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Redeemed

What we know about God!

- * God is not a man that He should lie... God cannot lie.
- * God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is ever present.
- * God cannot alter the thing that comes from His mouth.
- * God confirms His word with signs following.
- * God is love.
- * God creates with His word.
- * God is.....
- * God reveals Himself to man.
- * God sees the end from the beginning.
- * God is a Good Father.
- * God's gifts add no sorrow with them.
- * God is light.
- * God isn't moved by darkness.
- * We are made in God's image and likeness!

God so loved the world He went to the store of humanity and purchased everything in it. He bought all the human race for one price, and nothing was “discounted or on sale”. The price was great but He could afford it. God reconciled the entire world back to Himself with one trip to the store and no credit card was used, but it did cost Him everything He had to offer, it emptied His account.



The ransom was paid.

Because of His love for us we can live out our lives without any curse. The first human, Adam, sold the entire human race into a cursed sinful condition by one act of disobedience. It was at that point that humans began to die because of his disobedient act, but people didn't know why they were dying nor did they know what to do about it. But God did know why and what to do about it, but it was going to take time. People didn't understand what Adam had caused so the only way for God to show them their problem was to give them His perfect law of commandments. That way people could see what sin was and that they were born with the problem of sin. The law never made anyone sinners and never has, it was given for people to see what sinners they were and that they needed a Savior a Deliverer. If even one person born in sin would have kept God's perfect law of commandments without breaking one it would not have fixed that person's sinful condition. The law never justified any flesh, that person would still be in sin and separated from God because of Adam's disobedience. Something had to be done by a person that was not born in the sin that Adam had ushered into the human race. God must walk into the store of sin and death and pay the price for all the sin that Adam had planted into the DNA of people. But He could not do that until people were able to see what sin was and that they had no way themselves to fix it, and were looking for help from God Himself. They were told for thousands of years by the prophets to expect a redeemer that would rescue them from their sin and separation from God and death. Some believed and faithfully watched and waited, eventually dying in faith never having received the promise. That promise of course we know now, the Redeemer we know now, that Savior that was to come we know now has come into the world because of God's love for the world full of sin. God purchased and redeemed the world by sending His Son into the

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world to offer Himself as a sacrifice for sin. Was it enough? Did God have enough to pay the hefty price for the entire human race? The answer to that question is left up to each human to decide. Some people don't believe that it was enough, so they go about trying to please God and get into His good grace by doing good things and attempting to keep His perfect law for acceptance into His kingdom. Some people don't believe it was necessary for anyone to die for their sin and believe they are strong enough to deal with whatever is ahead whether there is a God or not. And there are still people on earth that don't know about God at all or what He did for them, they need to hear.



The price was paid in
FULL!

The final verse in the list of curses of Deuteronomy 28 is that “no one will buy you,” but God did!

I believe what began with a tree in the Garden of Eden ended on a tree at Golgotha. Peace is the absence of conflict and blessing is the absence of the curse. Our Father, God, sent His Son Jesus to start and finish ALL the work that any human man ever needed to do and was the price as the last Adam to bring the entire human race back into having an opportunity to enter the kingdom of God. All anyone needs to “do” now is believe they have a need and receive the grace God offers by faith not works. Believest thou that?

Getting Past the Fear

We are here folks, for better or for what *seems* like for worse we are here. We are here in a time when things look scary. In the midst of these scary times we MUST remember that we are NOT ALONE. God cannot lie and He has said, “I will NEVER leave you or forsake you.” Never is a really long time! In fact it NEVER ends! He also said that He would be with us in trouble.

So ask yourself, “What does this mean to me?” It means that no matter what you find yourself in the midst of, God is there with you. You may not be able to see, smell, feel, hear or touch Him naturally, but when you pray in the spirit you can know that you are joined to Him. In spirit you can perceive His presence and can tap into the forces of heaven to get through the most difficult things you face. He sends His angels to minister to and for you. His Holy Spirit confirms the word you believe with signs following! You just have to believe.

We are in the middle of a battle. We have been warned to put on the full armor of God. We have been told that we have weapons. We have been warned to be aware of the enemy's devices. We have been shown that we must fight the good fight of faith. We've also been told that we don't wrestle with flesh and blood with principalities, powers and the rulers of darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places.

