

The Plan; The Path; Paradise

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- 1 This life is a journey—and every journey has a destination to somewhere.
- 2 Everyone is invited to accept the Plan and walk the Path to God’s Paradise Kingdom—a most marvelous place prepared for all believers who are willing to trust in the Atonement sacrifice of God’s Son.
- 3 **The Plan**—Asking for the Holy Spirit to inspire faith in us to put our faith on the atoning Blood of Jesus—it is a paramount issue!
- 4 NIV 1 John 2:6 “*Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did*”—by faith, in love, forgiving all, and helping anyone who needs help.
- 5 Many people want the *Plan* without the *Path*. They want *assurance* without *obedience*—but Scripture never separates the two.
- 6 God has a *plan* and He provides a *path* to walk—in obedience to His will and Word.
- 7 *Believing* in our heart includes *trusting* on the atoning Blood of Jesus concerning life issues.
- 8 Salvation is a gift from God through faith in His Son who paid the debt of our sins on the cross.
- 9 God is the *author* of the beginning; the *keeper* of the middle; and the *finisher* of our faith.
- 10 Every day our goal and our focus is on our preparation for Eternal Life—it is the only thing

that matters *now* and the only thing that will matter *then*.

- 11 We all will spend eternity in one of two places—either extreme happiness in Heaven; or extreme agony in Hell—both are a *choice* and both are *forever*!
- 12 The *change* in our heart is a necessary *start* because our faith in Jesus and spiritual fruit—must *grow* and *increase* to keep going toward Paradise.
- 13 WEY Luke 3:9 “*Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees, so that every tree which fails to yield good fruit will quickly be hewn down and thrown into the fire.*”
- 14 God offers the *Plan* and He gives us the *Path* in Scripture—all the *learning* is *leading* to His Kingdom. Jeremiah 29:11 “*I know the plans I have for you.*”
- 15 If spiritual fruit of trust on God and Christ-like attitudes toward others is *not* a visible and audible reality of our daily life, we are in danger of hearing Luke 13:27 “*I know you not.*”
- 16 God formed the Plan that included a Cross—Jesus was Acts 2:23 “*Being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God.*”
- 17 And what looked like the worst injustice in history, was actually the greatest expression of mercy and grace from a loving God.
- 18 This journey of life is often a struggle against “*spiritual forces of evil*” Ephesians 6:12.
- 19 Satan is determined to destroy our soul—we must never allow him to deceive us—resisting is extremely important.

20 Jesus can heal, deliver, and save us because—Matthew 28:18 “*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.*”

21 Since Jesus paid our sin debt at Calvary, we then decide to *trust* Him for what God has promised—physical healing without drugs; daily needs without SNAP programs or EBT cards; protection without bars, guns, or gates; and justice without attorneys or public defenders.

22 **The Path**—Knowing God has a *plan* does not eliminate the need to walk the *path*. We are not to just *know* a destination *exists*—we must follow the path God has *shown* in His Word.

23 *Accepting* the forgiveness Jesus gives us means *extending* forgiveness to everyone around us. Col. 3:13 “*Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*”

24 Satan will do everything possible to have us make excuses for having a bad attitude toward someone—his intention is to destroy us.

25 It is a continual guard against what the devil is attempting to do. Matthew 13:19 “*When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.*”

26 Isaiah 30:21 “*This is the way; walk in it;*” Micah 6:8 “*Walk humbly with your God.*”

27 Loving God and obeying His Word leads to a Paradise Kingdom—John 14:21 “*He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.*” Loving God is the great and first commandment Matthew 22:38.

28 The Kingdom God has prepared is far *better* than anything that will be *left*.

29 *Every journey has a destination*—John 14:2–3 “*I go to prepare a place for you.*” The

thief on the cross was promised **Luke 23:43** “*To-day you will be with Me in paradise.*”

30 Even at the edge of life Jesus gives hope and the promise of *Eternal Life*.

31 *Faith* is the *Path* to *Paradise*—but only a few enter it because only a few are willing to trust an unseen God.

32 We must **Luke 13:24** “*Strive to enter in at the strait gate.*” Our love for God must be *real* and our faith in Christ *endure*.

33 NKJV **1 John 2:5** “*Whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.*”

34 Trusting on Jesus’ sacrifice for sin will **Jude 1:24** “*Keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory.*”

35 Our life of faith in Jesus can only take place on *earth*—it cannot happen anywhere else. The *sin* nature we had must be removed and the *divine* nature put *in* its place before Jesus returns.

36 We are on a crash course to destruction until we allow God to change our rebellious heart.

37 Spiritual *growth* and *learning* is vital **John 15:2** “*Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away.*”

38 Being religious-*looking* on the outside but having no real faith in God on the *inside*—is the worst of conditions.

39 There is a *beginning faith* and a *continuing trust* on the atoning Blood of Jesus.

40 Tests will be given; *insults* heard; *difficult* people encountered—but all are growth opportunities that *work for our spiritual good* if we

allow God to *use* them to *change* our heart **Romans 12:2** “*Be ye transformed*” by renewing our heart attitude.

41 Jesus needs to see a *willingness* in us—what He *didn’t* see in His own people. **Luke 13:34** “*{O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together ...but you were not willing!}*”

42 This willingness to believe is vitally important—the Holy Spirit can inspire faith in us to believe. **1 Corinthians 2:14** “*The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God.*”

43 Allowing God to replace our *disloyal* heart with a *trusting* one is critical! Paradise is not possible for a hostile angry person— “*The sinful mind is hostile to God*” **Romans 8:7**.

44 When the three *Hebrews* were offered an easy way out of a dangerous situation, they rejected it and chose the *narrow path* of faith in God. They faced the same *devil* and they felt the same *fear* we all can face, but they chose victory through faith in God **Daniel 3:16**.

45 By faith a believer in Christ rejects the plans of the world—pensions, welfare, Social Security, stimulus checks, lottery winnings or any money stored *away* to be trusted on *later* instead of trusting on God now—in faith.

46 By faith a believer in Christ rejects pills and prescriptions—and instead trusts God for the healing, health, and protection He promises.

47 By faith a believer does not own a home or have financial investments, but trusts God in faith for money to pay rent and buy food. **Matthew 6:19**.

48 By faith a believer trusts *God* for protection—and does not trust on firearms, security systems, or insurance policies. The believer places themselves and family under the *Blood of Jesus* to protect them from harm, injury, and loss.

49 By faith a believer trusts God for the ability to work—no matter what wages are paid, or how little co-workers do. We work for the *Lord*—not for the *boss* **Ephesians 6:7**.

50 The process of becoming *like Christ* begins when we give our life *to God*—accept His Plan and stay on the narrow Path.

51 Repentance and confession *before* God is first on the list in following God’s plan.

52 We then ask Him for a willingness to forsake past sins with the help of His Spirit—placing a believing *faith* in the Atonement *work* of the cross.

53 God has promised to be the *Finisher of our faith* **Hebrews 12:2** —if we will trust Him for our health, healing, protection, and provisions while here on *earth*.

54 If we can trust Him for things now, we should surely be able to trust Him for the *future* home in Paradise!

55 **2 Timothy 4:7-8** “*I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.*”

56 Believing trust on the faithfulness of God—is *The Plan; The Path; and the promise of Paradise*.