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Born into the Family**



***Sending the Word of God
to the Ends of the Earth***

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A Personal Letter to You

Dear Friend

Everywhere we go we find a hunger for God's Word. We have a great passion to see the Word of God communicated in a simple and clear form to the ends of the earth.

After many years now of teaching and distributing God's Word in many nations we are overwhelmed by the response everywhere and the testimonies of the life-changing effect of the living Word of God.

The first reformation gave the Bible back to the people. Now there is another reformation in progress where God is giving the ministry back to every believer. The job of leadership is to equip and release all believers in the work of the ministry - at home, on your street, at your place of work and in the community.

These studies from "The Kings's Table" are specially designed to help you in your personal growth and your sharing of the Word with others.

With these studies comes our love in the Lord and a prayer for God's richest blessing upon you.

Kind regards,

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The Collins Ministry Team

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Born for a New Beginning

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Cor. 5:17, NKJV.

The gift of a new life

The gift of salvation and the new beginning that is yours through the Lord Jesus Christ releases the power of God into your life.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes..." Romans 1:16.

This new life is from God

Every religion, philosophy and ideology in the world relies on self-effort to try to change a person. Only the Gospel is different. The power that is released by the Gospel is not "from me" but "from God."

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us" 2 Corinthians 4:7.

This new life is by faith

We are not only *saved* by faith (Ephesians 2:8-9). The whole Christian life is lived by faith. Faith means total dependence on God.

"...The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" Galatians 2:20.

The power of the Gospel

"Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel..." Romans 16:25.

The Gospel is the good news of God's saving power. But the Gospel does more than just *introduce* us to the Christian life. It also *establishes* us in the

Christian life. The Gospel describes a Christian life that is, from start to finish, "from God" and "by faith" (Hebrews 12:2).

To know in reality the power of God in the *new* life, we must first understand and experience the power of the Gospel in dealing with the *old* life.

A 'once for all' Gospel

"...But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself" Hebrews 9:26.

The Cross of Christ was a complete, once for all, never to be repeated work of salvation. There is nothing we can do to add to the work of the Cross.

The Cross dealt with your sins

"For Christ died for sins once for all...to bring you to God..." 1 Peter 3:18.

The Cross dealt with your old self

The Cross dealt with, not just your acts of sin, but also the root of your sin problem - self. The core of the old self is a self-centre, expressed in a self-justified independence from God. At the Cross, Jesus not only died for your sins. You also died in Him! The old self was judged *once for all*.

"For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that...we should no longer be slaves to sin" Romans 6:6 (see also verses 10-11).

2 Corinthians 5:17 declares that "the old has gone, the new has come!" Through faith in the finished work of the Cross, you are free!

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Born for Freedom

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free...So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed
John 8:32-36

Jesus died on the Cross and rose again representing us. In His victory He won great freedom for us!

Freedom from Satan

"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves" Colossians 1:13.

Before the Cross Satan held every person captive to sin, judgment and eternal death. Now, through the Cross, we are delivered.

"And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross" Colossians 2:15.

Freedom from past sins

Not only does God forgive our sins through the sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross for us, but also we are set free from the past with its guilt and mistakes.

"...He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross" Colossians 2:13-14.

Freedom from the old self

The old self, the person we were before we received Christ, struggled against an inner bias that led us always into sin and selfishness. We got this sinful nature because of Adam and Eve's choice to be independent from God. This old self, in captivity to Satan, was destroying our lives and leading us to

eternal judgment. Then Jesus died in our place to set us free.

"For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin" Romans 6:6 (read to verse 11).

Freedom from sickness

"He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases" Matthew 8:17.

The provision for our physical healing was also part of the atonement He made for us in His death on the Cross. Most of us experience sickness in some form during our lives but we need to be aware that God has made provision for healing and through prayer we can avail ourselves of this.

"Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well..." James 5:14.

Freedom from judgment

"Just as man is destined to die once and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people..." Hebrews 9:27 (Romans 6:23).

This is a wonderful gift from God for the believer to live without the shadow of future judgment over his or her life.

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Born to Live in God's Grace

“ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. Acts 4:33 ”

“Grace” has two aspects to its meaning:

Grace is a daily reality

Grace is unmerited favour “You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus” 2 Timothy 2:1 (Romans 5:1-2).
“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast” Ephesians 2:8-9.

Grace is God’s mercy at work. Even though we were sinners, deserving of judgment, God forgave us and saved us in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-21; 2:4-5,7).

Grace is forgiveness of sin

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus” Romans 3:23-24.

Grace is enabling power

“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me” 1 Corinthians 15:10.

