

Present Truth

2 Peter 1:12

Dear Readers,

July 2017

“Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (Philemon 1:3). May the deepest meaning of this verse be a reality in your life.

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You are Invited: We are having non-denominational Bible studies on Saturday evenings in Kansas, Oklahoma. We meet at 5:30pm for a light supper followed by music and a Bible study. All of our friends and neighbors are invited to join us. We hope to see you here, and bring a friend! Contact us for more info.

A Powerful Sermon

by Lynnford Beachy

The Apostle Paul was one of the most dedicated evangelists who ever lived. He even preached a powerful sermon to one of his captors, the Roman governor, Felix. The sermon he preached that day gives us valuable lessons about salvation. “Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come,

Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee” (Acts 24:24, 25).

In this sermon, we learn some of the key ingredients of salvation, 1) Faith in Christ, 2) Righteousness, 3) Temperance, and 4) Judgment to come. These are basic points in the plan of salvation. We would like to examine these points to see what lessons we can learn for us today.



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Faith in Christ

Faith is essential to live a Christian life (Hebrews 11:6). But not just any faith. You can have faith that your car will get you across the country. You can have faith that your doctor will give you the right medicine. Yet, that type of faith will not give you salvation. In fact, it could get you in real trouble. There is only one place where you can safely put your trust; in God and His Word. This faith enables you to become a child of God. “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:26).

Having faith in Christ can bring a total transformation. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17). That is an amazing promise! It doesn’t matter how many bad things you have done. It doesn’t matter how messed up your life has become. Faith in Christ can make you a brand new creation. (For a deeper study on faith in Christ, request the booklet entitled, *Christ in You*, which is one of our most requested booklets.)

Righteousness

Righteousness is the “state of him who is as he ought to be,... purity of life, rightness, correctness of thinking, feeling, and acting” (*Thayer’s Greek Lexicon*). This is a description of how Christ lived His life, and it is how God wants us to live. “Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:31-33). The beautiful thing about seeking for God’s righteousness is that we will find it. Jesus said, “...seek, and ye shall find” (Matthew 7:7). “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled” (Matthew 5:6).

Seeking for God’s righteousness is different than seeking for our own righteousness. Jesus said, “...except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:20). The scribes and Pharisees were the church leaders of that day. They were respected and thought of as the most godly people around. Yet, there was a problem with their righteousness—it was theirs! It was mostly for looks and fell far short of God’s righteousness. “For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God” (Romans 10:3).

There is a vast difference between our righteousness and God’s righteousness. Moses wrote, “And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us” (Deuteronomy 6:25). Keeping the law is how we establish our own righteousness, but there is a

problem with that. “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away” (Isaiah 64:6). Our righteousness is not good enough. God’s righteousness is what we must have. Of course, God’s righteousness is demonstrated in keeping the law, yet it is entirely different than our own righteousness. True righteousness springs from the heart of the born again Christian because Christ is living within which brings forth automatic righteous fruit. It is not a burden, but a delight to serve the Lord when you are born again (Psalm 40:8; 1 John 5:3).

“But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference” (Romans 3:21, 22). The righteousness of God is a free gift we receive by the faith of Jesus. It is not something we earn or establish by our own works. Our own righteousness is corrupt because it is rooted in a selfish, carnal nature. This can never please God. “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be” (Romans 8:7). Regardless of how hard we try to establish our own righteousness by keeping the law, we will never reach true righteousness. Having

God’s righteousness requires an entirely new life, which we can only receive by being born again. (For an explanation of how this can happen, request the booklet entitled, *You Must be Born Again!*)

Right after explaining the sad condition of someone who has not been born again in Romans chapter seven, Paul explained, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the

law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be

fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (Romans 8:1-4).

The Spirit of life in Christ Jesus is what we need. With Him living in us, we will live in obedience to the law, but it will not be a forced, fake obedience. It will flow naturally, because it is no longer us living (Galatians 2:20). This is the only way we can have true righteousness. (For a deeper study on righteousness, request the study entitled, “The Righteousness of God.”)

Temperance

Temperance is “self-control (the virtue of one who masters his desires

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and passions, esp. his sensual appetites)” (*Thayer’s Greek Lexicon*). This is not something that comes naturally to us, but it is a gift we can receive by faith. When we ask God for His Spirit He gives it to us (Luke 11:13), and this is the result: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.” (Galatians 5:22-24). Having rule over your lusts is not an impossible dream, but a reality for those who have Christ in them. Knowing what is available to you as a child of God is a key to unlocking the richness of His grace in your life.

