

Jesus Said Be Happy!

24/7 Joy Without Sin

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Glory and Honor to the Lamb of God!

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” (Revelation 3) †

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1 HOLY AND HAPPY

*"If ye keep my commandments, ye shall **abide** in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*

*These things have I spoken unto you, that my **joy** might remain in you, and that your joy might be full." (John 15, KJV) †*

**If you're not happy every single day, get ready:
Jesus has a better plan for your life!**

Happiness is essential to Christian living.
Joy is a huge part of our daily walk with Jesus!
In fact, it's #2 on God's list, right after Love:

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, **joy**, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." (Galatians 5) †*

Of course, that's only to be expected:
Jesus is the most likeable, trustworthy, intelligent, *fun* Person ever!

Getting to know Christ and being part of His plan is exciting.
Working for Jesus is pure delight. Each week, it only gets better.
Hanging out with Him spiritually is a *blast!*

Of course, Satan wants you *miserable*.
He needs to keep you feeling sad, mad, and bad!
That's extremely dangerous for your body and soul.

But Jesus wants you happy.
He even said that His joy can be yours!
It's yours for the asking; your path is up to *you*.
So, which one will you choose?

"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will

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serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24) †

Oh, I know all the objections:
First, there’s the very serious problem of sin.
And Hell is real! Sin leads straight Down to it.

All true: But don’t carry Hell around with you!
Enjoy your God-given existence; each day is a gift from Him.
Be righteous ... with a *smile*.
The Bible teaches joyful, thankful living:

“Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” (1 Thessalonians 5) †

We can’t argue against that! And why would we even *want* to?
God knows exactly what is best for us.
We’re saved by faith, not by wearing a frown.

Hear your Savior again:

“Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.” (Matthew 6) †

Here’s another morose common argument:
Joy and happiness are *different*.
Well, yes! Technically, that’s also true....

But the dictionary defines *each* of those using the *other*.
One of joy’s definitions includes happiness, and vice versa.
Unsurprisingly, they are also listed as synonyms.
So happy is accurate. Joy is not eternal gloom and sorrow!

- “Happiness” (Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, 2022)
- “Joy” (Merriam-Webster.com Dictionary, 2022)

The gospel is the “Good” News, right?
So, *celebrate* your new life in Jesus.

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Take His hand! Be happy with Him.
Don't mourn your dead, worldly past.

You're also thinking that life is messy, and people act nasty.
The world is full of evil.
What's so fun and joyful about that?

But consider this:
If we only return love, how do we ever *create* love?
Jesus taught us to love everyone!
That's where the joy is!

"For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?" (Matthew 5) †

Do you trust Jesus?
Will you believe He can still work miracles?
This Joy of His is a *supernatural* gift from God.
It defies normal limitations and rules; it's literally magical!

In Jesus, you can be content and serene.
Again, hear the Word:

"I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture....

I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd" (John 10) †

Jesus loves doing miracles. This is one of them!

Satan wants you unhappy, hateful and hated, lonely, confused, overwhelmed, scared, desperate, ashamed, envious, trapped in sin and evil, unhealthy, unloving, and unloved.

His motive? To destroy your *soul*.
That's why the world offers an *eat-all-you-can* misery buffet.
I would think twice before grabbing another plate of discontent!

But Jesus doesn't need any sorrow and confusion.
Why would He? His motive is your eternal life with Him!
He wants *good* things for you. Peace, happiness, love.
Are you willing to live the Good Life that He offers?

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Rethink your entire existence around *joy* in Jesus.
To follow Him is to be happy.
And ... holy!

Does that seem counterintuitive?
The world's great deception is the notion that sin is fun and desirable.
Everything else is supposed to be boring.

Of course, that's a dishonest scam.
Falling for it has made countless people miserable!
Sin always leads to sorry.
(Except in the fantasies of Hollywood and popular culture.)

"If God forbids sin or allows suffering," Satan argues, "He must hate people. Therefore, you should sin and hate Him."

The opposite is true:
Consider it a spiritual IQ test!

Look around you. Was *any* of the misery you see in the world caused by righteousness, helpful industry, and love?

Of course not.

Sin is the very thing that keeps people miserable, along with the Hate, Greed, and Pride that feed it.

Does love and charity cause the world's poverty and turmoil?

No, Christian love and charity *feed* the world, physically and spiritually, after Communism, war, tribalism, corruption, and poor management injure and deprive them.

Jesus taught against each of those pitfalls.

The world also teaches that being good is boring.
Every movie diligently, tirelessly, *boringly* repeats that message.
Why? Because they hate Jesus and want you to fail.
They are so afraid that God will bless you!

And He will.
More than you can even *imagine*.
He can do anything.

But there's one thing you must understand crystal-clearly:
Jesus did *not* promise worldly riches to His followers.
He could, easily. All things are His!
But that wouldn't help everyone. It would eternally harm some people:

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“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6) †

The vanity of the world leads right back to that Down escalator of Sin.

Trinkets will eventually perish *along with their owners!*

Only the spiritual is real.

Remember that, and having more possessions won't hurt you.

God is generous and knows *exactly* what you need.

Trust Him, and He will provide!

Both here on earth and eternally in heaven.

“Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” (1 Corinthians 2) †

Love everyone, be holy, and *enjoy* every moment!

Are you ready for the good life?

Jesus wants you to be on *Cloud 9*.

Does that mean we can sin?

Heck no! (Or rather, Hell awaits if we do.)

Nor would sin be fun. It's misery.

As Paul explained, Christ freed us *from* sin. Not *to* sin.

“Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die:

But if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” (Romans 8) †

Sin is a giant mound of slavery, filth, poison, and death painted over with a coating of glittery lipstick and radioactive tar....

Maintain a wide distance from it.

But Jesus already paid the price to deliver us!

If you accept His every word, holding nothing back, He will give you a life so pure and clean (and so much fun) that it squeaks.

You'll rejoice and give thanks *all day long*.

Just as the Bible directs us:

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“Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” (1 Thessalonians 5) †

Will there be any sad moments or pain at all?
Of course. This is joy, not a permanent epidural! You’re still human.
But Christ’s joy is *stronger* than pain or sorrow.
It is truly supernatural: a gift from the blessed Holy Spirit.

For example, I injured my back right before starting this book.
So, I’ve had steady pain while typing this chapter.
And I’m typing it one-handed!
Normally that would put me out of commission for a few days, but
instead I’ve been *grinning* the whole time.

Anecdotal? You bet. And having a blast!
This joy just *can’t* be suppressed.
It’s like a giant stereo playing 24/7 healing love.

Is it easy to achieve/receive this joy?
If you accept and follow all of Christ’s teachings, yes!
But that’s also the hard part; hardly *anyone* accepts and follows every
single one of Christ’s teachings.