Not only does grace make us accepted into the family of God; it also enables us to live the Christian life.

Grace is victory over sin

“For the grace of God... teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age” Titus 2:11-12.

Grace is God at work

In salvation, the fulness of God’s grace is at work. Through God’s unmerited favour we receive forgiveness and restored relationship with Him even though we don’t deserve it. But God’s enabling power is also at work. It is only by God’s grace that we are transformed (Ephesians 3:20), born again (John 3:3,6) and become a new creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17). Grace simply means that God does what we cannot do ourselves. This same grace continues to work in our daily living (2 Peter 3:18; John 1:14, 16-17).

Grace is abounding life

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work” 2 Corinthians 9:8.

Walking in God’s grace means we are experiencing God’s power in daily circumstances.

Our response to God is faith. His response to us is His grace.
“Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need” Hebrews 4:16 (2 Corinthians 12:9).

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Born for a New Focus

“ The Law proved that no-one was able to keep the 10 Commandments by themselves. The New Covenant is a new focus from self-effort to God’s empowering in us. ”

When Adam sinned, as the father of the human race, he moved out of God-dependence into independence. This has been Mankind’s central problem ever since – self-centred focus...going it alone without God.

A new focus for living

Through the Cross, Christ brings us back to a God-centre. This is our focus.

“Those who think they can do it on their own end up obsessed with measuring their own moral muscle but never get around to exercising it in real life. Those who trust God’s action in them find that God’s Spirit is in them – living and breathing God! Obsession with self in these matters is a dead end; attention to God leads us out into the open, into a spacious, free life. Focusing on the self is the opposite of focusing on God” Romans 8:5-7 (The Message).

The old focus is death

The central focus of our old life was ourselves. Everything was not only *for* us in our thinking, but it was also *by* us – by our own strength or ability things were accomplished. In trying to please God it was expressed in an unsuccessful struggle to obey His Commandments (read Romans chapter 7).

The purpose of the Law

This is why God gave the Law (the Old Covenant). It was to reveal that you and I could not keep even

the lowest expression of His righteousness (Matthew 5:21-22;27-28).

“What , then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come” (Romans 5:13;20).

When we see in a mirror that our face is dirty we don’t use the mirror to make it clean but we go to another source – water – for cleansing. So it is with the Gospel. The Law was like a mirror to show that our lives were not clean. But it is through the Water of Life, Jesus, we are made clean.

The Galatians’ mistake

Paul writes to the Galatian Christians, calling them “foolish” because, although they had come to God by faith in the work of Christ, they were trying to live as Christians by reverting to the old method of self-effort (read Galatians 3:1-3;15-29). Paul says they had “fallen away from grace” (Galatians 5:4).

The focus on God daily

God’s enabling grace is constantly available to every believer. It is our faith and trust in Him every day that releases it.

“God went for the jugular when he sent his own Son...now what the law code asked for but we couldn’t deliver is accomplished as we, instead of redoubling our own efforts, simply embrace what the Spirit is doing in us” Romans 8:3-4 (The Message).

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Born for a Life of Faith

“ Faith means having trust, assurance or confidence in another person. Faith is the keynote of our relationship with God. It means total dependence upon Him. ”

Faith pleases God

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” Hebrews 11:6.

God has placed such a high priority on faith because faith presupposes total dependence on Him.

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see” Hebrews 11:1.

The basis of faith

Our faith in God is based on two important realities:

The nature of God

Abraham is given as the greatest example of faith at work (Romans 4:16-22; Hebrews 11:8-12). He and his wife were beyond child-bearing age, yet God promised him a son. Even more, God promised that through that son Abraham would become the “father of many nations.” In believing God for his son, Abraham’s faith was in three aspects of God’s nature:

- God’s promise (Romans 4:20).
- God’s character (Hebrews 11:11).
- God’s power (Romans 4:21).

Abraham’s faith was strong because he knew God’s nature:

- God cannot change (James 1:17).
- God cannot fail (Job 42:2).
- God cannot lie (Numbers 23:19).

The work of the Cross

Christ has become the source of our faith in God. His death and resurrection provides the ground for our believing.

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” Hebrews 12:2.

The process of faith

Faith is the lifestyle of a believer. But faith is not faith unless there is an obstacle involved. This is what is called a “trial of faith” and it works in the following way:

- A word from God (Romans 10:17).
- We obey that word (James 2:17).
- The crisis of faith (1 Peter 1:6-7).
- The outcome (James 1:2-4,12).

The victory of faith

“These [trials of faith] have come so that your faith - of greater worth than gold...may be proved genuine...” 1 Peter 1:6-7.

