

Divine Principles of God's Truth

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The position of trusting faith on the resurrection power of Christ needs to be maintained every day in the life of a 'believer' (in regard to all faith issues). It is only by the power of the Holy Spirit that obedient faith in God can be upheld and maintained, because Satan is constantly trying to have us compromise our faith, and, to gradually fall away from that position of obedient trust on God. The apostle Paul said he did not live by "the standards of this world" (2 Cor.10:2) (which would mean no faith in God for anything).

Falling away from 'a position of trusting faith', can be a gradual downward spiral if not recognized and corrections are not made to get back to 'a position of trust on God'. The devil is out to deceive the minds of believers to compromise on 'faith issues'. He does not want them to maintain a position of trust on God. The apostle said (2 Cor. 4:2) that he did not (and would not) "adulterate God's Message. But by a full clear statement of the truth, we strive to commend ourselves in the presence of God."

Every person will give an account of their life on the 'Day of Judgment', whether (they lived a 'life of obedient faith in Christ' or not). Deception from the devil and his agents is always possible, so the apostle wrote (Gal.6:7) "*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.*" Trusting faith in Christ is the only safe course to follow. Living via the sin nature (that does not trust God for anything), will result in destruction (vs.6:8), but if we are inspired by the Spirit to trust God (and we maintain that faith and trust), it will result in eternal life (as God Promises).(John 14:1-2) "Let not your hearts be troubled. Trust in God: trust in me also. In my Father's house there are many resting-places. Were it otherwise, I would have told you; for I am going to make ready a place for you."

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Jesus told us not to avenge injustices via legal action. (Rom. 12:19) "Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord." [taken from Leviticus 19:18] Meeting wrongs in a Scriptural way is just one of the ways that confirms that we trust God.

Jesus also told us not to own real estate, and not to store up treasure on earth (on which we could depend), because what we trust in reveals where our heart is (Matt.6:19-21). Trusting God every day for the financial needs of that day, is definitely a faith issue for us.

We need to correctly interpret the Word of God, and then rightly apply those 'principles of truth'. The apostle said (2 Tim.2:15) "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, (but) rightly dividing the 'Word of truth'."

We are told not to take from (nor add anything to) what the Bible says about 'faith issues.' Jesus told us (Matt.5:44-45)"Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be 'sons of your Father' in heaven."

Maintaining our 'trust on God' for divine healing is a very important faith issue. The woman had "suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse" (Mark 5:26). When she (in faith) touched Jesus' garment (vs.34) Jesus said, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction." [The 'principle of Truth involved, is that she 'Believed' that she was healed by the power of God, so she was enabled to act in faith for her healing!]

When two blind men said they believed Jesus was able to heal their eyesight, He said (Matt.9:29-30) "According to your faith let it be to you. And their eyes were opened." We cannot depend on medicine (for help) and at the same time depend on God for healing. We either put our trust on God (or, put faith in some drug or medicine). That 'principle of trust' on the divine power of God must be maintained with all issues and matters in our life.

It is through enduring faith in the resurrection power of Christ that we enter the kingdom of God, so Satan will try to deceive us and divert us away from

a position of trust on God. Maintaining a trusting faith in God for all things, is a vital part of our being prepared for His kingdom. (Luke 18:8) "When the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

To have no real estate holdings (nor stored-up treasures), are also things Jesus spoke very clearly about, because they are faith-issues that affect our eternal life. A man wanted to be sure he would inherit eternal life and he asked Jesus what he should do. The Lord mentioned six Commandments to keep (*do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not lie, do not cheat anyone, and honor your parents.*) (Mark 10). [The man had obeyed them ever since he was a child.]

(Mark 10:21-22) "Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me." But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions."

The man wanted to keep his 'treasure on earth' (on which he was trusting), rather than give up that treasure and have eternal life in heaven. (Mark 10:23-24) "Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!"

When the disciples asked how anyone could follow that advice, (Jesus said 10:27), "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible." It is a childlike and trusting faith on God, that will prepare and get us into the 'Kingdom of God'. Jesus had said before to His followers (Mark 10:14) that to "those who are childlike, the 'Kingdom of God' belongs."

That was practical advice from the Son of God to get rid of anything we could be trusting on (instead of trust on God), and by so doing that, become a true follower of His. Not owning real estate and not having anything on earth (that can be depended on financially), is one way to maintain our faith, and assure the promise of eternal life, (because eliminating those false places of trust, is faith in Christ, which expresses itself through love for God via the power of the Spirit. (Gal.5:6).

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and not do what it says, we deceive ourselves. True faith is active faith (which is not works). Abraham was declared righteous through an acting faith on God. (James 2:22) "You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did." For faith to be true and valid it must include action. (We are to be 'doers of the Word of God' because we Believe on the power of His Word (not just 'hearers of the Word). Anyone who truly believes God, will really trust Him in faith. They will meet the circumstance in life as the Word of God tells us to meet them. One will forgive others from their heart and will place all injustices in the hands of the righteous Judge. (1 Pet.2: 23). They will ask God every day to deliver them from a sinful nature, and to give them a divine nature (through the power of His Spirit).

The devil always tries to deceive people into thinking that obedience is not necessary, but God's Grace is not a license or excuse for any type of sin (Jude 1:4). The Grace of God (Titus 2:12 says) "Teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and, to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age." Our life should and needs to give evidence of the faith in our heart, for our heart is what God is seeing (not our outward works).

