come to pass. We are saved by our confession of faith.

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

That confession is the gateway to our salvation. Thank God that our confession is secure in Christ Jesus.

Heb 4:14-16 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer Focus: Father, I am not ashamed to praise Your name at home, at church, and wherever I go. Help me to be an example of a true worshipper to the world.

Verse of the Day: 1 Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Living the Word Today: Don't back off of what you have proclaimed with your mouth. Don't back off of your confession of healing, salvation of family members, or whatever you have spoken and believed God for.

Restoration of Health

Jer 30:17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

The Lord is the One who brings restoration to our lives, whether our issue is mental, physical, spiritual…God turns things around and causes them to work in our favor. He restores our health. It is never too late to be restored by Him. He is the One who healed the leper and who raised Lazarus from the dead. He is the One who turned the captivity of Zion. He is the One who caused water to flow from a rock and manna to fall from heaven.

Speak to be understood. We can't expect people to read between the lines. Be direct. **1 Cor 14:9** So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

Don't be harsh. Speak the truth in love. Don't use your vocabulary as a weapon. We may need to postpone conversations and tell the person that you can talk about it at a later time. **Eph 4:15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Avoid arguing and speak softly. Raising your voice can ignite anger in others. **Prov 15:1** A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for turning the negative situations in my life around for the good. You are my great Restorer!

Verse of the Day: Exo 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

Living the Word Today: There is nothing too hard for God. He will restore us and cause us to walk in victory.

Having a Heart of Mercy

Lam 3:22-23 It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

When we show kindness toward one another, that reflects the heart of God. Every morning God gives us a brand new start, so why can't we do that for other people? We need to show the kind of mercy that God shows us. Even when others do us wrong, no one has done us as wrong as we have done God.

Matt 5:7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. If we want to receive mercy and forgiveness, we must have a heart of mercy. When we do, it spills over to others and sets an example for our families and those who are around us. Most importantly, it shows non-Christians the way of God.

Eph 2:4-6 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

Prayer Focus: God, I am grateful for Your mercy that is new every morning.

Verse of the Day: Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Living the Word Today: Walk in the mercy, compassion, and love of God. We may have a reason to punish someone, but we can show mercy as God shows us. Forgive and let go.

March 7

Walk in Joy

Hab 3:18-19 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

We need to rejoice in the Lord no matter what our circumstances are. We should not get broken down in bitterness and hurt to a point where our joy is gone. We need to rejoice – renew our joy in Christ. Smile when you don't feel like it. Keep your joy full so you can stay strong.

Neh 8:10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

Some days we may not feel like being joyful, but put a godly song in your heart and sing praises to the Lord. Spend time with God in prayer, worship, and reading His Word. Love one another. Love sparks a fullness of joy.

John 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for giving me fullness of joy.

Verse of the Day: Phil 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

Living the Word Today: Load yourself up on the joy of the Lord. Joy is contagious. Spread the love, peace, and joy of God today.

March 8

Functions of Love

Love gives. John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Love creates bonds. Col 3:14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Love makes sacrifices. John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Love gives us knowledge of God. 1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Love creates a covering for sin. 1 Pet 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

Love diminishes fear. 1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Love identifies us as disciples of Christ. John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Prayer Focus: Father, I thank You for giving me love, for being love, and for equipping me to love.

Verse of the Day: 1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

Living the Word Today: God demonstrated love for us when He gave up Jesus for our transgressions and raised Him for our deliverance. Love always goes above and beyond.

March 9

God is Able

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

God is able. Believers quote this verse a lot, but I want to remind you that God is able to save us from any situation in life. No matter how far away one may be, when we turn our heart to God, He is there waiting with open arms.

God is able to save us. Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

God is able to give us grace and favor. 2 Cor 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

God is able to give us victory over temptation. 1 Cor 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

God is able to keep us from falling. Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for being able and willing to save, heal, and deliver Your people.

Verse of the Day: Psa 121:3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Living the Word Today: God is able to empower us, deliver us, and keep us under His protective covering. He will do what He has promised to do.