Even while we may be going through a trial of faith, with the answer not yet in sight, our faith itself is the victory which sustains us.

“...for everyone born of God has overcome the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith” 1 John 5:4.

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Born to Walk with God

“ He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8. ”

God's desire is that we might "walk with Him". Many times people think that to be a Christian means that "God walks with me" – in other words, wherever I go, God goes. But we are called to align our lives to the life of God, not the other way around. We walk with God.

"Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?" Amos 3:3.

Walking in His presence

"... God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you'" Hebrews 13:5 (see also Matthew 28:20).

God has promised never to leave us. His presence is always with us (Psalm 139:1-12; Isaiah 43:2; Deut. 20:1). The question, however, is not whether God is in *our* presence, but whether we are walking in *His* presence.

"Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord" Psalm 89:15.

Walking in His Ways

"... 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths' ..." Isaiah 2:3.

Our walk with God is an exciting, daily experience.

Seeking Him

"The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed

tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught" Isaiah 50:4.

Listening to Him

"But I have stilled and quieted my soul; like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me" Psalm 131:2.

Enjoying His presence

"One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple" Psalm 27:4.

Following in His footsteps

"My feet have closely followed his steps; I have kept to his way without turning aside" Job 23:11.

Walking with Jesus

"Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did" 1 John 2:6.

Following Him

"Then he said to them all: 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me'" Luke 9:23.

Yoked with Him

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" Matthew 11:29-30.

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Born to Worship God

Yet a time...has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. John 4:23

From those who have been saved, reconciled and lifted into the heavenly places with Him (Ephesians 2:1-10), God is seeking true worship. If He is seeking true worship it means there is *false* worship. Jesus revealed what true worship is to the woman in John 4:19-26:

True worship is not...

In a specific place

"'Sir,' the woman said, "...Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus declared, 'Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem'" verses 20-21.

In a tradition

"'You Samaritans worship what you do not know..." verse 22.

Worship is not just an outward act or form that is followed. True worship has to do with *knowing* the One we worship. It is based on *relationship* and is the expression of love and adoration. The key to true worship is the *focus* of our worship – God Himself. False worship focuses on the *act* itself centring on *ourselves* in giving it.

From a wrong heart

Read verses 4-19. The Samaritan woman was living a life of sin. Yet she was very religious. Jesus is revealing worship means nothing if the heart is not right (Isaiah 29:13).

True worship is...

In spirit

Because of sin our spirit was dead (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 5:12). Jesus took our death on the Cross and made us alive by His Resurrection (1 Cor. 15:22; Rom. 6:1-11). God again breathed into us the "breath of life" – His own Spirit (Gen. 2:7; John 20:22) so that we could truly know God and express our love and adoration to Him for all that He is and has done.

In truth

True worship is based on truth – the truth of who He is and what He is like (John 14:6; 17:17) and the truth in us. God is looking for the sincere and genuine worship that comes from our knowledge of His holiness and purity, and our own hearts pure and open before Him.

In a Person

"...Then Jesus declared, 'I who speak to you am he'" v.25-26.

In Jesus we see God's glory and we cannot help but worship! (2 Corinthians 4:6).

We join Heaven's worship

"...Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and all that is in them, singing: 'To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and power, for ever and ever!'" Revelation 5:11-13 (read verses 6-14).

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Born to Declare His Praises

“ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood... that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9 ”

Praise to the Lord

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess his name” Hebrews 13:15.

Praise is an expression of admiration and appreciation. When we praise someone, we tell them how wonderful we think they are, or how great their accomplishments are. In the same way, when we praise God, we are acknowledging His character and power.

“Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live...” Psalm 63:3-4.

We praise God for many reasons...

Because of who He is

“Sing praises to God, sing praises...for God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise” Psalm 47:6-7.

Because of what He does

“Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases; he redeems my life from the pit and crowns me with love and compassion. He satisfies my desires with good things, so that my youth is renewed like the eagle’s” Psalm 103:2-5.

We are to praise God...

- At all times (Psalm 34:1).
- In every circumstance (1 Thess.5:16-18).
- Surrounded by God’s people (Psalm 22:22).

- On our beds (Psalm 63:4-6).
- Among the nations (Psalm 57:9).

Expressions of praise

In the Bible we see many ways of expressing praise to the Lord:

With the mouth

- Singing (Psalm 9:2,11).
- Praising (Psalm 103:1).
- Shouting (Psalm 47:1).

With the hands

- Lifting (Psalm 63:4).
- Clapping (Psalm 47:1).
- Musical instruments (Psalm 150).

