

Trust in God

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Our trust in God is a very important part of our daily life, both for our welfare here and for eternal life hereafter. As we place our trust in God, each day and continue to look to Him through that great work on Calvary's Cross, we will continue to grow in the faith and begin to realize more and more what these great blessings are that God is so willing and waiting to give to every one of us.

Not many people realize this great privilege they have, to place their total trust and faith in One whose only desire is to give His people their every need, they may have, that will bring them total happiness for time and eternity. Perfect health, peace, prosperity, all that we could need or desire in this life and eternal life hereafter.

God could not have given us any greater Gift than when He gave us His Son. If He has given us the greatest Gift ever given, would He not give us any lesser gift? It is very important that we *know* what He wants to do and will do for us and then to prove it in our own personal life. This is a purchased privilege to trust God for all things in *this* life, it is the faith-connection to eternal life.

It is the believer's blood-purchased privilege to be delivered from all problems and troubles that Satan wants to bring upon them. The sacrifice of atonement for our sins on the cross provides righteousness, peace, provisions, health, healing, and God's blessing in everything on this earth.

That atonement for sin also provided a way for all willing hearts to have this information, and to have it be a reality in their life. Jesus told us in Matthew 28:18 that all power and authority has been given to Him, so His divine power and financial resources are ours to claim, receive, and enjoy while we wait for His return. God gives the enlightenment to see this, and also the ability to receive these gifts through faith in Christ.

In the 14th chapter of John, Jesus said that we need to make that choice to believe in God and also to believe in Him, then we can ask in Jesus' Name and He will do it. God will take care of it all, just ask, believe, and receive.

John 14:1, *“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 14. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. 16. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.”*

The Comforter is the Holy Spirit who is co-equal with the Father and the Son, the THREE-IN-ONE, the GODHEAD. He is the One who made the earth what it is—who broke Satan’s power spiritually and healed people physically. He is the One who changed the hearts of those who accepted Christ and what He has done for them. He is the One who enlightens us to know of the privilege we have of asking God for His free gifts, and the One who inspires us to believe and receive them by faith. It is the same as if God or Jesus were here in Person. The Three, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; They are One, the Godhead.

Colossians 2:9, *“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.”*

His presence with us means His wisdom, love, mercy, and power are with us—to be used for our benefit.

The apostle Paul said in Romans 8:31, *“If God be for us, who can be against us?”* Everything that God has for us, and everything He could do for us, will be used to give us the deliverance, the victory, the healing, or the blessings in this life.

If God gave the ultimate gift of His Son, to die on the cross for our sins, without any payment or merit on our part, then we surely know that He will also give us every lesser gift of health, healing, provisions, protection, peace, or anything else—which are of infinitely less value than His Son.

To receive the gifts God has for His children, we only need to believe Him and trust Him in faith. Everyone has that purchased privilege of placing their dependence and reliance on God—without any substitutes. We are to believe and trust *God*, as we would believe and trust Jesus. All requests, needs, desires, and difficulties are to be placed before Him in prayer, and ask for His divine wisdom to know *how* to receive what He wants to give.

The first request that we have the privilege of placing before Him, is our spiritual needs. Our entire life is given to Him, so He can teach us what we need to know. Only God, through the sacrifice of His Son and the indwelling Holy Spirit, can *change* our heart and *save* our soul.

We cannot be *right* with God until we surrender our *life* to Him—without any plank of retreat on the bridge back to the old life of no faith in God. In Joshua 24:19, Joshua said that the Lord, *“is a holy God; He is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins”*—that

is, if you do not repent, turn back, get rid of the idols in your life, and trust Him alone, He cannot forgive your sins.

God will fight the battle for us—when we place it in His hands and make the decision to give up every human plan that we *had* followed. We are to trust God alone for our health, healing, and protection of our physical bodies. The Word of God does not allow us to trust in anything or anyone but the power of God—for physical health. When our decision is final to trust God alone, and we have decided to eliminate all human help, we will be given the ability to believe and receive what God has for us. We have no excuse *not* to trust God in faith, because it is our purchased privilege to do that.

Jesus bore all anxiety and fear on the cross. Isaiah 53:5, “The *chastisement for our peace was upon Him*,” so the very peace that God has in *heaven*, is the same peace we can claim on *earth*. Jesus said in John 14:27, “*Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you*” Jesus said My peace, so the very peace that Jesus has is the same peace we can claim and receive... “*Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*” It is our privilege to claim that protection and to enjoy that peace.