Nor did I until recently.
When I finally did, the joy unexpectedly *kicked in*.
It built up inside me like a nuclear reactor, but with pure, holy energy.
Then I finally understood what the Apostles described!

So, you must *accurately* follow Jesus.
All of him; you can’t pick and choose among his sayings.
And you must do it sincerely! Holiness for its own sake.
To please and serve *God*, not for selfish reasons.

That part depends on you.

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11) †

Never fear; in each chapter, I will point you in the right direction!
One small step at a time, as we learn directly from our Savior.

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Finally, be sure you understand what following Jesus means.
It's the exact *opposite* of "selling your soul" for worldly gain.
Anything, or everything, may be required in return!
This is the most important transaction you'll ever make.

Your body will be a holy temple and living sacrifice to God.
Literally you will be *His*, and not your own.
Your life will be serving God and your fellow man.
The reward is eternal life. (And joy!)

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9) †

Ironically, following Jesus is *more fun* than anything else!
You get the love, joy, and comfort that He promised to believers.
Being part of His ongoing work is exciting and miraculous.

Friend, in more ways than one, I can say: "*This is the Life!*"

So, if you think you could handle being happy *all* the time...
and if you believe obeying Jesus is *more* important than the world...
let's look at step one of the Bible's formula for Holy Happiness!

2 LOVE EVERYONE, REAP JOY

“Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?” (Matthew 5) †

This topic is a really big one.
Without love, you have absolutely *nothing*.
Love is key to our Christian faith.
But few realize it’s also the main ingredient for joy!

Only those who truly *love* others know Jesus.
After all, He said it summed up the entire Bible:

*“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 22) †*

As usual, let’s consider the world’s objections....
(Notice *how much* the world protests anything that’s good?)

People usually don’t act lovable. Anything but!
How we can we love them?
But that’s the whole point: Your job is to love them *anyway*.
Be a Good Samaritan, not a Grim and Gloomy Reaper.

And there’s a huge lesson in the requirement to love:
You must love annoying, sinful, imperfect people ...

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Because *you* are annoying, sinful, and imperfect too!
Thus, we learn and grow spiritually as we love.

“Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?”

Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.” (Matthew 18) †

Then there’s the problem of grudges.
Resentment is just another word for hate.
If you’re emotionally *hurting*, you’re probably *hating*!

And all that hate and resentment is toxic.
It’s destroying someone....
No, not the other person. Not the *hatee*.
It poisons **you**, the hater!

Hate is a convenient, ultra-reliable *Down escalator*.
It carries its devotees straight to Hell.
You don’t even have to walk; it carries you along effortlessly.
Get off that conveyance while you still can!

Once you forgive and love, all that poison is gone.
Don’t treasure your hatred: just let it go.
Trust me, you won’t miss it! Not one little bit.
After that toxin leaves, you’ll feel *so* wonderful.

Love is the first “fruit” of the Holy Spirit.
If you didn’t notice, the chapters of this book are the fruit!

Each fruit is a *gift* from the Spirit:
Yet each is something we also *co-produce*.
So, you must accept God’s love, and you must actively love.

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” (John 15) †

If there is hatred *anywhere* in you, your life will be misery.
Just as Satan intended.
That’s why the world is so full of offenses and the offended.
But not you. Not anymore!

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Learn to love *everyone*.

Don't make it a long, arduous struggle to love each individual.

You'll never finish the first half of that list!

This must happen immediately, so that God can bless you now.

Remember, genuine happiness *derives* from loving others.

And from helping others.

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." (John 15)

†

So, you need to think much bigger than before....

All at once: just *love* them all. Everyone!

Exert love. Radiate love. Be love.

Let God's love flow out from you to others.

Any stray grudges inside you? Forgive. Right now.

Feel the difference?

Finally, you are becoming *alive!*

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6) †

There's no need to forgive others...

unless **you** want to be forgiven!

And you can't survive spiritually without that.

"Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?" (Matthew 18) †

Are you getting the hang of it?

This kind of love is impossible by ourselves.

But like everything else, it's a *piece of cake* for God.

With Him, anything is possible!

"And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was

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covered with the waves: but He was asleep.

And His disciples came to him, and awoke Him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

And He saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.” (Matthew 8) †

Don't think you're the only one; I've been there too.
I was full of hate and nursing many grudges.
But I considered them fully justified.
That blinded me to the problem; Satan had me trapped.

How did I finally escape?
God literally saved me from myself!

It was very odd:
A stranger approached me out of nowhere one day to tell me that God loves me so much, but I needed to *forgive*.
Thank God for that kindness! I was completely poisoned.
I had to overcome all the resentment that I tried to vindicate.

That was just one of several *out-of-the-blue* messages I received prior to my calling to write these books.
Jesus has an equally amazing plan for your life!
He wants you filled with love ... and happy.

So, let's take the joy we have so far and *multiply* it with love.
Can we do that?
With God, you bet we can!

And that's just the beginning!
Next, we'll learn how to *maximize* joy around-the-clock:
Happy all day, no matter what activities we do....

3 PASSIONATE LIVING IS FUN!

“Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” (1 Thessalonians 5) †

Now we have joy ... but is it steady, all day long?
Or does it ebb and flow, coming and going like the tide?
Does it depend on what we are doing?

Few Christians realize: Our joy doesn't need to waver.
After all, it comes from Jesus!
He's our Savior 24/7, all the time, isn't he?
Likewise, the Holy Spirit is always acting upon us.

Still, we are flesh and blood, with our ups and downs.
But there's another Biblical secret to maximize joy:
Passion is the catalyst! (Also known as *fervent* devotion or *zeal*.)

With passionate joy, a Spirit-filled Christian can be *radiant*.
Jesus gives us *zeal* to accomplish His work!

“Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.” (Isaiah 9) †

Take this to heart:

- Do what you love, and *love what you do*.
- *Enjoy every moment*. Praise God all day!

Be thankful for every comfort and every chance to serve others.
Indulge yourself in the wholesome parts of work and life.

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Whether it's work or leisure, have a great time.
Live it up: And do it all for Jesus!

You must be *passionate* about Jesus and your work.
Serve Him and other people, not yourself.
But relax, savor the moment, and have fun doing it.
The entire day becomes a pleasure!

“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Colossians 3:17) †

Joy is *active*. You get to participate.
So, you can be happy by ... being happy?

Bingo! Except you get *way* more back, mega-amplified.
God does 98% of the happiness.
This is a supernatural miracle performed by the Holy Spirit.
You'll see; just learn not to block it!

Meanwhile, passion is the added ingredient to make things fun.
No matter what the activity or task, bring the *same* attitude:
Tackle it with a cheerful heart, praising and thanking God.
Delight in it and have zeal for doing it well!

“Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer” (Romans 12) †

Enjoy every moment and thankfully *savor* everything God gives you.