God wants everyone to trust Him and to obey His Word (as Noah did) concerning any situation we face or decision we need to make. God has a plan and purpose for everyone, so we need to get started in faith and trust God for results. It could be a financial need, physical healing, forgiving someone from the heart, or some other matter, but a trusting faith in God, will enable us to pass each test. A trusting faith in God will seem foolish to the world, because that trusting faith on God can only be understood by an enlightened spiritual mind (1 Cor.2:14) "The unspiritual man rejects the things of the Spirit of God, and cannot attain to the knowledge of them, because they are spiritually judged."

Thousands of years before Jesus was born, Noah was considered righteous because He believed God. Since God cannot change (Numbers 23:19; Malachi 3:6; Hebr.7:21; James 1:17), He will save anyone today who is willing to believe and trust Him in faith (like Noah did).(If Noah had not believed God, and that God was going to destroy mankind and take them off the earth, Noah could not have had faith to build an ark and be accepted by God as being 'righteous' in His sight!) Those who perished in the

flood are those who refused to believe. If more people had repented and believed on God, He would have made more room on the Ark. 'Today' the shed blood of Christ is more than sufficient to atone for all the sins of everyone on earth, but only a few are willing to believe and to trust God in faith.

If we want to be righteous (by faith in Christ), as Noah was righteous (by faith in God), then our 'statement of faith' must be combined with our 'acting in faith'. Acting in faith on God's promises, shows that we know God will be faithful to His Word. The 'Believer' trusts God for health and healing (without medical help, instead, by only a trusting faith in the 'resurrection power' of Christ; Acts 3:16).

We are to trust God for divine protection from harm, injury, or loss (without using devices, plans, or weapons of the world), but only by trusting on God to protect us as He promises (Psalm 91).

If we have a financial or material need, we are to trust God in faith to supply that need (without going into debt, without letting anyone know of our need, and without relying on any laid-up money). If someone steals something of ours, slanders our name, or insults our family, we cannot retaliate in any way, because God says, "Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God" (Rom.2:19). Jesus told us to "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven" (Matt.5:44-45).

Responding to wrongs, injustices (or other difficult circumstances) in a Scriptural way, is how a true believer trusts God for situations in life. We put a trusting faith on God (just as Noah did), because "By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteous-ness that comes by faith." If a trusting faith in Christ is the only way to be righteous before God, then we will have to follow 'Noah's faith', to enter 'God's kingdom'.

Sin is still as offensive to God now as it was to Him then, so God would be justified in bringing judgment on sinners. Our prayer to God is, that any attitude in our heart that is in rebellion against Him, be revealed to us, so that we can repent and make corrections. God takes sin seriously, so He took drastic measures to deal with it. He knows what sin would do to us if no repentance is made, so He gave us a 'way to remedy that serious situation'. Via our choosing to place a trusting faith in the atonement work of Christ on the cross, forgiveness and cleansing is possible.

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the atonement of Christ, victory over temptation by the power of the Holy Spirit, protection from harm by faith in the covering of the blood, and daily needs for the family by trusting God to provide). "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness" (2 Peter 1:3).

The sacrifice of Christ provides solution to 'consequences of sin, but we will have to believe that, to act in faith on it. "Through these He has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires" (2 Peter 1:4).

We praise our heavenly Father for sending His Son to pay our debt, forgive our sins, and save our soul (via a trusting faith in the atonement work done on the cross for all matters in our life, (healing by faith in the Name of Jesus (Acts 3:16) "It is His name — faith in that name being the condition—which has strengthened this man whom you behold and know; and the faith which He has given has made this man sound and strong again, as you can all see."

Trusting faith in that atonement work done on the cross has also provided for our finances, via trusting God and not letting our needs be known to anyone. And then for our personal and family's protection, by depending only on God (not on security and protective devices), as well as for our salvation by our keeping a trusting faith on that cleansing blood of the cross.

We are also promised the guidance of His Holy Spirit, Who will enable us to recognize false doctrines that are so prevalent today, and to be aware of Satan's deceitful tactics and schemes to ensnare us and lead us away from God's truth by the means of false teaching and teachers. It is common today for ministers to misinterpret the Scriptures, and to distort God's Word by turning His grace into a license for immorality and other sins, and to actually disown Jesus Christ via their wrong and false teaching. (Jude 1:4) "For certain persons have crept in unnoticed--men spoken of in ancient writings as predestined to this condemnation--ungodly men, who pervert the grace of our God into an excuse for immorality, and disown Jesus Christ, our only Sovereign and Lord."

When we truly believe that because of the cleansing power of Jesus' shed Blood, God alone can change our heart, and prepare us to receive His kingdom, we will be given the Holy Spirit Who

inspires us to praise God for providing a way for us to get out of this sinful world, 'spiritually alive'. (Thru our Believing on the cleansing power of Jesus' Blood, and on the power of His resurrection to Life.)

If true Christians in Bible times had not first believed, they could not have had the obedient faith to follow God's Word, (nor could they have received the Holy Spirit, Who is only given to those who believe on His Name). (John 1:12) "But all who have received Him, to them—that is, to those who trust in His name—He has given the privilege of becoming 'children of God'."

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