March 10

God Will Not Forget

Heb 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

God does not forget the works that we do for Him. He does not forget our sacrifices that we make in His name. He does not forget those who obey and serve Him. He does not forget His promises to us.

Job 36:11 If they obey and serve him, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

Isa 1:19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.

Psa 136:23 Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psa 103:13-14 Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him. For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

Isa 49:15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for never forgetting me and always being with me.

Verse of the Day: Psa 105:8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

Living the Word Today: God has us in the palm of His hands. We can count on Him to remember us and be there for us.

March 11

We Shall Be Like Him

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Our minds are renewed by the Word of God. We are not to be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of our mind. We go from glory to glory, transforming into the image of Christ day by day. When we see Him, we will be like Him in a glorified body, like the body Jesus had when He was raised and returned to the disciples. They could see Him but didn't recognize Him. They could walk and talk with Him. We will put on immortality, being holy and without sin.

1 Cor 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

We can't take our old nature into heaven with God. Each day we grow more into His image when we walk with Him.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for creating me in Your image and allowing me to evolve into Your likeness.

Verse of the Day: 2 Cor 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Living the Word Today: 1 Cor 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

March 12

God Chose You

1 Pet 2:9-10 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

2 Tim 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

God has chosen us for the work that we do. He enabled us, and counted us faithful for ministry. You are special to Him. God calls us the apple of His eye

Heb 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Prayer Focus: Lord, thank You for choosing me. Help me to live in a way that is worthy of Your calling.

Verse of the Day: John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Living the Word Today: God has chosen you. We have been drawn into fellowship with the Father.

March 13

God's Eye Is Upon Us

Psa 33:18-22 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

The Bible lets us know that the Lord watches over us and His eye is upon us. Why? Because we make Him our refuge and we put our trust in Him. He gives us life, health, and strength. Surely, we go the way of those on the earth, but God is our source.

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

Notice that there is only one time that man is appointed to die. The Bible refers to the lake of fire as the second death, but Christians are not appointed to that. Death has no power over us. Death has lost its sting and sin has no grip on us. We have been delivered. He keeps us in times of famine, when it seems as if things dry up on us. He will never leave nor forsake us. He is our help in times of trouble and nothing can separate us from Him.

Psa 121:2-4 My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for watching over me and keeping me safe.

Verse of the Day: 2 Chro 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars.

Living the Word Today: Don't give up on your success and peace in life. Give God the glory, honor, and praise for His keeping power. He watches over you.

March 14

The Power of Our Words

Prov 18:20-21 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

We need to be aware of the power of our words. What we say manifests in our lives. What we say may be factual, but do we want that to be our reality? We can turn our realities around to match the confession of our faith. Speak life. Speak the Word of God. Death and life are in the power of the tongue. When we speak what we see, we are reinforcing those things. Are we choosing words that build us up or tear us down? See through the eyes of faith and believe to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Negative talk can have us thinking like the world. We are in the world but not of it. We can not think like the world – God has overcome the world. We are overcomers by the blood of Jesus.

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Matt 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to guard my tongue and speak words of life.

Verse of the Day: Prov 18:4 The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters, and the wellspring of wisdom as a flowing brook.

Living the Word Today: Don’t feed into negativity by validating it with words. God’s word is the truth. Say about yourself what God says about you.

Let Your Light Shine

Luke 3:5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;

It is important to realize that what God is doing on the earth is not a secret. Sometimes we hide the work that God is doing in our lives as an act of humility. However, God wants the world to know how He is blessing us. He wants our family members to see how our lives are different because of God. The world needs to see God's power at work in our lives.

Psa 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

We are God's advertisement. We are His superstars and He wants the world to know the benefits of serving Him. We need to show people the blessings that we walk in when we serve God.

1 Pet 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Luke 8:16 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light.

Prayer Focus: God, thank You for the work that You have done in me and through me.

Verse of the Day: Matt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Living the Word Today: Let the world see God's glory in your life.

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Fellowship with God

1 Jon 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

As Christians, we should have fellowship with each other but we should also have fellowship with God.