With the feet

- Standing (Psalm 134:1 KJV).
- Kneeling, bowing (Psalm 95:6).
- Dancing and leaping for joy (Psalm 30:11).

These are outward expressions of what is coming from the heart.

“Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name” Psalm 103:1 (see also 1 Samuel 16:7; Isaiah 29:13).

Praise about the Lord

Praise is not only directed in words toward the Lord. We also praise God every time we speak about Him to others.

“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord” Psalm 150:6.

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Born to Live by the Spirit

“ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being... ”
Ephesians 3:16.

The gift of the Holy Spirit

"We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit" 1 John 4:13.

When Jesus returned to His Father, He did not abandon us as spiritual orphans in the world. He sent us His Holy Spirit into our lives (John 14:16-18; 16:5-7; Acts 2:1-4).

The ministry of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit has a two-fold ministry in our lives:

In us

The Holy Spirit comes to dwell within the believer to help him to grow in the Lord. The Holy Spirit...

- Opens access to the Father (Ephesians 2:18).
- Gives us new birth (Titus 3:5-7).
- Testifies we are His children (Romans 8:16).
- Teaches and guides us (John 14:26).
- Gives wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17).
- Helps us live a holy life (Galatians 5:16-25).
- Assists us in prayer (Romans 8:26).
- Imparts resurrection life (Romans 8:11).
- Changes us into His image (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Through us

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..."
Acts 1:8 (see also Luke 24:49).

The Holy Spirit empowers the believer to serve and glorify God in the world. The Holy Spirit...

- Gives power to witness (Acts 2:14-40).
- Testifies Jesus is alive (Acts 5:30-33).
- Releases true worship (Ephesians 5:18-19).
- Glorifies Jesus (John 16:13-15).

Walking in the Spirit

"So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the [flesh]" Galatians 5:16.

We are not to try to overcome the desires of the flesh in order to walk in the Spirit. No! We are called to walk in the Spirit *so that* we will not gratify the desires of the flesh! It is the indwelling Holy Spirit who enables us to walk daily with God (2 Corinthians 3:17-18). Walking in the Spirit involves three steps:

Recognize the voice of the Spirit

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me" John 10:27.

Obey the promptings of the Spirit

"While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them'" Acts 13:2-3.

Receive the enabling of the Spirit

"To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy" Jude 24.

Make your decision that this will be a daily experience in your relationship with God.

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Born to be an Overcomer

“ You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 1 John 4:4. ”

The victory of the Cross

“And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross” Colossians 2:15.

When Jesus died on the Cross, He declared: “It is finished!” (John 19:30). The victory of the Cross on our behalf was absolute. It is this victory, not our own, which is the starting point of our lives as overcomers. We are not working *toward* victory, but *from* victory! (1 Corinthians 15:55-57).

Christ rose in victory

“I pray... that you may know... his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet...” Ephesians 1:18-23.

We share His victory

We too were raised in Christ and are now seated in Christ at the right hand of God in the same position of victory as He is!

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus” Ephesians 2:6.

Seated at God's right hand

In Scripture, God's right hand represents His power and salvation.

“Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed; he answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand” Psalm 20:6.

In Christ, we are now seated at God's right hand. This means that we no longer have to struggle with our problems on our own. We now learn to handle our problems and difficulties from the perspective of God's Throne.

Victory outworked

“I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me – I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me...” Philippians 4:13 (Amp).

Victory is not only ours when the difficulty is over or the problem solved. The Christian's victory operates...

- In the midst of trouble (John 16:33).
- In the midst of trials (1 Peter 1:6-7).
- In the midst of persecution (2 Cor.12:9-10)

“...If God is for us, who can be against us?... Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us” Romans 8:35-37 (see 2 Cor. 2:14).

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Born to be Yoked with Jesus

☪ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me...and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Matthew 11:29-30. ☪

Jesus used the picture of yoked oxen plowing a field. In Bible days a farmer would yoke a young ox together with an older, well-trained ox so that it could learn to plow a straight furrow in the field. Christ wants us to be yoked with Him so that we can learn from Him how to walk with God.

The wrong yoke

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

This yoke of slavery is the yoke of self-effort. This is a heavy yoke because we try to do it all in our own strength. There are three yokes mentioned in the Bible which are the wrong yokes:

- The yoke of the law (Acts 15:10).
- The yoke of the world (James 4:4).
- The yoke of the flesh (Lamentations 1:14).

Breaking the Old Yoke

Jesus refuses to be yoked with our old self (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). That means if He wants us to be yoked with Him, He must first destroy the old yoke. And that is exactly what Jesus did at the Cross.

"For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin" Romans 6:6 (Romans 7:5-6).