“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity [love]. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is

blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall” (2 Peter 1:2-10).

These are some powerful promises! I encourage you to read that again and again, and grasp the magnitude of what God has done for you through Christ. Seeing what is available to you as God’s child will enrich your life immensely. “And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father” (Galatians 4:6).

The Bible gives us a beautiful illustration of temperance. “Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible” (1 Corinthians 9:24, 25). An athlete will subject himself/herself to extremes in temperance and only gains a temporary, corruptible reward. We have a much better prize to obtain, so our temperance should be greater.

May we live each day “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he

died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace" (Romans 6:6-14).

Judgment to Come

The final aspect of Paul's sermon was on judgment to come. Even in this we have amazing promises. "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished" (2 Peter 2:9). There is a judgment coming, yet it is not something we need be afraid of, for God knows how to deliver us from our temptations, and we can be found faultless in the judgment.

The Bible explains how this can happen. "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after" (1 Timothy 5:24). Our sins can go beforehand to judgment so that there is no record that we have done wrong. Judgment is not a scary thing if you have nothing bad on your record!

God promised, "If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of

life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live" (Ezekiel 33:15, 16). That is a beautiful promise. None of your sins will be mentioned to you because they have already been dealt with. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Don't forget the second part of that promise. He will cleanse you from all unrighteousness. Accept His work for you as a reality right now, and it will be realized in your life. Faith in God's promises comes before they are revealed in your life. Don't wait to believe God's promises until you see the evidence of them in your life. Faith comes first!

John explained, "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:16, 17). Our confidence in the judgment stems from knowing God's love for us. John gives a three-step process. 1) Know God's love, 2) Believe God's love, 3) Dwell in God's love. When John tells us to know God's love he is specifically referring to the love manifested in the gift of His Son. A moment earlier John wrote, "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that

we might live through him” (verse 4:9). We need to know that God loves us so much that He sent His only begotten Son to die for us. We must believe it, place all of our confidence and faith in it, and stake our lives upon it. Then we must dwell in it; live our lives in the constant realization that God loves us completely. This will make our love perfect and give us confidence in the judgment. (For a deeper study on God’s love for you, request the book entitled, *God’s Love on Trial*. This book has been so popular it has been translated into Spanish, Romanian, and Russian.)

There is a judgment coming, so it is necessary for us to yield our lives to Him who made us, so we can be ready for that event. “Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment” (Ecclesiastes 11:9). There are actually two judgments listed in the Bible, one for the just, and one for the unjust. (For a thorough study on the judgments request the article, “The Big Picture.”) We want to make sure we are judged with the righteous people, for the other judgment will not be pleasant. “For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?” (1 Peter 4:17).