But I hasten to add:
Meaning the good, wholesome stuff.
Be careful; stay *miles* away from any sin and confusion!
That requires ongoing thought, prayer, and discernment.

Give thanks and praise, and daily read the Word!
The Holy Bible is our greatest treasure.
Enthusiasm for Christ's teachings will maximize your joy and make you truly effective in everything you do.

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.” (John 15) †

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Don't forget: passionate living involves caring about others!
It's more about *God* and our *neighbor*, less about ourselves.
Even our prayers can accomplish more with zeal!

"Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God." (Colossians 4) †

Put your passion into prayers for:

- your family and colleagues;
- your fellow Christians;
- your nation and society;
- nonbelievers;
- other nations and peoples;
- truth, justice, righteousness, healing, love;
- good outcomes and blessings!

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." (James 5) †

When leisure ends and work begins, no problem!
Now your work is fun too.
Be serious about quality and service, but *never* stressed.
Change the way you work to have a pleasurable experience.

You are not just working for your boss, colleagues, and customers.
Now you work for Jesus, and He is sheer delight to work for!
Whatever you do for them counts as serving Him:

"Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ." (Colossians 3) †

Of course, to be passionate about life, you *need* Life!

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And there's only one way to be alive....
How passionate are you about Jesus?

Do you talk to strangers about Him every week?
Is Christ your *favorite* topic?
If not, get more passion! Passion brings joy.
And Jesus brings eternal life.

Do you agree with the following summary of salvation?
Are you *100% convinced* about Him?
If not, get more passion! Passion for Jesus saves.
It's the key, today and forever.

Passionate Summary of Salvation:

Rule #1. Jesus is the only way!

Rule #2. If in doubt, see Rule #1.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14) †

Are you eager to do your job and serve other people?
Can't wait to get started on work?
If not, get more passion! Serving others is serving the Lord.

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25) †

Love your work. Enjoy every minute of it.
You're working with God's creation and incredible modern resources.
Every day is full of blessings!

To love what you do, you must love people.
Remember, it's also Jesus that you are serving.
Be nice and *helpful* to customers.
Be *diligent* and understanding to your boss.

They are not perfect. Are you?
But *Jesus* is perfect, and He will reward you:
Now with joy, pay, and satisfaction in work.
Later with eternal life and treasure!

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“And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.” (Revelation 22) †

Faith can greatly enhance your working skills, too.

The Holy Spirit knows everything.

That includes how to do *anything*.

Plus unlimited power to achieve all things!

Whether it's Christian life or ministry, auto mechanics or quantum physics, poetry or prophecy, finances or eternal life, you can always do a better job with the help of the Holy Spirit!

It makes both work and leisure more fun when you do it well.

But of course, you can only do miracles if you believe in them.

Make sure you walk with Jesus, in the Spirit:

That's when we achieve great things.

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” (John 15) †

Be a good worker, for Jesus and your boss, and be prolific!

We are saved by grace, but *known* by our works.

People overlook that. Do we need works?

You better know we do! Fruits are not optional:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.” (John 15) †

Industry, victory, achievement, success:

All these are wholesome if you pursue them for God!

And for the welfare of your fellow human beings.

Not for your own glory or worldly ambition.

“Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.” (Proverbs 16) †

“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”

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(1 Corinthians 10:31) †

We serve the Lord happily; it is our *pleasure* to walk with Him!

* NO PAIN, ALL GAIN!

Joy is more elusive if you're constantly in pain, sick, or drowsy.
So, when physical ailments strike, try to alleviate them.
You have multiple options: medical and spiritual.
God has blessed us abundantly!

Christians have always had access to miraculous *spiritual healing*.
God is still in the business of healing believers; pray with faith!

"Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5) †

Meanwhile, today we also have *modern medicine* at our disposal.
With a doctor or OTC, you have access to amazing treatments.
Some of these are almost miraculous too!

God has shown us favor and mercy in so many ways.
Spiritual, medical, or both? Take your pick!

As soon as you feel better, it's time to *amplify* your joy.
How can we make joy a hundred times stronger?
Through a *much* closer walk with Jesus.

Ready? Here we go...

4 PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH

“Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” (John 14) †

I hate to tell you this, Friend, but unless you understand this part ...
You're *dead*. As nails! You just don't know it yet.
Likewise, you haven't experienced real joy yet:
It will be a thousand times stronger if you achieve this!

Spiritually, what does it mean to be *alive*?
Where do we find our peace? Our strength, as Christians?
Let's find out what the Bible teaches.

Without your spirit, flesh is nothing. You already know that!
But see “abode” in the verse above?
Without the Holy Spirit, your own spirit and flesh are *still* nothing!

And *this* ... the holy union of God and man ... is proper Christian life.
You need to experience the full extent of this relationship.
That is truly living! You'll be amazed.

Yes, we've been studying the fruit of the Holy Spirit already.
But ... I've given you only the “milk” to start you off gently:
Now we need to *supercharge* your connection to God!
It's time to initiate you into the mysteries, so to speak.

The Holy Spirit is our key to peace, comfort, and strength.
Jesus taught us to rely on God, *not* ourselves, to overcome the world.
As the New Testament letters describe:

*“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit,*

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which are God's." (1 Corinthians 6) †

If this seems new, you have no idea what you're missing!
Have you ever wanted to be *closer* to God?
Would you like to spend time or "hang out" with Jesus?
To have real peace and comfort?

Because ... you *can*.
Not just later, in Heaven. Not someday in future.
Here and now! Right here on Earth.
Are you ready?

Communing in God's tangible presence every day is *amazing*.

Notice how I used the word *tangible*?
I mean that very literally and deliberately.
You should have God physically inside your body:

"If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."
(John 14) †

I said *physical* intentionally, and that's no mistake.
It's accurate; that is the best word to describe what happens!
You may *think* you already understand the Holy Spirit.
But you probably don't yet! Furthermore, it's hurting you.

Millions of Christians are missing out on walking closer to God.
On the *only* way to get the real victory over sin.
And on deeply understanding God's Word or His plan.
They are deprived of unwavering faith and infinite peace.

As the Bible teaches:

"Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." (Galatians 5) †

All because they don't *understand* the Holy Spirit.
They read the same words, but see a different concept.
They communicate with the same Spirit, but on a different level.

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All Christians are supposed to have the Indwelling.
Unfortunately, too many pastors are *bluffing* about the Holy Spirit.
That spreads confusion on this issue within the churches.

The Indwelling means:
God's Spirit *filling* you and in control.
Literally. Physically and tangibly! Very supernaturally.
This changes everything.

You are *not* doing things on your own anymore.
You commune with God all day!
Jesus is your co-pilot.

It's like talking to God on a faint *telephone* connection ...
versus sitting down with Him *face-to-face* in person.
Or visiting God's website on dialup/3G versus broadband/5G.
The experience is not the same!