Yoked to Jesus

God wants us to be yoked with Christ. This means

that Jesus carries the heaviest load. This is why His "yoke is easy" and His "burden is light." His strength, righteousness and life are transferred to us. His footsteps become our footsteps. This is how the Christian life has been designed to work.

A daily yoke

"The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught" Isaiah 50:4.

In taking His yoke upon us Jesus told us to learn from Him. This is how we learn from Jesus...

Daily we:

- Pray (Luke 11:3).
- Spend time in God's word (Matthew 4:4).
- Experience God's grace (2 Corinthians 4:16).
- Fellowship together (Acts 2:42, 46-47).
- Work with God (John 5:17).
- Take up our cross and follow Him (Luke 9:23).

When we start off the day with Jesus, we continue through the day yoked to Him. When distractions come, the gentle yoke of Jesus pulls us back on track. As Jesus walks the straight line in His Father's will, so we also walk the straight line God has set for us. In the yoke of Jesus we discover true victory, true freedom and true life.

"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps" 1 Peter 2:21.

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Born with a Birthright

“ And if we are [God’s] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ – sharing His inheritance with him... Romans 8:17 (Amp) ”

To be a “fellow heir” with Christ does not mean God divides all He has between us all, but that all Jesus has we now share with Him! What Jesus is an heir of, we are also an heir of!

“...his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe” Hebrews 1:2.

The Birthright

To understand this birthright that is now ours in Christ we must first understand His “birthright”. The Bible uses the word “firstborn” to picture Jesus’ position in regard to creation and to His Church.

“[Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation” Col. 1:15 (see Heb. 1:6).

Meaning of the Firstborn

The Scripture is using the family culture of Old Testament Israel to picture Christ’s relationship to His Father and to us as God’s children. To be the “firstborn” in Old Testament Israel did not necessarily mean that person was the first one born (Gen.16:22; 25-27; 48:8-20; 1 Chron.5:2; Psalm 89:19-37). To be firstborn meant to hold special status in the family. The firstborn had...

Special Position

The firstborn was the father’s “right-hand man”, representing the father’s *authority* to the family.

Special Inheritance

The firstborn received a double-portion of the inheritance (Deuteronomy 21:15-17).

Special Responsibility

He held responsibility for the welfare of the family. This was why he received the double-portion inheritance. He had sufficient to help any of the family should they be in need.

Jesus – The Firstborn

The Lord Jesus is declared to be “Firstborn”, speaking of His special status, in three distinct relationships. He is Firstborn...

- Over all creation (Colossians 1:15)
- From among the dead (Colossians 1:18)
- Among many brothers (Romans 8:29)

The Lord Jesus is, and always has been, the Firstborn over all creation (Hebrews 1:2-4). From the moment of creation, God’s Son has held special *position, inheritance and responsibility*. So when mankind, the highest of God’s creation, fell, Jesus took His responsibility as Firstborn and came to save us. As “*firstborn over all creation*”, He laid down His life and became “*firstborn from among the dead*”, and through His resurrection, bringing many sons into glory with Him, He became “*firstborn among many brothers*” (Hebrews 2:9-10).

“But you have come...to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven” Hebrews 12:22-23.

As His fellow-heirs, Jesus has included us in His birthright and so we also have become “firstborn ones”. Jesus is the Firstborn *by right*. We are God’s children and joint-heirs with Him *by grace*.

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Born to Joyously Serve

☉ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God...made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant... Phil.2:5-8 ☉

Only sons can serve

Only sons can truly serve. Our great example, the Lord Jesus, did not serve God to qualify to become a son He already was the Son of God, yet He laid aside His glory to become the servant of all.

"...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many" Matthew 20:26-28.

We too have been made sons (John 1:12; Galatians 4:4-7), and only when we have a revelation of our position of rest, seated on the Throne in Christ (Ephesians 2:6), can we then offer our lives in service to our Father. This takes all selfish motives out of our service for we already have *all things* in Christ (2 Peter 1:3; Colossians 2:9-10).

Love slaves

"Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus..." Romans 1:1.

The Greek word Paul uses here is *doulos*, which actually means "slave". He is referring to the custom of his day. If a slave came to the time when he could be set free, but because of his love for his master chose not to accept his freedom, he then received a mark pierced in his ear. This was a sign that he was a "love-slave" to his master for life (see Exodus 21:5-6; Deuteronomy 15:16-17). We, having been set free by Christ from the ownership of Satan, now by free-will choice become love-slaves to the One who has purchased us with His own precious blood.

"... You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body" 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

How to serve God

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. '... Lord, when did we... feed you?... give you something to drink?... invite you in?... clothe you?... visit you?' ... 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me'" Matthew 25:35-40.