Conclusion

We have examined Faith in Christ, Righteousness, Temperance,

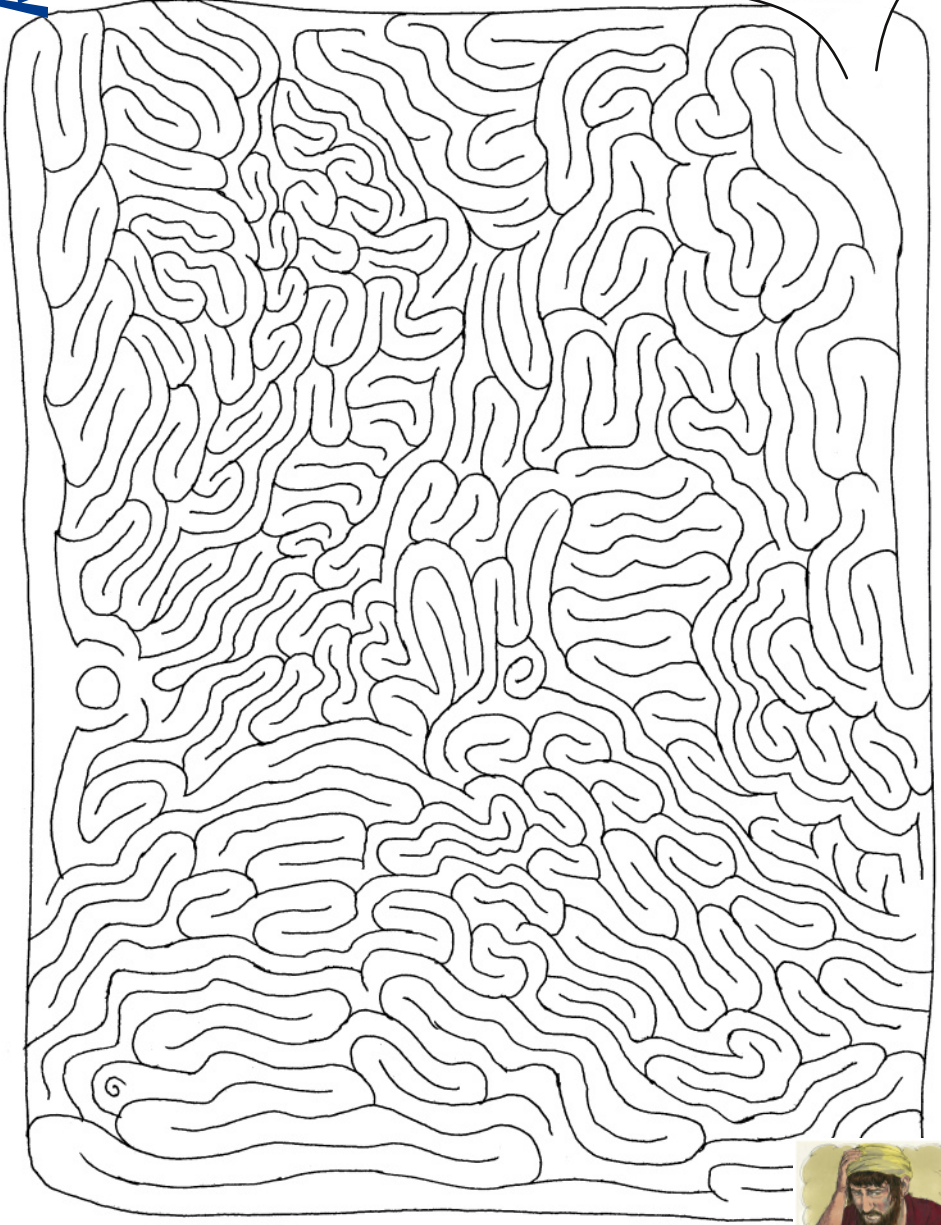
and Judgment to come. All of these elements are important in the Christian life. Faith in Christ enables us to receive the righteousness of God, which will be demonstrated by temperance in our lives, and allow us to be innocent in the judgment to come. We have only briefly touched these topics which are all worthy of deeper study. To accomplish this you may wish to request the other materials listed in this article.

Friends, life is short. We have this one, small window of life to let God’s righteousness shine through to the world around us. I pray that you will take every opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God and be the best blessing you can be to your friends and family. It all stems from your connection to Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. He is the vine, you are the branches. Abide in Him, and your life will flourish with good fruit.

“For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh” (Luke 6:43-45).

Invite Jesus to live in your heart, and let Him live in every decision and in every thought (2 Corinthians 10:4, 5). Be blessed, and be a blessing! »

Help the Prodigal Son
Find His Father



Present Truth - Kids' Korner

Bible Word Search

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(Acts 24:25)

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FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED
ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.
ROMANS 8:28

so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you,

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in love

Ephesians 3:17

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Bible Study Crossword - Personality of God - Part 1

(The King James Version is required.)

➤ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only ____ Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16—**2 Across**

➤ "In this was ____ the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world,..." 1 John 4:9—**9 Down**

➤ "We love him, because he ____ loved us." 1 John 4:19—**11 Across**

➤ "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made ____, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment:..." 1 John 4:16-17—**1 Down**

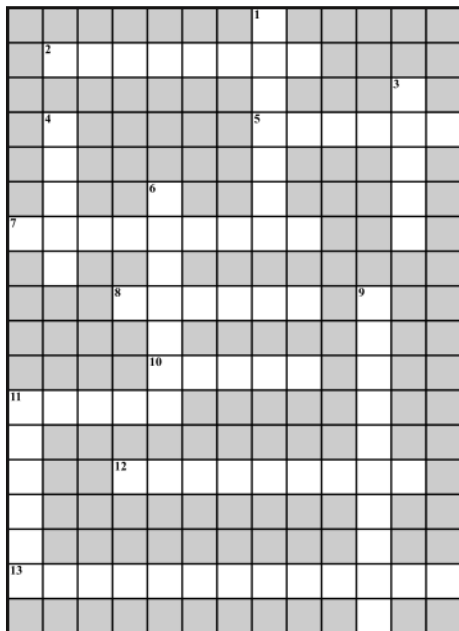
➤ "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that ____ that Jesus is the Son of God?" 1 John 5:4-5—**7 Across**