You must become a *vessel* for the Holy Spirit:
You are supposed to commune with God, inside your body.
Together. Literally. Closer than you can imagine.

Yeah, I didn't understand either. For *decades*.
I struggled with ongoing sin and shallow faith.
It was never-ending and I always fell short.
I had never even heard of the Indwelling!

Now, *finally* I understand:
No more sinful desires, no struggles.
Constant joy. In God's presence. I'm truly alive!
Free from sin and overflowing with love!

Having God's Spirit inside you is *not* a figure of speech.
And it doesn't mean only a mental or emotional telepathy to guide us.
It includes that, but there's another 95%.
Just 5% is not enough!

Unfortunately, in today's society only one word reliably conveys this.
I could talk all day, or I could say this single word:
You must be ***POSSESSED*** by the Holy Spirit.

That is what the apostles describe.

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A more proper Christian term is the *Indwelling* of the Spirit.

You should actually feel God's Holy Presence and Energy physically *residing* or *abiding* in your body.

Overlapping your own spirit and occupying the same physical space.

In a way you never thought possible or permissible.

Beyond closeness, beyond intimacy, to *oneness*:

"For two, saith he, shall be one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit." (1 Corinthians 6) †

If you don't feel His Presence filling up your body, you need to!

This is the *key* requirement for living as God intended.

It is the only way to successfully overcome our sinful nature.

It's a free gift.

And living with Christ, sharing the same body....

That is even more *mind-blowing* than it sounds!

Jesus said it very clearly:

"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.

At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." (John 14) †

He keeps His promises if you obey His directions.

How do you receive this Almighty blessing?

* HOW TO RECEIVE THE INDWELLING
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Do you feel distant from God? Trouble discerning His will?

“Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” (John 14)

Do you struggle getting the victory over sin?

“Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.” (Galatians 5) †

You need the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit!

Here’s how to get on **TRACK**:

1. TRUST Jesus and *believe* that He was literally resurrected to save us. This requires 100% faith with no doubts! If you need evidence, find some.

“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14) †

2. REPENT of your sins. Read Galatians 5 for details. Love and *forgive* everyone! If you have any grudges or despise any group of people, you must let God change your heart.

“But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” (Matthew 6) †

3. ACCEPT Jesus as your Savior and *invite* Him into your life. Be humble and grateful, not demanding.

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me” (Acts 1) †

4. COMMIT the rest of your life to Jesus (all of it!) and be *baptized* to follow Him as a born-again Christian. Read Matthew 27- 28 and Acts 1-2. Understand the Holy Spirit and be careful not to despise any of the numerous ways God may choose to manifest His power at His discretion.

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“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved ... And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues” (Mark 16) †

5. KEEP all of Christ’s teachings; don’t pick and choose! Ask God the Father for the Holy Spirit in Jesus’ name. If you need help, find a pastor experienced in laying on hands to *impart* the Holy Spirit. Review Galatians 5 carefully and read John 14- 15.

“If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.” (John 14) †

“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.” (John 14) †

Again, be sure to remember this:

“Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.” (John 14) †

When you have the Holy Spirit inside you, you also share your body and mind with Jesus and God the Father. According to Jesus Himself.

That changes *everything*.

Sin is no longer a constant struggle; avoid pride and the rest is easy.

Faith is automatic and understanding grows continually.

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” (John 14) †

The peace and comfort of the Holy Spirit is so all-powerful that it expands the definition of those words.

You experience God’s peace, eternal and infinite, *unchanging*.

You are built on solid rock.

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.” (John 14) †

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The more you commune with the Spirit, the better life gets!

“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. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” (Galatians 5) †

God physically, tangibly, inside your body is the ultimate experience!
The joy reaches a new peak that is unbelievably intense.
You'll never be the same.

How could we possibly improve on that?
Simple: By spreading this spiritual revival to others!

* DON'T TRY TO FAKE IT!

A kind but stern word of caution:

If you receive the Indwelling of the Spirit, you'll know; this is not subtle. But if you don't have the Spirit yet, *don't* pretend you do! You can't fool Jesus. And if you fool people, you'll eventually regret it. This is not something to trifle with.

It's very important to read Acts before seeking the Indwelling:

Even Christ's closest disciples had to wait and pray for the Holy Spirit! Think about it; they lived, ate, and worked with Jesus. They were His *designated* apostles to the entire world. Yet the time was of God's choosing.

So be patient and stay honest!

Answer to prayer may come differently than we expected/asked. It's a gift, a surprise, all wrapped up just for you! From your Father, who knows best. Trust Him.

Look how specifically Jesus addressed this!

"If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?"

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11) †

Now, let's go spread the joy we've been given....

5 CULTIVATE PATIENCE AND KINDNESS

“Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets” (Matthew 7) †

What if your joy becomes *contagious*?
You can turn your own happiness and holiness into an epidemic!

“Do Unto Others”: That’s the golden rule!
According to Jesus Himself, benevolence sums up the Bible.
He said the same thing about love:

*“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 22) †*

Love or kindness: *each* of these summarize the entire Bible.
Either, understood correctly, would lead to the other, then to all righteousness.

We could carry around a postage-sized, single-word scripture!

But since we make enough mistakes already, He spelled it out for us.
That itself is a kindness too; God is gracious!
Let’s add patience and kindness to our sources of joy:
People will often respond in kind, although we *can’t* expect it.

Kindness reminds us to be fair and generous, not selfish.
We shouldn’t seek *only* our own happiness.
Our actions can bring joy to our fellow man!
And to God Himself. He will also bless us accordingly.

Patience must accompany kindness; we have to be *gentle* with others.
Demanding everything, done yesterday or else, is worldly behavior.
God blesses us, and we are to treat others likewise.

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Here's the good news: You don't even have to transform yourself!
After you start communing with the Holy Spirit, you should notice:
Less anger, hate, resentment, roughness, and impatience.
More peace, love, forgiveness, kindness, and patience.

This change happens even without trying!
(At least, it did in my case!)
Being in close contact with God is life-changing.
It happens *automatically*.

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14) †

As always, Jesus constantly fulfills prophecy:

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God." (Ezekiel 36) †

Remember: This requires the actual *Indwelling* of the Holy Spirit.
(Not just mental guidance or enhanced conscience!)
I had mental guidance from the Holy Spirit for decades;
I never experienced these effects. Indwelling is completely different.

With the Indwelling, God will be working changes in you all the time:
Hate and grudges will diminish, anger will subside.
You'll feel *inexplicable* love for all people!
You can't even explain it; God does it.

Now, here's the big secret:
Giving is truly more blessed than receiving!
The greatest joy comes from helping *others*.
The kindest thing you can do for yourself is being kind to others.

"Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and

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his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.” (1 Peter 3) †

And as Jesus Himself said, quoting it entirely for its detailed clarity:

“For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom.