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

The Lord wants us to hang out with Him and get to know Him. When we do, we pick up His ways and become more like Him. Fellowship is one of the most important things that God wants from us. He wants us to know Him. Jesus pulled himself away and went to the garden of Gethsemene and to the mountain to spend time with God. To be strong in the Lord, we must have fellowship with Him.

Prayer Focus: Father, it is a privilege to serve You and spend time with You. Thank You for loving me and wanting me to know You better.

Verse of the Day: 1 John 3:24 And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

Living the Word Today: Personal time with God alone is crucial to our Christian walk. Corporate fellowship is great too and necessary, but that one-on-one time with God is where we really get to know Him on an intimate level. Take time with Him today and every day.

Acknowledge God

We should acknowledge God in all that we do. One of the ways we do so is through prayer. Prayer acknowledges our need for God and our faith in Him. Prayer should be the default position for the Christian rather than a last resort. We start with prayer so everything else won't fail. The Bible teaches us to always pray.

Luke 18:1 And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

We as people of God must acknowledge who God is. Psa 90:1-2 [[A Prayer of Moses the man of God.]] Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

We need to acknowledge God's power. Psa 90:3-5 Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

We must acknowledge we are God's workmanship. Psa 90:17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for being my Creator, for being all-powerful, and for establishing the work of my hands.

Verse of the Day: Prov 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Living the Word Today: God is all-powerful, and there is nothing too hard for Him.

March 18

Expect Extraordinary Blessings

Isa 42:9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Isa 43:19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

God wants to manifest extraordinary blessings in our lives. He wants to perform miracles and do things that we can't comprehend with our natural minds. Because of what He is doing in our lives, we have total victory. I believe we will see extraordinary healing, extraordinary financial breakthroughs, and exceeding great works in our homes, on our jobs, and in our ministries. We must believe for the extraordinary.

Luke 18:27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Mark 9:23-27 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And *the spirit* cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

Prayer Focus: Father, I believe You have extraordinary plans for me. I receive Your blessings, opened doors, and favor!

Verse of the Day: Jer 32:27 Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

Living the Word Today: Expect God to do the extraordinary in your life.

Joy and Peace

Psa 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

In Christ we live, move, and have our being. The Lord is the One who gives us fullness of life and joy. He causes us to have a peace that passes all understanding.

John 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

When we put our trust and confidence in God, joy comes our way. Serving God and walking with Him should bring us joy. Peace is a twin that goes along with joy because if you don't have peace, you won't have joy and vice versa. Stay in His presence through prayer, worship, and communing with God. As we do, we continue to have joy and peace.

Psa 47:1 [[To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.]] O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

1 Pet 1:8-9 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for giving me joy and peace beyond my understanding.

Verse of the Day: Prov 10:28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness: but the expectation of the wicked shall perish.

Living the Word Today: Let your joy and peace remain full by delighting yourself in the Lord. Spend time with Him every day.

Walking to Please God

1 Thess 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

We should want to please God in our Christian walk. Our walk means our daily life. There are several things that the Bible teaches us to do regarding our walk:

Walk in the Newness of Life. Rom 6:4 – Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Walk by Faith. 2 Cor 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Walk in the Spirit. Gal 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Walk in Love. Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

Walk in Wisdom. Col 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

Walk After His Commandments. 2 John 1:6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to steward my Christian walk in a way that makes You proud.

Verse of the Day: 3 John 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

Living the Word Today: God wants us to walk in a way that exemplifies Christianity and pleases Him for our benefit and his pleasure.

Fear of the Lord

Prov 14:27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Prov 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

The fear of the Lord causes us to want to do what is right. Our love for God should also cause us to want to live right. As Christians, we should have such a high level of respect for God that we don't want to violate Him. Some people look to Jesus to be their Savior, but they don't always look to Him as Lord. Yes, He is our Savior, but He is also our Lord. He is the supreme authority over us, and He gives us purpose and vision for life. We follow His lead. We can love God but not have fear for Him. We need to love, honor, and obey Him.

Prov 8:13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Prov 14:27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Prov 15:16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD than great treasure and trouble therewith.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to be mindful of reverencing You at all times.