➤ "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also ____ give us all things?" Romans 8:32—**5 Across**

➤ "Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I ____ forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me." John 8:42—**12 Across**

➤ "For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came forth from the ____, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the ____." John 16:27-28 (1 word)—**11 Down**

➤ "For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he ____ to the Son to have life in himself;" John 5:26— **4 Down**




➤ "When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the ____ was I brought forth." Proverbs 8:24-25—**10 Across**

➤ "But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the ____ of God." 1 Corinthians 1:24—**8 Across**

➤ "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and ____, and sanctification, and redemption:" 1 Corinthians 1:30—**13 Across**

➤ "Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his ____, rejoicing always before him;" Proverbs 8:30—**6 Down**

➤ "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his ____, the ____ as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." John 1:14 (1 word)—**3 Down**



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-Isaiah 43:2-



If God
brings you to it;
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you through it.

Answers



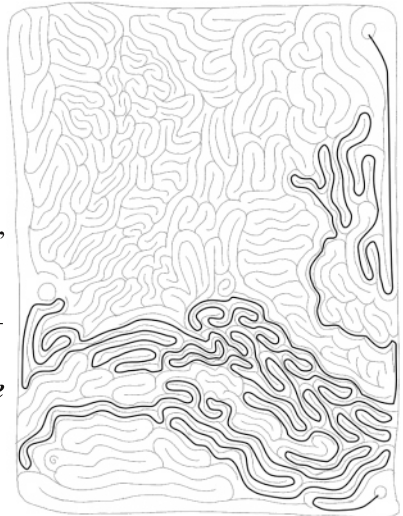
Bonus

How many times can you find the word “righteousness” in the first article?

*Answer for the
Last*

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Present Truth
A Personal Testimony

by Lelan Beachy

(I have a brother who is going through some changes in His life. He could use our prayers. He recently sent me this testimony with a desire that it will encourage others. I pray that you will be blessed by reading it. *Editor*)

Dear Present Truth Ministries, I wanted to let you know that I look forward to every newsletter I get. I am inspired to reach out to say thank you for the newsletters. I have also been inspired to share a little about myself. I noticed while reading the letters from our readers section in the June 2017 issue that there are several readers in a similar situation as I find myself. I am currently serving an eight-year sentence in a prison in Florida. If someone would have asked me a year ago where I would be now, I would not have known I was going to be in prison.

You see, I am generally a good natured man who enjoys helping out others, even without receiving anything in return. This is something I was proud of. But that didn't keep me from falling into sin. I, of all people, never imagined I would be in prison. The part that bothers me the most is not the fact that I am in prison. You see, when I was arrested my actions not only affected me, but they affected my only son and his mother who is currently my ex-wife, who I hope to

make my future wife. My actions have hurt the ones I love the most. It has made life very hard on both of them. My son is being belittled through public media such as Facebook, and my son is innocent when it comes to my actions.

My son is only seven years old and does not fully understand why I cannot be there with him. He is hurt and confused in his heart. I want to be there and hold him and let him know that things will be okay, but I can't and it's all because of things I have done. As I was reading the June 2017 issue I



realized what I should have known all along, that I should rely on Jesus to guide my life. I realized that I need to give up my old ways and life in order to accept a new life and follow the Lord. I'm not sure what it all means yet, but I do know that I need to fully surrender myself to God's will.

You see, for many years even though I was raised in a Christian home (Mennonite to be exact), and even though at the age of thirteen I accepted the Lord as my Saviour, I have strayed away from the Lord. I did those things because everybody else my age did. I was even baptized by the church. However, somewhere in my life I began to drift away from the Lord and now I find myself at my wits end with nowhere else to turn but

to look to God for help. I cannot do this on my own! I think I have proven that trying to do things my way did not end well at all, and it hurt more than just myself.

My actions have hurt everyone I love. It has broken bonds of trust between some, and ultimately has not benefited anyone. This is the first and last time I will be in prison like this. I say this because I intend for God to be guiding my life for the future. I ask for everyone's prayers that I may have strength from God to say no to temptation. I want to say I am sorry for the sins I have done.