For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.” (Luke 6) †

And for good measure, the Old Testament speaks of this too:

“The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.

The wicked worketh a deceitful work: but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.” (Proverbs 11) †

So, there you have it:

Be kind to others ... and thus, yourself!

6 GOOD MORALS, GREAT TIMES

“Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?” (Romans 6) †

On the highway of Christian happiness, we don't want roadblocks.
And we need to avoid all the detours and breakdowns.
This chapter is all about *spiritual* preventative maintenance!

Many Christians are confused about *sin*, grace, and holiness.
That causes no end of headaches and heartaches!
Both for themselves ... and for others.
All that unhappiness is preventable.

We can see several types of misunderstandings in believers:

1. Grace-Gluttons who embrace sin since they're forgiven.
2. Libertines who consider traditional morality old-fashioned.
3. Strugglers who endlessly wrestle against sin but fail constantly.
4. The Gullible who believe that sin is fun and holiness is not.
5. Modern Pharisees who adopt new morals about climate, politically-correct speech, and so on.
6. Backsliders who resume old habits despite the Spirit's warning.

When Christians complain of depression, sin is often the culprit.
It also creates spiritual loneliness, distancing us from God.
Let's clear up this confusion to maximize our joy in Jesus!

First and most basic, what should we consider a sin?
After reading this far, you know that I believe and trust the Bible!
So, you know that I'll look in God's Word for the answer....
Paul provides a handy list of example sins in Galatians:

“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication,

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uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” (Galatians 5) †

Isn't it great that God gave us such clear examples?

But that's not all:

We are also blessed with a list of sins from Jesus Himself!

“And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.” (Mark 7) †

Now we have very authoritative, reliable examples of sin.

We know what we're dealing with.

Next, how do we tackle the problem of sin?

Thanks to Paul and John, that topic has been thoroughly explained.

One verse out of context might be misunderstood, but there are many.

Christians confused on sin need only read more in the New Testament!

For the Gracefully Unrighteous and their Libertine colleagues:

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.” (1 Corinthians 3) †

We are holy temples of YHWH, not pagan red-light hotels!

“Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?” (1 Corinthians 6) †

Any lifestyle of sin is not Biblical, and not full belief in Christ.

We've all been there, one sin or another. But not anymore! Sin is death.

“And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch

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not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (2 Corinthians 6) †

For the Strugglers who continually try and fail, there is hope too!
We know that we need to avoid sin.
But here's the tough part: How?

Very few people (if any) can overcome sin by their own will.
Like top athletes, rare individuals might have enough discipline.
But even then, they would overcome a few behaviors yet *fail* in others!
It's futile. That's why the Bible teaches a completely different way....

"And they that heard it said, Who then can be saved?

And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." (Luke 18) †

You don't have to struggle with sin any longer:
If you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you won't even *desire* sin!
Bad habits will immediately improve and finally vanish completely.
Here's how it works, according to the Bible:

"Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." (Galatians 5) †

You are a temple for YHWH; God wants you holy.
If you totally commit your life to Him, He will sanctify you!
Do you have the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit yet?
If not, see Chapter 4 for step-by-step directions.

How about neo-Pharisees who substitute new sins for traditional ones?

There are plenty of examples:
Worrying about fornication is old-fashioned.
But carbon-related sins are brand new and trendy!
Today, electric cars and bagless groceries are the pop-culture virtues.

Here's another. Opposing idolatry sounds like a 19th century sermon.
The in-vogue would rather oppose "hateful" and non-inclusive speech.
That doesn't mean true hate, of course: it means Christian decency!
Forsaking God, these "modern" moralists adopt *ancient* pagan customs.

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The new sins are accompanied by new idols and saviors:
All Christian should avoid these false religions.

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.” (Matthew 24) †

Finally, don't be a backslider.
Stay pure so that your heart rejoices!
Don't be this guy:

“As a dog returneth to his vomit, so a fool returneth to his folly.” (Proverbs 26) †

You've already supercharged your engine.
How would you like to ultra-fortify your foundation?
That's the plan....

7 INFINITE FAITH AND CERTAINTY

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” (John 3, KJV) †

Are you a true believer in Jesus of Nazareth?
Do you have 100% faith with no doubts?
That’s what you need, both for joy and for salvation!

Your joy will be as deep as your faith:
A megastructure rising from the bedrock!
As Jesus taught, it will be unshakeable in life’s storms.

*“Therefore whosoever beareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.” (Matthew 7) †*

Let’s get the construction underway.
Christians *must* believe the resurrection literally.
That’s the mandatory bare minimum of our faith:

*“And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.”
(1 Corinthians 15) †*

But if you believe only the resurrection, you’ll be a spiritual cripple.
For best results, believe the *entire* Bible and treasure every word!
You should be enthusiastic about every doctrine in the New Testament.
If some particular verses or concepts offend you, learn and grow.

“And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.” (Matthew 11) †

Faith can move mountains and create miracles.
It gives you tremendous peace, assurance, and confidence.
But above all, faith in Jesus will save your soul!

How can you obtain mighty faith? Mine was weak at first.

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Like Thomas, I needed some proof, and God kindly provided it!
In fact, Jesus gave *all* His disciples abundant evidence:

“To whom also He shewed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:” (Acts 1) †

When you know something for *certain*, there’s no struggle to believe.
No shadow of a doubt exists anywhere in me! Not a trace.
If a spiritual microscope could examine me, I would ace the test!
Doubt is literally impossible: it’s light-years away. I’m with God.

How did I obtain 100% faith? It happened in two stages:

1. ***Prophecies fulfilled*** proved the Bible is true, giving me a foothold.
2. Now the ***Indwelling of the Holy Spirit*** provides 24/7 testimony.

The Holy Spirit can abide in you. That changes everything!
He provides 24/7 testimony, assurance, direction, and faith.
Then doubt is impossible to even *imagine*. Praise God!
You can have a supernatural experience every single day.

But the “Catch-22” is that first you must commit 100% to Jesus.
You need to believe Him! Trust and agree with His *every* word.
The problem is how to have enough faith to gain endless faith!

I want you saved and joyful, so I will give you some evidence.
It’s even better if you already have faith to believe Jesus.
But make sure your faith is very deep-rooted for future trials.
If you need some proof, like I did, *get it now!*

Here’s the plan:

1. I will give you enough *proof* to believe the Bible.
2. You can use that *belief* to trust and accept Jesus.
3. Then *commit* yourself *100%* to follow everything He said.
4. Receive the *Indwelling of the Holy Spirit* for 24/7 faith and joy.
5. Obediently *maintain* your relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Ready? Let’s begin with this: What is proof?

Some people need intellectual proof. Others experience God.
There are many types of evidence for God and His Word.