We serve the Lord when we serve one another. God counts the love we show to others as love expressed to Him. Paul says that we have a continuing debt to the Lord, but that debt is only paid by loving others.

"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another..." Romans 13:8.

Qualities of a servant

The Lord pours out His Spirit upon His servants (Acts 2:18) and so we are filled with His qualities of servanthood:

- Joy (Psalm 100:2).
- Faithfulness (Luke 19:17).
- Wholeheartedness (Romans 1:9-10).
- Undivided loyalty (Luke 16:13).
- Enthusiasm (Romans 12:11).

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Born to the Call of God

“ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:30 ”

Each and every Christian has been called by God. The Bible tells us that God has called us...

From the foundation of the world

"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world..." Ephesians 1:4.

To be separated unto Him

"But you are a chosen people...a people belonging to God..." 1 Peter 2:9.

To fulfil His purpose

"...God...saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace" 2 Timothy 1:8-9.

Responding to the call

"For many are called, but few are chosen" Matthew 22:14.

The call of God is wide and all-inclusive. God does not just call a select few, but He calls the "many." This call is expressed on two distinct levels:

The call to come

The first expression of God's call to our lives is to return to Him. This call has gone out to every single person on the face of the earth – the "many" (Romans 10:14,18). But only those who respond to that call – "the few" – are chosen.

The call to go

Only once we have responded to the first call – to salvation – can we respond to the second call – to the purposes of God (Ephesians 1:11-12). Like the first call, the second call is wide and inclusive. This

call goes out to all those who have responded to the first call – "the many" – but likewise, it is only those who respond to that second call – "the few" – who are actually chosen by God for involvement in His purposes. Will you be one of those who responds?

Four expressions

Every believer has four expressions of ministry, and each must be in balance:

Ministry to the Lord

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood...that you may declare the praises of him who called you..." 1 Peter 2:9.

Ministry to ourselves

"Why are you downcast, O my soul?...Put your hope in God..." Psalm 42:11

Ministry to the Body of Christ

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..." 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

Ministry to the world

"He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation'" Mark 16:15.

Ministering Christ

"For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" 2 Corinthians 4:5.

Every believer is called to be full-time in ministry – in work, at home and in the church. The very essence of our ministry, and our call, is to minister the redemption, power and life of Christ to others.

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Born for Endurance

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you. Rejoice and be glad... Matthew 5:11-12”

A heritage of endurance

Endurance in persecution is part of the heritage of the believer (2 Timothy 3:12). Down through the ages, in every generation, Christians have experienced persecution and have responded with great endurance. This is because of the opposition between God and this world's godless system.

"...if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God because you bear that name" 1 Peter 4:16.

Early Christians endured

The Early Church experienced great persecution but in the midst of this opposition, the Church flourished and grew.

"Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. You sympathized with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions" Hebrews 10:33-34 (read also verses 35-36).

Promises for endurance

As Christians who endure under persecution and trouble, we are given some very special promises:

- The strength of God (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).
- The joy of the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:41).
- The comfort of Christ (2 Corinthians 1:5-9).

- Great reward in heaven (Matthew 5:10-12).
- A crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

Fellowship in His suffering

We need to understand that when we experience persecution, it is not us that people are persecuting. They are in fact persecuting Jesus (Acts 9:4-5). When we are persecuted for the name of Jesus, we participate in the suffering of Jesus Himself (2 Corinthians 11:23-28). This experience produces perseverance.

"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings..." Philippians 3:10.

Victory in persecution

No matter what we face in life, God's plan is that we experience victory. The victory we experience in persecution can come in two forms:

Delivered from persecution

"Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us" 2 Corinthians 1:9-10.

Victory in the midst of persecution

"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" 1 John 4:4.

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Born to Reverence God

“ He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure. Isaiah 33:6 ”

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10). It is also the starting place for humility. This is not a fear that causes us to hide from God but an awe of His power and a reverence for His holiness which cause us to live our lives in the right perspective.

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our 'God is a consuming fire'" Hebrews 12:28-29.

The key to holy living

"Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God" 2 Cor. 7:1.

We know that God is a God of love (1 John 4:8), compassion (Exodus 34:6) and mercy (Luke 6:36). A revelation of the love of God draws us into a relationship with Him. But God is also a God of holiness (Isaiah 6:3). A revelation of the holiness of God draws us into a life of holiness (Heb. 12:14).

"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight" Ephesians 1:4.

The fear of God involves five things:

A knowledge of God

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" Proverbs 9:10.