I also want to add that even though I would not dream of suicide now, when I was first arrested (before I knew how long I would be locked up), I could not say that. I was a man who had lost everything he ever cared about. The first three or four days of being in jail I attempted, very feebly I might add, to cut my wrist. I did not expect to see my son again, nor talk to him or his mother. That was a scenario I was not prepared to live with. I can't say that I am prepared for that now either, but I have the blessing of being able to communicate with them on a regular basis. I thank God that my son's mother is a wonderful lady who I hope will take me back as a man who has found the Lord.

Now, I would also like to share a little about myself and one occasion when I know God was watching over me. I am a United States Army Veteran. Even though I was in the Army, I still had fears. I was deployed to Iraq and Kuwait back in 2003. This also was a first experience for me. As it

was the first time for me being sent into combat, I did not know what to expect. I have a fear of the unknown! Also, unlike some soldiers, I did not join the military for the purpose of killing another man. Instead, I was seeking a better education. I wanted to go through college.

Just as I was being sent to get on the plane that would fly me to Kuwait, I turned to God and told Him I was scared. I also told Him that I did not join the Army to kill anyone and that even though that was not my purpose, He knew that if faced with a situation where the enemy would shoot at me or my fellow soldiers, who I consider my brothers and sisters in arms, that God knew that my return fire would not miss. So then, I asked God to keep me out of situations where I would be forced to shoot another person. I also asked Him to keep me safe and bring me back home. Then, after I prayed, I got on the plane and went to serve my country. I was in Iraq for 10 months. Praise be to God, He answered my prayers and I never found myself in a situation where I had to fire on or kill anybody, and I was not injured either. Thank the Lord!

I hope that these stories from my life reach and possibly inspire someone to really search for and find God and learn to walk in the Lord's footsteps. I also want to thank my brother, Lynnford, for sharing the word of the Lord to myself and many others throughout the world through Present Truth Ministries. I pray that my life might encourage and inspire others to seek God.

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The Measure of Mercy

by Ellet J. Waggoner

The Psalmist prayed, “Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, but according as we hope in Thee” (Psalm 33:22). This is an inspired prayer. It was prompted by the Holy Spirit, which helps our infirmities, and teaches what we ought to pray for (Romans 8:26). Therefore it is certain that the prayer is a proper one. It is just as certain that the standard of giving, which it calls for, is a just one. Since God directed the prayer to be uttered, that is evidence that He will grant the request.

And what is the request? That the mercy of God should be bestowed upon us to the degree that we hope for it. What a wonderful range that is, within which we are permitted to draw upon the heavenly treasury! It is as though God has given us checks on the bank of heaven, with His name assigned to them, with the privilege of filling in any amount we wish. The prayer of the Psalmist is equivalent to a promise on the part of God that He will give us as much as we hope for.

But we remember that the mercy that we hope for is to be given us, and not what we would simply like to have. “For we are saved by hope; but hope that is seen is not hope; for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?” (Romans 8:24). That is, we hope only for that thing which we do not see with our natural eyes. Hope means expectation as well as desire. Therefore we find that hope is inseparably connected with faith, and very closely allied to it. “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of

things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). And our hope in God is the measure of the mercy that we receive from Him. So it is pretty hard to distinguish between faith and hope.

Perhaps the process by which the blessings of God are obtained, may briefly be noted thus: First, overpowered by a sense of need, we deserve something better than we have—something substantial. Then the rich promises of God are open before us, and faith in God’s word creates a hope that they may be ours; and then faith appropriates just to the amount of our hope. But the way in which it is done matters not, so long as we know that the grace bestowed will be according to the measure of our faith and hope. Since we may have whatever our faith in God’s Word prompts us to hope for, it is evident that our destiny is really in our own hands.

Nor need we fear that we shall exhaust the treasury of mercy. The word of truth says: “Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds” (Psalm 36:5). And, “as the heaven is high above the earth, so is His mercy toward them that fear Him” (Psalm 103:11). So when we make perhaps according to our largest hopes, we may know that there is still enough left and to spare; for He “is able to do it exceedingly abundantly, above all that we ask or think” (Ephesians 3:20). »

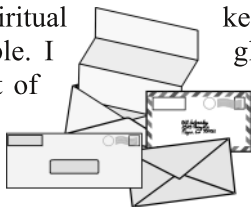
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Letters from our Readers



“Greetings from Montana. You are loved and appreciated! Thank you for your wonderful ministry. Your *Present Truth* is the only spiritual food I need outside the Bible. I deeply appreciate your heart of love that comes through in all you write and do for our Lord Jesus. Be encouraged and strengthened in your spirit. You are loved.”