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Proof can be miracles and testimonies, or math and science.

And my own personal favorite: *fulfilled prophecies*.

That's what convinced and saved me!

So, that's the type of proof I have available to offer you.

(Although there are many other ways to prove Him.)

I realize that prophecy is not everyone's *favorite* proof.

Maybe that's God's sense of humor again! He always educates us.

I need to be humble, and you need to consider this:

Would you rather perish than use prophecy to attain faith?

Hopefully you'd rather survive through faith than be picky!

Accordingly, let's continue and *strengthen* your belief in Jesus....

Bible verses written almost 2,000 years ago predicted history:

They foretold *famous historical events* and documented facts.

That is real, verifiable evidence that the Bible is true.

Remember, there is proof but not *compulsion* to believe.

If you are dead-set on doubting, God gives you free will!

Atheists who are zealots may not care about facts.

Believers who idolize Doubt on a pedestal will be biased.

But if you really want the truth, here it is:

The *Seven Trumpets* of Revelation identified!

Our entire Christian era from the Cross to Armageddon.

This is original research. But it is *analysis*, not new prophecy.

God created it. John recorded it. I'm just identifying the events.

History aligns perfectly with the Bible verses.

I worked on this in the Spirit many hours daily for months.

Spreadsheets helped me chart many *hundreds* of historical events.

It is a factually and spiritually accurate proof.

God called me to this task and guided me through it. Praise Him!

* PROOF: REVELATION'S SEVEN TRUMPETS

Calculating the Trumpet Dates



Roman trumpeters depicted on Trajan's Column. (Rome, 113 AD)

Here's the key that unlocked Revelation for me:

“And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.” (Revelation 8) †

Every time I saw this verse, I felt even more fascinated by it. God had His choice of any metaphor for the time periods. But to help us, He intentionally used *trumpets*. Why?

Trumpets (*tubae*) signaled the watches (*vigilae*) in Roman times. They were military-precise, regular, and dependable. That was the whole point; they were keeping time for the nation.

But how many years does each trumpet represent? Again, God intentionally gave us the answer via the trumpet. Roman time keeping was *already* well-defined:

Censorinus noted that Roman day and night each had four *watches*. Each watch lasted *three hours*. That's our key! Claudian recorded how military trumpets signaled the *shifts*. And Matthew confirms that Jesus and the apostles used Roman time.

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- *“The bugle had already summoned the soldiers to the first watch when glorious Stilicho arrived from the frozen north.” (Panegyric on the Sixth Consulship of Honorius, 454 AD, Claudian: 1922, M. Platnauer)*
- *“Others made four divisions of the day and as many of the night. This is proved by the divisions utilized in military language, which speaks of the first, the second, the third and the fourth watches.” (De Die Natali, 238 AD, Censorinus: 1900, William Maude)*
- *“In the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.” (Matthew 14, KJV)*

Now we have a specific solution!

Let’s also review and apply a general guideline:

Bible Prophecy uses one unit of time to represent another.

For example, an hour is 60 minutes: this can represent 60 years.

Throughout John's lifetime, a Roman trumpet blew every 3 hours.

Prophetically, that can mean $3 \times 60 = 180$ years.

What a natural and appropriate metaphor!

Prophetic meaning also depends on context and symbolism.

Using this knowledge, we can calculate and identify the trumpets!

Below is a table of the first four trumpet prophecies in history.

Each trumpet punctuates a time period of 180 years.

The “clock started” on the cross when Jesus sacrificed His body:

“And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour....

And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.” (Revelation 8) †

The “*fire, voices, thunderings, and earthquake*” describe actual events:

After the Crucifixion and Resurrection, the next 40 years included Pentecost, the Apostolic Council, New Testament writing, and Herod's Temple destroyed!

Following that example, I list each trumpet with 40 years of events.

Each 180-year era begins with 40 years of fulfilled prophecy.

Here’s the result:

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The First Four Trumpets (Revelation 8):

“Fire of the Altar” caused “voices, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.”	30-70 AD	Crucifixion, Resurrection, Pentecost, Apostolic Council, New Testament writing, Herod's Temple destroyed.
#1. “Fiery Blood Hail” burned a “third of trees and all green grass.”	210-250 AD	Christians persecuted, Edict of Decius forced believers to perform idolatry or face death, and new converts fled.
#2. “Burning Mountain” cast “into the sea” and a “third of the sea became blood.”	390-430 AD	Rome sacked, its Empire began to collapse under crises and wars. Christian Europe would emerge.
#3. “Wormwood” made a “third of the waters bitter, and many men died.”	570-610 AD	Muhammad born, Islamic conquest began, capturing a third of the world while killing many victims and damning many adherents.
#4. “Sun, Moon, Stars Darkened” for “a third of the day and night.”	750-790 AD	Islamic conquest halted. Church councils at Council of Hieria and Nicaea. Christian world dominance began, marred by loss of the Holy Land and ongoing conflicts and heresies among the churches.

There's our first set of proof!

These historical events and dates are real and verifiable.

Long after Revelation was written, they happened right on schedule!

That demonstrates the Bible is true and reliable.

Zooming in, here's a great example from the many facts confirmed....

Islam: “Bitter Waters”

“And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.” (Revelation 8) †

In prophecy, “Waters” often means “nations.” For example:

“The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.” (Revelation 17) †

“Wormwood” would fill around a third of *nations* with ongoing strife. That started during the Islamic conquest and endures to this day!

Third of Waters Became Bitter:

	World	Islam	Percentage
Nations	193 (UN)	57 (OIC)	30%
Population	7.3 billion	1.8 billion	25%

- *“About: History” (Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, 2022)*
- *“About Us” (United Nations, 2022)*
- *“The Changing Global Religious Landscape” (Pew Research Center, 2017)*

Calculating the Final Trumpets:

The First Four Trumpets followed a consistent time interval.
That was so easy to get us started!

But now God signals a massive change in the schedule:

*“And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.”
(Revelation 8) †*

That verse simultaneously describes the event/era and its duration!
(Jesus sometimes answers two questions with one statement.)
To understand it, remember our prophetic time principle:

“trumpet” → 3 hours x 60 = 180 years
“day” → 12 or 24 hours, depending on context
“night” → 12 hours
“month” → 30 days

So, this era’s “darkness” lasts one-third of a day, night, and month.
Not in normal calculations, but abstract symbolic ones.
(See the table of results below.)

That Christian era was *two-thirds* bright with the Gospel of Jesus!
We can easily solve the following span of “five months.”

The key is understanding how to interpret and apply them!

Other chapters of Revelation help with that, and a big additional clue is provided 5 paragraphs further down:

“And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months....

And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.” (Revelation 9) †

Finally, the 7th Trumpet is impossible to precisely calculate.

We can estimate a likely range by charting patterns from this and other parts of Revelation, but ... it happens when it happens!