I know a little about war, a very little bit. In war someone always wants what someone else has. In war there is always death. In war there is constant strategizing and planning. In war there are at least two parties involved. In war all sides believe they are right or entitled to what they are fighting for. In war the worst thing a soldier can be is afraid. Fear empowers the enemy. If the enemy can cause the soldier to be afraid he can immobilize him. Goliath and all his garbage talking caused all of Israel to be frozen in their tracks. He was big and his size and loudness intimidated the ar-



My peace I leave with
you....

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The enemy's forces are defeated. They have no substance. With lies of smoke and mirrors they battle us.

mies of God. It took a single boy to rally the troops. Once he dropped the uncircumcised, uncovenanted giant Goliath, he stilled the fears of the people.

The enemy wants our worship. The enemy wants our power. The enemy wants our bodies. The enemy wants it all. He wants to take God's place. Can a fallen created being ever be greater than the God who created it? I don't believe so. He is totally defeated, but too arrogant to lie down and say, "uncle". He's going to fight to the bitter end, and I can tell you his end will be bitter. What is our job? Our job is to believe only. Believe only in the finished work of our Lord and Savior Yeshua Hamashiach. We can't add a single thing to what he has done. We do have a work to do. That job is to preach about the great job HE did. We are like David only the Lord; the Son of David took Goliath down with his perfect love for us. We simply need our confidence in what we believe restored. We have to remember the miracles. We have to remember the past provision of our God. We have to remember the covenant that the Lord has with our God. It is an unbreakable covenant.

He made it with His Father so it would be eternal. We simply entered into that covenant.

We are soldiers my brothers, my sisters. We have a war to fight, but we don't fight the enemy, we fight to believe only. We don't fight the devil as he was defeated at Calvary. He is the author of all lies and deception is all he has. He has millions, perhaps billions deceived to believe the many lies he has sown on the planet. He has men and women bowing down to all sorts of false gods. He has men and women convinced that they can do something to please their gods. He has them convinced they can work their way into heaven. He has convinced some that they must die to make it to heaven. He has convinced the lost of this world of all sorts of deception. His goal though is to come after us and take us from our God. But what can separate us from the love of God? He's already said NOTHING can separate us from Him. That is our peace. That is our confidence. Hold fast to that which you have, let no one take your crown.

The enemy has a Goliath sized network of fools spreading fear across the planet. It looks so dark when you listen to the voice of the adversary, but remember he's the father of all lies! His end is sure. His time is short. His power has been stripped from him.

"God has not give us a spirit of fear, but power, love and a sound mind."

I leave you with these verses written by the Apostle Matthew over 2000 years ago.

Matthew {28:18} And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. {28:19} Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: {28:20} Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, [even] unto the end of the world. Amen.

Timing and Hearing



Today is January 1, 2010 IF you go by the Roman calendar. If you go by the Jewish calendar we're somewhere in 5770. It's clear that we really don't know where we are in the timing of God. It's a good thing He is perfectly on time and not mixed up about what day it is.

In the book of Daniel the prophet warns that GOD would change the times and the seasons. In 2nd Peter 3:3 we are warned that in the last days (that would be now) scoffers walking after their own lusts would rise up saying, *"Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as [they were] from the beginning of the creation."*

The timing of the spiritual requires a faith filled hearing.

I get the picture that men are losing faith in God because they don't understand the timing of God or hear His voice. I've shared before that you can't have fear and faith in the same place. The Lord was hindered by the unbelief of the people.

Do we think we're better or stronger than him? He had the Holy Spirit without measure. We as a unified body have the spirit, but the Body of Christ hasn't been unified since the early days of the "ekklesia". In fact we have been so divided with sects and factions it's hard to see us as a body of any sort. But the fact that God warned us that certain things, (which we are seeing played out like a really nasty opera) would happen should encourage those who still believe in God, His Son and His Holy Spirit.

The Lord remarked before he left:

"He that has ears to hear, let him hear what the spirit is saying."

Luke {18:8} I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

No matter how many times I read certain things in the word, I am still tempted to doubt. Doubt comes from the adversary and as long as he's here he will tempt us to doubt the word of God. He is insane and he is constantly talking, filling the air with the spirit of doubt. That is why it is so important for us to displace fear and doubt with love and faith. Yeshua/Jesus is the High Priest of our confessions and professions of faith. If we remain silent we allow the airwaves to be filled with unbelief and our faith will be challenged. If we continually speak the lies of darkness, we will establish it.