A hatred of evil

"To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behaviour and perverse speech" Proverbs 8:13 (see also 16:6).

A desire not to grieve God

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" Ephesians 4:30-32.

A gratitude for forgiveness

"If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared" Psalm 130: 3-4.

A turning to God

"Who, then, is the man that fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way chosen for him. He will spend his days in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land. The Lord confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them" Psalm 25:12-14.

Jesus had the spirit of the fear of the Lord upon Him (Isaiah 11:2-5). Through the same Spirit we walk in the same humility before God.

"...This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word" Isaiah 66:2.

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Born for the Ways of God

☉ And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God [and] to walk in all his ways... Deuteronomy 10:12 ☉

"Many peoples will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths'" Isaiah 2:3.

To walk with God means to walk in His ways – to walk as God would walk. The ways of God are higher than the ways of man (Isaiah 55:9), but God has given us His Spirit to reveal His ways (1 Cor.2:9-10).

Two ways to walk

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it" Matthew 7:13-14.

The broad way

From the time of the original temptation, mankind has chosen a way separate from God (see Romans 1:18-32). Most of mankind has chosen the broad way, in all its different forms of philosophy and religion. This is the easy way, because it caters to self interest in its many expressions.

"Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon" Isaiah 55:7.

The narrow way

"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name" Psalm 86:11.

Jesus called this way a "narrow way" because it is totally focused on the way the Lord walks. This narrow way is a delightful path filled with blessing, fulfilment and joy. In order to follow Him, we must keep our eyes focused on Him (Hebrews 12:2). By focusing on Jesus we avoid distractions from the paths of righteousness in which He leads us (read Psalm 23:3).

"I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free" Psalm 119:32.

Standing at the crossroads

"...Stand at the cross-roads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls..." Jeremiah 6:16.

Many times the nation of Israel wandered off the ancient paths of God by following other gods (Jeremiah 18:15). But when Jesus came into the world, He declared himself as the Way (John 14:6) in which we will find "rest for [our] souls" (Matthew 11:28-29).

In the footsteps of Jesus

God has simplified the Christian life so that even a child can believe and obey (Matthew 18:2-4). The ways of God cannot be learned in a classroom. We learn God's ways by following Jesus.

"The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day" Proverbs 4:18.

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Born to Always Forgive

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life" Proverbs 4:23.

Our heart is the key to our life in Christ. God searches our heart to reveal areas that might block our relationship with Him (Psalm 139:23-24).

Three gifts of forgiveness

The Bible talks about three gifts of forgiveness:

The gift God gives you

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

God's gift of forgiveness to us is through the shed blood of Christ (Colossians 1:13-14).

The gift you give to yourself

"...Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus" Philippians 3:13-14.

Many people receive the gift of God's forgiveness, but have never quite forgiven themselves. This allows the enemy of our souls to attack with condemnation. Condemnation is no longer the position of the person in Christ (Romans 8:33-34).

The gift you give to others

"...If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him" Luke 17:3-4.

We must also learn to forgive others. This forgiveness is not an option but an essential part of the covenant we have with God (Matthew 6:14-15). If we receive God's gift of forgiveness, which we do not deserve, how much more should we forgive others, even if we feel they do not deserve it.

A continuing debt

"Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another..." Romans 13:8.

Each of us owes Christ a massive debt which we can never repay. God does not require that you repay that debt, however, except in one way. He has transferred this debt we have to Him onto others around us. We are now indebted to everyone and this debt is never discharged. When someone sins against us, we have the privilege of repaying the debt we have to God by forgiving them.

Forgiveness is a decision; the healing of wounds is a process. If we do not forgive, the wound festers, but when we make the decision to forgive, the healing process can begin.

Living a day at a time

Many Christians are either a prisoner of the future through worry or a prisoner of the past through guilt and unforgiveness. God wants us to be free to live each day with Him, unencumbered by either the past or the future. This is why we are called to deal with issues of forgiveness on a daily basis (Ephesians 4:26-27).

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Born for Generosity

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 2 Corinthians 9:6

Importance of generosity

Just as God has set physical laws to govern the physical universe, so He has also put into motion spiritual laws which govern human life. One of these is the *law of generosity* – the principle of sowing and reaping.

The grace of giving

"But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving" 2 Corinthians 8:7 (see also verses 8-24).

Giving applies to all the areas of our life - our time, our talents, our forgiveness, our love, and our material possessions. Jesus emphasised that generosity, which is part of the very nature of God, reveals what is in our heart.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" Matthew 6:21.

We particularly learn how to be generous when it applies to our finances for they represent our life. If we are generous with our money we will be generous in all areas of living.