More importantly, we can and *should* know when the season is near:

“So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors....

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But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only.” (Matthew 24) †

Here are our calculated intervals....

The Trumpet Time Periods:

#1-4. "Trumpet"	Roman 3-hour vigil signaled with <i>tubae</i>	$3 \times 60 = 180$ years
#4-#5. "Sun, moon, and stars darkened"	"Third" of prophetic "day, night, and month"	$12 + 12 + 30 = 54$ hours; $54 \div 3 = 18$ hours; $18 \times 60 = 1,080$ years
#5-#6. "Torment by Locusts"	"Five months"	$5 \times 30 = 150$ years
#5-#6. "Four angels were loosed"	"Prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year"	$60 + 12$ (or 24) $+ 30 + 12$ $= 114$ (or 126) years

Putting it all together, we can build a complete list:

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#5. “Smoke arose from the Bottomless Pit” along with “locusts that tormented unsealed men five months.”	1830-1870	Darwin and Marx spawned Atheism and Communism to kill millions within 114 years, while their Marxist minions plagued education and journalism to poison the souls of unbelievers for 150 years.
#6. “Loose the Four Angels Bound in the Euphrates for an hour, day, month, and year” with “200 million soldiers.” The “fire, smoke, and brimstone” from “their horses’	1910-1950	World War I and World War II introduced modern warfare with tanks and planes. A third of the 197 million participants became casualties. Atheism and Communism expanded, then suffered setbacks: Israel restored, Dead Sea Scrolls

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mouths” slay “a third of the men.”		discovered, and America the Christian superpower.
(After five months)	1980-1990	After the prophesied 150 years, Atheism and Communism were dealt another heavy but temporary blow: Ronald Reagan’s election boosted Christian values, reduced Marxist influence, and led to the Soviet Union’s collapse.
#7. “Time No Longer”	2010-2050?	“Mystery Of God Finished” at a time that we can estimate but cannot know precisely. Jesus will return victoriously to slay the resurgent Beast and wed His sanctified church!

Let’s zoom in for a closer look at two of those prophesied events....



200 Million Soldiers, a Third Killed or Wounded:

“And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.” (Revelation 9) †

Let’s compare that prophecy with the facts of history....

World Wars: Military Casualties

	Troops	Military Casualties	Percentage
World War I	70 million	30 million	43%
World War II	127 million	40 million	31%
Total	197 million	70 million	36%

Military “casualties” are those incapacitated in battle: killed or wounded. “Slay” originally meant to “strike” down, confirming this interpretation. The infamous 200-million-man military prophecy already happened!

- *“Military Casualties–World War–Estimated” (U.S. War Department, 1924)*
 - *“WW1 facts and numbers: Remembering how many died, WW1 soldiers and the mind-blowing scale of the war this Armistice Day” (Evening Standard, 2018, Tom Herbert)*
 - *“Research Starters: Worldwide Deaths in World War II” (National WWII Museum, 2022)*
 - *“BEHIND THE IMAGE: Number of people mobilised in World War II” (Military History Matters, 2021)*
 - *“Slay” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary, 2022)*
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Meet the Locusts from Hell!



“And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power....

And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.” (Revelation 9) †

Did you know there really is an insect that looks like this?

It's no fantasy! You're looking at an actual photo.

The scorpion fly is every bit as real as you are.

It resembles a “locust” with a scorpion’s “tail.” (Both are deceptive.)

This critter is active five months of the year and attracted to corpses.

The real insects don't sting, but the ones in Revelation do.

And we're not waiting for these locusts to appear; it's a *metaphor!*

For something or someone related to Atheism and Marxism....

“And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.

And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.

And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.” (Revelation 9) †

Prepped for battle. Men with hair like women. Powerful mouths.

Get it?

The Bible has so much more humor than people realize:

God chose these bizarre bugs to lampoon His biggest future critics!

It's a doubly appropriate caricature, since Darwin was obsessed with

insects, and anti-Christians often weaponize Nature against faith.

Out of the noxious clouds released by Marx and Darwin fly ...
a million God-hating, fierce but womanlike *keyboard warriors!*

(Never underestimate God's sense of humor.)

More traditionally, *pen-and-paper* warriors.

A "pen" is their weapon: these warrior wimps only "torment, not kill."
Truly God makes fools of the wise, and vice versa!

Yet sadly and seriously, these Evangelists of Evil destroy many souls.

Accelerate From Proof to Faith

A foolish world thinks Revelation is an abstract fantasy.

On the contrary, it practically reads like *a history book!*

And history revolves around Jesus: He is the Star of the show!

His chosen people also have important and exciting roles.

The Bible is true, its prophecies happened, and God is real.

What more do you want, a *flashing neon sign* in the sky?

Jesus *actually is* our Savior. To survive, believe in Him.

Now you have enough proof to make that decision:

He's the only way to heaven. The choice is yours.

Do you want on this train? Banish doubts and climb aboard!

This chapter was a brief overview; it scratched the surface.

My upcoming book "Revelation's Seven Trumpets" explains and documents each trumpet era, prophecy, event, and calculation in detail.

More explanation and examples, confirmation and surprises.

More amazing facts and figures from God's Word to history's record.

Plus, more Bible verses and prophecies to bolster and expand on what we've learned so far!

If you were surprised to see a Communist Beast, read this too:

My first book "China, Revelation's Beast" proves that Communism is the modern Beast echoing Rome in Bible prophecy.

You'll never look at Marx or Mao the same way again!

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The first chapter of every book is free, so start reading:

<https://prophecies.today.com/Prophecy-Books>

Now you have the proof; exert faith and commit to Jesus 100%!

If you do, I'll see you on the Other Side.

Our destination is a very happy place.

But first, let's remove a few more obstacles and pitfalls...

8 HUMBLY CONTENT

“Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.

But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.” (Matthew 23) †

When it comes to a joyful, fulfilling, and meaningful life ...
What about your *ego*? Where should it fit in?

You know: the part of you that is constantly getting the rest of you into trouble by “defending” and flattering you.

The part that the world calls “self-esteem” and treasures above gold.
All at the very low cost of constant distraction and vicious turmoil!

Yes, *that* part.

Is your ego really helping you?

I have to admit: it *does* help with certain things.

The ego can accomplish those matters easily, almost effortlessly.

Here are just a few examples:

- The ego helps many people to destroy their marriages.
- And ruin their careers!
- It alienates loved ones while bringing out the worst in people.
- The ego can even help people lose their souls!

You know what I think?

I bet you can get by without *that* kind of “help.”

Yep, toss your ego into the round file! Along with your pride.

Trust me: as a Christian, you won’t need either of them again.

“Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.” (Proverbs 16) †

Pride corrupts, weakens, and destroys us.