God will have His will done, but whether we walk in it is up to us as individuals. God is the God of the individual. Remember Noah? He was alone in his faith towards God. He preached for 120 years with no converts!

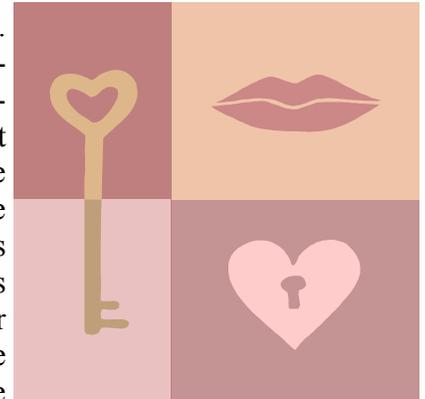
I leave you with this thought from the word.

Luke {17:26} And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.

Hear the word of the Lord and believe only.

Faith Cometh

Faith is the way we tap into heaven and receive from the promises of God. God has made manifold awesome promises in the written word. He has promised us, His children, so many things that we could spend the rest of our natural lives looking for them in the word and still not tap out all of His riches. Not only that, but His riches are self renewing, so they replenish as fast as we use them. Our faith is supposed to be towards God. God is our source. What is the job of God? First He had His own plan (or will) and He implemented it. His plan was to have children who would love Him and destroy the works of His adversary. We hear the word worship and we go to some strange place in our minds, but by worship I believe He wants us to love Him and obey Him. He loved us so much that He willingly gave of Himself to assure that we would be with Him. God's job is to be our God. Our job? Our job is to trust or believe Him and act on what He has said in His word and is saying by His Holy Spirit on a daily basis.



Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

God is God and in His unlimited power He was/is able to see the end from the beginning. That means He saw/sees our end from our beginning. He sees everything in between as well. He saw our failures, our sins, our deaths; He saw everything about us BEFORE He ever created us. He made every provision for our success in His will, in His plan BEFORE Adam drew his first breath. That is why it says the Yeshua/Jesus was a lamb slain BEFORE the foundation of the earth.

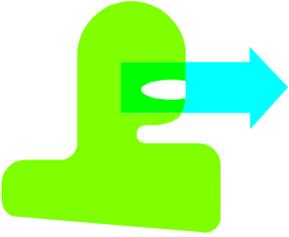
There are several things that God has revealed to us about Himself. These things bring us faith and that faith brings us confidence. God never changes is a calming truth. The fact that God cannot lie also brings great peace. If God says a thing He means it and will not alter what He has said. God has told us that His word is like seed. When sown in faith filled hearts it produces after its own kind. Like a pear tree drops pears and the seed of the pear is in the pear, so is God and His word. If we see in His word that He heals, we can sow that word in our faith filled hearts and produce healing. Now mind you WE don't have to produce healing, our faith is towards God. God causes the word (by His Holy Spirit) to be confirmed with signs following. We do have to sow the word in our hearts by reading, hearing and keeping it before our eyes, and acting like we believe it, but that's the end of our job. After we do this part and like Abraham, keep the birds (demons of fear and doubt) off the sacrifice, the rest is up to God.

Faith comes by hear**ING**. In English grammar, **ING** is a suffix showing continual action. Just like you don't eat a single steak and never eat another, you don't hear the word one time and then never need to "eat" it again. Folks who try to live off of a message with a smidge of the truth in it are basically starving their spiritual selves. Just like the natural man loses strength if starved of food, the spiritual man needs fed to remain active. If we don't feed our spirit man, the natural man will take over. The natural man or carnal mind is enmity or an enemy of God. We don't want to have an enemy of God running the show. That enemy eats from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. That tree killed and still kills. That is why the word says, "To be carnally minded is death." We must be spiritually minded for faith in God to produce the promises in His word. We need our carnal minds renewed for faith to produce what God has promised.

Faith is one of the fruits of the spirit. It produces a divine power and part of the divine nature Peter spoke of in his letters. We need all of those

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen."