Verse of the Day: Prov 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Living the Word Today: Let's ask God to rekindle the fear of Him in our hearts, so that we do not become complacent and take His Lordship for granted.

Victory to Finish the Race

Phil 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

We need to have the heart attitude that through Jesus, we can do all things. I heard a man who ran seven marathons in seven days say that “progress is not about moving fast, but progress is to keep moving.” It’s important that, in Christ, we don’t stop but we keep going. Don’t give up, don’t back off, just keep going.

Take advantage of the opportunities that come your way. Many times, we procrastinate on opportunities so long that the moment and opportunities pass us by. We must seize the moment. In all that we do successfully, we need the support of family and friends. The support of others can push us beyond our natural abilities. Sometimes we go through breakdowns, but they are setups for our breakthroughs if we keep going.

Resist looking so far ahead that we begin to fear the distance. Take things one step at a time. We are not perfect, but we have to stop making excuses for failure. God sent us help through the Holy Spirit to walk out our Christian journey successfully. Whatever your dream is, trust God to resurrect it or bring it to pass.

Rom 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for always causing me to triumph.

Verse of the Day: Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Living the Word Today: Finish strong! Whatever dream God has given you, He is well-able to bring it to pass. He will not fail you if you put your trust in Him.

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Seasonal Loss

Philemon 1:10-15 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds: Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me: Whom I have sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bowels: Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel: But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly. For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever.

There are people and things that we hold dear in our lives. When they are removed, we can become grieved, but in the passage above, he suffered a loss for a season so that he would receive him back forever. Sometimes we experience losses – maybe a child runs away, or we have some type of conflict that causes fellowship to be broken with a loved one. See these things as seasonal and not permanent losses. God can restore things to better than they were before.

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.

Hab 2:3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Prayer Focus: Father, help me to grasp the concept of changing seasons and resist the temptation to unnecessarily accept failure and loss.

Verse of the Day: Ecc 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.

Living the Word Today: That job situation, see it as a season. That house situation, see it as a season. Whatever situation that you are in, don't see it as hopeless but see them as seasonal. Put your trust in God to see you through.

March 24

Our End Is Peace

Psa 37:39-40 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble. And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

Because we put our trust in God, our end shall be peace. God helps us, delivers us, and keeps us from the wicked one because we trust in Him. We can look around us and see all the discouraging things going on, but the Lord can keep us from falling into despair because He always causes us to triumph. He keeps weapons formed against us from prospering.

The reason we can stand strong through anything we face in life is because God is with us. He will never leave nor forsake us. In the face of adversity, be strong! Our strength comes from the Lord.

Psa 37:9-10 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

We are not to rejoice at the destiny for the wicked, but we rejoice in our destiny as the redeemed. We have an end that we can expect – a peaceful end in heaven.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for ordering my steps and planning my peaceful future.

Verse of the Day: Jer 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Living the Word Today: Take joy in knowing that the life of the righteous ends in peace. God has our victory pre-planned. We just need to walk in His will and His ways.

March 25

Don't Lose Your Reverence for God

Phil 2:12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

Many people love God but do not fear Him. We should love Him and have a reverential fear for Him because of who He is to us. We are often appreciative of the things God has done for us but many don't feel the need to obey Him. There are some things that we should just be scared to do. Not that we live in fear, but we should have such reverence for God that we don't even want to try certain things.

The fear of God causes us to walk in obedience. It seems like the generation of today has lost fear of God overall. When the Israelites fled Egypt and were in the wilderness, they lost reverence for God and began to murmur and complain. As a result, they were not permitted to enter into the promised land. Losing the fear of God will cause us to lose out on His blessings.

1 Sam 12:24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

Prov 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

Prayer Focus: Father, I honor and praise You for who You are. There is none greater than You.

Verse of the Day: Heb 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Living the Word Today: Humble yourself before the Lord and give Him honor, glory, and praise.

Six Steps to Profit from God's Word

Heb 4:1-3 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

Fear God. Fear Him enough to receive His word.

Hear God. Hear means to perceive by the ear. This is not just our natural ears but hearing through our spiritual ears and learning by ear.

Receive God's Word. After we hear His Word we should receive it as applicable to our lives.