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Jesus calls us to be just the opposite:

Not haughty towers of arrogance, nor wallowing puddles of affronted self-esteem, but humble and *happy* servants!

Like all of Satan's alluring works, pride promises glamour and happiness, but only delivers ruin.

Consider the very "worst" case:

Pride sets you up ... for a titanic fall.

You lose everything and have to start over.

Your earthly life is heavily damaged. And no spiritual gain, either!

OK, now let's see the "best" case:

Pride totally succeeds: You win and excel, earning fame and fortune.

Then ... you idolize your glamorous new self and worldly success.

Now your *eternal* life is threatened! Notice a pattern here?

Even the best case for the ego is not really best-case, is it?

Satan's schemes goad gullible people into a *wild good chase*.

No matter which trail you follow, in the end you still lose.

Wise up to these spiritual scams!

"Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts.

To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin." (Proverbs 21) †

Messing up your earthly life is only the beginning...

Pride is worshipping the Self! It's idolatry.

The wages of sin are death, eventually.

But first ... you feel very *unhappy*. Very often.

Since you want joy (and eternal life) avoid pride like the plague it is!

Meekness is the exact opposite:

Meekness worships God, not ourselves.

You're not feeling afraid, defensive, offended, or angry.

That leaves joy, love, and peace! (And eternal life.)

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (1 Peter 5) †

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But always practice meekness as directed by the Holy Spirit.
Not the way the world, or the flesh, insists.
Check your understanding with the Bible.
If you're not careful, Satan turns false meekness into a weapon!

Low self-esteem fuels endless strife and resentment.
It creates grudges and nurtures them into full-blown *hatred*.
All in the endless quest of a "healthy" amount of pride.
With constant demands for respect and attention.

Sound familiar?
It should ... it's the other side of the same coin!
Pride and inferiority both lead to misery, sin, and conflict.
Foster *peace and forgiveness* to reap joy and spiritual abundance.

Now for a different aspect of humility that we all need to improve....

We come to God with so many demands, dilemmas, and doubts.
And He loves us so much, He overlooks most of our flaws.
But are we giving due honor to our Creator?
We should approach His holy Throne with total *reverence*.

For insight, put yourself (very humbly, only to understand) in His shoes:

What if a grimy cockroach-sized person staggered into your office?
He's drunk and filthy, yet launches into an arrogant tirade of complaints
and selfish demands.
And what if this tiny person started and ended that slurred rant by
saying that he even doubted your existence *and* your morality?
Would that even make any sense?

If that doesn't sound respectful to you, remember it when *you* pray!

*"Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world,
let him become a fool, that he may be wise.*

*For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the
wise in their own craftiness."* (1 Corinthians 3) †

Be meek with your fellow humans:
Take no offense at personal slights.
Serve and accommodate others diligently.
Love to learn, and set a good example for others.

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However, don't confuse meekness with cowardice!
Be firm, bold, and confident in upholding Christ's truth.
Have confidence in your ability to work for God and men.

Meekness will even save you money!
Entire industries are devoted to self-worship and self-worth.
You won't need all that stuff.
Spiritual rewards are the real treasure.

Be humble and WIN BIG!
That's the unintuitive way life really works, by God's decree.
And happiness follows those who obey Him....

9 SPIRIT-LED DELIGHT

“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. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” (Galatians 5) †

We've arrived at the final Fruit of the Holy Spirit in Paul's list!
Learn this one, and your Joy with Jesus will be complete!
In the King James Version, this is called “temperance.”
Most other Bible versions translate it as “self-control.”

Those are adequate linguistically, but not as precise spiritually;
We are only capable of achieving such restraint through the Holy Spirit!
Therefore, I hate to call this fruit self-control;
Spirit-control would be a more accurate description.

Even more precisely, it is *joint* control of the body and mind:
Two sets of “hands” at the controls, like a pilot and his instructor.
This is the amazing experience of walking with Jesus!
You and the Holy Spirit cooperate to guide your head, heart, and hands.

We already learned how to receive the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
Review Chapter 4 if you haven't received that yet. Don't try to fake it!
This time we're going a step further:
We can perfect the balance and harmony of the spiritual union.

Unlike aviators, our goal here is not to graduate and fly solo;
The Holy Spirit will be our “copilot” for life and eternity!
The sheer joy of living with Jesus is our destiny now and forever.
So we just need the right amount of self-control and Spirit-control.

“I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.” (Revelation 21) †

First, we must subdue the flesh and heed the Spirit.
But then we need to learn to proactively work with Jesus:

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It's a spiritual harmony that honors God *and* your unique persona!
As you find that balance, you can accomplish great things.

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.” (John 15) †

This is the whole “point” of human experience, history, our individual lives, and the Word: that we belong with God and our lives are fulfilled and maximized through Him.

It's a taste of what's to come....

Even greater things wait in the future of eternity: things that our languages can't express and our current mental machinery cannot process.

There are hints in the infinite complexity; for example, the atom, one considered the smallest unit of matter, is now itself a teeming world at quantum scale, with its own set of laws that defy our natural common-sense expectations.

No doubt there's yet another, smaller world to be discovered deep inside that, too.

That's the level of complexity that comes naturally to God, except that's child's play. God's normal work is scaled exponentially; we haven't seen or imagined anything yet!

And when we are aligned with God, we share in His joy.

Satan hates humanity and works to destroy us.

But God loves the human race and seeks our eternal life with Him.

Guess Who wins this battle!

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.” (Revelation 19) †

We will even contribute to that eternal kingdom, just as we do our own special role here.

But that amazing future is only possible with Jesus and through Him, for those who *prove* that they love and choose their Creator, and demonstrate that they can be trusted with whatever lies ahead.

That's what we're doing here on earth, and it's the reason God gives each of us a chance to choose.

“Do you want to come with Me and do something really fun and amazing?”

That's the Bible.

But because God is kind and merciful as well as generous and amazing, we don't even have to pass this test on our own. God is with us doing all the hard parts for us and protecting us.

To be fair, He also lived and died as we do, subject to the same earthly forces. And to be more than fair, out of love He served as our scapegoat and Savior, paying the price for the sin resulting from our freedom. He only requires that we choose and follow Him with honest intent.

Eternity requires holiness as an invariable rule, so He handles that for us. Not by freedom or license to sin, as some misunderstand, but by the indwelling of His Spirit to overcome and tame our flesh.

But that's not all. He threw in one extra bonus:
The gift of joy and happiness the entire time!
Which is why you've read this book.
Enjoy the blessings of each day God sends your way.

Learn to walk in the Holy Spirit and accept God's gift of walking in joy.
God bless you and keep you to the End of Days, and beyond....

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*“And he said unto me: It is done.
I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.*

*I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.
He that overcometh shall inherit all things;
and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

*But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers,
and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth
with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” (Revelation 21) †*

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