Generosity is part of the grace of God that flows into our lives. Some guidelines can help us in our "grace of giving":

- Give systematically and regularly (1 Cor.16:1-2).
- Give cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:7).
- Give without seeking recognition (Matt.6:2-4).

Firstfruits

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it'" Malachi 3:10.

The firstfruits is the first and the best given to God. If we bring a tenth of our income to the Lord, but it is the left-over tenth, this is not a true tithe (Proverbs 3:9-10). In the Bible the firstfruits of the harvest was accepted by God on behalf of the whole harvest. This is why Jesus is called "the firstfruits" of the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:20,23). He represented the whole harvest (us) before God and was accepted on behalf of the rest of the harvest (us). In the same way, our tithe is given to represent our whole income and our whole lives.

Giving in the early Church

"All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need...No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had" Acts 2:44-45; 4:32.

- They supported the needy (Acts 6:1-3).
- They gave to one another (2 Cor. 8:1-4).
- They supported missionaries (Phil.4:15-18).
- They worked to be able to give (Eph.4:28).
- They gave out of love (1 John 3:17-18).

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Born to Be Like Him

“ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. Romans 8:29 ”

Born with a goal

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...” 1 Peter 1:3.

God's ultimate goal for each believer in Christ is for us to be like His Son, who is the image of His Father (Hebrews 1:3). Just as in the natural a new-born baby has the family likeness, so we are born spiritually in the likeness of our Father in Heaven. Like babies, we begin to grow to spiritual maturity.

The growing process

“Like new-born babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation” 1 Peter 2:2.

Just as there are three major stages of natural growth, so it is spiritually. In 1 John 2:12-14, John describes the Christians in three stages of maturity – little children (childhood), young men (adolescence), fathers (adulthood).

“...by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you about the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who needs milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. Therefore let us leave the elementary teaching about Christ and go on to maturity...” Hebrews 5:12-6:1.

Agents for growth

There are three main agents which the Holy Spirit uses to cause us to grow into the image of Christ:

The Word of God

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” 2 Timothy 3:16.

Circumstances

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose...to be conformed to the likeness of his Son...” Romans 8:28-29.

The Body of Christ

“There is one body and one Spirit...But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it...It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants...Instead...we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work” Ephesians 4:4-16.

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Born for a New Home

“ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. John 14:3 ”

Heaven

God has prepared an eternal dwelling for us (Matt. 25:34; John 14:1-3). Although we don't know fully what heaven is like, the Bible tells us it is the...

- Dwelling place of God (Job 22:12).
- Throne-room of God (Psalm 103:19).
- Place of God's full glory (Dan. 7:9-10).
- Future home of believers (Rev. 7:9-10).

Heaven is a place far beyond anything we can possibly conceive.

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him' but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit" 1 Corinthians 2:9-10.

A place of great glory

"Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father..." Matthew 13:43.

A place of continual worship

"After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God... Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: 'Hallelujah!' For our Lord God Almighty reigns..." Revelation 19:1-6.

A place that will never end

"...and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" 2 Peter 1:11.

A place untainted by evil

"Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life" Revelation 21:27.

The Book of Revelation describes the New Jerusalem, coming out of heaven, as a place without night (22:5), without curse (22:3), without pain, without crying or sorrow, and without death (21:4). This is because the nature of heaven is a product of the nature of God. Heaven is the full manifestation of His presence. That means that what God is like, heaven is like: a place of holiness, full of glory and without end.

Our link with heaven

As believers, we now live our lives in a special relationship with heaven, because:

- We belong to heaven (Hebrews 12:22-23).
- We are seated in heaven (Ephesians 2:6).
- Our source of life is in heaven (Ephesians 1:3)
- Our names are in heaven (Luke 10:20).
- We are sent from heaven (John 17:16,18).
- Our eyes are fixed on heaven (Colossians 3:1-4).
- Our treasure is in heaven (Matthew 6:19-20).
- We are called to heaven (Philippians 3:13-14).

"To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Saviour be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen" Jude 24-25.

Making the Truth Mine

Write out in full the scripture from this lesson which means the most to you. We encourage you to commit this verse to memory.

Write out one statement from the study which you feel is most significant for your life.

Write in your own words how you believe you should respond to the truth of this study. Are there any decisions you should make?

You can make a difference!

For this study to have its full effect in your life, we encourage you to:

- Read and digest the study – meditate on the Word of God.
- Put into action what you have learnt (James 1:22).
- Share the Word of God with others.

Your places of ministry have been pre-arranged by God: your home, the street you live on, your place of work and your church.

“I run in the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free” Psalm 119:32.

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