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fruits to be produced, but that means we must water the seed of God's word in our hearts on a regular basis. We also need to consider the amount of natural information we sow in our minds. That stuff in abundance can cause the word of God to be of no effect in our lives. It's like trying to have fear and faith in the same space. The two can't exist in the same space. One will drive the other out. Consider that Yeshua/Jesus couldn't do mighty works in his own home town because of unbelief. Carnal information causes unbelief. Spiritual information causes faith to come. We have the seed of faith in our

hearts. God told us He would put His word in our heart, but we need to water it by the washing of the word. We have to OVERCOME the forces of deception and darkness by bringing the light of God's word to rule our lives.

Here is a picture that might just help. Imagine God on the throne of our hearts and the Lord Yeshua on His right hand. Now imagine the devil, a mere fallen defeated created angel (angel means messenger) who is trying to take over that throne (your heart). He had all of mankind (which he had kidnapped by lies), but no more. The redemption or ransom for mankind was paid, but because God holds Himself to His own rules, allows the enemy to exist for the allotted time He has declared the "game" will be played in. He did however make provision for us to keep the enemy from taking over through deception. He told us what we allow He would allow. What we would not allow He would not allow! He told us that if we cast out the enemy, he had to leave. We are given grace for one day at a time. We can AND MUST deal with the enemy and his lies. We must daily deal with him. Tomorrow he will return, but if we continually keep him at bay we can hinder a great deal of what he seems to be succeeding at today. The Lord silenced the enemy for seasons. He stopped his work in many people and then told us "greater works will you do..." It's our job, and our time to deal with the deceptions of the adversary. We are to "occupy" until the Lord returns. In the middle of a war soldiers occupy the enemy's territory. We are occupying until the Lord returns to rule and reign with a rod of iron!

"We have the power of life and death in our tongues. What are you saying?"

We have some time left before the enemy's time is up. We have people all over who are ignorant to his devices. We have people who can't see the spiritual realm so they refuse to believe it. They want to touch heaven with their natural senses. That will never happen. The corrupt dirt we live in will never be part of heaven. That's why we slough it when we leave this place. One day we will have new bodies, but they won't be made of corruptible dirt.



Out of the abundance of the heart man speaketh...what is in your heart in abundance?

Until the "time's up" is called by God we have a job to do. "Go ye into all the world and preach the good news". Every single one of us is SUPPOSED to be doing that. Most of us hope someone else will do it. That leaves too much work for too few. Most think that sitting on a pew and listening to a predigested message week after week is enough. How they figure faith will come from someone else eating the word of God, well "good luck with that" is all I have to say.

Proverbs 4: 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness (carnal information), and drink the wine of violence. 18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. 19 The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble. 20 My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in

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the midst of thine heart. 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health (medicine and healing) to all their flesh. 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. 24 Put away from thee a forward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. 25 Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. 26 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. 27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

Teach us to Pray



Have you ever wondered why the disciples didn't ask the Lord to teach them HOW to pray, but rather TO pray? I have. When I ask the Lord about it all I see is that they (the disciples) were completely in a place of unbelief. We hold men in high esteem, sometimes too high esteem. The disciples BEFORE the cross were carnal men. They had dead spirits or spirits separated from the life of God. They couldn't hold onto faith longer than a nanosecond. The Lord would teach them and turn around and they were in fear and unbelief. We shouldn't be this way. Those of us filled with the Holy Spirit and lead of the Holy Spirit CAN hold onto faith. It is a fruit of our living spirit! It's time to have faith in prayer.

So if the Lord were walking on the planet today he'd say this. "Have faith in God." Prayer is saying what God says. Prayer is coming in agreement with the will of God. His word is His will. If you know His word, you know His will. Let's be in agreement with His word, shall we.

One thing you can pray with in line with the word is in Ephesians and Colossians:

Ephesians 1:15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, 16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

This prayer is if for the whole Body of Christ. We need to see with spiritual eyes. We need our darkened understanding to be enlightened by God, not by man made doctrine. We need the fear or reverence of God and not the respect of man. We need to see that each and everyone of us is called of God for a given task. We have an inheritance and we need to know what it is and what we're to do with it. We need to see that everything we have is available to us because we are IN Christ. We need to know that he was raised from the dead and is seated on the right hand of God. He's doing his job of interceding for us. He is above everything we battle. He has been given a name and authority above all. His enemy has been put under his feet and we are the body holding the feet. I exhort you to meditate on these words and make them your own prayer.