Montana

“I thank God for you and your faithfulness unto our holy God, ‘His holy Word.’ Truly you have and do continue to study the word to be approved, yes a Berean. I always look forward to your mailings/teachings. Truly we are living in closing days. The vast majority of organized religion is asleep or caught up in false doctrines. (God have mercy.) Your ministry represents the true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The way the truth and the life. I am 86 and I thank my God for the testing of my soul and life that He brings daily. Most of it comes from the religious community. My family, relatives. Yes, I do rejoice in it and will ever press into the kingdom of God with great joy. Brother Lynnford, how very blessed I was several years ago to have met you when you came into the Cleveland airport and Father God provided a quiet place for our special time together. Your sincere humility, love for our Father God and His only begotten Son, our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. The Word of God was in you like a saturated sponge and

flowed out of you. I left you that night praising God with great joy. May God bless, guide, provide, and keep you all until the great glorious day of Christ Jesus our Lord. I have gone through much in my life, and more since my precious wife passed away in Jesus in 2003. In all of it I

truly thank God. He has never let me be bitter, but only to draw closer to Him. You, my brother and your ministry of truth, love and encouragement have been and are a Godsend to me. Please send me, *Jacob's Trouble*, two each of *The Mark of the Beast*, *The Millennium*, *God's Love on Trial*. Thank you so much and God bless you.

Ohio

“We want to thank you so much for all the books and the wonderful information! God bless your ministry.”

Iowa

“I received the books today. Thank you so much for sending them. This will keep me busy for a while.”

Nevada

“Thank you for the Present truth free subscription. please continue sending them. also let me have your other literatures; 1. *Jacob's Trouble* 2. *The Mark of the Beast* 3. *The Millennium* 4. *God's Love on Trial*. I am also requesting if you can send me a good English Bible because I cannot afford one, I am only using a Bible in our dialect when speaking to the congregation. thanks again. hope you can visit us someday. I am willing to become

your contact coworker in the Philip-
pines.”

Philippines

(Thank you so much for your offer and invitation. I will keep in touch. If any of you reading would like to help get Bibles to people, that would be a great work. Contact us if you would like to help.

Editor)

“Good morning Lynnford. I have decided that I want 25 each of *Personality of God* and *Answering Objections* in Spanish. I am wondering if you ever thought of having a little church there. I don’t know what your facility offers. I think it would be great if you had a Chapel right there. I think that it is needed. You have a gift that God has given to you, not only to write but to preach. I think that would be wonderful if you could do that. If you have thought about it, pray about it, and perhaps you can have a place even for a handful of people. I think it would be wonderful if you had a chapel. You are in my prayers. I want you to be encouraged. Have a blessed day.”

New York

“Hey Lynnford, I was just reading your book again. I have read *The Personality of God* probably ten times. Every now and again I go back and glance through it. I am on the road now, and I was in a different church today. I was sharing some things out

of your book. I wanted to tell you, thank you for writing it. God bless you Brother. I hope to see you soon. Have a good day.”

Florida

“I sincerely apologize for not letting you know sooner about my address change. Thank you for continuing to send me the *Present Truth* periodical. I really appreciate it. May the Lord continue to bless your ministry.”

Tennessee

“Love getting your newsletter!”

Kansas

“I am hereby asking our Present Truth Ministries to send me some new books available. *Understanding the Personality of God* and its companion book, *Answering Objections*. I would like a printed copy by postal mail. I would like also to let you know that I have been transferred to the above address. May you please put me on your mailing list. I would be very much grateful if my request will be considered.”

Zambia

“Just a note to let you know, I have not received a copy of *Present Truth* for a while. I need *Present Truth* in my home.” [The next letter said,] “I want to say thank you for *Present Truth*, I have missed you. You are so very welcome in my home. Keep sending me *Present Truth* please.”

Florida

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gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should not
perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16

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“And this is life eternal, that they might
know thee the only true God, and Jesus
Christ, whom thou hast sent.”

John 17:3