Believe God's Word. Accept it as truth.

Rest in God's Word. Have confidence in His Word to the point wherein we are not anxious about it. We are no longer weary concerning God's Word because it is settled within us.

Profit from God's Word. Mix His word with faith so that we can receive a profit from it. Let's reap the benefits of God's Word.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for teaching me to profit from Your Word.

Verse of the Day: 2 Tim 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Living the Word Today: When we fear God, hear God, receive His Word, believe His Word, rest in His Word, we can receive the

Pleasing God

Prov 16:7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Pleasing God causes our enemies to be at peace with us. There are blessings associated with pleasing God. When we please Him, we enter into His rest.

Heb 3:18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

Unbelief does not please God. We can have relief from anxiety when we please God. We make a choice to please God.

Heb 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

Continue to mix the Word with faith and watch how God will cause you to walk in a place of victory as you reap the benefits of serving God. Favor comes upon us when we please God.

Psa 5:12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

1 John 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

Prayer Focus: Father, I want to please You in all that I say and do.

Verse of the Day: 1 Thess 2:4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

Living the Word Today: Make a life goal to please God.

Nothing Is Impossible with God

Luke 1:37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Oftentimes, we face situations that, according to man's standards, are impossible. With God, nothing is impossible. As we look unto Him with trust and confidence, He will turn these situations around in our favor. Many times we have ways that we know we should go, but because they look impossible, we hesitate or fail to move forward. Look up! Our redemption is nigh. God can move us behind the impossible. Things can look so big in our minds but with God, we can do it. Trust God.

Matt 19:26 But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Luke 18:27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

Job 42:2 I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee.

Mark 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for making all things possible.

Verse of the Day: Matt 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Living the Word Today: Don't back down from challenges. You are well-able to do all things through Christ who gives us strength.

The Glory Cloud

2 Chron 5:11-14 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course: Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:) It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

The house of the Lord is not just the building, but when the glory comes in, it is filling the building and the people. We are the temple of God, and we should want His glory to fill us. When we offer a sacrifice of praise to God, His glory flows out into all of us. Let His presence and anointing fill you until you overflow.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for Your glory filling my temple. Pour out Your Spirit upon all flesh. Let revival break out on the earth and let Your presence be felt among Your people.

Verse of the Day: Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Living the Word Today: Sing praises unto God. Worship Him and allow His glory to fill your temple and spill over into the world.

Cry Out to God

Rom 8:8-11 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

The Spirit of God is so powerful that it blew the tombstone away from Jesus's grave. That same spirit – that lifeforce of God, is dwelling in us and is able to restore life unto us. We were once dead in Christ, but the power of God's Spirit revived us unto life. His Spirit is enough to bring prosperity in our lives, to remove fear and oppression, to deliver us from depression, and cause us to rise above negative circumstances.

Gal 4:6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

Prayer Focus: Father, thank You for Your Holy Spirit living big inside of me.

Verse of the Day: Eze 36:27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

Living the Word Today: God's Spirit at work in us is enough to cause us to triumph over any obstacle, situation, or circumstance that we face.

Trust in the Lord

Psa 18:2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Psa 20:7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

We have to trust God. There are many scriptures in the Bible that teach us to trust in God as opposed to trusting in other things. There are many things that compete for our trust. The government wants us to trust them, and thank God for medical science, but our trust should always be in the Lord. We work hard to save for retirement but that can fail us too. When we trust in God and put our confidence in Him, we can not go wrong.