Everything is placed before God—Philippians 4:6, “*Do not be over-anxious about anything, but by prayer and earnest pleading, together with thanksgiving, let your request be unreservedly made known in the presence of God.*” When the devil tries to put fear and anxiety in our hearts and minds, we are to refuse those thoughts in the Name of Jesus, refuse to be upset over anything, and instead be willing to place everything before God in prayer—*thanking* Him first, and *asking* Him second.

The result in doing that is in Philippians 4:7, “*the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*” When we decide *not* to be anxious about things but decide to take advantage of the privilege, we have to place those concerns before God in prayer, we can claim His peace and be sure to receive it.

God alone has power over Satan, so God is the One who can break the devil's influence over anyone or anything. Anyone who disturbs the peace of any home is to be placed in God's hands for His peace to abide. *That* is our privilege to *claim* and *enjoy*. When Jesus sent seventy-two disciples in advance of His visit, He said in Luke 10:5-6, “*whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house. And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest on it.’*”

After everyone tried, by their own efforts to change the man possessed with the legion of demons in Gadara. He went to live in a cemetery, screaming night and day, but when the last human word had been said, and the last human plan had been tried to change this man, Jesus calmly approached him and politely asked him his name. The man replied in Mark 5:9, "*My name is Legion for we are many.*" The results of human plans and force by the family and authorities to change this man, yielded no positive or lasting results, but in a few minutes, Jesus sent the man home fully delivered and totally changed. If God can change a demon-controlled person so easily, how much easier would it be for Him to convict and change much lesser attitudes in us or our loved ones.

God is also able to control those we work around, He can control their attitudes, their work ethics, language, and make them pleasant and easy to work with, as we place the task fully into His hands to control, in faith. It is a purchased privilege to have both our friends and all those we come in contact with, controlled by divine power. Proverbs 16:7, "*When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.*"

It pleases the Lord when we place all our relationships, our needs, and requests before Him in prayer, and in faith. YLT Matthew 5:44, "*I say to you, Love your enemies, bless those cursing you, do good to those hating you, and pray for those accusing you falsely, and persecuting you, that ye may be sons of your Father in the heavens.*"

It is a blood-purchased privilege to place every situation before God. Romans 12:19-20, "*Do not take revenge,*" because "*I will repay,*" says the Lord. "*On the contrary: 'If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.'*" That ancient custom was done to show regret for being hostile toward someone who had helped them. Romans 12:21, "*Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*"

By the power of God's Spirit within, we can overcome Satan's temptation to resent things and people. It is our purchased privilege to place all hostile attitudes in God's hands to be controlled by His Spirit whenever a situation arises. Those who overcome in the faith inherit the Kingdom at the end. Revelation 2:11 YLT, "*He who is overcoming may not be injured of the second death.*" ^{3:5} "*He who is overcoming—this one—shall be arrayed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the scroll of the life, and I will confess his name before my Father.*" ^{21:7} "*He who is overcoming shall inherit all things.*"

It is also our purchased privilege to trust God for our finances. When we look away from all possible human sources, we can ask, believe, and receive all we need for ourselves and enough to give away. A true child of God is an heir to the unlimited bank account of God in heaven.

Eternal life is involved in our learning to trust God in faith for things in this life. When we go to God in prayer, and trust Him to fulfill every need, spiritual growth is the result—which leads directly to the kingdom. John 15:2 YLT, *“Every one bearing fruit, He doth cleanse by pruning it, that it may bear more fruit.”*

We will all spend eternity somewhere, and there is only one of two places to choose. We either believe God’s truth and be saved, or we reject that truth and be lost—forever. When Jesus said in Matthew 18:3, *“that unless you turn and become like little children, you will in no case be admitted into the Kingdom of the Heavens,”* He meant that *only* a child-like attitude of trust toward a loving parent, will get us into the kingdom. The purchased privilege of trusting God in faith—is priceless!

The eternal interests involved in our learning to trust God for all things is of the greatest value of all. By going to God and trusting Him for every deliverance, every gift, and every manifestation of His power, there comes with it spiritual growth and development that is essential for obtaining eternal life.

God wants us to be perfectly happy, both for time and eternity, but only as we learn to trust Him as we are taught in the New Testament, can He make us happy. He wants us to come to Him with all our cares and troubles. Our total trust in God brings eternal results.

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