Psa 34:22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

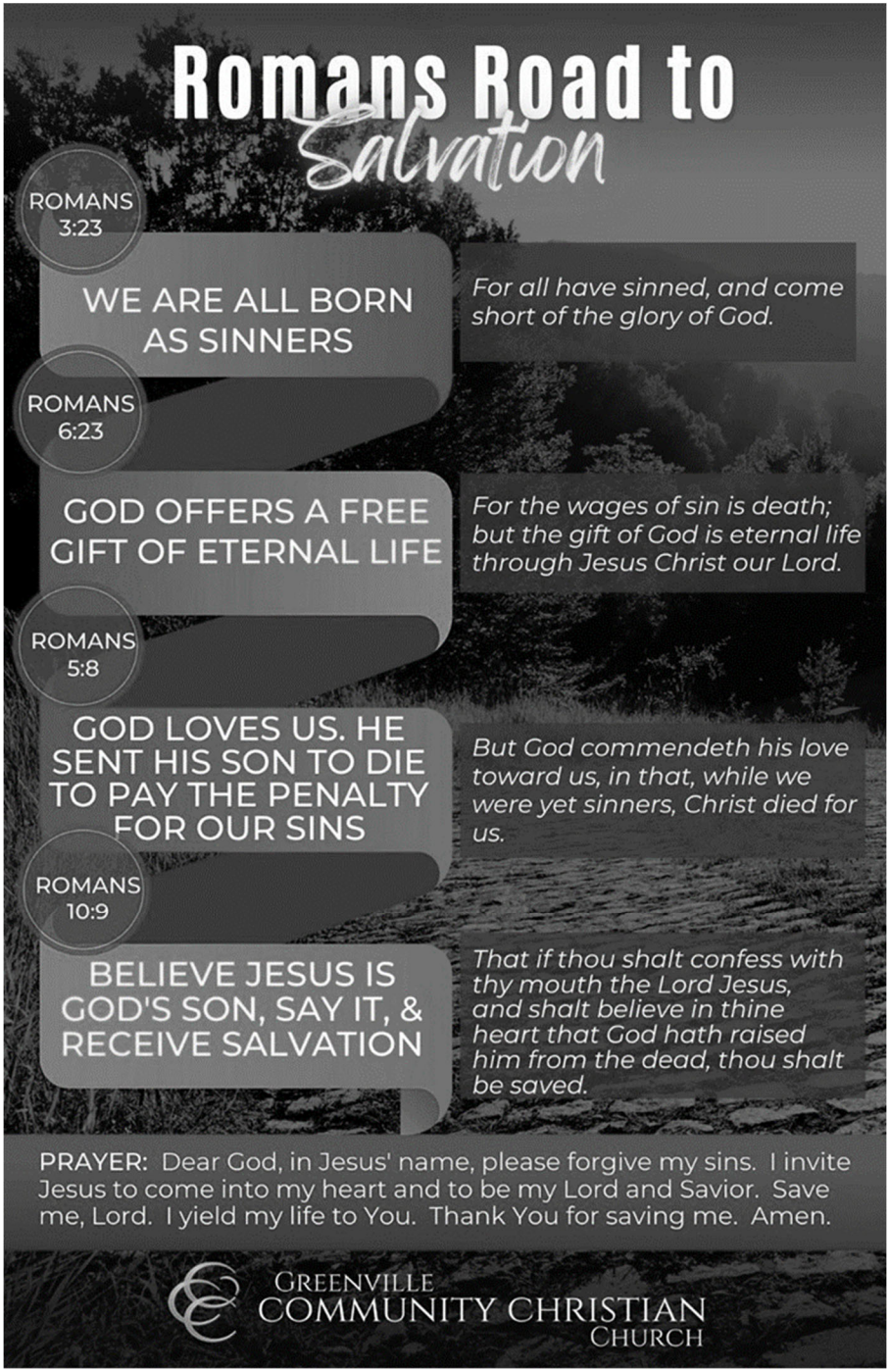
Psa 37:3-5 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

Prayer Focus: Father, I look to You as the Author and Finisher of my faith. I put my trust in You.

Verse of the Day: Rom 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Living the Word Today: Learn to have a child-like faith and trust in God. He never sleeps nor slumbers and He is always watching over us. We can rest in Him and not worry about life's problems.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WE ARE ALL BORN AS SINNERS
For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.
ROMANS 6:23
GOD OFFERS A FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE
For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
ROMANS 5:8
GOD LOVES US. HE SENT HIS SON TO DIE TO PAY THE PENALTY FOR OUR SINS
But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
ROMANS 10:9
BELIEVE JESUS IS GOD'S SON, SAY IT, & RECEIVE SALVATION
That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
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